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Familiar ring back downtown

Salvation Army on Main Street again

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Bell ringers from the Salvation Army have returned to their spot in front of the Town House this year after a noticeable absence.

In 2008, the Salvation Army did not collect downtown at all. That's because in 2007, there were complaints from some workers that the bells ringing on Main Street was noisy and disturbing. Following an order from the town to use "common sense" when ringing the bells, Maj. Alberto Suarez, the town's Salvation Army officer, suggested that no bells be used in Andover for the rest of that year.

"I guess there was a complaint that it was too much," said Suarez at the time. "We are so grateful to the town of Andover to let us stand there, that we don't want to create any controversy."

The ringing stopped, but Andover's reputation was portrayed as Scrooge-like.

"The result was bad press...Andover came across as a stuffy place. And it's not. It is very, very generous," said Peter Cotch, a local Rotary Club member who was ringing the bell at the Salvation Army bucket last Friday afternoon in front of the Town House, also known as Old Town Hall. "I just tell people it was a misunderstanding, that's all."

With his leashed 8-year-old Tibetan terrier, Buster, at his side, Cotch rang the bell for three hours and generous contributors seemed happy to donate.

Cotch, who plans to challenge state Rep. Barbara L'Italien next year, said Nov. 20 was the bell-ringing kick-off. Rotarians will be ringing bells

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Peter Cotch, an Andover Rotary Club member, rings a bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle fundraising drive in front of Old Town Hall.

COMMUNITY CORNUCOPIA



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Moriah Crocker shares a smile with Tina Kostaras as part of Sanborn Elementary School's annual Harvest Festival. Students entertained residents at the senior center with music.

Thanksgiving between the generations

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

This year's theme for the Sanborn Elementary School's Harvest Festival says it all: "Building bridges between generations."

The project, now in its 31st year, connects Sanborn youngsters with local senior citizens. Some of the students - and many of the seniors - do not have exposure to the other generation during the rest of the year. The annual event is one of several endeavors in town meant to brighten people's spirits during the Thanksgiving season (see page 2).

Each year, Sanborn students collect items to create Thanksgiving goody bags, which are delivered to area shut-

ins and residents of nursing homes. In each goody bag is an invitation to come to Sanborn for a musical program, held this year on Nov. 24.

"It's one of those tangible events, to go with the children and see the interaction with seniors. That's what makes it all worth it. It's one of those events that doesn't come along often," said Sanborn mom Jane Miller, who co-chairs the project with Kandie Hale. "It brings to life the message of giving back."

Fourth-grade classmates Sara Dever, Savannah Gillis and Sophie Bardetti took care in filling gift bags on Nov. 19, and agreed the project connects generations and spreads happiness.

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Giving help



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Nancy Greeley of Andover, a member of the Andover Rotary Club help organize food collected to take to local charities for the holiday.

As park opens, so does Wood's former executive building

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Say the name William Wood on the streets in Andover's Shawsheen section and most homeowners know who he is even though he died 84 years ago.

The one-time mill-owner from Andover grandly built the stately brick homes in the Shawsheen section for top managers at his mill - American Woolen - and the more simple homes on the other side of his executive building for midlevel workers.

Next weekend, that executive building located in between the two major housing developments for mill workers gets the attention. The Balmoral, an 82-unit condo development since the 1980s, has teamed with The Shawsheen Village Renaissance Project and Andover Historical Society to offer a tour of the historic building. Tour-goers can get a glimpse of Wood's executive taste as The Balmoral was his company's executive office building.

Opened in 1922, the building has proudly maintained its industrial grandeur over the years. Wood's company seal - a Ram's head - welcomes

visitors at the grand front entrance along with just-as-ornate replicas of the Shawsheen Indian.

The foyer is marble, while the executive suite is fireplacced and the building has a first-floor ballroom.

"There's a big 'wow' factor," Jack Flood said of the reaction from guests when they visit The Balmoral and his third floor condo for the first time. He lives in the unit that once housed Wood's office and the unit is included on the tour.

The grand fireplace works, the lights are original and the ceilings

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HISTORICAL TOUR

12 condos at The Balmoral
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Saturday, Dec. 5
noon-5 p.m.
\$20 cash or check at the door hosted by The Shawsheen Village Renaissance Project and Andover Historical Society
check out works by photographer David Saums, a former Balmoral resident who won Best in Show 2009 at Art-in-the-Park, Andover

Forum on plan for dam removal Dec. 2

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

If three privately-owned dams were removed from Andover's stretch of the Shawsheen River, canoers could paddle the length of Andover and native fish the river has not seen in more than 100 years could return.

This is the hope of conservation experts and a team of engineers who has spent the last year studying the Shawsheen, engineering

the removal of the dams and its impact on the watershed.

A public forum will be held on the project, which is roughly one-third complete, on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St.

"These are the only dams that are on the Atlantic side of the Merrimack. From an ecological standpoint, if the dams were taken down, it would create a habitat for

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H1N1 response on the clock



Grant Morris photo

Pharmacist Paul Ordman fills syringes with the injectable version of the H1N1 vaccination at the Andover Senior Center on Monday afternoon. Story, page 4.

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Beloved Feaster Five kicks off Thanksgiving morning

The Feaster Five, the Thanksgiving morning road race that attracts thousands of people to Andover's streets each year is set to begin its 22nd year.

It's not too late to register for the 5-mile or 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) run on Thursday, Nov. 26. To register, visit www.feasterfive.com.

The race starts on North Main Street at the intersection with Route 133 and ends at Brickstone Square, off Haverhill Street (Route 133).

Fees are \$5 for the short kids' race, and \$30 for either the 5-mile or 5K.

People can register and pick up their numbers on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24, noon to 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 25, noon to 6 p.m., at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 65 Haverhill St. (Route 133), Andover; and on Thursday, Nov. 26 (Race Day) from 7 to 8:15 a.m., at Woodworth Motors, the corner

of Routes 28 and 133.

The Kid's race is at 7:45 a.m., and the 5 mile/5K at 8:30 a.m.

Merrimack Valley Hospice is a beneficiary of the race and three of the women who work there are running to raise money for the agency. One is a chaplain, another is a nurse and a third is a social worker. Each knows firsthand what Merrimack Valley Hospice can do for the patients and families they care for.

Terry Holbrook, the chaplain, will walk in the Feaster Five. She has experienced hospice personally, when her father passed away from colon cancer and her best friend died of pancreatic cancer, according to a release from the agency.

"People turn to hospice for peace and comfort," said Holbrook. "Working at Merrimack Valley Hospice has given me a unique opportunity to see what an impact these donations make in the lives of our families. With

support like this we are able to extend our care to everyone who needs it, regardless of their ability to pay."

Nancy DiPirro became a nurse because of the hospice experience she had when her mother died of lung and liver cancer. Following her mother's death, she enrolled in nursing school and became a registered nurse.

Nancy Kidd, a social worker for Merrimack Valley Hospice, is also making this a holiday tradition in honor of a loved one. She has collected donations for Merrimack Valley Hospice in honor of her sister who died of lung cancer.

"I feel fortunate to have experienced hospice on both a personal and professional level. I jumped at the chance to give back by walking in honor of my sister," said Kidd. "Every donation made during the Feaster Five is going to make a huge difference to a patient facing end-of-life and their family."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

A big family event for all to take part of the annual Feaster Five Road Race in Andover Thanksgiving morning.

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In front, Kathleen Buck, 10, and her sister Caroline, 9, both of Andover, help organize food they've collected to take to local charities as part of the Rotary Club's food drive.

Turning pumpkins into a Thanksgiving meal

Ironstone Farm found a new way raise money to provide turkeys for families in need this year: the Pumpkins to Turkeys project.

Begun in spring with a plan to turn a section of the Andover horse farm into a pumpkin patch, various participants in the therapeutic programs planted, nurtured and harvested the crop in preparation for the fall. While some of the pumpkins were used for decorating the weekly farm events throughout the fall, and others were used for craft activities for

children, the majority were sold with the intention of using proceeds to buy turkeys for Lazarus House in Lawrence.

The goal was to raise \$1,000, said Director Deedee O'Brien. In the end, more than \$1,300 was raised, with \$800 used to buy and deliver turkeys before Thanksgiving Day. The farm also collaborated with the Rotary Club of Andover to bring turkeys and Thanksgiving Day fixings to other agencies throughout Andover and Greater Lawrence this week.

Free Christian puts giving in Thanksgiving

Sharing Thanksgiving meals was a big part of a day of service by the members of the Free Christian Church in Andover last weekend. Church spokeswoman Maureen Smith said volunteers worked on about 17 different projects around Merrimack Valley.

"We had high school boys working on conservation land with the town of Andover, other teens raking at the ABC (A Better Chance) house on Main Street, lots of volunteers packing Thanksgiving food boxes at Lazarus House in Lawrence and at Neighbors in Need warehouse

in Dundee Park, served breakfast at Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, collected turkeys in our parking lot and lots of families raked leaves for seniors in Andover," said Smith. "We hosted a townwide children's clothing drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons which most of the Andover schools, some of the temples and churches, the library and town hall have been part of. Last Saturday morning, volunteers were in the lower hall of our church sorting and packing these clothes for needy families."

- Judy Wakefield

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HARVEST: Kids, seniors mix

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"This will help the seniors have a happier Thanksgiving," said Sara.

"Some of them don't see kids very often," added Savannah.

As she packed goody bags with her classmates, Sophie said she was thinking about how happy the seniors' faces would be when they open their gifts.

Each bag, decorated with a hand-drawn tag and green and orange tissue paper, contained juice boxes, fruit, pretzels and other snacks, as well as a potted plant, postage stamps and bookmarks made by Sanborn students.

Sanborn Girl Scouts made homemade tea for the gift bags and Boy Scouts assemble the potted plants, which are donated by Mahoney's Garden Center.

Sanborn fifth-graders delivered the goody bags on Friday, Nov. 20.

The goody bags are just a vehicle for the program's "hidden gem": the gift of time, thought and a personal visit, said Miller.

This year, a few changes were made to the Harvest Festival routine, due to concerns of H1N1 flu.

A public nursing home that Sanborn students have visited in the past cannot allow visitors under the age of 18 this year, said Miller. Instead, a group of 20 students has adopted residents of that nursing home as pen pals, and have been writing

letters to the seniors this fall. They hope to visit the nursing home and meet their pen-pals in the spring, once flu season is over.

Sanborn's Harvest Festival tradition was started by Mary Guziejka, a Sanborn Elementary music teacher who traveled to Britain with her family for a sabbatical, said Miller. While Guziejka's daughter attended a public school in Britain, she learned of their tradition of visiting senior citizens, and brought the idea back to Sanborn.

Guziejka was expected to be a special guest speaker at the musical program on Nov. 24. Sanborn students planned to sing, play instruments and visit with seniors in the audience. In turn, the Sunrise Singers, a choir based at the Andover Senior Center, was to perform for the youngsters.

This is the third year Miller and Hale have organized the Harvest Festival, and they said it's well worth the hours of planning and organizing. Both women have two children at Sanborn.

A large group of parents pitch in for the week of events, including driving fifth-graders to deliver the gift bags.

The project is a rite of passage for Sanborn students, said Miller, with younger grades collecting items for the goody bags, fourth-graders packing and decorating and fifth-graders delivering the bags.

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PAST & PRESENT



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NOW: The Franciscan Center was once the Hood Farm.

Mailing deadlines for Christmas

The US Postal Service recommends the following mail-by dates to ensure your Christmas gift arrives on time:

- Dec. 4 — Military mail destined for Iraq or Afghanistan
- Dec. 11 — Military mail for

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- Dec. 16 — Parcel Post, the most economical shipping service
- Dec. 21 — First-Class Mail
- Dec. 21 — Priority Mail
- Dec. 23 — Express Mail

Christmas Decor seeks to light soldiers' homes

Christmas Decor wants to "Light 200 soldiers' homes this winter to bring holiday joy to families with loved ones serving, but needs America to nominate families." Families are selected for "Decorated Family" from those nominated via the "Decorated Families" link of the Christmas Decor

website, www.ChristmasDecor.net. There is a brief application with an opportunity to write a 500 word essay describing why the family being nominated should be selected. Families will be contacted by a Christmas Decor designer who will design a custom holiday display, according to the company.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I CAN'T TELL A KID WHERE TO go. It's his or her decision.
— *Andover High School Guidance Counselor Mike Marcoux, who says students have taken a greater role in selecting their college over the past 27 years. Story on college-admissions process, page 19.*



THE PARADE STARTED QUIETLY. ON Dec. 1, 1955, an Andover Townsman headline mentioned a scheduled parade. The story said, "and on Saturday, an interesting Santa Claus parade will be held... It will be led by the All-Girls band and will feature Santa and his reindeer. Included in the line of march will be several floats."
— *Bill Dalton writing about the history of the firefighters' Santa parade, which is set for this Sunday, Nov. 29. Story in Townspeople, page 16.*

Parents, get a clue about social networking

Are you clueless about Facebook and what might be posted on your teen's page?

John Maver, an expert in online social networking sites, including Myspace, Bebo and Facebook, will host a workshop for parents on Dec. 3.

The event, open to the public and organized by the Wood Hill Middle School Parent Advisory Council, will begin at 7 p.m. in

the Wood Hill auditorium, 11 Cross St.

Maver will cover Facebook and social networking in general, how information spreads and who can see it, effective privacy settings and parent/child relationships.

Parents are welcome to send questions to Maver before the workshop by emailing john.maver@thoughtlabs.com.

Maver has been involved with the Facebook, Bebo, and Myspace platforms from the time they were released, and has written several successful applications. He has been a speaker at conferences and webinars about Facebook development and was the featured developer for the Bebo platform in the spring of 2008.

As cofounder and principal

of Thought Labs, Maver has worked with small businesses and Fortune 100 companies to find the right goals, strategies, and implementations for their social media campaigns. He also co-authored the book "Essential Facebook Development: Build Successful Applications for the Facebook Platform," to be published by Addison-Wesley Professional this month.

Hats, mittens, scarves collected through Dec. 17

The Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring the annual Mitten and Hat Collection Program that benefits children and adults of Andover, Lazarus House in Lawrence, Merrimack Valley Schools and the YWCA FINA House. The following locations in Andover have agreed to participate in the program

by displaying the snowman and providing a candy-cane or treat for those who bring new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman. Look for the snowman at these locations: Andover Town Offices, Senior Center, Memorial Hall Library, SHED, Bancroft, and High Plain Elementary Schools. Shawsheen

School has completed their collection this year. To make donations, simply go to one of the locations before noon on Thursday, Dec. 17, and drop off your mittens, hats, and scarves and pick up a candy cane. The snowman says, "Please donate some hats, gloves, scarves or mittens to those in need. It is the cool thing to do."

Police participate in emergency vehicle operation course

Members of the Andover police department recently participated in a Emergency Vehicle Operation Course at the Massachusetts State Police EVOC facility in Ayer. The free course was presented by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, the town's insurance provider.

EVOC is a full-day comprehensive training program on

the safe operation of police vehicles for officers. As a result of the training, the town will receive credit from the MIA Rewards program, reducing the overall costs of their property and casualty insurance.

"Statistics indicate that on average there is a significant reduction in the number of accidents and their subsequent costs for the police

departments who complete the EVOC," said Jeff Siena, MIA Loss Control Manager.

The course consists of a classroom training followed by several hands-on exercises dealing with a number of situations regularly encountered by police officers while operating emergency vehicles, including cornering, evasive maneuvers, braking and backing up.

Girls Night Out

The Magic Parties, self-described as "an organization of women supporting women to bring their gifts and talents into the world," announces Girls Night Out: Conversations for Women That Matter.

The free, public event will be Monday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road.

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are 12 feet high.

What's interesting about the building is that ceiling height decreases as visitors ascend. The building's small condos are spread among four floors. The first floor has 15-foot ceilings while the third floor has 12-foot ceilings.

"I just love living here. There is much history," said Judy McFadden, who has lived in her first floor condo with nine very large windows for more than 10 years. She's a key organizer for the tour and strong supporter of preserving the historical building.

"Most people don't know (about The Balmoral) and we hope the tour gets the word out," she said. "With the construction of the Wood Memorial Park across the street and the conservation studies to remove dams on the Shawsheen (River) including the one in front of the Balmoral, there should be a lot of local interest in our building."

The infamous Mother's Day flood of 2006 flooded first floor units, but the owners have bounced back.

Residents pulled together for the renovation of the Grand Ballroom on the first floor earlier this year and are now hosting the tour. The town Web site lists units assessed values at about \$200,000 each.

"The Balmoral is unique and stands proudly as the grand cornerstone of Shawsheen," McFadden said.

Wood Memorial Park dedication Dec. 2

Joe Piantedosi, director of Plants and Facilities, said the dedication of the William Wood



Judy McFadden stands near a window in her condo at The Balmoral.

Memorial Park on North Main Street, Route 28, near Shawsheen Square, will be Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. The town will place a plaque in honor of mill owner William Wood and his family. The total cost of the project was about \$165,000. The money was given to the town by the Wood family and that transfer was approved at Town Meeting, Piantedosi said. "It's now a beautiful public park. We did some restoring, some new construction on the entry way and planted new trees," Piantedosi said. "It's a nice tribute to this man who was a giant industrialist in his day."

BELLS: Ringing downtown

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Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski remembers the 2007 incident and also prefers to leave it in the past.

"They are here and it's great," he said as he stopped by the Salvation Army bucket. "It's part of the holidays."

Stapczynski said the Salvation Army has the town's permission to ring away on Saturdays. He said the group is well-managed and "keeps administrative costs low." That means donations get right to the people who need it, he said, and that's what he likes to hear.



Angela Alex of Andover, right, puts money in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle in front of Old Town Hall as Peter Cotch, Andover.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - At 2:27 p.m., Jeffrey Care, 47, of 32 Murial Terrace, Bradford, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence.

At 8:21 p.m., Marjorie Solis, 18, of 5 Elm St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - At 11:42 a.m., Sonia Medeiros, 25, of 40 Fern St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250 and possession of a Class B substance.

At 8:10 p.m., John Sabato Jr., 23, of 35 Robbins Ave., Dracut, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, disorderly

conduct, possession of a Class A substance and the subsequent offense of possession of a Class B substance.

Friday, Nov. 20 - At 11:44 a.m., Edwin Maldonado, 33, of 15 Garfield St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 1:04 p.m., Raul Suruy, 30, of 40 Juniper St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor vehicle charges.

At 1:40 p.m., Luis Lima, 30, of 151 Saratoga St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, Nov. 21 - At 1:17 a.m., Ryan Pennie, 19, of 5 Lomas Drive, Framingham, was arrested

and charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

At 6:31 p.m., Emma Oquendo, 27, of 202 South Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Monday, Nov. 23 - At 1:50 p.m., Aaron Ganek, 18, 1 Deerfield Way, was arrested and charged on a warrant for armed robbery.

At 2:28 p.m., a 15-year-old male from Andover was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - At 1:20 p.m., theft was reported on Main Street.

At 9:15 p.m., another theft was reported on Main Street.

Sunday, Nov. 22 - At 8:28 p.m., a robbery was reported near Comfort Suites on Spring Valley Drive.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Aug. 18 - At 11:34 p.m., a home break in was reported on Pine Street.

Monday, Nov. 23 - At 1:57 p.m., a home break was reported on Somerset Drive.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - At 9:36 p.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Campanelli Road.

Thursday, Nov. 19 - At 10:45 a.m., theft of a motor vehicle was reported on Haverhill Street.

Town: Next H1N1 vaccine clinic should be for Andover teens

Monday's clinic served 97 of those most at risk

This time, Andover did not run out of vaccine.

Andover Health Department Director Tom Carbone said 97 doses of the H1N1 flu shot were administered at the flu clinic in Andover on Monday, Nov. 23. Medical professionals, new moms and spouses, babies younger than 6 months and pregnant women received the shot.

Ying Chen, one of those waiting at the clinic, said she was there because her obstetrician ran out of the vaccine.

Previous clinics in Andover

with 400 available shots had run out of vaccine.

Next up are students in Andover public schools.

Carbone said more vaccine is available and he is meeting with school officials to determine which students will be first to get the vaccine. Most likely, students in middle schools and Andover High School will be the first to get the H1N1 flu shot, Carbone said, noting that shots will probably be given out one grade at a time.

-Judy Wakefield



Ying Chen, who is six months pregnant, waits at the front of the line at the Andover Senior Center to get her H1N1 vaccination as a line of hopeful recipients gathers behind her Monday morning.

RIVER: Forum on dam removal plan to be held Dec. 2

Continued from Page 1

fish that haven't spawned in the Shawsheen for hundreds of years. It would also create the opportunity to canoe from Tewksbury to Andover and all the way to the Merrimack," said Bob Douglas, Andover's conservation director. "It would be the first time water flowed, uninterrupted, since before these very old dams were installed."

The three dams in the study are the Ballardvale dam near Andover Street, the Stevens Street dam near the Post Office and Marland Place and the Balmoral Street dam. The Stevens Street dam is owned by Atria Senior Living Group and the Balmoral dam is owned by the Balmoral Condo Association, while the Ballardvale dam is owned by two abutting companies.

The dams, built during the 19th century era of mills and industry, are no longer used. The Ballardvale and Stevens Street dams were

built to harness water power; the Balmoral was built as an ornamental dam by mill tycoon William Wood, said Douglas.

Now more than 100 years old, the dams pose a liability and are costly to maintain, he said.

Douglas stressed that ultimately, the dam owners "are in the driver's seat" of the removal process.

"Any dam removal would have to go through the permitting process, and we're still in the fact-finding process," said Douglas.

There is also the potential for grant money or funding from state and local agencies to remove the dams, said Douglas.

Next week's meeting will have a presentation on the project as well as open discussion and a question-and-answer session.

Thomas Ardito, president of the Center for Ecosystem Restoration, said his engineering firm will work on historical review, permitting and designing the dam

removal through 2010, with possible removal of the Stevens Street and Balmoral dams in 2011.

The Ballardvale dam would be removed later, Ardito said.

Dam removal must be carefully engineered, he said, accounting for changes in water level, sediment buildup and effect on area storm drains, bridges and other infrastructure.

"These dams are in urban areas, and in some cases there are wetlands that are created or modified by the dams. There is a lot of engineering that needs to be done, to create the kinds of habitats we're looking for," said Ardito. "We've done quite a lot of surveying of the river, and determining how things will look when the dams come out."

An open meeting about the dam removal project was held in December 2008, and discussion became heated with some residents in attendance concerned the dams' removal would cause flooding to their homes or reduce the water level to a trickle.

Ardito said neither scenario would occur if the dams are removed.

"The volume of water coming

downstream is not affected by dams," he said. "Yes, certainly the removal of the dams will reduce the depth in some parts, and certainly the width. But this is naturally a pretty shallow river ... Look at the areas between the dams and you get an idea of what it would look like without the dams."

The Shawsheen River flows 25 miles from Concord to Lawrence, where it meets the Merrimack River 30 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

The target species in the dam removal project are herring and shad, said Ardito, and fish that migrate between fresh and salt water to spawn. Herring and shad are ecologically important, he said, because other species of birds and marine wildlife depend on them, and will populate a habitat where they thrive.

"Dam removal improves water quality, stream temperature and leads to a more healthy and diverse ecosystem," said Ardito.

For more information on the Shawsheen dam removal project, including a completed feasibility study, visit www.ecore restoration.org

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Lessons learned as she turns to bread and butter project

Sue Tabb



It's pretty unusual for me to write something that isn't humorous or sarcastic or at least a little irreverent but I find myself in that situation today. I've decided to take a hiatus from my column and so I feel compelled to share with my readers some of the things that I've learned over the past years.

Being a lifestyle columnist is a unique gift. I've had the opportunity to write about hundreds of topics that range from dressing your tween and turning 40 to sibling rivalries and organic woes, and all from my own - some would say twisted - perspective. Having the ability to share my thoughts publicly is part of what fuels me so I don't intend to stay silent for long, just for now.

The reason is simple: There are some other demands that are beckoning and need my attention. Our new family company, the bread and butter project, is taking on a life of its own, which is wonderful and exciting but also quite time consuming. For those of you who are unfamiliar, my daughters Katie and Emma who are now 12 and 10 respectively, decided they wanted to launch an online clothing business to help fight hunger. Of course, they needed adult guidance so it has become a labor of love for this family of four. I won't be giving up writing completely as we are blogging about our experience over the first 365 days. Not a small task!

Anyway, I wanted to first thank all of you who have been following my work for so long. It is so gratifying to know that I have made you laugh or think

or just feel like you are not the only one who hasn't used their gym pass in two years, doesn't believe in allowances or is ready to flush your kid's cell phone down the toilet. Many of us live pretty parallel lives and I've been happy to open the window and let you all see in.

So as I reflect on what I've learned, I can't help but think that many of the lessons have come from you. Your reaction to my work is what it's all about. I've put together a small list of things that I can take away from this experience. It's by no means complete, but it's all I've got at the moment.

I've learned that it's not about the words you write, but the sentiment you convey.

I've learned that if someone reacts to your work - positively or negatively - they are paying attention. And if they pay

attention, you've done your job. I've learned that listening to your audience makes you a better writer.

I've learned that every column, like every story, has an underlying message. That message might be different for every reader but as long as they discover one, you've done your job.

I've learned that my husband and kids are good sports about having our lives be public fodder.

I've learned that my husband and kids are what give me a life in the first place.

I've learned that finding out someone cut your article out and taped it on their fridge is better than any award I could receive.

I've learned that I will never be a perfect mom or a perfect wife but that I am a near

perfect version of me.

So there you have it in a nutshell. Of course everyday life has a tendency of clouding your vision so it's sometimes hard to remember these things. Taking the time to put words to paper does force you to dust them off every once in a while and remember what's important.

We are testing the waters with our new family venture and trying to teach our daughters how to run a sustainable business and give back. We are stepping out of our comfort zone and hoping that this will be a valuable learning experience for all of us. My writing is important but it will always be here. I hope you will too when I return to the page. In the meantime, be well and check in with us at www.breadandbutterproject.com.

Making a difference



Courtesy photo
Despite a driving rain on Saturday, Nov. 14, a group of volunteers managed to remove a bridge along the Merrimack River trail in Andover that had been deemed structurally unsafe. Pictured are, from right, Jeff La Fountain, Eddie Skeirik, David Bunting, Colin Flynn, Melissa Flynn, Holly Peterson and Dan Fionte; not pictured are volunteers Amy Wetterscog, Bob Decelle and Rocky Morrison.

Grant will expand program

Family Service Inc. of Lawrence, has received a grant the Massachusetts Service Alliance to expand its "Big Friends Little Friends" program, which matches to at risk youth in Greater Lawrence with adult mentors. The goal of the Big Friends Little Friends program is to improve performance in school and increase the young person's self-confident and self-esteem. As one mentee,

Nathan said of his mentor, David, "He has changed my life a lot. He is my best friend, he taught me a lot about friendship and whenever I need someone to talk to he is just a phone call away."

"Family Service recognizes that mentoring is the most effective way to improve the lives of at risk youth," says Kay Berthold Frishman, Family Service's Executive Director. "We are so pleased that the Massachusetts Service Alliance recognizes the power of mentoring and that they have chosen to invest in Greater Lawrence."

Family Service, Inc. has operated the Big Friends Little Friends program since 2008, before which time the program operated independently as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lawrence. Individuals interested in becoming a mentor are encouraged to call the Big Friends Little Friends Program Coordinator, Leah Feroce, at 978-327-6640, or email lferoce@familyserviceinc.com.

Volunteers needed for Elder Services

Make a huge difference in the life of an elder in your community. In the spirit of the national effort toward community service for all, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is seeking volunteers to be companions, shoppers, or medical advocates who accompany and assist elders to medical appointments throughout the Merrimack Valley region. Volunteers receive training, flexible schedules, ongoing support and mileage re-imbursment.

Training will be at Elder Services offices, 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, Lawrence.

For more information about dates and times of the trainings, call Eileen Giordano at 978-946-1463 or Gerry Proulx at 978-946-1445.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is celebrating our 35th anniversary. As we continue serving elders, families and caregivers the need for volunteers grows. The programs and services, offered by Elder Services, provides education and in-home resources to elder residents of the Merrimack Valley's 23 cities and towns.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

POKEMON TRADING CARD GAME TOURNAMENT, for kids of all ages. This free-to-play tournament offers kids a chance to socialize and battle, improve their Pokémon deck strategy and earn premier ratings that could result in invitations to future Pokémon TCG tournaments. Batter-UP at 1875 Main St., Tewksbury, hosts, 11 a.m.

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St. John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, with Eric O'Connor and John McKeon, both Class of 2013 from Andover, Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, 72 Spring Street, Danvers, 7:30 p.m., \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; rsantoro@stjohnsprep.org or Alicia Greenwood at agreenwood@stjohnsprep.org, 978-774-1050.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

HOLIDAY PARADE, The Annual Andover Holiday Parade, hosted by the Andover Fire Department, noon. Rain/snow date is Dec. 6. Parade route is Whittier to Elm to Main to Punchedard to Bartlet.

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St. John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 28 listing.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, hosted by The Magic Parties, an organization of women supporting women to bring their gifts and talents into the world, 7-9 p.m., free, donations accepted, Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. Register: <http://www.themagicparties.com/events.html> or info@themagicparties.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

HOLIDAY DECORATING DEMONSTRATION, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., presented by Cindy Mattson of Given-Erwin Florist; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

OPEN SING, of Handel's MESSIAH, 7:30 p.m., Old South United Methodist Church, Reading Center, \$5 donation at the door; www.readingsymphonyorchestra.org.

SHOPPING NIGHT, featuring many vendors, 6-9 p.m., Ashland Farms Assisted Living (Near McDonald's), 700 Chickering Road (Route 125), North Andover.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

LIVE PATRIOTIC CONCERT, 7 p.m., Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, Andover, free but tickets required, stop by the Veterans' Office in Andover Town Hall, Andover Senior Center or mail a self addressed stamped envelope to the Veterans' Office before Nov. 25, limit 6 tickets per request; 978-623-8218.

AUTHOR READING, Anita Diamant, the author of The Red Tent will read from her new book, Day After Night, about four women who were refugees from Nazi Germany. Haunted by memories, the women find salvation in friendship and their shared experience. Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 7 p.m., free; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY FAIR, The Andover Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 30 Whittier Court, proceeds will be used to off-set senior program costs.

SILHOUETTE ARTIST, at Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment, with Jean Comerford of Portraits in Silhouette, \$29 each and takes 10 minutes; for appointments call Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or eclasson@mhl.org.

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE, at Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; great gift ideas; Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or eclasson@mhl.org.

LIVE THEATER, Miracle of 34th Street by

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A photo taken from the Musgrove Building, of one of the first Firefighters Holiday Parades. The parade began in 1955. For more on the parade, see Bill Dalton's column, page 16.

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Better not pout, just a few days till Santa Parade is this Sunday, Nov. 29



Santa Clause waves to the spectators during a previous Andover Firefighters Holiday Parade.

FILE PHOTO

The 54th Annual Andover Firefighters Holiday Parade is coming to town.

Known to many as simply "the Santa parade," the firefighters' event will come through downtown Andover this Sunday, Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. with Santa's appearance marking the end of the parade. The rain/snow date will be the following Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

Participants should meet at noon in the parking lot behind Doherty Middle School.

The parade travels down Whittier Street to Elm Street, Elm Street to Main Street, and Main Street to Punchedard Avenue. The parade co-chairmen are Andover Firefighters Mike Dalton and Todd Collins.

This year's grand marshal is Andover Townsman columnist

and former Andover town moderator and selectman Bill Dalton.

Participants are asked to pass candy by hand to spectators. Throwing candy poses a safety hazard as children might run into the road and path of the parade to retrieve errantly thrown or dropped candy, according to firefighters.

The line up for the parade includes, but is not limited to:

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- VFW Color Guard
- Clan Mcpherson
- AHS Marching Band
- Dance Infusion
- Campbell Highlanders Pipes & Drums
- '60s Invasion
- Brownies and Girl Scouts

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Eric Raimondi, 12, as Tiny Tim, and Bobby Kerrigan as Scrooge, in Pentucket Players production of "Scrooge The Musical" which will conclude its run at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College this weekend with shows on Friday, Nov. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 28. Call 978-521-9259 or see www.pentucketplayers.org for \$40 tickets.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Information thief's story a cautionary tale

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Matching the color of his name, Red, the lead character in a new self-published book by Andover author Eric Lundquist bleeds mystery. The mystery

novel "Red's Query" follows Red from one high-tech escapade to another.

Red is "a covert, government, Internet information thief," according to the author, who said he grappled with the "hot button issues of the digital age" in his

fast-paced book.

The book raises questions about search engine security and about who owns a person's private information.

The story is believable, hopefully leaving readers to be more careful about what they type into their computer. That's just what this Andover writer wants.

"It's amazing what we turn over to Google and Facebook... nobody is paying attention that a company is writing a profile on you," said author Eric Lundquist. "This is a cautionary book for our times."

The longtime town resident is a former newspaper reporter who switched to technical writing for technical journals. He enjoys fiction writing and was disciplined enough to write about 2,500 words each day when he was working on his book.

It's the first published book for Lundquist and another is still on his cellar floor, he said. He enjoyed writing Red's story.

Illegal data brokering is what Red does for some \$25,000 a month - in cash, of course. His story moves furiously between covert assignments. You don't

have to be a techie to enjoy the book. The book is available on Amazon.com and many reviews are positive.

"As someone who is not a geek, I found the story offered fascinating glimpses of the high-tech industry," wrote one reader.

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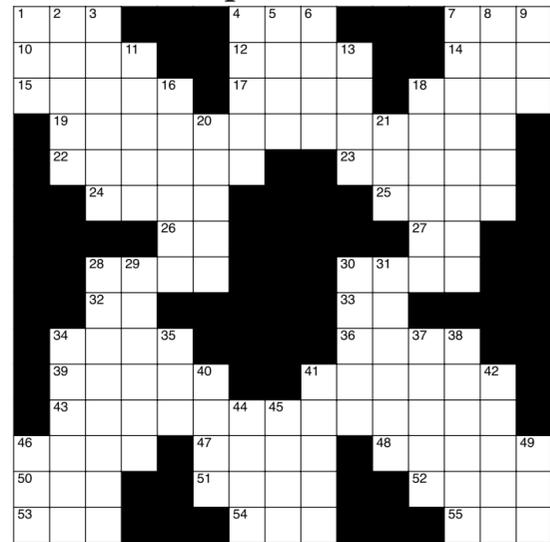
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- 4. Decomposition
- 7. SNL's S___ Meyers
- 10. Data transmission speed measure
- 12. Sayon ___: goodbyes
- 14. ___compoop
- 15. Solo operatic songs
- 17. ___ngeti: Tanzanian plain
- 18. Cautious and shrewd
- 19. Fairytale beginning
- 22. Comely
- 23. More reasonable
- 24. 7th Hindu month
- 25. Sound units
- 26. Atomic #73
- 27. Of I
- 28. Fixed charges
- 30. Cigarfish
- 32. Roman 60
- 33. Jupiter satellite
- 34. Considerateness
- 36. Preserving substance
- 39. Arabian chieftain
- 41. Provides food
- 43. Singer Lady Day
- 46. Large quantities
- 47. Lyric poems
- 48. Ecuadorian money unit
- 50. Wet, spongy land
- 51. Con-tainer weight counterbalance
- 52. Israeli Prime

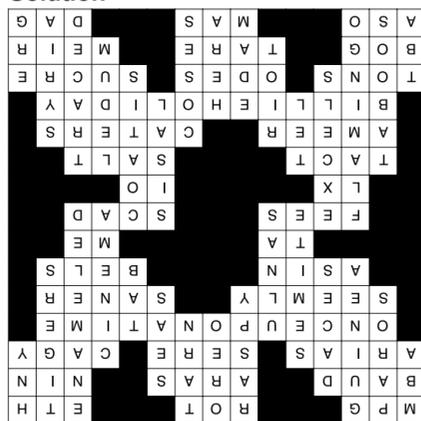
- Minister Golda
- 53. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 54. More (Spanish)
- 55. UN head
- Hammarskjold

CLUES DOWN

- 1. License for Wall Street
- 2. Parikia - island city
- 3. = to 21 shillings (Br.)
- 4. A rough voice
- 5. Chocolate cookie with white filling
- 6. Small lake (Br.)
- 7. Cloisonned
- 8. Big cats
- 9. Honey (abbr.)
- 11. Cyprinid fishes
- 13. Mains
- 16. One who speaks a

- Semitic language
- 18. A film theater
- 20. Arm bones
- 21. A restaurant bill
- 28. Pink plastic yard bird
- 29. Surpasses
- 30. A plant fiber used for making rope
- 31. Coon cat
- 34. Prohibitions
- 35. Cablegram (abbr.)
- 37. Labrador tea
- 38. Followed exactly
- 40. Public violence
- 41. Romaines
- 42. Eastern Mediterranean country
- 44. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 45. Queen of the gods
- 46. Don't know when yet
- 49. Heat unit

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Chamber music, traditional carols offered at free PA concerts

Phillips Academy's music department will offer two free concerts next weekend, Dec. 5 and 6.

On Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society, comprised of faculty and students, will play. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus,

180 Main St., Andover. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible. The program will include movements of chamber music by Arenksy, Schubert, Hummel, Mozart, Perishetti, Donizetti, Schickele, Dring, Beethoven, Debussy, Vivaldi and Dvořák.

The Service of Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue,

presented by the Phillips Academy Chaplaincy and Music Department. The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage at King's College, Cambridge, England, according to the school. Traditional Christmas readings will be heard and familiar Christmas carols from various traditions and cultures will be sung and

played. The service will feature the Fidelio Society and the Academy Chorus under the direction of Christopher Walter, the Handbell Choir under the direction of Patrick Kabanda and the Academy Harp Ensemble under the direction of Emily Lewis.

For further information contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Acting Out!, 7 p.m., North Andover High School Auditorium, \$15, \$20 Reserved, tickets at Ye Olde Pepper Candy Shoppe, 59 Main St., North Andover; 978 208-9132, www.actingouttheater@comcast.net

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St. John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 28 listing.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, The New England Classical Singers, 7:30 pm, Rogers Center of Merrimack College, \$20, \$15 Senior, \$5 student. Tickets available at Andover Bookstore, box office; www.newenglandclassical.org, (978) 474-6090.

RED BOW FAIR, The North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free admission; www.northparish.org.

TOUR OF BALMORAL CONDOS, Andover, noon to 5 p.m., \$20, 12 units on tour along

with participation by the Andover Historical Society and the Shawshen Renaissance Project Committee, renovation of Grand Ballroom included along with works by David Saums, a local photographer who has won numerous awards including the 2009 Best Artist award at Andover's "Art in the Park" event; jmc8108@gmail.com.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Rd, North Andover.

LIVE THEATER, Miracle of 34th Street by Acting Out!, 2 and 7 p.m., see Dec. 4 listing.

HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIOS, noon to 5 p.m., showcasing current exhibit, Winter Lites II, and works by many local artists including Zsuzsanna Taylor Donnell, Ilene Richard, Jack Holmes, Cindie Kazmer and Wilda Gerideau-Squires, all of Andover, Western Ave Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell; www.westernavestudios.com, 978-349-8069.

SILHOUETTE ARTIST, see Dec. 4 listing.

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St.

John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 28 listing.

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; see Dec. 4 listing.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

POLAR EXPRESS RIDE, hosted by Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, departs from and returns to the Anderson Commuter Rail Station, 100 Atlantic Ave., Woburn, departs at noon, 2, 4, 6 p.m., run is about 60 minutes, \$15 per person, children under age one are free; http://www.hallmarkhealthhomecare.org, click the train icon to be directed to online registration. Seating is limited; Janet Perault, (781) 338-7902.

LIVE CONCERT, Reading Civic Concert Band, in a program of symphonic wind music featuring an all-British lineup of composers, 3 p.m., Parker Middle School auditorium, 45 Temple St., Reading, \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, students, under 12 free.

FREE LIVE JAZZ, The Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble, holiday inspired jazz and swing music, made up of Merrimack College students,

faculty and alumni, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College.

IT'S A WONDERFUL BARBERSHOP LIFE!, featuring Region 1 SAI Quartet champions, A Cut Above, with the Merrimack Valley Chorus, 2 p.m., \$12-15, Wilmington Middle School, 25 Carter Lane, Wilmington; 800-928-6151, www.merrimackvalleychorus.org.

LIVE THEATER, "Animal Crackers," by St. John's Preparatory High School of Danvers, 2 p.m., see Nov. 28 listing.

LIVE THEATER, Miracle of 34th Street by Acting Out!, 1 and 6:30 p.m., see Dec. 4 listing.

HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIOS, see Dec. 5 listing.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

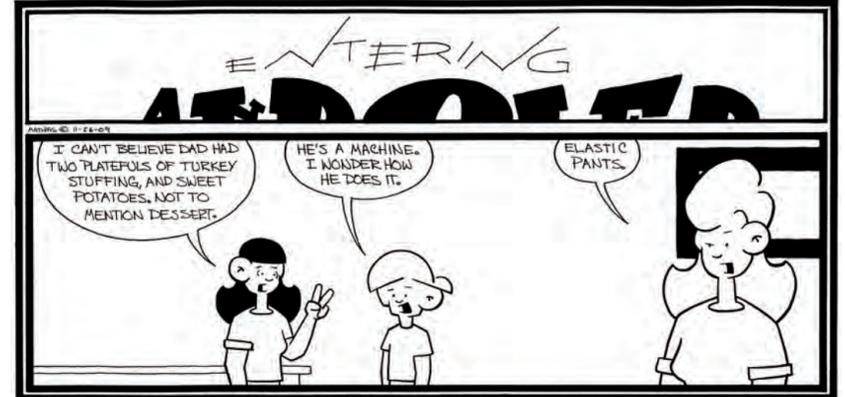
200 YEARS OF PARTY DRESS, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society hosts festive tour of party fashions from 1800 to today, including a parade of vintage and reproduction costumes; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32.

PARADE

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- Uncle Sam's Ragtime Band
- North Andover School of Dance
- ATA Black Belt Academy
- Bektash Calliope
- Andover School of Ballet
- Cub Scout troops
- Andover Center for the Performing Arts
- Aleppo Shriners Mounted Patrol
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Learn the Rules of the Couponing Road



By Jill Cataldo
The Coupon Queen

It's important to understand the rules of couponing. Every store has them – but sometimes, in the busy aisles and checkout lines of a grocery store, it can be difficult to determine what they are. Listen to this reader.

Q: "How should I handle a situation like this? My store frequently has sales in which the ad states "4 boxes of crackers for \$5 – must buy four to receive \$5 total price for all four." This would be fine, but this store will only accept three like coupons for the crackers in the same transaction! Of course, the store never posts its coupon rules. Even if I ask to see the store's policy, the staff will not produce it."

A: It certainly doesn't sound like this store is very friendly to coupon shoppers. Coupon policies exist for both the store's employees and its customers. They spell out all of the rules for coupon usage. They're important tools for any good Super-Couponer to be familiar with.

Most major grocery stores either post a coupon policy on their Web sites or provide a copy for customers to view in-store at the customer service counter. If yours doesn't, call or e-mail the store's corporate office and you can probably get a copy of your own. It is worth contacting the corporate office directly for a policy versus trying to obtain a coupon policy at the store level, especially if the store has been less than cooperative.

So what's in a coupon policy? They often cover a wide range of rules for using coupons. Almost every coupon policy answers the following questions:

- Does the store double (or triple) coupons?
- Does the store accept competitors' coupons?
- Does the store accept Internet-printable coupons?
- Does the store accept expired coupons? (Some do!)
- Can you stack a store and manufacturer coupon together?

Some other topics you may find covered in the coupon policy can include:

- Buy One, Get One Free sales – many stores allow shoppers to use a coupon on each item, even the "free" one.
- Coupons without size limits – a coupon stating it is good on "any deodorant" may be redeemable on a trial or travel size if no specific size is noted.

As for what your store told you about the three like-coupon limit, once you have a copy of the store's coupon policy, take a look and see if what you're being told matches what the store's policy actually states. If it doesn't, take a copy of the policy with you on your next shopping trip and have it on hand the next time you are confronted with a "rule" that is not actually stated in the store's policy. I never advocate being a pushy or aggressive shopper. However, as I've discussed in previous columns, Super-Couponers may be more familiar with a store's coupon policy than some of the cashiers are. It's very difficult for a store to argue with its own corporate policy on coupon use.

If the store does indeed have a three like-coupon limit spelled out in its policy, guess what? You must accept it. That's the other part of knowing the coupon policy well. As shoppers, it's our responsibility to abide by the rules. And while a rule like this may seem strange or odd, if it's in the policy, there's probably a reason for it. In this case, perhaps the store has had an issue with people clearing shelves of popular sale items.

One of my local stores has added a rule limiting the use of printable coupons to one per transaction. Certainly, as a shopper, I've found this annoying. The store's own Web site allows shoppers to print two of each printable coupon! However, if the store had a problem with coupon fraud in the past (photocopying Internet coupons is a common problem) it likely implemented this rule to reduce its exposure to fraud. Knowing the rules helps me plan my shopping trips. I know not to take more than one like printable to this particular store, so my shopping trips go more smoothly. It's also good to show our stores that shoppers are interested in playing by their rules.

Of course, the other side of the equation is that this supermarket's competitor, just down the street, will allow me to use as many printable coupons as I'd like. My decision on where to shop in any particular week is based not only on what's on sale at which store but also on where I'll be able to use the coupons that I have. Yours can be, too.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon-workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your couponing coups and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Andrew Botti of Andover, has been elected chairman of the board of the Smaller Business Association of New England. He is a partner at the Beverly law firm of Colucci Norman LLP.

Wright-Pierce, a New England provider of water, wastewater and infrastructure engineering services, announces that **Joseph G. Witts** has joined the company as senior associate with responsibility for business development. Witts has more than 15 years experience in the municipal arena and facility operations having served as a superintendent and as a municipal sales engineer for an equipment manufacturer. Witts has also served in a leadership role for many industry professional organizations.

He serves as state director and executive committee member of the Massachusetts chapter of the New England Water Environment Association Water Environment Federation, was past president and is now a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association.

Witts is based in the Andover office and will work with the professional staff at each of the firm's nine New England offices as a business development representative.

"Joe is a seasoned, knowledgeable professional in the water and wastewater industry and we look forward to working with him in establishing new clients, and serving our existing clients in the Central and Southern New England region," states William E. Brown, President of Wright-Pierce.

The **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover**, announces that its Web site, NewEnglandMoves.com, was presented the Real Estate Standard of Excellence award by the Web Marketing Association. This is the fifth time that NewEnglandMoves.com has been honored with a WebAward by the Association.

Now in its 13th year, the WebAwards is an annual Web

site award competition that names the best Web sites in 96 industries in 47 countries while setting the standard of excellence for all Web site development. NewEnglandMoves.com, the largest real estate services Web site of its kind in New England, was judged on design, copy writing, innovation, content, interactivity, navigation, and use of technology.

Wright-Pierce was selected for the 2009 Circle of Excellence by PSMJ Resources Inc., the premier management consulting firm for the A/E/C industries. Wright-Pierce has been recognized as a "Top Performing" firm by PSMJ for three of the past four years.

The PSMJ Circle of Excellence is determined by weighting each firm's ranking in the overall PSMJ A/E National Performance Survey with respect to thirteen individual benchmarks. The benchmarks are indicative of performance in the various aspects of business operations and are not determined by firm revenue, profitability, or size.

"The thirteen benchmarks that determine the Circle of Excellence were chosen to reflect that the firm is well-managed, has a strong client base, and is led in a responsible and sustainable manner. PSMJ believes that clients prefer to work with well-run firms because they are more likely to provide superior service and value," stated H.E. Daniels.

"We are proud to be included in the Circle of Excellence for the third time in the past four years," stated William E. Brown, Wright-Pierce President and CEO, "this continued recognition confirms our commitment to provide the highest level of service and value to our clients."

Andover based **RDK Engineers Inc.** was honored at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Small Business of the Year Awards luncheon for winning the Award for Business Excellence. Accepting the award for RDK were Christopher, CEO, and Laura DePalma, CFO. The Award

for Business Excellence honors companies in Greater Boston that have demonstrated exceptional business growth, management innovation, workplace excellence and a commitment to the community. The Chamber chose RDK, named in 2008 as one of Boston's "Best Places to Work," as this year's award recipient for their unwavering commitment to the growth and development of their employees, their innovative building system practices, green solutions, and their environmentally conscience technologies. In addition, RDK was recognized for consistently strong financial performance, achievement in management, and community and social responsibility.

Pamela B. Linzer, RN, MSN, PCCN, infection prevention specialist at Winchester Hospital, and a resident of Andover has received an Rx for Excellence Award from the Massachusetts Medical Law Report.

The 2009 Rx for Excellence awards salute the very best in risk management, patient safety and community involvement. Forty-five honorees were selected this year from across the state by Massachusetts Medical Law Report, a quarterly newspaper for the medical community.

In addition to her work at Winchester Hospital, Linzer regularly visits local schoolchildren to discuss the importance of proper hand hygiene. Most recently, she met with 60 second graders at Muraco Elementary School in Winchester on Oct. 19 to read the story "Germs Make Me Sick!" by Melvin Berger and assist students in conducting an ultraviolet light test to see if they washed their hands well after being exposed to pretend germs.

"I am very proud to be recognized for my efforts to reduce hospital acquired infections," Linzer said. "I'm also extremely fortunate to have such tremendous support for infection prevention efforts and initiatives from Winchester Hospital's leadership and front line staff."



Diana Kiesel, left, co-owner of Yang's Fitness Center; Bridget Shaheen, executive director of Lazarus House Ministries; and Bill Buck, president of the Rotary Club of Andover display the check that will go toward feeding needy families on Thanksgiving.

Yang's, Rotary team to feed 200 families Thanksgiving dinner

Members and staff of Yang's Fitness Center and Martial Arts have raised over \$1,800 to benefit needy families of local organizations at Thanksgiving.

Since 1999, Yang's has teamed up with the Rotary Club of Andover to provide more than 1,900 turkey dinners to families of the Andover Housing Authority, Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Bread and Roses and the Lazarus House Ministries.

"Our goal was to feed over 200 families this year, and we are very pleased to have met and exceeded our goal," Diana Kiesel, co-owner and program director at Yang's, said in a release. "Our

fundraising efforts, along with the generosity of the Andover community, donated non-perishable food items collected in bins that were placed in local businesses by The Rotary Club. This will allow over 200 needy families to enjoy a healthy, bountiful Thanksgiving meal."

Those who missed this year's Thanksgiving fundraiser, also known as the Turkey Brigade, are invited to contact Kiesel at www.YangsFitnessCenter.com for information about how they can participate next year.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Andover, visit www.RotaryAndover.org



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Obituaries

Robert Barry, 56

ARVADA, Colo. — Robert Verheyden “Bob” Barry, 56, of Arvada, passed away of cancer peacefully at his home in Colorado with his beloved family present on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009. Bob was surrounded in love by his wife of 32 years, Linda Fuller Barry, and his sons, Robert W. (fiancee Brandie Pesick), and John P.

The eldest of six, Bob is also survived by his parents, Louise and Wilson Barry; his sister, Marta (Bill) Poleatewich; his brothers, Chris (Linda), Peter and Paul (Debbie) Barry; and his sister, Nancy (Bob) Murphy; 19 nieces and nephews; his uncle, Capt. (USN ret.) Foster Barry; numerous cousins (especially in Holland, his mother’s homeland); his wife’s extended family, and many loving friends.

Bob was born in Hartford, Conn., Jan. 2, 1953, spent his formative years in Princeton, N.J. and Andover, and attended Colby College, Maine, the University of Massachusetts (Amherst),

and the Cambridge Institute of Computer Programming, where he was salutatorian. New career opportunities brought him and his family from New Hampshire to Colorado where he had lived since 1988.

Bob was an avid IT expert, prodigious reader, a 1st Dan black belt in Tae Kwon-Do (USTF) and an outdoor and weaponry enthusiast. His family and friends are blessed to have known this special and unique man who lived life fully and loved completely. His family and friends miss him deeply and he will be forever in their hearts.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Robert Barry Tae Kwon-Do Scholarship through Maestas Tae Kwon-Do (www.maestastkd.com); or to a cancer research center of your choice. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Exeter, corner of Front and Spring Streets, Exeter, N.H. The interment will be immediately after the service.

James A. Curley, 77

WESTFORD — James A. Curley, 77, a 44-year resident of Westford, formerly of North Andover, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at the Westford House, after a long illness.

James was born and raised in North Andover, a son of the late James E. and Margaret (Dineen) Curley.

He was the beloved husband of Sheila (Ingalls) Curley. James was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force, stationed in England while serving in the Korean War and was retired from AVCO Corporation after 33 years, as the Lieutenant of Plant Protection. He enjoyed reading, deep-sea fishing, and was an avid Boston sports fan.

Jim will be missed by his children, James M. Curley, Craig M. Curley, and Kara J. Curley, all of Westford, Sharon Curley and Alan Curley of Florida; two granddaughters, Madeleine

and Emma Curley of Andover; a grandson, Brendan Curley of Littleton; his sister, Kathleen Fritchey of Methuen; daughter-in-law, Gina Curley of Andover; brother-in-law, Chet Ingalls of Westford; and several nieces and nephews. James was predeceased by his sisters, Marion Mammino, Mary Mawson, and Noreen Sweeney.

A special thank you to Andy and the dedicated staff at Genesis Westford House.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no visiting hours. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions in his name to the Westford Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 197, Westford, MA 01886. Funeral director J.A. Healy Son, Westford. 978-692-6502. www.healyfuneral-home.com.

Phyllis M. Jackowski, 96

ANDOVER — Phyllis M. (Les) Jackowski, 96, of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at her home.

The daughter of the late Wojciech and Zofia (Mendys) Les, Phyllis was born on August 13, 1913, in Adams. She was a graduate of St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Adams.

While residing in Adams, she was employed in the Berkshire Fine Spinning Company. After her marriage, she moved to the Greater Lawrence area, residing in Andover for over 50 years.

She was employed as an assembler at Honeywell and at Raytheon Company in Andover, from where she retired. She attended the former Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence. She attended the Andover Senior Center.

The wife of the late William A.

Jackowski, who died in Oct. 20, 1986, she is survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her sisters, Helen Zaremba of Windsor, Ontario, and Josephine Favreau of Adams; and her brothers, Stephen Les, Frederick Les and Edmund Les, all of Adams.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2009 in Holy Rosary Church—Corpus Christi Parish, Essex Street, Lawrence. Burial followed in Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence. Relatives and friends called Monday at the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence (978-686-0386). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, MA 01810.

Marguerite Trachym, 88

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Marguerite “Peggy” (DeRoche) Trachym, 88, of Manchester, N.H., formerly of Andover and Pelham, N.H., died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at her home.

She was born in Lawrence, July 30, 1921.

She was formerly employed at Raytheon. Peggy was formerly a member of St. Augustine Church. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Lawrence and was a volunteer for the New Hampshire Audubon Society.

The widow of Peter S. Trachym, she is survived by one son, Stephen Trachym of Newton, N.H.; one daughter, Cynthia Cameron and her husband Peter of South Dartmouth; three grandchildren,

Andrea Zimon of Norton, John Trachym of Andover and Sarah Trachym of Andover; one brother, Irvin DeRoche and his wife Mildred of Lawrence; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Peggy was the daughter of the late John and Agnes (Pineau) DeRoche. She was mother of the late Anne Trachym and sister of the late Leo DeRoche, Lawrence DeRoche, Eleanor Grady and Mary Cartier.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended a memorial Mass on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. There were no calling hours. Donations in Peggy’s name may be sent to NH Audubon Society, 83 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301. For more information go to www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Frances A. Penta, 93

MOUNT AIRY, Md. — Frances A. (Doherty) Penta, age 93, of Mount Airy, Md., formerly of Winchester, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009.

Beloved wife of the late Michael A. Penta. Loving mother of Michael and his wife Marilyn of Swampscott, Charlene Penta of Mt. Airy, Md., Christopher and his wife Eileen Holzman of Andover, Joseph and his wife Susan of Grand Lake, Colo., and Rosemary Marchese and her husband Joseph of Mt. Airy, Md. Dear sister of the late Mary Pisciotto, Catherine Anderson, and Frances’ twin brother Neil Doherty. Also survived by 10 grandchildren: Laurie Pelletier and Alex Penta of

Swampscott, Sarah Cieto, Joseph and Stephen Penta all of Denver, Jaime, Kerrin and Jillian Marchese of Mt. Airy, Md., and Christopher and Nicolas Penta of Andover. In addition, she is survived by many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: The funeral was from the Costello Funeral Home, 177 Washington St., Winchester, on Friday, Nov. 20, followed by a Mass of Christian burial in St. Mary’s Church, Winchester. Visiting hours were held in the funeral home on Thursday. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frances’ name may be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Mary V. Boland, 89



HAVERHILL — Mary V. Boland, RN, 89, passed away peacefully at Hannah Duston Healthcare Center, Haverhill, on Friday morning,

Nov. 20, 2009, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Haverhill daughter of the late Thomas H. and Mary (Cronin) Boland.

She was a graduate of St. James High School, Haverhill, St. Elizabeth Hospital Nursing School, Brighton and Boston University, during World War II Mary served as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, and was stationed in England and France. Her lifelong career in nursing included various positions at the Polytechnic Hospital in New York City, the Visiting Nurses Association and the West Roxbury Veteran’s Hospital.

Her daily presence will be missed by her sister, Sheila Guard Facella of Methuen; her brothers, James P. Boland and his wife Rose of Bradford, William A. Boland and his wife Maureen of Andover; and brother-in-law, H. William Flanagan of Haverhill. She will also be missed by many

loving nieces and nephews of whom she considered like her own children, as well as many dear friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Katherine V. Flanagan; a brother, Thomas H. Boland and his wife Eleanor, brothers-in-law, J. Edward Guard and John J. Facella.

Mary loved to travel and visit with her family. She was a member of Sacred Hearts Parish, Bradford, and St. John the Baptist, Haverhill. Mary was formerly of 180 Water St., Haverhill, and, in recent years, resided with her nephews, Christopher T. Guard and David F. Maroon in Methuen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended the funeral, Monday at 9:30 a.m., from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Bradford Funeral Home, 210 South Main St., Bradford, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m., in Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Haverhill. Calling hours were at the Bradford Funeral Home on Sunday. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to Allegiance Hospice, 66 Middle St., Lowell, MA 01852, or St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o Sacred Hearts Church, 43 South Chestnut St., Bradford, MA 01835. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Frederick G. Ventura, 72

SEABROOK, N.H. — Frederick George Ventura, age 72, of Seabrook, N.H., formerly of Haverhill and Merritt Island, Fla., died Friday morning, Nov. 20, 2009 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. He was the former husband of Ann (Walsh) Ventura White.

Born in Haverhill, Jan. 30, 1937, he was the son of the late Gennaro and Mary (Eule) Ventura Citrini and had attended Haverhill High School. A proud veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, he served with the United States Air Force from Jan. 10, 1955 until his honorable discharge on Aug. 15, 1967 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Fred worked for the Town of Andover, retiring in 1986 as senior custodian of the East Junior High School in Andover and also worked for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at the Salisbury Reservation.

He was a member of the Victor Emmanuel Lodge of Haverhill; the Haverhill Police Association; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Haverhill and the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island, Florida.

His survivors include his son, Frederick G. Ventura, Jr. and wife Donna of Haverhill; his daughter, Paula Thompson of Levittown, Pa.; five grandchildren, Heather, Sarah and Amber Ventura and Mason and Samantha Thompson; a great-grandson, Cole Thompson; two brothers, Gennaro Ventura and wife Georgia of Haverhill and Florida; and Edward Ventura and wife Ellen of Salem, N.H.; a sister, Theresa Kyle and husband Charles of Seabrook, N.H.; numerous nieces and nephews; his companion, Gwendolyn Edmondson; and many dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters, Jess and Gregory Ventura and Mary Deramo and Donna Debs.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours at Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Home, 334 Main St., Haverhill, were Monday. Funeral services at the funeral home were Tuesday with burial in Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Haverhill. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01720; or American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210.

RELIGION

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center will host its third annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the majestic mansion at 660 Great Pond Road, North Andover. More than 30 vendors on multiple floors of the mansion will sell handmade crafts amongst the festive beauty and tranquility of Rolling Ridge.

Among the many items for sale you’ll find handbags, candles, glass pendants, knit clothing, skin care items, assorted jewelry, fashion scarves, doll clothes, prayer beads and much, much more. Also on this day is a Toy Drive to benefit North Andover and Methuen Family Self-Sufficiency Program: “Breaking the cycle of poverty.” Stop by the Ridge Café for a delicious luncheon by Chef Tobi, and browse the Rolling Ridge Art Gallery while adding some special gifts to your holiday list. The holiday decorations by Natural Designs of Plaistow, N.H. will delight your visit to Rolling Ridge. For further information, call 978-682-8815, or visit www.rollingridge.org.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its next in a series of Professional Networking Open Houses,

geared toward assisting professionals in transition. This month’s guest speaker, Mitchell Schneir, is with RSA, The Security Division of EMC, as a Recruiting Consultant for the Talent Acquisition Team. Mitchell’s topic for the evening will be “How To Prep Yourself For An Interview”. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:30 p.m. There are no fees associated with this program. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggets Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, at noon, the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel will host its Seniors for an Annual Chanukah Party in the temple’s Social Hall. There will be latkes, a gift swap and entertainment. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggets Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a combined kindergarten and grade one Family Service with its monthly “TOT Shabbat” Sabbath service for

toddlers, preschool, and school aged children. The service will be led by Rabbi Goldstein, Cantor Rosensweig and Cantor Idan Irelander, Religious School Music Director. Service will be preceded by a Community Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations are required for Shabbat Dinner. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggets Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m., the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel will host its Annual Children’s Chanukah Party in the temple’s Social Hall. There will be crafts, games, latkes and more – for all ages! The afternoon will include a live concert by Ben Rudnick and Friends. You may bring a gift for the Share The Light gift donations box. The cost is \$5./per person for Sisterhood Members and \$6./per person for Non Sisterhood Members. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggets Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its annual Chanukah

Night of Music with special musical guests, a capella doo wop group, Nu Millennium, from New York City. The temple’s own vocal groups will also perform. The finale will include a Menorah lighting and lightsticks for everyone as we sing “America The Beautiful.” There will be an Oneg Shabbat after the program, which is Free and Open to the Public. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggets Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will host an Adult Deli Dinner and Movie Discussion Night. The featured film, “The Band’s Visit,” follows an Egyptian band that arrives in Israel to play at the Arab Cultural Center, but ends up in a desolate Israeli village. The evening begins with the movie and continues with a provocative discussion and deli supper. The cost is \$15./per person. Your payment is your reservation and must be received by Thursday, Dec. 10. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggets Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Coping with Loss

A bereavement support group will be held at the Dracut Council of Aging, Mammoth Rd., Dracut on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is free and open to the public. All interested individuals must register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working

together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Chronic disease

Chronic disease self-management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood

pressure, lupus, Parkinson’s disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. Call 978-937-6038.

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Down syndrome

“Celebrating Our Special Gifts,” a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the

lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children of all ages are welcome. Call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; www.lymesite.com.

Kathleen Bougioukas, 83



HAVERHILL — Kathleen (Bibilos) Bougioukas, of Haverhill, died after a brief illness, with family members by her side, on Thursday, Nov.

19, 2009. She was 83.

Born in 1926 in Boston, she was the daughter of the late James and Catherine (Mavropoulos) Bibilos.

Kathleen was educated in the Somerville Public Schools, was a graduate of Somerville High School and also the Catherine Gibbs Secretarial School. After her marriage in 1951, she came to Haverhill, where she had been a resident ever since.

For 58 years, she was the beloved wife of James W. Bougioukas of Haverhill; loving mother of Attorney William Bougioukas, North Andover and his wife Linda Sacco Bougioukas, and Attorney Jamie Mauritz

James, Andover and her husband Attorney John A. James, Jr. She is also survived by six grandchildren, who adored and cherished her and were the love of her life. She was the devoted grandmother of Nicholas Mauritz of New York, Timothy Mauritz of Boston, Kaitlyn Mauritz and Caroline James of Andover, Lauren Bougioukas and James W. Bougioukas II of North Andover. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended her funeral Monday from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, followed by a funeral service in the Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Burial was in the Linwood Cemetery. Calling hours were at the funeral home Sunday. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Church of the Holy Apostles, 154-156 Winter St., Haverhill. Arrangements are by the H. L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes Haverhill/Bradford. Condolences to her family and directions may be found at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Catherine McCabe Landers, 85

METHUEN — Mrs. Catherine McCabe Landers, 85, of Methuen, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at her home.

She was born on March 30, 1924 in Lawrence, to the late Bernard and Sabina (Sheridan) McCabe.

Mrs. Landers was educated in the Saint Rita’s Grammar School and was a graduate of Saint Mary’s High School. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service and was a homemaker and caretaker to her family. Catherine was an attendant of Saint Lucy’s Parish in Methuen.

She was an avid reader, a Red Sox fan and loved her dog, Abby. Catherine was devoted to her husband, her children and her grandchildren.

Her family members include her husband of 62 years, Mr. Raymond J. Landers, Sr. of Methuen; her son, R. Jack Landers, Jr. and his wife Jacqueline Landers of Methuen; her daughters, Kathleen Landers Desrochers and her husband Albert J. Desrochers of Winter Springs, Fla., Sharon T.

Landers of Methuen; her brothers, Brian and his wife Mary McCabe of Methuen, Jack and his wife Elaine McCabe of Arizona; grandchildren, Keith and Becky Landers of Dracut, Eric and Karen Landers of Andover, Erin Desrochers of Haverhill, Patrick Desrochers of Winter Springs, Fla.; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was the sister of the late Rosemary Clauson and Bernard McCabe, Jr.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 in Saint Lucy’s Church, Methuen. Burial was private. At the request of the family, there were no visiting hours. Arrangements are by the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For online condolences and other information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Notre Dame High School Scholarship Fund, 207 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01841, Attn: Jane Schawcross, or to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Opinion

Thanks for our special events

Thanksgiving is a time of traditions. It is a time for appreciating the good in our lives. So today we acknowledge those who have given Andover some of its favorite traditions. While Andover is a community that cherishes its history and tradition, it is also a community of innovators. To those people, we say thank you.

Clark Road resident **Bill Pennington** founded Andover's premier Thanksgiving tradition, the Feaster Five road race. For its first several years, the race added more and more features – pies and shirts and a charity component – which has helped attract a greater number of people. While the number of actual runners has not changed much since the first few years, what has increased is the number of families out for a good time together, walking along, maybe hoping to rub elbows with marathon greats Johnny Kelley (1992), Bill Rodgers and Joan Benoit Samuelson (1995), or actor Matt Damon (2004). Today, it is much more than a simple race. It's a community celebration that people use to connect with others and raise money for charity.

The League of Women Voters Community Read Along brightens the days of the children who are read to, and the community leaders who have the opportunity to read. The students see that they – and reading – are important because town leaders come into the classroom to share books with them. The read-along idea was started by former South Elementary Principal **Eileen Woods**, who retired last year, and who still read at multiple schools this year. Woods first held a read-along in 1994, pairing community readers with South classrooms. In 1995, the League of Women Voters picked up the idea, and planned a townwide reading event. **Madhu Sridhar**, then-vice president of the league, started the communitywide effort, according to Stefani Traina Goldshein.

Sanborn Elementary School's Harvest Festival tradition was started by **Mary Guziejka**, a Sanborn Elementary music teacher who learned of an English tradition of youth visiting senior citizens, and brought the idea back to Sanborn. More than three decades later the event is going strong, with the older students at Sanborn Elementary sharing food with homebound seniors and youth and active seniors sharing music with each other.

The **firefighters** who started the Firefighters Holiday Parade in 1955, also known as the Santa parade, deserve praise and thanks as well, for a tradition that rings in the Christmas season. Grandparents who attended the parade as youth can now return with their grandchildren.

Finally, we give thanks to a pair of women who were among those on the Council on Aging who brought back an Andover tradition. For years, Andover Bank offered coffee and doughnuts on Saturday morning, and its lobby became a gathering spot for political and neighborly exchange. That disappeared shortly after the bank was bought, but **Emily Kearns** and **Joanne Deso** have helped return Saturday coffees to the downtown, with a sort of welcome center in Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., also known as the Town House. "Those two people seem to be the spark plugs," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "It turned out to be quite a nice venture."

Happy Thanksgiving to these and all the other innovators who make Andover a special place.

WEB QUESTION

What's your favorite town tradition?

Last week's Townsman Web-site question was, "What qualities do you want in a new superintendent?" Voters were given 14 choices and, with a small number of people replying, only a handful of the options were selected.

Nearly 42.9 percent said, "Success in improving/maintaining high academic performance."

More than 21.4 percent said, "Skill in working with diverse groups."

An equal amount (21.4 percent) said, "Ability to attract and/or lead a high performing administrative team."

About 7.1 percent said,

"Excellent community relations" and "other."

This week's Web question is, "What is your favorite Andover holiday tradition?"

- Feaster Five
- Firefighters Holiday Parade
- Holiday Happenings
- Homecoming football game
- Other

To vote visit www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Longer answers can be sent to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

MAKING MUSIC



Hannah Callaghan plays viola for seniors as part of the Sanborn Elementary School's Harvest Festival.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL DOLAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors, firefighters' response saved home

Editor, Townsman:

On Nov. 12 while my husband and I were attending an event at West Parish Church, our house caught fire. Thankfully two of our alert neighbors noticed the flames; one pounded on all the doors to make certain that no one was sleeping inside; another immediately called 911. The Andover Fire Rescue crew arrived within five minutes we are told. Their quick response and expert handling of the fire contained the flames within an addition of the house thus saving the entire house from destruction. A minimum use of water and quick covering of property kept some precious photos safe from harm.

My husband and I are most grateful to Deputy Chiefs Kevin Connors and Al DelDotto and their crew for their quick response, their expert firefighting skill, and their kind concern. We are also most grateful to our kind neighbors and the many members of the community who have offered support in many ways.

RUBY AND CABOT EASTON
2 Tobey Lane

Shopping local helps you, your community

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Andover residents: I'd like to encourage all residents to become supporters of the 3/50 project. The project has a simple premise, namely to save the brick and mortar businesses our nation is built on.

3 - What three independently owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say hello, pick up something that brings a smile. Your purchases are what keep those businesses around.

50 - If half the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue nationwide. Imagine the positive impact.

68 - For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and nothing comes home. Case in point: the nation's second oldest bookstore, Andover Book Store, which happens to be in our town. Of course, you can go to a big box store, or order from Amazon, but a call to the store will get you the book in a matter of days, even if they don't have it in stock at the moment. Wouldn't you hate to see this wonderful town gem disappear? So support it!

Read more about the project and become a supporter at www.the350project.net.

As a local retailer, I'd like to also urge our residents to switch their thinking from "I can't afford to shop in Andover,"

LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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E-mail: Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

to "I can't afford NOT to shop in Andover." You'll support your own real estate values when you decide to, whenever possible, shop in your own town first. This is important even if, for right now, you are inclined to spend less overall. When shopping locally, you are in essence paying yourself back a portion of your spending. By helping keep local retail alive, you help keep downtown vibrant, and storefronts occupied. That in turn supports the desirability of our town, and our tax base (think school budget). Same theory applies to choosing service providers, contractors, etc.

Finally, I'm very encouraged by, and support the recent trend to spend less on consumables, but to spend (maybe a bit more) on quality and style that is made to last, and to transcend time and fashions. There are many shops and service providers in town where you can make these kinds of choices, and enjoy their personalized service to boot.

MERIT TUKIAINEN
Nutmeg Lane
Owner of Night & Day, 63 Park St.

Washington should listen to Main Street

Editor, Townsman:

It's time to bring the money home. There is a sense, a feeling in the air, that the other shoe is going to drop. Will the housing market revert to the doldrums, will the promise of new jobs be further delayed, will foreclosures continue to increase? Big banks get bailed out, give out lavish bonuses, and Americans continue to lose jobs and their homes. The promise of the stimulus program has gone unfulfilled for most Americans.

Washington needs to listen more to Main Street and less to Wall Street. We need to get back to work. We can repair bridges, build new roads and schools, and refurbish our National Parks. Do we need a few more billionaires or a few more million Americans who can raise their heads proudly, pay their bills, stay in their homes, save for the future, and have a new sense of hope and confidence?

I categorically reject the notion that some financial institutions are too big to fail. I see too many

empty storefronts on Main Street, newspapers flooded with foreclosure notices, and the airwaves and the Internet spouting doom and gloom.

We should follow Paul Volker's recommendation to break up the big banks – remember the Trust Busters of the 1930s? If financial institutions are unwilling to lend funds to small businesses, to entrepreneurs with new ideas, and to families seeking to fulfill their dreams, then it's time for the Federal Reserve to take back the money and redirect it to public or non-governmental agencies whose mission is to support citizens and businesses who want to move forward. It's time to reassess the effectiveness of the private sector in navigating the worst economic downturn since the 1930s.

It's time to bring home the money.

JOHN ZIPETO
14 Canterbury St.

Add to Bancroft, don't spend for whole new building

Editor, Townsman:

Excuse me, there is something in my eye blurring my vision. I thought I saw that the town is thinking of closing one or two schools and building a new one to replace them. Can't be! I need to go see the eye doctor.

In this dismal economy, with townfolk struggling to make ends meet, we are going to take on the long term debt of building a new school? Has it been so long a time that we all forgot what a complete disaster the high school building project was? And what about the school budgets, where vital services and teachers have to be cut because there is not money? But there IS money for a new building?

Isn't there a better way to do this? I am sure that a smart architect and a very modest budget could design a very nice addition to the Bancroft school to make it fully serviceable for the next decade. Let's all try to remember that we are not drunken sailors on shore leave – we need to carefully spend what little money we have.

RICH MICHALIK
7 Hearthstone Place

Helping fight hunger

Editor, Townsman:

A big acknowledgement to the Lawrencians Giving Thanks, the Andover Rotary Club, and all of the other service groups in the Merrimack Valley hosting food drives this season.

I ask everyone who is able, to please help out by participating in food drives or contributing to local food pantries.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas recently hosted a human services forum to hear first-hand how the economic downturn is affecting low-income families in our area. We heard story after story of people turning to food pantries to feed their families. Hunger hurts. Please join me

in helping our food pantries stay stocked this holiday season and throughout the year. Many of our neighbors are counting on us.

Lawrencians Giving Thanks drop off sites for boxed pasta, rice, canned goods, and cereal are Lawrence City Hall, Senior Center and Lawrence Public Library.

Find out how to help one of the many local food pantries helping our neighbors by visiting Essex County Hunger Relief at www.essexcountyhungerrelief.org or the Merrimack Valley Food Bank at www.mvfb.org.

SUE TUCKER
Farwood Drive
State senator

Bookstore called them back to town

Editor, Townsman:

In mid-December 1993 with some snow flurries in the air, my wife and I walked into the Andover Bookstore for the first time. Having just moved to Andover and being tired from unpacking, we needed a respite from mountains of boxes and paper. We were greeted by a warm fire, a charming staff and an excellent selection of thoughtfully-chosen books. With several staff-recommended selections under our arms, we left about an hour later and enjoyed our reading over the rest of the long, cold winter.

Several years later in 1999, we left Andover when I started a company in Atlanta. While living in Georgia, we often recalled many fond memories of Andover and those wonderful times at the Andover Bookstore. I think it was calling us back.

Just over two years ago, we returned to New England and moved back to Andover. To the Bookstore we went, greeted by new faces and old, but embraced by the pleasure of reuniting with a great purveyor of books and memories. We are fortunate to have a great bookstore in town, especially one that has lasted 200 years. Best wishes to the Andover Bookstore on its bicentennial.

ROB CIAMPA
53 Pine St.

Putting the brakes on bike sign

Editor, Townsman:

Last week, Larry Larsen questioned the necessity of a sign meant for a person on a bike located at Chestnut and Main Street. The Massachusetts Highway Department locates these signs at intersections where there are bike lanes. However, at this location there is no defined bike lane and there is no dedicated light for a bike lane. Therefore, the sign should and will come down. Thank you for your observation, Mr. Larsen.

LISA SCHWARZ
Town planner
on behalf of The Main Street Committee

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Track open for exercise during winter

The public is allowed to use the Andover High School track inside the field house starting Monday, Dec. 7 and running through March 5.

The hours for walking are as follows, according to Brian McNally, physical education director:
 ■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m.
 ■ Monday, Wednesday and

Friday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 During school vacations the track will be closed to the public. Parking is behind the field house in the morning and evening.

Town census will be mailed by Dec. 31

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the end of December 2009. Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census during December 2009-January 2010 should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls.

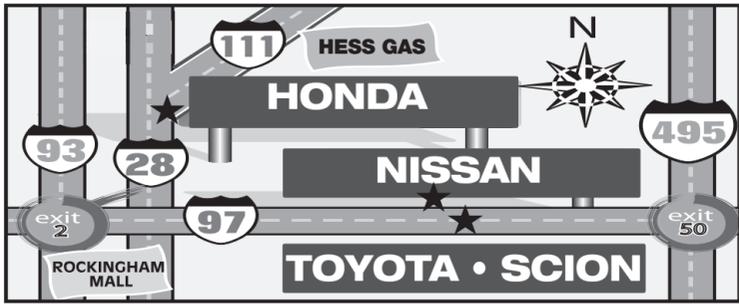
All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law. Non-registered voters are also required to return the annual census. This information is commonly used to verify a person's residency for public school admittance, military benefits, and in-state tuition reductions, according to the town clerk's office.

December health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons and on Monday, Dec. 28, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. No appointment is necessary.



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CHESTNUTS AND COMMUNITY



Bill Sharp and the Mad Bavarian Brass Band entertains as the tree is lighted during the Holiday Happenings in downtown Andover last year.



Free horse-drawn hayrides will return this year, sponsored by Andover businesses.

Holiday Happenings: Special event in downtown Dec. 4

Horse-drawn rides, roasting chestnuts and Christmas carols will fill the downtown Friday, Dec. 4, for Holiday Happenings a community event that temporarily shuts down Main Street for shoppers and is sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association.

Shops will stay open late, holding open houses, and "Holiday Happenings" buttons will be sold for \$10. These buttons will grant the buyer discounts in various stores downtown the night of Holiday Happenings.

For the fourth year, a Christmas tree will be lit downtown, in the cubby area near TD Banknorth at 6:30 p.m.

Main Street will be closed for Holiday Happenings from Punchard Avenue to Elm Square from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be two horse-drawn hay wagons departing from the Olde Andover Village Lot on the south end of the downtown and free rides on these hay wagons from 6 to 9 p.m. About a dozen businesses are paying for these rides.

The Andover Historical Society's carol group will be singing carols on the hay wagons. People also will roast chestnuts in front of the Town House, also known as Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Business Center Association. Phillips Academy student Casey McQuillan will sing in front of the Town House, also called Old Town Hall. For further information, log onto www.andoverbusinesses.org.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held from 9 to noon the next morning, Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Free Christian Church on Elm Street. The event used to be held in Old Town Hall, but was moved last year when the town decided to charge a rental fee. The event serves as a fundraiser for the girls ice hockey team, through pictures of children with Santa.



Santa often makes an appearance at the nighttime event on Friday, and returns to town the next day for Breakfast with Santa.

Andover residents Allecia Dodd-Noble and her younger sister Airis Dodd-Noble waited under the Christmas tree during the Holiday Happenings event in downtown Andover last December.



Andover Chamber Music Series musicians perform in the warm surroundings of South Church at last year's holiday concert.

Candlelit chamber music for Christmas

Andover series offers 'Baroque Big Band' at South Church

Nothing celebrates the warmth of the holidays like the glorious concertos of the Baroque Era performed in the church settings for which they were composed, believes Julie Scolnik, artistic director of the Andover Chamber Music Series.

So the Andover Chamber Music Series and Mistral, its ensemble-in-residence, will usher in December with "The Baroque Big Band," their annual concert of 18th century masterpieces by Vivaldi, Bach and Telemann. There will be a candlelit performance in

Andover on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. at South Church, Central Street.

There is another concert on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Church Congregational, in Cambridge, Mass.

This concert features Vivaldi's most celebrated work, The Four Seasons, perhaps the boldest and most brilliant form of program music in the Baroque Period. These beloved concertos were said to have taken their inspiration from sonnets whose specific accounts of

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Christmas 'Miracle' coming to area

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Acting Out! Theater Company from Lawrence, which is staging a holiday classic, "Miracle on 34th Street."

Its musical version of "Miracle on 34th Street" will run on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1 and 6:30 p.m. at the North Andover High School auditorium. The cost is \$15 for general admission and \$20 for reserved.

"Miracle on 34th Street is a refreshing reminder that children are truly wiser than we think. This is a fantastic family musical that will have kids and adults laughing and cackling as Kris Kringle fights the system. Bring the whole family and find out if there really is a Santa Claus," says a release from the company.

Following last year's production of "Willy Wonka", this is Acting Out! Theater Company's largest show yet with 110 cast members hailing from all over the Merrimack Valley. Andover residents have lead and supporting including Jeremy Moses as Dr. Bartholomew Sawyer, Dan Goldman as District Attorney Mara, Abby Goldman as Hendrikka, Jeff Ashworth as Dr. Pierce, Patrick Kitchen as Tommy Mara, and Ben Gallahue as Tommy Mara.

As a special treat, the North Andover High School Marching Band will join the production as part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade scenes. Both the North Andover High School Marching Band and the Acting Out "Miracle" Float will appear in North Andover's Christmas parade on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Acting Out! Theater Company is a 501c3 non-profit corporation with the mission of providing opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to become involved in theatrical stage productions. Acting Out! also offers a variety of theatrical classes for children and adults. For more information visit www.actinguout.biz.

In addition, Acting Out is collaborating again with the Ye Olde Pepper Candy Shoppe, this time to produce handmdade Kringle Krunch Bars. Five Kringle Krunch Bars contain a special letter from Santa himself inviting the lucky winner to join him on stage at one of the five shows and to tell him the winner's Christmas wish. The winners also receive one free ticket to the show for a guest. Kringle Krunch Bars can be purchased for \$3 at Ye Olde Pepper Candy Shoppe, 59 Main St., North Andover.

For tickets call 978-208-9132 or visit actinguouttheater@comcast.net.



A section of the 50 musicians from the United States Air Force Band of Liberty play for First Lieutenant David A. Alpar, commander and conductor (far right), during last year's Andover performance.



Last December, the United States Air Force Band of Liberty performed a free concert for 400 people at the Collins Center. Resident Maria Dankens and her daughter, Claire, then 3, were among them.

Air Force band offers free concert in town

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty will perform a free Christmas season concert on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road. The Veterans Services Office is hosting the patriotic event. This is a free concert, yet tickets are required. At this time, those interested in attending are asked to stop by the Veterans Services Office on the main floor of Town Offices, 36 Bartlet street to pick up tickets. Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center. There is a limit of six tickets per request. For more information, call the Veterans Services Office at 978-623-8218.

Merrimack hosts free jazz and swing Christmas concert

The Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble will perform a free holiday concert on Dec. 6 that the college says "is sure to get even Scrooge tapping his feet."

The evening of holiday-inspired jazz and swing music, from favorites to the unexpected, is meant to bring out some Christmas cheer. The concert is free and open to the public; donations to benefit Lazarus House in Lawrence will be gratefully accepted, according to the school.

The Jazz Ensemble is made

up of Merrimack College students, faculty and alumni. They have been performing together since 2004 under the direction of Charles Collins. The concert is Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College, near the intersection of Routes 114 and 125 by the Andover and North Andover line. The Rogers Center is handicap accessible.

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Residents will have a chance to purchase hand-crafted items made by Andover seniors at the Holly Jolly Holiday Fair on Friday, Dec. 4.

The event is the only fund raiser of the year for the Andover Senior Center, and all proceeds go into programs, allowing the center to offer forums and specialty programs at very low or no cost, according to Karen Payne-Taylor. The Dec. 4 fair is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, ground floor.

The offerings are expected to include hand-crafted gift items, quilted purses and runners, a variety of seasonal decoration, arrangements, live plants, knitted goods, baked goods and a huge assortment of costume jewelry.

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'A Christmas Carol' returns to Stoneham for theater's 10th year

Stoneham Theatre re-opened its doors with "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 1, 2000 and, in celebration of its 10th season, brings this holiday classic back to its stage. The production will feature Leigh Barrett as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Nigel Gore as Ebenezer Scrooge and Gerard Slattery as the Ghost of Christmas Present.

The Stoneham Theatre production of A Christmas Carol is both adapted and directed by Diego Arciniegas.

"Returning to the original story that opened our doors is a very special experience for me personally and one that makes me reflect on 10 years of live theatre in our beautiful home," Weylin Symes, producing artistic director of Stoneham Theatre, says in a release. "What a perfect story to open our doors with and to revisit once again a story full of redemption and hope and community. I'm proud to bring this heartwarming tale back to our stage and to the extended family that is our audience."

Arciniegas said he hopes to "sift through the text and the tradition surrounding the story to discover how and why this story redefined the holiday season." He'd like the audience to "walk away feeling a little closer to the mind and heart of Charles Dickens, appreciating how this story widened the experience of Christmas from a religious festival to a civic celebration in which everyone could participate."

Stoneham Theatre will celebrate its 10th anniversary before the evening's performance of A Christmas Carol on Dec. 2009.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, a special anniversary cocktail, gifts, and holiday merriment. Ticket price is \$65 per person including performance and is the event is black tie optional. The celebration begins at 6 p.m. followed by the performance at 8 p.m. Subscribers of Stoneham Theatre may exchange their tickets to attend the Anniversary Celebration for an additional \$15 per person.

Stoneham Theatre also offers North Shore Music Theatre Subscribers one free ticket to one first Friday night performance of any of the seven main stage productions in the 2009-10 season, including A Christmas Carol. The first Friday night performance of A Christmas Carol will be on Friday, Nov. 27. Free tickets for North Shore Music Theatre subscribers are available

by calling the Stoneham Theatre Box Office. A Christmas Carol features music directed by Eric Hamel, Choreography by Ilyse Robbins, Costume Design by Toni Elliott, Lighting Design by Franklin Meissner, Scenic Design by Janie Howland, and Sound Design by David Wilson.

A Christmas Carol runs Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 27. Tickets are \$48 or \$44 for adults, and student and senior discounts are available. Stoneham Theatre is located at 395 Main St., Stoneham. For tickets and information, visit or call the Box Office at 781-279-2200, open

Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 6 p.m. or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.



Andover residents in the New England Classical Singers include, in front, from left: Diane Fagan Affleck, Joanna Wagner, Sarah Letsky and Martin Heller; and, in back: Jim Affleck, Bill Donelan, Mandi Edgerly and Meredith Price.

Carols from the Western world

The New England Classical Singers Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College.

The night will feature "Christmas in

the Western World" by William Grant Still, and British, American, German and French carols, followed by an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for

students. Tickets may be purchased at the Andover Bookstore or the box office at the Rogers Center. For more information visit www.newenglandclassical.org or call 978-474-6090.

Multicultural Christmas

The Treble Chorus of New England will present its annual holiday concert, this year called "Let Us Celebrate as One." The group's three choirs all come together to present music celebrating traditions from many different countries. The children will sing, in different languages, traditional songs from this special time of the year.

The concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College,

on the border of Andover and North Andover, at 7 p.m. Tickets for general admission are \$16, and students and seniors pay \$10. For more information, visit www.treblechorus.com.

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the seasons can be heard in every line of music – the lightening and thunder of a spring storm followed by flowery meadows and goat-herds, the happy harvest of autumn, the freezing snowflakes and chattering teeth of winter, accordind to the ACMS.

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This concert is in memory of the late Hart Leavitt, longtime Andover resident, teacher at Phillips Academy, board member emeritus of ACMS and music-lover.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission with a \$10 student rush. For more information call 978-474-6222 or visit www.andoverchambermusic.org.

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Bill Dalton



Years ago, I watched a house fire on Chestnut Street. The second floor of the house was wrapped in swirling smoke, and flames spit out a window. A large ladder bridged a firetruck on the street to an upstairs window. A firefighter ran up the ladder with a hose over his shoulder and disappeared into the smoke. He and the other firefighters saved most of the structure.

The act of running toward danger is unnatural for humans, unless they are protecting loved ones. It takes courage, pure and cold, to voluntarily run toward danger, but this particular incident of running up the ladder and into the smoke was routine for the firefighters. And the incident gave me a simple epiphany, which was this: it is routine for firefighters to risk their lives and take action that is contrary to the natural inclination for self-protection. To run toward danger, toward potential death or serious injury, in order to help a stranger or save a stranger's property takes courage (and training) that very few of us have, besides those in the military and police.

This Sunday the annual "Santa Parade" will be held downtown. The event is emblematic of the Andover firefighters' dedication to the town. They originated the parade, have run it for 54 years, and pay for it from their own pockets, and they do it with little fanfare.

The parade started quietly. On Dec. 1, 1955, an Andover Townsman headline mentioned a scheduled parade. The story said, "...and on Saturday, an interesting Santa Claus parade will be held... It will be led by the All-Girls band and will feature Santa and his reindeer. Included in the line of march will be several floats..."

The next week's Townsman showed a picture of a group smiling youngsters sitting in a fire truck. Four years later, the December 3, 1959 Townsman said that Santa was coming to town aboard a fire truck, and he'd take up headquarters at the Fire Station. The story said that, the year before, 1000 youngsters spoke to Santa and received small gifts. Mentioned also was that the Firemen's Relief Association sponsored the event.

In addition to the parade, just before Christmas, the firefighters kept a "talking mailbox" near the old Fire Station behind the Old Town Hall. Children would call Santa from the mailbox and the fireman on telephone duty would act as Santa while speaking with the kids. Other firemen could watch the kids' joyful reaction from inside the firehouse.

The correct name for the parade originally was, "The Andover Firefighter's Christmas Parade" and that became the "Andover Firefighters Santa Parade." The firefighters don't make a big deal about the name, so it is commonly called the "Santa Parade." Fair enough, things take on their own names, but it seems to me that, when we watch the parade, we should remember who put it together and paid for it.

I'm proud to say that I'm related to three firefighters. I have two nephews on the Andover Fire Department, Bob and Mike Dalton, and my wife's sister, Valerie Roberts, is a firefighter in Long Beach, Calif. My son, Jack, is also a "blue," but in this case a police officer; he's a sergeant with the Durham, N.H. police.

I'm the grand marshal of this year's parade. I greatly appreciate the honor. However, with honesty I have to

Town gearing up for holiday season

Gingerbread construction

The Andover Department of Community Services has openings in its Dec. 2 Gingerbread House Workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Middle School cafeteria.

Organizers report "We will nibble while we decorate your own individual winter wonderland using graham crackers, frosting, gumdrops, and a variety of other sweet treats." Children ages 4-10 need to be accompanied by an adult. This workshop will be supervised by DCS staffers Meg Batcheller and Lisa Guerin. Cost is \$20 per child. Register online at www.andoverma.gov/dcs and scroll down to code No. 337, call

978-623-8277, or visit the Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.

Garden Club workshop on wreath decorating

Residents can also prepare for the holidays by decorating a fresh evergreen wreath on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. The Andover Garden Club will provide wreaths, a selection of decorative materials and ribbons to stimulate creativity - or people can bring favorites that match their home décor.

"Several design experts will be on hand to provide advice and guidance. You will take home a beautiful creation to hang in or outside your home," said a release from the club.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. People are asked to sign up by Nov. 27 so club can determine how many wreaths to provide. Contact Judy Wright at 978-337-7942 or wrightspaces@comcast.net

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from

AGC membership chairman Anne Feeney (978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net).

North Pole Calling

For the fifth year Andover will have a hotline to Santa, offering children ages 3 and older an opportunity to speak directly with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Santa can give a special holiday greeting, recognize a positive behavior, or send a special message.

The service is offered by Andover Department of Community Services and Enterprise Bank.

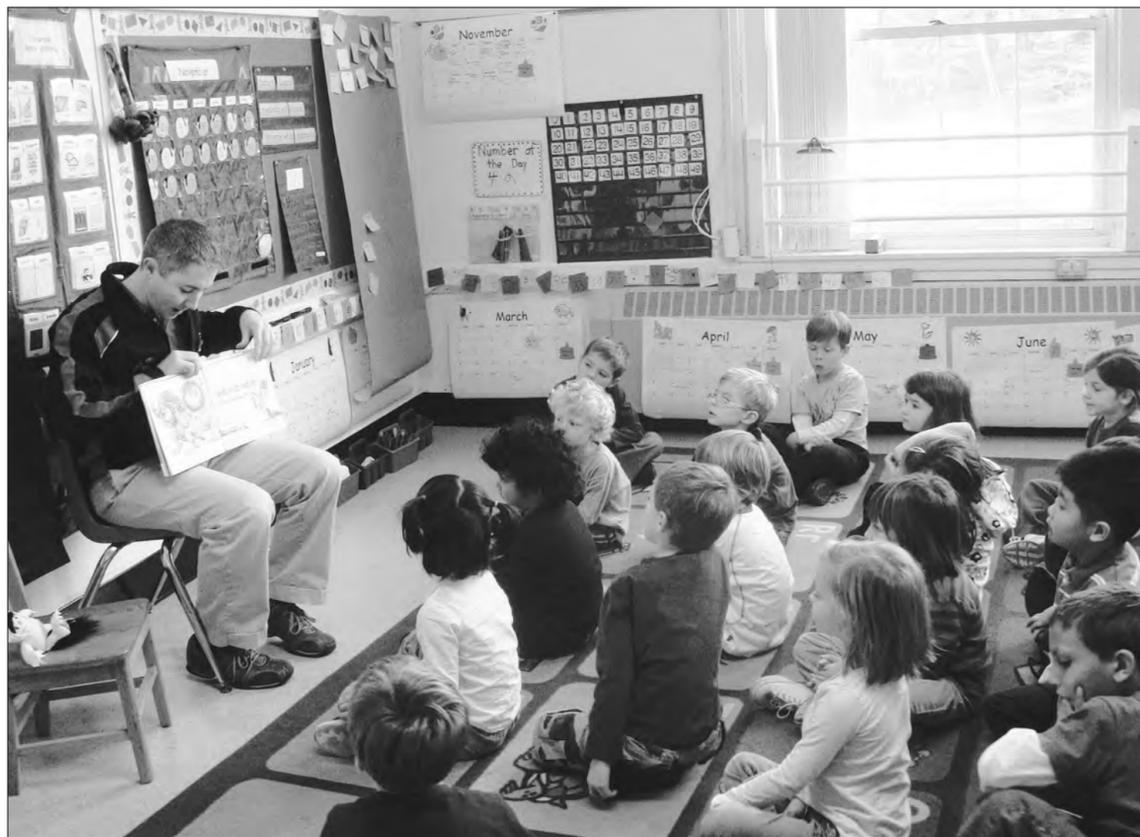
Santa will be available to call children on Thursday, December 10 to give a personal hello to the kids between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A brief conversation is

planned, and older or younger children in the household can also say a quick hello.

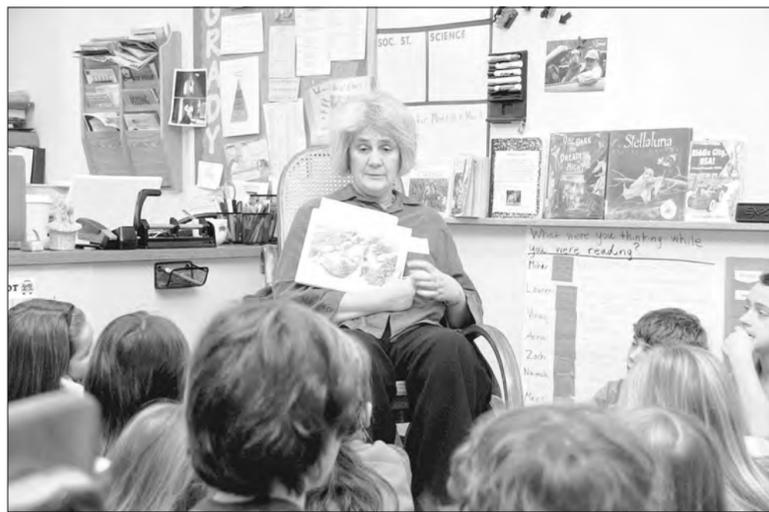
One hundred children spoke to Santa Claus last year. A special North Pole registration form is available on the DCS web site at www.andoverma.gov/dcs. Register by Wednesday, Dec. 9, accompanied by a nominal fee of \$5 per family. DCS staff elves suggest that the child's name, grade, school and any special remarks, sports, academic progress reports, be included on this registration form. For those with caller ID, please be aware that Enterprise Bank has donated the hotline telephones for Santa to use.

Contact DCS at 978-623-8277 or visit DCS at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. for more information.

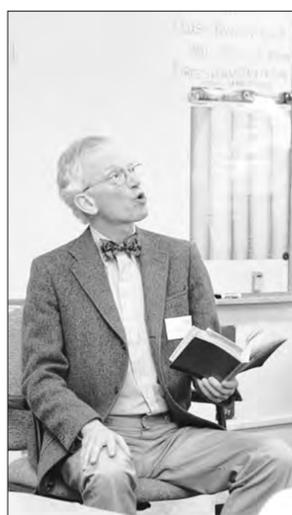
SHARING STORIES



Dan Reilly, swim team coach at the YMCA, reads to Krista Galligani's kindergarten class at Shawsheen School during the Community Read Along.



Andover resident Nancy Jeton, a former Pike parent, reads to students at the private school.



Andover resident Tony Dyer, a former Pike English teacher, was among 16 visitors who read to Lower and Middle School classes at Pike on Nov. 18.



Jonathan Harris, Andover High principal reads to Kate Gerry's second grade class at the Shawsheen School.

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The annual Thanksgiving Union Service was held yesterday afternoon in the South Church. Owing to the storm the attendance was not large, but those present listened to an interesting sermon by Reverend Frederic Palmer on the relations of religion and the community.

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Gayton Reynold of Salem N.H. was a Thanksgiving guest at the home of his sister Mrs. Joseph W. Poor in Frye Village.

Miss Edith Johnson, Punchard '09 and now a member of the first year class at Mt. Holyoke has returned home for a few days.

"Townsman Reader" wants to know the origin and exact meaning of the word "dude." An Andover educator says it signifies a man of caricature. In other words, a man who has more broadcloth than brains. Dudes are a new specimen here in Andover.

75 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1934

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., gave a very interesting and worthwhile talk on "Preservation of Peace" at the meeting of the November club on Monday afternoon. He proved a speaker having a very pleasing manner of presentation on his subject matter.

A Special Town Meeting on school construction at the Punchard High School building is now a probability. The building group has contemplated reducing the size of the gym and the stage and changing specifications on materials to meet the appropriation voted by Town Meeting. A special meeting would be asked to provide more money to meet the cost of the larger construction. The gymnasium will be smaller, but the basketball court regular high school size. Folding doors will remain, allowing a crowd of 1200 to attend town meetings.

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WEDDINGS



Carrie Rainen and Kyle M. Rys

Carrie B. Rainen, daughter of Shelly and Edward Rainen of Andover, married Kyle M. Rys, of Andover, formerly of Paramus, N.J., son of Sharon and Harvey Rys, of Paramus, N.J., on Aug. 30, 2009 at Church Landing Resort, in Meredith, N.H. Cantor Donn Rosenzweig of Temple Emanuel in Andover officiated.

The bride and groom's attendants included matron of honor Abbey O'Connor of Philadelphia, Pa.; and bridesmaids Marguerite Reardon Madden of Andover, Jessica Leiken of Liverpool, N.Y., and Tiffany Kosloy of Sherman Oaks, Calif. Best man was Scott Rys

of Paramus, N.J. Groomsmen were Aaron Goldstein of Liverpool, N.Y., Brandon Corbett, Arlington, Va. and David S. Rainen of Andover.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Andover High School, a 2003 graduate of American University and 2006 graduate of New England School of Law. She is a practicing attorney at Rainen Law Office, P.C.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of American University. He is the office manager at Rainen Law Office, P.C.

The couple honeymooned for two weeks in the Greek Isles and Venice. They reside in Andover.



Valerie Shaw and Mathew Previte

Valerie and Mathew Previte were married Sept. 19, 2009 at Wonalancet Chapel in Tamworth, N.H., where the Rev. Thomas Cleveland officiated the double ring ceremony. A reception followed at The Darbyfield Inn, Albany, N.H.

The bride was given in marriage by her son Robert Taylor. The best man was Eric Previte brother of the groom, and ushers were Ahmed Theeb, and Yousef Theeb.

The bride is the daughter of

Frederick and Carolyn Shaw of North Reading. She is a graduate of North Reading High School.

The groom is the son of Steven and Joan Previte of Reading. He is a graduate of St. Johns Prep and Boston College.

The couple are currently employed at Century 21 Spindler and O'Neil and are co-owners of Ace Home Medics.

After a honeymoon to The Grand Canyon, the couple live in Andover.



Kathleen Kendrick and Aron Bellorado

Kathleen Kendrick and Aron Bellorado were married Sept. 12, 2009 at St. Roberts in Andover. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Conway. The reception took place at the Hellenic Center in Ipswich.

The bride is the daughter of Wanda Payant of Leyden and David Kendrick of Colrain, and step-daughter to James Payant of Leyden. She is a graduate of Mohawk Trail Regional High School, class of 1997, and received a bachelor's degree in biology from Western New England College in 2001. In 2004, she graduated from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a masters degree in biological sciences. She is the EVM technology development program manager for Pfizer in Andover.

The groom is the son of Christine Bellorado of Tewksbury, and John Bellorado of Winchendon. He graduated from Andover High School, class of 1998, and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Massachusetts Lowell in 2002. In 2003, he

graduated from Harvard University with a master of science in engineering. He is employed as a software engineer at Verivue in Westford.

The matron of honor was Wanda Payant, mother of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Elizabeth Bigelow, Janelle Checkett, Janice Shaw, Lori Innes and Ariel Woods. The flower girl was the bride's niece, Madison Kendrick.

The best man was Blake McCauley, best friend of the groom and fellow graduate of Andover High School, and the groomsmen were Michael DenHartog, Jason Bellorado, Damon Bellorado, Michael Gilman and David Kendrick. The ring bearer was the groom's nephew, Vincent Bellorado.

The bride's veil and the flower girl's dress were made by the mother of the bride. The couple released butterflies as part of a native American tradition.

The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Maui, and on the big island of Hawaii. They reside in Chelmsford.

BoomerVenture winter program

BoomerVenture, a group of programs geared to Baby Boomers, is beginning a new series of classes, now offered on three afternoons per week. Call to register: 978-623-8321.

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DALTON: Parade praise

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say that they – all of Andover's firefighters, past and present – are the real grand marshals. They truly deserve the honor. They help us sleep at night. They protect us, and they are good at it.

In any event, the Santa Parade is the firefighters' holiday present to the townspeople

of Andover and, especially, to its kids.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be reached at bill-dalton@andovertownie.com

Medical Connection
by Bill Daly, M.D.

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"Mono" is a common viral illness that occurs most commonly in adolescents and young adults. It usually causes a high fever, severe sore throat, swollen glands and tonsils, weakness and fatigue. It is diagnosed by history and physical examination, plus blood tests to indicate the presence of Mono and exclude other possible causes of your symptoms such as hepatitis and others. If severe abdominal pain occurs, it might indicate rupture of the spleen which is a life-threatening emergency.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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Liquor licenses for the sale of hard liquor are going to cost more. The Selectmen have set a \$250 annual fee for package stores and drug stores as compared to the current \$100.

The Don Cossack Chorus often called the "Singing Horsemen of the Steppes" returns to Andover tonight at George Washington Hall.

The local police court on Monday presented a scene not usual in Andover: two young men, not the type that are described as habitual inebriates faced Judge Stone after having spent a night in the lockup for having indulged in a brawl in the alley near the Musgrove building. To protect the public interest the selectmen should immediately forbid the sale of liquors on Sunday. They have this authority and they should exercise it.

Phillips Academy will receive \$3000.00 as a school fund under the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Lottle S. Hanes of Malden.

The Andover Spa at Elm Street advertised free delivery of frozen pudding, butter pecan and maple walnut ice creams for Thanksgiving dinner. Also available were home made candies, fruits, nuts, figs and dates.

50 Years Ago
Nov. 25, 1959

Rapid Progress has been made toward integrating New England telephone exchanges with nationwide Direct

Distance Dialing System. As a result, telephone calls may now be dialed from this community by one- and two-party telephones to more than 700 principal cities and towns.

"Shop Andover" Gift certificates are now available for the Christmas season at the following locations: Andover Book Store, Co-Op Super Market, Andover Gift House, Billings Jewelers, The Dame Shop, Elander and Swanton, John Grecoe, W.R. Hill Hardware, F.A. Hiscox, Mary Ann's Card and Yarn Shop, Michael Jay's, Murray's Gulf, Johnny's Super Market, McCartney's, Phinney's, Reinhold's Shoe, Sutherland's, Jonathan Swift, Kenneth Thompson, The Toggery Shop, Valentine Flowers, and F.W. Woolworth's.

Advertisement: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Route 28 Howard Johnson's includes roast stuffed turkey with giblet gravy, mashed potatoes or glaze sweet potatoes, buttered squash, pearl onion, sweet mixed pickles, freshly baked rolls and butter, hearts of lettuce, French dressing, old fashioned pumpkin, mince or apple pie with cheese or English plum pudding, mixed nuts, tokay grapes, and coffee, tea or orange drink - for \$2.50.

For the second year the All Girl Band won first place in the school band classification at the Santa Claus parade in Lawrence.

Eric Bryden contributed to this column.

Rain can't stop cycling Scouts

Ballardvale Boy Scouts spent a recent weekend covering 25 miles and two states on their bikes. Their special weekend also included a visit from the Andover Police, ice cream and lots of rain.

To kick off the weekend, Andover Officer Dan Devine visited the troop with his bicycle. He gave a talk on safety followed by a question-and-answer period that ranged from rules of the road to the use of bicycles in police work, according to the troop.

Saturday, the Scouts started in Ayer, and followed the Nashua River Rail Trail to Route 111, in Nashua, N.H. The trail follows the old railroad line of what was the Hollis branch of the Boston and Maine Corp. The line saw use from 1848 to 1982. The paved trail from Ayer to Dunstable opened in 2002 and is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

After having lunch, the Scouts pedaled back down the trail, stopping in Pepperell, at Charlotte's Cozy Kitchen. "There they



showed the Scout leaders and other patrons that no amount of rain and wind can dampen a boy's enthusiasm for ice cream," according to Craig Milligan.

The Scouts returned to Ayer and spent the night at Camp

Split Rock, Nashua Valley Council, BSA, in Ashburnham. At the camp they enjoyed a supper of roast beef and vegetables with an apple caramel crisp for dessert. The meal was cooked outside in Dutch ovens.

Troop 76 is part of the North Essex District, Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America. It meets Friday nights at 7 p.m. in Shaw Hall at the Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover.

Crafts fair kicks off holiday events at Andover Senior Center

Below is a list of activities arranged by the Andover Senior Center, at 30 Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. Call for information: 978-623-8321.

Holiday Crafts Fair: Mark your calendar now for the Holly Jolly Holiday Fair on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Homemade baked goods, gift items, holiday crafts, knit goods, quilted bags, floral arrangements, live plants and more will be available.

Holiday Special Men's Breakfast: Friday, Dec. 4 at 8:30 a.m. \$4 men and

\$2 women. Ladies. This is your only chance to join the men's breakfast as they feast on a special holiday breakfast and enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" by our own Sunrise Singers. Then stop in our Holiday Fair when the festivities are over. Reservations required this one always sells out so call early.

Outdoor Adventures for Women: Tuesday Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Difficulty Level 4. Join us for a beautiful hike along the Shawshen River from Horn Bridge to the Ballardvale Dam. The

woodlands and the river combine for beautiful viewing as we hike 4-5 miles along a trail that includes hills and a narrow path along the river. Hiking boots are needed due to probable wet or icy conditions. If you have canoed or kayaked along the river, it is fun to see it from the river banks. Carpool from the Senior Center leaving promptly at 9 a.m. and return for lunch at the Senior Center about 11:30 a.m. RSVP requested.

Registration began Nov. 16 for Winter term: Aerobics, strength training, tap dancing, Tai chi beginner and intermediate and more call or drop by for information, mark your calendar and check our website for offerings. www.andoverseniorcenter.org. Reiki Therapy: Nov. 30 and Dec.

11, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.: Holistic approach to healing, widely accepted as a complement to modern medicine. \$20 introductory appointment, \$30 subsequent appointments. Appointment required.

Tax Talk: Friday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m.: Plan now for 2009 taxes. Find out about changes to current tax laws and what you need to prepare before 2010. Free. Pre-registration appreciated. Light refreshments.

Quilting: Dec. 14, 1 p.m. Informational meeting to prepare for Jan. 8 beginner's quilting class. Must be able to use a sewing machine. You will learn the steps necessary to complete your own quilting project from a 20 year veteran quilter. \$35 for 6 week class and materials at your cost.

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Education

December is a crucial month for applying to college

AHS counselors advise tackling applications in small chunks

By ERIC BRYDEN
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

The month of December is a popular favorite, with holiday spirit and the return of wintry weather. But December means something else for seniors, including those at Andover High School: it's crunch time in the college admissions process.

The process is known to create a busy and often stressful start to students' senior year. So what exactly does this process consist of? For most, it begins with researching different colleges, and learning about their majors and programs. Next, students may use multiple resources, such as college websites or guide manuals, to determine what colleges they might realistically be accepted into. Many will visit schools to "get a good feel" for the campus and the community, enabling them to discern if they would want to live there for the next four years.

However, the application process is usually the most daunting step. Most schools ask students to fill out a common application, in which they elaborate on general personal information. The common application also demands the personal essay, a writing piece in which a student is given perhaps 1,000 words to explain who they are, and what they can bring to the campus. Additionally, many schools require students to submit supplemental essays on various topics. Schools will almost always require students to receive written recommendations from previous teachers. It is the student's task to give these teachers the necessary materials in order to write and send their recommendations. Most schools still require testing (SATs or ACTs), and students will have to take these four-hour standardized tests, and have their scores sent.

This is clearly a lengthy process, and high school guidance counselors are typically at the helm of aiding seniors. Mike Marcoux, and Peggy Cain, the two most senior guidance counselors at the high school, say this process has changed over the years.

Mr. Marcoux has been in the guidance department for 27 years, and Ms. Cain is a close second with 26 years. During that time there have been "enormous changes," says Cain. Marcoux and Cain agreed that students have "branched out" and are now look at colleges outside of New England. Acceptance rates have lowered as the "competition has become more intense."

"We are at the peak," said Cain, talking about the growing numbers of students who apply.

Early applying is more prevalent and while seniors used to have an average of four to five months to organize their applications, early deadlines can limit that to six to eight weeks following the start

of senior year. Seniors are applying to more schools in past years, with eight to ten being the average, said Marcoux and Cain. Additionally, the economy has affected the number of applicants applying to state funded colleges and universities. Marcoux said that students who in years past might have applied to "all private schools" will now apply to both private and public universities.

Cain said that testing is one of the major stressors of the process. The SATs and ACTs put pressure on students, and students are encouraged to take them multiple times. However, Cain remarked that less emphasis is being put on testing as colleges are aware that "test preparation can create inequities." Marcoux said that the common application essay can be stressful because "fewer schools do interviews, and the essay takes full reign over [conveying] who a student is."

Both counselors agreed that the most common dilemma students face during the process is making the decision about where to apply. Marcoux said that the decisions are "more up to students now," with parents and counselors playing less of a role.

"I can't tell a kid where to go," said Marcoux. "It's his or her decision."

Many seniors are not only handling the college process, but are also working on a rigorous course-load. Cain suggested that seniors should "ask for help when they need it," but believes that "every student can do it." Those entering the process are advised to start earlier, and to know their schedules to balance these months.

Marcoux said that the process is best done in "small chunks." He suggests people work hard on one portion of an application, take a break, and continue.

Marcoux and Cain strongly contend that the majority of "outcomes are good. Colleges are a fit and will turn out very well." Every year, both are visited by college freshman who have nothing but fantastic things to say about the school they are attending. Both want seniors to remember that a college's main priority is to build their freshman class. With that in mind, Cain wanted students to realize that "admissions are not a measure of who you are." Receiving a rejection letter "does not mean that you weren't qualified," she emphasized. Marcoux and Cain firmly agreed that there are many excellent schools, and that one can even "pick eight top choices" and be satisfied with any outcome.

"December can be an emotional month," said Cain. "There are lots of people who are more than willing to help."

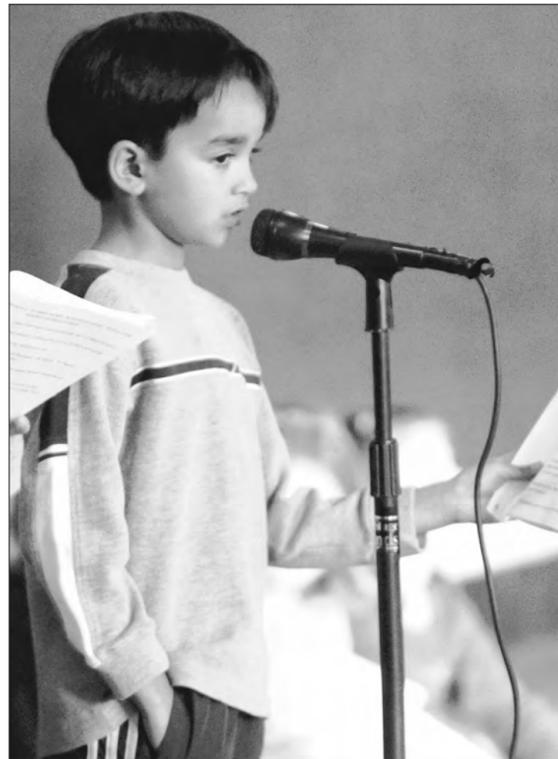
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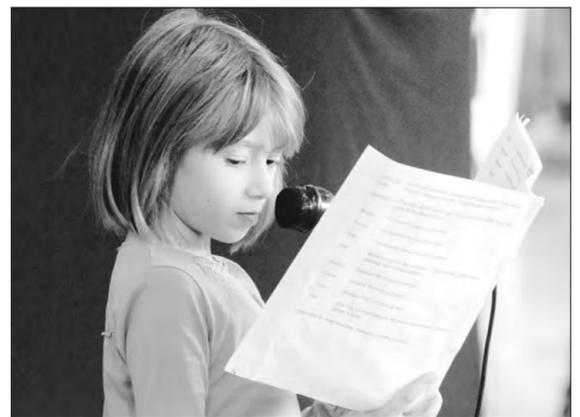
Shawsheen School students watch the Puppet Masters perform a Thanksgiving Day show. The student group was lead by Reading Specialist Sharon Faulkner and performed for the first time for the entire school.



Cameron Frary, a second-grader at the Shawsheen School, was a student narrator for the Shawsheen Puppet Masters show.



Shawsheen School Puppet Masters performed a Thanksgiving Day show.



Second-grader Sofia Armstrong was another of the students who helped narrate the Shawsheen Puppet Masters show.

Life on a bike – no matter what the weather

From Germany

Michael Kaluzny



After spending two months in Germany, I am now surprised when I step into a car. For the most part, I have used my bicycle and

public transportation to get from point A to point B.

Over the past few months I have developed an intense love-hate relationship with my bicycle. Riding in the perpetual rain is miserable. On the way to school you get soaked. After sitting, dripping wet in class for five hours, you finally dry off a little bit. But, by that time, it is time to make the trek back home. No matter how well I encase myself in rain gear, I still manage to get wet.

On the other hand, the convenience, independence and low cost is liberating. Unlike in the U.S., I don't have to continuously step in a car, bum a ride or pay for gas. Here, school, home, the train station and the center of town are all within a one-mile radius.

There is such a rooted dependence on the bicycle in my area. Every morning on my way to school the streets are clogged with hundreds of students and workers on their way to their daily commitments. They weave in and out of traffic, pedestrians and each other, on assorted two-wheeled contraptions. Bicycles are real players in the daily traffic flow. Therefore, third-graders complete a bicycle safety course and even earn a bicycle license. Luckily, I didn't have to take that course.

There are a remarkable number of rules regarding bike riding. For example, at night, dawn and dusk you have to ride with

front and rear lights. Furthermore, if you break any traffic rule while riding a bike, the police have the authority to take away your automobile drivers license. It's easy to tell who has a license: the people who don't sprint to try and slide in under the gate at the railroad crossings.

It is important to note that many people do live in more isolated areas of the countryside. However, these small villages tend to be served by at least one regular bus route, so it is possible to be completely independent of the automobile. Luckily, my town, though not a village, is part of the greater Hannover transportation authority. In town we have a train station and an extensive bus system. In terms of short distance travel, driving just doesn't make sense. Everything that one could need in terms of stores, restaurants, school or movie theaters is either a bike, bus or train ride away.

Luckily, train passes for

students are not terribly expensive. As a student, for slightly less than 20 euro a month I can use all services of the transportation authority after 2 p.m., on weekends and holidays. So far I would say I have received more than my money's worth. Twice a week I take the train into the city for a language course and I spend time on the weekends in the city with friends. It takes either 20 or 30 minutes depending on the train to get to the Hauptbahnhof (central station) in Hannover. From there, you can travel to pretty much any corner of Germany and Europe.

Overall, I have loved the freedom and mobility that the transportation system affords. Though honestly, on some of those really wet and dreary days, I wish I could just jump in the car.

Michael Kaluzny is an Andover resident living as a student in Germany. He is submitting periodic columns about his experience there.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools, Nov.30 to Dec. 4

Elementary schools

Monday: Chicken tenders, dinner roll, fresh veggies, french toast, fresh berries, turkey bacon, fresh fruit, applesauce cake and juice.

Tuesday: Crunchy fish sticks, dinner roll, mini pancakes, turkey bacon, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, roasted potatoes, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger deluxe, pretzels, macaroni and cheese, bread stick, bagel and string cheese, roasted squash with cinnamon and nutmeg, apple crisp and topping and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Ravioli, sauce, garlic flat bread, turkey pinwheel, carrot sticks, taco salad, peach salsa, flat bread, garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, manager's choice, pasta salad, veggies and dip and fresh fruit.

Middle schools

Monday: Chicken tenders, dinner roll, fresh veggies, french toast, fresh berries, turkey bacon, fresh fruit, applesauce cake and juice.

Tuesday: Buffalo chicken, broccoli-and-cheese calzone, american chop suey, garlic bread, garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Hummus, tabouli, pretzels, carrot sticks, bacon cheeseburger, rib-a-q on a roll, baked beans, burger toppers, chilled peaches.

Thursday: Cheese or pepperoni mini pizza, Italian sub, manager's choice, broccoli, carrot sticks with dip, italian macaroni salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Turkey pot pie, dinner roll, grilled chese panini, chips, teriyaki chicken, dinner roll, whipped potatoes, hot veggie and fruit cup.

Andover High School

Monday: Chicken tenders, rice pilaf, dinner roll, steamed veggies, bacon burger deluxe, pastrami on a bulky roll, chese panini and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken wing bar with assorted dips, french fries, cole slaw, breadstick, monte cristo, steak and chese taco roll up and fruit cup.

Wednesday: Pasta bar with eggplant parmesan, meatballs, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, grilled teriyaki chicken, pulled pork, grilled hotdog and fruit.

Thursday: Turkey pie, biscuit, seasoned carrots, meatball sub, eggplant parmesan sub, manager's choice and jello with topping.

Friday: Belgian waffles with blueberries and topping, ham steak, fish sandwich, steak and cheese, grilled lemon pepper chicken on a bulky roll and chilled peaches with whipped cream.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100-percent juice, low-fat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Accept this perfect Invitation to explore poetry

By MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

When choosing books to review, I often gravitate toward flashy covers, catchy titles and adventurous plotlines. Even when I browse a bookstore for my own pleasure, I am inexplicably drawn to the fast paced offerings of the bestseller shelves. It was therefore with great hesitance that I recently reached for this long-forgotten anthology, one of those books that was purchased with every intention of reading, but had given way to different novels of the moment.

"An Invitation to Poetry," edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz is anthology of poetry unlike any I have before encountered. Not organized by time period, or geography, the poems in this book are tied together by one common thread: they have all been enjoyed and cherished. Preceding every entry is a quotation from a "normal" poetry reader: Pamela, a

research historian from Maryland; Sister Maria Christina Sanchez Escobar from New York; Jason Wolfe, a student from Colorado. Many great and familiar classics take on new meaning when accompanied by these personal narratives. While most people have at some point read William Shakespeare's Sonnet 73 (That time of year thou mayest in me behold), Christine McDonnell, a 53-year-old teacher from Brookline, brings a personal and touching reflection on the poem, and what it has meant to her, from her high-school years to her time spent with her cancer-stricken husband. For every Christine McDonnell,

there is also a Rick Pernod, who writes about "I Knew A Woman" by Theodore Roethke: "Ahhh...Sly, sexy, metaphysical, funky, satirical, beautiful." Indeed, the strength of An Invitation to Poetry lies in its immense scope. Just as the people introducing each poem vary drastically, so do the poems themselves, ranging from the likes of William Shakespeare and John Milton to e.e. cummings and Sylvia Plath. I reminisced through old favorites brought to light again, like Margaret Walker's "For My People"; reveled in discovering new poems written by familiar authors, like "I carry your heart with me..." by e.e.

cummings; and found many a new poem and author to love, from the 14th century Ikkyu to the much more modern Philip Larkin.

I would give "An Invitation to Poetry" a 10 out of 10. For the poetry novices, Invitation offers a delectable taste of the joys and raw emotion that poetry has to offer, through the words themselves and through the perspective of the many voices present. For the connoisseur, this book is a tasteful amalgam of traditional and modern, the much loved words of the greats coupled with fresh viewpoints. For those in between, like myself, Invitation is a chance to slow down the pace of reading, and life, for a bit, savoring the familiar and the new in this balanced anthology. This book certainly lives up to its name, a welcoming and captivating book and an invitation that I certainly encourage all to accept.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy.

Counting blessings

Ken Seifert



In the 1950s a singer by the name of Eddie Fisher sang a popular song. The first few lines were "when I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep. And I go to sleep counting my blessings." I can tell

you it works.

It is now Thanksgiving 2009. I am worried. We have a Congress that is out of touch with reality and the American citizens. We have an economy that has some stormy seas ahead. We have terrorists all over the place. Enough of that! It is time to count my blessings. Here are just a few:

I am in my 70s. Growing old is a privilege not granted to everyone. I am thankful for my parents who gave me the best they had. It was more than I deserved. My six brothers and sisters taught me much. I am blessed with a wife, who for almost 50 years has been my greatest source of strength and more importantly my best friend and advisor. We are blessed with wonderful children. They married wisely, have great spouses and have children of their own. We have seen the beginning of a new generation. Our daughter Karen is a special exception. She is well taken care of.

For 40 years we have lived in a fine community. Our children had a full childhood and received a good education. My job was as a superintendent of schools. I worked with some of the finest people in the field of public service and education. It put more than bread on

our table. We live in the same house. It is filled with wonderful memories. It is a safe neighborhood and the neighbors and their children are a blessing to us. They call me "Mr. Ken."

When Brendan and Megan, our oldest grandchildren, 13 and 14, look me in the eye and say "I love you, Grandpa," I believe them. I am thankful for the Internet and the telephone. Although Kim and JM live in Africa with Nico and Olivia, ages 2 and 1, we use the technology to narrow the distance. It is as if we live in the same house and yet are thousands of miles apart. Kurt and Alana presented us with a bundle of joy, Vivian Adeline. They live in Virginia. Viv is six months old and every time we visit and hold her she gives us a big smile.

I can still fish the rivers and streams of New England. I can still manage my 3000 square foot garden and she the bounty. This summer my garden was not too good. I try to hit a straight golf ball with some tolerant friends. I am not very successful. We have a nucleus of friends who are true friends. In all these years, I have had at least one meal a day.

This Thanksgiving our oldest son, Kevin, his wife Mary Jo, Brendan and Megan have invited us to spend this joyful day with them in Concord, Mass. Mary Jo's family from Syracuse, will be there. When we give thanks I will be thinking of the quote from Lou Gehrig, a New York Yankee ball player in the 1930s. His circumstance was different from mine but the feeling is the same. "Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth." I have always had more blessings than worries. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and a former superintendent of schools here.

ON CAMPUS

Dustin Topp of Andover received a bachelor of arts degree in communication at New England College in Henniker, N.H., on Saturday, May 16.

New England College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution.

In September, more than 1,300 undergraduate students from 41 different states and 38 nations began their first year at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville.

Among them are students from Andover:

Emma Goldstein, Class of 2013.
Allison Katz, Class of 2013.
Caitlin Peterman, Class of 2013.

"Drawn from 15,041 candidates for admission, the 1,313 members of the

Class of 2013 are an exciting collection of academic and personal achievement," said Lee Coffin, dean of undergraduate admissions.



Emily B. Blech

St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., has welcomed Emily B. Blech of Andover as a member of the class of 2013.

Each first-year student will participate in St. Lawrence University's First-Year Program, an introduction to the liberal arts curriculum taught in residence halls by faculty teams. Clear writing and speaking skills are

stressed, and careful advising is provided for all students.

Some 580 first-year students, including students from 21 foreign countries and 23 U.S. states, have joined the St. Lawrence student body. St. Lawrence is the oldest continuously degree-granting coeducational college in New York State.

Blech graduated from Andover High School.

Ten undergraduate Babson students were selected to receive \$2,500 scholarships from the Charles C. Ely Trust, totaling \$25,000, for the 2009-10 academic year.

The students were nominated by Babson's Student Financial Services office on the basis of academic merit, character, leadership abilities, and financial need. All 10 nominees were selected to receive the scholarship. Andover student James Spang was among the ten students nominated.

Babson College has announced Andover residents Katherine Nichols, a senior and John Chartier, a sophomore have qualified for the spring semester dean's list, which recognizes outstanding student scholarship.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,603 students in September. Students from Andover that received degrees were Curtis M. Cronin, master's degree in computer information systems and Hallie A. Martin, bachelor's degree in anthropology.

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Andover

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	Pts
John Hennessy	11	6	72
Jimmy Johnson	6	2	38
Nick Enxing	5	2	32*
Brian Miller	5	2	32
Christopher McConnell	5	0	30

RUSHING YARDAGE

PLAYER	ATT.	YDS	AVG.
Nick Enxing	80	671	8.4*
John Hennessy	86	520	6.0
Nick Price	33	226	6.8

PASSING YARDAGE

PLAYER	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	TDS
John Hennessy	102	200	1,571	16

RECEIVING YARDAGE

PLAYER	ATT.	YDS	AVG.	TDS
Jimmy Johnson	31	536	17.3	5
Christopher McConnell	20	423	21.2	5
Brian Miller	29	388	13.4	5

* - Out for season with knee injury

Central Catholic

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	Pts.
Andrew Ouellette	10	4	64
Zack Lattrell	7	0	42
Cam Walsh	0	28	28
Trae Musumarra	4	0	24

PASSING YARDAGE

PLAYER	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	TDS
Andrew Ouellette	36	79	474	3

RUSHING YARDAGE

PLAYER	ATT.	YDS	AVG.
Andrew Ouellette	143	981	6.9
Zack Lattrell	65	366	5.6
Tommy Lacroix	52	352	6.8

RECEIVING YARDAGE

PLAYER	ATT.	YDS	AVG.	TDS
Dylan Smith	4	128	32.0	
Jaycob Morales	7	92	13.1	1

ROAD TO THANKSGIVING

ANDOVER (6-4)

Sept. 11	Andover 27	North Andover 21
Sept. 17	Gloucester 40	Andover 21
Sept. 26	Andover 47	Tewksbury 34
Oct. 2	Andover 34	Haverhill 6
Oct. 9	Andover 28	Lawrence 0
Oct. 16	Andover 28	Chelmsford 21
Oct. 23	Methuen 14	Andover 7
Oct. 30	Dracut 47	Andover 22
Nov. 6	Billerica 35	Andover 14
Nov. 13	Andover 34	Lowell 16

CENTRAL CATHOLIC (7-3)

Sept. 11	Marlboro 14	Central 0
Sept. 17	Central 15	St. John's Prep 14
Sept. 25	Central 25	Dracut 21
Oct. 3	Central 36	Tewksbury 16
Oct. 9	Central 45	Haverhill 14
Oct. 16	Central 21	Lowell 0
Oct. 23	Central 21	Lawrence 7
Oct. 30	Central 24	Chelmsford 14
Nov. 6	Methuen 16	Central 12
Nov. 13	Billerica 34	Central 6

THROUGH THE YEARS

Here's a look back at Andover's Thanksgiving rivalry with Central Catholic

Year	Winner	Score
2008	Andover	26-17
2007	Andover	10-7
2006	Andover	18-10
2005	Central Catholic	22-6
2004	Andover	22-13
2003	Central Catholic	21-13
2002	Central Catholic	42-7
2001	Andover	24-12
2000	Central Catholic	28-8
1999	Central Catholic	30-6
1998	Central Catholic	36-18
1997	Central Catholic	42-8
1996	Andover	9-0
1995	Central Catholic	14-8
1994	Central Catholic	28-14
1993	Central Catholic	28-6
1992	Central Catholic	35-28
1991	Central Catholic	17-16
1990	Andover	14-0
1989	Central Catholic	16-14
1988	Central Catholic	27-14
1987	Central Catholic	7-0
1986	Andover	14-6
1985	Didn't play due to snow	
1984	Central Catholic	13-6
1983	Andover	16-15
1982	Central Catholic	12-7
1981	Central Catholic	12-7
1980	Andover	25-0
1979	Andover	47-22
1978	Andover	27-20
1977	Andover	27-20
1976	Andover	27-6
1975	Tie	6-6
1974	Andover	14-7
1973	Andover	21-14
1972	Andover	21-0

Overall: Central leads the Thanksgiving series 18-17

Andover's fiery Clancy leads Andover into Thanksgiving matchup

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

A look at Andover junior Connor Clancy's football helmet shows the wear and tear of a brutal year on the gridiron. It's plastic shell severely scarred by deep gashes on the forehead, both from continuous contact with opponents, and the occasional heave to the turf out of frustration.

"I love getting into the game," said Clancy. "I hate when my teammates aren't into the game. I love getting people motivated. It's a great way to express emotions."

Known for his soft-spoken, courteous manner off the field, the Golden Warriors' starting center and National Honor Society member has become recognized on the field as much for his crushing blocks and spot-on snaps as he is for his extreme passion — from screaming at the top of his lungs in anger to literally jumping with joy — both in the game and on the sidelines.

"Everyone comments on it, especially the parents that know me as a quiet kid that respects adults," Clancy said with a laugh. "But (defensive coordinator) Derrick Beasley always tells us, 'It's time to turn on the switch.' That's what I do. I turn on the switch."

The two-year starter will help lead Andover onto the Veterans Memorial Stadium turf in Lawrence, as the Golden Warriors look to earn their fourth straight victory over Central Catholic on Thanksgiving Day.

Clancy quickly learned to flip that switch in youth football, even if it was to the concern of his mother.

"I started playing football in the sixth grade," he said. "My mom didn't want me to because she thought I'd get hurt. But I convinced her. The first day, they told me to go try out center, and I loved it right away."

He not only fell in love with center, he also found a knack for the position. And last season as a sophomore, at just a 15-years-old and 180 pounds, Clancy earned the job as the starting varsity center. Despite his youth and lack of size, he quickly won the respect of his older linemates.

"It was pretty scary as a sophomore," he said. "But as I went along it got a lot easier. People learned to listen to me. As an underclassman on the offensive line you always take a lot of crap, but most of the time I'm right, and they learned that."

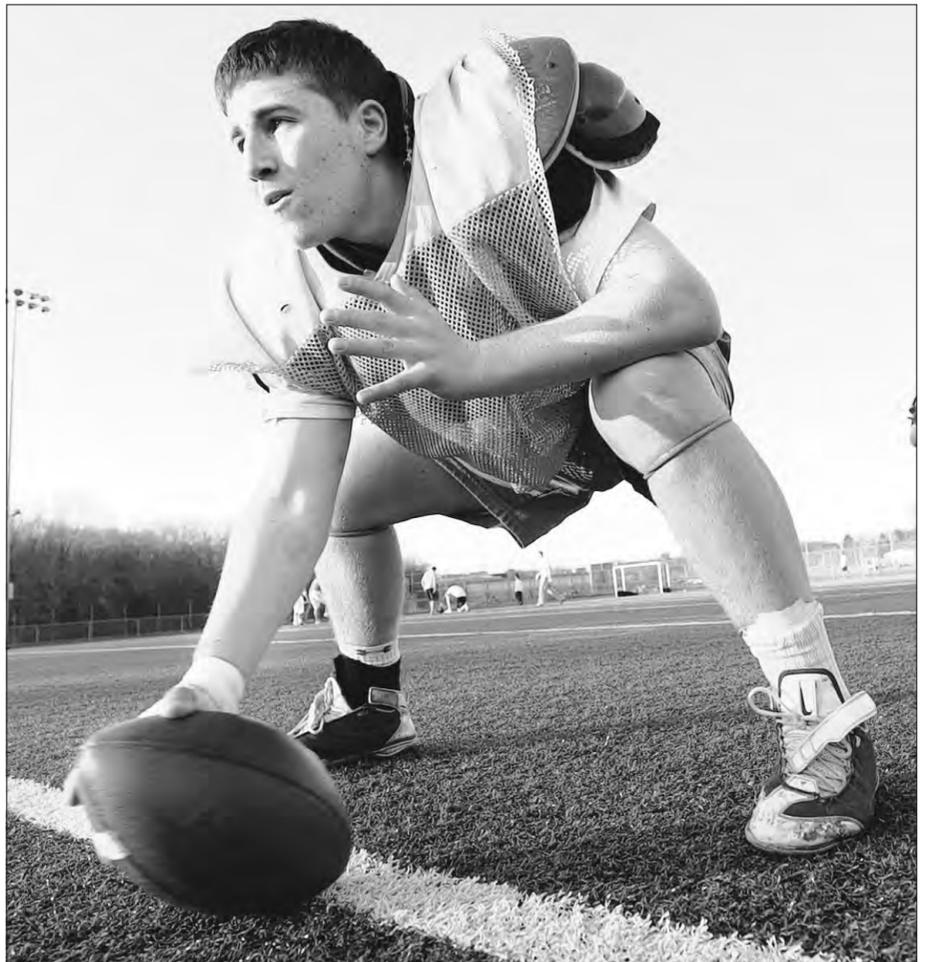
After an offseason of weight training, Clancy is now an anchor on the offensive line at 6-foot, 225 pounds. But it is his brain — which has earned him acceptance into the National Honor Society — that has proven a key to the position often called the quarterback of the offensive line.

"I take a lot of pride in making all of the calls at the line," he said. "Stuff like telling people where to go and making sure everyone knows where they have to be. Offense is different from defense. You have to play under control. You play with emotion, but it is a controlled emotion."

Clancy also faces the challenging task of beginning every play by snapping the football to the quarterback, a job more difficult since Andover runs nearly every play out of the shotgun.

But, in approximately 459 snaps this season, Clancy has not sent a single errant ball back to quarterback John Hennessy.

"Shotgun is hard," he said. "Especially when you



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover center Connor Clancy focuses as he prepares to snap a football during practice. Known for his intense persona on the field and quiet personality away from it, Clancy is a force on the offensive line for the Golden Warriors.

have a defensive player head up on you looking down your throat. You have to snap the ball and get a hit on the player at the same time. That's not an easy thing. I had two or three bad snaps last year, but I'm working on none this season. Hennessy and I worked a lot in the offseason."

His approach has impressed Andover interim head coach John Rex, who Clancy recently gave a breakdown of every rushing play Central Catholic has run this season.

"He gives great effort at the physical part of the game and works hard at the mental part," said Rex. "I never have to worry about a snap with him, which is especially important when you're working out of the shotgun. He's a throwback."

In recent weeks, Clancy has seen time on defense, recording a tackle against Lowell. But it is his work as the motivator — always the first to rush out to check on an injured player, scold a quiet sideline or provide words of encouragement for a struggling teammate — that are still his signature.

"My friends always joke with me," said

Clancy. "They say, 'You're so nice off the field, what happens to you when you're on the field?' I just love football."

From futbol to football

Football was not the sport of Clancy's youth. It was, instead, soccer. His father Paul was an All-Scholastic on the pitch in high school. But the younger Clancy eventually found his heart on the gridiron.

"He was crushed the day I told him, 'I don't want to play soccer anymore, I want to play football,'" said Connor. "But he loves seeing me play and I got him into the sport. He loves football now."

Andover Little League Baseball 2010 Registration



Little League is available to girls and boys who will be between the ages of 6 and 18 on April 30, 2010

Registration for the Spring 2010 Little League season will take place at **South Church in Andover, MA** in Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times:
Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 9:00 AM to Noon

If this is your child's first year in Andover Little League, please bring a copy of his or her birth certificate as this is required in order to register. Registration and additional information are also available online.

Additional information and registration is also available online at www.andoverlitleleague.com

Registrations received **after February 15, 2010** will be assessed a **\$35.00 late fee.**

Mandatory Tryouts/Evaluations for the Major, Junior, and Senior Leagues will take place in March 2010. Dates and times are posted on the website.

ANDOVER VS. CENTRAL CATHOLIC STARTING LINEUPS

Andover

OFFENSE

POS.	PLAYER	YEAR	HGT.	WGT.
QB	John Hennessy	Sr.	5-10	180
RB	Brian Martin	Sr.	5-10	170
WR	Christopher McConnell	Sr.	5-8	175
WR	Christian Lightner	Sr.	5-10	160
WR	Jimmy Johnson	Sr.	6-0	190
TE	Brian Miller	Jr.	6-4	220
T	Kris Riemer	Sr.	6-4	235
G	Tim Duffy	Sr.	6-0	235
C	Connor Clancy	Jr.	6-0	225
G	Nick Burdeau	Sr.	6-0	240
T	Lyle Baker	Jr.	6-2	225

KEY RESERVES

FB	Jake Lebowitz	Sr.	5-11	230
RB	Nick Price	Soph.	5-8	155
WR	Kerrick Stevens	Sr.	5-10	155

DEFENSE

POS.	PLAYER	YEAR	HGT.	WGT.
DL	Jake Lebowitz	Sr.	5-11	230
DL	Peter Theodorou	Sr.	5-11	230
DL	Kris Riemer	Sr.	6-4	235
DL	Lyle Baker	Jr.	6-2	225
LB	Craig Hornung	Sr.	6-0	190
LB	Jimmy Johnson	Sr.	6-0	190
LB	Will Keller	Jr.	6-0	170
LB	Brian Miller	Jr.	6-4	220
LB	Will Clark	Soph.	5-6	165
DB	John Hennessy	Sr.	5-10	180
DB	Christian Lightner	Sr.	5-10	160
DB	Nick Price	Soph.	5-8	155

KEY RESERVES

DL	Nick Burdeau	Sr.	6-0	240
LB	Alex Fortune	Sr.	5-10	190

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS.	PLAYER	YEAR	HGT.	WGT.
K	Kerrick Stevens	Sr.	5-10	155
P	Craig Hornung	Sr.	6-0	190

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OFFENSE

POS.	PLAYER	YEAR	HGT.	WGT.
QB	Andrew Ouellette	Sr.	6-2	170
RB	Zack Lattrell	Sr.	6-0	205
RB	Trae Musumarra	Jr.	5-11	190
WR	Nick Imprescia	Sr.	5-8	145
WR	Chris Berganti	r.	6-2	195
TE	Jaycob Morales	Jr.	6-0	180
OT	Pat Driscoll	Sr.	6-1	275
OT	Pat Rooney	Sr.	6-4	220
OG	Shawn Fournier	Jr.	6-1	240
OG	Zach Borrelli	Sr.	6-1	196
C	Brendan Hopkinson	Jr.	6-2	225

KEY RESERVES

WR	Ryan Sullivan	Jr.	5-0	140
WR	Xavier Peralta	Jr.	5-10	140
WR	Dylan Smith	Sr.	6-0	155

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POS.	PLAYER	YEAR	HGT.	WGT.
NG	Cal Beneze	Sr.	5-8	180
DT	Pat Driscoll	Sr.	6-1	275
DT	Pat Rooney	Sr.	6-4	220
OLB	Jaycob Morales	Jr.	6-0	180
OLB	Trae Musumarra	Jr.	5-11	190
ILB	Zack Lattrell	Sr.	6-0	205
ILB	Zach Borrelli	Sr.	6-1	196
CB	Zach Bardwell	Jr.	6-0	155
CB	Xavier Peralta	Jr.	5-10	140
S	Andrew Ouellette	Sr.	6-2	170
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Looking for a win



Star sophomore Rachel Moore and Andover compete for the Division 1 state swimming championship on Saturday at MIT.

A cheer for cancer awareness



The Andover Junior Football League "Pink" Panther cheerleaders went pink the month of October. The girls, led by Brianna Rockwell, raised over \$600 for breast cancer research by collecting money and selling pink socks to AJFL fans. Pictured are Kara Krekorian, Jessica Barry, Danielle Marcotte, Abby Marcou, Skylar Ralson, Kileigh Patrick, Ally Gilkie, Brianna Rockwell, Caroline Healy, Maddie Baptiste, Lilly Tavares and Sophie Chingris. Missing Panthers: Hannah Ameen, Aexia Smith, Amanda Muzzy, Abby Kobelski.

Let's talk turkey!

In the next few days America's favorite bird will become Thanksgiving dinner.

Turkey is served on Thanksgiving Day in about 95 percent of American homes. Americans will eat about 45 million turkeys that day.

Here are some fun turkey facts to share with your family:

Turkeys originated in Central and North America. Turkeys have been around for over 10 million years.

Wild turkeys can fly up to about 55 miles per hour for a short distance. They also run up to 25 miles per hour on the ground.

Most farm-raised (domesticated) turkeys cannot fly when they are grown because they get too fat. Baby turkeys are called poults (chicks). They can't fly for the first two weeks after hatching.

Full-grown turkeys have about 3,500 feathers.

Female turkeys are called hens. Hens make a clucking noise.

Male turkeys are called toms. Toms make a gobbling sound. Toms gobble in the fall and spring. Wild toms gobble when they hear a loud sound or settle in for the night.

Wild turkeys spend the night in trees. They fly to their roosts around sunset. Farm-raised turkeys do not roost in trees.

North Carolina produces 61 million turkeys each year. Minnesota and Arkansas are number two and three in turkey production.

The fleshy growth that hangs down over the beak on the male turkeys is called the snood.

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GLOUCESTER, 11/14/09. Canon Digital Camera. Small, Brown, w/ Wrist strap. Reward. 978-879-4458

LOST 9/15/09 gold necklace w/ diamond in round gold setting. Market Baskets in Danvers & Rowley. Very Sentimental. (978) 887-7015.

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LOST: Brown suede purse, Wed. Nov. 11. Carriage Towne Plaza, Kingston, heirlom enclosed. Reward! (603) 793-3008.

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Holiday pie-making is a tradition at West Elementary School. Leah Cormier and other students set a new record by making 170 pies in 40 minutes this year, according to the school.

TOWN TALK

Hall named for Jim Doherty

Andover's first Town Meeting hall is now named in honor of longtime Town Meeting moderator Jim Doherty.

Selectmen on Monday named the hall upstairs at Old Town Hall the "James D. Doherty Town Meeting Hall." The hall was the site of the first Town Meeting after present day Andover and North Andover split into two communities, said Selectman Brian Major.

— Neil Fater

Still cheering for men in red

It's been 20 years since a fire roared through a home on Temple Place where a 3-week-old baby girl lay sleeping.

Andover firefighters arrived in time to

save that baby and her frantic mother, Linda McNeil, from the second floor while putting out the flames on Nov. 21, 1989. McNeil will never forget that day.

She has spent the years since that fire cheering for Andover's firefighters. The little girl they saved, Sarah Pearson, is now 20 and studying accounting at Northern Essex Community College.

McNeil, who now lives in on Lucerne Drive, brought a cake, words of support and newspaper accounts of the 1989 rescue to an impromptu fire anniversary party last Saturday at the Public Safety Center.

"They saved my baby and I just think they are the best human beings," she said. "I will continue to honor them."

— Judy Wakefield

Steps almost done

The new steps leading to the auditorium at Doherty Middle School are just about done. The construction project has taken several months, but it will finally wrap up during the next two weeks, said Joe Piatedosi, director of Plant & Facilities.

Workers still are waiting for the railings. While the auditorium has been called Veterans Memorial Auditorium by some, Piatedosi said it will now go by its real name, the Andover Memorial Building. Town records show a Special Town Meeting on Dec. 11, 1932, gave the site that name. Piatedosi said town Veterans Services Director Michael Burke notified him about the proper name.

— Judy Wakefield

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