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BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus will have a special escort in this year's Holiday Parade on Main Street and it's not Mrs. Claus. More than 30 hot rods are expected to ride along with Santa on Sunday.

Andover firefighters always sponsor the Holiday Parade and someone on the force steps up to

10,000 expected for Thanksgiving Day Feaster Five Road Race.

Want to join in? See page 2.

organize all those Scout troops and marching bands. Fireman Brian Flanagan is this year's go-to guy and plans to make his mark on the event's 56th edition of the parade.

"What can I say? I'm absolutely a car buff," Flanagan said. "I wanted to leave something about me on this year's holiday parade."

There will be Ferraris, Lamborghinis, souped-up trucks and classic cars from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Flanagan said.

"A hot rod parade is different and I wanted that," he said. "I have

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Andover Firefighter Brian Flanagan, right, and Michael Ricciardi, with European Motorsports in Lawrence, are working together to add hot rods and high-end cars to the Santa parade this year.

GIRLS WRAP ARMS AROUND STATE TITLES



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Andover High School field hockey senior tri-captains, Laura Cahill, left, Jillian Manning, center, and Laura Dimitruk, share a hug after winning the D1 state championship game at Worcester State College on Saturday morning. Andover defeated Algonquin 3-1 to capture the state title and preserve a perfect 24-0 season.



Photo by Andy Baumgartner

Maeve Awisus, right, congratulates teammate Rachel Moore of Andover after Moore won the 100-yard Backstroke in 54:27 for a meet and state record earning her a qualification for All-American status at the MIAA Div. 1 Fall State Swim & Dive Championships at Harvard University. Andover swim and dive ran away with the Massachusetts state title with over 325 points. See story in Sports.

Football team hopes to match championship form of girls

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Fitzgerald has seen just about everything in her years as a coach. But even she was amazed.

"It's been quite a week for Andover sports!" said the always enthusiastic swim coach. "You just wish every athlete could experience this at least once."

It was a weekend like no other for the Golden Warriors, with the field hockey team winning its first ever state title on Saturday, and the swimming and diving team making it 11 state titles in the last 12 years on Sunday.

It could get sweeter on Thursday, as the Andover football team faces Central Catholic on Thanksgiving Day with the winner earning the

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Asked to quit, FinCom member Stapinski resigns

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Finance Committee member Stephen Stapinski, whose name has been in the news repeatedly this year for dealings in Lawrence, has resigned after being asked to do so by Town Moderator Sheila Doherty.

Lawrence City Councilors earlier this year even launched an inquiry into whether the city has the power to bar Stapinski from ever again building in Lawrence.

"He needs time to clear his name," said Doherty, who is looking for Stapinski's replacement.

According to Andover's town charter, Doherty has the authority to appoint members to the nine member Finance Committee, but she can't remove

members. Doherty would not say specifically why she asked for Stapinski's resignation but she said that when she asked for it he did so "quickly and professionally."

"I felt it was time and I have no further comment," she said.

Stapinski submitted a letter of resignation on Oct. 30 to Doherty. She sent a copy to the town clerk's office.

"My business affairs in Lawrence are distracting and she (Doherty) came to me about that," said Stapinski, who owns Merrimack Engineering Services Inc. on Park Street, and has been on the Finance Committee for two years.

In an e-mail to the Townsman, Stapinski wrote that he "had offered previously to the

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State law paves way for 'denied' construction

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Conservation Commission has voted against building a proposed residential community near River Road, but that hasn't stopped workers from felling trees and bulldozers from shaking Frances Wheeler's house on nearby Hillcrest Road.

A new state law aimed at helping developers cut red tape during a difficult

economy has essentially made the town vote meaningless.

For years, developer Todd Wacome has been trying to build Taylor Cove, a proposed 32-unit housing complex off River Road. Confusing the issue was that the Conservation Commission - but not the Planning Board - has approved, about a decade ago, a five-home plan for the same land called Victoria Place.

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Construction equipment works on the site on River Street just past Hillcrest Drive in Andover.

MARY SCHWALM/
Staff Photo



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Average tax bill up \$241

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The average homeowner will see a property tax increase of \$241 this fiscal year.

Selectmen set the upcoming fiscal year's tax rate on Monday, choosing a shift that increased the tax on residential and commercial property roughly the same amount.

The rate they selected will mean an increase in taxes for residential homeowners of 3.3 percent. Residential owners will now pay \$14.17 per \$1,000 of property value, up from \$13.19 per \$1,000, according to data provided by Chief Assessor David Billard. Average residential property owners will see their taxes rise to \$7,480, up from \$7,239.

The commercial property tax, increasing by 3.1 percent, will rise from \$22.31 to \$22.47 per \$1,000, according to data. The average commercial owner will pay \$45,369, up

from \$43,994.

Industrial property owners, unlike residential and commercial owners, will see a 0.3 percent decrease in the tax from last year to this year, according to data.

The board voted 4-1 in favor of the new rate, with Selectman Ted Teichert voting against the shift because the increase favored industrial property over residential and commercial, he said.

Higher shifts would've seen a smaller increase for residential property, and an actual increase for industrial property, Teichert said.

As an example, adopting last year's shift would have created a 2.2 percent increase for residential property, industrial property tax would have increased, and commercial properties would have received a nearly a 5-percent jump in their tax rate for next year.

Feaster Five: Thanksgiving tradition set for 23rd running

Andover's Thanksgiving Day road race, the Feaster Five, is expected to draw 10,000 again this year and is a family tradition for many in town.

Actually, it's three races: a five-mile race, a five-kilometer race, and a kids 1-kilometer race.

Here's some basic information, including how to register to walk or run in the event:

DATE: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010

REGISTRATION: Preregistration and number pick-up is at Merrimack Valley YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 24, noon to 6 p.m.;
Thursday, Nov. 25, 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.,

registration and number pick-up moves to Woodworth Motors, 339 N Main St., Andover, at the corner or routes 28 and 133.

ON THE WEB: feasterfive.com
ENTRY FEE: \$30 non-refundable in advance. Kids K is \$5. Make checks payable to "DMSE/Feaster."

HOW TO PAY: Mail application and check to Feaster Five, DMSE, Inc., P.O. Box 80067, Stoneham, MA 02180. Race day entries will be accepted, too.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bands along the course; digital clocks placed at every mile for accurate split times; light refreshments served following the race; free parking; full results posted on the Internet; glossy race

program courtesy of North of Boston Media Group.

LOCATION: Brickstone Square, Andover.

DISTANCES/TIME: Kids K 7:45 a.m.; 5-kilometer run and walk and 5-mile run and walk, 8:30 a.m. Walkers are encouraged.

REFRESHMENTS: Fruit, bagels and other traditional holiday treats will be served.

LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT: The first 6,000 entrants who register are guaranteed a long-sleeve race T-shirt.

PIES: All finishers receive a homemade apple pie.

BENEFITS: Merrimack Valley Hospice and Merrimack Valley YMCA.

SANCTIONER: Road Runners Club of America.

AWARDS: Top three in each age division in both the 5-mile and 5K races. Certificates will be given to all children participating the Kids K. Age-group prizes to be mailed. Plus, special family prizes this year.

TIMING AND RESULTS: Granite State Race Services.

HOST: Merrimack Valley Striders.
HOST HOTEL: Days Inn, 159 Pelham St., Methuen.

RACE MANAGEMENT: DMSE, Inc., 77 Bear Hill Road, North Andover, MA 01845, 978-258-8226 or dmse@dmseports.com.

Dave McGillivray in triathlon Hall of Fame

The director of Andover's Feaster Five Road Race on Thanksgiving Day has joined rare company. Dave McGillivray, nationally recognized race director and president of DMSE Sports, Inc., has been selected for induction into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame.

McGillivray and two other legends, decorated age-group triathlete Susan Bradley-Cox and six-time Ironman champion Dave Scott, will join an elite group of 13 inductees at the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame's annual banquet in Colorado Springs on Jan. 15, 2011.

McGillivray's career includes more than 30 years participating in, directing and creating road races and triathlons. In 1981, he founded DMSE Sports Inc., and the first event he directed was the 1982 Bay State Triathlon in his native Medford.

Since then McGillivray has directed or consulted on more than 900 events, including 150 triathlons such as the 1983 Cape Cod Endurance Triathlon, believed to be the first ultra-distance event of its kind in the continental U.S. McGillivray directed the second-ever ITU World

Championship in 1990 in Orlando, Fla., the 1998 Goodwill Games Triathlon Games in New York City, numerous USTS triathlons, and the Monster Challenge in Boston.

"I am totally humbled and honored to be getting this award and to be among these amazing triathlon athletes," said McGillivray, who as an athlete himself competed in his first of eight Ironman Triathlons in 1980 after reading about the event in Sports Illustrated a year earlier.

"I've always felt there is no such thing as an individual award

and nothing could be closer to the truth on this one. I share this honor with many, many others, who have been instrumental in the growth and development of our sport."

Perhaps better known as the longtime race director of the BAA Boston Marathon and the TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K in Maine, McGillivray also created the New England Triathlon Series in 1984, one of the first triathlon series in the U.S. He served on the Board of Directors of USA Triathlon for seven years.

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PARADE: Route is traditional, hot rod theme is new

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30 confirmed (cars for the parade) but I could go to 50. There are a lot of car buffs around who like to drive on Sundays.

"If the weather is good, there will be more than 50," Flanagan said.

Mary Montbleau, director of the Department of Community Services which runs numerous programs for families in town, was happy to hear of this year's hot rod theme for the holiday parade. She didn't remember if the popular

parade had ever had a theme.

"It's like a toy shop for adults this year. They'll love it," she said.

The parade route is traditional, Flanagan said. Scouts, band members, dancers and other groups involved will gather behind

Doherty Middle School and the parade will travel Whittier Street to Elm Street to Main Street, and back to Doherty Middle.

Santa will have his traditional position atop an Andover ladder fire truck at the end of the parade.

STAPINSKI: Resigns from Finance Committee

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Town Moderator to step off the Finance Committee if she felt at any time that my business situation in Lawrence had become a distraction to the committee. After some deliberation, she came back to me and said, regretfully, that the increased publicity had indeed become a distraction. I accepted her judgment and immediately made plans to step off the committee."

Stapinski went on: "I care deeply about the Town of Andover and did not want anything in my life to distract from the important business before the committee and the town. The town and its citizens are more important than any one

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Stephen Stapinski

individual." Now that Stapinski is no longer a Finance Committee member, he said he plans to increase his civic and charitable activities.

"I have the highest respect and regard for my former colleagues on the Finance Committee and for the town moderator," he wrote. "I hope to be able to help the town in other capacities."

Stapinski is at the center of controversy in Lawrence as a \$2.7 million tax bill is owed on a mill building he sold for just \$1,

and leases to Burger King, the Eagle-Tribune reported.

Stapinski was charged with two counts of assault and battery and one count of malicious damage to property over \$250 in December 2009, following an incident between Stapinski and a woman he said flagged him down in Lawrence around 2 a.m. He offered to resign then, but Doherty stood by him saying he deserved time to clear his name. In January and February 2010, all charges against Stapinski were dismissed.

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Deer hunt receives final approval

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Conservation Commission and selectmen have added conservation land in the vicinity of Fish Brook Wetlands, near High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, to the town's deer management program, which already allows bow hunting on land at Wood Hill, Bald Hill and

land in the vicinity of Haggetts Pond.

The program allows the hunting of deer by archery only, and requires that the hunters permitted to hunt in the program hunt only from tree stands.

Previously, members of the School Committee voiced concern about not being included in a discussion about the land abutting High Plain Elementary and

Wood Hill Middle schools. The concern brought town officials to suspend making a decision on that land, Fish Brook Wetlands, until after the School Committee had an opportunity to review the program.

Last week, the School Committee supported the program, provided that some changes be made to it to guarantee the safety of schoolchildren. The

changes included moving a hunting boundary to a quarter mile away from school property and designing the program so that hunters couldn't enter or leave the hunting area through school land.

The program is slated to run in all four conservation areas until Dec. 31. Following analysis of its effectiveness, the topic may come before the town again next year.

COVE: New state law allows developers more time

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The Conservation Commission voted in April to not renew a permit associated with Victoria Place.

However, a new state law is giving developers an additional two years to act on any permit, allowing workers to begin work on the Victoria Place plan. They are doing so. "Even though it was fully denied by the commission, it is now extended by two years,"

Todd Wacome, who's company is working at Taylor Cove, could not be reached for comment through phone calls and a visit to his home. His attorney, Donald Borenstein, was also not available for comment before the Townsman's early deadline this week.

With the permit extension law, Wacome's company is allowed to start working on anything the Conservation Commission approved for Victoria Place, which Wheeler and Douglas said is on the same property as Taylor Cove.

Plans approved for Victoria Place included a road and other changes to the hilly, wooded property, according to Wheeler.

Many of those who attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting, where abutters raised extensive concern about the continuing construction, tried to argue the extension law does not apply to the project, according to Douglas.

"There were other clauses that ... gave us the impression that it didn't apply to the case, and that the permit would remain denied," Douglas said.

"The Conservation Commission doesn't want them to do it, and the Zoning Board of Appeals has it on record that they think it is illegal to do

what he is doing," Wheeler said.

But the town has determined that the law does apply to the previously approved Victoria Place plan, and it is legally allowed to continue with that plan.

"We are adamant that all state and local regulations be followed," Douglas said. "He has begun what work he can. He has a permit to do so."

The construction came as a surprise to Wheeler, as well as 13 other local residents who about the property. Through a petition given to the Conservation Commission, they said were never given notification that the construction would take place.

"When the work started, the neighbors were saying, 'What is going on?'" Wheeler said.

At the meeting, developer Wacome, his attorney Borenstein and employees with his company said they notified all abutters of the construction, according to Douglas.

Part of what makes the project frustrating for Wheeler is that it was approved by only one commission nearly a decade ago, when regulations and knowledge of the area were different.

"The Conservation Commission has said that the rules have changed since Victoria Place was approved," Wheeler said. "If the same things were looked at now, there would be different regulations on it."

A water way that passes through the area of the property, Fosters Pond Creek, was recently re-classified as a river by the commission. It brings water from Fosters Pond to the Shawsheen River, according to Wheeler.

At the meeting last week, members of the commission asked Taylor Cove



THEN: In 2008, Frances Wheeler, Susan Davis, Kathy Romig and Mike Riendeau, neighbors of Hillcrest Road in opposition to a development plan, stood near the proposed Victoria Place/Taylor Cove land.



NOW: Frances Wheeler stands at the same property opening, where construction has begun. A recent state law allows the developer a two-year extension to build, despite the town's decision to not renew the permit.

representatives to pay for a study to determine where the water way is located and how it would affect any housing units placed on the property, Douglas and Wheeler said. Douglas said he expects a response to the request at the

next Conservation Commission meeting, scheduled for Nov. 30.

For the time being, construction is allowed to continue for a road and other aspects of the Victory Place plans.

POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from the Andover police log for Nov. 16 through Nov. 22:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 16 — At 12:43 p.m. and 12:57 p.m., respectively, Carlos Hernandez, 27, of 193 Beech Hill Ave. in Manchester, N.H. and Jessica Caron, 26, of 1465 Hookset Road in Hookset, N.H., were both arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class A drug.

At 10:09 p.m., Brian Warren, 50, of 24 Chester St., Andover, was arrested on Chester Street and charged with resisting arrest and disturbing the peace.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 — At 3:35 a.m., 4:03 a.m. and 4:23 a.m. respectively, Mark Lavigne, 27, of 103 Cluff Crossing, Salem, N.H.; Michael Meucci, 28, of 15 Cypress St., Salem, N.H., and Louis Walbourne, 29, of 148 Hunters Village Way, Manchester, N.H., were all arrested on Frontage Road and charged with possession of a class A drug. Walbourne was also charged with giving a false name during booking.

Thursday, Nov. 18 — At 7:46 a.m., Jonathan Gomez-Castro, 23, of 7 Glen St. in Framingham, was arrested on Route 125 in the area of Gould and Wildwood roads and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

Friday, Nov. 19 — At 8:27 p.m., Michael Meyers, 57, of 416 So. Main St., Andover, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with violating a harassment order.

Saturday, Nov. 20 — At 9:16 a.m., Claudiney Chaves, 33, of 161 Stevens St., Lowell, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

Sunday, Nov. 21 — At 3:54 a.m., Juan Francia, 37, of 300 Manton Ave., Providence, R.I. was arrested on Locke Street and charged with a speeding violation within a special regulation and operating under the influence of liquor.

BREAKS

Friday, Nov. 19 — At 8:08 p.m., a caller on Bullfinch Drive reported a theft of medication.

AUTO CRIME

Tuesday, Nov. 16 — At 10:42 a.m., a seemingly disabled motor vehicle was found on Union Street. Dispatch attempted to contact the owner, but it was determined that the vehicle wasn't a hazard at the time. Close to half an hour later, a delayed hit came back on the vehicle as being reported stolen out of Lawrence. The vehicle was towed.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 — At 5:44 p.m., an Elm Street resident reported a theft from inside a motor vehicle.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Winners

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Merrimack Valley Conference Large championship and a playoff berth.

"You really can't even describe it," said Golden Warriors field hockey coach Maureen Noone, whose team capped a perfect 24-0-0 season. "People flew in from around the country and took six-hour bus rides from college to watch us play, and we came through in the end."

In its first ever trip to the title game, Andover field hockey took an early lead on a goal by Laura Dimitruk, and Anne Farnham added a pair of goals to close out the Golden Warriors' 3-1 win over Algonquin.

"I never could have imagined a perfect season," said Farnham. "It is amazing how far we've come, and what we were able to

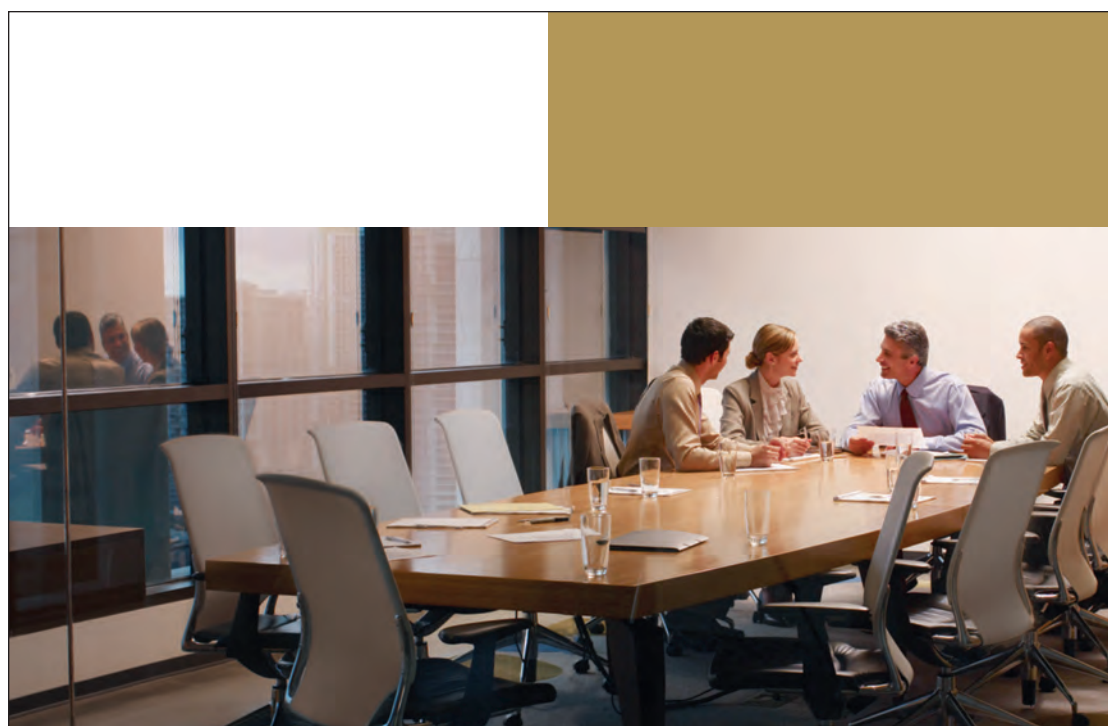
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The swim team was just as dominant, rolling to victory at the Division 1 state meet at Harvard with 357.5 points.

"It's been a dream," said Warriors star Maggie D'Innocenzo. "You set these goals, and when you can reach them and do really special things like we have, it is just amazing."

Now, the football team can make it a hat trick, with the Golden Warriors set to take on archrival Central at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day at Eugene V. Lovely Field. They are led into action by dynamic Andy Coke (1,599 yards, 23 TDs rushing, behind a stellar offensive line).

"It is always so thrilling," said record-setting Rachel Moore, "to see someone come through and do something they never knew they could."



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THEN: The Shawsheen Manor on Main Street was originally the estate of 19th-century mill owner John Smith. It was remodeled and expanded to serve as a hotel for businessmen who traveled to Andover to deal with the Andover Woolen Co. Vendors, agents and salesmen could use telephones for a fee across the street. It was demolished in 1989.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: The former location of the Shawsheen Manor on North Main Street is now a small mall.

Register to vote at Special Town Meeting by Nov. 26

A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Dec. 6, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Collins Center Auditorium.

The warrant closed on Friday, Oct. 22.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting is Friday, Nov. 26. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration.

The Finance Committee Report and warrant will be mailed by Nov. 29. The warrant can now be found under "Town Spotlight" on the home page of the town website at andoverma.gov.

There are four articles on the warrant:

Article 1: Purchase of 3 Blanchard St. This article is brought by a citizen's petition from Carl Grygiel and others.

Article 2: Grant application for Fosters Pond Conservation land on request of the Conservation Commission.

Article 3: Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.

Article 4: Easement from Town to the School Department - Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.

Questions may be directed to the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

L'Italien joins state treasurer-elect's team

Treasurer-Elect Steven Grossman has announced that he will appoint Rep. Barbara L'Italien as his director of government affairs, a post that pays \$100,000 a year.

"I am pleased to have people of this caliber on our team," Grossman said. "They have distinguished records of accomplishment and a deep dedication to public service. We have an ambitious agenda for the Treasury protecting the public's money, helping create jobs, and boosting small businesses."

L'Italien, 49, has served four terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and is vice-chair of the powerful Ways and Means Committee where she plays a leadership role in shaping the state budget. She was defeated in a reelection bid earlier this month by fellow Andover resident Jim

Lyons.

An advocate for children, elders, and the disabled, L'Italien sponsored legislation, signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick in August, that will require health insurance to cover care for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. L'Italien was a key House advocate for the passage of the "Choices" bill to provide broader access to community based care for elders and the disabled through a Federal Medicaid waiver.

Before running for office, L'Italien worked as a social worker, serving at Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, the Mass. Elder Abuse Hotline, and West Suburban Elder Services. She received a bachelor's degree from Merrimack College. She resides in Andover with her husband, Kevin Hall, and

four children: Rudy, Allie, Samantha, and Andrew.

Lyons thankful for support

As for the man who will replace L'Italien as one of Andover's state representatives, a letter on Lyons' behalf was sent to the Townsman on Sunday thanking voters for supporting him. The letter quoted from Thanksgiving Proclamations by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

"These great presidents expressed such lofty ideals while confronting the poverty of the Depression and the bloodshed of the Civil War. We must work to be worthy of this precious national inheritance that has been passed on to us," said the letter from Lyons.

Andover School's anti-bullying policy online

Andover residents have one week left to comment on the draft of the Andover Public School's new anti-bullying policy, which is required by the state.

The Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan draft can be viewed on the Andover Public School website, aps1.net.

A two-week public comment period began last Wednesday, Nov. 17 and ends on Wednesday, Dec. 1. "Parents/guardians, and community members are encouraged to review the draft document and provide feedback via email to Dr. Susan Nicholson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools at SNicholson@aps1.net," according to the schools.

Holiday performers to be featured in Dec. 9 paper

The Townsman will publish information about local dancers appearing in The Nutcracker and other holiday performances in its Dec. 9 edition. All Nutcracker information will be published in this one special holiday Gift Guide. The deadline for inclusion of information is Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m.

Parents, dance studios, instructors and dancers are invited send information and digital photos to Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com. Please include "Nutcracker" in the subject line of the e-mail. Photos should be sent

as jpg attachments to an e-mail, with each image roughly 1 MB in size.

Typed releases and photos can also be dropped off or mailed to 33 Chestnut St., Andover, but must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 1 for inclusion.

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Nov. 29 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Nov. 24. No appointment is necessary.

Winter coats sought

Samel Insurance is participating in a winter coat drive to help members of the community stay warm this winter. New or gently worn coats can be dropped off at Samel Insurance, 15 Central St., Andover.

The coats, for both adults and children, will be professionally cleaned if necessary and donated to the Lazarus House Ministries. The coat drive is sponsored by Paul Davis Emergency Services.

For more information, call 978-474-0810, visit the website samelins.com, or find Samel Insurance on Facebook and become a fan.

New wrestling coach

The Andover wrestling community has a new varsity and JV coach.

James Durkin, a former high school All-American who wrestled for Central Catholic, has been hired. After his years at Central Catholic, he later wrestled for Clarion University and

Western New England College where he was a NCAA Academic All American. At Central he was an outstanding wrestler with over 150 wins and becoming a two-time state champion and high school All-American.

Student at AHS whot would like to wrestle this year, whether they have experience or not, should plan on showing up at the first practice at the AHS field house on Monday, Nov 29, at 4:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail AYS Director Bill Fahey at wfahey@andoverma.gov.

Hospital flu clinic

Merrimack Valley Hospital will offer a flu-vaccine clinic on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon in the hospital atrium located on the first floor.

The clinic is open to anyone 18 or older.

The flu shot is approved for people six months of age or older, including healthy people as well as those with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people be vaccinated so protective antibodies are in place before flu activity is at its highest. Flu season in the United States is usually November through April.

Individuals with Medicare should bring their health insurance card for billing. For individuals without Medicare, the cost of the vaccine is \$30. The hospital will issue a receipt for service for those paying out of pocket who wish to submit to their health insurance company.

Faculty committee to study Andover High

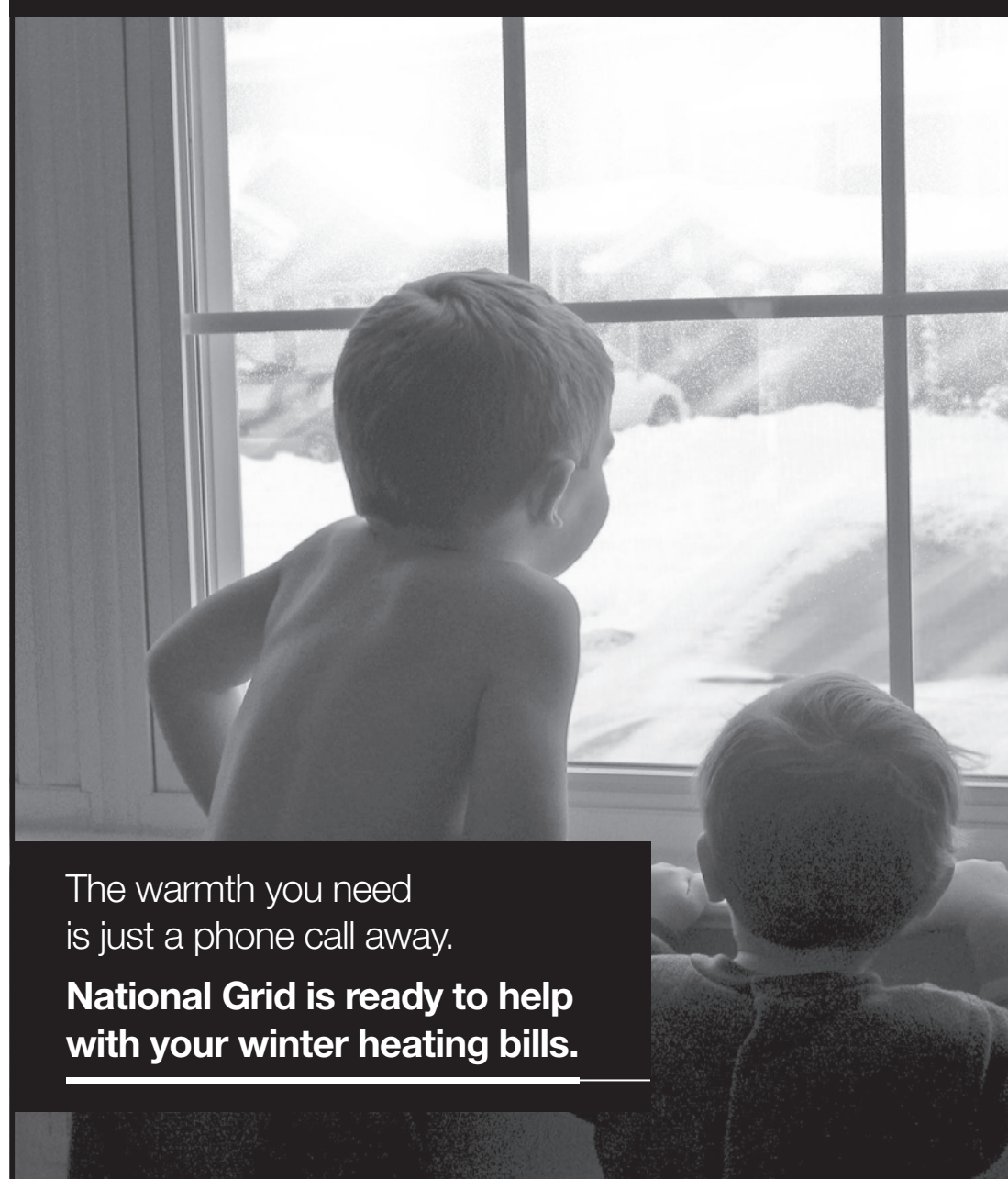
Andover High School Principal Thomas Sharkey has announced the names of steering committee members who will direct the school's efforts during its self-study and the accreditation by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The Committee will be co-chaired by Assistant Principal Christopher Phillips and English teacher Greg Waters. The other members of the committee are faculty members Stacy Giggie (English), Jennifer Percival (English), Minda Reidy (math), Lauren Ream (social studies), and Mary Robb (social studies).

NEASC membership requires that a school undergo a self-study and formal evaluation at least once every 10 years. The steering committee's responsibilities will include coordinating a schedule of events for the school's self-study, collecting reports from various subcommittees, and making necessary preparations for the evaluation committee's visit scheduled for Oct. 28-31, 2012.

Annual toy drive for Lazarus House

North Reading Chiropractic, 352 Park St., Suite 103, North Reading, is accepting toy donations for the Annual Toy Drive to support the Lazarus House in Lawrence of new, unopened, unwrapped toys, now through Dec. 20. The donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

CRYSTAL SHOW, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover, 4-8 p.m.; 978-474-8010. Also on Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SINGLES DANCE, Angelica's, 49 South Main St. (Rte. 114), Middleton, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, free swing dance lessons 7:30-8:30 p.m., \$15, proper business dress required; (781) 446-0234.

LIVE THEATER, Beasley's Christmas Party opens, holiday story for the whole family, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, through Dec. 19; MerrimackRep.org, 978.654.4678.

LIVE THEATER, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever opens, through Dec. 23, and Sister's Christmas Catechism, through Dec. 19, Stoneham Theatre, \$38-\$44, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, stonehamtheatre.org.

CASTLEBERRY FAIRE OPENS, the Shriener's Auditorium, Wilmington, runs through Nov. 28.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27

LIVE THEATER, St. John's Prep Drama Guild presents "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," 7:30 p.m., \$12-18, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall, on the school campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers; stjohsprep.org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

SANTA HOLIDAY PARADE, Andover Firefighters annual parade, 1 p.m., along Main Street, Andover. Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 5.

LIVE THEATER, St. John's Prep Drama Guild presents a Fiesta of One Act Plays, 2 p.m., \$12-18, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall, on the school campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers; stjohsprep.org.

LIVE MUSIC, New England Ringers, 4 p.m., the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., N. Andover, \$10-15; newenglandringers.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT, hosted by The Mother Connection, 6 to 9:30 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, admission is free, complimentary refreshments. Vendors include jewelry, food, cosmetics, clothing, home accessories, kitchen essentials, and more; shopping@themothconnection.org.

AUTHOR READING, Mark Peter Hughes will read from A Crack in the Sky, 7 p.m., \$3. Hughes is the author of Lemonade Mouth which will soon become a movie. His latest book is set in the future where domed cities protect against a too-hot world, and InfiniCorp controls and "takes care of everything." This young adult title is the first in a series. Andover Bookstore, 89 R Main St.; 978-475-0143.

HEALING ATTRIBUTES, Endicott College Department of Fine Arts hosts, highlighting the healing attributes of creativity and art making, with renowned author and therapist Dr. Cathy Malchiodi, 7 p.m., free, Rose Performance Hall, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

AUTHOR READING, Julia Glass will read from The Widower's Tale, 7 p.m., \$3. In a quirky farmhouse outside of Boston, 70-year-old Percy Darling enjoys a mostly solitary life until, in complex scheme to help his oldest daughter through a crisis, he allows a progressive preschool to move into his barn. Andover Bookstore 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS, downtown Andover on Main Street, 5 to 9 p.m., a tree lighting, caroling and later-than-usual store closings, hosted by Andover Business Center Association.

LIVE MUSIC, Messiah and More: Sharing the Christmas Spirit, with professional chamber orchestra and acclaimed Boston area soloists Susan Consoli, Pamela Dellal, Martin Kelly and Thomas Jones, audience carol sing-a-long, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, 7:30 p.m.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students, 6 p.m., free, Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

Three ghosts to visit library Dec. 5

Memorial Hall Library is doing more than stocking Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" for readers this holiday season. Residents have the chance to see a free performance of the story. The Delvena Theatre Company will present a dramatic reading of A Christmas Carol on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.,

Andover. "Watch in fascination as Marley comes back from the dead to help Scrooge amend his miserly ways here on earth and transform himself in a pleasant, giving old gentleman. With the help of three ghosts the Ghost of Christmas Past, Ghost of Christmas Present and the Ghost of Christmas Future the

audience will be mesmerized as old Scrooge takes a long look at his life and reevaluates its path," according to a release from the library. "Classic Christmas music will put the finishing touch on this wonderful message of hope and love so fitting for the Christmas season." A Christmas Carol will be

performed, complete with period costumes, by Lynne Moulton, Joseph Zamparelli Jr. and Fran Baron. The Delvena Theatre Company was founded in 1992 and has performed at various venues, most often at the Boston Center for the Arts. The company was nominated for five Independent Reviewers of New

England awards. Its production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was on Theatre Mirror's Best List for acting, directing and production. The performance is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Visit the library's website at mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32 for more information.

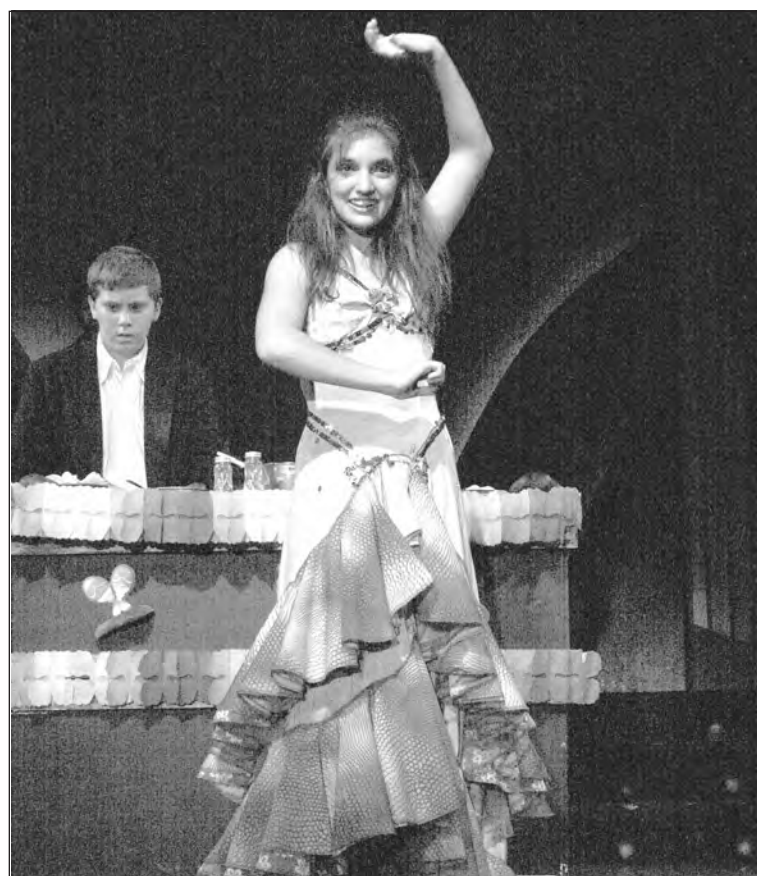
Phillips student performs in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade

Taylor Dortona, 17, a student at Phillips Academy in Andover, has been selected to perform at the 84th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

She is one of 80 kids who attended Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center in Loch Sheldrake, New York in 2010 and who will sing and dance aboard OfficeMax's Elves Raise the Roof float. The students will come together for the first time just three days before the parade. Long rehearsal days will be spent learning music and choreography for their performance, which will be televised live from Herald Square, according to the camp.

Taylor has attended Stagedoor Manor for seven years and is a junior at Phillips Academy. She has appeared in commercials and books on tape.

The 84th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade airs nationwide on NBC, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to noon.



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COURTESY PHOTO

NE Classical Singers launch season with 'Messiah and More'

The New England Classical Singers will launch their 2010-11 season next Friday, Dec. 3, by getting in the Christmas spirit.

This year's planned performances are: **Messiah and More**: Sharing the Christmas Spirit Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

"Join us for a concert of festive cheer as we launch the Yuletide season with a performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's beloved Messiah, with professional chamber orchestra and acclaimed Boston area soloists Susan Consoli, Pamela Dellal, Martin Kelly and Thomas Jones. We'll round out the evening with other seasonal favorites and an audience carol sing-a-long," said the group in a release.

Plaisir D'Amour (The Joys of Love): Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the First-Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover.

"Bring your valentine and your friends for a special evening of music and let us entertain and delight

Please see MESSIAH, Page 6

Spirit of Giving galloped into town at Ironstone

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm celebrated its eighth annual Spirit of Giving Gala on Saturday, Nov. 20, with a party for more than 400.

The evening raised money for the the therapeutic riding center in Andover which has provided physical, occupational and speech language therapies, and, in partnership with Dana-Farber, integrative therapies for individuals with cancer and survivors of cancer. The gala also included live music by the B Street Bombers, a silent auction, live auction, raffle games and a bucket list of live auction items including get-aways, concert tickets and experience opportunities.

The evening paid tribute to state Sen. Susan Tucker and Robert (Ziggy) Burns, who uses "his personal challenges with polio to educate, inform and to aid in the efforts to eradicate this disease," according to Ironstone.

Previous honorees have included John Henry, Doug and Laurie Flutie, Drew and Joann



At left, event chairman Tom Mullen, George Bixby, volunteer/supporter, both of Andover, with David Sollars of North Andover, chairman of board and operator of First Health of Andover, at the Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm's 8th Annual Spirit of Giving Gala and 50th Anniversary.

Photos by Frank J. Leone Jr.

Weber, Charlie & Maura Weis, Rudy Baez, Ed Stevens and George and Margo Behrakis, Dan Leahy, Jim O'Brien and Jon

Goode. Ironstone Farm is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a working farm founded by Richard Donovan, a local science teacher



At left, Deede O'Brien, executive director, with honoree Sen. Sue Tucker and her husband Mike Tucker, both of Andover. Sen. Tucker was honored for over 20 years of community service and in the state legislature. O'Brien is wearing an original Ironstone Farm racing silk.

who opened the doors of the farm to a handful of youth from the inner cities of Lawrence and Lowell. Today, Ironstone Farm serves

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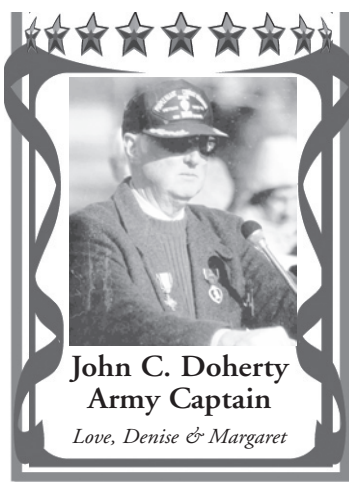
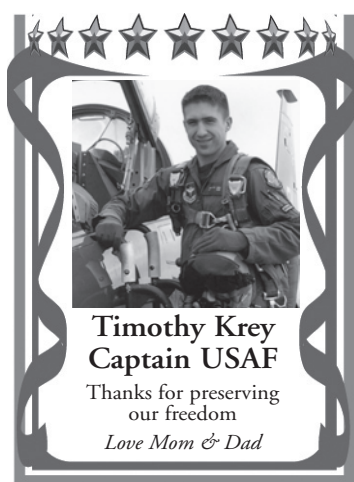
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7 Ways to Support the Troops



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So what can you do to show your support? There are many things, actually. Here are a few ideas and you can build on them.

1. Write a letter: The single most effective and simple way to offer troops support is to tell them, in your own words, how much you appreciate their efforts. Write a letter to someone whom you've never met and tell him or her about your life and what is going on back home. You not only will provide a window on your world, you just may make a new friend in the process. There are plenty of organizations that will connect you with overseas soldiers. Do a search online, or you can even speak with a local veteran's association or military recruiting organization for more information.

2. Send greeting cards: It can be difficult for troops overseas to send back special occasion greeting cards, simply because of the lack of availability of them. Whether you send handmade cards, or pre-bought general occasion ones, the cards will be appreciated by soldiers who want to offer special sentiments to their loved ones.

3. Make phone calls easier: We're a world of modern conveniences. We think nothing of picking up a cell phone and making a call or sending a text. Troops don't always have that luxury. It can be expensive to make calls overseas. Sending soldiers pre-paid phone cards and used cell phones enable them to make calls back home. Visit "Cell Phones for Soldiers" to learn more about how you can help.

4. Send a care package: Troops often appreciate little touches of home. Generally this involves food or items that are familiar to them. Sending care packages can be a great way to offer a touch of the familiar. Find out what is acceptable to send by contacting an organization like Treats for the Troops. You can also raise money with friends and family to send something substantial. You can pre-load an MP3 player with songs and have that sent, as an option.

5. Volunteer: Connect with an organization that provides support to current or past troops. Perhaps you can inquire at a veterans' hospital. Even visiting past veterans and sitting down and talking with these people about their experiences are ways to show support.

6. Foster a pet: Have you ever given thought to what happens to the pets of servicemen and women? If they don't have a spouse or family member to care for the animal, the pet may have to be put in a shelter or given away. However, you can volunteer to foster the pets of service personnel during their tours of duty.

7. Provide support for military families: Organize a party, barbecue or picnic to bolster the spirits of troops' families. By knowing that their family members at home are happy and well cared for, troops can better do their jobs on the front lines.



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DAUGHTERS, DADS AND DANCING

Holly balls bring families onto dance floor

It's the must-go for many Andover dads with young daughters. Little girls dress in holiday finery while their father/escorts are dressed to the nines for the holiday kick-off event known as the Holly Balls. There were three Holly Balls last weekend at the Town House on Main Street, also known as Old Town Hall. Girls aged 4 and younger attended their hour-long ball on Saturday, while ages 5-10 enjoyed 90 minutes of dancing with their dads on Friday and Saturday.

The dances attracted a total of 85 fathers with 108 daughters. "There were some tuxedos, while the girls really seem to like red holiday dresses this year," said Meg Batcheller of the Department of Community Services. "It's so cute to see families having so much fun."

DCS runs the Holly Balls every year and this marked its 15th season.
— Judy Wakefield



Dan Powers and his daughter Sophia, 4, dance the night away during the annual Holly Ball held in the Old Town Hall, sponsored by the Town of Andover's Department of Community Services.



John Guschov and his daughter Katie, 2, play and dance at the annual Holly Ball.



David Strong and his daughter Julia, 4, share a moment at the Holly Ball, sponsored by the Town of Andover's Department of Community Services.



David Blank and his daughter Laila, 3, dance in Old Town Hall Saturday night.

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TOWN TALK

Only a few more tomorrows for MJT

Merrimack Junior Theatre, a town institution that has turned on generations of children to performing, is closing its doors after 23 years of children's theater in Andover. Led by resident Josie Walker, the group will hold auditions for its final season on Dec. 2 and 3.

Merrimack Junior Theatre auditions for the musical "Annie" will be held Thursday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Students in grades 4 through 10 may audition for parts in this year's production. For more information about the audition process, visit the website merrimackjrtheatre.com and click on "Auditioning Information".

No hiding from grades

Using the telephone system typically used for snow-day announcements, Dr. Thomas Sharkey, the interim principal at Andover High School, made a recorded call to parents last Friday that had nothing to do with bad weather. Rather, it was, potentially, about bad grades.

Sharkey notified parents that report cards had been distributed to students that day.
— Judy Wakefield

Boys varsity soccer collects equipment

Andover High boys varsity soccer players wrapped up their season by making it to the second round of the state tournament, and now they'll be putting a ribbon on gifts to soccer players around the world.

The team is collecting soccer equipment as part of the US Soccer Foundation's Passback program.

Passback is a non-profit organization that collects new and gently used soccer gear and

distributes it to kids around the world who are in need.

Team co-captain Panayioti Kostakis said in a release, "Andover youth soccer programs are finishing up and many families will have lots of soccer equipment in their closets. This is a way they can help us to help others so that other kids will enjoy that equipment."

The Andover High boys varsity, JV and freshman team players will be donating their own equipment at their upcoming annual soccer banquet.

Temple Emanuel has set up a collection box, along with the town's community services office at 36 Bartlett St., and Memorial Hall Library. The Passback collection boxes will be on display through Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The team is collecting new and gently used soccer cleats, jerseys, shorts, shin guards and new socks.

Lot of green to see blue collar guy

Without a hint of irony, Lowell Memorial Auditorium announced that tickets for Larry the Cable Guy, "everyone's favorite blue collar comedian," have gone on sale at a cost \$43.75 each.

Pigskin perfection

It was a week of memorable sport championships in Andover - even at two team banquets held on Tuesday night. Andover's eighth grade travel football teams celebrated undefeated seasons at a banquet at Andover Country Club. Coincidentally, the undefeated Andover High girls varsity field hockey team was holding its banquet in the next room.

If Andover High head football coach EJ Perry is wondering where his next group of talent may be coming from, he

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago Nov. 25, 1910

F.A. Remick of the Andover Coal Co., has purchased a new horse for use in his business.

John Stack and family of Elm street have removed to the corner of Summer and Whittier streets, into the house recently vacated by Parmenas Partridge.

The T.W.T girls' club spent a very pleasant evening last Friday in looking over and repairing toys which have been contributed for the poor children's Christmas.

Advertisement: H.S. Wright and Co. will sell you any kind of a stove you want, except a poor one, and his bargains in new and second hand parlor stoves will startle you. Call and see him today. Main street, Andover, Mass.

75 Years Ago Nov. 22, 1935

The local telephone operators, who each year conduct a Christmas party at which a number of local needy children are given a complete outfit of clothing, toys, and refreshments, will hold a bakery sale in the vacant store in the Musgrove building tomorrow. The proceeds are to be used to defray

the expenses of the party.

A three-inch fall of snow, accompanied by a high wind and a drop in temperature, blanketed Andover on Sunday, making travel conditions hazardous. The most unusual feature of the storm was the single flash of lightning and clap of thunder which struck somewhere in the vicinity about eight. A large number of telephones in Shawsheen village were put out of commission, and Robert Dobbie, janitor at the Phillips academy dining hall, was flung to the floor just as he was locking the front door. He reported to police that a vivid blue streak of flame flashed down the flag pole located at the center of the quadrangle, and the lights in the building were extinguished.

50 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1960

[Note: item edited from Nov. 23, 1960 article by Townsman compiler:] Somewhere this week, probably feeling safe and secure after 35 years, there lives the man who calmly murdered Patrolman Robert T. Black the night of Nov. 27, 1925 in the middle of Elm Square. Police from many communities sought the killer, but he never was found. Even today, residents who remember the sensation caused

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Cold Thanksgiving days bring back warmest memories

Bill Dalton



I was a small boy in a big crowd. It was 1947, and I was standing on the sidelines of a football game. There were strangers all around, but I felt secure because I was holding Dad's hand.

I couldn't see much because my view was blocked by the legs and heavy coats of big people in front of me. What I saw I didn't understand, except that it was exciting and fun. After a while, my feet got so cold that my father took me home, which was a short walk that took

us across Roger's Brook. My father held me in his arms as he stepped on the stones in the brook. He was 47 years old, but his arms were like stone. Before we opened the back door of the house, I smelled turkey cooking. It was good to smell that turkey and feel my feet get warm when we were next to the stove, but best of all was the greeting and hug I got from Mom.

A few minutes later, some of Dad's friends came into the kitchen. This became a half-time tradition as years went by. The men were Everett Collins, Charlie McCullom, Charlie Bowman and Hal Wennick. They drank hot coffee laced with rye whiskey, and were in good spirits, unless Punchard (now Andover High) was losing to their traditional Thanksgiving

rival Johnson (now North Andover High). They were good friends and talked about what they'd seen in the first half, and they took their high school football seriously.

Thanksgiving became my favorite holiday.

As years passed, I never missed a Thanksgiving game. My brothers and I played in them, and in 1956 my older brother, Buck, was co-captain of the team with Bill McCullom, Charlie's son. Often times, the "Little Three" championship was at stake, and the Little Three Trophy would be given to the winning team to hold until next Thanksgiving. The little three were Punchard, Johnson, and Tenney (Methuen's high school). Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill were the "Big Three."

High school football games often were significant events. Some of the Big Three games attracted more than 10,000 people. The Punchard games were played at the Andover Playstead, near what are now the town's municipal office buildings but used to be Punchard and the junior high school. Most of the games at the Playstead had full stands, and at Thanksgiving the sidelines were filled with rows or people.

After my brothers and I graduated from high school, we'd never miss a Thanksgiving game with Dad. When my brothers and I had families, the tradition continued, no matter what the weather. Mom would make a thermos of coffee for us and Dad would add some rye for the particularly cold games

(Thanksgiving was always cold). After the game, we'd return to Mom and the beautiful smells at the family home. The simplicity of it all, the recognition that there was much to be thankful for, made Thanksgiving so special.

In 1983 my father died. He'd quarterbacked two undefeated Punchard football teams, and watched as much Punchard and Andover High football as anyone I know. He wanted to live long enough to see his oldest grandson, my son, Bill, play varsity football. Dad didn't quite make it, although I was able to show him a picture of Bill in his varsity uniform a few weeks before Dad died.

During the next few years, my brother, Bob, and I would watch our boys play on Dick Collins'

football teams. My brother Buck's boys played for North Andover.

This year, I'll watch my oldest grandchild, Bill's daughter MacKenzie, on the varsity cheerleading team. Andover High will be playing a critical game against its now long-time Thanksgiving rival, Central Catholic. I'll be thinking of Mom and Dad and be thankful for what they did for my brothers and me and their grandchildren. There isn't a day I don't think about my parents, but Thanksgiving, with the football and wonderful smells, brings back the warmest memories.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the "Andover Townsman" and enjoys receiving your e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Girl to perform at Kwong Kow Chinese School fundraiser

Andover resident Zoe Chan will be a featured performer along with the rest of the Beautiful Mongolia Dance Troupe at the Kwong Kow Chinese School's annual Fundraising gala on Dec. 11.

The event, which will honor Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, will be emceed by television news reporter Janet Wu of WCVB-TV Channel 5. The gala will feature cocktails, dinner, student performances and a silent auction to benefit the Kwong Kow Chinese School.



Andover's Zoe Chan will perform as part of a fundraising gala on Dec. 11.

numerous charitable, civic and government organizations such as the Jimmy Fund, Easter Seals, FBI, Massachusetts State Police and many more."

Ross lives in Andover with his wife and three children.

Andover resident Melissa Morgante participated in this year's Leading Women Awards committee. As a member of the Leading Women Awards committee, Morgante helped secure event sponsors.

Leading Man



The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts honored Clear Channel Outdoor Boston Division President Stephen Ross of Andover as the "Leading Man in a Supporting Role" at the 19th annual Leading Women Awards Breakfast. Scout Kyra Pellant, 16, poses with the Andover man.

region," according to a release. "[He] strongly believes that Clear Channel Outdoor has an obligation and responsibility to be responsible partners in the communities where it does business. Under his leadership, Clear Channel has made significant donations to promote ideas and messages that help raise awareness of important issues and bring about positive change. In addition to the Girl Scouts, Stephen has also entered Clear Channel into partnerships with

Tucker called Local Hero by Community Teamwork

Community Teamwork Inc. has announced that nine Greater Lowell organizations and individuals are this year's recipients of CTT's 2010 Local Heroes Awards, including outgoing Andover state Sen. Susan Tucker. These publicly nominated "heroes" all have made extraordinary efforts to create a better quality of life for the residents of Greater Lowell, according to a release.

Here is what the group had to say about Tucker of Andover, serving Lawrence, Andover, Dracut and Tewksbury: "Senator Tucker's work as a legislator is part of her lifelong commitment to advocacy and community service. She currently is the chair of the Housing Committee, vice chair of the Telecommunications & Energy Committee, a member of Senate Ways and Means and formerly served as chair of the Human Service and Elder Affairs Committee. She has been instrumental in passing legislation to address the foreclosure crisis and preserve affordable housing and has received many Legislative Leadership Awards for her work in fighting child abuse and for advocating for foster care children, the elderly, the disabled and the homeless."

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certainly doesn't need to look too far. The Andover eighth grade travel football team - its Blue and Gold squads - finished the 2010 season in dramatic fashion on Saturday with something that has never been done in the history of the Northeast Junior High Football League - both teams posted identical 11-0 records.

"No team has ever gone 11-0 for a season let alone two teams," according to head coach Kevin Lynch. For more on the teams, see next week's Townsman.

Holiday Open House at Andover A Better Chance

Andover residents have a chance to learn more about the Andover A Better Chance program, at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 134 Main St.

"Take a break from holiday chores and shopping and join us for a cup of warm cheer and a holiday sweet and learn about one of Andover's hidden nonprofit gems. Meet the outstanding young women scholars our program benefits and tour our dorm facility," encourages a note from the program.

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by the killing claim the authorities knew who the man was, but never could prove a case against him. On the night of Nov. 27, a car was stolen in Lawrence and the A&P at 250 Broadway was held up by a youth nervously holding a revolver. Officer Black, alone in Elm Square, received notice of the holdup via the police telephone at Stacey's drugstore. The car stopped at Chestnut Street due to a smoking brake and the youth fled down Chestnut toward Central Street. Officer

Black pursued him but lost him in the dark. Not long afterwards, a stranger appeared on Main Street and Black overtook the man. The stranger turned casually toward Black and shot him twice. A passing car was halted and Black was taken to the Lawrence Hospital where he died a few minutes after arrival. Possibly the killer, alive somewhere now, recalls the details of that night even more thoroughly than recorded here.

Christmas lights will shine on Main street this week including those decorating the 35 foot tree now in place in the front of town hall.

Scouts' honor: Ross a 'leading man'

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts honored Andover resident Stephen Ross as its "Leading Man in a Supporting Role" during its 19th annual Leading Women Awards Breakfast event on Nov. 9.

Ross is the president of the Boston Division of Clear Channel Outdoor.

"Stephen Ross leads all Clear Channel Outdoor business activities in Greater Boston, and was the driving force behind the first ever digital billboards in this

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Registration began Nov. 15 for all BoomerVenture and senior center winter classes, which start on Nov. 29. Course offerings include low impact aerobics, strength training,

gentle and intermediate yoga, seated exercise, Sit and Get Fit, tap dancing and Zumba. The senior center also will continue registering for singing, acting, tambourines, mixed media art instruction and woodcarving this week. Call to check available space.

Community members are welcome for classes as space allows. Call the Andover Senior Center at 978-623-8321 or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration appreciated for all classes and events as space is limited.

Holiday Fair: Friday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilts, knitted sweaters and hats/scarves, plants, baked goods, crafts, gifts and much more. New this year are fresh arrangements by local garden clubs and hooked items from our newly formed hooking groups.

Card-Making Workshop: Monday, Nov. 29 at 1:30 p.m.; cost \$2, all materials included. Learn rubberstamping to make cards, gift tags and holiday paper. Take home your beautiful art work.

Annual Couples' Breakfast, with music: Friday, Dec. 3, 8:30 a.m.; cost \$4 for men, \$2 all ladies. Advance reservations only. Come enjoy a special breakfast followed by "Sounds of the Season" performed by the senior center's Sun Rise Singers. This

holiday tradition sells out so call as soon as possible. Stop into our holiday fair when the festivities are over.

Reagle Players: "It's Christmas Time," Dec. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; \$58/56, including admission and transportation. See this show that rivals any you'll see in New York. Call ASAP for tickets to assure availability.

Negotiations 101: Thursday, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m.; \$3. Your ability to negotiate, communicate, influence and persuade others to do things is absolutely indispensable to everything you accomplish in life. Come learn the top 10 negotiating techniques and 15 rules for a successful negotiation.

Terminating Health and Drug Plans: Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. If you have received notification that your health plan or prescription drug plan is terminating as of Dec. 31 and you have not made a change, come to this informative forum and we'll help you get it on time. Sponsored by SHINE.



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Business

Mother Connection tries to beat Black Friday blues

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Shopping on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, just doesn't work for everyone. Stores can be mobbed with shoppers and malls can be too crowded for moms with young children and babies.

Locally, the Mother Connection is beating those Black Friday blues. The well-known group of mothers with young children is hosting an in-town shopping night

BLACK FRIDAY ALTERNATIVE

WHAT: The Mother Connection's Holiday Shopping Event
WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6-9:30 p.m.
WHO: 21 vendors
WHERE: South Church, 41 Central St., Andover
HOW: Free admission, complimentary refreshments

set for Tuesday, Nov. 30, at South Church in Andover. Twenty-one

vendors will sell their wares, including six from Andover.

"Black Friday at the malls just doesn't work for all shoppers," said Meg Bennett of the Mother Connection. "This holiday shopping night makes shopping so much easier."

Admission is free and open to the public. "You can enjoy complimentary refreshments and get your holiday shopping done early, in one place," she said.

Later that week, the Andover Business Center Association will

offer another chance to shop locally at its annual Holiday Happenings event on Friday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. Main Street will be closed to cars, allowing people to stroll from store to store and enjoy hayrides, music, hot chocolate, doughnuts, cider and a 6:30 tree lighting in front of TD Bank.

For the Mother Connection event on Nov. 30, vendors include jewelry, food, cosmetics, clothing, home accessories and kitchen essentials businesses.

They are:

- Pampered Chef, Outwrap, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, Quilts and Mary Kay, all of Andover
- Sew Appealing, Groveland
- Avon, Merrimack Diapers, and Fashion Coach, all of Methuen
- Blankets and Saks, Haverhill
- Oh Sew Kids, MLA Design, and Paper Perfect, all of North Andover
- Ma's Biscotti, Londonderry,

N.H.

- Discovery Toys, Reading
- J Hilburn, Hollis, N.H.
- PenneSports, Tewksbury
- Charm Crazy, Chester, N.H.
- USborne Books, North Reading

Shopping is from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Bennett said The Mother Connection hosted this type of event in the past. "Now, it's back," Bennett said.

For more information, contact shopping@themothconnection.org.

New chapter at Andover Bookstore: Clothing Annex

Store will sell Phillips, Andover clothes, gifts

There is now a lot more than books at the space inside Andover Bookstore.

The Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., has unveiled the Clothing Annex, a new apparel center featuring clothing and giftware with Phillips Academy and Andover logos. The core market for many of the items will be Andover residents and the Phillips Academy community, according to the store.

"An institution since 1809, the Andover Bookstore, has always been known for its books and personal service. In recent years, the bookstore dabbled in the logo clothing market featuring clothing items and giftware as a sideline. While its main focus will always be books, the Andover Bookstore has now given a designated home to its clothing line creating a store within a store, the Clothing Annex at the Andover Bookstore," said the store in a release.

To create this transformation, owner Robert Hugo enlisted the services of Boston designer and Andover resident Roseanna Ansaldi. Reportedly drawing on her more than 20 years in the apparel industry, Ansaldi created the new retail space, updated the



A look at the new Clothing Annex, at the Andover Bookstore, inside Olde Andover Village. A special night for residents is planned Dec. 1.

line and helped revamp the merchandise website.

A pre-holiday "Clothing Night" is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. to introduce the public to the new retail space and its licensed line of Phillips Academy products, along with apparel and gifts featuring Andover logos.

Refreshments will be served and the store will be offering patrons a 20-percent discount on all clothing and giftware.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Landmark earns accreditation

Landmark Finish Inc. of Andover, recently earned accreditation by the Architectural Woodwork Institute's Quality Certification Program.

Accreditation is earned by woodworking firms who, through comprehensive testing and inspection, demonstrate the ability to fabricate, finish or install woodwork in accordance with the quality grade criteria set forth in the Architectural Woodwork Standards.

Landmark Finish Inc. is accredited to fabricate and finish premium-grade ornamental millwork, frames, standing and running trim, wood veneer wall surfacing, wood veneer

and High Pressure Decorative Laminate (HPDL) casework, and countertops.

Money for Spectrum

Beverly non-profit organization Northeast Senior Health has been awarded a \$50,000 challenge grant from an anonymous Boston-based foundation. The challenge grant was awarded for Northeast Senior Health's Spectrum North Andover Campaign,

a capital campaign launched this summer to raise \$319,000 in private contributions to support the renovation, build-out, furniture, and equipment for the new Spectrum facility in North Andover.

Northeast Senior Health is developing a Spectrum Adult Day Health Program in North Andover a day program specializing in the care of people who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other memory disorders.

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Obituaries

Beatrice D. Cloutier, 90



ANDOVER — Mrs. Beatrice Doris (Beaulieu) Cloutier, a life-long resident of Andover, passed away at the Lawrence General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family and following a brief illness, on Sunday morning, Nov. 21, 2010. Beatrice was 90-years-old. She was the beloved wife of the late Clarence R. Cloutier, who was born in Skowhegan, Maine.

Born in Andover on June 27, 1920, she was the beloved daughter of the late Louis A. and Delvina Beaulieu. Mrs. Cloutier was a retired nurse from the Tewksbury State Hospital and the Coles Nursing Home in Andover. She was a lifelong communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover and served the church as a Eucharistic minister and lector. In her earlier years, she loved to garden at her home in Andover and also enjoyed reading. For the past three years, Beatrice enjoyed attending the Andover Senior Center. She had a special love for animals. She also enjoyed walking, and loved the state of

Maine where she resided with her daughter Jeanne for a year. Mrs. Cloutier will be sorely missed by her loving children: Jerry Cloutier and his wife Cindy (Gaudet) of Andover, Jeanne M. (Cloutier) and her husband Joseph C. Mills of Windsor, Maine, and Louise S. (Cloutier) and her husband Armand J. Hamman of East Wakefield, N.H. Beatrice had nine grandchildren: Christopher, Eric, Kimberly, Daniel, Gregory, Stacie, Benjamin, Jason, and Holly. She also had 13 great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. Internment will be in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover. Donations in Beatrice's memory may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association, 31 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472; the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Beverly A. Withington



WINDHAM, N.H. — Beverly A. Withington of Windham, N.H. died at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010.

loving mother who always put others before herself. She loved cooking and gardening.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Michael; her son, Matthew and his wife Kayleigh; her mother, Therese; her sister, Susan M. Berube and Paula and her husband Scott Wilton; a niece, Maegen Wilton; and lifelong friends, Bette Ogonowski, Susan Bomba and Doris Brucato.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday 10:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellamine Church in Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 Attn: Contribution Services. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

She was the daughter of Therese and Leon Berube and was born in Lawrence June 28, 1951. She attended Sacred Heart School, Andover High School and graduated with honors from Andover School of Business in 1971.

Beverly worked for the IRS, starting in 1971 and continued there for 37 years. In 1975, she married Michael J. Withington and they settled in Andover, together they have a son, Matthew. Beverly was devoted to her family and friends.

A modest woman, she was a

Symosek a sailor from 'Greatest Generation'



Andover Stories

Mike Simo,
Andover Historical Society

As a "baby-boomer," aware that relatives took part in World War II, I often asked their part in the great undertaking to save the world from Nazism, Fascism and Japanese imperialism. Generally, their answers were short, blunt and not filled with what I expected — exploits of daring or heroism. They usually answered with "we did our duty" or "it was a job that needed to be finished," or something not very descriptive. To many, the memories remained painful of the events that took place.

Eventually the folks who participated in this venture began to open up and tell their stories. It has been a catharsis for them and a boon to historians. The following is about Andover resident Frank Symosek. His story needs to be told.

Born in North Andover in 1919, Mr. Symosek graduated from Lowell Tech with a degree in chemical engineering in 1941, the year of the attack at Pearl Harbor. Like many others, he answered the call to duty by enlisting in the U.S. Navy under the V-7 program. He was a "90 Day Wonder." This is where the military took enlistees, usually college graduates, and put them through a



Frank Symosek during World War II

rigorous three-month training period towards a commission. As a young officer, he was assigned to landing-craft vessel LCI 23 and ordered to the Pacific theater. Here, Ensign Symosek saw first-hand the horrors of war.

On July 4, 1943, his ship took part in the landing of Marines at New Georgia. Around 2 p.m., Japanese bombers appeared overhead and his craft, along with others, began to open fire at the planes. The landing was successful and although uninjured during the event, Symosek soon after contracted malaria, then yellow jaundice, which knocked him out of action for a time. Sent state-side, he convalesced in both California and Idaho for two months. When asked to return to duty, he was denied back in the Pacific because of the possibility of a relapse, so he went to the European theater to continue his tour.

Assigned to LCI 12, now-Lieutenant JG Symosek took part in the landing of soldiers at Naples and Anzio in Italy. After their success, he was sent to England to prepare for the greatest invasion of personnel in the history of warfare, Normandy. On June 6, 1944, his



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

World War II veteran Frank Symosek listens to the start of Veterans Day ceremonies, as veterans, friends and families gather at Ballardvale Green earlier this month for a special ceremony in which the town gives a copy of "Heroes Among Us: Book 2" to the Andover residents and World War II veterans featured in the book.

vessel brought British soldiers to Sword Beach. Under fire from a German railroad gun, his LCI was able to unload its 150 troops on the beach successfully. After that, his ship took part in ferrying German POWs back to England. For two weeks they carried British troops to Normandy and returned with prisoners.

In September 1944, his malaria returned and he battled the disease off and on for over 35 years. Sent to Boston the next month, he partook in the commissioning of new ships for the Navy by making them sea-worthy. He left the U.S. Navy in April 1945, fulfilling, with great honor, his call to duty. During the next few years he established himself as a businessman by opening Old Colony Textiles in Boston. He

became a wool merchant, and to this day, still practices his trade on a much smaller scale.

Like other returning GIs, he married, had a family and put the tragic events of the war behind him. He did his duty; it was time to move on.

When you see Frank at the veterans lodge or any of the stores or businesses in town that he frequents, thank him for his service, thank him for his sacrifice and thank him for being a part of our "greatest generation." We owe him, and them, so much.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

Town set to name new acting DPW head

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A new interim director likely will be at the wheel of the Department of Public Works to ring in the new year: John Bean, a soon-to-retire public works director in Arlington.

Bean's experience — which includes close to 20 years as a superintendent of public works for the town of Greenfield and four years as director of public works in Arlington, makes him

the ideal candidate for Andover's interim position, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said.

"He has a great combination of excellent DPW experience and education, but mainly it is the experience piece," said Stapeczynski.

Due to the conditions of his retirement, Bean will only be able to work for around 20 hours each week, according to Stapeczynski. He will be paid at a rate

of \$55 an hour with no eligibility for benefits.

The Board of Selectmen are expected to vote on Stapeczynski's appointment of Bean at its next meeting. If approved, Bean will begin work on Jan. 3, according to Stapeczynski.

Stapeczynski said Bean will be director of DPW for a matter of months, with an end-date falling sometime towards the end of 2011.

"It was very rewarding coming to Arlington, and I am expecting the same thing here," Bean said. "I will be helping (Andover) when they're stuck on issues so they won't stay stuck."

During a brief introduction to selectmen Monday, Bean said he expects his time in Andover to be spent holding the department together as it looks into options for the department's future.

Turkey Tracks and Facts

Turkeys have been a part of the American Thanksgiving dinner for hundreds of years.

But what do you really know about this important bird? It is time to talk a little turkey.

The turkey's scientific name is *Meleagris gallopavo*.

Baby turkeys are called poult. Male turkeys are called toms. Female turkeys are called hens. A group of turkeys is called a flock.

Only tom turkeys gobble. Hens make a clicking noise.

Turkeys have good hearing and vision, but a bad sense of smell.

Turkeys do not have external ears. Instead, they have small holes in their head just behind the eyes. In spite of that, they have a great sense of hearing. They turn their heads to pinpoint sounds as far away as a mile.

A turkey's eyes are located on opposite sides of its head. That means a turkey can see two objects at a time. A turkey can see to the side as well as straight ahead. It sees in color and is good at seeing motion.

Wild turkeys have dark-colored feathers. Turkeys raised on farms usually have white feathers.

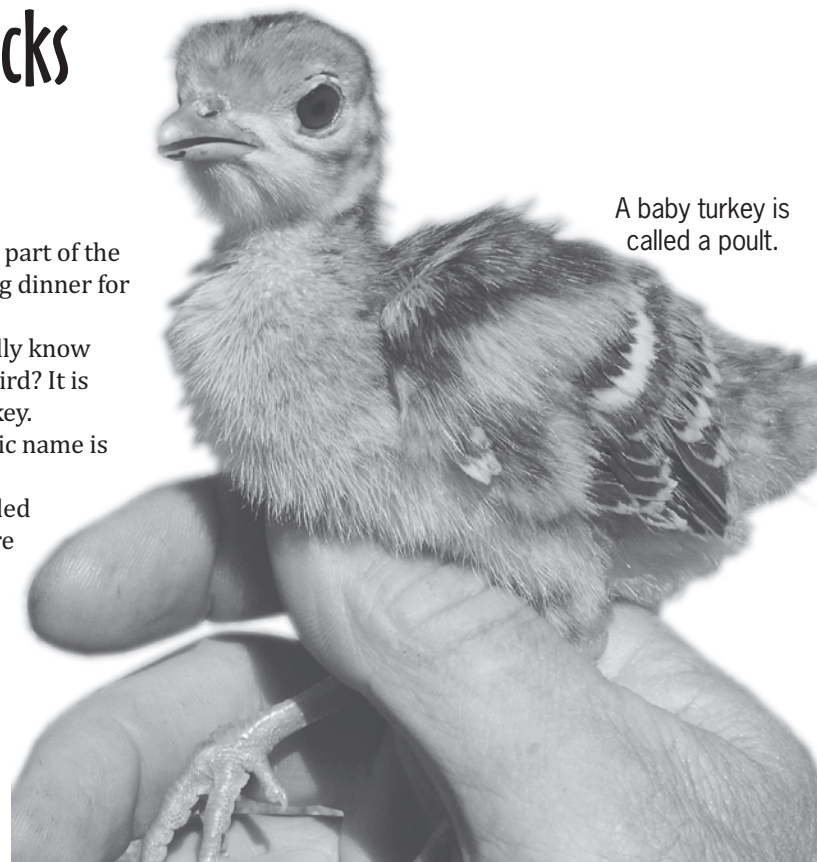
Word Scramble

Unscramble these foods from the Americas:

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A baby turkey is called a poult.

A turkey has about 3,500 feathers. "Big Bird" wears turkey feathers that are dyed yellow.

A turkey has bumpy, loose red skin around its head and neck. The snood is a long flap that hangs over the beak. The wattle is the red skin that hangs from the neck.

Wild turkeys can fly at about 55 miles per hour and can run about 20 miles per hour. Domesticated turkeys cannot fly.

According to the National Turkey Federation, 88 percent of Americans eat turkey during Thanksgiving. We eat about 736 million pounds of turkey during the holiday.

A turkey is about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

The American turkey has even been to the moon. For their first meal on the moon, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin ate roast turkey and trimmings from foil packets.

The Kid thinks you now have plenty of turkey facts to chew on. Happy Thanksgiving!

Newspaper in Education activity

Draw your hand on a plain sheet of paper. Search your newspaper for words that you could use to say something you are thankful for. Print the words on each finger of your hand. When finished, you will have a handful of good thoughts. Share your thoughts with your class.



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Personal, reflective holiday

Ken Seifert



It is a quiet Sunday morning, I'm at the kitchen table and in four days it will be Thanksgiving. Of all the national holidays I think Thanksgiving is the most personal. Each year it is a special day to answer the question, what do I have to be thankful for? Whether one believes in God, or not, it is a time to think outside you and to recognize the people, the customs, and the gifts of nature and the history that have been provided to each of us. There is a line in America the Beautiful that gets me thinking, "God shed his grace on thee". Those who live in America must realize and honestly be thankful for having the benefits that most do not have in any other country on Earth. For this I am grateful. Some are not.

Through the years I have realized one's perspective on what to be thankful for increases with age. If one spent time and energy, each person could write a book about the people, events and life experiences that made a positive contribution to his life. For most, I bet the majority of the diary would be about people and places, not things.

If we made two lists, thankful things and unthankful things, the blessings list would be much longer than the undesirable things that would be placed on the other. If this is not the case, you probably think the glass is always half empty. There are some exceptions for those who have had more than their share of bad luck along the way.

I still think I am one of the luckiest men on the face of this good Earth.

This Thursday when I sit at the table with some of my wonderful family, the following will be a few thoughts for Thanksgiving 2010.

I have been fortunate to visit many foreign lands. I have experienced people of all races and religions. Within each, in spite of what some may think, I have discovered beautiful and caring people. It has been most

helpful in my appreciation for what is good. I now have a better understanding of what is good and evil. It is not religion, race or geography. Each person chooses the path he takes. Such travel opportunities have been priceless.

I have seen people at home and abroad who live in poverty. Some represent the best of the human condition. In spite of such adversity they have a sense of optimism and display exceptional virtue. They are heroic role models. They have taught me to be more humble. For this I am grateful. I live in a community that has more creature comforts than 85 percent of the world's population. I am most fortunate.

I have been fortunate to have people steer me in the right direction. There were those who were true friends and cared enough to be brutally honest with my shortcomings. I have received the best of home schooling and a meaningful formal education. I get quite emotional when I think of such good fortune.

I remember my teacher saying, 65 years ago, "Be thankful for the necessities of life, food, clothing and shelter."

I have never lived a day when I did not have at least one meal. Although sometimes not the best quality and style, I have always had adequate clothes for the four seasons. There has never been a day in my life when I worried about not having a roof over my head. Over one third of the world's population is missing at least one of such necessities. I do not take such things lightly.

To our unselfish military men and women in the world's zones of conflict, protect them. They consider duty, mercy and freedom ahead of their very lives. Such dedication goes beyond a million thanks. Words are not possible to describe my admiration, appreciation and their courage while pursuing an unclear mission.

Please God, continue to shed your grace on me, my family, my fellow citizens and this wonderful land that goes from sea to shining sea. Most of all, in the crucial years ahead, watch over our grandchildren. Thank you for this day.

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

Bancroft project would get \$17M

State building authority kicks in additional money for WMS roof

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Massachusetts School Building Authority has agreed to kick in over \$17 million in reimbursement funding for plans to rebuild Bancroft Elementary School and renovate West Middle School, lowering the direct town-only costs associated with each project.

In a meeting last week, the MSBA agreed to cover over \$16 million of the cost of building a new Bancroft Elementary School, bringing the price tag for the project far below the previously estimated \$44 million cost, according to Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities.

"Assuming we don't see any savings moving forward, \$27 million is what the project will cost the town," Piantedosi said. "Assuming we pay all of the contingencies, this is a worst-case scenario."

The amount that the MSBA is covering includes five "bonus

STATE HELP ON 'NEW BANCROFT'

The Massachusetts School Building Authority has announced how much it will reimburse the town, if residents decide to approve the \$44.7 million project to replace Bancroft Elementary School with the proposed new school building. Residents will vote on the project at Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. The current estimates are:

Official project cost	\$44,659,837
MINUS feasibility study	- \$825,000
MINUS state contribution	- \$16,773,753
FINAL COST TO TOWN	\$27,061,084

points" that the town received in the MSBA's decision, which reward the town for the construction being green, the project using a construction manager, being an at risk program and an additional 2 percent bonus rewarding the town for its maintenance program.

The 2 percent maintenance

bonus is the highest the state has ever awarded any community in the category, and the maximum it can, according to several town officials.

Each point was worth \$381,221 to Andover, contributing to almost \$2 million of the \$16.7 million in savings, Piantedosi said.

He said the town's cost could come down even more before the project is finished.

"If we are fortunate to have some of the bids coming around this year, the project could come in as much as 5 percent to 20 percent less than the construction estimate," Piantedosi said.

At the same meeting, the MSBA also pledged support of proposed renovations to West Middle School, where a project aims to replace over 67,000 square feet of roof and a number of windows at the school's gymnasium.

Previously understood to cost the town no more than \$1.35

million, the overall expense is now expected to run around \$824,000, as the MSBA has agreed to cover 39 percent of the project's cost.

"Starting with the (West Middle School) statement of interest, it was intense work, putting together the package we had to put together to get that," Piantedosi said.

Plans to renovate West Middle School are expected to come before the town at 2011 Annual Town Meeting, but residents will determine the fate of the proposed new Bancroft Elementary School in less than two weeks.

The town will vote on whether to raise the money necessary for the new Bancroft Elementary School, along with three other local issues, at a Special Town Meeting scheduled for Dec. 6.

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.

Music, food bridges generation gap



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Sanborn Elementary fifth-graders Savannah Gillis, left, and Caroline McDonald chat with Rita Fortier and other seniors at the Andover Senior Center. The students sang and played musical instruments. They also delivered care packages of food as part of the Sanborn Harvest Festival.

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PCCD Sensory Garden hotbed of activity

Children attending Andover's Professional Center for Child Development have been enjoying the sights and smells of a special garden created by the Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover.

At the end of warmer days, visitors to the center may see a collection of tiny watering cans scattered around, because making sure the plants have enough to drink is one of the favorite activities of the children in the preschool, according to staff.

"I love the way the children

are able to smell the lemon thyme. The garden engages all of the senses," PCCD staff and Andover resident Rachel Daniels, pediatric occupational therapist, said in a release.

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club dedicated the garden with the hope that the center's children "may experience the garden with all their senses and delight in the colors, shapes, textures and scents of the plantings.

The raised beds are accessible to all, and the plantings change with the seasons,

providing visual and textural interest throughout the year," according to the PCCD.

Members of the Spade and Trowel Club come to the center often to work on the garden or change it out for each season.

The club provided the center with a booklet describing the plantings, general care and games for the children.

Mary Jurek, M.Ed. of Andover, a teacher in the Developmental Day School said her "students enjoy the feel of the plants and the visual stimulation the Sensory Garden provides."

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ON CAMPUS

Eric James Bryden of Andover was among 853 students who entered Colgate University with the Class of 2014 in late August. He is the son of John R. Bryden.

The class, selected from an applicant pool of almost 7,900 students, is the most diverse to enroll at Colgate, according to the school.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,491 students in September 2010. Receiving degrees were **Tariq**

Mohammed, master of education in physical education and coaching; **Chun Feng**, doctor of business administration in business administration and management; **Angela M. Latona**, bachelor of arts in astronomy; **Steve Kipuros**, bachelor of liberal studies in interdisciplinary studies, summa cum laude; **Daniel L. Goncalves**, bachelor of science in management studies.

Approximately 350 students in 85 majors received undergraduate degrees from the University

of Massachusetts Amherst on Sept. 1, 2010, including **Alexander B. Levine** of Andover.

Evan Doucett, a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., majoring in mathematics, is pursuing his academic studies in Otago, New Zealand this term. He is the son of James and Lisa Doucett of Andover.

St. Olaf had the largest number of students participating in study abroad opportunities during the 2007-08 academic year among all

baccalaureate institutions in the nation, according to the Open Doors 2009 Report on International Educational Exchange.

The Open Doors report also ranks St. Olaf among the Top 10 baccalaureate institutions nationwide in the percentage of students studying abroad.

Open Doors is the comprehensive information resource on international students in the United States and on the more than 200,000 U.S. students who study abroad as part of their

academic experience. The Institute of International Education publishes the Open Doors report annually with funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The following Andover residents were awarded degrees by Springfield College for studies completed in August 2010.

Jessica Prence, received a bachelor of science degree in applied exercise science.

Carmen Maldonado, received a bachelor of science degree in human services.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is world renowned as the Birthplace of Basketball, and for its guiding philosophy of humanities education of the whole person spirit, mind and body for leadership in service to others. The college offers degree programs in the health sciences, human and social services, education, and movement studies, sports, and the arts and sciences.

Return engagement



Townpeople spent time in each of the elementary schools reading to schoolchildren last week as part of the League of Women Voters' annual Community Readalong. Above, Andover Officer David Froburg, who attended South Elementary when he was a boy, reads to a kindergarten class of today's South students.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Zach Allen of Andover was among the students commended in the National Merit Scholarship Program at Brooks School in North Andover.

Brooks Academic Dean Lance Latham, said, "I'm very excited because this is the highest number of commended students we've had in a few years. "The kids really represented Brooks School very well."

Andover Residents on Austin Prep Honor Roll

Austin Preparatory School has announced the following students from Andover made the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2010-2011 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

DISTINCTION

Shannon McCarthy, Grade 12
Michelle Menezes, Grade 12

HONORS

Christopher Arrigg, Grade 11
Corey Bedrosian, Grade 9
Nysa Casha, Grade 12
Anthony Diorio, Grade 8
Matthew Dona, Grade 7
Alicia Green, Grade 6
Anne Green, Grade 10
Maura Green, Grade 11
Aileen Kim, Grade 9
Jessica Martin, Grade 12
Alessandra Merenna, Grade 6
Aram Nalbandian, Grade 11
Azniv Nalbandian, Grade 8
Emily Weidlein, Grade 11

St. John's Prep Honor Society

St. John's Prep is proud to announce the following students from Andover were inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony held recently on the school campus.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students

for scholarship, leadership, character, and service to school and community.

To qualify, students must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, character and a commitment to community service. Specifically, students must earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average, contribute at least 30 hours of community service in the prior year and demonstrate leadership and involvement in the life of the school.

The Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. John's Prep is named in honor of the school's first headmaster, Brother Benjamin, CFX, who served from 1907 until 1917.

St. John's Prep National Honor Society, fall 2010 inductees: **Matthew Broderick**, class of 2012; **Michael DeLuca**, class of 2012; **Daniel Hyszczak**, class of 2011; **Lucius White**, class of 2011

140 youth lace up for fun run

One hundred and forty Andover elementary-school students had a taste of cross-country running earlier this month.

The school system's 21st annual fourth- and fifth-grade one-mile "cross country fun run" was held at Andover High School on Monday, Nov. 1.

The physical education department, in cooperation with the high school cross country team, conducted the event with 140 students from five elementary schools participating. The fun run is scheduled at the completion of the Presidential Physical Fitness test conducted at school. One of the events in the national test is the one-mile run. Students have prepared for the fun run through their physical education classes, according to **Brian McNally**, the schools health and physical education coordinator.

"This event emphasizes the importance of being physically active, helps students develop cardiovascular fitness and a love of running. It also encourages students to do their best in an environment where quality sportsmanship is paramount," said McNally.

FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
Grace O'Hara	West El.	6:41
Jessica Wang	South	7:04
Charlotte Guterman	West El.	7:09
Amanda Kao	West El.	7:17
Jordan Torres	South	7:22
Jessie Vaudo	South	7:24
Maddie Mucher	South	7:29
Danielle Major	South	7:30
Caleigh Cormier	West El.	7:53
Jyllian Kelloway	High Plain	7:55
Delaney Fisher	High Plain	8:00
Jesse Ford	South	8:02
Sopra Wang	High Plain	8:04
Victoria Karlberg	Bancroft	8:07
Elvena Bielecki	South	8:10
Carly Stabile	Bancroft	8:19
Cailey Denoncourt	South	8:25
Heather Roberts	High Plain	8:54
Frances Chu	South	8:54
Maggie Livingston	South	9:17
Nicole Sullivan	High Plain	10:11

Nathan Goldthwaite	Bancroft	6:25	Caroline Huntress	South	9:13
Max Durham	South	6:36	Scarlett Gillette	South	9:21
Matthew Belluche	Bancroft	6:38	Alice Ren	South	9:35
Ryan Perry	High Plain	6:40	Katie Nam	West El.	9:38
Danny Campbell	West	6:44	Sarah Jennings	West El.	9:47
Andrew Kazmer	West	6:46	Fiona Watters	West El.	9:51
Graham Scott	High Plain	6:51	Ashley Surette	West El.	9:59
Colby Agostino	South	6:54	Kerrigan Bigelow	Bancroft	10:17
Phillip Leblanc	Bancroft	7:03	Natalie Good	Bancroft	10:42
Jack Murray	West	7:03			
John Witt	South	7:04			
Patrick Connell	Sanborn	7:07			
Steven Yakita	Bancroft	7:11			
Devin Connell	Sanborn	7:12			
Alex Shih	West	7:12			
Evan Miller	West	7:13			
Jack Rigazio	West	7:16			
Noah Rodger	South	7:17			
Nikhil Deliwala	Bancroft	7:19			
Alex Ciccio	Bancroft	7:24			
Ian Hurley	Bancroft	7:33			
Alex Hesketh	South	7:40			
Mati Meagher	High Plain	7:41			
Tommy Gallagher	High Plain	7:46			
Clay Hallee	South	7:51			
Chris Grondin	South	7:55			
Panos Kareklas	South	8:05			
Sam Huntress	South	8:09			
Ryan Cadigan	West	8:15			
AJ Capone	South	8:19			
Jonathan Kim	South	8:23			
Sebastian Harder	South	8:29			
Ian Jeffery	South	8:54			
Dhruv Srivastava	West	8:59			
Harry Secor	South	9:03			
Alex Yang	South	9:18			
Christian Zaimas	South	9:19			
Michael Ren	South	10:27			
Charlie Alex	South	13:34			

FOURTH GRADE GIRLS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
Alyssa Grieco	South	7:02
Julianna Kennedy	Bancroft	7:03
Sarah Sullivan	South	7:08
Ariana Turner	West El.	7:38
Julia Donahue	South	7:52
Emma Joel	Bancroft	7:57
Delia Barbanti	Sanborn	7:59
Carissa Agostino	South	8:00
Daniella Tagliaferri	West El.	8:14
Julia Stabile	Bancroft	8:16
Riley Spring	High Plain	8:18
Kristina Rivard	West El.	8:22
Hope Joel	Bancroft	8:26
Georgia Ezell	South	8:28
Sarah Cain	South	8:30
Julia Parziale	High Plain	8:33
Katie Tsai	West El.	8:50
Taylor Landry	West El.	8:54
Maria Tagliaferri	West El.	9:02
Nadia Aruri	West El.	9:10
Sophia Couto	West El.	9:13

FOURTH GRADE BOYS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
Owen Glover	Bancroft	6:16
Nick Resendiz	South	6:21
Jacob Hudgins	Bancroft	6:31
Jack Fietz	Bancroft	6:41
Keegan O'Connor	West El.	6:41
Sean Diehl	High Plain	6:47
Alex Weinreb	High Plain	6:57
Josh Gruenberg	West El.	7:03
Matthew Schunwerk	High Plain	7:06
Kyle Graber	Bancroft	7:07
Michael Hughes	Bancroft	7:08
Tyler McGoldrick	High Plain	7:09
Erik Glover	Bancroft	7:16
Matthew Potts	High Plain	7:17
Alex Durham	South	7:20
David Dipasquale	High Plain	7:23
Brendan Moody	High Plain	7:26
Joshua Gordan	South	7:32
Matthew Allen	High Plain	7:35
Jack Bodette	South	7:39
Dean Miller	South	7:40
Andrew Theriault	Bancroft	7:43
Gabriel Papazian	South	7:50
Bradley Kesler	West El.	8:00
Sean Bradshaw	West El.	8:04
Ayan Chowdhury	South	8:05
Zach Saab	High Plain	8:07
Joshua Paige	West El.	8:08
Albert Ribas	High Plain	8:14
Benny Boutselis	West El.	8:19
Matthew Travaglini	Sanborn	8:20
Andrew Wurts	South	8:23
Shyan Koul	Sanborn	8:25
Lukas Dolansky	West El.	8:27
David Ritter	South	8:28
Floyd Greenwood	West El.	8:29
Sam Tweedale	West El.	8:39
Jack Beal	High Plain	8:40
Rishi Srinivasan	West El.	8:45
Tate Jodoin	West El.	8:46
Spencer Hovel	Bancroft	8:54
Andoni Kareklas	South	9:00
Alec Haffner	South	9:21
Jack O'Neil	South	9:28
Decota Waldie	West El.	9:36
Michael Goldsmith	South	9:49
John Comosa	Bancroft	9:53
Louis Galligani	West El.	10:00
Daniel Blatman	High Plain	10:08

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Sports

A GOLDEN SEASON

'Just unreal'

Andover field hockey relishes team's first title

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

On Sunday morning, it finally sunk in for the Farnham sisters. "When I woke up, I really thought it was a dream," said Anne Farnham. "I had to remind myself that it actually happened. That was a great feeling. I felt like a different person."

It certainly was a dream season for the Andover field hockey team, which claimed its first state title in school history on Saturday, finishing off a perfect 24-0-0 season.

"It is just unreal," said twin sister Kate Farnham. "It was a long season and a great season. All the work and dedication paid off in the end."

"We really believed. At the start of the season we were just playing. But we kept winning and we knew we had a special team. We knew we had an opportunity to go far, and we made history. It was unreal."

In the program's first ever appearance in the title game, the Golden Warriors defeated Algonquin 3-1 at Worcester State College for the Division 1 crown.

Andover's previous high for wins in a season was 19 a year ago, and the Warriors made the North final for the first time two years ago.

"It is one of those things that you wait so long for," said Andover coach Maureen Noone. "It had been 13 years for me (at

Andover). We were very nervous, but we were as prepared as we could be."

Laura Dimitruk gave the Golden Warriors the lead early in the first half, off an assist from Anne Farnham.

"It was huge to take the lead," said Noone. "When we scored, it took us to a different place. We thought about sitting back and playing defense, but my assistant coaches said we should keep the pressure on."

That aggressive mindset paid off, as Anne Farnham scored her first goal of the day with 8:50 remaining in the first half.

"Just hearing the ball go in," said Farnham. "The sound of my stick on the ball off the hit of Jill (Manning). It was an amazing feeling."

It only got sweeter for Farnham who then iced the victory with 59 seconds left in the contest with a goal, again assisted by Manning.

"Laura's goal set the tone," said Kate Farnham. "And the goals by Anne were huge. Jill did a great job setting her up."

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Golden Warriors finally had their chance to celebrate.

"It was like a weight was lifted off of our shoulders," said Kate Farnham. "We started running back, watching the scoreboard tick down, it was awesome. The season was over and we walked away with the title. It just doesn't



DAVID LE/Staff Photo

Andover's Anne Farnham has the ball all alone against Algonquin. Farnham scored twice in the contest, helping the Golden Warriors win the title game 3-1, and finish a perfect 24-0 season.

get any better.

"Once we beat undefeated Acton-Boxboro and Walpole (in the North final and state semis) we knew we could beat anyone."

Goalie Dina Hagigeorges turned in four saves for the winners, while Meghan Morris stood

out in the back and Jaelyn Torres starred as a forward.

"It was a little unexpected because we lost a lot of girls last year," Dimitruk said. "It was a big year for us and it was really fun."

"... We came off a lot of big wins in the early playoffs and just coming in, we were like, 'We can do

this. We've got this.' All the girls were into it. They all believed in it. So it made it easier. We just put everything out there that we had and we did it."

Noone couldn't have been happier for her squad.

"They are just on Cloud 9," said Noone. "We had a ton of alumni

and their parents going back 12 years or more. People flew here and took six-hour bus rides from school to celebrate."

"We said that whether we win or lose, we were going to have a party. But it was awesome that we came through and did it."



PHOTO BY ANDY BAUMGARTNER

Andover's Maggie D'Innocenzo had reason to smile Sunday. D'Innocenzo set a state record in the 500 freestyle and the Golden Warriors rolled to their second straight Division 1 state title.

BACK ON TOP

Andover swimming wins second straight state title

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Every year, Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald tells her team a tiny fib.

"I tell the girls that the air at the top of the winner's podium is different from the rest in the pool," said Fitzgerald with a chuckle. "I don't know if most really believe me, but it motivates them, and when they do get up there they tell me how great the air is."

Andover had the opportunity to breathe that rare air again Sunday as the Golden Warriors dominated the field to win the Division 1 state title at Harvard with 357.5 points, well ahead of No. 2 Acton-Boxborough (225).

"We all huddled to hear Andover be called as number one," said Ashlee Korsberg. "It was so exciting. Hearing everyone cheering and being so happy for each other. All our hard work paid off."

This was the second straight state title for the Golden Warriors, and the 11th time in 12 years that they have claimed the Division 1 state meet crown.

"It was the most exciting day of my life," said star sophomore Maggie D'Innocenzo. "It is so cool to walk into a meet and know you are the team

everyone is gunning for. You have to represent your town and defend your town and the people that came before you. We did it."

It was another historic day for record-setting Andover star Rachel Moore. The junior broke her own state records with winning times in the 100 butterfly (53.56) and 100 backstroke (54.27).

Even more impressive was that her time in the 100 backstroke set a new record for Harvard's Blodgett Pool, breaking the mark set by Lauren English of New Jersey in 2006.

"When I was 11 years old I watched Lauren set that record," said Moore. "I was at the meet. I was just amazed at how fast she was, and I never thought I could go that fast."

"I knew the record, but as soon as I looked at the wall for my time I didn't believe I was that fast. I never thought I could do it."

D'Innocenzo continued to surge, setting a new state record in the 500 freestyle (4:51.63) along with earning a victory in the 200 freestyle in 1:49.26. Korsberg earned a victory in the 200 IM (2:06.00), while Monica Patterson took the 100 freestyle and was third in the 50 freestyle.

"Rachel setting that pool record was a once-in-a-lifetime moment," said

Fitzgerald. "Maggie is just fantastic. Ashlee winning was awesome and Monica had an amazing night. They also all did an excellent job on the relays."

Andover turned in a sweep of the relays. Maeye Awiszus, Korsberg, Moore and Emma Cammann sent the Golden Warriors off to a big start with a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:49.67). Cammann, Korsberg, Patterson and D'Innocenzo, who was recently added to that relay team, took the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.60) and Korsberg, Patterson, D'Innocenzo and Moore won the 400 freestyle (3:29.39).

"I love the relays because it gives me the chance to swim with those girls I am so close to," said D'Innocenzo. "You don't want to be on a losing relay. Relays are tough because you can win an individual event on your own. Winning the relays show we have great depth."

Also contributing key finishes were Deb Daly with a third in diving and Alexa Korsberg with fourths in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

Following the victory, the Warriors were treated to a parade in Andover

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'GAME OF MY LIFE'

Baker, Andover set to battle for MVC Large title on Thanksgiving

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Instead of a helmet and shoulder pads, Andover's Lyle Baker spent Monday's practice in jeans and work boots while nursing a minor foot injury.

But Baker made one fact clear. He would not be on the sidelines Thanksgiving Day.

"I'm fine," said Baker. "I'd be out there no matter what. There is no way I'm missing this game. It's huge."

Baker will be in uniform to anchor the offensive and defensive lines for the Golden Warriors, who take on Central Catholic with the Merrimack Valley Conference Large title and a playoff berth on the line.

"I couldn't dream of a better scenario than Thanksgiving for the title," said Baker. "They couldn't have come up with this for a movie. It's a great story, and I'm looking forward to coming away with a title. We knew we had the ability."

On the field, quad-captain

Baker admits he has a bit of a split personality.

"An offensive lineman has to be really smart and a defensive lineman has to be an animal," said Baker. "On offense I am thinking, and on defense I am flying to get the ball. I love making a big block, but breaking through the line to make a tackle is a little more fun."

On offense, the 6 foot 2 inch, 240-pound Baker has been a key to the offensive line that has allowed the Golden Warriors to rush for 2,062 yards as a team, including a school-record 1,599 yards and 23 touchdowns for star back Andy Coke.

"The O line takes a lot of pride in Andy's stats," said Baker, in his second year as a starter. "He has broken a lot of records running behind us, and that makes us very proud."

Originally a tackle, Baker has moved to guard to capitalize on his quickness.

"It's great to be able to pull and make some big hits," he said. "Our other guard (Matt Crush) is very athletic. Our tackles



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Lyle Baker, here tackling Lawrence's Miguel Rodriguez, will be key if Andover is to beat Central Catholic on Thanksgiving and earn the MVC Large title and a trip to the playoffs.

(Connor Sullivan and T.J. Leeman) are both big and strong and our center Connor Clancy is really the quarterback of the line, making calls. I think we have the best offensive line in the league."

Baker might be even better on defense.

"Baker has had an unbelievable year," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "He is the best lineman in the league, and I nominated him for the (MVC Large) defensive Player of the Year. He's a tremendous athlete. Big, fast and strong."

While going between defensive

end and defensive tackle, Baker has averaged eight tackles a game. His biggest day statistically was 10 tackles and a sack against Lawrence.

Baker did miss two games to injury, Andover's losses to Chelmsford and Methuen. He, along with Clancy, Crush and Chris Newton will be especially key due to the loss of Brian Miller to an injury against Lowell.

"Baker is the best defensive player in the league in my opinion," said Clancy. "And I like having him at guard next to me because we are really on the same page."

Baker plans to play defensive line in college, with the top choice being Trinity College in Connecticut. He also spoke to schools such as Tufts, Bates and UMass.

But for the moment, his eyes are set on a victory on Thanksgiving and his first trip to the playoffs.

"This is the biggest game of my life," he said. "I can't wait. Everyone is talking about it. Just going from my house to (the practice field) three people stopped me to talk to me about the game. It is huge. Our offense took time to learn, but we started

THROUGH THE YEARS

Here's a breakdown of the rivalry between Andover and Central Catholic.

2009	Central Catholic	35-30
2008	Andover	27-16
2007	Andover	10-7
2006	Andover	18-10
2005	Central Catholic	22-6
2004	Andover	22-13
2003	Central Catholic	21-13
2002	Central Catholic	42-7
2001	Andover	24-12
2000	Central Catholic	28-8
1999	Central Catholic	30-6
1998	Central Catholic	36-18
1997	Central Catholic	42-8
1996	Andover	9-0
1995	Central Catholic	14-8
1994	Central Catholic	28-14
1993	Central Catholic	28-6
1992	Central Catholic	35-28
1991	Central Catholic	17-16
1990	Andover	14-0
1989	Central Catholic	16-14
1988	Central Catholic	27-14
1987	Central Catholic	7-0
1986	Andover	14-6
1985	Didn't play due to snow	
1984	Central Catholic	13-6
1983	Andover	16-15
1982	Central Catholic	12-7
1981	Central Catholic	12-7
1980	Andover	25-0
1979	Andover	47-22
1978	Andover	27-20
1977	Andover	27-20
1976	Andover	27-6
1975	Tie	6-6
1974	Andover	14-7
1973	Andover	21-14
1972	Andover	21-0

Overall: Central Catholic leads the Thanksgiving series 19-17

to click against Methuen, and the Dracut game we really broke out. Going to the playoffs would be a dream."

Tough end doesn't ruin volleyball team's 'unbelievable season'

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Golden Warriors lose to Barnstable in the Div. 1 state semifinal

BRIDGEWATER — Brushing away tears, Andover's Moira Cronin allowed a brief smile to show through her sadness.

"This was my last volleyball game ever," said the track standout. "It's a tough way to go out, but it was still a great year. I can't believe how a crazy group of girls like us could play so well for so long. We had amazing comebacks and wins. I am so happy that I could be around these girls and be a part of this season."

Andover's dream season came to an end last Wednesday with a 15-25, 23-25, 25-20, 29-27, 15-9 loss

to Barnstable in the Division 1 state semifinal.

"It hurts," said Golden Warriors coach George Sullivan. "But in time, they'll feel better. They'll remember the good things."

It was the lone blemish on an otherwise spotless season for the Golden Warriors, who finished 24-1 and dropped just one set all season before Barnstable.

"It was amazing," said Andover standout junior Elise Brogan. "It is hard to see it all end like this. But it was such a great opportunity to connect with these girls, and the memories will last a lifetime."

Despite facing their first adversity of the season, the Golden Warriors nearly did rally back to take the fourth game, and briefly

took the lead in the final game. "That was the best Andover team I have seen by far," said 23-year Barnstable head coach

Tom Turco. "(Andover setter) Annie Ye is one of the best kids I have seen in a long, long time. She has tremendous skills. No team had taken a 2-0 lead on us all season."

The 24 wins were the most for a Golden Warriors team since The Eagle-Tribune began keeping records in 1989, and it was their second season with just one loss along with 1999 (22-1).

"Going through the regular season undefeated was very special," said Ye. "There are many memories. We really bonded so well."

Brogan, who Sullivan called an

unsung hero, was stellar at the net with 13 kills.

"I will never forget this season," said Brogan. "It was so hard to watch them (celebrate). It feels like it was all for naught. But we still did some great things."

The 24 wins were the most for a Golden Warriors team since at least 1989, and it was their second season with just one loss along with 1999 (22-1).

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Square. "When we got into town I kept facing forward so the kids didn't see me crying," said Fitzgerald. "Each year I am amazed by the emotions of this victory. Each team has a few aspects that make it special. I really hope it never ends."

Division 1 States

Team scores: 1. Andover 357.5; 2. Acton-Boxborough 225; 3. Chelmsford 187.5; Haverhill 98; 7. Central Catholic 63.16; and Methuen 4

Top Andover finishers:
200 medley relay: 1. Andover (Maevie Awiszus, Ashlee Korsberg, Rachel Moore, Emma Cammann 1:49.67); 200 freestyle: 1. Maggie D'Innocenzo 1:49.26; 4. Soojin Kim 1:58.09; 8. Nina Mazzarelli 2:03.11; 10. Montanna Valler 2:03.61; 200 IM: 1. Ashlee Korsberg 2:06.00; 4. Alexa Korsberg 2:13.70; 8. Samantha Hall 2:18.35.
50 freestyle: 3. Monica Patterson 2:45.5; 6. Emma Cammann 25.20; Diving: 3. Deb Daly 469.90; 4. Jen Coneeny 423.20; 7. Courtney Stone 380.80; 100 butterfly: 1. Moore 53.56; 4. Alexa Korsberg 1:00.98; 11. Anna Millar 1:03.00; 100 freestyle: 1. Patterson 53.23; 7. Kim 55.51; 11. Awiszus 56.62; 12. Cammann 56.65; 500 freestyle: 1. D'Innocenzo 4:51.63; 4. Valler 5:17.30; 5. Hall 5:20.74; 6. Zoe Ketter 5:29.19.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Andover (Cammann, Korsberg, D'Innocenzo, Patterson) 1:38.60; 100 backstroke: 1. Moore 54.27; 4. Awiszus 1:01.48; 12. Anna Ryan 1:04.94; 100 breaststroke: 2. Ashlee Korsberg 1:08.25; 8. Kathryn Sullivan 1:12.09; 12. Olivia Johnson 1:13.70; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Andover (Ashlee Korsberg, Patterson, D'Innocenzo, Moore 3:29.39

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