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From left, Deborah Hartmant, Margaret Stevens and Barbara McGovern practice a circus tune with the group The Rhythm-Aires at the senior center. The group is a tambourine music group that performs at different events throughout the town.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

## Rhythm-Aires creating big, funny shoes to fill

Senior performing group brings hilarity to routines

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

It's 10 a.m. on a Monday, and brass band music blares from a boom box in the Andover Senior Center cafeteria. Seated in a half-circle of chairs, a group of women strike tambourines in beat to "Stars and Stripes Forever," moving their arms and legs in choreographed unison. "Lean right, now up," calls the group's leader, Linda Kirk, striking her own tambourine against her knees. Group members hum along with the

music, smiling as they shake their tambourines over their heads. Two women sitting next to each other catch each other's eye, and giggle as they lose their place in the routine together. Audiences can't help but smile when the Rhythm-Aires perform. The tambourine troupe, formed in the summer of 2008, brings their choreographed routines to seniors, school children and every age in between, performing around town. Seniors in the group say rehearsals are a chance to get a little exercise and challenge their brain, remembering routines.

But most importantly, it's a fun, social group that shares plenty of laughs. "It's the laughing that goes on, the interaction. You make a mistake and hey," said member Barbara McGovern, shrugging. "When we come on stage, people say 'What is this?' But then we start our routine, and they say 'Oh!'" "And we don't have to go to Curves (workout center)," added Margaret Stevens, chuckling. Rhythm-Aires members often practice

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## Average home to see \$185 tax hike

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

This year, residential tax bills will increase by 2.6 percent, and commercial and industrial properties will feel the pinch by 2.7 percent. Selectmen voted Monday, Dec. 7 to set the residential tax rate at \$13.19 for every \$1,000 of valuation for fiscal year 2010, which started July 1. For commercial and industrial properties the rate was set at \$21.34 per \$1,000. This marks the highest tax rate since 2002.

For the average Andover homeowner, whose house is valued at \$548,860, this means an increase of \$185. The first quarterly property tax bills reflecting the new tax rate will be due Feb. 1.

"We are all in difficult times, both residents and businesses. To share the increase, I think is fair to everyone," said Selectman Ted Teichert, who made the initial motion to set the tax classification.

Selectman Jerry Stabile was the only board member to vote against the tax classification.

Selectman Brian Major said the vote meant both businesses and residents were "sharing equally in the pain, across the board."

Residents and business owners spoke at public hearings on Dec. 7 and Nov. 16, urging selectmen

### TAX HISTORY FOR ANDOVER HOMEOWNERS PER \$1,000 OF HOME VALUE

FY09:	\$12.16, increase of 3.6 percent
2008:	\$11.69, 2.1 percent
2007:	\$11.25, 4 percent
2006:	\$11.40, 6.5 percent
2005:	\$11.51, 5.2 percent
2004:	\$11.47, 4.5 percent
2003:	\$11.63, 9.6 percent
2002:	\$14.13, 5.6 percent

to increase taxes as little as possible in their favor.

Joe Bevilacqua, president of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce attended both meetings, urging the board to consider small businesses struggling in a tough economy.

"We know businesses are hurting, but so are the residents," said Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone.

Tewksbury Street resident Bob Willard urged the board to remember senior citizens on a fixed income, who would be hit the hardest by a property tax increase.

Teichert said setting the tax classification each year is the "one thing I look forward to the least" as a selectman, pitting residents against business.

## Selectmen notes: Sports field plan to be unveiled

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

More town news. Page 2.

Town leaders have agreed upon a design to divvy up town-owned property at 15 Blanchard St. into sports fields. How much of the property will be baseball diamonds, multi-use or soccer fields will

be revealed at a public meeting on the proposed design on Dec. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Annual Town Meeting voters earlier this year paved the way

for the new sports complex in town, approving \$425,000 to create a plan for this town-owned property. At that time, Andover was looking at a possible model with three baseball fields and one multi-use sports field. The study was meant to firm up plans so 2010 Town Meeting

voters could approve plans to begin building, if desired. Representatives from Andover's Little League and youth soccer association stood up at Town Meeting and pledged to raise more than half of the project's estimated eventual \$1.8 million total cost.

## Andover musician named Boston Songwriter of Year

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover native Will Dailey earned singer/songwriter of the year at the Boston Music Awards last week. The award is the latest gem in Dailey's crown. The 1994 Andover High School grad released his album "Torrent" in June 2009 and is a rising star in the pop music scene.

"It feels really fantastic," said Dailey of his BMA win. "I was on the road when I found out I was nominated. (Touring) takes a lot out of you, and to find out I was nominated from my hometown was great. The Boston Music Awards do a great job of highlighting music acts that are working real hard, have put Boston on the map and contributed to the prosperity of the city, really." Dailey and his band, The

Rivals, were also nominated for BMA act of the year and album of the year for "Torrent." On Friday, Dec. 11, Daily will play a holiday show at the Paradise Club in Boston. "It's kind of crazy it's my last show of the decade. It's closing a chapter in my life," he said. "Torrent" was Dailey's first album with a major record label.

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### MEET SINGER/SONGWRITER WILL DAILEY

- 2009 Boston Music Award winner for singer/songwriter of the year
- Album "Torrent" reviewed in Rolling Stone and People magazines
- Shared a stage with Willy Nelson at the Farm Aid concert, Oct. 2009 in Missouri
- His songs have appeared on numerous TV shows, including The Hills, 90210, NCIS: LA, CSI: Miami, CSI: New York and NUMB3RS
- Keep up with him at [www.willdailey.com](http://www.willdailey.com)



Andover native Will Dailey was awarded singer/songwriter of the year at the 2009 Boston Music Awards last week.

Courtesy photo

## Santa's little helpers



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The clear and cool weather attracted hundreds to Andover's Holiday Happenings, sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association Friday night. Here, Santa Claus applauds the children after they helped him to light the tree. For more photos, see Page 13.

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## Donate sleepwear to help Lazarus House

From now through Dec. 15, local retailer Sense of Wonder will collect donations of new ladies' bathrobes, pajamas, slippers, and toiletries all to benefit women served by Lazarus House Ministries. To add some festive cheer to collected donations, Sense of Wonder employees will arrange them into festively wrapped packages and deliver to Lazarus House for holiday distribution.

"We wanted to give back to the community that supports us; that's what local business is all about," notes Jean Smith, owner of Sense of Wonder. "Lazarus House is a North Andover neighbor, serves local

families, and is a great fit with our store. When we began our relationship with Lazarus House last holiday season, we had no idea how much of an impact we could make with this donation drive. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our customers and community members. People were dropping off bags of pajamas and cases of toiletries."

Sense of Wonder is located at the Eaglewood Shops, 99 Turnpike St., North Andover. For more information about the Wonder of Giving donation drive, contact Jean Smith at 978-686-6500 or www.senseof-wondergifts.com.

## SELECTMEN NOTES

### Blog on the budget

Have a question about union bargaining, your taxes, town budget or other municipal operations? A trio of board members just may be blogging the answer to your question.

The tri-board communications subcommittee, comprised of Selectman Mary Lyman, School Committee member Annie Gilbert and Finance Committee member Mary O'Donoghue will be posting answers to resident's frequently asked questions on a web log they launched this week.

Visit [www.andoverbudgetblog.blogspot.com](http://www.andoverbudgetblog.blogspot.com) to see their posts or send questions via email.

Superintendent Claudia Bach tried to access the blog on her laptop as it was being announced at the Dec. 7 tri-board meeting. In a twist, the blog was blocked by the school department's firewall.

### Town borrows to pay bills

The town is borrowing \$6 million through a revenue anticipation note to help pay bills until property tax revenue comes in this winter. The short-term note

will have to be repaid Feb. 11, 2010.

The loan will help with cash flow, said Town Treasurer David Reilly, and will be repaid with tax revenue.

Selectmen approved the move at their Dec. 7 meeting, going with the lowest bidder First Southwest Company, who offered an interest rate of 0.5352 percent.

Finance and Budget Director Anthony Torrisi said there is no need for residents to be alarmed. This is a short-term, temporary measure that will cost the town roughly \$4,000 in

interest, he said.

### Selectmen not party poopers

The Indian Ridge Country Club and Glory restaurant are set to party away the last moments of the decade, as well as the first few hours of 2010.

Selectmen approved requests from both establishments to extend their hours on New Year's Eve, so that they can remain open until 2 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010. Alcohol will not be sold after 1:30 a.m., per order of the Andover police department.

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## TAMBOURINES: Humor part of Rhythm-Aires' routines

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their routines at home; Stevens said her 3-year-old great-granddaughter loves to join her, with a toy tambourine.

A good dose of humor goes into each Rhythm-Aires routines, which are choreographed by Kirk. As music plays, members strike their tambourines on knees, elbows, toes — or even their neighbor.

For a dixieland jazz version of "I've been working on the railroad," the women put on blue and white striped train engineer's caps and tie bandanas around their necks. For a ragtime number, they wear "bobby" policemen's hats, for a circus march, the group dons oversized glasses and red clown's noses, matching clown shoes and a boater hat.

The circus routine, which ends in a loud squeak as members squeeze their clown noses, proved a hit when the Rhythm-Aires performed recently at Sanborn Elementary School.

"We came out in clown shoes, and they just went hysterical. And then of course, we did too," said McGovern.

Group member Joyce Harris said taking the stage with the Rhythm-Aires is a way to let loose.

"This is not me at all. Little did



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Margaret Stevens sits with her clown costume on before practicing with the Rhythm-Aires recently.

I know I'd be wearing a clown nose," she said, smiling.

The group has also performed at several senior center events, Marland Place retirement home, on Main Street during Andover Day and recently at Northern Essex Community College. The Rhythm-Aires often perform with a similar senior group from Stoneham.

"People light up when they see us," said Kirk, who has directed the senior center's Sunrise Singers choir since 2000. "They just

don't know tambourines can make a band."

Kirk started the Rhythm-Aires after the Andover Senior Center invited a senior tambourine group from Concord to perform at a Sunrise Singers concert in July 2008.

The Concord group had recently performed on the Jay Leno Show, and Kirk said she was "totally glued to their performance" when they came to Andover.

"Before they were done, I knew I was going home to

choreograph," said Kirk.

She choreographed two songs that weekend and brought them into the Andover Senior Center the next week. After two rehearsals, the group was booked to perform at a senior center event in September.

None of the group's 10 members had played an instrument before joining the Rhythm-Aires. Now, the members perform regularly and those first numbers Kirk choreographed are "too easy" for them.

## MUSICIAN: Dailey's songs played on several TV shows

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label. He was the first artist signed to CBS Records upon its

reformation two years ago, after the label was dissolved in the 1980s. Before that, Dailey said he had been a "do-it-yourself artist for a while."

Dailey's songs have been played on numerous television

programs and he performed live on "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and CBS' "The Early Show" this summer.

Dailey grew up in Andover, attending Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle schools,

before graduating from Andover High in 1994.

Dailey's mother still lives in town and his brother, Joe Downes-Berry, is graduating from AHS this spring.

He credits Andover's strong music program in the public schools, as well as a lineup of natives who have already made it big, as some of his inspirations.

Dailey had a "wow" moment when he saw Jay Leno on television and realized Leno grew up in his hometown.

"You can do this if you work hard. Andover has a great music program, and there are a lot of grads that are playing for a living," said Dailey.

"Everyone has an outlet, has a purpose. If you don't reach (a student's) purpose at a young age, they can be lost for a long time."

The Boston Music Awards were held on Dec. 2 at the Liberty Hotel in Boston, and Dailey was one of the nominees to perform during the event.

Like the Grammy awards, the BMA's recognize talent in a variety of musical genres. Dailey earned Best Male Singer/Songwriter at the BMA's in 2006.

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## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** Cows meander freely at the Abbot Homestead, 9 Andover St. about 1890.



**NOW:** The current look at 9 Andover St.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### History, architecture of Tehran

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will feature Malinda Blustain talking about her trip to Iran titled "Persepolis to Tehran: A Journey Through Ancient and Contemporary Persia." Blustain will discuss the stunning architecture and amazing history they encountered at every turn. The meeting is on Dec. 15 and starts at 7 p.m. at the R.S. Peabody Museum, 180 Main St. The event is free to the public.

For information, contact jules-gordon@comcast.net.

#### Mailing deadlines

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

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or Afghanistan should be sent immediately.

Dec. 11 — Military mail for other overseas bases

Dec. 16 — Parcel Post, the most economical shipping service

Dec. 21 — First-Class Mail

Dec. 21 — Priority Mail

Dec. 23 — Express Mail

#### Submit ideas to better town

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting is open and will not close until Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8259 for information on how to obtain private warrant article forms or stop by the town clerk's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the private warrant article form and information on how to file a private warrant article can also be obtained at [andoverma.gov/townmeeting](http://andoverma.gov/townmeeting).

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



WE LIKE TO DO SOMETHING A little bit different from the more traditional performances.

— *Carrie Lavoie, executive director, on Temple Emanuel having the do-wop group Nu Millennium perform its soulful works at its Hanukkah Night of Music on Friday, Dec. 11. Story in Arts, Page 8.*

THE AEA WILL PAY EXPENSES to include teacher representatives on such site visits if the School Committee accepts the recommendation.

— *A release from the teachers union (AEA), seeking to have teachers included on site visits of the superintendent candidates. Story in Education, Page 6.*



## Andover schedules seasonal, H1N1 flu clinics

The Andover Health Division has announced that it has received the remainder of its seasonal flu vaccine, and has scheduled a clinic for its distribution.

This clinic will be for adults over the age of 18 years, and will be held at the Andover Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A second public clinic for

H1N1 immunization also has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center.

This clinic will involve the nasal mist only (no shots). The nasal mist is for persons aged 2 to 49 years, who are healthy with no risk of asthma or other high risk conditions.

Because the nasal mist is indicated for healthy people aged 2

to 49, the H1N1 vaccine will be available for those who qualify in the following priority groups: health care and EMS personnel, household members and care-givers of children under 6 months of age, and children between the ages of 2 and 24 years.

Residents attending the H1N1 clinic are asked to bring a photo copy of their insurance card for

the Health Division records. Several insurance companies in Massachusetts are now reimbursing communities for the costs associated with the administration of the vaccine, and the town will seek that funding.

Paperwork for these clinics may be downloaded in advance from the town Web site at [andoverma.gov/health/](http://andoverma.gov/health/).

## Information session on becoming a nurse

High School students interested in becoming nurses are invited to an information session hosted by Northern Essex Community College on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at its Haverhill Campus. Free and open to the public, the session will be held in Lecture Hall A, Spurr Building, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. The program starts at 4 p.m. but those attending are asked to arrive 10

minutes before 4 p.m.

Pat Demers, assistant dean of health professions at NECC, designed this event to give students a glimpse into the daily life of a nursing student. This presentation is geared toward the specific issues facing students entering NECC's program directly out of high school. Issues such as admissions standards and the rigorous pace of

the program will be discussed. This is a perfect opportunity for students and their parents to hear what is required for a high school student to be successful in the nursing program and to ask any questions they may have.

Northern Essex offers a Certificate in Practical Nursing and an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Both programs are

offered on the college's Lawrence campus. For additional information about the programs, visit the website <http://www.necc.mass.edu/programs/health/index.php>

For additional information, contact Yohanka Rodriguez at 978-556-3716 or yrodriguez@necc.mass.edu or Caitlin Wrobel at 978-556-3726 or cwrobel@necc.mass.edu.

### NEWS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, Whittier Court, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, rear of 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

School Committee workshop with school principals, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 5 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room; 6 p.m. executive session and 7 p.m. open meeting

#### MONDAY, DEC. 14

Town Yard Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 a.m.

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, DEC. 15

Doherty Middle School Council, DMS main office conference room, Bartlet Street, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Information Technology Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 3 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 17

School Committee superintendent search workshop with consultants from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

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■ POLICE LOG

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**ARRESTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 1 – At 12:44 a.m., Brian P. Banks, 43, of 4 Bristol Lane, was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – At 12:47 p.m., Phillip J. Wetmore, 19, of 3 Asbury St. Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for armed robbery.

At 4:33 p.m., Christina Rodriguez, 28, of 364 Andover St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 4:44 p.m., Bernardino Lopez, 32, of 167 Essex St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving an unregistered vehicle with a suspended license and an uninsured vehicle trailer, and with attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle.

Thursday, Nov. 3 – At 9:28 a.m., Paula Caron, 28, of 415 Crescent Ave., Chelsea, was arrested and charged on warrants for possession of a class A substance, forgery and uttering (passing a bad

check).  
At 9:50 a.m., Heather L. Sartori, 32, of 11 Elm St., Apt. 21, was arrested and charged on warrants for larceny of someone over 60 years of age, forgery and uttering (passing a bad check).

At 3:55 p.m., Maria M. Desouza, 39, of 174 Andover St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Saturday, Dec. 5 – At 10:03 p.m., David Gadbois, 20, of 315 Turnpike St. North Andover, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Gadbois was brought to Andover police by Merrimack College police.

Sunday, Dec. 6 – At 2:13 p.m., Ethan L. Davis, 17, of 11 Woodhaven Drive was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 3:36 p.m., Desiree R. Moore, 26, of 500 Broadway Apt. 5129, Malden, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Monday, Dec. 7 – At 4:34 p.m., Julissa Torres, 25, of 11 Ashton Place, Apt. 21, Methuen, was

arrested on charges of being a fugitive from justice without warrant and also on a warrant for shoplifting.

**THEFTS**

Friday Dec. 4 – At 10:44 p.m., a Joseph Street resident reported some items missing from her home, which she believed someone invited into the home might have taken.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – At 8:52 a.m., a South Main Street resident called after hosting an overnight guest and noticing some of her jewelry missing.

Monday, Dec. 7 – At 7:10 p.m., a person came into the police station reporting his wallet had been stolen from his person while he was tutoring at Andover High School.

**AUTO INCIDENTS**

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – At 4:38 p.m., a Longwood Drive resident reported his motorcycle had been stolen.

Friday, Dec. 4 – At 9:49 a.m., a Washington Avenue resident reported two cars had been rifled

through overnight. At 12:52 p.m., a Lucerne Drive resident also noted her vehicles had been entered.

Saturday, Dec. 5 – At 10:37 a.m., a Summer Street resident reported her car had been broken into a few nights before.

At 4:29 p.m., a Washington Avenue resident reported a vehicle break-in.

Monday, Dec. 7 – At 7:38 p.m., a Washington Avenue resident reported two vehicles had been broken into the previous week.

**INCIDENTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 1 – At 8:42 p.m., several parking tickets were issued to cars parked illegally at a Shawsheen Road school, which was having an event.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – At 9:52 a.m., a Dascomb Road resident called 911 reporting a landscaping company was blowing leaves onto his property.

At 12:36 p.m., a resident reported his children found a bicycle in the woods off West Knoll Road. An officer took the bike into custody.

Thursday, Dec. 3 – At 1:01 p.m.,

a restraining order was served on Algonquin Avenue.

Friday, Dec. 4 – At 8:31 a.m., police assisted medical personnel with an attempted suicide.

At 1:45 p.m., an officer issued a court summons for possession of a class B substance on Haverhill Street.

At 12:34 a.m., a person on Railroad Street was taken into protective custody.

Saturday, Dec. 5 – At 8:07 a.m., an Argilla Road resident reported finding trash, which appeared to be medical waste, scattered in front of his house.

Sunday, Dec. 6 – At 6:08 a.m., an intoxicated male was taken into protective custody on Greenwood Road, after knocking on a resident's door saying his car was broken down and he needed help.

At 9:15 a.m., loose llamas were reported in the middle of Harold Parker Road.

At 6:09 p.m. a restraining order was served on North Main Street.

Monday, Nov. 7 – At 12:46 p.m., the Methuen Fire Department called to notify Andover of an

oil spill, in the area of 800 Riverside Drive, Methuen, that had gotten into the Merrimack River. Methuen was requesting the Andover water treatment plant be notified.

**AUTO ACCIDENTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 1 – At 1:10 p.m., a person came to the police station to report a past hit-and-run.

At 5:27 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to School Street for a single-car crash, with injuries.

Thursday, Dec. 3 – At 12:57 p.m., police responded to Whittier Street for a two-car crash with injuries.

Friday, Dec. 4 – At 5:31 p.m., a 911 caller reported a single-car crash on Salem Street, with air-bag deployment. A written warning was given to the driver for a marked lanes violation.

Monday, Dec. 7 – At 1:22 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on North Main Street.

At 6:38 p.m., a police and an ambulance responded to a crash with injuries on North Main Street, in front of McDonald's.

**STIMULUS: Fire department to use \$98,000 grant to help pay overtime costs**

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Reinvestment Act.

Due to budget cuts, Mansfield says he's been one firefighter short, per shift, since the fiscal year began on July 1. Besides reductions to his overtime budget, Mansfield says he has not been able to fill three firefighter positions vacant due to attrition.

He applied for \$245,000 in grant money to rehire the three positions and was awarded \$98,000.

"Because we got the lesser figure, the three positions will remain unfilled," said Mansfield. "Certainly it's not all the money we had requested, but at this point, we'll take anything anyone is willing to give us."

Town leaders made budget changes over the spring and summer to all departments, to close a \$2 million deficit by an Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting in May funded the fire department's personnel services budget at \$6,415,928, or \$120,000 less than what the fire chief said he needed to fully fund the department's

payroll obligations for FY10, including salaries and overtime. The Oct. 7 Town Meeting reduced that appropriation by \$90,000 to \$6,325,928.

"Therefore, the Fire-Rescue Department's personnel services budget was cut a total of \$210,000 [from what was originally budgeted] for FY10," said Assistant Town Manager Steven Bucuzzo in an e-mail.

"I think the (grant) money should be spent to put the manpower back that hasn't been there," said Thomas Agnew, who operates a ladder truck and is president of the firefighters union. "We're playing roulette. We're talking firefighter safety, we're talking taxpayer safety. I would immediately put that money to work, and make sure we're fully manned. But I'm not the chief."

To save on overtime, Mansfield reassigned a second ladder truck position in July to fill vacancies created when other firefighters call out sick or are on vacation, injury or bereavement leave. Agnew later filed a union grievance against the move.

"We've had three good (house) fires (since July 1), that we did tremendous saves. But it took its toll on the men at those fires," said Agnew. "When you're running short(handed), and you have an active, burning fire, you have to work harder. Every time you overexert, take in a little more smoke or get overheated, it takes its toll."

When asked, Mansfield would not say whether the grant money would put a second firefighter back on the ladder truck.

"It's a bigger problem than just dealing with the ladder aid position. Such a huge amount of money was cut from the fire overtime budget. One of the ways to close that overtime gap is to reduce the amount of firefighters per shift, which reduces the amount we have to pay out each shift," said Mansfield. "The end result is to make sure we're not in a deficit situation at the end of the fiscal year. How we manage the funds is in a state of fluidness, because you don't know one day to the next what I'm going to be up against for personnel being out."

Right now, the AFD has 15 firefighters on per shift, with a total company of 67 people, including the chief.

Overtime is used anytime a firefighter is out sick or on leave, vacation, using personal time, at a training session or a myriad of reasons, said Mansfield. Everyone in the department has a chance at working overtime, which is paid time and a half, he said.

Because there are so many variables, Mansfield said he can't say how many hours of overtime are worked in an average week. For fiscal year 2009, the fire department spent \$1,372,221 on overtime, out of a total personal services expenditure of \$6,664,195.

Agnew noted it's cheaper to pay firefighters overtime than to hire new employees, who will also be paid for retirement, vacation and other benefits.

What happens after the grant money runs out June 30 remains to be determined, said Mansfield.

"We've just begun the 2011 budget preparation process. I have not been given any information

on what type of deficit the town is dealing with at this point, so it's very difficult to theorize what can happen," he said.

This summer, the firefighters union rejected Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's request for contract concessions. The ladder truck staffing discrepancy was given as one of the reasons for rejecting the request to take 1 percent less of a raise in FY210, something that other town unions agreed to do.

Agnew said the newly-awarded grant money will not change that decision. Over the summer, the union submitted a list of 40 ideas to trim the budget that didn't involve staffing, and all 40 ideas were rejected, said Agnew.

"In our last two contracts, we've given back three times that 1 percent in cutting sick leave and other long-term (benefit) items. We had already gave them their 1 percent, but they wanted an additional 1 percent," said Agnew. "We continually give to the community. We foot the whole bill for the Santa Parade, which is for the children of Andover."

**NO WORD ON MONEY FOR BALLARDVALE FIRE STATION**

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said he has yet to hear back on a federal grant the department applied for five months ago, seeking funding to replace the Ballardvale Fire Station.

In July, the Ballardvale fire station replacement committee submitted an application for \$3.9 million worth of federal stimulus funds to the Department of Homeland Security.

A first round of grants has been awarded, said Mansfield, and a second wave is yet to be announced. Andover's application was one of thousands from around the country for fire-assistance money set aside from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Built a century ago, the Ballardvale Fire Station was originally constructed to house horse-drawn firefighting equipment. Today, the town has to special order a fire engine small enough to fit in the building at the intersection of Andover Street and Clark Road.



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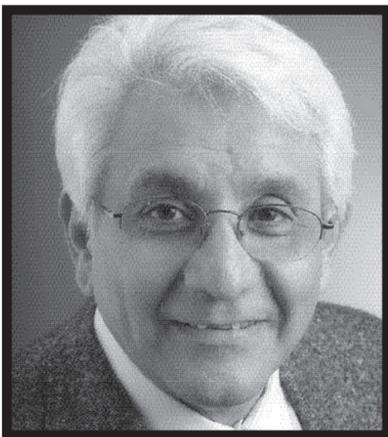
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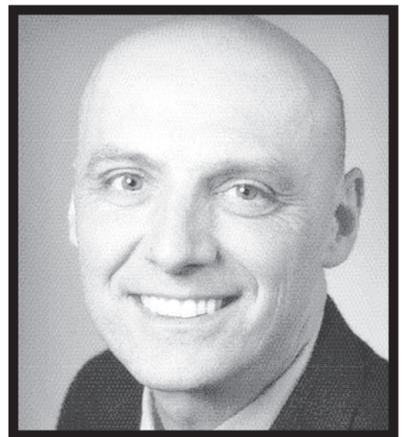
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# Education

## Teachers want to be part of superintendent site visits

The Andover teachers union is going to start a group aimed at creating educational innovations, and it wants to see parents and teachers included during site visits by superintendent candidates.

According to a release from the organization, "In a recent

brainstorming session with former superintendent Ken Seifert and members of the Andover Education Association, Educators' Union, the AEA resolved to develop a Committee for Innovations and Initiatives. A motion for the creation of this committee was adopted at the December

Executive Board meeting, and the members who sit on the committee will receive a stipend – paid for by the AEA – to report on and initiate projects to improve Andover Public Schools and the experiences offered to students."

The committee will include elementary, middle and Andover

High School educators and "will seek out support and involvement from the school administration and School Committee in its initiatives."

"The committee will first release a set of criteria teachers have articulated for the selection of a new superintendent, and will

also recommend the inclusion of teacher and parent representatives on candidate site visits. In conjunction, the AEA will pay expenses to include teacher representatives on such site visits if the School Committee accepts the recommendation," reported the teachers union.

The Committee for Innovations and Initiatives will also welcome ideas and collaboration from town citizens, institutions and businesses, according to the teachers union. The contact person is Matthew J. Bach, Andover High social studies teacher, who can be reached at mbach@aps1.net.



### Professional visit

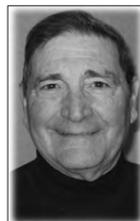
COURTESY PHOTOS

**ABOVE: Vincent Candela, left, and Brody Candela, 4, of Andover, at the Professional Center for Child Developments annual holiday party on Saturday. Vincent and Brody's mother, Wilawan Chaiyarat, is a physical therapist at the Osgood Street center.**

**LEFT: Gavin Cleary, 2, left and Liam Cleary, 3½, of Andover, visit with Santa of the North Pole during PCCD's annual holiday party on Saturday at West Parish Church in Andover.**

## What superintendent candidates wonder

Ken Seifert



As Andover prepares to hire a new superintendent I've been thinking about my time as a principal in Corning,

N.Y., when I was fortunate to be selected to attend something called the Superintendent Intern Program. It was a two-month summer consortium that selected five doctoral candidates from each of six universities. It was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and we met at Cornell University. The goal was to provide education and training geared directly to the position of superintendent of schools.

We experienced some of the finest education scholars and practitioners in the country at that time. I kept all of my notes, literature and memories from those once-in-a-million experiences. It was the first phase of my doctoral program at Cornell University.

There was a specific area discussed in great detail – job acquisition. One area of focus was how to dissect a community when applying for a superintendency. Also related to the topic was how to present yourself to a community. There was worthwhile discussion on working in a community that matches your capabilities and personality. We were cautioned: do not take a job just because you can get it.

There are usually two approaches communities utilize when filling a superintendent position. One is to hire a consultant or firm, and the other is to use a blue ribbon volunteer committee. Both types of searches have a tendency to focus on what kind of superintendent the community needs or desires. There is less attention to the kind of community or school system the

### QUESTIONS THE CANDIDATE PONDERS

- How would you describe the community? Is it business as usual, traditional, progressive or futuristic?
- One good indication is the desire for excellence. Do the selectmen, School Committee, town manager and superintendent of schools have written visions, long range plans, strategic plans and annual performance plans? Do their recommended budgets correlate directly with such plans? Is it a community vision?
- What kind of power structure is the town? Is it monolithic, pluralistic or issue-related?
- Do the town departments work closely with the schools? How well do they work?
- Do the town manager and superintendent of schools work together?
- What is the present state of the schools? How do you know?
- What are the five biggest issues facing the schools? How do you know?
- What are the schools policies for planning, budgeting, curriculum development and assessment? What is good curriculum? What is good assessment?
- How is staff morale? How about student and citizen morale? How do you know? Do you care?
- What is the process of innovating new ideas? Research and development?
- What are the budget priorities for the upcoming year? What were they last year? Was the money well spent? Who says so?
- What do the local papers say about the schools? What do the editors think?
- How does the community handle controversy?
- How are educational issues, ideas discussed in the town?
- Does the School Committee have the support of the town?
- If I did get the job, what are my chances of survival?
- Why did the last superintendent leave?

superintendent wants. When there is a mismatch and one or both parties get disillusioned, the results are not

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## Coming-of-age autobiography worth coming to

By MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

### BOOK REVIEW: 'STOP TIME'

I have always found autobiographies to be an inconsistent genre. There are the celebrity tell-alls, written straight from tabloid covers; the athlete memoirs, created with the help of an all-too-

obvious ghostwriter; the political manifestos barely hidden under the guise of biography.

Then there are books like "Stop-Time" by Frank Conroy. Given the general plot of "Stop-

Time," the book may seem like nothing more or less than the typical coming-of-age autobiography. Conroy, after the death of his father, lives with his mother and a stepfather who he resents. The family is relatively poor and

they are constantly moving from place to place. Conroy, though clearly intelligent, struggles in school, academically and in some ways socially as well. It is proof of Conroy's incredible talent as an author that he takes what could very well be mundane events

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## SEIFERT: Candidates have questions of their own

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good. There is an interdependent relationship with the two. It makes for a better social contract. It certainly makes for more effective schools.

Candidates have questions and concerns regarding every vacancy. Most are not discussed in public. You might call it the superintendent's check list for survival in Anytown, USA. We discussed some of these areas that summer long ago on the campus of Cornell University. They are just as important today.

Reviewing my notes and my experiences through the years I have compiled a list of questions and concerns you can bet most candidates explore as

they go through the challenge with the reward of occupying the most important seat of education in every system in the country. The list is not complete but rather to give you examples of what candidates think of while they investigate whether they wish to live in a town and whether they will find personal and professional satisfaction.

Any educator, who has the skill and the passion, wants to be part of an organization that has declared its intent to pursue excellence. If such a marriage took place, Anytown, USA would be the shining star in the educational universe.

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

## REVIEW: 'Stop Time' worth it

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and transforms them into lyrical prose.

Conroy tackles some heavy topics in his memoir; this book is by no means light-hearted. He touches on violence, insanity, and abandonment, not in a sentimental way, but as a true communication of the isolation that becoming an adult can sometimes bring. The narrative is chilling in the sense that Conroy writes not as a man looking back after years, but in the moment. The reader feels his adolescent adrenaline surge when going on the bumper cars, the fear of a young child being

left alone at home, the excitement of mastering and impressing with a series of tricks on his new yo-yo.

I give Stop-Time a 9 out of 10. Due to the sometimes sexual and violent content of this book, I recommend it to high school-age and older readers. Especially for high school students, Stop-Time reveals the subtle sadness and fear of growing up in beautiful and unconventional ways, creating a piece that is bound to both enlighten and move.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and Phillips Academy student who reviews books for young adults.

## ON CAMPUS

Lauren Elizabeth Wall of Andover graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Wall earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design.

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, Oct. 30, to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves by excellence in scholarship.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top highest grade-point average 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a grade-point average of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

The following Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are from the local area:

Julia Morgan Littlefield, Class of 2011

Rohit Balkant Sangal, Class of 2011

Hannah Abigail Hoerner, Class of 2012

Bowdoin College is a small, highly selective liberal arts college located in Brunswick, Maine, about 25 miles north of Portland. One of the oldest colleges in the nation, it received its charter in 1794. Bowdoin enrolls approximately 1,720 students from across the country and around the world.

Jarrett Mackin graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in business management from Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla. Mackin also received Eckerd's Scholar/Athlete of the Year award. This award is given to that senior who demonstrates

leadership qualities on the playing field as well as maintains a 3.7 or higher grade-point average. As a student athlete Mackin was also named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's honor roll. He is the son of Peter and Maureen Mackin.

Sou Bourbeau-Hayes earned her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA. under a full RSA Scholarship.

Bourbeau-Hayes previously had been inducted into the Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International. Induction requires an overall grade-point average of 3.50 or better, which she maintained throughout the two-year degree program.

Upon graduation, Bourbeau-Hayes was offered a position with the university as a Research Associate, in which she works with students with disabilities, both high school and college level, in administering career assessments. She also organizes Summer Research Institute programs for students with disabilities.

Bourbeau-Hayes' future plan is to continue on to a doctorate program in clinical psychology, in the fall of 2010.

Babson College recently presented an outstanding group of exceptional undergraduate students with prestigious awards from the Undergraduate School for their contributions in leadership, scholarship, philanthropy and community service. The students received their 2009 academic services awards in a ceremony during Family and Friends

Weekend. The selection committee for nominating the award recipients consisted of faculty as well as academic services and student affairs administrators.

John Chartier of Andover, son of Jeff and Judy Chartier, was awarded the dean's leadership and achievement award.

The dean's leadership and achievement awards are presented to a select group of juniors and seniors who have excelled in scholarship, participation and leadership, citizenship and service, and have potential for future achievement.

Nicole Fluet from Andover received five scholarships at Salem State College. Fluet was recently recognized at a reception held at the Ellison Campus Center on the college's main campus for the following awards: Patricia E. Billings Scholarship, Class of 1944 scholarship, Class of 1948 scholarship, Class of 1956 scholarship and Isabelle Dunne Jannino Memorial scholarship.

Robert Morris University Illinois has announced that Christian Bishop of Andover was named to the dean's list for the summer session 2009.

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His Excellency Abdallah Baali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United States, visited Merrimack College as part of an all-day conference "Christian-Muslim Understanding, Reverence and Shared Works of Justice and Peace: The Algerian-Augustinian Experience And Beyond."

Hosted by the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at Merrimack College, the day-long event held in October, began with a call to prayer and featured a series of speakers including:

His Excellency Abdallah Baali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United States;

Professor Asma Afsaruddin, professor of Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Cultures and Languages, Indiana University, Bloomington;

Mr. John Kiser, author of "Monks of Tibhirine and Commander of the Faithful"; the Very Rev. Robert Prevost, O.S.A., Prior General, The Order of Saint Augustine Workshops also took place, and were facilitated by local, regional, and national scholars. The event was made possible by a grant from the William & Mary Greve Foundation.

For more information, contact the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at 978-837-5428 or email jcm@merrimack.edu.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS: ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DEC. 14 TO 18

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Meatball sub with cheese, ham-and-cheese stromboli, grab-and-go hummus and tabouli, pretzels, carrot sticks and fruit, black bean salad, raisins and fruit cup.

**Tuesday:** Popcorn chicken bowl with mashed potatoes, corn and -cheese, manager's choice, mexican lasagna, garden salad, roasted carrots and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti, meatballs and sauce, garlic bread, manager's choice, mini burger sliders, onion rings, corn and bean salad, jello with topping and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** Chicken stirfry over rice, bagel and yogurt or string cheese, whole grain cheese, quesadilla, salsa and nacho chips, fortune cookie, minestrone soup and chilled fruit.

**Friday:** Pepperoni or cheese pan pizza, manager's choice, salad topped with tuna, breadstick, side salad, apple honey crisp and juice.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Belgian waffle with blueberries or strawberries and whipped cream, grilled cheese panini, manager's choice, baked potato, fresh fruit and juice.

**Tuesday:** Max pizza sticks with marinara

sauce, manager's choice, chicken stir fry over rice, dinner roll, chicken and rice soup, oriental veggies, carrot sticks and chilled pears.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, manager's choice, bagel and yogurt, seasoned green beans, jello with topping and fruit cup.

**Thursday:** Pepperoni, veggie or cheese pizza, manager's choice, italian sub, onion rings, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

**Friday:** Broccoli-and-cheese or buffalo chicken calzone, grab and go, hummus, tabouli, pretzels, carrot sticks, fruit, garden salad, apple honey crisp and juice.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Asian specialties.  
**Tuesday:** Cheeseburger sliders, oven fries, corn, hot roast beef sandwich, pastrami on a bulky roll, burger deluxe and fruit.

**Wednesday:** Baked ziti with side salad, garlic bread, max pizza sticks with sauce, grilled hotdog, grilled chicken sub and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** Breakfast buffet with choice of ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, steak and cheese, bacon burger, grilled veggie panini and chilled fruit.

**Friday:** Baked fish with rice pilaf, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, manager's

choice and fresh fruit.

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.

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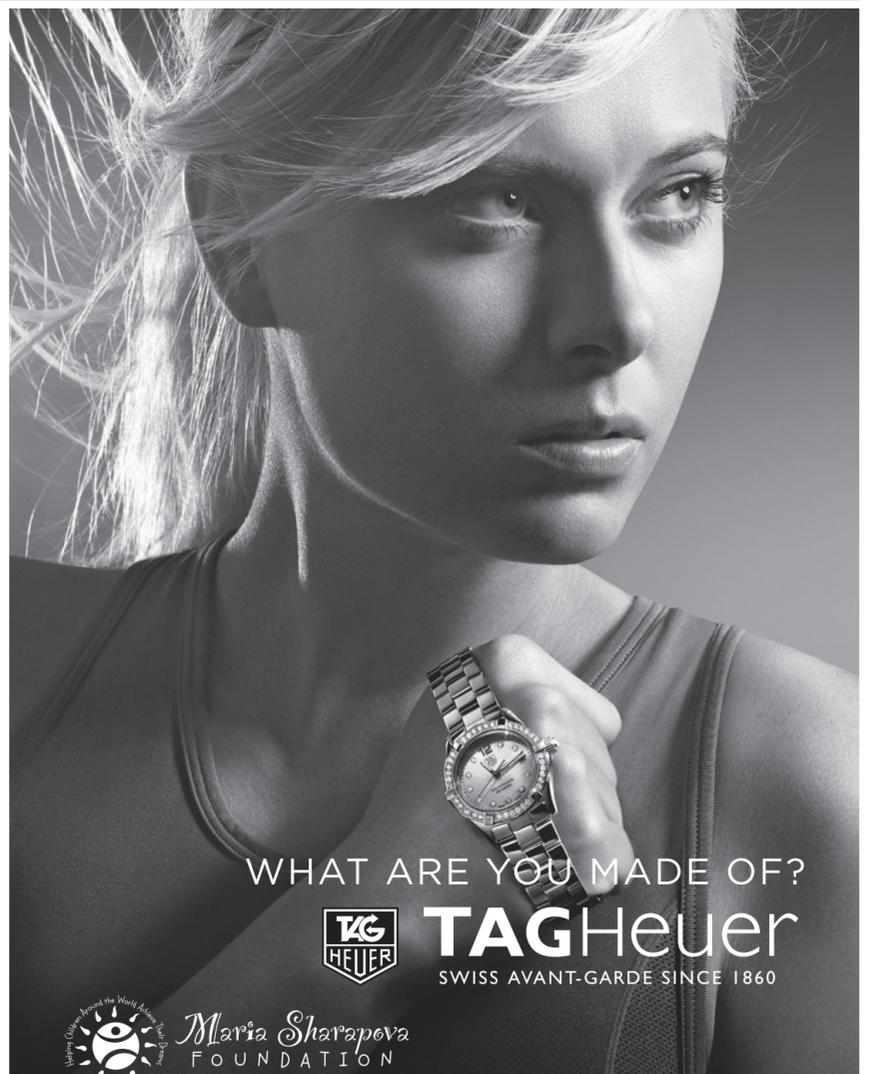
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# Arts & Entertainment

## 'Penny' for her thoughts: Book keeps legacy alive

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

As a budding nurse, youth diving coach and nanny, Krit Kearins showed a devotion to children. Now, more than a year after her death, she has published a book for them.

Five hundred copies of "Surf's Up, Penny!" arrived Monday on Dove Lane, at the home of Krit Kearins' mother, Pam Sheehy. The family decided to publish the children's story about a young surfer after finding it in Kearins' apartment after her death. Profits from the book will support a scholarship in Kearins' name.

"It's just to get it out to as many people as possible, so that they will know about Krit. It will keep her legacy alive," said Sheehy.

Kristin "Krit" Kearins, a former standout Andover High School diver and gymnast on state championship teams, died in September 2008 at age 26 after a bicycle accident. After earning a degree in early childhood education, Kearins decided to work as a clinical nurse's assistant in the emergency room at Children's Hospital.

To Sheehy's knowledge, Kearins had never written anything like this before. But her brother Billy found it scratched in pencil on the back of a Children's Hospital form while he and his sister Mia were going through Kearins' apartment following the accident.

"[It] looked as though she had had an idea in her head and grabbed a piece of paper in a spare moment to get it down so she wouldn't forget it," wrote Billy Kearins, who lives in Copenhagen. "Many of the things I write down never amount to anything, but I was determined that Krit's fleeting thoughts on this scrap of paper would be immortalized."

The story returned with him to Denmark, and in June, he surprised the family with five copies of Kearins' story, illustrated by friend Frits Ahlefeldt-Laurvig. Shortly thereafter, Sheehy said she decided to pursue publishing it on a larger scale.



Pam Sheehy holds the book *Surf's Up Penny!*, written by her daughter, Krit Kearins (shown in portrait) before her daughter died in a bike accident. The story was found by her family after Kearins' death.

CARL RUSSO/Staff Photo

Sheehy said her daughter learned to surf while living in Australia after college, and continued to surf in Gloucester with Billy Kearins when she returned to the states.

"I used to love surfing with Krit because it was never serious. If we got good waves, great. But if the waves were small and barely rideable or huge and scary we managed to have just as much fun. Krit was always good for a funny wipeout or two (or three) every session," says Billy Kearins. "At those moments, when her head popped up from the beneath the surface, pony tail swinging around, ear to ear grin on her face - that was when I laughed and smiled the most."

Those who knew Kearins seem to always talk about her positive

outlook. Family and friends of Krit Kearins helped launch the Krit Classic 5-kilometer road race earlier this year. Such was Kearins' effect in town during her life that more than 1,500 people walked or ran it.

Annie's Shoes, a California-based company is selling a shoe in Krit's name. Jill Oppenheim, a friend of Krit's since elementary school, has an aunt who works for the company, said Sheehy.

The book is the latest way that those who loved Krit plan to keep her memory alive.

It's already proven effective.

When the man who delivered the books to Sheehy on Monday heard the story behind "Surf's Up, Penny!" he plunked down \$19.95 for the book, said Sheehy.

"You can only cry and visit a

grave so much before you realize that it doesn't bring them back. But a book, this book, is a happy tribute to a hell of a kid. It gives you, or anyone, that may or may not know Krit an insight into what went on inside her head," says Billy Kearins. "She loved surfing, teaching, and kids - and that's exactly what this book tells the readers. I hope it gathers a big following because it is pure and simple - something that is hard to find these days."

Copies of "Surf's Up, Penny!" will be available for \$19.95 at the Andover Bookstore in Olde Andover Village, 89R Main St.; by visiting [kritclassic.com](http://kritclassic.com), or by sending an e-mail to [surfpenny@hotmail.com](mailto:surfpenny@hotmail.com).

## Doo-wop and dreidels

### Hanukkah tradition with soul at Temple Emanuel

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

As Hanukkah begins at sundown on Friday, Dec. 11, a local temple will celebrate in unusual style.

This year, the annual Hanukkah Night of Music at Temple Emanuel of Andover offers doo wop and soulful melodies. That's right. The sounds of the Drifters and the Temptations will fill the air as the first candle on the menorah gets ready to be lit.

Nu Millennium, a capella doo wop group from New York City, is performing at the event. Their performance resume is impressive as the group has been the opening act for Bo Diddley, The Drifters and other doo-wop-styled shows.

Temple Executive Director Carrie Lavoie said reaching out to the community at holiday

### HANUKKAH NIGHT OF MUSIC

**When:** Friday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover

**What:** Highlights include live music by Nu Millennium, an a capella doo wop group from New York City; temple choirs; a menorah lighting; lightsticks for all; Oneg Shabbat (refreshments) after the show

**Cost:** Free, open to all  
**More info:** [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net), 978-470-1356

time is important at Temple Emanuel. Its annual Hanukkah music show does that each year.

"We like to do something a little bit different from the more traditional performances," she

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## 'Messiah' at Phillips Academy Dec. 13

The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 22nd annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Also featured on the program this year will be Vivaldi's Magnificat.

This concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a food pantry in the Merrimack Valley, and will also support the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The program, under the direction of Christopher Walter, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of students, faculty and staff of the academy and musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston and North Shore areas. This year our special

guests as soloists are soprano Lisa Tamagini, mezzo-soprano Krista River, tenor Jason Wang and bass-baritone Donald Wilkinson.

The public is invited to support this benefit.

General admission is \$5. Senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food.

The concert will be held in Cochran Chapel on the school campus, 180 Main St., next to the Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made to the Phillips Academy Music Department by calling 978-749-4263 or e-mail the department at [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DEC. 10

**HOLIDAY GALA**, featuring fine wines and malts; holiday music by Alice Donovan's Studio & Students; hot and cold appetizers and more, 7 to 9 p.m., \$30-\$35, Winnekenni Castle, Winnekenni Park, 347 Kenzoza Ave., Haverhill; [www.winnkenni.com](http://www.winnkenni.com), [winnkenni@yahoo.com](mailto:winnkenni@yahoo.com), 978-521-1686.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 11

**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**, Andover School of Montessori, 400 South Main St., Andover, 2 to 6 p.m., local artisans will be there as well as corporate vendors.

**LIVE HOLIDAY THEATER**, A Christmas Carol, Northern Essex Community College's 10th annual production of Charles Dickens' classic, Chester W. Hawrylcw Theater on the third floor of the Spurr Building on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., 7 p.m., \$10; Susan Sanders, 978-556-3374.

**LIVE PIANO**, with Pianist Nancy Helinski, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

**SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE**, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Merrimack Valley YMCA, 129 Haverhill

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# Andover artist Signe Kaleel selling years of work

Forty years of art by Andover artist Signe Kaleel is being sold this December at Western Avenue Studios in Lowell.

An accumulation of her work will be available for sale at the Western Avenue Studios the first two weekends of December where she has had a studio for

three years. Kaleel has been a resident of Andover for 31 years and is relocating to California at the end of the year, according to the studio.

She has been a part of the Andover community doing Crafts in the Park for 10 years. She was a Girl Scout Leader from 1988 to

1992. She taught special projects at Sanborn Elementary School from 1987-1992 and through the Andover Department of Community Services from 1977 to 1980, according to the release.

Kaleel is a fiber artist with a knowledge of techniques such as batiks, felting, applique, and

mono prints. She has been a member of the Merrimack Valley Quilters for 18 years and Hanna Dustin in New Hampshire for six years. Kaleel has taught quilting at the Pine Tree in Salem, N.H. and the Silver Thimble in Hampton Falls and many other places.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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St., Methuen. Meet camp directors who will be speaking about the YMCA's residential camps - Camp Nokomis for Girls and Camp Lawrence for Boys - and Day Camp Otter. The resident camps are located on Bear Island on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H.; 978-975-1330, www.mymca-camps.org.

**CHRISTMAS COMEDY**, Poolyle Productions presents A Very Ida Christmas, Firehouse Center for the Arts at Market Square, Newburyport, 8 p.m., \$16-\$18; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 12

**SANTA'S BREAKFAST**, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a light breakfast and make an elf craft. Don't forget to bring your camera to take a photo with Santa, cost per family: YMCA Members, \$10, nonmembers \$15; 978.685.3541

**FIRST LIGHT**, Merrimack Valley's annual Chanukah concert sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation with support from local businesses, 7 p.m., Congregation Shalom, 87 Richardson Road, North Chelmsford; http://www.mjvf.org, www.mjvf.org, 978-688-0466.

**LIVE IRISH FOLK MUSIC**, Crossroads Coffeehouse presents Aine Minogue, an Irish musician, vocalist, folklorist and lecturer, 3 Great Pond Road, Old Center Hall second floor, North Andover, 8 p.m., \$12; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org via PayPal, 978-687-3960.

**COOKIE COMPETITION**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., sample cookies from the Brush Family's recipe box while you browse and cast your vote for

your favorite cookie before you leave, Brush Gallery and Studios, 256 Market St. (behind the National Park Visitor Center), Lowell; 978-459-7819.

**LIVE JAZZ**, with "Day for Night", includes Andover residents John Finbury on keyboard and Patty Brayden, vocalist, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover, 7 p.m., \$10, snacks and beverages provided; www.uuandover.org.

**HOLIDAY ICE SHOW**, with a Toys for Tots drive, 2 to 4 p.m., hosted by The Skating Club of Andover, Valley Forum Rinks in Haverhill/Bradford, \$5, children are free.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Northern Essex Community College production of Charles Dickens' classic, 3 and 7 p.m., see Dec. 11 listing.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 13

**LIVE MUSIC**, with St. Augustine's Youth Choice, 1 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

**THREE CUPS OF HOLIDAY CHEER**, celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and the Winter Solstice, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., folk songs featuring fiddle, recorder, dulcimer, tambourine and vocal harmonies; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**, The North Parish Church of North Andover presents "Winter Starlight," 7:30 p.m., music selections range from traditional sacred Christmas, to traditional Hanukkah, winter solstice and popular secular Christmas songs, \$15, \$10 seniors, students; www.northparish.org, 978-687-7948.

**THE NUTCRACKER**, Boston Dance Company,

Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, 100 Shawshen Road, Andover, 4 p.m., \$18-25; 617/491-8615.

**THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**, Brooks School students and faculty members perform, 4 p.m., free, Dalsemer Room across from the chapel 30 minutes prior to the performance, Brooks School, North Andover.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Northern Essex Community College production of Charles Dickens' classic, 3 p.m., see Dec. 11 listing.

**COOKIE COMPETITION**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., see Dec. 12 listing.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 15

**CELEBRATE AS ONE**, three children's choirs come together to present music celebrating traditions from many different countries, Rogers Center, Merrimack College, 7 p.m., \$16, \$10 seniors, students; 978-837-5000.

**ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN**, with poet Paul McDonald, 10:15 a.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

**PERSEPOLIS TO TEHRAN**, A Journey Through Ancient and Contemporary Persia, with Malinda Blustain, hosted by the Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, 7 p.m., the R.S. Peabody Museum, 180 Main St., Andover, free; julesgordon@comcast.net

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

**WEDNESDAY HIKE SERIES**, 10 to 11:30 a.m., free, Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North

Andover. Wear appropriate footwear - hiking footwear is best - no sneakers. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water; 617-828-1728, www.mass.gov/dcr or http://friendsofharoldparker.org/.

**HYMN SING**, with Linda Kirk, 7 p.m., and New England Classical Singers at 6 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 17

**HOLIDAY STORYTELLING**, 5 to 7 p.m., Peabody Leatherworkers Museum, 205 Washington St., Peabody, presented by the Essex National Heritage Commission; 978-740-0444.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 19

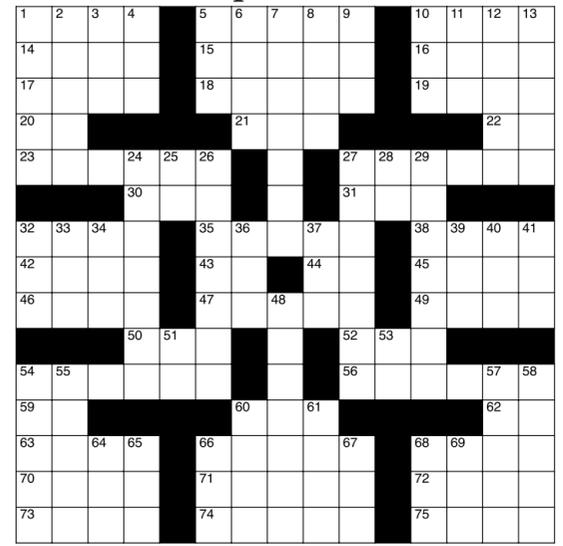
**LIVE PIANO**, with pianist Donnie Coughlin, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 20

**NOT YOUR TYPICAL SILENT NIGHT**, Blue Window Arts Group with its 50-Voice Gospel Choir and acclaimed local artists, offer a unique Christmas concert, 4 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, \$10-20; 978-837-5355

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**, 7:15 p.m., a traditional carol service will feature music from three choirs, organ and a brass ensemble, First Religious Society, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-465-0602.

## Crossword puzzle



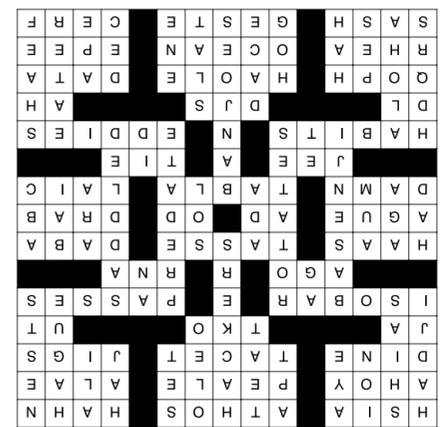
### CLUES ACROSS

1. First Chinese dynasty
5. Greek mountain
10. Jessica \_\_\_\_
14. Hail (nautical)
15. Norman Vincent \_\_\_\_
16. Wings
17. Eat dinner
18. Be silent (music)
19. Lively folk dances
20. Judge Advocate
21. Referee declares
22. Western State
23. Weather map line
27. Football tosses
30. Time gone by
31. Ribonucleic acid
32. Type of avocado
35. Thigh armor plates
38. 1950 hit "Aba \_\_\_\_ Honeymoon"
42. Chills and fever
43. A public promotion
44. Overdose
45. Cheerless
46. "\_\_\_\_ Yankees"
47. Hand drum of No. India
49. Worldly rather than spiritual
50. \_\_\_\_P: Chrysler product
52. A man's neckwear
54. Recurrent behaviors
56. Currents against the main
59. Volume measurement
60. Disk jockeys
62. Exclamation of surprise
63. 19th Hebrew letter
66. White person, Hawaiian slang
68. A collection

### CLUES DOWN

70. Zeus' mother
71. Atlantic or Pacific
72. A fencing sword
73. Skater \_\_\_\_ a Cohen
74. 1924 novel Beau \_\_\_\_
75. Randon House editor Bennett
27. Be earlier in time
28. Article
29. Burdened
32. Possessed
33. Honorable title (Turkish)
34. Meersch \_\_\_\_ pipe
36. Group for Dentists
37. Sun (Spanish)
39. Macaws
40. S.D. Zoo panda \_\_\_\_ Yun
41. Basics
48. Duelling instruments
51. And, Latin
53. Potato state
54. Official center (abbr.)
55. Hawaiian greeting
57. One who takes in food
58. WWII Allied H.Q.
60. Pre \_\_\_\_ous: predatory
61. Strip of wood
64. Foot (Latin)
65. Expresses humor
66. Large pig
67. Midway between NE and E
68. Last month
69. Imitate

### Solution



## MUSIC: Night of melodies at Temple Emanuel

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said. Nu Millennium will perform a 45-minute set after the much more traditional choirs from the Haggetts Pond Road temple

perform for the holiday. The temple has a children's choir and an adult choir that will open this show.

Nu Millennium will not perform Hanukkah-themed songs, Lavoie said. Rather, they will stick with

their own playlist. The Nu Millennium Web site says the group shares memories of singing on the street corners as kids to survive hard times. Their music has been described as "a cappella soul."

Group members may also share their TV connections. These days the group not only sings, but is busy filming an episode for ABC television's "Six Degrees." The group also acts and sings in the off-Broadway show, "Barry White: Guided By Destiny."

Dazzling audiences who are young and old is what appealed to Lavoie.

"This event is for the community," Lavoie said. "We get people who are not congregants here. They just come to enjoy themselves and it's great."

As always, the evening concludes with lightsticks for all as the guests perform their own rendition of "America the Beautiful."

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# Obituaries

## Maria Todt, 97

ANDOVER — Maria (Toeper) Todt, 97, of Lawrence, formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009 at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

She was born in Grosshogen, Romania on Aug. 21, 1912. Maria and her family fled to Austria during World War II in 1944. In 1951 the South Church in Andover sponsored her family's immigration to the United States. Maria attended night classes and in 1959 she became a U.S. citizen. In 1954 they purchased the Cottage Farm in Andover where they raised chickens and sold fresh eggs to many of the local residents. Maria and her husband loved to garden. They grew vegetables, berries, fruit trees and flowers. She loved her flowers and would add new varieties each year. It gave her great pleasure watching them flourish. She was a longtime member of South Church in Andover, where she had many friends and was an active member of the bible study group. She had resided at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home for the past four years, where she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

The widow of Johann Todt, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Gerda Todt of Windham, N.H.; son, Martin Todt and his wife June of Hampstead, N.H.; daughter, Maria Hoskison and her husband David of Lawrence; seven grandchildren, Heidi Camasso and her husband David, Heather Hoskison, Heidi Leroux, Holly and her husband Jeb Boyd, Kathy and her husband Dean Sciotti, Nancy and her husband Gregg Esmel, John Todt and his wife Melissa; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Martin Toeper of Zellwood, Fla.; sister, Rosa Lutsch of Pelham, N.H.; brother, John Toeper of Rochester, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews; and her dear friend, Elsie Dubocqu. She was the mother of the late John Todt.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours were Saturday at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, with a funeral service following at the funeral home. Burial in Spring Grove Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For more information go to www.burkemagliozi.com.

## Linda K. Torrissi, 66



ANDOVER — Linda K. (Vivenzio) Torrissi, 66, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 in Andover.

She was born in Lawrence to the late Pasquale and Elvira (Borrelli) Vivenzio. Linda was educated in Lawrence, graduated from Lawrence High School, and received her B.A. at Merrimack College.

She was a teacher in the Lawrence School System beginning in 1975 at the Oliver School Jr. High, then taught at the Bruce School in 1981 and ended her career at Lawrence High School from 1987 until her retirement in 2002. In her early years, she was a part-time hostess at the Cedar Crest Restaurant, a job she resumed after her retirement. She enjoyed decorating and shopping, especially with her daughter.

Linda had a wonderful personality, a great sense of humor, and a generosity which abounded. These qualities touched so

many people from her family, her friends, her students, her co-workers from school, the Cedar Crest, and to strangers.

She was devoted to her family. She is survived by a daughter, Sandra E. (Torrissi) Neel of Andover; son, Tom Torrissi and his wife Susan of Salem, N.H.; a brother, Raymond Vivenzio and his wife Judy of North Andover; three grandchildren, Lindsay Neel, Patrick Neel, Christopher Torrissi; two step-grandchildren, David and Kailey San Antonio; two nieces, Sarah Kipp and Laura Vivenzio. She leaves many dear friends, including Marilyn Barry and Kay and Ray DiFiore. Her relationship with the late Bob Fitzgerald was one she always cherished.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was held at St. Monica's Church, Methuen, on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. Friends called on Thursday at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. The family requests no flowers. To place online condolences, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.

## Robert S. McLellan, III, 94



EXETER, N.H. — Robert S. McLellan, III, an original member of the Freeport "tricycle gang," passed away on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 after a

long illness. He was 94.

Mr. McLellan was a resident at The Ridge at RiverWoods in Exeter, N.H. when he passed. He was born on Oct. 22, 1915 in Jersey City, N.J., to Neil R. and Helen J. McLellan. Mr. McLellan had seven siblings (Neil, Gilbert, Helen, Martha, Ruth, Hubert and Walter). Mr. McLellan was married for 67 years to Elizabeth Nichols McLellan, also originally of Freeport, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. McLellan were married at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Freeport.

He graduated from New York University's School of Commerce (now known as the Stern School) during the Great Depression, majoring in accounting. He subsequently became a Certified Public Accountant, maintaining a private accounting practice in Freeport for over 40 years. Mr. McLellan served during World War II, earning his commission and, at separation, held the rank of full Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. During his service, he was the Supply Officer on the USS Beatty (DD-756), a destroyer under the command of CDR Malcolm Munger, USN.

During his lifetime, Mr. McLellan resided in Hoboken, N.J., Freeport, N.Y., Garden City, N.Y. and Exeter, N.H. "Boomer" McLellan, as he was known, was an avid golfer holding a five handicap and golfing memberships during his lifetime at the Hempstead Country Club, the Cherry Valley Club and the Garden City Golf Club. He also

enjoyed spending many summer days and evenings with his friends at the Lawrence Beach Club, Atlantic Beach, N.Y.

Some of his notable achievements included being a member of the board of directors at the former Greenpoint Savings Bank, Flushing, N.Y.; President of the Robert Burns Society in New York City; President of the Nassau-Suffolk Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, Village Trustee and Police Commissioner in Freeport, N.Y.; and former President of the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City, N.Y. Additionally, Mr. McLellan was the "low-net" winner in 1962 of the dragon-festooned Hong Kong Cup of the St. Andrews Society, a golfing trophy later lost in the attacks in Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001 by its then holder. Lastly, Mr. McLellan was proud to note that he had the opportunity to play the St. Andrews Golf Course in Scotland three times.

Mr. McLellan is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Nichols McLellan, nee Gockley, Robert S. and Susan McLellan of Andover, Peter N. and Dagny K. McLellan of McKinney, Texas, and David L. McLellan of North Andover. He has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Walter J. McLellan of Brevard, N.C.; and by many, many friends and neighbors.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at the Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. Final interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jefferson, Schoharie County, N.Y. Donations can be made, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Robert S. McLellan III to the Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society, The Salvation Army, Exeter, NH Hospital, and the Spencer Scholarship Fund at Riverwoods at Exeter. Mr. McLellan's watchwords were: "always do your best!"

## Ethel Laffin Wilson, 92

CONCORD, N.H. — Ethel Laffin Wilson, 92, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009 at her home.

Born in Moose Brook, Nova Scotia, Canada on Feb. 25, 1917, she grew up in Wilmington before moving to Ballardvale. She attended Lowell State Teacher's College. She worked as a librarian and retired from Memorial Hall Library in Andover. Upon retiring she moved to Newton, N.H. and in 1991 she moved to Concord.

She was an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Pierce Brigade.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Wilson; two brothers, Lowell and Lloyd Laffin; and her son-in-law, Richard Woodhead. She is survived by

her only daughter, Joan Wilson Woodhead. She is also survived by her grandsons, Mark and wife Michelle, Scott and wife Anita, David Woodhead, and granddaughter, Lisa Roy and husband Rick. She has five great-grandchildren, Allie and Trevor Woodhead, Ethan and Benjamin Roy and Nina Maxfield and one great-great-granddaughter, Lilly Anna Maxfield and three generations of nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial celebration of her life will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pierce Brigade, P.O. Box 425, Concord, N.H. The Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is in charge of the arrangements.

## Philip E. Willett, 87

ANDOVER — Philip E. Willett, 87, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 at Lowell General Hospital.

Philip was born in Worcester, and was a lifelong resident of Andover. He served with the United States Air Force during World War II.

Philip leaves his children, Stephen Willett of Hamilton and Deborah Turner of Lowell, and

several grandchildren.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends gathered on Saturday, Dec. 5 for a funeral Mass at St. Augustine's Church, Essex Street, Andover. Burial followed at St. Augustine's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, Andover. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

### 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



ANDOVER — Sally Slade Warner, 77, of Andover, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

Sally was born in Worcester and raised and educated in Fitchburg. She was employed as a musician, organist, a former associate faculty member, music librarian and carillonist at Phillips Academy. Until the time of her death, she also served as carillonist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset.

Sally is predeceased by her

parents, Harold and Anna Slade. She is survived by many dear friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends are invited to attend a Mass in her honor at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill. Immediately following services, everyone is invited to gather at Trinity Hall within the church for the collation. Burial will take place privately at Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg. Arrangements are under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church Discretionary Fund, 26 White St., Haverhill, MA 01830. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

## Karl Moulton, 90

SPRING HILL, Fla. — Karl Moulton, 90, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009 at Spring Oaks Assisted Living in Brooksville, Fla.

He was born in Lawrence, March 13, 1919, son of Bruce and Mary Jane (Walsh) Moulton. Karl lived most of his life in Haverhill and Plaistow, N.H., moving to Spring Hill, Fla. in 1988. He worked as a mechanic for most of his younger life, and then as a shipfitter in the Boston Naval Shipyard. He later served in the U.S. Army in Germany, ending his service in April of 1946.

He was one of the original owners of Kadre Driving School in Plaistow, N.H. In his later years, he worked as a systems analyst at Raytheon, Andover. He retired from Raytheon in 1984, where he was known as "Mr. Fix-It."

He loved to fly, read, teach, and had a gift for fixing things. He

loved to serve and always there for whoever needed his help. A quiet man of peace, Karl would be there for anyone who needed to talk. His presence generated peace to those around him. He had a great love for his fellow man.

His survivors include a son, Keith Moulton, and his wife Mary Ellen, of Plaistow, N.H.; a daughter, Karen and her husband Ronald Derocher of Spring Hill, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** There was a memorial service for Karl at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 21043 Yontz Road in Brooksville, Fla. at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. Karl was a man of service. To honor him, in lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you think of someone you know who has a specific need, then go and take care of that need for them.

## Lydia T. Pucci, 85

ANDOVER — Ms. Lydia T. Pucci, 85, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, 2009 in the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born and raised in Lawrence, she was the daughter of the late Angelo and Emma (Fravola) Pucci. She received her education in the Lawrence school system. Ms. Pucci had been employed at Raytheon in Andover until the time of her retirement. Prior to

that she had worked in the Lawrence Maid Shoe Shop and in the Mills in Lawrence.

She is survived by several dear cousins and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral services were private and held on Saturday. Assisting the family with the arrangements was the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. For condolences and online guestbook, please visit our Web site at www.cataudellaFH.com.

## L. Earl Smith, 52

LAWRENCE — L. Earl Smith, 52, of Lawrence, died suddenly Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Earl was born in Norwood and raised in Dedham. He attended the Dedham Public Schools and graduated from Dedham High School in 1975. He also attended the Henry O. Peabody School in Norwood. Earl was the son of the late Louis V. Smith and Elaine (Anderson) Smith of Foxboro. He is also survived by his wife, Debra C. Lannan of Andover; his children, Courtney Smith of Attleboro and Riley Smith of Andover; his sister, Holly Randall and her husband Peter of Foxboro; their children, Eric and Amy; his brother, Scott Crowther of Salem, N.H.; his former wife, Barbara (Donovan) Smith of Attleboro, and his faithful canine companion, Tucker.

Earl worked for Barlow Architectural Millwork in Hampstead,

N.H. and was a member of St. Matthews Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Andover. His hobbies included cooking, woodworking, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and spending time with his children. His love for ice hockey and Aerosmith were inherited by his children. Earl spent many hours at the rinks cheering at his children's games.

His sense of humor and smile will be missed.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial visitation period was held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Following the visitation period, a Masonic Service will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the L. Earl Smith Memorial Fund, c/o Wolkon & Pasucci, LLP, One Beacon St., Suite 1320, Boston, MA 02108. To leave the family online condolences or for directions to the funeral home, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.



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# Opinion

## Future means tighter budgets

When US Congresswoman Niki Tsongas explains the so-called federal stimulus plan, she says it adopts a three-pronged approach. About one-third of the money is meant to continue crucial services this year, to give communities time to prioritize, cut in responsible ways and adopt a way to run their towns more efficiently. Let's hope that message is being driven home at all levels of government, and significant change is being planned. Otherwise, billions of dollars will be wasted, doing nothing more than propping up an unsustainable system one more year. The economy has dictated that real cuts must be made.

Here in town, the Andover Fire Department recently received a \$98,000 grant which it will use to pay overtime to firefighters. "It's a short-term fix to quite possibly a long-term problem," Fire Chief Michael Mansfield told reporter Bethany Bray. He understands the problem, though we'd quibble with the "quite possibly" qualifier. Overtime pay has been titanic part of the fire department budget for more than a decade, and there are no signs of it slowing down. Town leaders have had a hard time reining in, even after switching to 24-hour shifts specifically to address the problem. Mansfield goes on to say "We've just begun the [fiscal year] 2011 budget preparation process. I have not been given any information on what type of deficit the town is dealing with at this point."

As a start, it seems to make sense that town leaders, town managers and department heads throughout the state should be planning budgets that spend less money than was available this year. They'd be misguided, to say the least, to expect another hundreds of billions more from the federal government. Government in Massachusetts also is short of cash and there's virtually no support for raising taxes and fees to stem the flow of red ink.

On the local level, planning 2011 budgets now on the assumption that there will be even less money available next year, seems a no-brainer.

## Tackling pensions

Speaking of the state, people want to know why wages and benefits earned by those in the public sector are so out of whack with those in private industry. "Public employees are supposed to be serving the public, not getting sweetheart deals which are unavailable to any private employee," Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker declared recently in a release outlining his plan to end abuse of the public pension system. His ideas won't win him many fans among those employed by state or local government and the unions that represent them. But they will resonate with the majority of Massachusetts voters whose taxes fund those employees' collective bargaining contracts. It helps explain how the Baker campaign set a new record for gubernatorial aspirants by raising \$516,123 in November.

Baker's reform proposal, which would apply to all new state employees and those with less than 10 years of service, would raise the retirement age to 60, calculate pension benefits on the basis of compensation over the duration of one's career rather than the three "best" years, and require a two-thirds vote by the Legislature for any change in the rules that would benefit a specific individual.

The budget deficits that those in Andover and other town halls are grappling with today pale in comparison to their unfunded pension liabilities which in the state's case has climbed to an estimated \$22 billion. Reform of public employee compensation should be a prime topic of discussion among the gubernatorial aspirants.

## WEB QUESTION

### Who needs the fields?

#### Solar: sunny outlook

A story in last week's Townsman highlighted local residents, businesses and schools that have installed solar panels, going green and saving money. Our online poll asked if you thought solar power is a rising trend in Andover. Although few responded to the question, the top answer was "Yes," with 63.64 percent of votes.

"I don't care" was second place, with 18.18 percent. "No" and "I have no idea" tied for third, with 9.09 percent.

#### New fields

The town will unveil its plan for playing fields at the Blanchard Street plot Andover bought two years ago. What sports league is in most desperate need of fields?

- Little League
- Soccer Association
- Junior Football
- Lacrosse
- Ultimate frisbee
- Other
- All of the above
- None of the above

To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. To submit different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com)

## SLIP SLIDING AWAY



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Sydney Chavous, 6, of Andover appears to be sledding in the clouds as she and her father, David Chavous, enjoy the first real snow of winter at Andover High School on Sunday.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Many hands carried tradition back downtown

Editor, Townsman:

On behalf of the entire Council on Aging, I acknowledge the Townsman's kind words and recognition of the Council-sponsored Saturday morning coffees at the Town

House. This effort is much more than the work of the two people mentioned in the editorial. Most of the members of the Council have participated in one or more of the

coffees since the program began in the fall. In addition, we have one or more volunteers from the Andover Senior Center each weekend to help with preparation and to act as greeters at the functions. Finally, we would like to acknowledge a few private anonymous citizens who recognized the community desire for reinstating this downtown tradition and contributed funds during our initial startup period to purchase donuts and coffee.

Shortly after we started, Riverbank Bank approached the Council and offered to provide ongoing funds to cover the purchase of donuts, bagels and supplies, and Starbucks has generously provided free coffee and cups every week since the beginning. With the general support of the Council, private citizens, and the retail community in Andover, this endeavor will hopefully continue well into the future.

For all of those who have come to enjoy this new place for social interaction on a Saturday morning in downtown Andover, we thank you. For residents who have not yet had the opportunity, we invite you to stop in, have a cup of coffee, and visit with your neighbors.

**JO-ANN DESO**  
81 High St.  
Co-Chairwoman  
Andover Council on Aging

### Doctor grateful for his own treatment

Editor, Townsman:

I want to take this Thanksgiving to express my gratitude to many local organizations and individuals.

Two weeks ago, after completing my week's scheduled surgeries, I found my office encounters

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and subsequent weekend activities exhausting.

Caring family members and my friend Alex Vispoli were concerned with my health and encouraged me to go to Holy Family Hospital. To my astonishment, the tests found a massive lesion on the left side of my brain. I was put to sleep and transferred to Mass. General Hospital where the talented doctors had a working diagnosis of metastatic cancer of the brain. However, after further inspection, the Lord smiled and the post-operative diagnosis of a hemorrhagic stroke was much less dire than their initial thoughts.

While I was unable to make memories for four days, I am now fully aware of the countless things that I should be grateful for during that period of time. My wife and family rallied themselves to be a trunk of support throughout the immediate diagnosis but it is the broader branches of the Andover community that I wish to recognize here. After the emergency surgery, John Zehring, our pastor at South Church, traveled to Boston and fortified our family with spiritual support; as I awakened from the surgery, my partner, Eric Arvidson, greeted me; and finally, as I returned to Andover to begin my recovery period, the entire community engaged and supported me. Whether it was my office staff, patients, friends, family, church, hospital or volunteers; whether it was a note, snack, letter, meal or book, I have appreciated all of your endless generosity.

Now, I imagine that a partition could have divided my potential outcomes: On one side, I could

have experienced a permanently tragic result; and on the other, I could have experienced a rapid and uncompromised outcome. The wonderful recovery I am experiencing has placed me on the fortunate side of fate. I have much to be grateful for and hopefully, another 30 years to express my gratitude for all of life.

**TOM HOERNER**  
20 Jenkins Road

### Street names hold history: Retain them

Editor, Townsman:

I was quite surprised and a bit dismayed when I read the article by Judy Wakefield regarding Barry Finegold's desire to change the name of the street adjacent to the Musgrove Building ("Restaurants heating up," Nov. 19). It was named Post Office Avenue many years ago for a very pertinent reason and for several decades has been identified as such. Granted, the Post Office may no longer be there but the heritage remains and it should not be eradicated because the name may not be "trendy" enough.

Most of the actions of our forefathers in the establishment of the town and the identifications therein were well thought through and not a passing fancy - if every such action were questioned and changed, a lot of history would be lost. One's ties to the governmental structure should not be used to expedite such frivolous actions. How about considering a dining establishment named "Post Office Bistro"?

**ROBERT A. DOMINGUE**  
59 Greenwood Road

### Blue light special

Editor, Townsman:

Eleven years ago the AHS Girls Swim & Dive Team won their first of 10 state championships.

The winners names have changed and each year very eager athletes all strive to keep the legacy and traditions of the team intact.

The one thing that has remained constant during this time is the unprecedented support from the town of Andover Police and Fire Departments. I only wish that each reader could experience the thrill of seeing those blue lights flashing as the team bus reaches the town line and the escort to the high school

begins. After the girls secured their most recent Division I State Championship this past Saturday, they were treated to seeing their parents and faithful fans lining Main Street as the escorted bus passed by. As we reached the Safety Center, rescue and fire equipment had lights, horns and sirens blaring to let the team know how proud the town was of their great accomplishment.

It was very emotional, and not a dry eye could be found.

These dedicated and unselfish athletes were overwhelmed with gratefulness to be living in a community that supports their youth so wholeheartedly. The season started with one goal. Win the state championship to get the blue lights flashing. Everyone agreed, the ride into town was the best part of the win. Thanks to police Chief Brian Pattullo for keeping the lights warmed up all season and for coordinating the welcome back. Let us all hope the town never outgrows its small town feel.

**MARILYN FITZGERALD**  
25 Washington Ave.  
Coach, AHS Girls Swim & Dive

### A plug for Happenings, Historical Society

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to congratulate the members of the downtown Andover business community for the successful evening they planned and executed last Friday. The town was filled with families having a wonderful time.

I was volunteering at the Andover Historical Society and was gratified at the volume of people who came in our door to see the holiday trees that were on display. As they went through the house, I heard many say that it was the first time they had been in the building. Many of the children had been there on field trips and enjoyed that fact that they could show their parents what they had learned while on that visit.

I handed out membership information to as many parents as I could, and mentioned that a family membership, though inexpensive, could be an on-going gift to the entire family, leading to further educational experiences.

**JAMES SELLERS**  
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Andover Historical Society

### THURSDAY FILE

"If they think this is the way to go, we will end up with millions of small farmers all over the world being driven off their land into unsustainable, unmanageable, degraded and dysfunctional conurbations of unmentionable awfulness."  
*Prince Charles, of genetically modified crops*

"If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."  
*Bernard Baruch*

"In a meeting, if you initiate humor, you've got the table."  
*John Morreall, professor at William and Mary*

"The thing I hate about an argument is that it always interrupts a discussion."  
*G. K. Chesterton*

"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong."  
*Joseph Chilton Pearce*

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."  
*Winston Churchill*

"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."  
*Mahatma Gandhi*

"I've arrived at this outermost edge of my life by my own actions. Where I am is thoroughly unacceptable. Therefore, I must stop doing what I've been doing."  
*Alice Koller, "An Unknown Woman," 1982*

"The noun of self becomes a verb. This flashpoint of creation in the present moment is where work and play merge."  
*Stephen Nachmanovitch*

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## Sharing with Santa



Andover held its annual Breakfast with Santa Saturday morning at the Free Christian Church. Autumn McCarthy, 27 months old, shares her doll with Santa. CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

## Jazz at Unitarian Universalist on Dec. 12

An Andover religious group is offering residents a chance to take a break from holiday rushing around and relax with some great music.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will host a jazz concert on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. featuring

the combo Day for Night. Performers include Scott Phillips, alto sax; Dave Hickernell, bass; George Hicks, guitar; Kevin Mara, drums, and the group features Andover residents John Finbury on keyboard and Patty Brayden as vocalist. Day for Night performed in Andover last

winter and has played numerous venues on the North Shore.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person, collected at the door.

Beverages will be available for purchase, snacks and desserts will be complimentary.

The public is invited to attend. The UU Congregation is located at 6 Locke St., Andover.

# US Senate: Like statewide voters, Andoverites back Coakley, Brown

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover voters agreed with voters throughout the state in the Dec. 8 special primary election, voting to have Democrat Martha Coakley and Republican Scott Brown face each other in the race for the seat formerly occupied by late U.S. Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy.

Coakley won the Democratic primary, beating second-place Michael Capuano by 751 votes. Brown, a state senator, easily took the Republican ticket in town, beating businessman Jack Robinson by 914 votes when fewer than 1,200 Andover Republicans voted.

A total of 4,617 people voted in Andover on Tuesday, 20 percent of all registered voters.

Assistant Town Clerk Kathy McKenna noted voter turnout for this primary, to find a replacement for the iconic Kennedy, was less than the turnout for the 2007 special primary to elect a new person to Marty Meehan's Fifth District congressional seat.

"It ran smoothly today. It was kind of a steady, light flow, but constant," said Town Clerk Randy Hanson after polls closed at 8 p.m.

Kennedy died Aug. 25 of brain cancer, having served four



Margaret Leber helps Andover resident Norma Pelletier with his ballot at Andover High School during the primary election for US Senate. ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

## HOW ANDOVER VOTED

### DEMOCRATS

Attorney General Martha Coakley: 1,577 votes  
State Rep. Michael Capuano: 826 votes  
Alan Khazei, co-founder of City Year: 659 votes  
Steve Pagliuca, co-owner of Boston Celtics: 408 votes

### REPUBLICANS

State Sen. Scott Brown: 1,021 votes  
Jack Robinson, attorney and businessman: 107 votes

decades in the senate. Massachusetts voters will select a

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# Youth Services tree lot aglow

By AFTON CUOMO  
ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES

The Andover Youth Services A Lot of Trees is back for the sixth consecutive year. Located on Shawsheen Road between West Middle School and Andover High school, in the Andover Skate Park, the lot is filled with holiday items. This includes balsam, white pine and mixed roping; decorated and undecorated kissing balls; mantle pieces; centerpieces; hand-made ornaments; balsam fir wreaths, from 12 inches to a whopping 48 inches and, of course, trees. The lot boasts balsam fir trees ranging from 4-footers all the way up to 20 foot giants, along with a selection of Fraser fir trees.

Tree sales run until Dec. 21. The lot is open Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All proceeds benefit the youth of Andover by helping raise money to fund AYS programs.

This year, Santa Claus is coming to town and he will visit the tree lot on Saturday, Dec. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. Youth Services asks people to "Come on down and support a great cause and get the best tree you've ever had!"

### Telethon coming

Beyond the tree lot there is much more on the way. The Andover Youth Services never have just one thing cooking and right now we are putting out a townwide talent search, for this year's "Raisin the Roof" telethon in February. The telethon is an entertaining two-night event that is aired live from the Collins Center and broadcast on the Andover channel. The purpose is to raise money to help fund the Andover Youth Services Programs and to raise money for a youth center.

AYS is looking for people of all ages with all talents. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument or wrestle a pig, we want to hear from you. Contact Afton Cuomo at [Acuomo@andoverma.gov](mailto:Acuomo@andoverma.gov) to learn more information on the telethon and how you can get involved.

### 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.

# Andover Holiday Guide

## Holiday Happenings a hit

By ERIC BRYDEN  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Main Street was closed to cars Friday night, but it may have been busier than any automotive traffic could have made it.

The annual Holiday Happenings night was held on Main Street, sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association. The town of Andover showed off its holiday spirit in true form.

The street lights at the intersection in front of CVS were flashing green and red. These lights did not serve to control traffic, but rather as evidence that the holiday season is upon us.

In front of Old Town Hall, a DJ played holiday music, which could be heard all around the downtown. Many people gathered near the speakers to enjoy some classic holiday tunes. Young children gathered under the massive Christmas tree to the right of the TD BankNorth entrance, gazing up at its star,

making holiday wishes and taking in the pine smell emanating from the tree.

Despite it being nighttime, Main Street was just as luminous as a day-time event. In addition to the street lights, many stores around Andover were lined with white Christmas lights. Stores on Main Street contributed to the holiday feel, as many were decorated with more than just lights. Andover Optical even featured a winter scene with Santa Claus sporting glasses. Several other stores featured Christmas wreaths, most of which still align Main Street.

There were people of all ages roaming Main Street, with young children running with their multi-colored light sabers sold at a nearby stand, and adolescents and adults conversing and discussing plans for the holiday season.



The clear and slightly cool weather attracted hundreds of people to Andover's Holiday Happenings, sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association Friday night, Dec. 4. The event, which closes Main Street, brings shoppers downtown for bargains and to enjoy a variety of activities. Families enjoyed horse-drawn wagon rides, caroling, music and the main event; the arrival of Santa to light the Christmas tree. Above, Tatum Ahern, 3, has eyes for Frosty the Snowman.

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Members of the Mad Bavarian Brass Band entertain the crowd, as they have in previous years. Carolers and horse-drawn wagons also entertained people, who came downtown for the variety of events and shopping opportunities.



Jessica Andrews, 6, left, of Andover and her friend, Dierdre O'Rourke, also 6, of Lawrence, sip on some hot chocolate during the night.



Hannah Sousa, 11, of Andover looks at a necklace at Carina & Co. Fine Jewelry and Accessories on Barnard Street.



Benjamin Christo, 6 of North Andover has his photo taken with Santa by his father, Greg, in front of the tree near the intersection of Chestnut and Main streets.



Volunteer Tom Doucette of Andover roasts chestnuts for the shoppers. Andover shops sold buttons that made special deals available to people. Many shops will remain open late on Thursdays, through Christmas Eve.

Photos by  
Carl Russo

## The Christmas story told outside

Parishioners of all ages and a stable of live animals will help bring the Christmas story to life at West Parish Church at 129 Reservation Road this weekend.

West Parish Church will present its 32nd Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. The snow date is Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

Jeff and Andrea Korzon will play the parts of Joseph and Mary, and their daughter Kate Korzon will play baby Jesus as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem. This annual reenactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults, plus animals. Blake Martin will portray Basil, the

Innkeeper, and Jim Olson is the narrator.

"Through drama, narration, and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical account of Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the 'Littlest Angel' and the 'Little Drummer Boy' are included in the reenactment," according to the parish.

Over its 31 years, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral

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## Andover youth help stage 'Nutcracker'

COURTESY OF PAT WENTWORTH

Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet" is set to take the stage for its 14th season at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College.

Over 65 dancers of all ages from many different studios have learned their choreography and rehearsed their roles with the talented and experienced NECB company and school directors Phyllis George and Roshni Pecora.

Performances will be Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.newenglandciviccivilballet.org](http://www.newenglandciviccivilballet.org) or by calling the studio at 978-975-0289. Tickets for adults are \$24, and for children and senior citizens are \$22. Group rates are available if you have 20 or more people attending one show.

The ballet centers on Clara, a girl who dreams that her special Nutcracker doll, received earlier that evening from her mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer, turns into her prince. He saves her from a fierce battle between the mice and toy soldiers, but it is she who saves him from the Mouse Queen. He carries her off through the snowy forest and takes her by sled to his Land of Sweets. There she is greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy who rewards Clara's bravery with entertainment from talented dancers representing sweets from different countries.



Andover dancers in the New England Civic Ballet's Nutcracker are front row, from left: Isabelle Brunet, Katie Tsai; middle row: Grace Conway, Amanda Kamlet, Erica Nork; and back row: EB McCarthy and Jessica Martin. They will perform Dec. 11, 12 and 13 at the Rogers Center, Merrimack College.

# Boston Dance Co. ballet this weekend at Collins Center

The Boston Dance Company will perform "The Nutcracker" ballet on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Collins Center in Andover.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for seniors and children, and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 617-491-8615.

This is the 17th season of the Boston Dance Company's annual production of the Nutcracker.

"It is a performance the entire family will enjoy and remember full of magic, a growing Christmas Tree, a sword fight, snowing onstage, and spectacular dancing, according to the company.

The large cast includes approximately 20 professional dancers, 10 company apprentices and 70 children. The children in the Andover production are primarily residents of Peabody, Lynnfield, Beverly, Wenham, Malden and surrounding communities.

For more information about Boston Dance Company, visit [www.bostondancecompany.net](http://www.bostondancecompany.net) or call

617-491-8615.

Boston Dance Company will also perform Nutcracker in Dorchester and Worcester, offering matinee performances targeted to expose school children on field trips to classical ballet, and evening performances for the general public.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

The snowflakes and Snow Queen, played by Mersades Nigl, take the stage during the New England Civic Ballet dress rehearsal of "The Nutcracker" at Merrimack College last year.

## Andover girl in Jose Mateo's 'Nutcracker'

A 10-year-old resident of Andover, Emma Rosenfeld, is performing in Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker in the role of a cherub.

Emma joins the professional cast in this holiday favorite with performances at the Spingold Theater at Brandeis University in Waltham and the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Emma is a fifth-grade student at West Elementary School who dances locally with Center for Performing Art in Andover.

Now in its 22nd season, José Mateo Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker has been a holiday tradition for New England audiences since 1987. This will be José Mateo Ballet Theatre's fourth Nutcracker season at The Spingold Theatre at Brandeis University in Waltham and its fifth return trip to The Duxbury Performing Arts Center.

Choreographed by Artistic Director José Mateo, this original production of The Nutcracker says in a release that it "distinguishes itself from all others by its focus on the dancing rather than the usual mime



Courtesy photo

Emma Rosenfeld, 10, of Andover will perform in the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker."

and theatrics associated with other productions. This is especially true of the 200 children like Emma, who join the professional cast as Party Children, Mice, Soldiers, Polichinelles, Cherubs, Attendants, Angels and Clara."

José Mateo Ballet Theatre presents The Nutcracker at The

Spingold Theater at Brandeis University in Waltham, Dec. 4 to 20 and the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Dec. 24, 26 and 27. Call 781-736-3400 or visit [www.BalletTheatre.org](http://www.BalletTheatre.org) to order tickets in Waltham or 617-354-7467 or visit [www.BalletTheatre.org](http://www.BalletTheatre.org) to order tickets for Duxbury.

## Local, international dancers in NYB's Nutcracker

Three Andover dancers will perform in the Northeast Youth Ballet's production of The Nutcracker.

A local non-profit ballet company since 1996, Northeast Youth Ballet has produced numerous ballets for hundreds of girls and boys from more than 30 cities and towns in northeastern Massachusetts. This year, Artistic Director Denise Cécere has brought together a cast of over 150 local young dancers to share the stage with international guest artists from New

York City, Japan and Canada, according to a release from the group.

NYB will bring the holiday classic, The Nutcracker, to Lynn Memorial Auditorium, Dec. 10 through 13.

The Andover dancers performing in NYB's The Nutcracker are Zenia Bhatena, Sarah Feinberg and Courtney Naughton.

Tickets start at under \$25 at the newly renovated Lynn Memorial Theater. "Exquisite dancing, beautiful costumes, lavish sets, and Tchaikovsky's

brilliant score guarantee a magical holiday treat for you and your family. Don't miss this captivating tale of a young girl named Clara and her enchanting journey to the Land of Sweets," says the company. Tickets are available at NYB's Web site [www.northeastyouthballet.org](http://www.northeastyouthballet.org).

Nutcracker performances are Thursday, Dec. 10, school performance at 10 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 11, school performance at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

## OUTSIDE: West Parish to hold pageant

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accompaniment. Afterwards they are welcome to photograph the living nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall. The Ministry of Outreach will accept non-perishable food items at the archway prior to the pageant. These will be donated to

local food pantries.

West Parish Church will hold its Christmas Eve services, which are open to all: a Family Service at 5 p.m. and a Candlelight Service at 10 p.m. Both evening services celebrate with carols and readings.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, an open and

affirming church, is located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, approximately two miles east of Interstate 93. For details call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528, or visit its Web site at [westparish-church.org](http://westparish-church.org).



Courtesy photo

The cast from the 2007 pageant included Sean and Elizabeth Herlihy as Joseph and Mary, with young Hannah Herlihy as the baby Jesus. Last year's performance was cancelled by snow on consecutive weekends.

## 'Christmas Carol' returns to Stoneham

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 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.

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](http://www.stonehamtheatre.org).

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## Traditional English holiday concert at Brooks School

Every year Brooks School's Ashburn Chapel fills with the Christmas sounds during the Lessons and Carols service, which is open to the general public and features the chapel choir, gospel choir, hand-bell choir, and faculty and student readers.

Brooks students and faculty members will perform "The Festival of Lessons and Carols" this year on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. at Ashburn Chapel, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover. The event is free, with refreshments served in the Dalsemer Room across from the chapel 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Known as Nine Lessons and Carols, this form of service originated in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University in 1918. World War I had ended on Nov. 11 of that year, and the Dean of King's, the Very Rev. E. M. Milner-White, devised this

service at that time, using as a model a service drawn from ancient sources.

The service is a holiday favorite for those looking for sing-alongs to traditional Christmas hymns, as well as the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible. The mood of the service is both solemn and celebratory, with hymns ranging from Silent Night and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen to 'The First Noel and O Come All Ye Faithful.

At Brooks, the event symbolizes humanity's universal longing for peace, and the goodwill and joy that are marks of this season for all. The nine lessons are read by members of the school in ascending order, from a third-former to the head of school.

For more information, go online to [www.brooksschool.org](http://www.brooksschool.org) or call 978-725-6300, Ext. 3201.

## Multicultural Christmas for the Treble Chorus

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 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](http://www.treblechorus.com).

## 17 Andover School of Ballet dancers in area productions of 'The Nutcracker'

Seventeen local students of The Andover School of Ballet at 14 Park St. are gearing up to perform in several area productions of the popular holiday ballet The Nutcracker. Every week these students rehearse their Nutcracker roles, as well as continuing their usual schedule of dance classes at The Andover School of Ballet, according to Kristina Liversidge, director. To be cast in these productions, each dancer went through an audition and then waited for a telephone call to tell them if they were chosen for a role. Now, they will have the opportunity to perform on stage in one of the world's most popular ballets and learn first hand about the life of a professional dancer.

■ Emily Pisacreta, 10, performed as a Mouse in the Albany Berkshire Ballet production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School on Dec. 5

■ Gwyneth Miner, 12, and Elsie Miner, 8, performed as Party Children for the Winchester Ballet Arts Centre production at the McCall Middle School Auditorium in Winchester on Dec. 5 and 6.

■ In the New England Civic Ballet production at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College on Dec. 11, 12 and 13 are:

Katelyn Tsai, 8, performing as a Party Child

Kristen Sikora, 11, performing as a Party Child

■ In the Northeast Youth Ballet production at Lynn Memorial Auditorium, Lynn, on Dec. 10-13 are:

Zenia Bhatena, 8, performing as a Cherub

Amanda Brooks, 8, performing as a Cherub

Sarah Feinberg, 10, performing as a Party Child and as a Soldier

■ In the Dance Prism production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School on Dec. 19 and 20 - where students perform in a touring cast at venues in Andover, Concord, Littleton & Worcester, MA OR in a local cast which performs

## 'Carol' at the Leddy Center

"Bah, humbug!" is the cry from Ebenezer Scrooge, as he ushers in the holiday season in "A Christmas Carol", at Leddy Center's new theater on Ladd's Lane in Epping, N.H. for weekend performances through Dec. 13. Tickets: 603-679-2781.

# 'Not Your Typical Silent Night'

Many sounds and styles of music and dance offered by more than 150 artists will help bring a bit of Christmas magic to the Rogers Center for the Arts during the 2009 production of Not Your Typical Silent Night later this month.

The Blue Window Arts Group will return with its popular show on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Star fiddler folk artist Jake Armerding of Ipswich and international jazz saxophonist Lance Bryant of Andover top the list of diverse talent joining The Choral Majority gospel choir for this contemporary interpretation of the classic Christmas celebration. Also featured are singer/guitarist Ryan Phelps of Bradford, pianist/composer Peter Vantine of Middleton, soprano Shaunielle McDonald of Merrimack, singer/songwriter Gail Dorey of Watertown, and members of Andover's Dance Infusion company.

Singer/actress Robin Allison Lindahl will direct children's choirs, cue dancers and wear a few other hats as she and singer/songwriter Eric W. Lindahl, her husband and co-creator of this annual community concert, bring their vision of Christmas magic to the Rogers Center stage.

With its artists, creativity and scope, NYTSN continues to attract loyal fans throughout the Merrimack Valley, North Shore and southern New Hampshire. A Nor'easter in 2008 forced a 48-hour postponement, and the



FILE PHOTO

Andover resident Lance Bryant, shown playing in 2008 on the steps of the Andover Baptist Church, where he is music minister, will perform as part of Not Your Typical Silent Night.

concert still sold out, according to the group.

"Since our start in 1992, we've collaborated with a very talented and dedicated community of artists whose creativity helps us to deliver new elements and original compositions every year," says Eric Lindahl in a release.

Dance Infusion will have three youthful performers who will co-create with Robin Lindahl an original work to the music of Tears For Fears' Famous Last Words that will also include a multimedia aspect.

It's very powerful and not what you'd expect at a Christmas variety show," Lindahl says.

Always the audience favorite, three children's groups "borrowed" from area churches will perform. There is a kids choir of first- to third-graders, a youth choir of fourth- to seventh-graders and a girls ensemble of eighth- to 12th-graders who will sing a beautiful and powerful ballad that Lindahl says "won't leave a dry eye in the house."

Every ticket buyer will receive a button emblazoned with this

year's theme: Spread Peace. In view of the flu problem, patrons may purchase refillable bottles of hand sanitizer with the logo "Spread Peace, Not Germs" for a dollar.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under, lap-sitters free with parent, on sale at Rogers Center for the Arts Box Office, 978-837-5355, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can pay by cash or check only, with checks made payable to Blue Window Arts Group.

## Breakfast helps feed and clothe babies

A group of Christian men look to fill a van on Christmas Eve with food, cloths and diapers for babies in need.

The Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 24 beginning at 7 a.m.

"As has become our tradition, we will harness the collective goodwill of this group to help Neighbors in Need. They spend

thousands of dollars each year on baby products. They need baby formula (especially Enfamil with iron), diapers all sizes, baby food in jars, boxes of cereal, and clothes. The clothes may be used as long as they are clean and in good shape," according to a release from the group. "There will be a van in front of the restaurant to collect our donations. We fill it every year, let's do it

again.

"Last year we had more than 200 men celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are going to a new venue this year, Salvatore's at 354 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. Plan to arrive between 6:30 and 7 a.m., no later than 7 a.m. as a short program will begin then, allowing you to get home early to finish last minute elf tasks. A

full breakfast buffet will follow," according to a release from the organization.

The cost is \$17 per person and people are asked to bring cash.

The group needs a preliminary head count by today, Thursday, Dec. 10, and a final head count by Thursday, Dec. 17. Call Jim Hackett at 978-474-4068, or email [Hackett.jim@comcast.net](mailto:Hackett.jim@comcast.net) to reserve a spot.

## Community college delivers 'Christmas Carol'

### This weekend

During the second weekend in December, Northern Essex Community College will present its 10th annual production of Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol."

The production features NECC students, faculty and staff as well

as members of the community. Cast members include Andover resident Ryan Jennings playing old Joe and Dick Wilkins.

The performance will be held in the newly renamed Chester W. Hawrylcw Theater on the third floor of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3 and 7 p.m.,

and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

The performance is directed by NECC theater professor Jim Murphy, who also plays Scrooge. Musical direction is by NECC professor Alisa Bucchierre and set design is by NECC professor Susan Sanders. Two local families will be well represented. Colin Budzyna of Newburyport, his little sister Maggie, and their

father John will perform as well as Rory Luddy of Haverhill and siblings Morgan and Rachael Gunning.

Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$6 for 6 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [MVArts.info](http://MVArts.info). For more information, call Susan Sanders at 978-556-3374.

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# Townspeople

## Park unveiled honoring Shawsheen Village creator



Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski; Rosalyn Wood, widow of Cornelius Wood Jr., the grandson of William Wood; and Wilfred Perez, a Green Team member who helped prepare the park and its well-known white fence, cut the ribbon at the William Wood Memorial Park dedication.



Rosalyn Wood, next to the monument honoring William Madison Wood, who created Shawsheen Village.

### Wood's dream and Scottish ties: Some history of Shawsheen Village

Most Andover residents recognize the name William Wood, but may not know these facts about the mill tycoon or his brainchild, Shawsheen Village:

- William Madison Wood was of Portuguese descent; his parents emigrated from the Azores to Martha's Vineyard and adopted the Anglo-sounding name of "Wood." The date of his parents' emigration and his father's original surname are unknown.
- Wood was born June 18, 1858 in Edgartown, Mass.
- Wood worked from age 12, first as a cashier in a dry good store, working his way up through accounting and office job positions; by age 31, he was in charge of the Lawrence mills of wealthy tycoon Frederick Ayer.
- In Nov. 1888, Wood married Ellen Wheaton Ayer and became the son-in-law of his boss. The couple had four children: Rosalind (1889-1971), William Madison Jr. (1892-1922), Cornelius Ayer (1893-1972) and Irene (1894-1918).
- Frederick Ayer was named president of the newly-formed American Woolen Company in 1899, and Wood was treasurer, eventually becoming president himself.
- By 1924 the company employed 40,000 and owned 60 mills in eight states. Wood often referred to his employees as "my fellow workers."
- American Woolen Company was the world's first multi-million dollar woolen corporation.
- Wood created Shawsheen Village, named for the river, at the site of what was then called Frye Village between 1919 and 1924.
- Starting in 1921, the Andover Townsman dedicated a full page to Shawsheen Village news in each issue.
- The 1,500 acres purchased by Wood in Shawsheen became home to the white-collar workers of his mills: managers, executives, wool buyers and other salaried office workers.
- Red brick houses in "Brick Shawsheen" west of Main Street were for top management and wood framed houses in "White Shawsheen," east of the river, were for middle management. All 251 residential units in the village were designed in the Colonial

Revival style, popular during World War I.

- Arden, the Wood family's estate, sits on Route 28 (then called the Boston Turnpike). The estate, with more than 60 acres at 276 North Main St., remains in the Wood family.
- Wood donated several acres of green space in Shawsheen square to the town of Andover (now known as Wood Park).
- George M. Wallace, a Scottish immigrant, was Wood's private secretary, and assisted in supervising the construction of Shawsheen. Every aspect of the village's design was intentional - Wood wanted his employees to be able to walk anywhere within the village in 10 or 12 minutes.
- Many of the street names in Shawsheen reflect English or Scottish origin, reflecting Wallace's involvement: York, Balmoral, Arundel, Sterling, Carlisle, Dunbarton, Windsor.
- The Shawsheen mill complex itself was located on Haverhill Street, along with Boston & Maine Railroad line.
- In 1923, Andover Town Meeting voters appropriated \$230,000 for the building of a school on Magnolia Avenue, which was built in 1924 and is still used as Shawsheen Primary School.
- Wood was known for being orderly and neat, and this was reflected in Shawsheen's design: all telephone and electrical wiring was underground, each home had a sunken garbage container at the rear entrance and Wood forbade the construction of garages on residential lots as "unsightly." A large community garage was built in the village square for vehicles.
- No fences were allowed to be built in Shawsheen's residential district. Screened side porches were allowed, but no front porches.
- Shawsheen occupants signed long-term leases, with the option to buy.
- The Prince of Wales, later Britain's King Edward VIII, visited Shawsheen on October 1924. Well-known Scottish singer and composer Harry Lauder, who entertained troops under fire in France during World War I, visited in February 1924.

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By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Wood Park at the corner of Routes 28 and 133 was rededicated Dec. 2 after a five-month makeover that included installing a granite monument praising mill tycoon William Wood, who created the park and the Shawsheen area of town.

The makeover, which also added new entrances and walkways and mended the park's fences, was paid for with money approved at Town Meeting and a sum left to the town by the Wood family.

Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, is credited with designing Shawsheen Village as a self-sufficient community for employees of his mills.

In its heyday in the early 1920s, Shawsheen had its own school, post office, dairy, laundry, barber, doctor and dentists offices, retail shops, bank, an inn, restaurants, tennis and other sports fields and a "spa," which combined a drug store, barber shop, offices and a large public hall used for theater and dancing.

William Wood's fingerprints are still visible in Shawsheen; many of the buildings and homes still occupied in the village are of Wood's design.

Shawsheen was also home to the corporate offices of the American Woolen Company, now the Balmoral Condominiums.

The Balmoral building was open for tours during a special open house on Dec. 5. Hosted by the Shawsheen Village Renaissance Project and Andover Historical Society, attendees could tour the first-floor ballroom, marble-floored foyer and Wood's executive office, which is now a living space.

At the Dec. 2 ceremony, the monument to Wood was unveiled and local teenagers who helped with the project, including painting the iconic white picket fence that surrounds the space, were acknowledged.



It took the town months to create the new park, but by early August, the design idea for the new memorial was becoming visible for those driving into Shawsheen Square.



By mid-November, the new stone entrance to the park was installed.

### ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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#### 100 Years Ago: Dec. 10, 1909

President Taft's message to Congress is a long message and lacks the spirited English that characterizes the similar documents of his predecessor, Mr. [Theodore] Roosevelt. The most sentimental portion of the message describes "unspeakable barbarities" of President Zelaya in Nicaragua.

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The arrangements for the Christmas sale of the Helping Hand Society are going forward rapidly. It is very evident that there will be no need for thrifty housekeepers to worry about Christmas cakes and preserves for they can be had in abundance at the sale.

Joseph D. Russell has purchased a valuable dog with which he expects to make merry with the feathered tribe.

J.H. Kibbie has been confined to his home with a serious trouble with his eyes.

The Andover Mother's Club held a regular meeting Friday, Dec. 3, at the kindergarten rooms of the Samuel C. Jackson School. Instructive and interesting articles on Housekeeping, Economy, and Care of Children were read

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## When Andover land was cheaper than tea

### Virginia Reck

The story of Tea Lots - pieces of free Andover land given to tea drinkers - began in the early 1900s and maybe even in the late 1800s.

It is a story about one of the first customer loyalty programs initiated by a large American company, the Atlantic and Pacific (A&P) Tea Company. During this period, before car ownership was widespread, tradesmen delivered milk, baked goods, fish, meat, vegetables, coffee and tea along with other goods to homes in Andover and Ballardvale. A&P was one of the companies that went door to door delivering their goods by hand carts and horse-drawn wagons.

May Norris, a long term resident of Ballardvale, recently told me about A&P's Tea Lots, the first that I had ever heard of them. They intrigued me so I set out for the Andover Historical Society to look for more information. The Historical Society has a wonderful library of information on Andover but I found only a brief mention of Tea Lots on a 1906 map of Andover. Then I turned to the Internet and long-term Ballardvale residents and experts, Bernice Haggerty, May Norris and John and Lorna McIntyre for help in learning more about the Ballardvale Tea Lots.

According to its company history, A&P was an innovator and leader in customer loyalty programs. A&P launched its

first customer-loyalty program in the late 1800s with premiums and savings coupons. During the years of its premium customer loyalty program, A&P offered reward points for the tea that their customers purchased from them either at their homes or at an A&P store. Once customers had built up enough points, A&P would give them vouchers for lots of land (Tea Lots). I figure that the Tea Lots were most likely a predecessor to the A&P Company's Plaid Stamps, which were introduced in the 1960s.

The Tea Lots ranged between 50 feet by 70 feet to 50 feet by 100 in size. They were granted from land in Ballardvale, although there may have been tea lots elsewhere and in other

towns. In Ballardvale, the Tea Lots were located on land bordered by Andover Street and Highvale Lane on the north, Woburn Street on the east, River Street on the west and Charlotte Drive on the south. Another group Tea Lots was located where Teaberry and Bayberry Lanes are located today.

Each lot was too small to build on and most were landlocked without access by existing roads. A 1906 map of the area showed "paper roads" that the town planned to build in the future, thereby preventing the landlocked Tea Lots from being a giveaway scam. However, I was told that people

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Clan MacPherson, today known for its many appearances in parades and services, made its first appearance anywhere in Shawsheen Village back in the 1920s.

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# HISTORY: Scottish ties

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Clan MacPherson, a well-known bagpipe band still performing and based in North Andover, made its first public appearance in October 1921 at a big soccer game between England and Scotland held at the Balmoral Park Soccer Field in Shawsheen Village.

Social life in the village thrived; dances, sporting events, picnics and other socials were regular occurrences. Social organizations and sports leagues formed for both children and adults.

Wood suffered several strokes in the spring and summer of 1924. In December 1924, under the advice of his physician, William Wood resigned as president of the American Woolen Co. He appointed Andrew Pierce Jr. to succeed him as president and his son, Cornelius Wood, as first vice president. Shortly after, Cornelius Wood made an unsuccessful bid to

win the presidency of the company and resigned.

In February 1926 William Wood took his own life, shooting himself after ordering his driver to take him to a remote stretch of road in Daytona, Fla., while spending the winter south.

Several factors can be speculated as contributing to Wood's mental distress and suicide, including the early deaths of two of his children, Irene and Billy, and the decline of his own health. After resigning from his company at 68, William Wood, a self-made man accustomed to working 15 or more hours a day, throwing his heart and soul into his business affairs, found himself without occupation. Also, after he resigned from the American Woolen Co., Andrew Pierce decided to close the company's headquarters in Shawsheen, beginning the breakup of the village Wood had built.

Source: "Mills, Mansions and Mergers: The Life of William M. Wood," by Edward G. Roddy, published 1982 by the American Textile

# RECK: When land was cheap

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would come to Ballardvale in the summers to happily picnic on their Tea Lots, so some did get use of their land. Over time some of the lots were combined to make buildable lots. John McIntyre told me that the land on which his Andover Street house sits is a combination of Tea Lots.

I don't know how A&P decided on Ballardvale for its Tea Lots, nor when and from whom they purchased the land. To answer these questions would likely take a lot of digging at the Registry of Deeds in Lawrence – or the discovery of someone who is familiar with old-time land deals in Andover.

By 1912, however, A&P had initiated the "no frills" grocery format with the opening of the "A&P Economy Stores," cash and carry stores that offered no deliveries and no premiums, "just quality groceries at very low prices". By 1915, A&P's premium program – and I assume the land vouchers – had died out due to the success of A&P's Economy Stores, and by the 1930s, A&P

was America's No. 1 grocery store operating close to 16,000 stores. I can remember my parents shopping at A&P's last store in Andover, on Main Street in the brick building across the street from Olde Andover Village's parking lot.

Over time, many owners of the Tea Lots did not pay taxes and the town of Andover repossessed their lots. The town may have taken some of the Tea Lots by eminent domain and exchanged other Tea Lots for land elsewhere in the area. When I recently looked over maps in Andover's assessors office, I saw many small lots shaped like the Tea Lots still in existence especially near Charlotte Lane. All are landlocked and owned by the town.

There is still a mystery and much not known about the Tea Lots. If anyone knows the specifics of the dates and actions taken by A&P and the town, please email Bill Dalton at [BillDalton@andoverTownie.com](mailto:BillDalton@andoverTownie.com) and he will pass along the information.

Virginia (Perry) Reck is an Andover resident filling in for Bill Dalton this week.

# ENGAGEMENT

## Mairen Neri to Sean Marshall

Nancy and Steven Neri of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mairen Elizabeth Neri, to Sean Kenneth Marshall, the son of Kenneth and Denise Marshall of Hingham.

Mairen is a graduate of Andover High School class of 2002 and received her bachelor of science degree in psychology and special education from Marist College, N.Y. She is employed as a fifth grade teacher at the Ditson

Elementary School in Billerica, and is currently enrolled in a masters degree program in literacy, at Lesley University, Cambridge.

Sean is a graduate of Hingham High School class of 2000, and received his bachelor of science degree in business management from Bentley University. He is employed as a manager of business development at Successfactors in Boston. The couple plan an August 2010 wedding in Ogunquit, Maine.



## Reusable centerpieces

Anticipating the holiday season, Village Garden Club members join in a workshop arranging boxwood and evergreen centerpieces finished with mums, nuts, berries, and candles. The recent workshop, presented by Betsy Williams, local author, lecturer and gardener, sought to further the principle of recycle and reuse by creating a long-lasting arrangement that can be used and adapted throughout the holidays into the New Year. Finishing their centerpieces are, from left, Dee Henry, Sue Anne Basu, and Kathie Baun, all of Andover.

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by several of the members.

### 75 Years Ago: Dec. 7, 1934

Reports from many of the Andover merchants this week show that the Service Club's "Buy In Andover" movement has already had considerable

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# Business



Kaitlyn Mikule and Kristin Messina of Marissa Michaels Salon of Andover do the hair of a model from the Dynasty Modeling and Talent agency for the recent Hats On event to show solidarity with women and men going through cancer treatment.

## Marissa Michaels Salon prepares models, helps cancer center

With hair dryers humming and brushes rolling, Kristin Messina and Kaitlyn Mikule of Marissa Michaels Salon of Andover prepared models for the runway at the recent Hats On dinner and fashion show hosted by the Hallmark Health Cancer Center.

The Hats On event was designed to show solidarity with women and men undergoing cancer treatment. Monies raised help the cancer center come closer to its goal of building a boutique in its Stoneham facility that will fit wigs, hats, scarves and prosthetic devices in a dignified atmosphere.

Because the cancer center draws so many patients from the Andover area, Dennis Forman, owner of Marissa Michaels, said he is pleased that the salon was able to be involved in the event.

"We have a strong commitment at the salon to give back

to organizations that make a positive impact in our customer's lives. Hats On was a great opportunity to participate in an event that was fun and very important at the same time," he said.

This first-time event attracted 360 women and men and featured a talk by the Hats On Honorary Chairperson, Kelley Tuthill of WCVB-TV, Channel 5, who courageously chronicled on television her battle with breast cancer, according to a release.

The Hallmark Health Cancer Center is a member of Hallmark Health System, a charitable provider of vital health services to Boston's northern communities. The system includes Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the Cancer Center of Stoneham and the Reading Health Center.

## Andover Coldwell Banker supports Pine Street Inn

The sales associates in the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover, in conjunction with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, the company's charitable arm, raised more than \$55,000 recently to benefit Pine Street Inn.

Additionally, they recognized an unsung hero during the Spirit of Home Awards fundraiser held at the Boston Harbor Hotel in Boston. More than 300 real estate industry and business leaders attended the ceremony.

Nearly 82 percent of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associates in the Andover office contribute a portion of their sales commissions

and paychecks to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares. Their participation either through monetary or auction item donations enabled Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares to raise the funds for Pine Street Inn.

Founded in 1969, Pine Street Inn is the largest provider of permanent housing, emergency shelter, job training and outreach services for homeless men and women in New England. Pine Street Inn welcomes more than 1,300 homeless individuals daily to provide short- and long-term solutions so that they can begin the journey out of homelessness and on to permanent housing.

"Every year our Andover sales associates give of themselves to help others in their community," said Cathy McCarthy, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover. "I am extremely proud of their efforts in helping to support Pine Street Inn."

During the gala, Jennifer Warren, an administrator for Housing First at Pine Street Inn, accepted the Community Cares Spirit award. The award recognizes the unsung heroes in our communities whose work positively impacts the homeless or homebound ill.

Warren provides stabilization services to chronically homeless individuals with mental illness

and substance abuse challenges. In total, she is responsible for 64 formerly homeless individuals with another 22 men and women to be added soon, in apartments throughout Boston. As an advocate for these men and women, she ensures that supports are in place to enable them to reach their highest potential for independent lives.

"Jennifer makes sacrifices daily to assist the most vulnerable in our community," said Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England. She is our unsung hero and she is a dedicated citizen who is changing our world for the better. We are extremely proud to honor her."

## Hackett's agency is 4 generations, 100 years old

Andover resident John Hackett Jr., president of J.J. Ruddy Insurance Agency, Inc., announced that the fourth generation, family business recently celebrated its 100th year in business.

Originally founded in 1909 by John J. Ruddy, the century-old insurance agency is one of a handful of companies to remain a family business for so long. Statistics show that less than 3 percent of all businesses make it to the fourth generation. Considering its 100 years in business, J.J. Ruddy Insurance one of the longest running multi-generational



John Hackett

businesses in Massachusetts.

"Our success was defined by the generations before us," said Hackett. "My great-grandfather, grandmother and father defined the principles of our service delivery, which is the foundation of our company. My brother, Ed, and I focus on ways to continuously improve the service traditions that they

established and build on their successes."

John Hackett Jr. is a 1992 graduate of St. Anselm College. Shortly after joining the agency, he completed an intensive training in property casualty insurance at the Aetna Home Office Training School. He later went on to earn the Certified Insurance Counselor designation in 1996. For the last five years he has served on the Agents Advisory Council for Travelers Insurance. J.J. Ruddy Insurance services all lines of insurance coverage with a focus in property, casualty

and risk management. J.J. Ruddy has locations in Winchester and Medford.

Hackett is actively involved in a number of community organizations. He is member of the Medford Rotary Club, where he served as president from 2003-04. He also serves on the Board of operators for Hallmark Health and he has coached in the Andover Little League for three years.

He and his wife Amy reside in Andover with their two children, Kyle and Paige.

## Andover event producers launch floral design studio

Joanne Dee and May Doherty of Andover recently launched a new business, "Blossoms of Andover," described as a floral design studio specializing in one-of-a-kind showpieces.

Whether they create a plantscape, window, table or a floral arrangement, Dee and Doherty say they use their expertise to custom design each work-of-art specifically to the client's vision.

"We draw on our experience as event planners/producers to enhance the flowers with decorative accessories creating an image to complement the flowers, the occasion, the season, and the space," said Joanne Dee in

a release.

Blossoms of Andover is a contemporary floral design studio that provides a wide range of services, including weekly corporate and residential accounts, seasonal displays, and special events, from intimate dinner parties to lavish weddings. For over 10 years, Dee and Doherty had worked together as event planners with Joanne Dee Events, a full service event planning company.

Being a design house, not a retail store, Blossoms of Andover purchases flowers as needed which allows them to customize their services for their clients. For more information, visit [www.blossomsofandover.com](http://www.blossomsofandover.com).

## Little Sprouts receives an Early Reading First grant

Little Sprouts of Andover has received a grant to build upon Little Sprouts current literacy program which has produced significant results, test scores increased 120 percent and 95 percent of all graduates are sent to elementary school achieving age-appropriate literacy benchmarks, according to a release.

The program will focus on developing instructional strategies and professional development and aims to enrich alphabet knowledge, letter sounds and vocabulary, written language, and oral comprehension of the students served.

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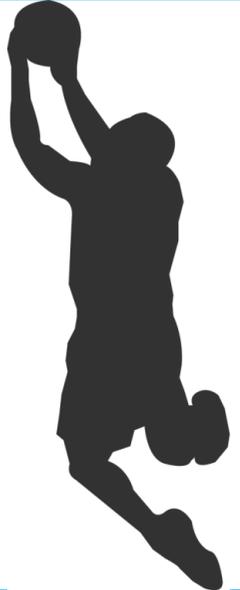
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Sun	1/17	Brockton H.S.	Away	TBA		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Tue	1/19	Billerica Memorial	Away	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Tue	1/26	Lawrence	Away	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Fri	1/29	Haverhill	Home	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Tue	2/2	Central Catholic HS	Away	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Wed	2/3	Phillips Academy (scrimmage)	Away	5:30PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Fri	2/5	Lowell	Home	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
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Tue	2/9	North Andover	Home	7:30PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Fri	2/12	Lawrence	Home	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
Tue	2/16	Brookline	Home	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Dracut - Lakeview Junior High School	Away	10:00AM	Wed	12/23	Chelmsford	Away	TBA					
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Tue	12/15	Tewksbury Memorial	Home	6:00PM		Sat	1/2	Waltham	Home	TBA	Wed	12/16	Coyle Cassidy	Away	TBA					
Thu	12/17	Methuen	Home	6:00PM		Wed	1/6	Acton Boxborough	Away	TBA	Sat	12/19	Arlington - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM					
Mon	12/21	Chelmsford	Away	6:00PM		Sat	1/9	Westford Academy - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Wed	12/16	Central Catholic HS - Wood Hill Middle School	Home	7:00PM					
Mon	12/29	JV XMAS Tourney at Andover	Home	10:00AM		Wed	1/13	Billerica Memorial	Away	TBA	Wed	12/23	Andover Tri Meet - Wood Hill Middle School	Home	5:00PM					
Mon	1/4	Haverhill	Home	6:00PM		Sat	1/16	Central Catholic HS - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Tue	12/29	Lowell Holiday Tournament - Lowell High School	Away	9:00AM					
Fri	1/8	Central Catholic HS	Away	6:00PM		Mon	1/18	Lincoln Sudbury R.H.S.	Away	4:00PM	Wed	12/30	Lowell Holiday Tournament - Lowell High School	Away	9:00AM					
Tue	1/12	Dracut	Away	6:00PM		Wed	1/20	Billerica Memorial	Home	8:00PM	Wed	1/6	Haverhill	Away	7:00PM					
Wed	1/13	Notre Dame Academy - Hingham	Away	5:00PM		Sat	1/23	Arlington	Away	6:00PM	Sat	1/9	Andover Quad Meet	Home	10:00AM					
Sat	1/16	Lowell	Home	11:30AM		Wed	1/27	Chelmsford - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Wed	1/13	Billerica Memorial - Wood Hill Middle School	Home	7:00PM					
Wed	1/20	Lawrence	Home	6:00PM		Wed	1/27	Chelmsford - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Sat	1/16	Woburn Tournament	Away	9:00AM					
Fri	1/22	Wachusett Regional	Away	5:00PM		Sat	1/30	Waltham	Away	8:00PM	Wed	1/20	Chelmsford - Wood Hill Middle School	Home	7:00PM					
Tue	1/26	Billerica Memorial	Home	6:00PM		Wed	2/3	Tewksbury Memorial	Home	8:00PM	Wed	1/27	Lawrence	Away	7:00PM					
Fri	1/29	Methuen	Away	6:00PM		Sat	2/6	Malden Catholic - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Sat	1/30	Quad Meet with Lowell	Away	10:00AM					
Mon	2/1	Central Catholic HS	Home	6:00PM		Sat	2/6	Malden Catholic - Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury	Home	8:00PM	Wed	2/3	Cambridge Public Schools	Home	7:00PM					

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL PREVIEW



FILE PHOTO

Andover's Jimmy Johnson surges down court with the ball last season. After emerging as a top receiver in football this season, he feels the basketball team is confident and ready for success.

### Gritty Johnson, Andover possess key 'swagger'

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

From the moment preseason practice opened last week, Andover senior Jimmy Johnson could simply feel a different atmosphere around the team than previous years.

"This team has a certain swagger," said the senior. "Last year's team was great, with a great captain (Connor Arnold). But last year we didn't have a swagger. This year we're a little cockier and we know that we can beat teams. We feel like, any time we step on the court, even if we have an off game, we can win."

Johnson and his squad will test that swagger for the first time when the Golden Warriors open their season on Monday by traveling to Tewksbury at 7:30 p.m.

"We want to have that confidence," said Johnson. "It started in the (Hoops for Hope) summer league when we went undefeated until losing the championship game (to Lynn English). We won games when (top scorer) Joe Bramanti was away or when Brian Miller was off being recruited (for football). We still had the ability and talent to do it."

Like many of his teammates, Johnson hardly goes into the basketball season rested. He is one of three varsity players that started for the football team this fall, along with Miller and Kris Riemer.

"I'm still a banged up," he said. "The (Thanksgiving Day) loss to Central doesn't help either. It takes about 1-2 weeks before we're back into basketball shape."

Johnson made the varsity

basketball team last year as a junior and played in 22 of the 23 contests for the Golden Warriors that finished 14-9 and lost in the Division 1 North quarterfinals, bouncing back from a 2007-08 season in which they were 11-12, their first losing season since 1996. Known primarily for his gritty play and defense, Johnson averaged 3.9 points a game.

After a stellar summer on the court in Hoops for Hope (13 points in the title game), Johnson turned his attention to the football field and delivered a breakout campaign this fall.

Entering the season with just five career varsity catches, Johnson finished as the team leader in receptions (38), ahead Division 1 football prospect Miller (35), and receiving yards (575),

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### Alois doesn't shy away from giants of the MVC

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Standing just 5-foot-9, Andover forward/center Alex Alois knows she'll have her hands full this season guarding the likes of Division 1 college recruits 6-foot-3 Katie Zenevitch of Central Catholic and 6-foot-1 Rashidat Agboola of Methuen.

But Alois has never been one to shy away from a little competition.

"I have five brothers and sisters," said Alois, whose sister Jackie is a freshman on the team. "Everything is a battle. We compete over everything, even the littlest things, and it carries right into sports."

That tenacity will be a key to the success for the Golden Warriors girls basketball team, which opens play on Tuesday when it hosts Methuen at 7:30 p.m.

"We're thrilled," said Alex Alois, a co-captain. "I definitely think we are a team that people are going to have to look out for this season."

Alois first made the varsity team as a sophomore, playing in 11 games as a reserve for the 2007-08 Andover squad that advanced to Division 1 state title game before falling to Northampton.

She is one of two players on the roster remaining from that team, along with three-year starting point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez.

"At the time I wanted to be playing," said Alois. "But it was a learning experience. I was one of the few girls that got to experience that, and sitting on the



FILE PHOTO

Andover's 5-foot-9 forward Alex Alois frequently faces taller opponents, like Central's Melissa Miller. But Alois makes up for her height with toughness and tenacity.

bench and feeling how exciting it was. We want to get back there more than anything this year."

Alois earned a spot in the starting lineup last season for an Andover team that finished 18-8 and fell in the Division 1 North semifinals.

"We were disappointed," she said. "But not a lot of people gave us a chance to be competitive. They ranked us fourth in the MVC and we showed people what we could do."

Now a senior, Alois knows her role is to take care of the dirty work as Gomez-Martinez (15.2 points a game last season) and Nicole Boudreau (18.3 ppg) handle much of the scoring.

"I love banging in the paint with the bigger girls," she said. "I'm a lot smaller, but I make up for it with strength and aggression. My role is to get rebounds and kick it out, and it's about who

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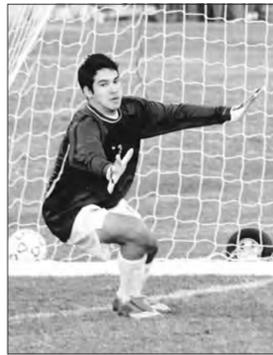
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# Andover boys help propel Brooks soccer to semifinals

Four Andover teens were instrumental in Brooks School's boys varsity soccer team's successful season (11-7-1) that ended in the semi-finals of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council's Class B Tournament, according to the school.



Brooks soccer team member and junior goalie Glen Martin watched the net for most of the games.



Brooks soccer team member Zach Vieira was a leader as a striker.

The goal was kept primarily by Andover junior Glen Martin, with sophomore Cam Johst serving as Martin's backup. Two Zachs played the field spectacularly throughout the season, according to the school: junior Zach Allen on defense and freshman Zach Vieira as striker.

The team won its home opener 2-1 against a strong Phillips Academy Andover, Vieira finding the back of the net within the first 10 minutes of play. The freshman scored his second goal of the season in a heart-breaking 3-4 loss against the Roxbury Latin School, and again during the team's 3-1 victory against St. Sebastian's School. In near hurricane conditions, Vieira scored the final goal inside the far post during Brooks' 3-0 win against

Lawrence Academy.

"Martin protected Brooks' home goal outstandingly throughout the season. Of note, he made three spectacular saves in heavy winds during Brooks' 1-0 win against Thayer Academy. He also made two crucial saves blocking both a penalty shot and the point-blank rebound during

the team's best match of the season against St. Sebastian's School.

Martin performed spectacularly during Brooks' amazing upset against Wilbraham and Monson Academy in the quarter-finals of the NEPSAC Class

B Tournament," said a school release.

Seeded No. 7, Brooks beat the undefeated, No. 2 seed 7-6 in a highly-charged and well-played match on the opponent's home turf. Martin acrobatically saved three goals during the game. The teams tied up regulation play 1-1, resulting in overtime and eventually sudden death in the seventh round.

"Both teams had hit five of six," Coach Dusty Richard recapped. "WMA's seventh shooter hit low to the right post. Martin dove, fully stretched, to trap the ball on the goal line. The referee hesitated and then declared no goal. It was left to reserve goalkeeper Cam Johst, who calmly walked to the spot and buried a low drive, to ignite a tremendous celebration."

Brooks' season ended a day and a match short of its dreams, losing 1-2 to Kimball Union Academy in the tournament's semi-finals. However, all four Andover boys will be back next season hoping to capture first place in the tournament finals.

# Tops in Tourney

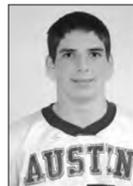


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Andover Hockey Mite 3s, who won their level of the Heseltine Tournament are, from left, first row: Matthew Devaney, Sam Murray, Jeremy Morgenstern, Griffin Vieira, Drew Fietze; second row: Cole Rinklin, Timmy Loporchio, Evan Arpin, Andrew Macdonald, Ben Boutselis, Shane Lachance, Nicholas Rice; and back row: Coaches Rich Devaney, Scott Lachance, Chris Vieira and Dave Morgenstern. Missing from the photo is Emma Gilmartin.

## SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Austin Preparatory School senior **Brendan Burke** of Andover has led the football team to another successful season as captain this year. Burke, who plays defensive end and tight end for the Cougars, has competed for Austin for the past four years. He was named a CCL All-Star in 2008. Burke's goal for the season is to win the Catholic Central League championship. The team is currently in second place with a 5-2 overall record. Burke is the son of Terry and Melissa Burke of Andover.



Brendan Burke



Nysa Casha

**Nysa Casha**, a junior at Austin Preparatory School, led the cross-country team as captain this fall. Casha participates in the 5K, where she placed 15th out of over 250 runners in the MIAA Eastern Mass State Championships last year. Elected most valuable player for both cross country and swimming her first two years at Austin, Casha hopes

to place in the top 50 runners at states this year. The team is currently in 2nd place in the CCL with a 5-2 overall record. Casha is the daughter of Larry and Mary Casha of Andover.

### Dempsey at Plymouth

The 2009-10 edition of the Plymouth State University men's basketball team made its debut recently when the Panthers played in the annual Jacob's Bridge Through Autism Classic at New Hampshire Technical

Institute in Concord.

The annual event, previously held on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, was moved to Nov. 15 this year.

Competing for playing time on the wing is Andover High graduate and current junior **Ian Dempsey** of Andover.

### Three-point artist

Bentley University, the winningest team in NCAA Division II women's basketball history, both in terms of number of victories and percentage, opened its 2009-10 season Nov. 14 by hosting a team that has done its own share of winning in recent years, Holy Family University.

Bentley's Barbara Stevens, the fifth winningest coach in NCAA women's basketball history with 774 victories, should have more tools to work with than she did a year ago when injuries limited her to no more than nine

available players in any game. Among those are Andover High School graduate and guard **Meghan Thomann** of Andover, who drilled 52 three-pointers a year ago as a freshman.

### Austin athletes

Several Austin Preparatory School student athletes from Andover were recently honored for their exemplary talent and efforts this season at Austin's Fall Athletics Recognition Night. The following Andover residents received awards:

**Nysa Casha**, junior, cross country, most valuable player, Catholic Central League All-Star

**Anne Green**, freshman, volleyball, sportsmanship award

**Maura Green**, sophomore, volleyball, unsung hero

**Anya Sokolova**, senior, soccer, most valuable player, Catholic Central League All-Star, EMASS All-Star

# GIRLS: Tenacity runs in team

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wants it. I love testing myself against (Boston College-bound) Zenevitch."

Alois has also shown some touch around the basket. In 22 games last season, Alois averaged a strong 6.1 points a game. She scored a season (and career) high 12 points against Haverhill and tallied 11 points on five different occasions.

"She really came into her own as a player last year," said Andover basketball coach **Jim Tildsley**. "She's a senior that knows her role and shows a lot of leadership. She sets screens, rebounds, she does everything. She just has to be sure to stay out of foul trouble."

Alois also takes pride in another role, the team motivator.

"I see myself as a motivator," she said. "I like to keep people excited. Every game has peaks and valleys, and since we are younger some of the kids can get down on themselves. It's important for me to pick everyone up and keep them excited."

A member of the swim team for two years before injuries led her to give up the sport, Alois' intense, competitive nature has come in handy as a defender on the lacrosse team.

"I started playing in 2007 when (former basketball and lacrosse players) **Kelly Driscoll** and **Jordy Shoemaker** convinced me to try lacrosse our because it is so

much like basketball. I picked it up so easily."

But, for now, basketball is her main focus. And she feels her team has the makeup to be special.

"We have a lot of talent," she said. "Players like **Natalie** and **Nicole**. And people have to know their roles. We will be very competitive."

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**2008-09 season:** 18-5, lost in Division 1 North semifinals; MVC Large tri-champ

**Returning starters (4):** **Natalie Gomez-Martinez**, 5-7, Jr., guard; **Alex Alois**, 5-9, Sr., forward; **Ally Fazio**, 5-3, Soph., guard; **Nicole Boudreau**, 5-9, Soph., guard

**Returning lettermen:** **Alicia Scarpa**, 5-1, Sr., guard; **Cassandra Drivas**, 5-9, Sr., center; **Courtney McDonald**, 5-7, Jr., forward; **Dianna Bill**, 5-8, Sr., forward

**Newcomers:** **Elon Beasley**, 5-4, Jr., forward; **Mollie Maturan**, 5-9, Soph., forward; **Jackie Alois**, 5-4, Frosh., forward; **Olivia Biles**, 5-5, Frosh., guard; **Devon Caveney**, 5-7, Frosh., guard

**Captains:** **Natalie Gomez-Martinez**, **Alex Alois**

**Returning leaders:** **Nicole Boudreau** 18.3 ppg, area-record 88 3-pointers; **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** 15.2 ppg, 36 3-pointers, 7.0 assists, 6.0 rebounds, 3.9 steals; **Ally Fazio** 6.2 ppg

**Returning honorees:** **Natalie Gomez-Martinez**, Eagle-Tribune Super Team; **Nicole Boudreau**, Eagle-Tribune Super Team; **Marisa Cataldo**, MVC All-Star

**Head coach:** **Jim Tildsley** (15th year, 281-49)

**Assistants:** **Dick Muller**, varsity assistant; **Leo Lafond, JV**; **Megan Pinksten**, Frosh.; **Kerri O'Dea**, volunteer

# BOYS: Team has 'swagger'

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ahead of 2008 Eagle-Tribune All-Star **Christopher McConnell** (535). His five touchdown catches were one behind **McConnell** for the team-high.

But **Johnson** was far from a one-dimensional player. After playing defensive end last season, he split time between linebacker and cornerback this season. He finished the year with six interceptions, two in a key victory over **Lowell** including one he returned for a touchdown. He was also used in spot duty to return kicks and punts.

"I was pretty happy with myself," he said. "I expected to be the third receiver in the group behind two great athletes (**Miller** and **McConnell**) and I was proud of myself for leading the team in receiving. On defense, I had never played defensive back before, so I was excited that worked out well."

But the 6-foot, 190-pound forward is now fully focused on the basketball court.

"I see myself as the defensive player on the team that goes out and covers people," he said. "I don't care if I score points. I'm going to try to, but if it works out that's not my role, that's fine. I hate it when someone scores on me. I just hate it."

**Johnson** is also confident his team can do something special

this season.

"I feel like we have the ability to do a lot this year," he said. "Everyone has to do their job. Like **D.J. (Fazio)** can shoot, **Miller** is a monster and **Bramanti** can do anything. But no one can go off and start trying to do it themselves."

"We have set big goals, to win the Lawrence Christmas Tournament and win the MVC. We have high standards, but we have the swagger to do it."

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**2008-09 season:** 14-9, lost Division 1 North quarterfinals

**Returning starters:** **D.J. Fazio**, 5-10, Sr., guard; **Joe Bramanti**, 6-2, Jr., guard; **Brian Miller**, 6-4, Jr., forward

**Returning lettermen:** **Jimmy Johnson**, 6-1, Sr., forward; **Spenser Rose**, 6-0, Sr., guard; **James Connors**, 6-1, Sr., guard; **Bryan McNiff**, 6-foot, Sr., guard; **Kris Riemer**, 6-3, Sr., forward

**Newcomers:** **Van Caraviello**, 5-11, Jr., guard; **Jack Kieckhafer**, 5-8, Jr., guard; **Nate Bryant**, 5-11, Jr., guard; **Craig Luschnat**, 5-10, Soph., guard; **Sam Dowden**, 6-4, Frosh., forward; **Brian Salvesen**, 6-1, Jr., forward

**Captain:** **Joe Bramanti**

**Returning leaders:** **Joe Bramanti** 10.0 ppg; **Brian Miller** 7.1 ppg; **D.J. Fazio** 25.3-pointers

**Returning honorees:** **Joe Bramanti**, All-MVC

**Head coach:** **Dave Fazio** (21st year, 314-142)

**Assistants:** **Carol Martini**, varsity assistant; **David Giribaldi, JV**; **Alan Hibino**, freshman coach

# Sullivan selected to Hall of Fame

By **MIKE McMAHON**  
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It's been 23 years since **George Sullivan** decided to "give volleyball a shot."

The former longtime girls basketball coach and assistant football coach at Andover High decided to try volleyball and hasn't looked back.

This fall, Sullivan was one of 10 new inductees into the Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame.

"It's quite an honor," said Sullivan, whose team finished 20-3 this season. "I remember when I first started, I never knew anything about the sport. I never

played. I went to clinics and took classes and really had to just learn everything I could about it. I never thought I'd be doing it this long, but I've enjoyed every second of it."

In 2005, Sullivan thought he would retire. He was retiring from teaching and figured it was a good time to step aside from coaching as well.

"They did a good job getting my wife to convince me to stay," said Sullivan. "I just figured we'd start fresh. I was retiring from teaching so there would be a clean slate. But I love it too much. I can't imagine if I had stopped."

Sullivan loves teaching, too.

While enjoying retirement, he was asked to teach one class this fall to fill in for a teacher who was out on maternity leave.

"It quickly turned into a full slate," said Sullivan, who was the former head coach at Merrimack College, too. "But I realized how much I missed it. I have history and psychology. It's a great challenge and so rewarding teaching."

Sullivan has been the head of the girls volleyball program at Andover for the past 23 years, holding a career record of 351-154 as the girls' coach with three sectional titles. Has coached the boys team for the 21 years of its existence (285-144).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 14.....at Tewksbury..... 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 16.....at Haverhill..... 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Dec. 15.....Tewksbury..... 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 17.....Methuen..... 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS HOCKEY**  
Dec. 16.....at Coyle Cassidy..... 8 p.m.

**GIRLS HOCKEY**  
Dec. 16.....Acton-Boxboro..... 7:20 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Dec. 12.....Oliver Ames..... 7 p.m.  
Dec. 16.....Central Catholic..... 7 p.m.

**SWIMMING**  
Dec. 15.....at St. John's Prep..... 4:45 p.m.

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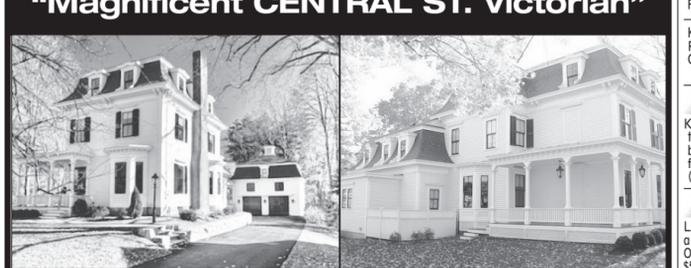
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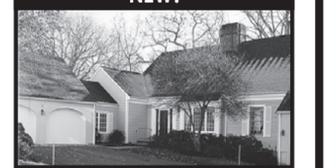
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### TOWN TALK



Andover held its annual Breakfast with Santa Saturday morning at the Free Christian Church. Chloe Hitschler, 3 takes a closer look at the Christmas tree.

#### State to you: Take a hike

That state has begun offering hikes every Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Harold Parker.

"Studies show that diminishing light at this time of year can cause changes including decreased levels of serotonin (affecting mood) and melatonin (affecting sleep). Doctors suggest that one solution for this is to get outside during daylight hours, and exercise. Exercise alone can increase serotonin, giving a sense of well being," Barbara Buls, New England Regional Interpretive Coordinator, said in a release. "Throughout the winter, we will cover all the trails in the park."

Hikers can meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the headquarters at 305 Middleton

Road, North Andover. People should wear appropriate hiking footwear, not sneakers. The trails are of moderate difficulty. The hikes are co-sponsored by the Friends of Harold Parker and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information call 617-828-1728 or visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) or [friendsofharoldparker.org/](http://friendsofharoldparker.org/)

#### Holiday DISH-ing

In the spirit of the holidays, Dish on Andover Street will host a fundraiser for Lazarus House on Wednesday Dec. 16. The shop will be a drop-off center for donations of pantry items for the Lazarus House food programs. Also, Lazarus House will get 10 percent of the total sales at DISH for the

day. All pre-orders and walk-in traffic will be included. Lea Savely of Dish said this year marks its fifth year of business in Andover.

"Despite the tough economic times we have continued to grow due to great community support. We hope to do the same for Lazarus House," she said.

— Judy Wakefield

#### Andover musicians turn music into help for Coppola Fund

On Nov. 15, 2009, local band One Step Away played a benefit concert at the Hard Rock Café in Boston, raising over \$4500 for The Jared Coppola Fund and Children's Hospital Boston.

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