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Get off the couch and get outside!

2016 Andover Outdoor Challenge

Paddle

- Fosters Pond
- Pomps Pond
- Field Pond
- Shawsheen River – Lowell Junction Road
- Shawsheen River – River Street
- Shawsheen River – Ballardvale Mill Pond
- Shawsheen River – Dale Street
- Shawsheen River – Abbott Bridge Drive and Central Street
- Shawsheen River – Stevens Street

Fish

- Fosters Pond
- Pomps Pond
- Field Pond

Swim

- Fosters Pond
- Pomps Pond

Hike or run: Bay Circuit Trail

- Bay Circuit Trail

Road bike

- Start and finish of 10-mile loop
- Path of 10-mile bike loop
- Start and finish of 25-mile loop
- Path of 25-mile loop

Explore open lands

- All items

Visit AndoverTownsman.com to view the entire comprehensive map by Cheryl Richardson.

The goal of the 2016 Challenge is to complete as much of each element individually, as a family, or as a team in the calendar year. The standards for each category will be posted at AndoverTrails.org.



Andover outdoor enthusiasts enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fat biking on a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail. From left: Steve Golden, Denise Boucher, Carole Chandler, David Meldrum and Chris Watson.

TERRY DATE/Staff photo

Outdoor Challenge for individuals, teams = year-round fun

BY TERRY DATE
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They entered the woods off Gray Road in a line, five Andover men and women on snowshoes, cross-country skies and a fat bike.

Snow-laden trees and soft sounds from snowshoes and skis buffered road noise the deeper they got into the trail.

Outing organizer Steve Golden, recently retired from the National Park Service, led the entourage.

In 40 years with the Park Service, Golden helped people all over the country turn local trails, rivers and parks into places to hike, paddle and

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

The spirit of the Andover Outdoor Challenge is to inspire the community to try all the following elements during 2016:

- Hike or run the Bay Circuit Trail across Andover;
- Paddle on the Shawsheen River in Andover;
- Road bike the quiet streets on

enjoy nature — and helped them promote those activities.

He is doing much the same here with the Andover Outdoor Challenge program, giving challenge seekers a checklist of activities to explore on the town's rising,

the marked routes;

- Snowshoe or cross-country ski on the Town's trails;
- Explore Andover's extensive protected open lands;
- Fish, paddle, or swim in Fosters, Pomps, and Field Pond;
- Mountain bike off-road trails in Andover.

falling and flowing landscape. "No endurance test, this is a way to learn about places for trail hiking, trail running, paddling, biking, and winter sports at your own pace and convenience," Golden said.

Golden says few

communities enjoy Andover's natural attributes — its miles of rivers, ponds and lakes for canoeing and fishing, hills for climbing and rigorous mountain bike trails.

A third of the town's 32 square miles is in protected open space. In places, towering white pines, rambling brooks and vista-rich pond and lake waters put visitors in a rural state of mind.

"You would have no idea that you are not in Maine, in sections," Golden said.

This snow-covered Tuesday in February, Denise Boucher, Carole Chandler, David Meldrum and Chris Watson.

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Tax hike will fund town yard

Average \$350 increase per household under town manager's plan

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The new town manager's recommended budget for the next fiscal year arrived to selectmen last week with a 2.91 percent increase over current spending.

It also wears the new manager's imprint. It arrived with the addition of a financial plan, and draws on free cash, paying off debt and general taxation as opposed to overriding the levy limit for major projects.

"It is a fundamental change in budgeting philosophy in Andover," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "To expand capital capacity and provide the town with the opportunity to fund certain projects within the levy limit. This is part of a continuing effort to build a true capital program."

Landry pushes report on retiree health insurance

Fellow selectmen call him 'rude' for refusing to wait for subcommittee findings

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Two members of the Board of Selectmen lashed out at colleague Bob Landry last week, calling him "rude" for wanting the board to consider a report he wrote on retiree health insurance in advance of the release of a subcommittee's report on the same subject.

Landry, a health insurance specialist, said he was tired of the delays that have beset the so-called OPEB subcommittee. OPEB stands for Other Post-Employment Benefits and refers primarily to retiree health insurance costs. The subcommittee was appointed last year to come



Selectman Bob Landry

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Town yard move would put domino effect in motion



Annie Gilbert Paul Salafia Alex Vispoli

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Moving the town yard from 11 Lewis Street to 5 Campanelli Drive would more than swing wide the gates to a new roomy, efficient public works operation.

It would open the door to opportunity in downtown

Andover with the sale of the current yard real estate, about 4 prime acres, say all three candidates for selectmen.

The ensuing development promises economic, cultural and social gains, boosting the commercial tax base and merchants' coffers with more visitors to downtown and creating

a greater sense of place.

Incumbents Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli, and challenger Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman, drew on analogy and metaphor and projection to describe their town yard visions.

"I don't look at the town yard as a blade of grass, I look at it

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as a golf course," Salafia said. "You are talking about a

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Pokress: Passionate but focused Wants to see measurable success at Andover schools

BY GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Bob Pokress knows that he can be across as a knits intense. A self-proclaimed "hand-talker," Pokress is nothing if not passionate. When describing the Long Island community he grew up in or explaining the relationship between the district's spending and its academic

CANDIDATE RUNDOWN

Name: Bob Pokress
Age: 68

Lived in Andover: 31 years
Immediate family members: Wife, Susan, children Matt and Becca (both graduated AHS) and five grandchildren.

Civic/municipal experience: School Committee member Little Silver, N.J., in the 1980s; Boy Scouts Merit Badges Counselor for the Essex County Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Murphy: Will be open-minded Vows to look at big picture issues, ask the right questions

BY GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Unlike other candidates running for school committee, Paul Murphy sees himself as a big-picture candidate who, as a school committee member, would have more questions than answers.

"When I first started all of this, I was telling people that I'm not an

CANDIDATE RUNDOWN

Name: Paul Murphy
Age: 49

Lived in Andover: 49 years
Immediate family members: Wife, Debby; daughter, Maddie 17, and son, Tyler, 14, both at Phillips (formerly attended Bancroft and Doherty); daughter, Sydney, 11, at Doherty Middle School.

Civic/municipal experience: Member of the town's 350th Celebration Committee, 1994-1996.

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blank canvas," Vispoli said. "We are really on the cusp of a big change," Gilbert said.

Forum planned for March 8, 15, Page 6.

The first step in the big plan is the proposed \$2.25 million purchase of 16 acres at Campanelli Drive, about half of which is wetlands. Campanelli Drive, about four miles from downtown, borders the Marriott Courtyard hotel.

If town meeting approves the \$2.25 million warrant article for the Campanelli Drive land, the town would then presumably sell the current town yard land. Already, the town is putting out feelers to developers,

seeking nonbinding solicitations on uses for the land and its value.

If put on the market, the land might be combined with 2 acres of nearby MBTA property — the town has had talks to this end — making a more valuable parcel with broader potential for development.

In addition, the commuter rail station that borders the town yard increases the land's value, providing any potential buyer a nearby transportation hub.

Also, broadening development opportunities was the approval last year of the historic mill overlay district for that part of town.

The overlay allows residential, commercial and light industrial/technology development in spots, ventures that could prove

inviting to young couples looking for places to work, shop and play, and elderly residents who want to downsize.

Vispoli and the other candidates say the combined town/MBTA parcel makes a more interesting footprint for a developer, maybe even providing space for a below-ground parking area on Lewis Street and an alternate use for the MBTA's existing 2-acre parking lot.

Salafia says the Lewis Street property has an estimated value of between \$3.5 million and \$5 million, and the price for the Campanelli property has dropped from about \$3.7 million to the current asking price of \$2.25 million.

Gilbert and the other candidates say the opportunity to finance the Campanelli

purchase without an override makes the article even more inviting.

Gilbert sees the revitalized area as a way to draw the high school and downtown closer together, removing physical barriers such as the confusing Essex Street intersection and the opening of businesses and activities of interest to teens.

All the candidates see the opportunity to reconfigure the confusing and dangerous intersection at Essex Street as another benefit of the downtown development project.

The candidates said pocket parks, historic markers, a riverwalk, new shops, and new places to live, work and relax spell opportunity.

Ultimately, the candidates say the town yard move represents a chance to move

forward where the town has failed to move forward in the past.

"I think the genesis of the Historic Mill District effort was born of a frustration," Gilbert said, "that we had been talking about that area for years, you know, close two decades, and no one had pulled the trigger."

Meanwhile, the director of Municipal Services, Chris Cronin, said earlier that the Campanelli spot would make the department's yard operations much more efficient.

Currently, about 35 of Andover's 98 municipal services' employees work out of the Lewis Street yard.

The site is more than 50 years old, and its buildings are in various stages of disrepair, said Cronin and Vispoli.

Today the yard must

store about dozen trucks outside, and is forced to jockey around those trucks it stores in buildings to get them into service, depending on the need. And that takes more time, costs more, and puts employees at risk for injuries and equipment at risk for damage.

The only drawback to the new location is its distance from downtown, Cronin said. Campanelli Drive is about four miles from downtown.

The town manager says the new town yard location would also house offices and parks and recreation functions.

Campanelli's proposed purchase will come before voters at Town Meeting, which starts May 2, in the Collins Center at Andover High School.

MURPHY

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'issue candidate,'" Murphy said. "I'm more of a 'voice candidate.' I'm not the 'answer' candidate, I am definitely the 'let's figure this out' candidate. Let's have a level-head, let's have someone on the committee who, on some level, is ready to dig in to a new system."

Murphy said the voice he would offer to the committee comes from a lifetime spent in Andover's public schools and as a teacher and administrator at Phillips Academy. While he acknowledged the differences between public and private schools, Murphy said his experiences give him a unique perspective when looking at committee decisions.

As the dean of students at Phillips Academy for the past seven years, and a mather teacher there for 28 years, Murphy said he has plenty of experience working with staff, teachers, parents and students.

"I've been in the classroom, but I've also had

Go online for videos of interviews with the candidates.

experience looking at big picture issues as an administrator," Murphy said. "To me, there isn't really a 'day-one issue.' I feel like for me on day one, I'm just going to be asking a lot of questions, which I feel is some of the value that I bring to the table. As a teacher, my questions will be a little different than if I wasn't an educator. And I feel like those questions are really important."

Murphy has been an Andover resident his entire life, and at 49 years old, he said he is hoping to give back to a town that he's benefited from for half-a-century.

"I feel like it's always gnawed at me a little bit," Murphy said. "Here I am, I grew up in town and benefited from all of the things here, so isn't it about time to give back a little bit? It feels like a good thing."

When asked what challenges the district is facing most concern him or that he is most passionate about, Murphy said he didn't have any. In conversations with

residents and parents, though, he said that he has listened closely to their concerns and what they want the district's future to look like.

Murphy said he got into the race because a number of people in town asked him to. He declined to say who they were, however.

"I've been hearing a lot of concern about ratings of the Andover school system, 'bang-for-your-buck' type conversations," Murphy said. "I don't know the answer to that, but I am curious about how to turn that tide around. It's big for a lot of people. It's about a lot of things, it's about real estate, sheer reputation, and they want to feel like their kids are being taken care of."

As a father of three, Murphy said he is also aware of what parents are looking for from a school system not only in educating students, but also in helping them develop as people. In regard to the district's math curriculum issues, Murphy said he's torn between each side of the debate.

"There's a philosophy we have to kind of interrogate a little bit," Murphy said. "I think some parents don't want their kid to be categorized too early, which I totally understand. But in terms of math, and I teach math, if you're capable of handling abstraction in middle school, let's go. Let's see what you can do because what you do in middle school does matter."

For the most part, Murphy remains neutral on district hot-topics, such as the new high school schedule and budget needs. Murphy believes that along with the town's newest leaders, fresh eyes are key to making the best decisions for the town's future.

"I'm mostly excited about having a new superintendent and new Town Manager," Murphy said. "It's not why I got into the race, but it's certainly one of those things that has shown itself to me as a good time to get involved. I feel like there's a good energy toward cooperation and another fresh set of eyes is always a good thing to have."

POKRESS

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achievement, his expressions, hand gestures and inflections are as much a part of what he's saying as the words themselves.

When asked what he would say to those who may criticize his aggressive nature, he says that he is only reacting to public officials who aren't doing their jobs.

"I tend to be combative when a public institution becomes immediately defensive when you bring an issue up, rather than being receptive," Pokress said. "The school committee should actually be getting on the edges of their seats and leaning forward and listening, because the best feedback and information about how well your school system is running is what you're going to get from the kids and from the parents."

Pokress said that as a former school committee member in Little Silver, N.J., in the 1980s, the reputation he had then was much different than the one he carries today.

"My colleagues would say that I was involved in ensuring that our school system had the right set of policies and the right sets of goals and objectives," Pokress explained. "We had staff that understood that their job was to implement those policies and those educational goals that we as a school committee were setting. There was no need for any combativeness."

Math problem

An honors electronics engineering graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Masters of Science in the Field of Applied Math and a Masters in Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, Pokress said he knows firsthand the knowledge required for academic excellence. And more so, how Andover schools are not challenging students to reach that success.

Referring to the problems with the district's math curriculum, Pokress said the goal of a school system should be to engage

"If we've got a school system that is as broken as Andover's is, the only way that it can be fixed is to have people that know what the problems are, and that they get on to the school committee and begin to address the real underlying issues."

Bob Pokress

and challenge students so that they develop a love of learning, which he said the district has not been doing for almost a decade.

"To hold kids back in middle school is absolutely the worst thing you can do educationally because that's when kids start to form strong opinions about lifelong learning," he said. "If they start to get bored in classes in middle school, you start to lose them and they start to develop an attitude that maybe education's not such a big deal. You want kids forming an opinion of always being challenged and being inspired and excited about what they're learning."

Pokress's mother was a high school biology teacher for 40 years. As he described her dedication to students and the impact she had on his classmates, he was overwhelmed by pride.

"I can honestly say that I lived and got to know the most exceptional teacher because that exceptional teacher was my mother," Pokress said. "At my high school's 50th reunion, I had a number of people from my class, who went into medicine, come up to me and say, 'Bob, I just want to let you know that it's because of your mother, and what an exceptional teacher she was, that I became interested in going into medicine.' So that's what an exceptional teacher, in my mind, can do. They can inspire students to do great things."

As a visiting professor of mathematics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy from 2009 to 2010, Pokress taught advanced mathematics to upper-division cadets. Military academy students, Pokress said, are considered the "cream of the academic crop" from high schools across the country. As he began grading their homework, he noticed fundamental mistakes that he said are the result of rushing secondary education students through math.

"Even at that level of selectivity, the kids are coming in less well-prepared in mathematics than they were a generation ago," Pokress said. "I saw that firsthand and it gave me insight into the failings of schools, and Andover is just as guilty of failing in this way. That's exactly the problem that motivated me to say, 'You know what, I can't sit on the sidelines any longer.'"

Money not the answer

While his criticisms of Andover's academic achievement are plentiful, Pokress said that any academic issue is rooted in the goals and standards district staff are expected to meet. In Andover, he said, those objectives are nonexistent.

"We're not holding staff accountable for the quality of education in Andover," Pokress said. "We have no measurable education goals at all in the school system, which is one of the very first things I would work to get instituted as a school committee member."

Part of the accountability Pokress would hope to set for Andover schools includes a responsible budget. While other candidates see more money as the solution to Andover's declining academic performance, Pokress said the problem has nothing to do with funding.

"My view is that money is not the answer," Pokress said. "We don't have a money issue. We have an issue related to a lack of concrete, measurable educational objectives. Lack of accountability of staff because of the shamefully low level of performance evaluation that's being done on staff at all levels, from superintendent all the way down to the teachers. We already spend more than top-notch school systems in the state are spending who out perform us."

Identify problems

Pokress compared Andover schools to comparable districts, like Acton, Belmont, Arlington and Westford. Those schools, Pokress said, are continuously ranked in the top 10 or 20 high schools in the state, but said their budgets are noticeably lower.

"We spend about 20 percent more than they do and they are educationally outclassing us," Pokress said. "So it's not a money issue. We're not a failing school system, but we're not a great school system. We're paying filet mignon prices for ground hamburger. We're just average."

All things considered, Pokress certainly has a strong view of the problems he believes are plaguing Andover schools. While it's easier to point out problems than find solutions, Pokress said that identifying the problems is the only way to know what solutions are possible.

"If we've got a school system that is as broken as Andover's is, the only way that it can be fixed is to have people that know what the problems are, and that they get on to the school committee and begin to address the real underlying issues," Pokress explained. "We can be more than average, and to be more than average requires exceptional teachers who inspire the kids and you make sure that the kids are really mastering the core subjects they'll need for the rest of their lives."

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up with recommendations on how to resolve what some have called a pending crisis.

"I'd like to ask that OPEB reform be added to our agenda for the first meeting we have in March," Landry said at the board's Feb. 16 meeting, hoping that the board would take up the report he has written on the subject.

But Selectman Paul Salafia took exception to Landry's request.

"I actually would not like that we do that," said Salafia. "I think we should wait for the committee report to come out, add your report to it and look at all this information together before we begin this process."

He went on to say, "to me it's quite honestly a bit rude to not consider their findings since they've been working on this six months, eight months."

"Paul, I just disagree with you," responded Landry. "And quite frankly I just think that's old school thinking. I think that's the old school thing we had under the old town manager."

The chairwoman also felt it would be inappropriate to hear Landry's report in advance of the OPEB advisory group, whose chairman is Michael Morris.

"This board appointed that advisory committee and I think it would be ... I'm finding it hard to come up with a word ...," said the chairwoman.

"I use 'rude,'" said Selectman Paul Salafia.

"Rude, rude is good," said O'Donoghue.

For years, the town has doled out a generous benefit to full- and part-time workers. That benefit is now costing the town millions of dollars a year. Forecasters say the amount paid out annually is growing to unsustainable levels that could cause a severe erosion of town services and eventually bankruptcy.

The OPEB panel, whose five members were appointed by selectmen, is expected to complete its work by the end of March, she said.

Landry, whose report is called "Retiree Health Insurance OPEB: A Roadmap for Reform," said the issue was too pressing to be delayed any longer, and that the levers or drivers of OPEB costs were well established.

He said he wanted the issue on the board's agenda as soon as possible.

O'Donoghue said at the Feb. 16 meeting that she would consult with the town manager before ruling on Landry's request.

Last Friday, after consulting with Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, O'Donoghue said that selectmen would first hear from the OPEB Committee.

"We are going to have OPEB report on the agenda as soon as they complete their work," the chairwoman said.

She said Landry would have an opportunity to present his OPEB information at the time the OPEB panel presents its results.

Landry said he has already distributed his report to town and school officials, and that the report has been circulated in Andover and elsewhere.

He said the completion and release of the advisory committee's OPEB report has been marked by repeated delays going back to late last year and that his request for talks on the topic is driven by a desire for accountability.

He expressed much the same sentiment in a memo he wrote to the Morris, the chairman of the OPEB advisory panel, in response to comments the chairman made at an advisory committee meeting in January.

Landry is the selectmen's

liaison to the OPEB advisory group.

"Now that I am on the (Board of Selectmen), I am accountable for the action or inaction that happens on my watch," Landry wrote. "The can has been kicked down the road long enough on OPEB."

The advisory committee is studying the town's long-term liability for retiree benefits including health insurance but excluding pensions.

Landry and other local officials, including the town manager and the chairwoman of the board, say that the solution to mounting OPEB debt will not come from localities alone; it will require help from the state Legislature, through reforms.

The advisory committee members have been

meeting since late June, and have spoken with consultants. OPEB costs are looming over municipalities throughout the Commonwealth.

The Andover panel members were awaiting an actuary report that will estimate how much money the town can expect to be responsible for in future OPEB costs.

Morris called the Other Post-Employment Benefits a "financially horrendous issue," that is expected to run in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"If the course of the ship of the town of Andover is not altered we will have a far different community in a very, very brief time probably in 10 or 15 years," Morris said.

Meanwhile, Flanagan has proposed in his new budget to change the way the town

funds OPEB.

In 2015 town meeting earmarked \$500,000 a year to the OPEB fund and to increase that figure by \$100,000 dollars each year; as well as targeting 25 percent of the town's free cash, and funding from the annual required contribution from the water and sewer enterprise funds.

Flanagan, however, is

recommending that the town fund OPEB with a half of a percent of the entire budget minus exempt debt, free cash and water and sewer enterprise funds, which comes to about \$616,000.

He would also continue to put forth the annual contribution from the water and sewer funds, which would come to about \$304,500 this

year.

Under Flanagan's recommendation, the town would be paying less money toward OPEB than it is now.

He said he philosophically opposes using free cash for funding OPEB, given the extent to which free cash amounts fluctuate year to year. Instead, he prefers to use "free cash for solving problems today," he said.

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CHARLIE IS ENJOYING THE RIDE OF HIS LIFE



Having a Chest Pain Center nearby gave Andover resident Charlie Duerr the chance to see each day in a new way. In a matter of minutes, the 55-year-old father of three went from feeling vaguely unwell after doing yard work to losing consciousness. Luckily, world-class heart care was just a short ambulance ride from home. At Lawrence General, patients like Charlie benefit from rapid "door to open artery" angioplasty times at the only accredited Chest Pain Center in the Merrimack Valley. Today, at Lawrence General, we're changing lives.

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Obituaries

Robert Snedeker, 87

PALM SPRINGS, CA — Longtime Massachusetts resident Robert A. Snedeker, 87, died February 3, 2016, in Palm Springs, Calif. Born in Manhattan and raised in the suburb of Belleville, N.J., Robert graduated from Belleville High School and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an ROTC scholarship, where he received a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and a master's degree in Chemical Engineering Practise. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Miami, Fla., (where his hazardous duties included calling Bingo at the Officers Club) and Sacramento, Calif. While in California, at McClellan Air Force Base, his work involved testing nuclear debris from mushroom clouds.



years on the North Shore of Massachusetts. Upon retirement, Robert volunteered at the Museum of Science in Boston. In 2012, he and his wife moved to Pasadena, Calif., to be closer to their children. Patricia died later that year.

Robert married his wife, Patricia, who grew up nearby in East Orange, N.J., in 1952. After two years at McClellan, the pair moved to Princeton, N.J., where Robert earned a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He then worked for the Photo Products Division of Dupont for 13 years, leaving to pursue job opportunities in the paper industry. The Snedekers made their home for more than 40

For much of his life, Robert enjoyed golf and squash, crossword puzzles, butter crunch ice cream, pistachio nuts, big band music, movies and traveling. The Snedekers had three children, William, who died in 2011, Brian, and Lee Anne. Robert also leaves grandchildren, Garrett and Tatiana, and daughters-in-law, Linda and Ellen.

Peter Oliver

June 5, 1931 — February 20, 2016

ANDOVER — Peter Oliver of Andover passed away surrounded by his family on February 20, 2016.

He was born in Evanston, Ill. and grew up in Teaneck, N.J.



He was a graduate of Rochester Polytechnic Institute and Stanford Business School.

He was a management consultant primarily to the pulp and paper industry, first at Arthur D. Little Co., then with his own firm, Andover International Associates. He also contributed his expertise in strategic planning to the Black Feet Indians in Montana after his retirement. He served as an Officer in the Army.

He had a full and adventurous life. He loved being outdoors hiking, canoeing, cycling, alpine and cross-country skiing. He was a competitive cross-country skier. He enjoyed capturing his experiences and outdoor moments via photography. His love for being physically active led him to being a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Council for Physical Fitness. His love and dedication to the outdoors and mountains led him to become Chairman of the Appalachian Mountain Club North Country Board, President of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and a participant with

the Waterville Valley Athletic Improvement Association. In and around the area of Waterville Valley, N.H. he built hiking and cross-country ski trails. He spent many a fall day doing trail work so that others may enjoy them. The trails include: the Timber Camp Trail, the Old Skidder Trail, and the Attwood Trail. He also did a lot of trail and mapping work in Harold Parker State Forest. He passed along his love and passion of the outdoors and physical activity to his children, grandchildren, and many friends.

Peter is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bevolyn S. Oliver of Andover, his children and their spouses, Kristin and Brett St. Clair, Kurt and Michelle Oliver and Kara and Taylor Hubbard; his nieces, Ella and Grace Hubbard, and sister, Jean Koch.

ARRANGEMENTS: Donations in his memory can be made to Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm in Andover, or to the Appalachian Mountain Club. To offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Richard W. Lally, Jr., 53

November 8, 1962 — February 17, 2016

ANDOVER — Richard W. Lally Jr., 53, of Andover died Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at The Wingate at Andover. Richard was born in Boston on November 8, 1962 to the late Richard W. and Patricia (Barnard) Lally. Richard was also predeceased by his brother Court "Buzzy" Lally.



After graduating from Andover High School, Richie worked for many years at his favorite restaurant, McDonald's. He was often seen riding his bicycle around town with his brother, Buzzy, enjoying hot dogs in front of Old Town Hall, and visiting his many friends on Barnard Street. In more recent years, he is remembered for his love of Elvis and his loyal support of his beloved teams: the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots, and his shuffleboard team "The Sharks" when wintering in Florida. He also found great joy in being able to hold each and every one of his new nieces and nephews.

He is fondly remembered by his loving family: John and Patricia Recesso of Andover, Moira Goodman and her husband Timothy of North Andover, John Recesso and his wife Tami of Atkinson, N.H., Gillian Struthers and her hus-

band, Timothy of West Hartford, Conn., Christine Hanson and her husband, Christopher of Boxford, Jennifer Carleton and her husband, Andrew of Hamilton and Hilary Allwarden and her husband, Brian of Andover; and he will always be lovingly remembered as "Uncle Richie" to 18 nieces and nephews. He will also be sorely missed by all his friends at Creative Living Social Club in Andover and his many great friends within the Andover Community.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral mass was offered on Monday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover. Burial followed in Spring Grove Cemetery, also in Andover. Family and friends may call on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Creative Living, P.O. Box 3177, Andover, MA 01810 or by visiting www.creative-livingandover.org. For directions or to offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Mr. John J. Barry, 71 Years

May 10, 1944 — February 16, 2016

Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather

ANDOVER — Mr. John J. Barry, a longtime resident of Andover and beloved husband of Mary C. (Weshonko) Barry, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Tuesday morning, February 16, 2016. He was 71 years old.

Born in Lawrence on May 10, 1944, he was the beloved son of the late John J. Barry and Mary E. (Darby) Connor. John was also the loving stepson of the late Joseph Connor.

Mr. Barry worked as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Nashua, New Hampshire. He also had been employed by Phillips Academy as the Superintendent of Grounds & Services for many years. In his spare time, John enjoyed playing golf with his friends and family. Above all, he was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. John was committed to attending his grandchildren's many events and truly enjoyed being "Papa." He will be dearly missed.

Besides his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary Claire, John was the loving father of John J. and his wife, Caryl A. Barry of Andover and Peter M. and his wife, Danielle R. Barry of Holden, cherished grandfather of John (Jake), Jessica, PJ and Julia Barry, dear brother of Michael and his wife, Karen Barry of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., step-brother of Mickey and his wife, Joyce Connor of Lawrence and brother-in-law of Peter and his wife, Sheila We-



shonko of Methuen, Charles McLaughlin of Pelham and Evelyn Connor of Goffstown, N.H. and many nieces and nephews. He was also the brother of the late Cornelia Pearson, step-brother of the late Billy Connor and brother-in-law to Jean McLaughlin.

ARRANGEMENTS: His Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends were welcome to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Friday, February 19, 2016, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in John's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Mark Allen Wanthal, 54

April 8, 1961 — February 17, 2016

ANDOVER — Mark Allen Wanthal, a resident of Andover, beloved husband of Leslye and father of Brandon and Lauren passed away on a ski trip in Wyoming on February 17, 2016.

Born in San Rafael, Calif. on April 8, 1961, he was the son of Karen and Alvin Wanthal, brother to Jeff and Eric.

Mark was a graduate of Tulane University and earned his MBA from Northeastern University in Boston. He was the Vice President of Key Polymer in Lawrence. Mark dedicated his life to his family. A supportive and loving husband and father. He was active with Faith Lutheran Church and loved to travel, scuba dive, ski and cheer on the Patriots and Celtics.

Besides his wife, Leslye, his children, Brandon and Lauren and mother, Karen, he is survived by his siblings, Eric of Ft. Meyers, Fla. and Jeff and his wife, Griselda of Phoenix, Ariz.; nieces and nephews, Andrew, Caroline, Mariel and

Alan. Survived also by Marc King of San Rafael, Calif., Debi Hunter of Mill Valley, Calif.; nieces and nephews Noelle, Benjamin, Jaime, John, Arielle and Larry King of Chandler, Ariz.; nieces and nephews, Steven, Alyssa, Ashley and Michael.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours to be held at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 4 to 8 p.m.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Memorial Fund at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main Street, Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Luisa M. Cristina, 72

April 6, 1943 — February 20, 2016

ANDOVER — Luisa Cristina, 72 of Andover, formerly of Boston's North End died Saturday, February 20, after a long battle with Cancer. Luisa was born in Bardi, Italy, on April 6, 1943 to the late Andrea and Grace Cristina.

Luisa worked as a Credit Card Fraud Analyst for State Street from 1969-1994 and at ACS unclaimed property from 1995-2013. Luisa loved traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

She is fondly remembered by her loving family: her sister, Tina Solari and her late husband, James Solari of Andover, her brother, Renzo Cristina and his wife, Patricia of Waverly; her nephew, Anthony Solari and his wife, Danielle of Andover, her niece, Michelle DeMarco and her husband, John of Hanover, her niece, Andrea Yegiazaryan and her husband, Arthur of Wayland. She found so much joy in

spending time with her great nieces and nephews, Sofia and John DeMarco of Hanover and Izabella and Liam Solari of Andover. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours will be Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, 978-470-8000.

A Mass will be celebrated on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover.

Flowers may be sent or a memorial donation in Luisa's memory to: St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Joseph M. Fox

February 12, 1958 — February 13, 2016

NATICK, MA — Joseph Marion Fox, of Natick, died February 13, 2016 after a short but valiant battle with lung

companion Billy. Joe was the president of Fox Media Labs for 20 years as well as a collaborator in several other business endeavors. A longtime member of Saint Paul Parish and the Westwood Gun Club, former member of the US Marine Corps and US Army National Guard.



ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours were held in the Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave., Needham, on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Paul Church, Wellesley on Friday, February 19, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Joe's memory to the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Interment with military honors will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Natick. Please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours were held in the Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave., Needham, on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Paul Church, Wellesley on Friday, February 19, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Joe's memory to the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Interment with military honors will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Natick. Please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY GABRIELLA CRUZ

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

At 6:34 a.m., a Locke Street resident called police to report seeing footprints in the snow leading to their unlocked garage. The caller believed that someone entered the garage overnight. Police reported that nothing was stolen.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

A Tewksbury Street resident called police at 4:42 p.m., to report that someone had broken into her home during the day. Detectives and officers responded and discovered damage to the resident's front door, which they reported was forced open. Police reported jewelry, a computer and silverware stolen from the home. Detectives are still investigating the incident.

At 5:49 p.m., detectives reported that their vehicle was rear ended on Lowell Street. Andover Fire responded to the scene along with additional detectives and officers, and police reported very minor injuries.

At 11:35 p.m., a Highland Road resident reported that someone was trying to break into his vehicle. The caller described the subject as a male wearing a green hoodie. Responding officers checked the area but did not find anything.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

At 3:54 p.m., a caller reported a red Mazda driving around the area of Longwood Drive and believed the vehicle was suspicious. The caller also reported that the driver looked like Santa. Responding officers checked the area, but did not find the Santa look-a-like.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

At 1:03 a.m., an officer reported an unconscious male behind the wheel in a vehicle on North Main Street. Matthew G. Pelletier, 28, of 4 Abbey Road, Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of drugs as a second offense.

Samuel E. Estrada, 31, of 63 Lubeck St., East Boston, was arrested at 8:39 a.m., on Central Street and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and no inspection sticker.

At 4:32 p.m., officers responded to the Homewood Suites Hotel on Riverside

Drive to arrest Brendan M. Klein, 29, of 108 Maple Road, Rock Point N.Y., and charged him with credit card larceny.

Jose Muerta, 44, of 11 Haverhill St., Methuen, was arrested at 11:07 p.m., on North Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a motor vehicle lights violation.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

At 1:40 a.m., a 911 caller reported a person in their vehicle "slumped over the wheel and possible unconscious" on North Main Street.

A Merrimack College staff member called police at 2:03 a.m., to report that a blonde-haired male wearing a blue and orange shirt and backwards hat attempted to break in to the Monican Center on Rock Ridge Road. Responding officers did not locate the subject.

At 2:37 a.m., Marc Shawn Ford, 43, of 329 River Road, was arrested on Hearthstone Place and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation.

An animal control officer responded to Andover Street at 2:39 p.m., after a caller reported a deer stuck in the mud on the side of a hill. The animal control officer reported that the deer was in fact a mannequin and did not need to be saved.

At 5:59 p.m., North Andover police reported receiving a call from a man who was lost in Harold Parker State Forest with his two children, but his location in the forest was in Andover. Andover police contacted the man and advised him to call 911 so dispatchers could get a GPS location. Officers responded on foot into the forest, located the man and children, and transported them back to their vehicle.

MONDAY, FEB. 22

A Whole Foods manager called police at 11:45 a.m., to report a shoplifter in the store. Daniel W. O'Rourke, 66, of 12 Ditson Place, Methuen, was arrested and charged with trespassing and shoplifting by asportation (meaning he consumed it) as a third offense.

Mark S. Grillo, 23, of 278 Perkins Row, Topsfield, was arrested on Main Street at 6:36 p.m., and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and having an open container of liquor in the vehicle.

One-woman play about Catholic conversion at St. Robert's

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Dorothy Day was an American journalist and social activist but perhaps best known as a Catholic convert.

Day lived a Greenwich Village bohemian lifestyle when she converted at age 17 and went on to live a life of caring for the poor. She was the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, and spent 47 years caring for the poor and leading the Catholic Church to a more active concern for the needy in U.S. society. She died in 1980 at age 83.

During his U.S. visit last year, Pope Francis spoke

of four great Americans of conviction and commitment before Congress and Day was one of them.

The acclaimed one-woman play about Day's life, "Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day," is being performed at St. Robert's Bellarmine Church on Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

The 90-minute play follows Day from Greenwich Village, through her middle years as a social activist and journalist, to her later years as an elderly, wise leader.

Day's social activism is also well-documented in her autobiography, "The Long Loneliness."

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

Obituaries in the Andover Townsman are paid notices.

To place an obituary, please visit andovertownsmen.com/submitobit. Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions.

Preparing the rink



Will Moriarty, 11, clears snow off his ice rink in Andover. Moriarty said he hoped the weather stays cold so he and his friends can play hockey games after school.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Downtown changes afoot

Town Hall Notebook

Terry Date



Downtown development is on town officials' minds. Before the year's out they'll hear what other town officials think of Main Street development, too.

Andover is one of four towns and cities nationwide selected to receive best practices advice from the International City/County Management Association. Town Manager Andrew Flanagan applied for the program in December and found out last month that Andover's proposal was a go. Four municipal managers from Florida, Virginia, Kansas and Colorado will visit Andover several times this year.

In the end they'll recommend ways to maintain a vibrant downtown and make it a destination, Flanagan said.

Town yard interest

Another item that could inform the trajectory of downtown development is a nonbinding solicitation. In the next month, Andover will send a questionnaire to developers on their interest in the current Town Yard site on Lewis Street, on prime land across from the Andover Rail Station.

The town will presumably sell the 3.5 acre Lewis Street site, if residents approve moving municipal services to Campanelli Drive. Flanagan and selectmen know the land has value to prospective developers. The town manager told selectmen last week that proceeds from the Lewis Street property, given its proximity to downtown and closeness to the rail station, would be well more than enough to cover the \$2.25 million price tag for the 15-acre Campanelli Drive property.

The nonbinding solicitation will give Flanagan and others ideas about what developers might have in store for the Lewis property as well as its value.

Finally, the manager plans

to ask residents' approval at Town Meeting to set up a mitigation fund for proceeds from the sale of the existing Lewis Street site. The fund would be available to reduce taxes — by as much as 25 percent — tied to funding the new town yard.

Parking changes downtown

Staying with the downtown theme, the town approved several changes to parking there last week. Andover Police Department's safety officer, Glen Ota, presented the requests to selectmen at their Feb. 16 meeting.

Selectmen approved no parking between signs at 23 Main St. (Bank of America) and at 33 Main St. (Dino Furs); and between signs at 44 Elm St. and 48 Elm St.

In addition, the board approved suspending parking fees in the lot behind the Old Town Hall for Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. for the "Boutique Blowout Event."

The parking lot is on Barnard St. and Park St. adjacent to the Old Town Hall and Old Andover Village.

What's happening at The Center at Punchard

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Here are some of the highlights:

Celebrate the Chinese New Year: Friday, Feb. 26, noon to 2 p.m. Ring in the New Year with a complete Chinese luncheon followed by regional performers and highlights from the annual Lantern Festival. A ticket is required for lunch in order to attend the performance; \$10.

MHL comes to The Center: iPad 101: Thursday, Feb. 25, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Library staff will talk about what an iPad can do. Bring an iPad to this hands-on workshop; a few will be available to try if participants don't have one of their own. Registration is essential so that sufficient devices and staff will be on hand; free.

Celebrate Black History Month: Mondays, Feb. 29 through March 14, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join local historian, Don Robb, for the program, "Black Americans: From Slavery to Civil Rights." Robb will explore questions ranging from the establishment of slavery in America to the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Learn about Black History Month as it relates to today's headlines; \$9.

Merrimack College Intergenerational, Thursday, March 3, 2 to 3 p.m. The Gender and Society class at Merrimack

College would like to interview seniors about their experiences as women in America, from childhood to the present. Students will write up your "gender biography" and share it with you. Call to sign up.

Healthy Living Tidbits: Let's Talk Cardio, Friday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. There are a lot of choices when it comes to working out, such as lifting weights or learning yoga. However, when it comes to cardio-vascular health, the way many folks do "cardio" may be an almost complete waste of time. During this session, attendees will learn what cardio-vascular workouts should look like. A healthy breakfast will be offered.

Woman's Heart Health, Friday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. Kathy Caredeo, director of Cardiovascular Services at Lawrence General Hospital, will discuss heart disease, how women's symptoms differ from men's symptoms, menopause and heart disease, common tests for heart disease and tips on staying heart healthy.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. Pressure points on hands and feet that correlate to Qi in the body. Participants must register by the day before to hold a spot; by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fraternals, Thursday, March 3, days from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based

way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

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

Support Groups: A Parkinson's disease group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. A pain management group meets the second Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Current Events Discussion: The Townhouse hosts a coffee and conversation every weekday from 9 a.m. to noon. On Thursday is a special current events discussion. Join in this welcoming group to hash over the latest events of the day.

BoomerVenture Screening Room: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; free.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

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

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Ann Marie Fogg

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Sanjay Jain

225 Highland Road

ANDOVER - EXPANDED CAPE! Custom built with an open floor plan in the Bancroft School district. Attention to detail throughout, large eat-in kitchen with country white cabinets, granite counter tops, center island, a huge mudroom, fenced yard and 2 car garage. **\$749,900**

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Candidates' debate, forum planned for March

By TERRY DATE
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Voters will have two chances in March to see and hear candidates for local contested races respond to questions and each other.

The Service Club of Andover will host a Candidates Forum on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Safety Complex, 32 North Main St.; and, a week later, the League of Women Voters will host an Andover Candidates' Night on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main Street.

Both events are limited to candidates from the two contested races: two three-year seats on the Board of Selectmen; and two three-year seats on the School Committee.

For selectmen, incumbents Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli, and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert are in the running.

For School Committee, the candidates are Laura Gregory, Bill Perkins, Bob Pokress and Shannon Scully.

The Service Club of Andover debate will include questions

from the moderator as well as from the audience, and last about two hours, one hour for each race.

Send questions by email to raydurling@verizon.net.

On Tuesday, March 15, upstairs in Memorial Hall at the Memorial Hall Library, the League of Women Voters will host their Andover Candidates' Night.

The moderator is Eva Valentine, a former president of the League of Women Voters Massachusetts and member of LWV of Greater Haverhill.

Submit questions by email to LeagueForum@lww-andovers.org by Monday, March 14.

Organizer Stefani Traina, treasurer for the Andover LWV, said the Andover branch has been hosting candidate nights each year since the 1930s.

The League neither supports nor opposes any candidate, and it has a longstanding reputation for being truly nonpartisan.

"The League is known for treating people fairly," she said.

Andover voters go to the polls Tuesday, March 22.

OUTDOOR

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Chandler, David Meldrum and Chris Watson joined Golden for an Outdoor Challenge dry run.

They explored a piece of the Bay Circuit Trail.

Broad and deep wetlands — Great Meadow — stretched over one shoulder, a poplar- and pine-studded hillside over the other.

A quarter mile into the trail, by an observation deck, they paused to admire the industry of beaver.

Beaver, otter, fisher cat, red fox, deer, rabbit, turkey, muskrat, and an array of birds are among the wildlife here.

The beaver, or a beaver, made impressive work of a gigantic half-fallen poplar.

The poplar was 40 feet tall and as big around as a telephone pole except for the v-section where the beaver had chewed. The tree was hung up on a couple other trees and it overhung the trail, precariously, lending a touch of danger to the adventure.

Out in the meadow, really a wetlands, a stick-piled beaver lodge stood.

All of these men and



TERRY DATE/Staff photo

Chris Watson, an Andover outdoor enthusiast, enjoys fat biking on a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail. The Andover Outdoor Challenge will give people a chance to explore extraordinary outdoor activities in Andover.

women on the afternoon jaunt plan to complete this year's Outdoor Challenge, presented by the Andover Trails Committee and its chairman, Golden.

Chandler, lifting her knees and lowering her snowshoes on the recently fallen snow, did not do the Outdoor Challenge, in 2015, its first year, but she plans to do so this year, thanks to Golden's urging.

Golden is a natural community organizer — and a motivator.

"Steve has a way ... a way of encouraging people to do

things they have no intention of doing," she said.

Golden wouldn't disagree with the assessment. He once challenged his son to pair his juggling skills with unicycling. His son accomplished the feat weeks ahead of schedule and collected the \$50 dare bet.

This year Golden wants to double the number of people, 115, who last year signed up for the Outdoor Challenge.

Golden was among a dozen people who completed all the elements last year, checking off the final one,

swimming, on Pumps Pond in October.

"So that's dedication," he said with a smile.

Boucher completed some but not all of the challenge items. She cross-country skied her way to the top of Ward Hill and did parts of the Bay Circuit Trail as well as some of the biking.

"Because The Bay Circuit Trail is part of the challenge, covering it from one end of Andover to the other, I didn't do that one," Boucher said. "It was a whole day commitment and I couldn't make the commitment that day and I thought, 'Oh, if they just did part of it ...'"

Golden said that is happening this year. The Trails Committee has changed the challenge to make it more accommodating.

Over the calendar year, complete as much of each element as desired, individually, as a family, or as a team, meeting the standard of a "Hero"; an "Adventurer"; or an "Explorer."

The standards will be posted on the Andover-Trails.org website, which also serves as an online sign-up and tracking system, and offers guidance on access points, maps, and conditions.

BUDGET

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The start of one major project is folded into the Fiscal 2017 spending — a warrant article for \$2.25 million to buy land for a new town yard/municipal services complex and \$900,000 from existing general taxation to design the complex.

The land under consideration is at 5 Campanelli Drive. If approved, the actual construction proposal would come to residents no later than Town Meeting 2017, or sooner, if a special meeting was scheduled, the town manager said.

Meanwhile, the \$177,926,592 budget for 2017 and its presentation was Flanagan's inaugural spending plan and proposes a \$5,044,575 increase over the approved budget for 2016, \$172,882,017.

The 2017 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30,

2017.

For Fiscal 2017, Flanagan recommends a \$167,521,027 operating budget, including spending for town and school departments, water and sewer enterprises, and fixed costs and obligations. He also proposes an \$11,791,328 allocation for capital projects, warrant articles and non-appropriated costs.

On the school side, Flanagan recommends \$75,480,829. That's a 2.98 percent or \$2,184,238 increase over the 2016 spending of \$73,296,591.

The recommendation is also \$2,041,475 less than the budget the School Committee proposes for Fiscal 2017.

O'Donoghue said the Flanagan plan reflects change and cooperation and indicates the manager will be scrutinizing departments and their spending.

Flanagan states in his plan that town and school officials have vowed to work in cooperation and avoid the serious infighting seen previously at

town meetings.

Flanagan's budget plan states that it is the collective goal of both town and school officials to present a balanced and consensus budget to Town Meeting.

"As part of these discussions special attention is being paid to developing mechanisms that will provide funding to offset extraordinary expenditures associated with unanticipated fluctuations in special education costs and growth in student enrollment," the budget and financial plan states.

Details on what the town plans to do were not presented in the plan.

O'Donoghue said the current School Committee proposal is not final and remains in flux.

Meanwhile, she said Flanagan's budget, including the recommended school spending, fulfills his responsibility.

"He has to present a balanced budget and that is

what he has done," she said.

Flanagan's overall plan has support from the chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen.

"His vision is going to be more efficient, work better and (create) a situation where the various groups work interdependently as opposed to independently," said Board of Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue.

Even so, the town manager's plan also required the Board of Selectmen to reverse an earlier course.

In October, the board endorsed Selectman Alex Vispoli's proposal to not tax to the levy limit, thereby allowing the town to capture dollars either to return to the taxpayers or use for other needs.

But later selectmen voted, 4-1 — the lone objection coming from Vispoli — to allow taxing to the levy limit and the repurposing of those dollars.

O'Donoghue said the board's action provides funding to finance the new town yard without a Proposition 21/2 over-ride vote.

A warrant article to go to voters proposes the town buy land at 5 Campanelli Drive and move the town yard from its Lewis Street location to the new spot.

O'Donoghue said the over-ride would have been a more expensive funding route than taxing to the levy limit.

"Had the excess levy money not been repurposed, chances it would already have been spent for operations," O'Donoghue said.

Still, Vispoli is unhappy with the new budget's projected impact to taxpayers. Last year's increase to the average residential property tax bill was about 3.6 percent, he said.

For 2017, the projected tax increase in the town manager's budget is about a 3.85 percent increase. That equates to about \$350 more

per year to the average residential tax bill.

"I am disappointed that the projected property tax increase is more than last year's," Vispoli said. "And far more than the 2.5 percent that I had suggested."

Flanagan's budget includes 8 percent increases in both the retirement contribution and employee health insurance expense.

The town manager recommends town departmental budgets increase by 2.98 percent or \$1,112,087.

Another part of the budget recommendation is to hire an in-house lawyer, with an office on the third floor at the Town Offices building, as opposed to contracting out for all legal services.

The in-house lawyer would save the town about \$50,000 per year, Flanagan said.

For Fiscal 2016 the town budgeted \$470,000 for all legal services. The new proposal would be \$50,000 less than that.

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Dog-related injury spurs call for courtesy

By TERRY DATE
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Man injured at Ward Reservation when off-leash dog attacks his dogs

Ward Reservation officials hope their pleas and signs persuade dog owners to restrain pets when appropriate on the 700-acre property and prevent a reoccurrence of the injury that befell a man there last month.

The unidentified man fell while restraining his leashed dog as two unleashed dogs came at them on a private residential road within the reservation, said Steve Golden, chairman of the Ward Reservation Property Committee.

The man tore his quadriceps in the fall and needed surgery, Golden said. No charges were filed.

Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader would not comment on the issue and instead referred all calls to the department's public information officer.

The incident highlights

a growing problem at the Ward property, located off Prospect Road, east of Route 125.

As more people visit the reservation, the probability of problems with unleashed dogs increases. The problem is true in other parts of town as well, including at the Spring Grove Cemetery, where unleashed dogs have been seen fighting, urinating and defecating on the property.

Strictly speaking, by law, the only place that dogs are allowed off-leash in Andover is at the dog park off High Plain Road. However, many people take advantage of the larger wooded areas in town and let their dogs go off-leash in those remote places.

That's what is happening at the Ward Reservation. Goldman said dogs can go off-leash, but people need to



FILE PHOTO
A group of dog-owners with their canine friends, most of whom appear to be on leashes, at the top of Ward Hill in the Ward Reservation in 2014.

use some common sense and courtesy in controlling their canines.

"Our feeling is owners need to keep dogs under control in parking lots, the boardwalk and on private property," the Property

Committee chairman said.

Most Ward visitors respect each other, and properly restrain animals, even if some of the owners may not always clean up after their animals, Golden said.

The reservation falls

under the jurisdiction of town by-laws, which require dogs to be leashed. But enforcement on the reservation is the responsibility of the landowners — the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations — and their representatives at the Andover/North Andover site, the 10-member Property Committee.

Visitors enjoy Ward's trails, bogs, hills, views and wildlife, including deer, fox, fishers, and a host of interesting birds, among them bluebirds, kingfishers and scarlet tanagers.

The Ward's grand scale, trails and fields makes it ideal for people to run their dogs — off-leash.

"We are not for requiring owners to have their dogs under the control of a leash at all times, Golden said.

But the Ward officials

want people to leash their animals in places where it is necessary.

The reservation will be posting additional signs explaining the rules and requirements, he said.

These will include postings at the kiosk and perimeter of the private property, which measures about 10 acres and sits within the borders of the reservation. The Ward land includes a single residential property with a private drive.

That is where the incident took place.

A couple was walking on the private road with unleashed dogs. Meanwhile, a man was standing nearby with a dog on a leash.

"We hope more information will help people prevent this from happening again," Golden said.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Your Baby "Kneads" Sign Language, Sheryl White, a certified educator of infant massage, baby signer, and Reiki master, will lead a workshop on how to help a baby learn to communicate before he/she can speak on Friday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. Attendees will review research and benefits, learn and practice several signs, and learn how to teach American Sign Language to their baby. Baby Kneads has been teaching programs and working with families for 15 years. White's role is to facilitate and help strengthen the connection between infant and caregiver through early communication. For more information, visit www.babykneads.com. Space is limited. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 North Main St.:

AlphaBuddies, Thursdays, Feb. 25 and March 24, 1:30 p.m. Ages 4 and 5 and a favorite adult can celebrate a single letter of the alphabet through stories, the songs, games and activities.

Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Around the World in 30 minutes, Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m., for infants to age 5 and an adult. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturdays, Feb. 27 and March 26, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5 (although all are welcome). After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, guests can enjoy doughnuts, coffee and juice. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Animal Cracker Club, Tuesday, March 1, 3:30 p.m. Share a variety of books and activities that center on a particular animal, and enjoy an animal cracker snack. Register online.

Pajama Party, Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute session (for ages 3 to

5 and an adult), includes bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Junior Friends Board Game Day, Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 p.m. Children 6 and up are invited to play board games such as checkers, Sorry, and Clue. Register online.

Literacy Story Time, Fridays, March 11 and 25, 10:05 a.m. The Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement will conduct a preschool literacy story time for ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Register online.

Night Readers, Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m. Children ages 9 to 12 and a favorite adult are welcome to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Find-Out Friday, March 18, 3:45 p.m. Children ages 5 to 8 can investigate science topics through stories, experiments and activities. Register online.

Family Book Bingo, Saturday, March 19, 2:30 p.m. All ages

are welcome. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Legomania, Saturday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up who love to build with Legos. Each child will build on their own base, and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children's Room. Register online.

Preschool story times, including Wiggle Words, Make Way for Toddlers, Little Listeners and Afternoon Time, are now in session with even more program offerings, including additional classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Class times will shift slightly; check for the final schedule at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Pick up a token in the Children's Room before each program.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL.

Upcoming events for teens at the library include:

Super Smash Bros. Tournament, Friday, Feb. 26, 2:30 p.m. Go head-to-head in the ultimate Mario battle.

Once in a Leap Year Party, Monday, Feb. 29, 3 p.m. Take part in activities that can only be done once every four years.

Volunteer Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 3:15 p.m.

Movie Nights, Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 p.m.

Free Form Fridays, March 4, 11 and 25, 2 to 5 p.m. in the Activity Room.

Book to Movie Club Book Discussion, Tuesday, March 8, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Random Fandom, Wednesday, March 9, 3 p.m.

Tetris Magnets, Thursday, March 10, 3 p.m.

Teen Poetry Contest opens, Monday, March 14. The last

day for entries is Monday, March 28.

Minute to Win It Games, Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Duct Tape Bow Ties, Friday, March 18, 3 p.m.

Virtual Reality Games, Monday, March 21, 3 p.m.

#tbt Crafts: Pet Rocks, Thursday, March 24, 3 p.m.

Stop Motion Movie Making, Wednesday, March 30, 3 p.m.

Peep Diorama Contest, Thursday, March 31, 3 p.m.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Teens can also check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram @mhlteenroom.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Important issues to consider in upcoming election

Editor, Townsman:
Andover is facing serious financial issues. As the town prepares its FY 2017 budget it must address its decaying infrastructure (\$2.5m to repair Collins Center), unfunded retiree health care, unfunded pensions and other liabilities that the town is obligated to address.

Taxpayers must understand that there are only so many dollars available to be spent and how the town spends those dollars today will have a either a positive or negative impact on the town in the near future. I encourage all Andover taxpayers to take the time, prior to this spring's Town Meeting, to understand what the financial issues are that the town is facing and reflect on the impact that addressing them or not will have on the town.

PETER MCKALLAGAT
Lovejoy Road
Andover

Gilbert has 'inquisitive mind, positive attitude'

Editor, Townsman:
I am writing to support the candidacy of Annie Gilbert for Andover Town Selectman.

Andover is entering a special era where town officials, under the direction of a new town manager, the school community, now guided by a newly appointed superintendent, and an invigorated business community, are yearning to work together to help make Andover the best place to work and live in America. Someone with the special skill set, relevant experience and vigorous participation in Town activities — someone like Annie Gilbert, can have a huge impact on the lives of our families and children as we pursue old and new pathways to the future.

I have seen Annie in action on a first-hand basis. As the chairman of the Town's Economic Development Council, I had multiple opportunities to seek Annie's counsel on matters relating to the schools, to the zoning overlay creating the exciting Historic Mill District, to myriad other town and business matters. She always had an inquisitive mind, an extremely positive attitude, and a penchant to get things done for the benefit of all.

Granted, Andover will continue to have challenges in the years ahead, but it will also have ample opportunities to expand its quality of life, its school system, and its town services. Annie is the type of person we want

to grapple with these issues, and represent the Town broadly as solutions are identified. She has proven her mettle on the School Committee for many years and can bridge that experience to help the entire town progress.

I, for one, think Andover can be the best place to work and live under the leadership of our Board of Selectmen. We need Annie on that Board.

TIM VAILL
9 Bancroft Road

Gilbert has 'insight, reasonableness'

Editor, Townsman:

This clearly is a time of change in Andover, and an opportunity for citizens to consider what we want Andover to be, tomorrow, next year and for the future.

One of the people who have given much thought to the needs of the town is Annie Gilbert. In her years on the School Committee she has demonstrated qualities of reasonableness and follow-through, an ability to listen to varying viewpoints and to seek effective alternatives and to act constructively, building consensus as she goes.

These same qualities are ones that Ms. Gilbert will bring to Board of Selectmen, where her insight into town issues will allow her to apply her talents on a broader scale.

Hers is a voice that will only enhance the town as we move forward with the challenging and exciting projects that lie ahead.

I applaud her decision to run for the Board, and urge voters to support Annie Gilbert's candidacy.

DON ROBB
36 York Street

Bill Perkins 'a man of his word'

Editor, Townsman:

In a world with far too many polarizing and unreliable leaders, Bill Perkins is a man of his word and someone who brings people together for the common good. He will be a fair and consistent leader on Andover's School Committee.

Bill is a longtime resident of our community and a proven bridge builder who has been involved with many town/private partnerships. His insight and team emphasis will strengthen the School Committee's connection and collaboration with other town departments. As a focused problem-solver, he is a moderating voice with a calm manner of speaking yet confident in expressing his convictions. He is committed to developing a coordinated

budget process with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

With more than 25 years of experience in engineering, energy efficiency, and facilities development, he is also uniquely qualified to work with other Andover leaders to address our schools' facility problems. I've worked directly with Bill on community service projects and seen his leadership in action coordinating building repair efforts at ABC House of Andover, advocating for Andover Youth Services, and planning community development projects in Mexico, Haiti and Ecuador with other volunteers from Andover.

He is a visionary, collaborator and a man of integrity. His charitable work has included building affordable housing and athletic buildings, playgrounds, and a skate park, and rebuilding water systems with a local community in South America.

Bill Perkins is someone you can trust to follow through on his commitments. That's why I'm grateful he is committed to helping Andover's schools and community thrive.

MAUREEN SMITH
17 Burnham Road
Andover

Gilbert, Salafia for Selectmen

Editor, Townsman:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write to you to support Annie Gilbert and Paul Salafia for Selectmen. We have known both of these people for a very long time and are continually impressed by their unwavering commitment to public service.

Annie has long proven that she is a champion for the young people and education in our community as well as someone who understands the needs of the community at large. She has been a force in working toward collaboration of all town committees for the well-being of our residents. Annie is an effective communicator who knows how important it is to both keep people informed and listen and respond to taxpayer's concerns. She has proven herself to be an extraordinary leader, not only in her work as Chair of the School Committee, but also as part of the Bancroft Building Committee. Annie helped lead that project from conception to completion working diligently with the town as well as the school department to deliver the best possible facility while keeping things within the budget. Annie has dealt with many difficult issues which she has helped resolve with intelligence, open communication, and honesty. She

has been willing to do whatever it takes and has always stood by her convictions for the best possible outcomes. Annie and her husband are also business owners here in downtown Andover so she understands the importance of striking a balance between the needs of the community and the affordability for the residents. She wants to make Andover appealing and affordable for all residents.

Paul is a balanced, thoughtful leader who also has compassion and is very in-tune to the concerns of the residents. His years on the Planning Board and then his work as a Selectmen have proven that he strives to listen, learn and collaborate with all involved to do the best for Andover. He has been the lead on many initiatives, most recently, and perhaps most importantly, the work that has been done to help Andover deal with the opiate crisis that has impacted our young people. His work organizing Andover Cares with the Rotary Club has the potential to be life changing for many residents in the community. Paul, along with former Selectmen Brian Major, was a critical part of the team which helped make sure that the Cormier Youth Center became a reality. He has also worked tirelessly on many things including the Town Yard project, the historic Mill District initiative, and the Economic Development Council. As a business owner and resident of Andover for over 40 years, Paul knows the importance of balancing the needs of the community while taking into account the concerns of the residents, especially the seniors, as they look to the affordability of living in town.

Annie and Paul together would be an unbelievably effective team on the Board of Selectmen. They are both honest, intelligent and compassionate individuals who know how to strike a balance to do what is most needed for Andover. Their collaborative natures and collective experience will help bring Andover forward at this crucial time. Please join us in supporting both Annie Gilbert and Paul Salafia for Selectmen on Tuesday, March 22nd. Thank you.

DIANE COSTAGLIOLA
BELKNAP DRIVE
ANDREA ZAIMES
Williams Street

'We can count on' Pokress to right the ship

Editor, Townsman:

How can we improve? That is one of the most important questions that all quality, top-notch organizations will continually

ask themselves and seek the best answers to. Over the past few years, however, the Andover School Committee has too often failed to ask this important question about Andover Public Schools. Some members have even rebuffed others who have tried to ask questions and provide recommendations regarding many concerning issues facing our schools. One unfortunate result of the current culture of complacency of our school leaders is now undeniably a measurable decline in the performance of our school district.

The good news is, with the impending departure of two current School Committee members whose terms are ending in a few weeks, we now have an opportunity to elect new members who will not be afraid to ask important questions and expect comprehensive answers. We need to elect candidates who are willing to do the hard work necessary to help move Andover back to the top where we belong.

Bob Pokress is a person we can count on to do this. We are fortunate that he is running for School Committee this year at such a critical time in our school's history. I have witnessed how engaged Bob has been over the past couple of years regarding many school issues. He has not only spent significant time learning about the issues and posing excellent questions to the School Committee and school administration, but has also publicly offered many sound solutions to help move us forward. Bob's impressive background as a leader and educator will make him a valuable asset to our School Committee. I know we can count on Bob to always put Andover students first when making decisions.

Bob is a longtime, proud Andover resident with children who have benefited from a great education in Andover. As Bob's kids are now grown and no longer in the school system, he has the unique advantage of being a taxpaying resident without any personal special interest other than his sincere desire to help improve Andover Public Schools. I encourage everyone to vote for Bob Pokress on March 22 for School Committee.

JEANNE TEICHERT
Andover

Scully would be 'wonderful addition' to School Committee

Editor, Townsman:

I have had the pleasure of working with Shannon

Scully for the past 3 years on the town wide PTO and am thrilled that she is running for the Andover School Committee.

Shannon has demonstrated that she cares about our schools. Her volunteer efforts at Bancroft, her initiative to fight against teacher cuts last budget season, and her creation of a website to educate the community on the issues regarding the school budget are examples of action and not just talk.

Shannon values the importance of data combined with first-hand experience of our schools - these are essential to fully understanding the issues facing our schools in order to make informed decisions as a committee member.

Shannon is direct and won't shy away from the tough issues, but works to ensure that she is fully informed before formulating an opinion. As a highly successful former professional, Shannon understands the importance of holding firm while respectfully disagreeing with another's views — absolutely critical for a successful committee member.

There is no doubt that Shannon would be a wonderful addition to the School Committee. Her hands-on experiences in serving the schools and her commitment to communication and professionalism truly make her an asset to the town and to the School Committee. Please join me in voting for Shannon Scully on Tuesday, March 22.

GINA MURRAY
Wescott Road

Make your voice heard by voting for Pokress

Editor, Townsman:

Citizens of Andover, give your vote a voice!

A voice that will ask the hard questions.

A voice that will demand accountability of our school administrators.

A voice that will lever the right metrics to measure progress in our schools.

A voice that will bring fiscal sanity to the school budgeting process and get for Andover the best value for its tax expenditures.

A voice that will be able to negotiate fair contracts with the teacher's unions that are in the best interest of Andover's children.

Bob Pokress is the long overdue voice that can do this. Make your voices heard thru him by electing him to the Andover School committee.

ANN GRECOE
Whittier Street

Town Yard worse than Silly String

Editor, Townsman:

Andover is a Silly Town.

Andover has a law about Silly String and takes this raging public health issue that surrounds the operating of a Silly String can very seriously.

We have a town bylaw declaring Silly String as a menace to the public's health; stating that "Silly String contributes to the deterioration of the aesthetics of the community," and "public safety, health and welfare are adversely affected" by Silly String.

Meanwhile, Andover's

public work's operations — located in the heart of town in a small, densely-populated, working-class neighborhood — has bullied its way into the neighborhood with their offensive industrial operation marked with deteriorated aesthetics, property damage, deafening noise, ravaged

landscapes, truck traffic, air contaminants, vibration and open junk-yard storage.

And when public health and environmental concerns are raised by residents, town leaders thump their chests, call themselves a good neighbor, and categorically insist that their 24/7 town yard

operation does not pose any risk to their health, welfare or safety, what-so-ever.

Point being, it appears that our town leaders have deemed that in a side-by-side comparison between Silly String and an urban assault, Silly String emerges as public enemy number one. And as far as we can tell, they have deemed that the airborne contaminants, property destruction, chemically laced material, truck clanging, discarded

salvage material, dust, fumes, ear-piercing noise, and vibration that go along with Andover's public work's 24/7 operation does not have an adverse effect on the public's health BUT operating a can of Silly String does. It is a strange public health code that Andover lives by. And how silly Andover leaders sound when they bill themselves as a good neighbor.

MONICA MORELL
98 N. Main St., Andover

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Opinion

Taxing to the max: Town manager stakes his claim

What a difference a year and a new town manager make. Last year (and the year before) the Board of Selectmen was trying to hold the line on property tax increases. Selectman Alex Vispoli and Dan Kowalski both pushed for a cap on property tax increases. More recently, the board voted 5-0 to support Vispoli's plan to slow the rate of property tax increases.

That all changed when new Town Manager Andrew Flanagan proposed his new budget last week. Rather than hold the line on property tax increases, Flanagan, with a 4-1 vote of the Board of Selectmen (Vispoli opposed) is proposing to tax to the max. That is, tax as high as the law allows — which is about 2.5 percent under the Proposition 2-1/2 state taxation law. Technically, tax increases in Massachusetts are supposed to be capped at 2.5 percent of the previous year's levy - the total amount raised by property taxes.

The last two years, the selectmen have made it a policy to tax below the levy limit. Senior citizens and others in town were complaining about the high cost of living in Andover, which included skyrocketing property taxes. Selectmen heard that message — taxing below the levy limit, in effect giving everyone a couple-hundred dollar tax cut.

This year, something has changed. Vispoli said this week he was "disappointed" in the decision to tax to the max. He said the 3.85 percent property tax increase, an average of \$350 over last year, would have been much less had selectmen adhered to their practice of the last two years. He said under his proposal, it would have been about 2.8 percent — an increase of around \$250 to \$300 a year.

Flanagan has positioned the increase deftly by saying that any extra money would go toward a capital fund to help build a new town yard on Campanelli Drive and to undertake other major construction projects in town. That's not a bad idea, given that the Collins Center facade is falling off and in need of a \$2.5 million fix.

But there's no guarantee, other than a Town Meeting vote, that the money raised by taxing to the max will be used for capital expenditures like buildings. It would be wise to keep in mind that currently, the town manager's budget for schools is coming in much lower than the school department's own budget.

All of the nice talk to the contrary, don't be surprised if you see a money grab at Town Meeting by the school department. They need the funding to pay for the teachers' contract and to undertake all of the innovative programs they want to implement.

That extra cash brought in by taxing to the max could certainly come in handy for the schools. It happened last year. It could happen again.

■ ■ ■

Last week's editorial in the Townsman was pretty rough on former Town Manager Richard Bowen's proposal to renovate the Ballardvale fire station. The bow-tied former defense attorney has once again put in a Town Meeting proposal to renovate the 125-year-old building.

The Townsman noted that engineering studies have recommended the building be "razed."

Bowen rightly points out that no engineering study has ever said the building should be "razed." It's been hinted at by architects and others in the community. Even stated as such by Fire Chief Michael Mansfield, who said last March that an architect suggested the building be "razed."

But no document specifically quotes an engineer saying it should be "razed." Mea culpa.

However, the town shouldn't spend one more penny on that building. While it doesn't have to be razed, it shouldn't be a fire station. It's in an awkward location on a corner lot, its in need of major and costly repairs, and it can't house modern firefighting equipment.

An engineering study done on the building in 2014 summed up the situation by saying: "It is our professional opinion that, structurally, the building has performed adequately, however, there are several serious structural deficiencies which exist."

So the town can either keep spending money on an old building or spend money on a new one. Our suggestion is for the latter: Build a new station somewhere in that part of town and be done with it.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

It looks like local property taxes are going up by at least \$350, on average, per household. The reason is so that the town can afford to move the old town yard, build a new one, and fix up some other buildings in town in need of repair. It may also enable the town to develop the old site on Lewis Street into housing and retail. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes. The town needs a new town yard. The old one on Lewis Street is crowded and decrepit.

Yes. Many of the town's buildings are in disrepair. This is a good thing to use the money on.

No. It will end up being way too expensive. Leave the town yard where it is - in a centralized location.

No. Neighbors complain about noise and traffic now, wait until the Lewis Street site is crowded with businesses and apartment buildings!

Last week's question:

Will the Massachusetts Presidential Primary results be on par with New Hampshire's?

No. Massachusetts is very different from New Hampshire when it comes to politics and people here want different things from a president than voters in New Hampshire. 33 percent

It doesn't matter. The only votes that mean anything are the ones cast in November for president. Until then, I don't rely on predictions or poll results to forecast a winner. 33 percent

Yes. The New Hampshire Primary is a trusted predictor of each party's nominations and usually offers an accurate idea of how the rest of the country will vote. 20 percent

I'm not sure. So many of the candidates have been predicted as the favorite at one time or another, so there's no way to know how an entire state will vote solely based off of one state's primary polls. 13 percent

OPEB report delay a political trick

Editor, Townsman:

In spite of the looming problem of dealing with the unfunded OPEB liability, at their February meeting two members of the Board of Selectmen called a third member "rude" for pressing for the need to deal now with what is the canary in the coal mine for Andover's finances. (See Page One story.)

I think their ire is misdirected. I think it is rude to the taxpayers that the Selectmen keep extending the due date of this report, for what appears to be a typical case of politicians up for re-election, and facing bad news in front of the election, delaying the bad news as long as possible.

In common parlance, it's kicking the can down the road [again].

J.W.LEEDS
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Andover

Landry, Hartwell promoting 'hysteria' over OPEB

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing in to provide, in some small way, a counterbalance to recent letters to the Townsman, as well as recent manifestos from Selectman Bob Landry's "Town of Andover" blog, with respect to the hysteria he seems to promote on the topic of Retiree Benefits.

Selectman Landry seems to have placed on the Retirement Board someone he describes as a "whistle-blower," Tom Hartwell. Tom, in turn, wrote an extremely long letter to the Townsman where he champions Selectman Landry's position on this issue. I am uncomfortable with that. It is a tired old approach, where first, you have all the answers, and second, you select facts that support your preconceived notion. You then present this position as if it were one that is pure and unbiased, and all

you want is what is best for the Town.

I think we all want what is best for the Town. I do not think Selectman Landry owns that particular position, and I am offended by the insinuation that he does own it, at least as far as this topic is concerned. Planting a divisive member onto a town board, to give Selectman Landry the veneer of an "unbiased, factual point-of-view" that he can then refer to is not transparent government. It is gamesmanship, pure and simple.

I could spend time here taking Mr. Hartwell's letter apart, point by point, both for its hysterical tone and its fast and loose presentation of selective facts, but that would make my letter as long and as boring as his was. I will ask, however, the questions that bother me the most, which are "why does Mr. Hartwell, one year appointed to the Retirement Board, have all the "facts," and yet is not joined in his letter by any

other Board member? How is it that he is "right" and yet all other facets of the town government, from the other Retirement Board members, to the Finance Committee, to the financial structure within the Town of Andover, are somehow all "wrong"?

Is reform a bad thing? Not at all. Is reform needed? Perhaps. What is not needed, and what none of us who want what is best for Andover should accept, is a re-writing of contractual promises made to our retired employees, or our long-serving employees who are approaching retirement after meeting the contractual requirements in time and service specified by the contracts they have worked under. If that is Selectman Landry's "end game" he should say so. If it is not, he should say so. Transparent government, the cornerstone of Selectman Landry's election and of his self-promoting blog, demands that.

GERRY GUSTUS
5 Fern Road

Susan LaPlante for Republican State Committeewoman

Editor, Townsman:

On the March 1 Republican presidential ballot there is a contested race for Republican State Committeewoman for the Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut State Senate district. Susan Laplante is my choice.

I am pleased to learn that Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito are endorsing Sue. I like Charlie Baker's view that we need to support grassroots Republican candidates without an issues' litmus test. Moderate or conservative, it just doesn't matter. We need strong Republicans giving us choices on our ballots.

Beyond politics, Sue and I have parented together, participating in YMCA activities, karate meets and swim classes. Sue understands the real-world struggles of raising a family, balancing work, and being active in her kid's school and community. She's a hard worker and she gets it. It is this same enthusiasm and focus that will make her an outstanding choice for Republican State Committeewoman.

State Committee races are often overlooked on a presidential ballot. They should not be. The people who win these elections play an important role in providing us choices in future races for seats such as state senate, state representative and governor.

Please join me in voting for Susan Laplante for Republican State Committee Woman.

MICHELLE NELSON
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LaPlante for Republican State Committeewoman

Editor, Townsman:

The residents of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury have an opportunity to continue advancing

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the agenda of Governor Charlie Baker when voting in the Republican Presidential Primary on March 1 by supporting Susan Laplante for State Committeewoman.

Susan has the endorsement of both Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito for good reason. Like so many of us who support the Baker agenda, Susan wants a Republican Party that includes and welcomes moderate voices. Having someone like Susan Laplante help shape the Massachusetts platform and help Republican candidates based on talents, truthfulness, and transparency is what we need.

Susan has worked on many campaigns, locally and statewide, and is committed to growing a better and stronger Massachusetts Republican party; a party that will produce strong candidates who will be embraced by Massachusetts voters.

Much more than a local party activist, Susan is a mother of three children, active in the charter school movement in her city, and president of her neighborhood association. She has also been the backbone of the many successful campaigns of her husband, Lawrence City Councilor Marc Laplante, in a city where

Republican voters are greatly outnumbered.

On March 1, please join me in supporting Susan Laplante for State Committeewoman.

JOHN WILSON
3 Bayberry Lane, Andover

Ruth Chow for Committeewoman

Editor, Townsman:

We are all too familiar with the old adage that you get the government that you deserve. Recent national surveys by a variety of pollsters conclude that a mere 14 percent of Americans approve of Congressional performance, yet election after election, cynical voters continue to elect politicians held in low esteem.

We the residents of Andover are fortunate indeed to have Representative Jim Lyons as our champion in the State's General Court and as our Republican State Committeeman for the Second Essex & Middlesex District. Jim is so well respected and esteemed in these offices that no one has found it necessary to challenge his candidacy to either office in the upcoming Primary on March 1st.

Each State Committee Senate District is represented by one woman and one man. The Second Essex & Middlesex District includes Tewksbury where Ruth Chow resides and is running for the State Committee-woman slot.

Ruth is a political activist in her home town and has stated that her "...primary goal is to get Republicans involved on the local level, hoping someday they can challenge for representative and senator seats."

Ruth also believes that "all students are different, learn differently, and simply can't be lumped together for one goal." Consequently, she is a strong advocate for local control of education and believes that the present Common Core standards stifle "innovative teaching

methods."

Jim Lyons and Ruth Chow promise to be a formidable team for positive change in our region and humbly request your vote in the March 1st Republican Primary.

MIKE MOSCA
44 Pleasant St., Andover

LaPlante for Republican State Committeewoman

Editor, Townsman:

Susan Laplante is running for Republican State Committeewoman for the Second Essex and Middlesex (Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut) seat. She is the best candidate running for this seat.

I am a firefighter and my union, Local 146, has endorsed Susan. She is also being supported by Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito.

Susan is an active member of the St. John's Prep parent council and is the mother of three boys. She has prior experience as the President of Lawrence's Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association and President of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council at Community Day Charter School.

Susan has worked on multiple campaigns in Andover and has been instrumental in helping her husband, Marc Laplante, with his successful races for city council.

Susan is looking to build Republican town and city committees, recruit Republican candidates, and support Republican elected officials. She thinks that it is important to have a viable two-party system in our state, and that we need quality choices when we vote.

The election is March 1 on the Presidential Primary ballot. Please vote for Susan Laplante for Republican State Committeewoman.

KEVIN LOUGHLIN
Andover

Pokress will 'turn things around' in schools

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to express my support for Bob Pokress whom I have know for over 30 years since he and his family moved to Andover, for our School Committee.

Bob has given his time

and skills to the Town of Andover and the children in the Merrimack Valley for over 31 years. When my four children attended the Andover schools, our school's system was rated in the top 10 in our state.

Today, Andover High School is not even rated in the top 80 in Massachusetts according to the annual

national high school rating the U.S. News and World Reports, whose staff perform the most highly respected, objective ratings of public schools across the country.

Andover's problem is not a money problem — this town spends more than most of the schools in the top 80. It's a Management

Problem, and we need a person like Bob to turn things around. Our schools deserve better, our children deserve better.

FRANK J. LICATA
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Big cheers come in small packages

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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"Gimme an A," this former National Football League cheerleader instructed with the help of Andover High School's cheerleader squad and 23 young girls from town immediately got in the correct pom pom position.

Last week during school vacation, former NFL cheerleader Ashley Baldwin of Andover, ran her very popular cheerleading

camp that was held at West Elementary School's gymnasium. Baldwin coaches the AHS Cheerleading team and many of her team members were at the camp to assist.

"Ashley has quite a following," said Janice Coppolino, recreation coordinator at Andover's Department of Community Services, where camp registration was held. "She runs a cheerleading camp every summer for us and it always fills up fast. It's always one of our first

summer programs to fill up."

Coppolino said 23 girls, ages 4- to 9-years-old, signed up for last week's cheerleading camp and as usual, the attendees gave the camp great reviews.

"Girls like that Ashley has professional experience and her strong background is great to be around for these girls...and, having the high school cheerleaders there is also great for these young girls," Coppolino said.



Kelsey MacIsaac, 6, is all smiles during last week's cheerleading camp.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Sasha Kirianov, 5, of Andover, is lifted into a mount by AHS cheer captains Kileigh Patrick and Taylor D'urso, both 17, and AHS cheer Coach Ashley Baldwin as she partakes in a cheerleading camp at West Elementary School in Andover during the February break.



Linda Morgante, 8, of Andover, is lifted into a mount by AHS cheer captains Kileigh Patrick and Taylor D'urso, both 17, and AHS cheer Coach Ashley Baldwin.



From left: Andover residents Linda Morgante, 8, Elizabeth O'Hanlon, 5, Julie Mahoney, 9, Eva O'Hanlon, 6, and Sasha Kirianov, 5, partake in cheerleading camp.



AHS cheer captain Kileigh Patrick, 17, teaches some of the youngsters a cheer routine.

A group of girls stand at the ready during last week's cheerleading camp at West Elementary School in Andover.



Julie Mahoney, 9, of Andover, is lifted into a mount by AHS cheer captains Kileigh Patrick and Taylor D'urso, both 17, and AHS cheer Coach Ashley Baldwin.

Phillips Department of Theatre and Dance presents 'Appalachian Spring'

The Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance in conjunction with the Department of Music is presenting Appalachian Spring, an evening of contemporary dance featuring members of the Andover Dance Group and the Academy Chamber Orchestra.

ADG is the school's main performance group made up of dancers trained in ballet and modern dance directed by Judith Wombwell.

The anchor of the evening will be the iconic ballet, Appalachian Spring. This work, originally a collaboration between choreographer Martha Graham and composer Aaron Copeland, has been re-envisioned by choreographer Judith Wombwell to represent the dynamic of a young person leaving their family and community for a new future. The stunning music will be played by the Academy Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Christopher Walter. Erica Nork '16 and Sabrina



Appleby '17 will share the lead role of "her," Sara Luzuriaga '16 and Lizzie McGonagle '16 will share the lead role of "best friend," and Zach Ruffin '17 will play the lead role of "him." Also on the program will be a collaboration titled Dreams of Terpsichore between composer Charles Stacey '16 and choreographer Janice Cheon '16. Stacey and Cheon worked closely together to create an atmosphere of sleep and

dreams by putting the musicians and dancers onstage together, enhancing the elegant and sympathetic environment. This is the first time in its fifteen-year history that ADG has presented a student composer/choreographer collaboration.

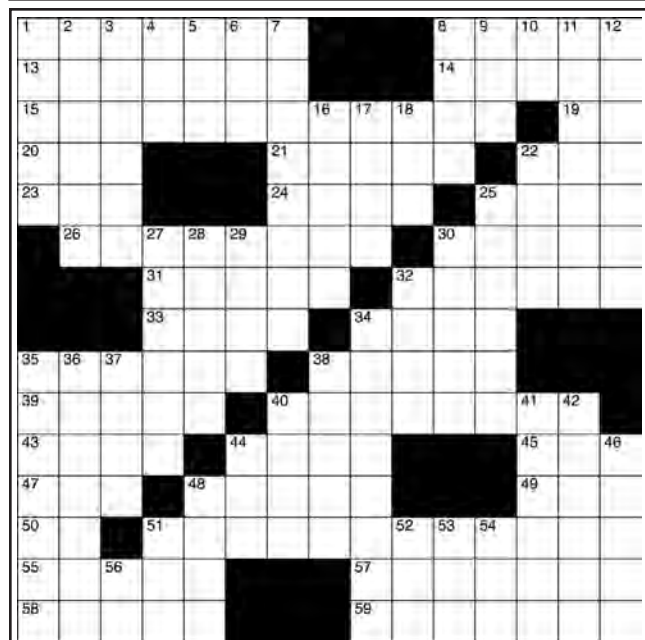
The rest of the program includes new choreography by Erin E. Strong titled Take 507 featuring the music of Claude Bolling where the dancers flury in and out of the wings, engaging with one another in short, upbeat, darting phrases, and another new work by Wombwell, Equal and Opposite set to a movement from Samuel Barber's Souvenirs.

The cast of Appalachian Spring includes ADG members Erica Nork '16, Annie McGovern '18, Emily Jackson '19, and Suning Wang '18 of Andover, Lizzie McGonagle '16, Hannah Beaudoin '17, and Lydia Paris '17 of North Andover, and Daniela Ronga '18 of Pelham, NH. The Academy Chamber Orchestra includes Adiri



Courtesy images Sabrina Appleby '17, one of the dancers in Appalachian Spring, to be performed this weekend at Phillips.

Kannan '18, Brett Sawka '17 of Andover. Appalachian Spring will be performed in Tang Theatre on the Phillips Academy campus, Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and tickets can be reserved by calling the Phillips Academy box office at (978) 749-4433. For more information please visit www.andover.edu.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Sold at a higher price
8. Instill fear
13. Can be domesticated
14. Oohed and ___
15. Make too simple
19. Plutonium
20. Necessary for breathing
21. Make happy
22. Mythological bird
23. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
24. Put on ___
25. Type of dough
26. Blushed
30. Celestial object
31. Point ___ National Seashore
32. Purplish red

CLUES DOWN

1. Portico
2. Delicacy
3. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
4. Household god (Roman)
5. Public television station
6. ___ Lilly, drug company
7. Degraded
8. Free from danger
9. Low bank or reef of coral
10. Exclamation of surprise
11. Lies down in rest
12. Give an education to
16. Provides
17. Fat from a pig
18. Belonging to a thing
22. Branches of a bone
25. Having a cheerless aspect or disposition
27. Edema (archaic)
28. Bo ___ "10"
29. Unfledged or nestling hawk
30. Surrenders

Solution in Classified Section

33. Towards the mouth or oral region
34. Portuguese musical genre
35. Steals
38. Acts insincerely
39. City in Belarus
40. Anticipates
43. Paris airport
44. Deal with
45. No (Scottish)
47. Opens lock
48. Central parts
49. Sheep disease
50. Indicates position
51. Doing many things at once
55. Khoikhoi peoples
57. Informal alliance between countries
58. Long poems
59. The state of being poorly illuminated

32. Type of dessert
34. Planted with trees
35. Washington town
36. Listen in
37. Inwardly
38. Chinese province
40. Garrison
41. Converts thermal energy to mechanical work
42. Holy people
44. Lowest point between two peaks
46. Boundaries
48. Utter obscenities
51. ___ and cheese
52. Member of the cuckoo family
53. Type of microscope
54. ___ and Barbie
56. Michigan

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'Godspell' returns to South Church

STAFF REPORT

Godspell will be back for a return engagement at South Church next month.

The South Church Players will perform the timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

A cast of 35 from Andover, North Andover and surrounding towns will participate in the church's annual musical with performances scheduled for Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 6th at 2 p.m. Godspell features music and lyrics written by 3-time Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. Proceeds from this year's musical will be donated to CityReach, an overnight urban outreach program sponsored by Common Cathedral in Boston. The program, for youth, young adults, and college students from churches of any denomination, gives young people the opportunity to learn first-hand about



Courtesy photo The cast of Godspell, being performed at the South Church March 4-6, includes, front row, left to right: Skye Organisiak, Hannah Leinbach, Anna McGrath, Emma Harris, Chris Harris, Scarlett Holbrook, Anna Bacchi, Henry Aude, Fritz Aude, John Macy. Second row: Betsy Hopkins, Carrie Fittz, Renee Manning, Stephanie Aude, Bruce Waters, Barbara Holbrook, Karen Waters, Karen Bacchi, Sarah Macy. Third row; Ted Harris, Cam McGrath, Peter Macy, Jim Knowles, Mark Van Doren, Alex Shea Will, Jack Fittz.

homelessness from people who have experienced it. Participants join CityReach staff in street ministry and offer hospitality, food and clothing. South Church is located at 41 Central Street, Andover, MA.

At their March 1 meeting, Andover Garden Club welcomes Amherst Tree Warden Alan Snow to discuss planting and sustaining the urban forest. These trees grace Boston's Public Garden.

Photo by Frances Y J Wheeler



Tree hugging discussed with top arborist

Ironically, horticulturist and arborist Alan Snow's 2015 Andover Garden Club presentation was snowed out. Happily, he's back as Snow is now scheduled to discuss the relationship and interdependence between people and their community trees.

Snow comes on Tuesday, March 1 to speak about "Tree and People Hugging." The presentation will focus on the beauty and wonder of trees, as gardeners head into planting season.

Tree warden for Amherst, Snow has oversight for the green spaces throughout the town, which has earned Tree City USA status 26 times. Snow's commitment and dedication to the protection of public trees has guided a steady and visionary approach to cultivating the urban forest.

Snow has also been instrumental in Asian longhorn beetle mitigation and the replacement of 15,000 trees affected by the pest in Worcester. In 2013, he was voted Tree Warden of the Year by his peers in the Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association.

The event starts at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., with social time followed by a brief meeting. Then, the program has a luncheon for club members only.

Admission is a \$10 donation for guests (includes refreshments).

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis, together with

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made while healthy and clear thinking because it is as important a decision as one can make in a lifetime.

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

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Townspeople

Local Scout overcomes obstacles to obtain Eagle rank

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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With 32 merit badges neatly sewn on his Boy Scout sash, Michael Potts of Andover quietly smiles when he talks about his newest scouting accomplishment — badge number 33 and the best one of all.

Potts, 18, has earned the most prestigious award in Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout Service Project entailed crafting two large benches and outside signage at his school, The LABBB Collaborative program at Bedford High School. The school now has a sign that denotes a section of the building as the LABBB program and benches for students with disabilities to use while waiting for their vans.

“Yup, I’m happy about the benches and the sign ... the kids like them,” he said.

His mother, Kathy Potts, said Michael has faced challenges all of his life. And, once again, he persevered to successfully complete his Eagle Scout project.

“The developmental steps



Andover resident Michael Potts earned his Eagle Scout badge by building a bench for students at the school he attends, LABBB Collaborative program at Bedford High School.



Courtesy photos

Students at the LABBB Collaborative program at Bedford High School sit on the bench built by Eagle Scout and Andover resident Michael Potts.

a healthy baby performs with ease such as lifting his head, sitting, standing, walking, eating, and talking were all a struggle for Michael. As a youngster he was always smiling and did his best to keep up with his peers,” she said.

Michel Potts joined the

Scouting program at Troop 79 years ago and was embraced by the troop members. The troop meets at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church on Haggetts Pond Road. The Potts family lives on the same road.

He worked hard and advanced through the Scout ranks acquiring important skills along the way. He began by learning basic skills which became more difficult as he progressed to First Class, Star and Life

Rank. A Scout is expected to earn a total of 21 badges, with 12 required badges. Impressively, Michael earned 32 merit badges and now is an Eagle Scout.

Michael Potts goes to Boy Scout summer camp

every year and said he likes it because it’s fun to be with friends. This past summer he enjoyed his time on the waterfront and earned badges for canoeing, kayaking and small boat sailing. He also spent a week at Michigan State University celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Boy Scout organization’s Order of the Arrow Conference.

“Scouting has been a wonderful program for Michael to acquire skills he would not have learned elsewhere,” said his mother. “Michael has learned valuable skills in winter survival, first aid, and CPR. He can speak to a group as a composed fine young man. The leadership skills he has gained from the Scouting program have given him the confidence to handle any situation.”

Michael Potts received his Eagle certificate at the Eagle Court of Honor at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish along with three other recipients on Feb. 21. The other recipients are: Jeffrey Bicknell, George Nicolakakis and John Quattrochi.

Cupcake creations include minion, snowman, sheep

On Thursday, Feb. 18, Andover DCS hosted 13 young ladies in a Cupcake Workshop at Town Hall as part of the February Vacation week program.

During the two-hour workshop the participants

frosted and designed six cupcakes each, and then got to take them home to show off and enjoy with their families. The decorations of the cupcakes ranged from snowmen to minions to rainbows to sheep.

Staff from the DCS office oversaw the program and directed and assisted as necessary. The Cupcake Workshop has been an annual favorite for many years and this year was no exception.



LEFT: Lizzy Payne, 11, Andover, puts the finishing touches on her minion cupcake. RIGHT: Elena Gangemi, 8, Andover, shows off her snowman cupcake.



Courtesy photos



LEFT: Courtney Ng, 11, Andover, displays a vanilla cupcake that she transformed into a sheep with a little help from some marshmallows and frosting. RIGHT: Ava Pawlus, 11, Andover, concentrates on making her gummy roll stand up while creating a rainbow design on a chocolate cupcake.



FILE PHOTO

Campers hike the trails of Camp Maude Eaton, a Girl Scout camp on Poms Pond in 2009.

Girl Scouts to host open house at Camp Maude Eaton

Anyone interested in learning more about summer programs at Camp Maude Eaton should attend an open house on Wednesday, March 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the camp, located at 141 Abbot St.

At Camp Maude Eaton, girls can explore their personal interests and creativity, according to a press release from the camp.

Campers can go for a swim or boat ride on Poms Pond, or they can explore a nature trail, take on the ropes course or aim for the bull’s-eye at the archery range. Opportunities are available for older girls (entering grades 8-12) to take their leadership skills to the next level.

This summer Camp

Maude Eaton has bus stops in the following communities: Andover, Beverly, Billerica, Burlington, Danvers, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Lynnfield, Methuen, Middleton, North Andover, North Reading, Peabody, Saugus, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wilmington and Woburn.

All interested girls and their families are invited to tour the camp and learn more about our experienced staff and exciting program options. Prior Girl Scout or troop membership is not required to attend summer camp. For more information and bus schedules, visit www.hercamp.org. Additional questions please email at camp@gsema.org or call 617-350-8335.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, FEB. 25

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PULITZER-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT, 4 p.m., Merrimack College’s Writers House, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Paula Vogel, who won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her play, “How I Learned to Drive,” is the college’s Writer-in-Residence; the conversational keynote address is open to the public; her play is scheduled to run from March 10 to 12, at the Rogers Center for the Arts; www.merrimack.edu.

SATURDAY FEB. 27

ACTOR/COMEDIAN KEVIN FARLEY, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wyndham Boston Andover, 123 Old River Road. Farley’s latest TV series with comedian Bill Burr is “F is for Family.” He has been seen in “Hawaii Five-O,” “Rules of Engagement,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” “Just Shoot Me,” “2gether,” “Tommy Boy,” “Black Sheep,” “Beverly Hills Ninja,” “The Waterboy,” and “Joe Dirt” (one and two). He recently produced the documentary, “I Am Chris Farley.” The comedy show will also feature Tumblin Jack Walsh and Mike Koutrobis. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Both

Character Bar and Grill and 189 Prime Steak House will be open before and after the show. Call the hotel at 978-975-3600 to make dinner reservations; www.eventbrite.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

LOWELL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FAMILY CONCERT, 2 p.m., St. Louis School, Chapel Hall, 77 Boisvert St., Lowell. “Jubilation” is a one-hour concert geared towards introducing children of all ages to classical music. Children are encouraged to attend a pre-concert “Meet the Instruments” session 20 minutes before the beginning of the concert. Ample parking in the Boisvert Street lot (between the school and chapel). The venue is handicap accessible. Refreshments at intermission; www.lowellphilharmonic.org.

TRUSTEE GARDENER SERIES: DREAMING GREEN, 10 a.m. to noon, The Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. This session serves as a kick-off for a monthly gardening workshop series that will run through September; Kevin Block, the superintendent and senior horticulturist at

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All Those Years Ago

Susan McKilliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago February 25, 1916

A very marked improvement in Frye Village real estate has been taking place during the past few months. According to reliable information the transfer of property lying in the territory between the old Frye Village mill and the railroad track on the north side of Haverhill street has been made to parties acting in the interest of Mr. William M. Wood. There have been rumors setting forth in some cases positive assurance that Mr. Wood's purpose in acquiring this property is for the construction of a new mill, having the advantages of the Shawshen River for a water supply and the advantages of the

excellent railroad facilities and sidetrack service ... It is not likely that a man of Mr. Wood's progressive tendencies will allow any possible development such as associated with this new property to lie fallow for all time, but we may be sure that in the development, his thought would go far beyond the mere use of money and will take in all the advantages and disadvantages bound to come to the community to be served by employment of industry.

Michael J. Crowley, the well-known tailor, has purchased a Maxwell auto delivery car to be used in his business. The car looks very neat in its grey coat of paint.

75 Years Ago February 27, 1941

At 6:30 (Sunday evening) the radio news flash poured forth its cryptic story: "Serious fire in Andover, 22 mill

building endangered, rapidly going out of control. From everywhere they seemed to come, in cars, on foot." Traffic was all tied up. Newspapermen from surrounding towns rushed to Andover. Camera flashes went off so frequently that they got on fireman Bill Collins' nerves. The fire itself was a bad one. Estimates of the damage varied, some of the more wild-eyed newspapermen hazarded \$100,000, as a guess; others toned it down to \$50,000; generally accepted was a compromise of \$75,000. The wind was blowing the embers directly toward the other buildings in the Smith and Dove yard, some of them with valuable machinery, wool, etc. Were the wind to shift, a whole group of frame dwelling houses in the Indian Ridge section would have been endangered.

One of the fiercest fights

in town meeting this year promises to come over the acceptance of streets. Of the many which have come up before the Board of Survey only three have been approved, and of these only two have been laid out by the Selectmen. Approval has been given by the survey board only to the Johnson Acres article, the Foster Circle acceptance, and the Elm Court acceptance.

50 Years Ago February 24, 1966

Raytheon Co. (located at this time at the intersection of Haverhill and York streets) will increase the work force at its Andover Hawk missile plant by 800 in 1966, gradually bringing the total to about 4,000 by the year's end. Candidates touched on the topics of water supply, conservation, parking problems and up-to-date teaching

techniques in responding Wednesday to the League of Women Voters questions posed at the first of two pre-election Candidates' nights.

An Andover father, his son and a buddy have had at least two rendezvous in the most unlikely of places—Vietnam. Twice in recent weeks Thomas R. Collins, a Merchant Marine with the tanker Chepacket, and his son, Lance Cpl. Thomas O. Collins, a recently promoted private first class, were reunited for short visits in Da Nang and aboard ship.

25 Years Ago February 28, 1991

Gusty winds that knocked down scaffolding at the Barcelos building on Main Street last Friday caused the latest setback for the construction project. Steel and wood scaffolding along the outside of the building was lifted "like

a sail," according to Mr. Barcelos, and toppled onto a parked car and into the street at about 5 p.m. Friday.

The Finance Committee Monday night recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the town employee contracts to remove, or reduce, across the board raises. "Why can't the town appeal to its workers to forgo increases to save jobs?" said Joanne Marden, FinCom chairwoman. "We are not going to develop long term solutions to Andover's budget problems without controlling labor costs."

A rally and parade to support troops serving in the Persian Gulf will be held Sunday, March 3, in Andover. Organizers say the rally is intended to be non-political but strongly supportive of people serving in the war. If the war is over, the event will celebrate victory.

CALENDAR

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Stevens-Coolidge Place, will lead the workshop; attendees will gain tips and ideas to bring home to their gardens; topics will include how to use annuals, companion planting, low maintenance plants and cultivars, color patterns, designing gardens to prosper with low maintenance plants, and the Integrated Pest Management program; \$25 for Trustees members, \$35 for nonmembers; space is limited; pre-registration is requested; www.thetrustees.org.

ACADEMY JAZZ BAND IN CONCERT, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department, the program will include works by Frank Foster, Freddy Hubbard, Sammy Nestico, Kenny Dorham, and George Gershwin; free; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

MONDAY, FEB. 29

FREE TRAVEL EVENT: VIKING RIVER CRUISES, 6 p.m., AAA Lawrence branch, 160 Winthrop Ave. Viking River Cruises and AAA Travel will host the free presentation; attendees will learn about destination-focused river cruises that have a mix of cosmopolitan and smaller ports of interest; all are welcome; RSVP, 978-681-9200, ext. 4154, www.AAA.com/TravelEvents.

THROUGH FEB. 29

"ENTANGLED STATES" EXHIBIT, McCoy Gallery, in the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Works by Andover artist Elizabeth Harris will be on view; www.merrimack.edu/mccoy.

**MARCH
TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 1:30 to 7 p.m., Andover Town House, 20 Main St. All eligible donors are encouraged to give blood; www.redcrossblood.org, 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

2016 IRISH FLAG RAISING, 11 a.m., across from Lawrence City Hall on Common Street. The flag will be raised to

mark the centennial anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising; Irish Heritage Month is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; email mark.alaimo@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

MERRIMACK VALLEY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL EVENT, noon to 1 p.m., Massachusetts School of Law, Room 220, 500 Federal St., Andover. Atty. Faith Delaney will present "Estate Planning Gone Bad"; email msullivan@andoverlaw.com.

OPEN HOUSE, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lawrence Public Library, south branch, 135 Parker St. Irish books, CDs and DVDs will be showcased throughout March; hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission is free; sponsored by the Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Irish Foundation of Lawrence; Irish Heritage Month is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; email mark.alaimo@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

BRING OUT THE TOMTE: A DAY OF WINTER GNOMES, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Say goodbye to winter and hello to spring while celebrating the mischievous Swedish gnomes called Tomtes; keep warm by the fire, play in the snow, and make crafts; hot chocolate and cookies will be served; dress warmly; \$5 per person or \$15 per family for Trustees members, \$10 per person or \$25 per family for nonmembers; pre-registration is not necessary; www.thetrustees.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

CHORAL EVENSONG, 5 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover. The combined choirs of Christ Church in Andover and Christ Church in Hamilton-Wenham, under the direction of John Russell with the chamber orchestra and organ, will perform; the program will feature Cantata

BWV 150 "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich" of Johann Sebastian Bach; a half-hour organ recital, given by Henry Lowe, director of music at the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Md., will precede the service at 4:30 p.m.; this program will feature the works of Charles Marie Widor, Johann Sebastian Bach and Herbert Howells; 978-475-0529.

23RD ANNUAL CLADDAGH PUB ROAD RACE, 11 a.m., beginning at 399 Canal St., Lawrence. Held rain or shine; www.run-thecladdagh.com.

WHITE FUND LECTURE, 2 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St. Michael Quinlin will present a lecture titled, "Massachusetts and the 1916 Irish Rising"; sponsored by the White Fund and the Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians; admission is free and the venue is handicap accessible; email mark.alaimo@gmail.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

MERRIMACK VALLEY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL EVENT, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Palmers Restaurant and Tavern, 18 Elm St., Andover. Jason Pierce, CPA, will discuss "Minimizing Client Risks for Estate and Gift Evaluations"; reservations are required; email msullivan@andoverlaw.com if planning to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

LOWELL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT, 8 p.m., Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Road. Titled "Jubilation," the program will include Jubilee by Chadwick, selections from Old English Suite by Bantock, Minuet in E by Puccini (featuring student "Play-In" participants), Symphony No. 8 by Beethoven and "Jupiter" from The Planets by Holst; ample parking is available in the lot behind the building; handicap accessible; refreshments at intermission; www.lowellphilharmonic.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

TRUSTEE GARDENER SERIES: WINTER PRUNING AND TREE ID, 10 a.m. to noon, The Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. This session is a part of a monthly gardening workshop series that will run through September; Kevin Block, the superintendent and senior horticulturist at Stevens-Coolidge Place,

Gently used prom dresses can be donated to Anton's

The prom countdown is on as high schools host the event every spring. Andover High School's prom is May 14.

For the 12th time, a prom dress drive is back to help high school junior and senior girls with financial constraints. Gently used prom dresses can be dropped off at any Anton's Cleaners where they are dry cleaned for free and donated to a "Boutique Day," hosted by Simmons College.

Dresses are displayed by colors, styles and sizes and are free of charge for qualified girls. To date, more than 3,000 girls have been

outfitted since this program, called "Belle of the Ball," began in 2005.

There is an Anton's Cleaners in Andover, on North Main Street, and prom dress donations will be accepted through Saturday, March 26. Like-new special occasion purses will also be accepted.

Attendance to "Boutique Day" is by invitation only, and students must be pre-qualified by guidance counselors, teachers and social service agency personnel, who refer high school girls to the program. Referrals are welcome through the website antons.com/belle.



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Sports

► Local Sports Roundup

Perry IV joins 1,000-point club, sets single-game record

BOYS BASKETBALL

Multi-sport superstar **E.J. Perry IV** continued to add to his enormous legacy at Andover High, topping 1,000 career points for his career during last Thursday's 83-76 victory over Methuen.

"It's pretty cool to be up there with my uncle (**Tim Perry**, class of 1985)," said Perry of the Warriors 1,000-point club. "It's a great milestone, but we've just got to keep winning. We were just trying to right the ship, and it felt good to get a win."

Perry IV topped the mark with a free throw with three minutes left in the game, as Methuen had just cut the Warriors' lead to one point. The junior came down the court and exploded past his defender to the rim where he fouled.

"E.J. is great," said Andover head coach **David Fazio**. "He's a three-year-starter who comes from a great family. He's a great kid, and I'm really proud of him. He made some big plays down the end, and we're just happy for him and his family."

Perry IV clinched the victory with two free throws with under a minute to play. He finished the game with 24 points, while **Devon Beasley** added 22 and **Jonathan Rodriguez** had 17 points for the winners.

...
E.J. Perry IV set what is believed to be an Andover High school record by scoring a stunning 44 points in Andover's 101-77 loss to New York powerhouse Archbishop William last Monday. **Cedric Gillette** added eight points and **Tim Kalantzakos** added seven for the Warriors.

...
Jonathan Rodriguez erupted for 23 points, but Andover fell to archrival Central Catholic 71-62 last Sunday. **Max Beati** added 10 points and **Devon Beasley** scored 11 points for the Warriors.

BOYS HOCKEY

Dillman pots two

Caeden Dillman scored two goals as Andover followed up its upset of Central Catholic by topping Newton North 4-2 last Monday. **Steven Schuhwerk** and **Pat McHardy** each added a single goal while **Matt Belluche** and **Pat Hughes** each had an assist for the winners.

...
Brendan Croston, **Matt Croston** and **Michael Reilly** each scored a goal, but Andover fell to Cape Ann League foe Triton 4-3 on Friday.

BOYS SWIMMING

Shi wins gold

Eric Shi won the 100 breaststroke (57.97) and was third in the 200 IM (1:54.43) as Andover placed fourth as a team at the North Sectional swim meet last Monday. **Adi Arifovic** added a third in the 200 freestyle and sixth in the 100 freestyle, **Zach Grover** was third in the 500 freestyle and the Andover 400 freestyle relay was third.

BOYS TRACK

Relays shine

Andrew Lucia, **Jeremy Travaglini**, **Ray Gorzela** and **Evan Chang** placed second overall in the 4x400 in 3:26.09 as Andover placed ninth at the Division 1 state meet last Sunday. **Gorzela**, **Lucia** and **Travaglini** teamed with **Evan Chang** to take fifth in the 4x200. **Owen Mosher** added a fourth in the high jump (6-0).

...
The Andover 4x200 and 4x400 relays each placed third at the All-State Meet on Saturday. The team of **Jeremy Chan**, **Ray Gorzela**, **Andrew Lucia** and **Jeremy Travaglini** ran a 1:31.25 in the 4x200 while **Lucia**, **Travaglini**, **Gorzela** and **Evan Chang** ran 3:27.43 in the 4x400.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors fight in rematch

In a rematch of last winter's Division 1 state semifinals, Andover fell to defending state champion Braintree 54-45 last Saturday. **Jillian Webber** led the Golden Warriors with 24 points while **Meghan Stickney** and **Taylor Landry** each added eight points for the winners.

...
Taylor Landry exploded for 23 points, but Andover lost to Quincy 63-49 last Sunday. Fellow freshman **Gia Bramanti** scored nine points for the Warriors.

WRESTLING

Marcotte takes third

Matt Marcotte placed third at 132 pounds as Andover scored 37 points at Division 1 sectionals last Saturday.

GIRLS TRACK

Lawrence the runner-up

Miranda Lawrence took second overall in the 55 hurdles in 9.00 as Andover placed ninth at the Division 1 state meet with 22 points. **Lizzie Kobelski** was fifth in the hurdles (9.17) while the 4x200 and 4x400 were each seventh.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Andover advances

Andover placed fourth as a team at the North Sectionals on Saturday. The Golden Warriors advanced to the state meet.

ICE IS HOME

Santos finds comfort in hockey after family loss

By DAVID WILLIS
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LAWRENCE — Andrew Santos is savoring every moment on the ice.

Every lap, every save brings a much-needed smile to the goalie's face. Each drill is welcome peace, and even an errant puck that strikes him in the side is only met with a laugh.

There is nowhere a grieving Santos would rather be than the cold, quiet Valley Forum rink.

"Hockey has been my sanctuary," said Santos. "The rink is the only time I can really get away from everything going on. Being here has been the release I truly needed in the toughest time in my life."

This should have been a time of celebration for the Andover High hockey quad-captain. His Golden Warriors are heading into the Division 1 state tournament red hot, following wins such as the upset of archrival Central Catholic.

Instead, Santos has been forced to confront not one, but two losses to his family.

On Feb. 1, Santos' paternal grandfather passed away after a long battle with cancer. Then, just seven days later and days after Andrew's birthday, Santos' maternal grandfather also passed away.

In a time of intense sadness, Santos has poured his emotions into his role as team-leader and part-time goalie for the Andover High hockey team that entered the week 11-5-3, ranked No. 19 in the statewide MassHockey.com polls.

"The last few weeks have been extremely hard on my family," said Santos. "So being home has been hard. Playing hockey has been therapeutic for me. It is always in the back of my mind, but when I am playing hockey, things are normal."

"This has been an amazing season on the ice, and we have come a long way in the last two seasons. It's amazing. If anyone said they saw this coming two years ago (when Andover was 5-12-3 and missed the tournament) is just lying."

Emotion was clearly on the face of Santos as he spoke about the loss of his grandfathers Louis Santos, 79, of Lowell and George Nicolakakis, 84, of Melrose.

"I was very close with them," he said. "I lived about a mile away from my mom's father, and I spent the whole summer with my dad's father. We were all very close."

It was tough enough on the family when George Santos passed. But the loss of Nicolakakis exactly a week later was a double-hit.

"It's been a tough ride," he said. "To be honest, I was kind of in shock when my second grandfather passed because I didn't have time to come to terms with losing one. To have them back-to-back



There is nowhere **Andrew Santos** would rather be than on the ice after losing both of his grandfathers. The goalie is the team-leader for the upstart Andover High hockey team, which is thrilled to start the Division 1 North tournament.

AMY SWEENEY/
Staff photo

Red-hot Andover hockey team is 11-1-2 over last 14 games

By KYLE GAUDETTE
Correspondent

If Andover's goal was to play its best hockey come playoff time, it certainly is achieving that.

With a convincing 5-1 victory over Acton-Boxboro at the Valley Forum Monday night, the Golden Warriors (12-5-3) finished their regular season by winning 11 of their last 14 games to finish atop the MVC North Division.

"This is the time you want to peak," said Andover head coach **Chris Kuchar**. "We talked about at the beginning of the year how these 13 weeks really fly by."

"The first day of tryouts we agreed that we didn't want to be the best team come December, January, or February, but that we wanted to be the best team come March 1. We had a good run in January and February, but we want to continue to play our best hockey right now."

Andover found itself down early in the second, but exploded for five unanswered goals. Just a minute after

surrendering the opening goal, Andover's **Nate O'Neil** took a beautiful pass across the crease from **Steven Schuhwerk** on a power play and buried it five-hole past Acton-Boxboro goalie **Jake Getsick**.

Caeden Dillman put Andover ahead a few minutes later, and **Matthew Croston** broke the game open with two consecutive goals midway through the second, the second of which came off a cross-zone pass from teammate **Jeff Hunt**. **O'Neil** put away his second of the evening on a power play early in the third period to cap off the scoring.

Coach **Kuchar** will travel to **Franklin** on Saturday morning to present his team's case for a possible Super 8 berth — Andover was 11-2-1 in its last 14 games — but there are about 10 teams not named "Andover" currently under consideration.

Andover 5, Acton-Boxboro 1
Acton-Boxboro: 0 1 0-1
Andover (12-5-3): 0 3 2-5
Goals: A — **Nate O'Neil** 2, **Matthew Croston** 2, **Caeden Dillman**; AB — **Liam Bettz**
Assists: A — **Steven Schuhwerk**, **Nate Abbott** 2, **Brendan Croston** 2, **Jake Lachance**, **Andrew Soucey**, **Jeff Hunt** 2; AB — **Yanni Pappathanasiou**
Saves: A — **Zach Laramie** 18; AB — **Jake Getsick** 23

was awful. At home, we are all kind of trying to help each other deal with the loss."

With their teammate struggling, the Andover hockey team quickly jumped into action.

"It has been a very tough patch for **Drew**," said Golden Warriors coach **Chris Kuchar**. "We are a family here. We wanted to do everything we could to help him. He is a terrific teammate and a great person."

The entire Golden Warriors hockey team attended the wake for **Louis Santos**, and just three days after the Central Catholic victory many were in attendance for

Nicolakakis' funeral.

"Having all of my teammates there at the way, every single varsity guy and most of the JV kids, meant the world to me," said Santos. "Then the guys traveling to Melrose for the funeral meant a lot. They have helped me get through so much."

The outpouring of support was no shock to **Kuchar**.

"**Drew** is one of the best teammates and best people I have ever been around in hockey," said the coach. "He is our leader, and is willing to do anything to help the team even though not everything on the ice has worked out for him."

Marinero starred at BC, Lazzaretti Richards an All-American

By DAVE NICHOLS
Special to the Andover Townsman

NOTE: The Andover-Punchard 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 now available by contacting the athletic office at 978-623-8670.

MIKE MARINARO

Football/Basketball/Track & Field
Class of 1988

Mike Marinaro was a key member of Boston College's resurgence as a national football power after establishing himself as one of Andover High School's greatest linemen.

At Andover High School Mike was a two-year starter on both the offensive and defensive line. In his senior year he led the team in tackles, tackles for a loss, and sacks. He was team co-MVP, Merrimack Valley All-Conference, and Boston Globe and Herald All-Scholastic. At the Shriners' All-Star Game he was elected the team captain.

Mike was highly recruited as both an offensive and defensive lineman and accepted a full scholarship to Boston College as a 16-year-old senior. **Dick Collins** named Mike his "Greatest Defensive Lineman" during his 32-year reign as head coach of Andover High.

At Boston College, Mike started 36 games as a defensive lineman. He earned first-team All-East and second-team All-Big East Honors.



Courtesy photos

Mike Marinaro put together a legendary career at Andover High, and he will be inducted into the Andover-Punchard Hall of Fame this spring. Marinaro went on to become a foot ball star at Boston College.

In his senior year he served as a team captain for a 9-3 season which culminated in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Mike was the recipient of Boston College's highest football honor — The Scanlon Award for Excellence in Leadership, Academic, and Athletic Achievement.

In basketball Mike was a two-year varsity starter, a team captain, team co-MVP, Merrimack Valley All-Conference, Eagle Tribune All-Star, Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament All-Star,



Laune Lazzaretti Richards was a pioneer of Andover High's legendary girls swimming and diving program. She was an All-American both at Andover High and in college at SMU. She will be inducted into the Andover/Punchard Hall of Fame.

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Swimming

Class of 1984

Laune Lazzaretti is recognized as a pioneering force in

Andover High swimming.

In all, 25 members of the Andover swim & dive Teams have earned the title of All-American. **Laune** was the first.

Laune moved from Nebraska to Andover at the end of her freshman year and quickly became, at that time, the best swimmer in Andover High School history. In her three-year varsity career she set school, North Sectional and state records.

She won state championships in the 200-yard individual medley, the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke. Her time of 2:07.49 in the 200 yard IM was the MIAA state swimming record. Her record-breaking time in the 200 IM stood for 27 years until future All-American University of Texas swimmer **Maggie D'Innocenzo** broke it in 2010.

Laune was undefeated for three years in dual meet competition. She was a three time Boston Globe All-Scholastic and in 1983 she was named the Globe Swimmer of the Year. **Laune** was also the Eagle-Tribune "Athlete of the Year," now known as the Max Bishop Award. Upon graduation she received the coveted Paul Hopkins Memorial Award for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and athletics.

Laune was heavily recruited by Division 1 schools and attended Southern Methodist University on a full scholarship. Swimming at SMU, she was named a Division 1 NCAA All-American.

ANA Synchro athletes make East Zone All-Star team

STAFF REPORT

ANA Synchro athletes Ruby Remati and Reverie Nedde, both of Andover, were among 8 athletes earning a spot on the All-Star Team at the East Zone 13-15 Age Group Championship meet held Feb. 12-14 in Hamden, Conn.

They also teamed up to win gold with their duet. Remati won a Bronze with her solo.

Some 109 athletes from 12 different teams traveled from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania to compete at the meet. ANA Synchro sent its 9 athletes who are in the 13-15 age group.

The All-Star Team is made up of the top 8 athletes of the meet. They must pass a flexibility test and have the top scores on figures, which are the technical elements of synchronized swimming. Remati and Nedde placed 3rd and 4th respectively in the figures event, and both demonstrated their ability to do leg splits in the water. As All-Stars, Remati and Nedde will be invited to an elite training camp later this year.

Complete results for ANA Synchro at this meet were:



ANA Synchro athletes competing at the East Zone 13-15 Championship. Back row (l-r): Reverie Nedde, Olivia Freund, Head Coach Leah Pinette, Kyra Donahue, and Ruby Remati. Front row, holding banner (l-r): Noa Margolin, Nina Robbe, Olivia Liera, Olivia Yang, and Lakshita Motwani.

Team (4th): Olivia Liera, Noa Margolin, Lakshita Motwani, Reverie Nedde, and Ruby Remati of Andover; Olivia Freund of North Andover; Olivia Yang and Nina Robbe of Acton; and Kyra Donahue of Methuen.

Duet: Remati and Nedde (Gold); Motwani and Donahue (10th).

Solo: Remati (Bronze); Robbe (10th)

Figures (the technical elements of synchronized swimming): Remati (Bronze), Nedde (4th).

This meet was also a qualifying meet for the US National Championships, to be held in April in Mesa, AZ.

ANA Synchro routines that qualified for US Nationals were the 13-15 Team Routine, Remati and Nedde's Duet, and Remati's Solo.

"The routines the girls are swimming this season are the most demanding they've ever been asked to swim," said ANA Synchro Head Coach Leah Pinette. "And they have all stepped up remarkably to the challenge. They've been working very hard on overall conditioning, swimming in tight patterns, and getting higher out of the water. The judges clearly noticed and rewarded them with terrific scores." Prior to joining ANA

Synchro as Head Coach in 2013, Pinette was a 9 time US National Team member and the former captain of the 2011-2012 U.S. Olympic Selection Team. Pinette is known for being one of our country's top technical swimmers.

Next up for ANA Synchro is the Jr/Sr Zone Championship in Buffalo, N.Y., in March, which is for athletes ages 15 and above.

ANA Synchro is the competitive synchronized swimming team of the Andover/North Andover YMCA. Girls wishing to join the team or try the sport for the first time should contact Head Coach Leah Pinette at 978-685-3541, lpinette@mvyymca.org. Introductory "Synchro Splash" sessions meet twice a week and are held regularly throughout the year.

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Zach Beucler competes in the 500 yard Freestyle event.

Andover men's swim team finishes 4th out of 27

Andover men's Swim and Dive team finished 4th out of 27 Massachusetts teams at the North Sectionals on Sunday, Feb. 14 at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

Andover swimmers recorded extremely competitive swim times on the heels of sweeping the Merrimack Valley Conference in January.

Senior Eric Shi placed first in the 100-yard breast-stroke and third in the 200 IM; Junior Adi Arifovic placed 3rd in the 200 Freestyle and the duo of Zach Beucler, sophomore and Zach Gro-ver, freshman placed 5th and 3rd, respectively in the 500 yard Freestyle event.

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The Andover Squash Club welcomes new members. Members play squash at Phillips Academy and Brooks School. Those interested can

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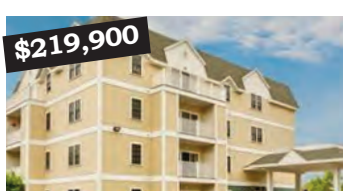
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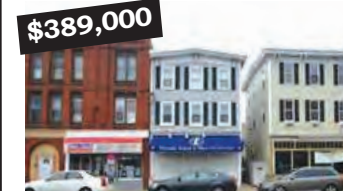
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Legals

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at Conference Room A, 3rd floor, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, MA on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7 P.M. on the petition of Christopher & Amy Bositis, 9 Chapman Ave., Andover, MA for a special permit under Art. VIII, § 3.3.5 &/or for a variance from Art. VIII, § 4.1.2 to construct additions/alterations that will not meet the minimum side & rear setback requirements.

Premises affected are located at 9 Chapman Ave., Andover, MA in an SRA District and are shown on Assessor Map 40 as Lot 35. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 2/18, 2/25/16

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII:

- 1. Amend Section 10.0 (Definitions) by deleting the definition of Restaurant, Fast-Food and replacing it with Restaurant, Limited Service and amend Appendix A Table 1 Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulation by amending 12.a Restaurant, sit-down & 12.b. Restaurant, fast-food. 2. Amend Section 2.2 (Overlay Districts) by adding at the end of Section 2.2, In-town Independent Overlay District and amend the Town of Andover Zoning Map, to establish an In-town Independent Living Overlay District as shown of a plan titled "Proposed Zoning In-town Independent Living Overlay District", dated January 19, 2016, as prepared by the Town of Andover.

And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Andover Code of By-laws or take any other action related thereto.

The full text of the proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Zachary Bergeron, Chairman AT - 2/18, 2/25/16

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL) 2016 SM 000695 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Linda Gode a/k/a Linda Hurd, as Executrix of The Estate of Michael T. Hurd a/k/a Michael Thomas Hurd and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 et seq.: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, 4 Powder Mill Square, Unit 102D, Powder Mill Square Condominium, given by Estate of Michael T. Hurd to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated April 28, 2006 and recorded in the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10162, at Page 46, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Service-members status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 28, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on February 11, 2016 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201405-1077-YEL AT - 2/25/16

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Cousins won't seek another term as sheriff

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

Essex County Sheriff Frank Cousins, who became the first African-American sheriff in Massachusetts almost 20 years ago, won't seek re-election this November, a spokesman confirmed on Tuesday.

Cousins, a former state representative from Newburyport, was

first appointed as sheriff in 1996 by then Gov. William Weld.

He went on to win re-election three times over the last 18 years. His decision to leave the sheriff's post after the end of his term this year was first reported by the Eagle Tribune Tuesday.

Cousins, a Republican, had been mentioned as a possible pick by Gov. Charlie Baker to

lead the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, though Baker ultimately appointed Daniel Bennett to the secretary post. Cousins, 58, said he did not know what he would do after leaving the sheriff's office, but looked forward to having more time to attend school events for his son, a high-school freshman.

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