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## Schools take action in hazing probe

### Coach placed on leave; alleged participants face expulsions, suspensions

STAFF REPORTS

■ Andover teachers union approves work to rule. Page 5.

As a criminal investigation into alleged hazing by Andover High basketball players continued in Bristol County, the Andover superintendent and Andover High principal this week reached out to Andover students and parents to repair some of the damage. Their message: We must create a healing and caring community where people stand up for students who are being mistreated.

game called "wet biscuit" allegedly played at a basketball camp this past July has ended. The Andover system believes players on the team were hazed and administrative action was necessary, according to a letter released by School Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

According to sources close to the investigation, the two ringleaders of the hazing

A school department investigation into allegations of hazing involving a

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## PROOF 'WE BELIEVE'



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services, hugs Pete Zetlan, a 33-year-old Jamaica Plain resident and former AYS kid, who drove to Andover to see the article pass.

### Unexpectedly large crowd supports youth center

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

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Standing outside of Andover High School Monday night, Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said he felt "like two million bucks."

Sixteen years after the town turned down an effort to build a youth center by 63 votes, 1,422 residents voted Monday to build the \$4.2 million Cormier Youth Center. The vote, which was to raise \$2 million and receive a \$2.2 million grant from the private Andover Youth Foundation, occurred after 1,823 residents arrived at a meeting place tailored for 1,229 people.

It was such a large turnout the meeting was almost postponed in favor of moving to a larger

facility on a future date. But in the end, the vote went on and the people spoke, with 78 percent supporting the project.

"It's a great day," said Fahey. "December 5th, man. It's history. History in Andover."

"This youth center is going to be for the kid that lives up in the big house on the hill, to the kid who lives in the apartments downtown, and everybody in-between," said Fahey. "It's about all kids. We'll find a way for more and more kids to be involved. That's what we do."

Many nonvoters – from Andover youth to former residents who benefitted

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## From Vale to jail Lyons' harassers get time

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Two Andover residents charged with criminally harassing Jim Lyons, now a state representative, and his family three years ago are serving jail sentences at the House of Correction.

Gail and William Johnson, both of 36 High Vale Lane, were found guilty last week of harassing Lyons in 2008. William Johnson received a two-and-a-half year sentence, with 18 months to be served and the remaining time served as probation. Gail Johnson was

sentenced to two years, with six months to be served in the House of Correction and the remaining 18 months to be served as probation.

William Johnson also was found guilty of making a frivolous report of child abuse, for which he will pay a \$1,000 fine. Gail Johnson was found not guilty of that charge. Charges of identity fraud and conspiracy were dropped for both of the Johnsons.

Appeals to the guilty verdicts are expected.

"My family, we're relieved

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### NEXT STEPS: HARNESSING SUPPORT, GROUNDBREAKING IN 2013

While some voters may believe Andover now will have a youth center, money still needs to be raised by the Andover Youth Foundation to make it happen.

Following Monday's vote, "we kick off our aggressive fundraising," said Diane Costagliola, chairwoman of the Andover Youth Foundation. "The Building Committee starts. Our plan of action for fundraising begins, and we're on to a new chapter, because this time, it's going to happen."

The first step in the process will involve the foundation giving the town a \$400,000 check to cover the cost of an architect. A town building committee will be formed that will determine exactly what the building looks like and its true cost. The project will undergo a development process as

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## Sheriff seizes downtown business over unpaid rent

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

A downtown business has been seized by the Essex County Sheriff in an ongoing court battle over nonpayment of rent, according to court documents.

The Main Street property of Sotherland & Co., a company specializing in the sale of handmade Oriental and Persian rugs, has been seized on behalf of the building's owner, Newton resident Irving Kaplan. There are two octagon-shaped, neon orange signs on the front door of the closed business, with the bolded word SEIZED

capturing attention of people as they walk downtown.

A court judgment dated Nov. 10, 2011, says a total of \$95,241.89 is owed to Kaplan by Mohammad Enayat, including a lease security deposit, unpaid rent dating back to April 2010, filing fees and more. Enayat is the manager of Nilou Decorative Rugs LLC and Sotherland & Co. LLC, which are listed as defendants in the documents.

An older man answering the phone at a residence believed to be Kaplan's declined to speak for this story, saying, "I can't give you anything but a no comment.

Sorry."

Denise Brogna, an attorney with Johnson & Borenstein, LLC representing Kaplan, declined to comment because "it's still a pending matter," she said.

Enayat could not be reached for comment upon the discovery of these details. Last week he told the Townsman he was negotiating a lease agreement with the building owner that he expected to be finished this week. "We hold the lease, and the rent has absolutely killed us," said Enayat.

Paul Fleming, a spokesman

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Two signs from the Essex County Sheriff's Office show that Sotherland & Co., at 44 Main St. was seized as of Nov. 29 in an ongoing property dispute over nonpayment of rent.



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# HAZING: Community deals with fallout as criminal investigation continues

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— where underclassmen were coaxed into eating a cookie covered in semen — are expected to be expelled, while others involved in the incident have been suspended. Those suspended will not be allowed to compete in school sports for the rest of the year.

## Discussion within community continues

To begin the week, administrators and faculty at the high school met and put together a plan for talking to high school students about the alleged hazing incident, according to Brian McNally, Health and Physical Education program coordinator.

During the first two blocks of class at the high school on Tuesday, interim Principal

Tom Sharkey, along with guidance counselors at the school, met with students in eight batches of about 240 students to discuss bullying and hazing.

McGrath also issued a letter, saying “the events of the last week have had a profound impact on our students, staff, and community.” Attached to the letter was a list of talking points for families to refer to when discussing the events at home with elementary, middle and high school-aged students.

At a panel discussion on teens’ risky behavior, held at the high school Tuesday night, the topic was acknowledged, but McNally said the panelists were not privy to specifics of the hazing incident.

## Coach on paid leave

David Fazio, coach of the boys basketball team and a teacher at the high school, also has been placed on paid administrative leave in connection with the hazing allegedly carried out by members of his team, according to sources.

In a previous statement, Michael Morris, Fazio’s lawyer speaking on his behalf, said Fazio did nothing wrong.

“Mr. Fazio acted promptly, compassionately, professionally, legally and morally by responding to the boy and his parents, some of the parents of other boys involved, to the Andover Police and his superiors all at the first opportunity,” Morris said. “Mr. Fazio did everything possible to deal with this four-month-old situation.”

## Disciplinary hearings held

Under school policy, students facing either expulsion or suspension are entitled to hearings, where they can question witnesses and present evidence in their defense. The disciplinary action can also be appealed.

Arthur Broadhurst, a Methuen lawyer who is representing one of the two alleged ringleaders, said “a very fair process was offered to us and we were able to relay our concerns and thoughts.”

Describing his client as “an individual who has been a model student for 3 1/2 years,” Broadhurst said “he has never been in trouble. He has never bullied or hurt anyone. He’s been looked up to and worked hard in his life.”

## Hazing charges possible?

Meanwhile, the Bristol

County District Attorney’s office has convened a grand jury to investigate the incident, and school employees — including Fazio — have been issued subpoenas to testify, sources told the Eagle-Tribune.

Those convicted of hazing can face up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Anyone who witnesses hazing but doesn’t report it faces a \$1,000 fine if convicted, under state law.

## Players respond on Facebook page

As a Bristol County investigation was underway, players who were allegedly involved in the incident, including at least one who was hazed, formed a secret Facebook page, where one of the alleged ringleaders called the investigation “bull (expletive)” and told the other players to

attend a meeting after school last week, according to a copy of the page obtained by the Eagle-Tribune.

A student belonging to the group called the decision to expel the ringleaders “unfair” and urged others to keep their mouths “shut.”

“Yo guys look we can fix this,” said one of the students, who is believed to have been a victim in the incident. “We just need everyone’s help.”

“We can make this better. Just don’t talk about anything and we can fix this,” the student wrote, which was “liked” by Broadhurst’s client.

This story used material from the Eagle-Tribune. Staff Writers Jill Harmacinski, Gretchen Putnam and Brian Messenger contributed to this report.

# Many agencies benefitting from local generosity

By JUDY WAKEFIELD

For many in Andover, the holiday season is not just about getting presents and spending money on their own families. Hundreds of residents are opening wallets to help those less fortunate.

Pike School and the New England Document Center in Brickstone Square collect general gifts for a Giving Tree at Lazarus House, according to coordinator Julie Martin.

Gay Bird of Andover manages Project Bethlehem at Lazarus House. That involves coordinating over 300 donors with some 500 needy families in the course of three weeks, Bird wrote in an email.

Liz Elowe, also of Andover, does the intake for recipients and also calls donors.

Project Bethlehem reports that the number of families living at or below the poverty level in Lawrence is 27

percent. The weekly food pantry at Lazarus House gives a week’s worth of food to 840 families and the number continues to grow.

Heads of household have to make the choice to pay for rent, heat and transportation before food, according to Bird. Many clients are employed, but still finding it is hard to make ends meet, Bird wrote.

Additionally, housing programs are at capacity and gifts not only help those who are stuck in the poverty cycle, but also those who have found themselves unexpectedly without income or housing before Christmas, Bird wrote. People can visit [lazarushouse.org](http://lazarushouse.org) to learn different ways to help.

Several churches in Andover get involved with various agencies that help needy families. At St. Augustine Church, parishioners pluck an angel off a Christmas

tree and buy the gifts written on the angel’s wings. Then, the gift is wrapped and that angel serves as a holiday tag on the gift.

Family Service Inc. in Lawrence benefits from the abundant generosity by members of Andover’s Christ Church.

“We serve some of the neediest clients in Lawrence,” Mary Lyman of Family Service and an Andover selectman wrote in an email.

Carol Reid of Andover is a Family Service Inc. Board of Directors member who manages the project. FSI puts 100 names in wooden stockings hanging on a wooden mantle at the church, all made by Reid’s woodworking-loving husband, Allen Townsend, a member of the church’s Men’s Ministry.

Christ Church parishioners take the names from the stockings and have three weeks to buy the gifts. Reid’s team spends a day checking the lists to be sure that each child receives a gift wrapped and decorated with hand-made hats and mittens. Some older church members and former members help out by knitting these garments for the project. Gift delivery is set for Tuesday, Dec. 13.

“There is usually a mad rush to the colorful stockings on the Sunday they are available for people to choose a name,” Reid said. “We have several families who take a child’s name for every child that they have...Children as well as the parents participate in the gift shopping and giving.”

Each Family Service child, no matter how old, also gets a book. Reid explained that former librarian and church member Carol Plate of Boxford, collects books all year. Her team’s annual book wrap event was yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 7, at her home.

Reid started the this Christmas connection four years ago for 60 families. The project has grown and the church’s enthusiasm has grown with it.

In a way, it’s bittersweet, as most kids do not list toys on their lists. Rather, many kids need warm clothing, so coats and boots are top items, Reid said. “That’s a little sad,” she said.

But, church members are known to add items to liven up those lists. Toy surprises and a new book can make almost any child smile on Christmas morning.

# HARASSMENT: Jail time in Lyons case

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and grateful that this criminal harassment has hopefully come to an end,” said Lyons, who owns the flower and ice cream shop Dandi-Lyons with his family. “It was just an incredible, difficult ordeal for me, my wife Bernadette and my family.”

The motive for the harassment was a land dispute. The Lyons family opposed a plan by the Johnsons to build a large home on an abutting property.

Authorities say the Johnsons harassed the Lyons family, starting in March 2008, through an acquaintance, Gerald Colton of Lowell.

The district attorney’s office this week said it proved Bill Johnsons filed a frivolous report of abuse against Jim Lyons that resulted in police and the state Department of Children and Families arriving at the Lyons’ home at 10:30 p.m. to investigate. The investigators determined the report was false and closed the case that night.

Imaginary items were put up for sale on the Internet with instructions to visit the Lyons home or to call late at night if interested. The Lyons received an email with their

personal information on it, including their Social Security numbers, and a tag line of “If you aren’t miserable, I ain’t happy.”

The trial started last Monday, Nov. 28, and ended on Thursday, Dec. 1, according to Steve O’Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett. After three hours of deliberating, the jury came out with their verdict.

“(The Johnsons) were taken immediately into custody,” said O’Connell.

Both Johnsons are expected to appeal the sentence, according to Ronald Ranta, a Danvers-based attorney who represented William Johnson in the case.

“We’ve already filed appeals,” said Ranta. “There was a gross disparity between the sentences they received and the government’s witnesses, and the full spectrum of criminal cases that come before all the criminal courts of the Commonwealth on a daily basis.”

“We don’t think the evidence meets the standards as established by the decisional law relative to the criminal statute,” said Ranta. “That decisional law that is out there, we don’t believe

was followed. The evidence produced in trial wasn’t sufficient enough to convict both of the Johnsons.”

Susan McNeil, an attorney in Lawrence who represented Gail Johnson, couldn’t be reached for comment.

While the case made Townsman headlines (“Feud in the Vale”) three years ago, Lyons is better known today as a state representative for the 18th Essex District. His position in local politics had no influence on the outcome, according to O’Connell.

“This case is tried on the evidence,” said O’Connell. “The fact that he was a state rep had no bearing on the case.”

Colton, a cooperating witness at the Johnsons’ trial, faces charges of identity fraud and criminal harassment, and was scheduled to be in court on Dec. 7, after Townsman deadline, for a hearing. Colton told investigators that he thought everything was a prank between the Johnsons and Lyons, whom the Johnsons called their friends.

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# SEIZED: Business said to owe \$95,000

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for the Essex County Sheriff’s Department, confirmed the property has been seized.

“What was conducted on that property was a seizure of assets, sitting on payment of rent,” said Fleming. “We conducted the seizure on behalf of a Mr. Irving Kaplan, who owns that building.”

In a Notice To Pay Rent Or Quit dated April 26, 2011, Enayat was ordered to pay a total of \$94,920 by May 10, 2011. This included \$63,920 in unpaid rent dating back to April 2010, \$8,500 for rent owed in May 2011 alone, and \$22,500 for a security deposit owed under the lease. If the amount wasn’t paid by May

10, Enayat was required to vacate the premises by May 15.

On May 19, a notice of trespass was issued against Enayat by Brogna. A notice of a court case evicting Sotherland Rug Co., LLC from 44 Main St. was filed on July 18 listing the \$94,920 owed and saying the company occupies the premises “unlawfully and against the right of” Kaplan because “you have failed to pay rent; you have failed to quit the premises; you are trespassing.”

The case was inactivated on Nov. 22, with no future events scheduled, according to documents.

The seizure was a surprise to many, with some businesses downtown discussing

it in the days after the sequestration. Financial issues with Sotherland & Co. are not new, according to Lisa Schwarz, town planner.

“They applied two years ago, or a year and a half ago, for the private property on public property license [to have planters on the sidewalk],” said Schwarz. “The police department basically said, ‘They should not be granted the license because they owe back taxes and owe several parking tickets.’”

“This is definitely a unique situation with a unique business owner,” said Schwarz.

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# Sign up for men’s Christmas Eve breakfast, baby-product drive

The Merrimack Valley Christian Men’s Christmas Eve Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 24.

Last year the event attracted more than 200 men to Salvatore’s, 354 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. The event will be held there again.

People are asked to arrive between 6:30 and 7 a.m. as the short program will start promptly at 7. A full buffet breakfast will follow.

The cost is \$17 per person and people are asked to bring cash. Organizers say they need a preliminary head count by Monday, Dec. 19, and a final headcount by Thursday, Dec. 22. Those interested should call Jim Hackett (978-474-4068), or email him at [hackett.jim@comcast.net](mailto:hackett.jim@comcast.net).

“As has become our

tradition, we will harness the collective goodwill of this group to help Neighbors in Need. They spend thousands of dollars each year on baby products. They need baby formula (especially Enfamil with iron), diapers (all sizes), baby food in jars, boxes of cereal, and clothes. The clothes may be used as long as they are clean and in good shape,” according to a note from organizer Brad Heim. There will be a van in front of the restaurant to collect donations.

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** Main Street in Andover circa 1951. One can see the holiday lights, wreaths and even a lighted bell suspended above the downtown. Photo courtesy of Andover Historical Society.



**NOW:** Main Street has holiday wreaths on light poles as it gets ready for its Holiday Happenings event.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

## Town census going out

The Annual Town Census will be mailed to residents at the end of December 2011. People who will be leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census during the December 2011/January 2012 time frame should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls. All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls

per state law. Non-registered voters are also required to return the annual census. This information is commonly used to verify a person's residency for public school admittance, military benefits and in-state tuition reductions. The town census provides vital information that supports services in your community according to Kathy McKenna, Assistant Town Clerk.

## Service Club's Day of Giving

The Service Club of Andover will hold its annual "Day of Giving" at the club's monthly breakfast meeting tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8. The club will present and celebrate its commitment to financially support many local organizations and groups. Recipients include the Professional Center for Child Development, Creative Living, the YMCA, Bancroft Elementary School Family to Family, Doherty Middle School Best Buddies, High

Plain Elementary School Excel Program, the Andover High School Mentoring Program, and In Control Driver Safety program for teens. Members of the club are invited along with an open invitation to the public to attend as guests. Breakfast begins at 7 a.m. and the program at 7:30. Residents are asked to confirm their expected attendance by contacting Shawn Meaninch at Shawn.Meaninch2@peoples.com.

## Volunteers needed for free tax services

Community volunteers are needed to help provided free tax services through the IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Programs. Volunteers can help in three separate capacities: Return Preparer, Site Coordinator (Site Supervisor or Site Manager) or Greeter. Site coordinators (supervisors) may also prepare returns. Greeters will generally also answer simple questions and distribute forms. Training is usually held between November and January and volunteers generally study online with Link &

Learn Taxes to obtain their volunteer certification. The Link & Learn program is an interactive course that teaches all of the basics needed to prepare simple income tax returns accurately for individuals. Classroom training may also be available. Once certified, volunteers spend as little as three to four hours per week volunteering between the months of February and April. To volunteer, email tax-volunteer@irs.gov. For more information, visit IRS.gov, and use the keywords Tax Volunteer.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



There is usually a mad rush to the colorful stockings on the Sunday they are available for people to choose a name. We have several families who take a child's name for every child that they have.  
- Carol Reid, a Family Service Inc. Board of Directors member, on an effort with Christ Church in Andover to provide gifts for needy children in the area. Story, page 2.

Since it involves money and negotiations, we can't at this point discuss that in a public forum. As soon as we can, and as is allowed and required by the law, we'll certainly make that public information.  
- Dan Casper, fire station building committee chairman, on the committee not revealing who has offered their land for sale as a possible future home for a Ballardvale area fire station. Story, page 4.



## Nurse names top 30 foods to change your life

Is your New Year's resolution to lose weight or change your diet? On Monday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet

St., Kelley MacDonald, MSN, RN from Home Health VNA will present a fun and informative nutritional program called "The Top 30 Foods that Could Change Your Life." "Participants will learn

how to make correct food choices and about the most nutritious fruits, vegetables and legumes you should eat for a healthier lifestyle and to maintain a high energy level," according to a release

about the program. It is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Contact the Andover Senior Center at 978-623-8321 for more information.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### DCS collects hats, mittens

Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring its annual mitten and hat collection benefitting children and adults of Andover and other Merrimack Valley schools. Several locations in Andover have agreed to participate in the program by displaying the DCS snowman and providing a candy cane or treat for those who bring new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman. Look for the snowman at Andover Town Offices, Andover Senior Center, Memorial Hall Library, and several local schools. To make donations, simply go to one of the locations before noon on Thursday, Dec. 15 and drop off mittens, hats and scarves. The snowman says, "Please donate some hats, gloves, scarves or mittens to those in need. It is the cool thing to do." For more information, contact Andover DCS at 978-623-8277.

to donate blood, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

#### Coats for Kids program

Anton's Cleaners has launched their 17th annual Coats for Kids program which runs through Jan. 8, 2012. Gently worn coats are needed and collected for all ages: children, teens, adults, and infants. In the program's 16-year history, Coats for Kids has collected, cleaned and distributed over 688,000 coats. Coats are collected by schools, corporations, and community groups, cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners and then distributed by community agencies to those in need. Drop off locations include all 43 Anton's Cleaners locations and all four Jordan's Furniture locations. For more information, visit [www.antonscleaners.com/cfk](http://www.antonscleaners.com/cfk).

#### Preschool screening

The Andover Public Schools conducts a screening for 3- and 4-year-old preschool children in the community on the third Friday of every month. The screening is voluntary and available to parents who have a concern about their child's development. The screening is conducted by members of the special education staff and provides information about a child's functioning in the areas of speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills and overall cognitive growth. Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Mary Kay at 978-623-8850.

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#### TAVAH Services for seniors

TAVAH, The Andovers Village at Home, is open to individuals residing in Andover or North Andover who are 50 years of age or older. The organization's office in the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. in Andover is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., five days a week, and people there "would be happy to answer questions, update you on upcoming events or just chat," according to Judy Trerotola, TAVAH executive director. "Members of The Andovers Village at Home are able to find preferred providers for a wide range of services. Anything from plumbers and electricians to home health aids are available from TAVAH's list of providers. These pre-qualified providers have submitted references, had background checks and are

#### YMCA Leaders Club

The YMCA Leaders Club is for youth ages 12 through 18 who want to take part in an opportunity for teens to come together in leadership training, community service projects and other activities. These include day trips, bowling nights, movie nights, overnights, weekend-long rallies, special events, and a week-long leadership school at Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George in New York. For more information or to get involved, contact Cathy Morrissey at [cmorrissey@mvymca.org](mailto:cmorrissey@mvymca.org) or 978-685-3541. YMCA Leaders Club meets at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. The cost is \$10 per month.

#### Holiday coping program

"Successfully Coping with the Holidays," a special program for those caring for someone with memory loss and dementia, will be held on Dec. 8 at Windsor Place of Wilmington, 90 West St., Wilmington. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Presenter is Lindsay Brennan, LSW, CMC, Executive Director of Life Care Directions of New England, LLC. Sponsored by Windsor Place of Wilmington and the Greater Medford VNA.

#### Cookie swap, Christmas Gathering

The Andover Sister Towns Associations of Andover and North Andover are planning a Christmas Gathering at the Andover Historical Society on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Viewing of the Historical Society's colorfully decorated Christmas trees and a cookie exchange are included in the event. To participate in the cookie swap, bring a plate of cookies to swap and take home a variety and equal number of cookies made by others. For more information about Andover Sister Towns Association or the Christmas Gathering, contact Marj Snell at [fredsnell@gmail.com](mailto:fredsnell@gmail.com).

#### American Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 22 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Town House, 20 Main St., Andover. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer or dessert from Chili's Grill & Bar. Prizes are non-transferrable and not redeemable for cash. To make an appointment

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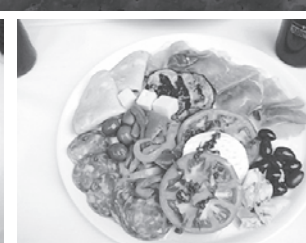
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Special Town Meeting

# Voters also approve leasing sports land, easements

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

In addition to approving the youth center, the town also approved lease agreements with local sports groups governing field use and addressed other issues.

## Article 2: West Knoll Road Easements

This article aimed to authorize selectmen to acquire private land at the end of West Knoll Road, along the edge of the roadway, "by purchase, gift or eminent domain" as part of creating the new entrance to the proposed Bancroft Elementary School.

An amendment to the article was

proposed by Forbes Lane resident Suzanne Kendrick to make it known that the easements are temporary, and to establish a two-year window during which the easements would be active.

Reading the proposed amendment, Kendrick said "once the selectmen have obtained these temporary easements, they shall have no longer than two years to complete the work before the easements lapse."

"Two years seems reasonable, for me, to pave the road and replace shrubbery," said Kendrick.

Tom Deso, recently-selected School Building Committee chairman, opposed the time limit, saying construction work relating to improving the road could slip outside of two years.

The amendment passed after a hand-count of 840 to 673. The article

itself passed by a clear majority.

## Article 5: Leasing Sports Fields

Representatives from both the Andover Soccer Association and Andover Little League spoke in favor of authorizing selectmen to enter into lease agreements with sports groups for the use of fields to be built on Blanchard Street.

"We're not asking for a total exclusive use of the parks. We're asking for shared use, something reasonable that we can negotiate with the selectmen on behalf of the town," said Don Borenstein, president of Andover Soccer Association. "We just want some reasonable security that when Little League puts up their \$350,000 and the Andover

Soccer Association puts up their \$150,000 that we just finished raising this past season, that we're guaranteed some level of reasonable use."

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone opposed the article, saying the responsibility of allowing groups to use the space should fall on the taxpayers who paid for the fields, not the selectmen.

"It seems like we're selling out the town of Andover," said Carbone. "We ask people to purchase things and then they turn into something else. Taxpayers paid for that land, and they should authorize how that land is used."

The article passed by a clear majority.

The results for the other articles are as follows:

**ARTICLE 1:** Amending bylaws for

submitting warrant articles and petitions

**Result:** Passed

**ARTICLE 4:** Correcting scrivener's error regarding a past Town Meeting vote on using land behind Doherty Middle School for the construction of a youth center

**Result:** Passed

**ARTICLE 6:** Appropriating money to supplement appropriations voted at 2011 Annual Town Meeting

**Result:** Passed, in favor of appropriating \$500,000 into the Reserve Fund

**ARTICLE 7:** Appropriating money for the Stabilization Fund

**Result:** Withdrawn

**ARTICLE 8:** Appropriating money for the Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund

**Result:** Withdrawn

# Fire station committee mum on new land options

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

An unknown number of Andover land owners have offered to sell their property to the town for a future Ballardvale Fire Station, but details on the offers are limited at this time.

The Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, a group of residents charged with planning to replace Andover's aged and tiny Ballardvale Fire Station, met last

week and discussed behind closed doors the results of a request-for-proposal made by the town. In the RFP, the town asked for private land in the Ballardvale Fire Sub-Station service area that would accommodate a new station, so that the committee could consider additional options beyond a previous review of town-owned land.

"There weren't many responses at all," said Dan Casper, building committee chairman. "What there were,

we're going to evaluate."

After a previous review of town-owned land, the committee determined that property on the corner of Andover and Woburn streets, a baseball diamond on the South Elementary School property, is the best location for a new fire station. The public reception has been mixed.

"We're still trying to find a location (for the station to be built on)," said Casper. "We still believe as a committee, and we understand there's a

difference of opinion, but we believe that the site we've been talking about is the best site."

Details of the RFP's outcome are limited. Other than a brief question-and-answer session towards the end of the meeting, all discussion of the RFP was kept behind close doors due to the nature of land-purchasing negotiations, according to Casper.

"Since it involves money and negotiations, we can't at this point discuss that in

a public forum," said Casper. "As soon as we can, and as is allowed and required by the law, we'll certainly make that public information."

When asked how many properties responded, Casper said he "can't really tell you right now, because I think that would affect our ability to negotiate." When asked for a summary of what properties are included in the RFP, Casper said releasing the information would "impinge upon the negotiations."

The committee plans to come before the School Committee to get its thoughts on using the South Elementary School property for the fire station. A date and time for that discussion has not yet been established.

"In order for us to be able to get the site that we've recommended, we need approval from the School Committee," said Casper. "At some point we'll be asking them to make a decision one way or the other."

## ■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Monday, Dec. 5:

### ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 30 — At 4:16 p.m., John Dartnell, 31, of 7140 De Longpre Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested on Redgate Drive and charged on a warrant for two counts of shoplifting, and individual counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, breaking and entering during the daytime with a person in fear

and attempting to commit a crime.

Thursday, Dec. 1 — At 4:54 p.m., Elisio Ramos, 36, of 49 Clark Ave., Chelsea, was arrested on Frontage Road and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed and for leaving the scene of personal injury. The arrest came after reports of a hit-and-run accident.

Friday, Dec. 2 — At 9:25 p.m., police made two arrests on Lowell Street, of two individuals who live at 108 Pike St. in Tewksbury. Mary Lopiano, 25, was arrested charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license, a lights

violation and possession of a class A drug. Moments later, Michael Ramsdell Jr., 23, was arrested and charged on a warrant for shoplifting by asportation.

Saturday, Dec. 3 — At 1:31 a.m., Pamela McNamara, 48, of 22 Montaup Ave., Dracut, was arrested on Elm Street and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 2:19 a.m., Francisco Horton Jr., 24, of 85 Essex St., Lawrence, was arrested on Highland Road and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating under the influence of liquor, operating

to endanger and on a single warrant for a false use or misuse of a liquor identification card or license, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, threatening to commit a crime and two counts of assault and battery on a police officer. This arrest took place after police responded to an accident on Highland Road involving a motor vehicle crashed into a telephone pole.

### INCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 1 — At 4:07 a.m., a suspicious truck pulling into driveways on South Main Street was reported to police. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the truck in question may have been delivering newspapers.

At 2:58 p.m., police were called to Dascomb Road for an "elderly female walking in the traffic." A police sergeant sent to investigate found the

woman at a Dunkin' Donuts in Tewksbury.

At 4:08 p.m., police were called to Osgood Street after a woman was "getting her kids off the bus and a male subject in a bright blue (vehicle) got out of his (vehicle) with a hammer in his hand and took pictures of her." An officer reported "this was a legit incident." An insurance adjuster was taking photos for a prior crash.

At 7:48 p.m., police were called to a home alarm sounding on Fulton Road. The alarm was set off by a cat.

Friday, Dec. 2 — At 9:17 p.m., police were called to Summer Street, where a landlord said a tenant "has turned on all the water in the house and flooded out the unit." The tenant also "threw a bucket of water" at an individual. On Monday, at 10:42 p.m., police were called to the same location after a report of a vehicle parked on a rental property. The

vehicle, owned by the same tenant referenced above, was "parked on the lawn and now is parked on the patio." The caller was advised to have the vehicle towed.

Saturday, Dec. 3 — At 2:02 a.m., police were called to a pizza restaurant on Park Street, where "an intoxicated male is arguing with them in the store." The "gentleman was upset he had pepperoni on his pizza instead of chicken."

Sunday, Dec. 4 — At 11:16 p.m., police were called to Quail Run for a dead deer found on a front lawn "with an arrow through it."

Monday, Dec. 5 — At 11:18 a.m., an officer was called to the lobby of the police station to speak to a resident "regarding a possible cult." The woman left before police could speak with her. An hour and a half later, the woman returned. Police later called an ambulance for a voluntary psychiatric evaluation.



Photo by Jay Karr/The Island Packet



## Mail greetings with Holiday Baubles

December is a month full of holidays. Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa are just a few weeks away.

The United States Postal Service enjoys helping people get into the holiday spirit. The Postal Service is again issuing special stamps for the holiday season.

This year, for the first time, the holiday stamps are forever stamps. That means the stamps will be good for one-ounce First-Class mail postage forever, even if the price goes up later.

According to the Postal Service, holiday stamps rank among its best sellers. Last year customers bought about 1.3 billion holiday stamps from October to December.

The Kid will tell you about a different stamp each week in December. Let's start with the Holiday Baubles forever stamps. This set of four stamps features colorful ornaments that may be similar to some you have on your own tree. Illustrations by Linda Fountain of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina were used to create the art shown on this stamp.

Fountain worked as an advertising art director in Rochester, N.Y., for 15 years. She then opened an art studio focusing on illustration. She has done projects for Estee Lauder, *The Chicago Tribune*, *New York*

*Times*, and *Coca-Cola*.

Fountain said the ornaments she designed for the stamps were inspired by the beautiful glass ornaments on her childhood Christmas tree.

The Postal Service contacted her about the stamp project almost two years ago. She submitted 30 sketches. The Postal Service narrowed it to four designs. Once the final sketches were selected, Fountain used colored paper and a utility knife to cut out the designs she used on the ornaments. The cut-paper designs were scanned and turned into digital images.

The stamps are now on sale at post offices nationwide.

Next week the Kid will tell you about the Hanukkah Stamp.

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### Newspaper in Education activity

Search your newspaper for things you can cut out to use to decorate a bauble. Draw a bauble outline on a plain piece of paper then glue the cutouts on it. After it is dry, cut out the bauble and use it as a holiday ornament.



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# Education

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## Policy needed for private-public deals

Ken Seifert

The town has spoken. There should be a new youth center in Andover. It is obvious youth services, in a broad context, have a very high priority for children when it comes to facilities and activities.

Recently we have conducted Special Town Meetings for ball fields, an elementary school and now a Cormier facility. It proves that when a group wants to get what they want and work diligently they will probably be successful at town meeting. This is how democracy works. Those who have received such a facility should be thankful and use it wisely. There are no winners or losers only the will of the people who voted. Thousands of children should benefit from those buildings and ball fields in the years to come.

However, in recent years, like other towns, we have adopted a "Let's Make a Deal" process for providing buildings and activities. The line between public and private has become blurred. What is public property, what is not? A selectman was recently quoted as saying, "For less than 50 cents on the dollar we are able to construct a facility that will support the needs of elder services, community services, and our schools and youth services." It remains to be seen how this will work. However, for the moment let's all feel good we have a new asset that will enhance the resources of our town - another building. I hope no employees lose their jobs as a result of the regular Town Meeting a few months from now. We have serious financial problems in Andover.

Considering creative financing, my mind begins to explore other possibilities in this new trend of using public facilities with private contributions. I thought about the new ball fields. How about hanging signs on the center field for "Sal's Pizza"? A donation of \$3,000 per season would do nicely. We could have a public salesman, appointed by the town manager, who could go around Greater Lawrence and on a commission basis and sell advertising space in cafeterias, gymnasias, auditoria, and even the hallways at town hall or the schools. King's Subs might offer \$3,500 for the same center field space. Prime spaces could go to the highest bidder.

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## Teachers start work-to-rule Jan. 3

### Near-unanimous vote backs job action to push for better contract offer

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Supported by an almost unanimous vote, the Andover teachers union is preparing to begin a work-to-rule campaign next month as a way to show its displeasure with not receiving a more favorable new contract offer from the School Committee.

Effective Jan. 3, the first day that students return to school after the holiday break, teachers who participate in the union-supported work action will only carry out work that

is outlined in their previous contract. That contract ended on Aug. 31, 2010.

In a Dec. 1 meeting of the Andover Education Association, with around 350 members attending, all but nine who voted were in favor of entering work-to-rule. Nine teachers opposed the effort, and one abstained, according to Kerry Costello, AEA president.

"It's not an easy vote, even though it was an overwhelming vote," said Costello. "It was no joy to be had in the room, we can tell you that. But

we're in week 67 with no contract and no raises, and the morale is at an all-time low."

"They have the right to do it, and we respect that," said Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman. "Clearly, work actions are designed to put pressure on the School Committee. It's upsetting to the School Committee as well, but we'll continue with the process and as always, our goal is to reach an agreement on a contract that's in the best to the students, fair to the teachers and affordable to the community."

According to both Costello and Gilbert, there are commonly many misconceptions as to what work-to-rule will mean for Andover students.

"A lot of it is centered around the extra things the teachers do for the students, whether it's chaperoning dances, going to PTO-sponsored events, serving on councils, running volunteer field trips after school or on weekends," said Costello. "A lot of people are emailing, calling parents later in the day, afternoons, on

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Kathryn Price's third-grade class at West Elementary School displays nonfiction books the students received through an Andover Fund for Education grant. Courtesy photos

## Supporting teaching innovations

### Private Andover Fund for Education awards grants at four schools

The private Andover Fund for Education recently awarded grants to teachers implementing innovative classroom projects at four area schools: West Elementary, Doherty Middle, Wood Hill Middle and Andover High School.

The largest of the five grants awarded by AFE this fall went to Wood Hill Middle School science teacher Jane Anthony, who received \$780 to support a multi-year study of deer activity requested by the Andover Conservation Commission. Anthony's sixth-grade students will assess the impact of deer on forest vegetation in the area around Wood Hill by comparing an area open to grazing with a fenced-in area from which deer will be excluded.

Six other Wood Hill educators - Ashlee Lefebvre, Kristen Mitchell, Hillary Brooks, Maria Hamilton, Lisa Spataro, and Colleen Billings - will use their AFE grant to explore the potential of iPad applications to improve learning in small-group settings.

Kathryn Price, a first-grade teacher at West Elementary, received a grant to begin building a classroom library of high-quality non-fiction for emergent readers. It will cover a wide range of topics, from airports, astronauts, and boats to mammals, seasons, and tide pools.

"This is wonderful news! My students are going to be over the moon - as I certainly am. I wish you could see first hand what this will mean to them. I appreciate this so much," she wrote to AFE. The new collection of emergent-level non-fiction will

The students in Leela Scanlon's eighth-grade Spanish classes at Doherty Middle will use an AFE grant to complete research on a musician, singer, or musical group from each of the Spanish-speaking countries and create a video and audio montage with their narration in Spanish. The students' presentations will be combined on a DVD and CD to be shared with students in grades 6 and 7.

Said Scanlon, "This is an idea that began last school year that was often followed by thought of 'if only I could provide all these supplies.' I greatly appreciate the Andover Fund for Education enabling educators to reach out to the students in meaningful ways with engaging activities that enrich their experiences in our programs. I'm certain that research and multimedia presentations will be a big part of any workplace for these kids as they move onto multiple careers that we've likely never even heard of."

AFE also recently awarded funds for a collaborative Spanish and ceramics project focused on the Mexican

holiday known as "El Dia de los Muertos," or "Day of the Dead." Spanish teacher Hector Rodriguez taught his classes about cultural practices associated with the holiday, and art teacher Dolores Dunning guided the students in the creation of traditional ceramic skull masks.

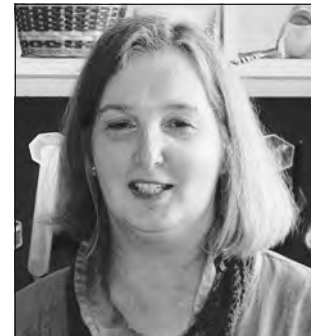
Twice a year, AFE awards grants to Andover Public School teachers who propose new and creative projects designed to reinforce and supplement the core curriculum. AFE's primary fundraising event is the annual Andover Spelling Bee, a fun-filled community event that has become a local tradition. The next Spelling Bee is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012 at Wood Hill Middle School. Other funds come from individual donations and through AFE's "Honor and Teacher" initiative that offers residents the opportunity to acknowledge an outstanding Andover Public School educator by making a personalized donation to AFE in that teacher's honor. All "Honor a Teacher" and other AFE donations are returned to Andover classrooms through AFE innovation grants, and the donor's contribution is tax-deductible.

For more information on AFE, visit its website, [AndoverFundforEducation.org](http://AndoverFundforEducation.org).

### The recipients



Grant recipients Ashlee Lefebvre, center, and Hillary Brooks of Wood Hill Middle School, with AFE board member Sue McLellan, left.



Jane Anthony  
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## TEACHERS: Will slow down on extras

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the weekends. Those kinds of things are going to start to slow down, or start to end, because they're purely voluntary and done on a person's own time."

Other things, such as writing college recommendations for students, could be at risk, as they aren't outlined in contracts, according to Gilbert.

"Any contractual activities that continue to take place before or after school will continue," said Gilbert. "In terms of college recommendations, they're currently written on a voluntary basis. It will be up to each individual teacher to decide, as they always have had the right to decide, whether to write recommendations."

Events and efforts for which

teachers receive some form of payment for, such as stipends, would not be affected by work-to-rule, according to Costello.

Teachers would still be required to provide adequate time to meet with students for extra-help sessions, as called out in the recently expired contract that the teachers still operate under, said Gilbert. Other contractual activities will also continue.

While it is up to the individual teachers whether they scale back their voluntary activities, it's expected that many will follow work-to-rule, Costello said.

"The union has no supervisory authority over its members. People are adults, and they have to make personal and professional decisions," said Costello. Ideally, the

union members will work "to support one another, and our efforts, together. That would be our hope and intent, rather than judging, that we talk to one another and work those things out."

As of Townsman deadline this past Tuesday, no future mediation sessions have been scheduled before the end of the year.

The AEA was meeting with the state mediator Tuesday at 5 p.m. to discuss next steps, and the committee is still hopeful that a contract agreement can be reached soon, especially by Jan. 3.

"We're anxious to reach an agreement, and we're hopeful that we're able to before this could come into effect," said Gilbert. "But at the same time, we can't let it drive our decision making."

## SEIFERT: No more 'Let's make a deal'

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Raytheon might offer to donate \$100,000 for much needed science equipment, provided there is ample recognition in the science labs. Hewlett Packard may outbid them at \$150,000 for the same privilege.

How about a graduate of the Andover Public Schools who wants to show his appreciation for the education he received while attending our schools? Let's call him Lucky Louie. He wins the lottery for \$37 million. As a tax break, he is willing to donate \$6 million if the new Bancroft School is named the 'Lucky Louie' Elementary School. There is a Special Town Meeting. We approve as long as this facility is named the Andover

Taxpayer-Lucky Louie Elementary School. The list goes on, how about a named brick for \$100? For \$500 you might be able to name a five foot section of sidewalk at the Town Hall main entrance. For a \$300 donation you might place a sign on a classroom door in honor of your favorite teacher. The list is endless.

But I have a few questions. Who has the recognition and the split in the profits where money is involved? How much public-how much private? Who decides what is a good idea and just plain lunacy? Do we have a Special Town Meeting for every "deal"? Is there a total of money that is worth considering? Do we accept all financial gifts no matter the source? Do we take it on a case-by-case

basis? What are the criteria for judging?

Before we proceed with future issues, I would strongly urge the selectmen to establish a policy in this area to avoid needless community arguments and possible lawsuits and community embarrassments.

As to the youth, I am not attempting to be the Grinch who stole Christmas - I had a Boys Club. May you have many hours and years of healthy youthful activities. Play ball, play checkers and table tennis, lose a few pounds and reduce obesity among our youth.

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

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

### Highest Scholarship Bowl award given

Bianca Capone of Andover, a senior at Pingree School in South Hamilton, was awarded a Highest Scholarship Bowl this fall for earning an average of 95 or above for the entire 2010-2011 academic year.

### Inducted into national honor society

The following students were inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society - Devin Burke, Matthew Hyszczak, Alexander Cain, Michael Cirbee, Jonathan Costello, W. Carter Durland, Phillip Igoe, John McKeon

and Eric O'Connor.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students for scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Students must earn a minimum 3.5 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.



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# Business

## Tomorrow: Holiday Happenings



Courtesy photo  
Preparing for Holiday Happenings, Andover Electric employee Sean Branca hands a pile of large snowflakes to employee Danny Bryan, who uses a lift to put them on the downtown Christmas tree. Main Street will be closed to traffic Friday night. See special section inside.

## Resident honored for book on 'green' building

The Project Management Institute, the world's largest project-management member association, has honored Andover resident Richard Maltzman, and David Shirley, of Cape Neddick, Maine, with its 2011 Project Management Institute David I. Cleland Project Management Literature Award for their authorship of Green Project Management.



Richard Maltzman

"We're very proud and honored to receive this award, and we feel it's very important that PMI has recognized (from a list of outstanding project management nominations) a book on the intersection of sustainability and project management," Maltzman said in a release. "We hope this draws more attention to this increasingly important aspect of projects and helps project managers

recognize their increasingly important role in this area."

The PMI David I. Cleland Project Management Literature Award recognizes authors for advancing the project management knowledge, practices, procedures, concepts or techniques that demonstrate the value of using project management. The publication may be on historical, current or future endeavors. Detailing cutting-edge green techniques and methods, the book Green Project Management aims to teach project managers how to maximize resources and get the most

out of limited budgets. It supplies proven techniques and best practices in green project management, including risk and opportunity assessments. With illustrative case studies and insights from acknowledged leaders in green project management, the text:

- Explains how to tap into green incentives, including grants, rebates, and tax credits;
- Includes case studies that illustrate how to integrate green techniques and methods to generate cost savings and maximize resources; and
- Provides green techniques that are said to take little time to implement, can benefit all types of projects, and can generate immediate savings to your project's bottom line.

## From Andover tutee to tutor

### Enos now CEO of national company

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Parents in Andover would not be surprised to hear that student Richard Enos needed some help with eighth-grade algebra at Doherty Middle School. Many people do.

That was years ago and that student – now an adult – has risen to become a tutor himself. In fact, Enos is CEO of StudyPoint, a national tutoring company.

In the past six months, StudyPoint has been named to the Boston Business Journal's Pacesetters List, named one of the 50 most engaged workplaces in the U.S. and was named to Inc. Magazine's fastest 5,000 growing companies in America list for the fifth year in a row.

"We are thrilled," said Enos. "To join the ranks of companies like Zappos and Aflac is a validation that our employees are actively involved and invested in our success."

Enos is an alumnus of Phillips Academy, has a bachelor's degree from Cornell and holds an MBA from Babson College. He has been featured in Entrepreneur magazine and was named a 2007 "MBA All-Star" by the Boston Business Journal. He was a Babson Entrepreneurship Fellow, the recipient of the prestigious Sorensen Scholarship for outstanding academic and entrepreneurial achievement and was named to the search committee to replace the departing Dean of the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," said Enos, son of Andover's one-time interim police chief Richard Enos and Joanne Enos, who worked at several downtown banks. The couple has retired in Maine.

"But teaching jobs were hard to get. It was a lot different back then," Enos said.

What never changed was the need for tutors. Teaching jobs were so scarce, he ended up tutoring. He got his first job with Kaplan



Courtesy photo  
Rich Enos, farthest left, with the staff of his tutoring company.

### SATS & AHS

Speaking of tutoring, the College Board just announced that nationally, the average SAT scores for the high school class of 2011 have dropped. Reading fell to 497 - the lowest reading score since 1972. The average math score dipped to 489, while the average writing score also dropped.

But Andover parents can breathe a sigh of relief as Andover High School did not see a substantial decline.

"Our scores at AHS are pretty consistent. We do not focus on a 2 or 1 point dip," Guidance Director Aixa deKelley wrote in an email.

The 429 test takers in the AHS Class of 2011 report these scores: reading, 559; math, 588; writing, 557.

Massachusetts average scores for the Class of 2011 are: 513, 527 and 509 in those same subjects.

and managed SCORE! Prep, a division of Kaplan.

He founded StudyPoint (formerly named StudySmart Inc.) in 1999 with Gregory Zumas. They opened in Boston, and are now located in 12 more cities: Atlanta, Austin, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, San Diego and Seattle.

Enos said his company focuses on the needs of families who want the most for a student's education. He proudly remembers when his parents called that math tutor to help him.

"They wanted the best education for their kids," he said. "That's why we lived in Andover."

Parents still want the best education for their kids and good tutoring if help is needed. Enos said there's a higher level of customer service in tutoring companies these days. He's found that "individualized, one-to-one instruction" is always sought-after.

His employees visit homes and have helped over 15,000 students nationwide.

Come February, this tutoring success comes home to Andover, as he considers its educational offerings superb. He and his wife have just bought a house in the Sanborn Elementary School district. They have a 16-month-old daughter and a second child due in January.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DEC. 8

**"HELLO IT'S SANTA,"** Andover has a hotline to Santa for ages 3 & up. Santa will be available to call children and give a personal hello to the kids between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$5 per family, registration form at [andoverma.gov/dcs](http://andoverma.gov/dcs).

**MOTHER CONNECTION'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT,** 6 to 9:30 p.m., Chester's at Bell Tower, 60 Island St., Lawrence, free and open to the public.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 9

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS,** downtown Andover, retail stores stay open late, 5 to 9 p.m., horse-drawn hay rides, refreshments, tree lighting, hosted by Andover Business Center Association; [abca.org](http://abca.org).

**TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING,** 6:30 p.m., TD Banknorth courtyard, Main Street. No snow date for this event, hosted by Andover Business Center Association.

**STORYTELLING,** "A Celebration of Stories," 7 p.m., with Nicolette Heavey, Lani Peterson, Jane Gossard, Jane LaChance and Susan Leno, with harp interludes by Sandy Hitchens, for ages 7 and up, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**FREE MOVIE,** Unitarian Universalist Congregation shows award-winning movie, "Addicted to Plastic," investigates what we really know about the material of 1,000 uses and why there's so much of it. Producers are dedicated to cleaning it up so donations of shampoo and bars of soap for Bread & Roses are welcome, 7:15 p.m., open to the public, 6 Locke St., Andover.

**LIVE THEATER,** Northern Essex Community College's "A Christmas Carol," featuring NECC faculty, staff, students, and alumni as well as their family members, Chester W. Hawrylcw Theater on the third floor of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 10

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA,** 9 a.m. to noon, Free Christian Church, hosted by Andover Business Center Association. Andover High School's Girl's Hockey Team will take photos with Santa.

**CRAFT FESTIVAL,** Rockingham Park Indoor Grandstand, Salem, N.H., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**COOKIE COMPETITION & HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE,** vote for your favorite cookie, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Brush Gallery, Lowell. The Holiday Marketplace starts on Nov. 26 during Lowell's city-wide City of Lights celebration and runs through Dec. 31. Find original artwork and handcrafted items made in Lowell by our own Brush artists.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT,** Andover/North Andover YMCA, 5-8 p.m., kids enjoy a fun night of crafts, mat room activities, sports, dinner and a light snack, for ages 4-12. Cost for Y Family Members is \$10 per child; \$20 for the community. Pre-register at the Welcome Center, 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

**LIVE CELTIC HARPIST,** vocalist and composer Aine Minoque, Crossroads Coffeehouse, Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, a North Andover, 8 p.m., \$15; [crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://crossroads-coffeehouse.org), 978-287-3960.

**LIVE THEATER,** "A Christmas Carol," 3, 7 p.m., see Dec. 9 listing.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 11

**CHRISTMAS TREE PULL,** by the Newfoundland Dog Club, at Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., free to the public.

**LIVE A CAPPELLA MUSIC,** First Light 5772, Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation Annual Community Chanukah Celebration & Family Concert, 2:30 p.m., at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, complimentary latke bar & Chanukah treats, \$9 child, senior, \$18 adult, \$40 family. Reserve by Dec. 5; 978-688-0466, [mvjf.org](http://mvjf.org), mail checks to Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, P.O. Box 937, Andover, MA 01810.

**LIVE QUARTET,** John Baboian Quartet at Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., free.

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## Singing Santas will make rounds Friday

### Kiwanis caroling raises money for kids

Diners out this Friday night may get a surprise – Christmas caroling by members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence wearing in Santa hats.

For the ninth year, Kiwanis says "a group of not very good singers will be caroling throughout the community at local establishments – we call them rooftops – raising money for children and families in need this season." Diners impressed with

the singing, or feeling in the holiday spirit can give to the cause.

Andover restaurants that will be visited by the singing Santas include On The Bone at the Wyndham, Casa Blanca on Main Street, Dylan's Bar & Grill on Park Street,

Palmers Tavern on Elm Street and the Park Street Pub.

The singers will also visit other restaurants in the

Merrimack Valley including TGI Fridays, Not Your Average Joe's, Mi Mexico Lindo, Texas Roadhouse Cafe, Fireside Restaurant, Muddy Waters, The Gateway Pub, Salvatore's Italian Restaurant, The Loft Restaurant, Joe Fish Seafood Restaurant, Casa Blanca in North Andover and the Ninety Nine Restaurant.

People can learn more online at [santanight.com/lawrencema](http://santanight.com/lawrencema).



CARL RUSSO/File photo  
The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence will hold its ninth annual Singing Santa Night on Friday, Dec. 9 to raise money for children and families in need by caroling at local restaurants.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Virginia Begg and Rosemary McClune (right) talk to Jim Buhner in his kitchen about the restorations he did himself to his Bartlet Street home a year ago. Buhner is the owner of Refined Renovations, a general contracting and home refinement company.



A grandfather clock decorates the front entrance of this Red Spring Road house built by Captain Abel Abbot around 1820, as tour volunteer Gwen Kimball gets ready to show the home's dining room.

## Inside look at select homes

Gates and Gables, the Andover Historical Society's biannual tour of houses, held last Saturday, treated visitors to an inside look at nine Andover homes displaying a colorful diversity of architectural, collecting, and decorating styles. The range of architectural styles and periods added to the charm of this year's tour.

## NMYO musicians to give afternoon concerts Sunday

The Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestra will present "An Afternoon of Concerts" on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Ipswich High School Performing Arts Center in Ipswich. This event will be the first full-length concert of NMYO's inaugural season and feature several young musicians from Andover.

The afternoon will be split into two concerts, one at 2:30 and the other at 5 p.m. The earlier concert will feature the NMYO Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra, Junior Flute Choir and Flute Choir. The later concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Select Flute Choir.

Over 40 towns from Massachusetts and New Hampshire are represented by the 165 student musicians who make up the NMYO organization.



Courtesy photo

Andover musicians in the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras.

Music Director Gerald Dolan reports that music by Dvorak, Verdi, Respighi, Elgar, and many other composers will be performed.

"An Afternoon of Concerts" is free and open to the public. All NMYO concerts are family-friendly, and the organization describes them as "a great way to expose children to orchestral music

in a comfortable setting while supporting the musical training of the area's finest young musicians."

A reception provided by NMYO families will be held between the two concerts.

For more information about this concert or about Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras, call 978-309-9833 or visit [nmyo.org](http://nmyo.org).

## Numerous opportunities to see 'Nutcracker'

Residents still have a change to see local shows of the "Nutcracker" ballet, or to travel to see local dancers in shows nearby.

The Boston Dance Company will be performing the ballet at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.

This is the 19th season of the Boston Dance Company's annual production, which includes a growing Christmas tree, a sword-fight, snowing onstage, and a large cast including approximately 20 professional dancers, 10 company apprentices, and more than 50 local children.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for seniors and children, and can be purchased in advance at [bostondancecompany.net](http://bostondancecompany.net) or at the door. For further information, contact Ilyse Levine-Kanji at [ilyselevinekanji@gmail.com](mailto:ilyselevinekanji@gmail.com) or 508-574-9528

New England Civic Ballet, which has performed for 16 years to sold-out crowds at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack Collegewill have its opening night this Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m., with additional performances Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [newenglandcivicballet.org](http://newenglandcivicballet.org) or by calling the studio at 978-975-0289. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults; \$22 for children age 12 and under, and seniors age 55 and older. Group rates are available for

groups of 20 or more attending the same performance.

In the Ballet Mischa production at the Dana Center at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H. on Dec. 17 and 18 is young Andover dancer Anna Clark, age 9, who will perform as a Baby Mouse and a Gingerbread Cookie.

In the Dance Prism production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, on Dec. 17 and 18 are several Andover dancers. In this production, the students perform in a touring cast at venues in Andover, Concord, Littleton & Worcester, OR in a local cast which performs their parts only in the Andover performances.

- The local dancers are:
- Madeleine Botti, age 9, performing as a Caroler;
  - Sophie Colby, age 7, performing as a Caroler;
  - Daniela Friedman, age 8, performing as a Caroler;
  - Sofia Garcia, age 11, performing as a Caroler;
  - Audrey Hetherington-Young, age 7, performing as a Caroler;
  - Emily Jackson, age 10, performing as a Caroler;
  - Darya Lee, age 10, performing as a Cupid;
  - Olivia Raza, age 11, performing as a Cupid;
  - Sydney Raza, age 8, performing as a Caroler;
  - Hana Stinson, age 13, performing as a Cupid;
  - Olivia Ventre, age 8, performing as a Caroler; and
  - Kate Zdunczyk, age 8, performing as a Caroler.

## Andover boy stars in Christmas opera

The Young Opera Company of New England is offering its light-hearted production of Gian-Carlo Menotti's famous Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Dec. 10. Commissioned by the NBC television in the 1950s, this hour-long opera has enchanted audiences for over 60 years.

The Peabody Opera House on Lowell Street in Peabody will host this magical story of a young crippled boy and his impoverished mother who are visited by three Magi seeking a special child born in a rude stable. Andover resident and boy soprano Benjamin

Meyer-Idzik plays the role of Amahl, a poor crippled boy who dreams of traveling with the magi to give a gift of his crutch to the Christ child.

The Opera House is located on the second floor of the Town Hall, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and performance at 7:30. An audience carol sing-a-long, which will include the Hallelujah Chorus, concludes the concert conducted by North Reading resident Marie Stultz. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations call the opera company at 978-664-4705.

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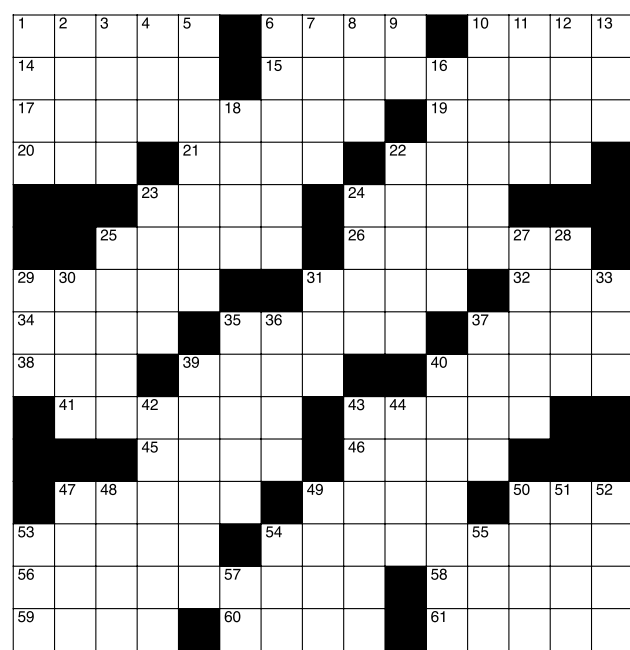
Celtic harpist, vocalist and composer Aine Minogue will put on her concert "To Warm the Winter's Night" at Crossroads Coffeehouse in North Andover this Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m.

Minogue mixes Celtic wintery ballads, familiar carols, poetry and storytelling to create an evocative look at the season. Band Review advises "When Aine Minogue is in town, drop everything to see her."

Tickets are \$15. Advanced tickets may be purchased using PayPal at crossroads-coffeehouse.org, and are also available at Paisley Farm on Route 133 in West Boxford. If not sold out, tickets may be purchased at the door.

Doors open at 7:30 and the show starts at 8 p.m. Crossroads Coffeehouse is located at Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, across the street from the North Parish Church in North Andover. Home-baked desserts, coffees and teas are for sale before the show and during intermission. For more information go to crossroads-coffeehouse.org or call 978-287-3960.

# Crossword puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Leavened rum cakes
6. Stepped on
10. Arab outer garments
14. Positive pole
15. Sharpening stone
17. Atomic #38
19. Omnivorous mammal of C and S Am.
20. Records electrical brain currents
21. Without (French)
22. Mother's sisters
23. An open skin infection
24. Long mucilaginous green pods
25. Past tense of 23 across
26. Cereal grain product
29. Lack of normal muscle tone
31. Lean, scrawny
32. Work holiday (informal)
34. Abnormal breathing
35. Peels
37. Capital of the Apulia region
38. They \_\_
39. Linear unit (Span.)
40. More lucid
41. 6th largest Russian city
43. Fights a short bout
45. Ancient Olympic Site
46. Companion animals
47. Indian frocks
49. SE Indonesian island
50. The winged goddess of the dawn
53. Exchange

### CLUES DOWN

1. The supporting part
2. Poker stake
3. Tennis player Bjorn
4. Rapid bustling movement
5. Centripetal
6. Wound around something
7. Sumac genus
8. Original Equipment Manufacturer
9. Alcohol withdrawal symptom
10. Unkeyed
11. Small water travel vessel
12. Family Formicidae
13. 3rd largest whale
16. Scamper
18. Container counterweight
22. (Largest) Peoples of Ghana
23. Unit of loudness
24. Double-reed

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## Andover artist part of School of MFA sale

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, is gearing up again for its Museum School Art Sale, that runs today, Dec. 8, through Dec. 11.

The sale has become a destination for art collectors and enthusiasts alike to discover art by the school's newest students as well as alumni, including Andover-based artist and SMFA faculty member John Schulz. "If you are passionate about art, the Museum School Art Sale is a must-attend event," Lee Essex Doyle, Dan Elias and Juan Prieto, co-chairmen of the Art Sale Committee, said in a release. "One of the region's largest contemporary art sales, the sale is an opportunity to search out rising new artists or find works to complement your current collection."

This year's fundraising goal is to raise \$500,000, which will support the opportunities, scholarships and resources essential to the education of its next generation of artists, according to the school.



## No warmth could warm him

Northern Essex Community College will present its 12th annual production of Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" in the Chester W. Hawryciw Theater on the third floor of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. NECC theater professor Jim Murphy (left) who will direct the performance, will reprise the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$6 for 6 and younger.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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This all-faculty Berklee College of Music ensemble, featuring acclaimed guitarist/composer/educator John Baboian, presents a medley of guitar, saxophone, bass and drum arrangements, interspersed with some traditional holiday favorites; mh.org, 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32.

**BENEFIT CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY CONCERT**, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 3 p.m., featuring South Side Singers from South School, South Church Sanctuary Choir, Harmonic Regression and organist Patrick Kabanda (formerly at Phillips Academy), benefits Neighbors in Need, \$10; Linda Zimmerman at Neighbors in Need, 978-685-8321.

**HOLIDAY FAIR**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$2 admission, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenzoa Ave., Haverhill; winnekenni.com, 978-521-1686.

**COOKIE COMPETITION & HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**, see Dec. 10 listing.

**CRAFT FESTIVAL**, Rockingham Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., see Dec. 10 listing.

**LIVE THEATER**, "A Christmas Carol," 3 p.m., see Dec. 9 listing.

**MONDAY, DEC. 12**

**FREE LIVE A CAPPELLA MUSIC**, Chicago's Northwestern University Undertones, 7 p.m., North Andover High School, 430 Osgood St., North Andover, for all ages. After the concert, members of the group will be available to answer questions about collegiate a cappella and Northwestern University.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

**COLONIAL CHILDREN'S TEA**, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 3:30 to 5 p.m., bring your favorite American Girl Doll and learn about Felicity who grew up in Virginia during the American Revolution. Reservations are required, for girls ages 7-11, children \$15, accompanying adult \$10; 978-475-2236; andoverhistorical.org.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14**

**MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETING**, 7 to 9 p.m., VFW Hall, 32 Park

St., North Andover. Guest speakers are Sens. Bruce Tarr and Steven Baddour, and Rep. Jim Lyons of Andover; Ted Tripp, 978-725-6509.

**LIVE MUSIC**, Treble Chorus of New England performs "A Winter Mosaic," 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, \$10-16; 978-794-4600, tcnanager@treblechorusne.org.

**HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOPS**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover, \$3 per child. Reservations are not necessary, drop-ins welcome.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15**

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG WREATH WORKSHOP**, 7-9 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., with Susan DeLarm-Sandman of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Participants should bring wire cutters, gloves, or glue guns. Wreath materials and forms will be supplied; 978-475-2236 to reserve your place, andoverhistorical.org.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 16**

**LIVE MUSIC**, A Gay Country Christmas Cabaret, Wine & Cheese at 7 P.M., performance at 8 p.m., \$25, WHMA and Image Theater host this creative alternative to the usual holiday show, Parker Gallery; 978-452-7641.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING**, The Andover Sister Towns Assn. of Andover and North Andover host, 2 p.m., at the Andover Historical Society with a viewing of the Society's Christmas tree exhibit and a cookie exchange. To participate in the cookie swap, bring a plate of cookies to swap and take home a plate; Marj Snell, fredsnall@gmail.com.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP**, 10 a.m. to noon, Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover, \$40 per couple or parent/child.

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# CENTER: Long-running idea finally wins overwhelming support from town

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from Andover Youth Services – come to the high school to witness the vote. Peter Zetlan, a 33-year-old Jamaica Plain resident who grew up in Andover and enjoyed AYS programming, said his bond with Fahey made attending the meeting as a witness an obligation.

“I was in the cafe, and just to hear the young kids chanting AYS, and seeing everybody stand up, is amazing,” said Zetlan. “I’m glad I was here, glad I witnessed history.”

For others, many of whom weren’t even born yet when plans for a new youth center first came to a vote in 1995, the outcome seemed no less exciting.

“It’s our generation, and we can feel like we made a difference in the children’s generation that’s going to be next,” said Shannon Williams, a 14-year-old West Middle School student.

## TURNOUT FILLS STAGE, CAFE

The meeting started close to an hour late due to an unexpected turnout. At 7 p.m., when the meeting was expected to start, the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts was almost to capacity, with a line of residents backed up several hundred feet outside the building, to the field house on the far end of the high school facility.

As the crowd slowly fed into the Collins Center, all open seats became occupied. The stage reserved for town officials was opened up for more than 200 residents, and an orchestra pit in front of the stage also had seating added.

As those spaces filled up, an emergency meeting was held by selectmen to discuss how to handle the crowd, according to Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

“You’ve got over 1,800 people coming out to Town Meeting, and they were flooding in so fast, we didn’t even know where we were going to put them,” said Major. “We had some initial contingency



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The Special Town Meeting was delayed for over an hour to make sure Andover residents waiting in line outside were able to get in.

plans, and then it was like, how do we change that, because it’s not enough.”

Ultimately, several hundred seats were added to the school’s cafeteria, and emergency audio and visual feeds were set up to allow residents in the cafeteria to view the meeting via projector and allow audio conversation between the two chambers of voters.

Special Town Meeting started nearly an hour late. Throughout the meeting, discussions had to be interrupted due to technical difficulties in the cafeteria or the hallway outside of the Collins Center, where poll-workers who were also registered voters were located.

## DEBT EXCLUSION DROPPED, SECRET BALLOT RAISED IN DISCUSSION

Discussion of the youth center article went on for close to an hour. Those against giving \$2 million for the center spoke about town finances.

“We have implemented every local taxation opportunity possible. We have shut off the street lights. Our free cash is the lowest in over a decade. We have no other revenue source that we can tap,” said Pleasant Street

resident Mike Mosca. “We’re at the crossroads of east versus west, where any financial mishap, legal action or act of God will place us in the grip of continuous Prop 2 1/2 overrides.”

Cal Perry, of Timothy Drive, expressed similar concerns.

“We are not in a position to do this. This is a town that turns off street lights,” said Perry. “This is a wonderful project; not at this time.”

But many residents, including officials, supported the project.

“Seventeen years ago, we, Town Meeting asked AYS to go forward and construct a program, and then come back to seek permission to construct a youth center,” said Major. “AYS held up their end of the bargain. It’s now time for us to complete the deal.”

Daniel Enxing, of Rindge Road, said now is the time to build a youth center.

“I have three teenage boys, and what Youth Services has done for them has been unbelievable,” said Enxing. “All the people at Youth Services, they help change lives. But they’ve actually saved a few lives, and that’s worth a lot more than \$2 million.”

During the discussion, High Street resident Tom

Deso said he wasn’t going to offer an amendment he previously announced regarding how to pay for the project. The amendment, which dominated attention at recent town committee meetings, aimed to require a debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2 so the article would be paid by raising taxes above the level normally allowed by state law, instead of being paid within the annual town operating budget.

“While I continue to believe that funding the project with operating money is inappropriate in these difficult budget times, I also realize the hour. Most of us who came here on time for a 7 o’clock town meeting expected to be home by now,” said Deso. “I therefore have decided not to offer my amendment this evening.”

At the end of the discussion, High Street resident Donal Coleman moved that the article be voted through a secret ballot process. The measure was defeated almost unanimously.

## THE VOTE: BRIEF FLASHBACK TO 1995, FAHEY SAYS

When the vote was taken, any non-voters were asked to move outside the auditorium, and this included Schools



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Tyler Tiberii, 13, left, and Rachel Major, 14, hug each other as they celebrate the Special Town Meeting’s overwhelming approval of money to construct a youth center.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath and Fahey, who lives in North Andover. Outside, he stood with youth too young to vote, who crowded the hallway to see the outcome.

Fahey had an instant of doubt. “There was a moment where I felt like it was 1995,” said Fahey. “I saw the kids’ faces. When people started standing up against it, the smiles stopped. I think they were like, ‘Oh my God,’ and I was the same way. I was like, ‘Oh my God, this isn’t going to be 1995 all over again.’ I was flat for a second.”

It took some time to count the votes. As the numbers came in, kids in the hallway used their cell phones to add up the votes.

“Everybody was trying to use their cell phones, doing the calculations, the math,”

said Fahey. “Then, all of the sudden, people started cheering.”

“I’m really happy that we got this,” said Ivan Delarosa, who turns 13 years old today, Thursday. “It feels really good.”

The article needed a two-thirds majority, just under 67 percent of the audience, to pass. The project received 1,422 votes — 207 more than required. The audience started cheering, and youthful screams rang out from the hallway.

“I think I hugged every person that came out,” said Fahey. “I think I hugged 1,422 people, and it felt good.”

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## NEXT: Aggressive plans to raise remaining cash

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required by municipal projects. Andover taxpayers will not contribute more than the \$2 million they approve, and the AYF money will be spent first.

“The Andover Youth Foundation has \$1.8 million in available funds. Through fundraising, we’ll provide an additional \$820,000 to cover

remaining costs and contingencies,” said Costagliola.

“Clearly we have an outpouring of support. We will invite them to be part of the youth foundation and youth services. Our plan is to be aggressive, raise some more money and get a shovel in the ground by June 2013,” said AYS Director Bill Fahey. “We want to have [those who voted] join the movement and harness that good support.”

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# Sports

## ► Boys hockey preview

# Centrella a 'natural leader' for young Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Liam Centrella originally opted for modesty at the mention of one of the most emotional goals in Andover hockey history.

"Yeah, I think that was me," he said with a chuckle.

It was 10 months ago that Centrella sent Golden Warrior players and fans into hysterics, shocking Super 8-bound Central Catholic with his late-minute game-winning goal just days after the controversial firing of hockey coach Mario Martiniello.

"That is definitely the defining moment of my hockey career," said Centrella. "If I could score just one goal in my entire career, it would be that goal. That was special."

Following his impressive junior season, Centrella is now ready to take on a go-to role for the Golden Warriors under new coach Mike Ciarletta. The team opens Wednesday by hosting Billerica.

"Liam is just a natural leader," said Ciarletta. "He is gifted athletically, but it is the way he carries himself. He gives off a sense of authority, and I am excited to have him here and to work with him."

After seeing limited playing time as a sophomore (one goal), Centrella earned a spot on the top line last year. He finished the season third on the team in goals (9) and second in points (24), earning MVC-DCL All-Star honors.

Centrella delivered three two-goal



File photo

Liam Centrella, seen here working his way through four North Andover defenders last season, has taken on a leadership role on and off the ice for the Golden Warriors.

games, including his memorable performance against archrival Central Catholic, and had four games with two or more assists.

"I try to use my speed and get my teammates involved," he said. "Scoring a goal is amazing. But I am looking to step up my production even more this season. It will be tough to replace a guy like (MVC/DCL Division 1 MVP) Matt Swett."

But his skills with the puck are just one reason Ciarletta is thankful that the forward is on his squad.

"Liam is the whole package," said Ciarletta. "He brings a boost to the team with his presence. It's the way he handles himself and speaks to the team. It has been very valuable to me that I can talk to him and he can make sure the team is on board."

Centrella, for one, is more than happy to ease the transition for Ciarletta, who at 30 years old is in his second stint as a head coach following two seasons at North Quincy (2007-09). "We knew we had to step up and ease the transition," said Centrella.

"We really wanted to welcome him and make him feel comfortable. We joked around with him when it was appropriate. We have all had new coaches at some time, so we wanted to handle it right."

Thus far, Centrella and the team are thrilled with the approach of their new coach. "He has a fresh and exciting approach to the game," Centrella said. "We are trying to pick up the intensity to keep up with him. It started a little slow but now it feels like we have had him forever. He is

passionate about the game. He can joke, but he will let us know when we do something wrong."

This season is especially important to Centrella because it may well be his last on the ice.

"I'm not going to play junior hockey so I know this could be it for me other than rec leagues," he said. "But I would love to play college hockey if it works out."

"We (Andover) are a fast team with a lot of youth. We can put a lot of pressure on other teams and the chemistry is getting there. I think we will be tougher than a lot of teams are expecting."

### BOYS HOCKEY

2010-11 season: 10-8-3, 10th in Division 1 North first round

**Returning lettermen:** C.J. Boillard, Sr., defense; Stephen Brighton, Sr., defense; Liam Centrella, Sr., forward; Ryan Oteri, Sr., forward; Scott Campbell, Jr., forward; Chas Heseltine Jr., defense; Alex King, Sr., defense; Matt McIver, Sr., forward; Dan McLaughlin, Jr., goalie; Chris Olson, Jr., goalie; Kyle Wakefield, Sr., forward; Tyler Weeks, Jr., forward; Colby Gilbert, Jr., goalie; Jack Wilkie, Soph., defense

**Promising newcomers:** Mark Campbell, Frosh., forward; Justin Brosman, Jr., forward; Joe Baglio, Jr., forward; Brett Conceen, Jr., forward; Evan Dinu, Jr., defense; Ryan LaCroix, Frosh., goalie; Nate Spellacy, Jr., forward; Will Sauerbrunn, Frosh., forward; Will Vogel, Jr., forward; Steven Castaldo, Jr., defense

**Captains:** TBA  
**Candidates:** 52

**Returning leaders:** Scott Campbell 10 goals, Liam Centrella 9 goals, Jim Burns 6 goals, Tyler Weeks 5 goals

**Returning honorees:** Liam Centrella MVC-DCL All-Star

## ■ ANDOVER HIGH'S 2011 FALL MVC HONORS

### FOOTBALL

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

**Running Backs:** Andy Coke, Sr.; Freddie Scribner, Sr.

**Wide Receiver:** Will Heikkinen, Jr.  
**Offensive Linemen:** Matt Crush, Sr.; T.J. Leeman, Sr.

**Special Teams:** Mark Zavri, Jr. (kicker)

#### ALL-STARS

C.J. Scarpa, Jr., QB; Cam Farnham, Jr., WR; James Kelly, Sr., OL; Andreas Christopoulos, Jr., OL; Will Eikenberry, Soph., LB; Brendan Paquette, Sr., DL; Adam Ladd, Jr., DL; Greg Calabro, Sr.,

### DB

#### LOCAL HONORABLE MENTIONS

Will Clark, Sr., LB; Andrew Deloury, Jr., DB; Bryan Sutherland, Jr., OL; Jack Sylvester, Soph., DB; Ben Hartford, Soph., DL

#### MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

**Large School co-MVPs:** Andy Coke

### BOYS SOCCER

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

Drew Johnson, Jr., midfielder  
**All-Stars**  
An Huynh, Jr., midfielder; Josh Chevalier, Sr., keeper

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

Gabby Cappello, Sr., midfielder; Michelle Gagnon, Jr., defender; Jackie Alois, Jr., defender; Devon Caveney, Jr., forward; Jodi Pollack, Sr., forward

#### ALL-STARS

Emily Wilson, Soph., keeper; Lauren Pien, Sr., midfielder; Emily Van Antwerp, Soph., midfielder; Sarah Van Antwerp, Soph., defense; Virginia Duffy, Jr., defense; Hannah LeBlanc, Sr., midfielder

#### MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

**Coach of the Year:** Meghan Matson

### Division 1 MVP: Gabby Cappello VOLLEYBALL

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

**Andover:** Sarah Arvidson, Sr.; Elise Brogan, Sr.; Elizabeth Wait, Jr.

#### ALL-STARS

Marcela Familiar-Bolanos, Jr.; Ava Bakhtyari, Sr.; Lauren Murtagh, Jr.

#### MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

**Co-MVP:** Sarah Arvidson

### FIELD HOCKEY

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

Anne Farnham, Sr., forward; Kate Farnham, Sr., midfielder; Taylor Farris,

Sr., back; Jaclyn Torres, Jr., forward; Shannon Tully, Sr., goalie

### MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

**Coach of the Year –** Maureen Noone

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

Ryan Cooney, Sr.; Mike Maldari, Jr.

#### ALL-STARS

Max Galat, Soph., Charlie Schleifer, Sr.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

**Andover:** Maggie Mullins, Sr.; Leila

Aruri, Soph.; Meghan McPhee, Jr.

### ALL-STARS

Eliza Lewis, Jr., Camille Harris, Sr., Sarah Rothmann, Frosh., Sarah Warne Sr.

### MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

**Division 2 MVP –** Maggie Mullins  
**Division 2 Coach of the Year –** Leo Lafond

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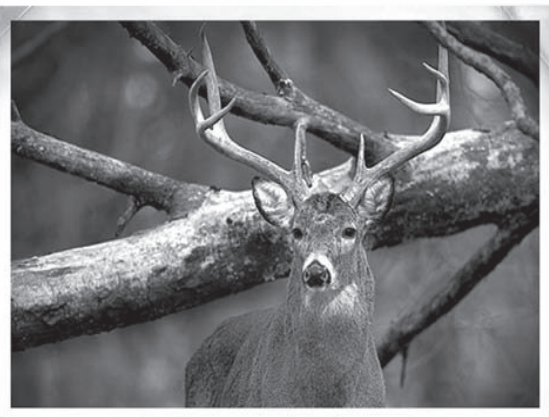
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# Obituaries

## Frederick D. Brainerd, 86

Frederick D. "Fred" Brainerd, a resident of West Ossipee, New Hampshire, formerly of Andover and beloved husband of the late Flora D. (Coppeta) Brainerd, died at the Hellenic Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Canton on Monday evening, December 5, 2011. He was 86-years-old.

Born in Methuen, Massachusetts, on March 14, 1925, he was the beloved son of the late Frank and Bernice (DeRoehn) Brainerd. Mr. Brainerd was a Chemist and was the President of Shawsheen Chemical for many years. Fred was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying skiing until he was 81. He also loved animals and going hiking.

Mr. Brainerd also loved camping and owned and operated his own private plane with his brother, Eric. Fred served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Above all, Fred was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, always spending time with his beloved

family. He will be missed by his loving son and daughter-in-law; Frederick J. and his wife Linda R. Brainerd of Frederick, Maryland, daughter and son-in-law; Kristina B. and her husband Daniel K. Innes of Norton, seven grandchildren; Gina, Peter, Cara, Maggie, Allison, Peter and Bridget, brother and sister-in-law; Eric and his wife Marianne Brainerd of Andover; and many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral service will be celebrated in the **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, today, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours also will be today, Thursday, prior to the service, from 9 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in the West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Fred's memory may be made to the Hospice of your choice. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).**

## Mary B. Flanagan, 73

Mary B. (Hubbard) Flanagan, 73, formerly of Clinton, died November 24, 2011 at Colonial Heights Care and Rehabilitation Center, South Lawrence.

Born in Fitchburg on February 10, 1938, Mrs. Flanagan was the daughter of the late James and Alice (Rosebury) Hubbard. A longtime resident of Clinton, Mrs. Flanagan worked 20 years at Colonial Press until its closing. Later, she worked as manager at the Fish Nook Pet Store in Acton, and concurrently as a manicurist in Northborough. Mary relocated to Lawrence to be closer to her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris M. Mitchell and her husband Vernon Jr, both formerly of Clinton, who now reside in Lawrence, MA; Grandchildren including Paul Wright, his wife, Ann and their

four children of Athol, Ma; Jill Wright and her four children of Lawrence, Ma; Kristy Wright and her three children also of Lawrence, Ma; Stacey (Mitchell) Butkowski, her husband Chris and their five children of New Ipswich, NH; Katie (Mitchell) LaPenn, her husband Tobey and their son of New Boston NH and Ashley Mitchell of Andover, MA. Mary was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to all. She was one of seven children, including her sister, Helen Reith of Clinton.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** At the family's request there will be no visiting hours and services at The Diaz-Healy Funeral Home of Lawrence will be private. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 02472. Condolences may be registered at [www.diazhealy.com](http://www.diazhealy.com).

## Ruth I. Frank, 103

NORTH ANDOVER — Ruth I. (Walker) Frank, 103, of the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover for many years died Nov. 29, 2011 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Ruth was born September 26, 1908 in Lawrence to William and Isabella (Barrie) Walker. Educated in Lawrence schools, she graduated from Lowell Normal School in 1928, and was awarded a BA degree in 1929, after which she taught in the Lawrence Elementary school. She and her late husband Charles W. Frank, an electrical engineer from M.I.T., lived in Wheaton Illinois for forty years.

There she worked as a judge of elections and volunteered at



the DuPage hospital. Hobbies included garden clubs and she was president of both the Wheaton and Lawrence organizations, plus serving on the Andover Thrift Shop staff. For many years she has been a member of Christ Church in Andover and has travelled extensively throughout her life.

Survived by a son William A. Frank of Illinois, she will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A graveside ceremony was held at the Bellvue Cemetery in Lawrence, and there are no calling hours. Contributions may be made to the Christ Church, 25 Central Street, Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.confetfuneralhomes.com](http://www.confetfuneralhomes.com).

## Francis Yakavonis, 101

Francis Yakavonis, 101, of Methuen, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at the Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Methuen.

The son of the late Zigmont and Mary (Krivais) Yakavonis, Francis was born in Lawrence on April 7, 1910. He was educated in Lawrence schools. A self-taught and skilled mechanic, he was employed as a maintenance mechanic at Rutter's Laundry in Lawrence, until its closing, and later was employed as an auto mechanic at Woodworth Motors in Andover, retiring at the age of 70. He was well-known for his mechanical skills. He was a lifelong area resident, residing on Birchwood Road in Methuen for 60 years.

The husband of the late Julia M. (Belkus) Yakavonis, who died in 2003, he was the father

of the late Ronald P. Yakavonis, who died in 1964, and the father of the late Robert J. Yakavonis, who died in 1995. He is survived by two grandchildren, Lindsay and Michael; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl; and several nieces and nephews.

Francis' family would like to thank the entire staff of the Nevins for their kindness and loving care given to Francis and his family during his stay at the Nevins.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A Funeral Service was held Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson Street, Lawrence (978-686-0386). Burial was in the Lithuanian Cemetery in Bradford. Memorial contributions would be greatly appreciated to the Nevins Patients Activity Fund, 10 Ingalls Ct., Methuen, MA 01844.

## Marcelle C. Savoy, 81

Marcelle C. (Madore) Savoy, 81, of Methuen and formerly of Haverhill, passed away at the Lawrence General Hospital on

Nov. 28, 2011 surrounded by her family.

She was born in Methuen on May 27, 1930, daughter of the late John and Elsie (Lefebvre) Madore. Marcelle was educated in the Lawrence school system and later became a Nanny serving multiple families throughout the Merrimack Valley. She was also an avid bingo player and a former member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Salem, N.H. A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, Marcelle truly loved to sing, play her guitar and spend time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Maureen and her husband William Donohue of Andover, Richard Wescott of Haverhill, Susan and her husband Wayne Feugill of Methuen, Leona and her husband Darryl Dvoske of Hudson, N.H. and Erik Savoy and his wife Tracy of Raleigh N.C., ten grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Marcelle was also the sister of the late Germain Krafton, Irene French and Leona Noel.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A Memorial Service was Saturday, Dec. 3 at the H.L. Farmer & Sons Bradford Funeral Home, 210 South Main St., Bradford. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 311 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472 or Tufts University School of Medicine, 136 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02110. Condolences to her family may be made at [www.farmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com).

## Ann L. Gaiolas, 72

HAVERTHILL — Ann L. (Higton) Gaiolas, 72, of Haverhill passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

She was born in Lawrence on Feb. 8, 1939, daughter of the late Samuel and Anna (Hughes) Higton. Ann was a graduate of Lawrence High School with the class of 1956. She was employed for the City of Lawrence in the mayor's office for 22 years and later retired from Raytheon in Andover in 1986. Ann moved to Salem, N.H. in 1971 and for the past 30 years has lived in Haverhill. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Haverhill.

She is survived by her daughters Susan D. and her husband John Santo of Salem, N.H., Joanne G. and her husband David Wilkie of Rindge,

N.H., Carolyn B. and her husband Thomas Farhadian of Hampstead, N.H. and Pamela A. Lane of Lawrence, sisters Barbara L. Oakes of North Andover, Helene A. and her husband Francis Frank of Andover and Beverly J. and her husband Richard Tardif of Northfield, N.H., eight grandchildren David, Shawn, Jonathan, Lauren, Taylor, John, Meghan and Ryley, as well as several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral was Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St. Haverhill, with a Funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Haverhill. Interment was private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, 3962 So. Delaware St. Englewood, CO, 80110.



## Georgena O'Connell, 91

Georgena (Gardiner) O'Connell, 91, of Worcester, MA died peacefully on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at Notre Dame Long Term Care Center in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, John B. O'Connell, who passed away May 1, 2005.

Mrs. O'Connell was born and raised in Lawrence, MA, attended Searles High School, Class of 1938, in Methuen, MA. She lived in Methuen for many years before moving to Manchester, NH in 1994. She moved to Worcester, MA in 2008. Mrs. O'Connell retired from the Internal Revenue Service in Andover, MA in 1979 after a long career as a tax examiner.

Mrs. O'Connell is survived by two sons, Blaine J. and his

wife Patti O'Connell of Maineville, OH and Tiverton, RI and Bruce G. and his wife Tricia O'Connell of Worcester, MA, a

niece, Claire Cavanaugh of Methuen, MA, seven grandchildren, Kevin, Kathleen Judkins, Bruce, Elizabeth Tivnan, Kerry Trotto, Sean and Daniel, and nine great-grandchildren, Abigail, Katelyn, Zachary, Shaughnessy, Quinn, Mathew, Davis, Aubrey and Carolina.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral was Dec. 1 at the Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen, MA. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Notre Dame Long Term Care Center, 559 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.dewhurstfuneral.com](http://www.dewhurstfuneral.com).



## Kathleen E. Melia, 75

Kathleen E. Melia, 75, a resident of North Andover, MA, passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at the Mary Immaculate Nursing Home surrounded by her family.

Born in Lawrence, Kathleen was a graduate of St. Mary's High School and the Lawrence General School of Nursing. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Boston College, and then went on to receive her Master's Degree from Boston University. Kathleen retired as Director of Nursing at the Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover in 1996.

The daughter of the late Edward G. and Kathleen E. (Shannon) Melia, members of

Kathleen's family include her sister: Margaret M. Kleven of North Andover, MA; and

brothers: Dr. Martin J. Melia and his wife Frances of Andover, MA, Edward G. Melia and his wife Jayne of Redondo Beach, CA, Laurence P. Melia and his wife Jane of North Andover, MA, and Robert L. Mason and his wife Doris of Andover. She is also survived by a brother-in-law: Thomas P. Middleton of Andover; as well as 17 nieces and nephews and 17 grandnieces and grandnephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A Funeral Mass was Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 in St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lawrence, MA. Burial was in the Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover, MA.



## Kids and Grief Support Group

Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice is sponsoring a Kids and Grief Support Group for children ages 6-12 at the Franklin School, 14 Franklin St., Melrose.

The next support group for children begins Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2012 and meets for seven sessions: Jan. 12 and 26; Feb. 9; March 2, 16 and 30; and April 13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

A parents and caregivers support group meets at the same time.

The group provides a safe place for children to not only express their feelings, but also to share memories, meet new friends, and learn how to process their grief.

Registration is required to attend the first meeting. For information or to register, call Judy Seifert at 781-338-7861.

## RELIGION

### 'Welcoming Faiths' group formed

A new coalition of Merrimack Valley faith

communities whose purpose is to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ) worshippers has been formed.

LGBTQ Welcoming Communities of Faith, also known as Welcoming Faiths, aims to promote equality and inclusivity of LGBTQ individuals and families of faith locally.

Spearheaded by the Committee for Open Dialogue of Andover's South Church, the coalition currently includes eight other member congregations: Ballard Vale United Church, the Parish of Christ Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation and West Parish Church in Andover; North Parish Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in North Andover; Christ Church United, Lowell; and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Haverhill.

For more information, contact: [welcomingfaiths@gmail.com](mailto:welcomingfaiths@gmail.com).

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# Opinion

## Addressing hazing

Andover's top educators are trying to use the recent, shocking hazing allegations against some Andover High basketball players as a chance for the school community to discuss ways to make the Andover schools safer, more caring places for all. The community can show a great deal of character if it is able to do so.

We said last week that students and their parents bear the primary responsibility for their actions, and for properly dealing with negative actions. How people deal with their mistakes is often more important than making the mistakes themselves. But the schools must do their part in showing there are consequences for bad behavior, and that hazing has no place in our society. So far, the school system has acted swiftly and, it would seem, appropriately. After investigating and concluding that hazing did occur at a summer camp, the school system handed down punishment. Sources have told Eagle-Tribune Publishing that the ringleaders are expected to be expelled and other involved students suspended.

Now, Superintendent Marinel McGrath and Principal Tom Sharkey are talking with students and parents about ways to improve the school community and engage students in conversation. McGrath told parents in a letter "we would like to highlight with you that any incident which involves bullying behavior represents a valuable 'teachable moment' both at home and at school to talk about how very important it is to stand up for a classmate when they are being mistreated. The people who have the most power in any bullying situation are the people who are witness to the behavior."

Sharkey said he intended to tell the kids Tuesday that they should feel free to report incidents free of fear of retaliation and retribution. In what would seem to be a nod to also support students on the team who acknowledge they made a mistake, he said he would also relate that "consequences for [bad] decisions happen, but recognition that everyone makes mistakes should lead to forgiveness and caring."

The recent news has been disturbing and should not be downplayed. The Andover community should continue to talk about the issues to prove to impressionable students that Andover adults do not approve or look the other way.

Andover schools have long had anti-bullying campaigns. Groups such as Parent to Parent have for years offered programs to educate parents on some of the dangerous activities many of their kids get involved with as teenagers. Over the years, these programs have not always been well attended. One of the Parent to Parent programs used to be called "Not my kid, not in Andover," a reference to parents who pull the wool over their own eyes, refusing to believe that their kids could ever do something wrong.

Especially given the recent developments, we hope parents are paying attention and talking to their children about responsible behavior. With everyone's attention grabbed, is an opportune time for leaders to truly involve students, parents and others in discussion and action toward creating a place where hazing is less likely to happen again.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support or oppose teachers going on Work To Rule, and not working beyond the terms of their contracts?

- Yes, I support it.
- No, I don't.
- I don't know, or I have no opinion.

expect it, but I recognize such things are possible: 69 votes, 27.6 percent.

■ Somewhat: I was shocked by the details, but I suspected hazing takes place: 62 votes, 24.8 percent.

■ Hardly: I figured some hazing happens, but some specifics are unexpected: 43 votes, 17.2 percent.

■ Not at all: I knew or suspected this was a part of student life: 38 votes, 15.2 percent.

■ Completely: I never thought something like this was possible in our community: 35 votes, 14 percent.

■ I don't know, or I haven't yet come to a decision on this topic: 3 votes, 1.2 percent.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "How surprised are you by the hazing allegations that came forward about current Andover High basketball players?" With 250 people responding, the answers were:

- Very: I certainly didn't

## LETTER FROM MODERATOR

Editor, Townsman:

Being the town moderator almost always finds me in a position to hold back on my opinions with regard to issues that are or may come before the Town Meeting. I try very hard to stay as neutral as possible.

I find myself now in a position to comment, after the fact, on the Town Meeting held Monday evening. There was an outpouring of attendance of well over 1,800 people trying to get into an auditorium built for 1,229. Regardless of what side of the issues the voters came to take, it was amazing to watch the democratic process unfold. With the threat of having to postpone the meeting to another night in a larger venue, I was very gratified at all who rallied around me to find a way to make the process work.

I want to acknowledge everyone from the police and fire chiefs, to the town

clerk and his staff, to the maintenance staff at the high school to the AV staff that whipped into action and helped assure the meeting would go forward.

Voters showed patience as we delayed the start of the meeting. People grabbed chairs to set them up, and were willing to go to the satellite location. We all witnessed democracy in action. We all saw, for the most part, the best of what our town is about, the respectful discourse, and the value and power of a single vote.

I continue to believe the Town Meeting process is, at its core, a sound form of town government for Andover. As was taught to me by my predecessor, we all have a vote at Town Meeting. Each of us votes by our presence and by our absence. Monday night, it was so nice to see, so many vote by their presence.

SHEILA M. DOHERTY  
 Juniper Road

## SOUNDS OF THE SEASON



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Mary and David Gould hold candles as they sing Christmas carols at the Christmas tree lighting at the Ballardvale Green on Sunday. The small park is near the intersection of Andover and Center streets, around the corner from the Ballardvale commuter rail station.

## School Committee's focus is cost, not education

Jennifer Meagher

The Andover School Committee recently published a letter about the state of teacher contract negotiations. I was left scratching my head at how unreasonable those teachers sounded. Then I remembered the rest of the story.

Let me take you through the School Committee's proposal from the teacher perspective.

**1. High School:** The School Committee has been trying to add a sixth class to the high school teaching load for many years. When Andover shifted to the block schedule in 1997, teachers agreed to do so only if the teaching load would not increase. To teach well requires time and a manageable caseload of students. Transitioning to the block was a School Committee initiative; the purpose was to meet Department of Education "time on learning" requirements, so members agreed to limit the course load.

From the non-educator's point of view, our schedule does not make sense. If we can teach three courses one semester, why can't we teach three courses both semesters? The simple reason is that teaching three 82-minute blocks per day, every day is utterly exhausting and not sustainable for an entire school year while maintaining the instructional standards that are common practice in Andover. Thus, the result would be diminished quality.

In addition, the committee wants to reduce the time we have to prepare lessons, grade work and communicate with parents. It seems that in their minds these tasks are a waste of tax dollars and can be done during a teacher's personal time. Though they claim there is an academic problem with the current block schedule, there is no evidence to support this. English MCAS scores for 10th graders have never been higher. We are 21st in the state out of over 300 districts and our school consistently earns awards and grants in a variety of disciplines.

The goal of the push for a new schedule is clear: reduce staff, thereby

reducing cost. Any reduction of adults in that building would frankly be unsafe. We are already seeing frightening trends in student behavior associated with large, depersonalized schools.

**2. Middle school:** The committee would like to redefine middle school planning time to allow for more administrative oversight. What would you rather your child's teacher be doing, reading your child's story or poem or analyzing MCAS data?

**3. Elementary:** The committee originally wanted to reduce planning time at elementary schools. This goal was articulated by Paula Colby-Clements at the Oct. 6 committee meeting. The community has spoken loudly: elementary planning time is not for sale. (I'm not sure why it continues to be at the high school level. Are teenagers less valuable? Less vulnerable?)

**4. Professional development:** It appears Superintendent Marinel McGrath is no fan of our program, which has earned statewide recognition as an exceptional model. The superintendent's complaint is that our teachers are learning from each other. She has referred to the yoga course recently led by an Andover faculty member as evidence of eroded quality. Yet there was sound educational research and benefits presented to justify the course. It was overwhelmingly approved by the joint teacher/administration Staff Development Committee, and the committee was so impressed with the course, they ran it for a second year. In addition, teachers who took the course, particularly at the elementary level, report using the techniques daily in classrooms.

The School Committee and the superintendent would prefer Andover educators earn professional development credits in graduate courses at accredited colleges and universities. This sounds great in theory, but is something few teachers could afford. From young teachers with a good deal of debt, to the more seasoned teachers who have families and often second jobs, such a requirement would make continuing education nearly impossible. To offset this cost, the committee

offers reimbursement of less than the cost of one graduate course per person per year with a system-wide cap. The result would be stagnant professional development.

**5. Proposed salary increases:** A 5-percent "cost of living" increase over a four-year contract amounts to a 1.25-percent increase per year. If approved, it would be distributed to benefit the town, by postponing "larger" increases (2 percent) until the latter years. The committee has offered to turn that 2 percent into zeroes if the high school does not implement the staff-reducing schedule change the School Committee wants.

The cost of living for Massachusetts adults with a bachelor's degree was 3 percent last year. We are not talking NBA salaries here. The proposed "increases" will hurt educators, who regularly buy basic school supplies for their classrooms (not to mention mortgages, car payments, gas, food and other such luxury items).

It seems the mindset of the School Committee is to hold teachers hostage at the negotiation table, make them pay for their meager salary increases by forcing them to lay off their colleagues in large numbers, thereby diminishing their ability to deliver services we claim to want delivered superbly.

This School Committee is dedicated to one guiding principal: cost reduction. It slashed the high school special education program. It has almost entirely eliminated middle school counseling. Music and art is primarily happening in private lessons, for children who live in households able to provide them. The responsibility of these essential programs is riding on the backs of fewer dedicated adults who teach music and art to larger numbers of kids. It seems foreign language instruction is headed down the same road. If you want your child to learn something other than Spanish, start looking for a tutor.

The vision seems to be "Back to Basics" with the funding to match.

Jennifer Meagher is an Andover High School English teacher and the teachers union vice president. A longer version of this column appears online.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Consultant: Andover High block schedule has its downside

Editor, Townsman:

I write in response to the letter of Lauren Ream, social studies teacher, warning Andover of "what will be lost if the block schedule were eliminated" ("Schedule, planning time give students the edge," Nov. 17).

I am an independent education consultant who guides students attending many schools including Andover High. I am very familiar with various types of high school schedules. Contrary to what Ream implied, many of those school systems also use long block classes of varying lengths. Andover's uniqueness lies in the fact that Andover High has a SEMESTER block schedule. Each semester is the equivalent of an entire year for a specific subject. I have observed students assigned a Spanish class first semester of freshman year and no Spanish again until second semester sophomore year, with an entire year off in between. This happens with math and other courses. Students with attention deficit issues have particular difficulty staying focused in 82-minute classes. If a student is ill for a week, the learning loss is equivalent to two weeks. I have observed students fall way behind especially during winter flu season.

I see no evidence that my students who have attended high schools in Wayland, Weston, Wellesley, Lexington, Lincoln-Sudbury and Bedford that do not employ a semester block system are any less accomplished or

taking fewer AP courses. Indeed many first time AHS families are perplexed by the unusual schedule and do not understand how to optimize it. The claim that AHS students "have a distinct advantage in the college application process" is extremely questionable. There are so few school systems nationwide employing the block semester system, that the Collegeboard holds AP examinations only once per year (in May). Andover High has to juggle its schedule to ensure that many APs run on an "every other day" basis all year, to fit this national examination schedule.

I understand each high school teacher teaches three classes of 82 minutes one semester, and two classes of 82 minutes for the other semester. Since the actual teaching period is significantly shorter compared to most other high schools, it necessitated hiring more teachers to teach the same number of students, raising the costs of an Andover High education. It is imperative to use our limited resources as efficiently as possible.

If Ream is acknowledging the block "is a challenge for us to teach," maybe it is time to try something new, perhaps a yearlong system such as is used by Andover's equally successful high school neighbors, a system that worked well in 1996 and 1997 when my two daughters graduated from Andover High School.

MARY KELLEHER  
 Education Consultant  
 16 Hidden Road

A longer version of this letter appears online.

### Adults related to team should be accountable in hazing

Editor, Townsman:

Please hold those Andover High school officials involved in last summer's Hoop Mountain basketball camp responsible for their failure to protect the young athletes who were subjected to such humiliating and abusive hazing. Pressure the school district to severely discipline or even fire the supervising adults who failed to prevent such outrageous criminality. Most hazing is criminal in nature.

If you attended an Andover high school basketball game and found out that someone on the school's staff or a student working for the school had put "human body fluids" in your soft drink or on your popcorn during the game, you'd be rightly outraged and have ethical and legal grounds to sue the school and the individuals involved. Criminal charges could be made as well.

Go after the adults who failed in their responsibility in this detestable hazing incident. Make the schools in Andover safe for all kids. Hazing has no place in any school just as it has no place in the work environment. Children are entitled to the same protection under the law as adults when it comes to human rights and criminal assault. In fact, because they are just kids, they deserve more protection.

ROBERT MCKINNEY  
 Winona, Mo.

### Debt crisis failure

Editor, Townsman:

One look at the members of the Super Committee and you immediately knew its doomed-to-failure outcome.

Democrats want to increase taxes on the wealthy. Republicans oppose tax hikes. To their credit, the GOP recognizes that the deficit dilemma is a spending problem not a revenue problem. It offered several spending-cut proposals...and one agreeing to tax hikes.

The Democrats rejected their proposals but offered no solutions of their own. Their stonewalling enabled the president to blame the committee's failure on a "do-nothing" Congress.

Our elected officials seem to think taxpayers can't see the game they play. It's the same game they play when any important decision needs to be made. Republicans cave. Democrats do nothing. The president blames the Republicans.

The Super Committee failed because a do-nothing Congress, led by a do-nothing president, does not have taxpayers' best interests at heart. Their concern is politics, and their future in it. As long as a Republican House and a Democratic Senate exist nothing will get done in the name of American citizens.

Once again our politicians have proven themselves worthy of these lyrics from the '70s Stealers Wheel hit: "Clowns to the left... Jokers to the right..." And, once again the taxpayer is "Stuck in the Middle."

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## TOWN TALK

### Young musician in BYSO family concert

Andover musician Jessica Wang, 11, will play the flute as part of a family holiday concert by the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Intensive Community Program. The group's annual holiday concert is Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Media Arts Center at Roxbury Community College.

This is a free concert and is open to the public. Call 617-353-5530 or visit BYSOweb.org for more information.

### Advisory on river mercury levels

The Merrimack and Shawsheen rivers that run through Andover are two of the 124 waterways in Massachusetts that have advisories for mercury pollution, according to the latest government data outlined in a new report from Environment Massachusetts.

"It's alarming," said Andover Director of Health Tom Carbone. "Mercury is poison and can cause problems."

Carbone explained that mercury is a heavy sediment. It falls to the bottom of the rivers, and bottom-feeding fish can eat the sediment. If

those fish are caught and people eat them, it's dangerous.

"We've known about this problem, especially in the Merrimack, for years," he said.

The advisories instruct citizens to be aware and limit their consumption of certain fish from Massachusetts waterways. Environment Massachusetts describes itself as a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization.

### Glee in the afternoon

An afternoon of a cappella artists will highlight the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's annual First Light celebration. The community-wide Hanukkah event and family concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 11 at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggitts Pond Road, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at mvjf.org or by calling 978-688-0466.

### Calling all history buffs

"Andover in the Civil War" by Andover historian Joan Patrakis is now available for \$9.99 in e-book format at several web sites such as Amazon (on the Kindle), Barnes & Noble (on the Nook), Apple's

iBookstore (on the iPad) and Google's eBookstore.

Paperback copies of the book are available at these sites for \$21.99. Signed copies can be purchased at Andover Historical Society.

### West Parish outdoor Christmas Pageant with live animals

Members of West Parish Church will work with live animals to present their 33rd Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant next Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Congregation members will perform as Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem. This annual reenactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals.

### Marine graduates Parris Island

Private Ethan L.F. Davis, son of Richard Davis and Victoria Vasquez of Andover, is home on 10 days leave, following his graduation on Dec. 2 from Marine basic training



Ethan Davis is in town briefly following his graduation from USMC basic training.

at Parris Island, S.C.

He will attend a five week Marine combat training course at Camp LeJeune, N.C. later this month, after which he will attend Military Occupational Specialties Artillery School in Fort Sill, Okla.

Davis is a 2010 graduate of Andover High School.

### Real rabbit role

Boston Children's Theatre will stage the beloved children's classic The Velveteen Rabbit with the help of 12-year-old Teresa Dell'Anno of Andover in the role of Rabbit 2.

A seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, Teresa has performed in several school plays including "Alice in Wonderland" and "Gulliver's Travels" She has also appeared with Children's Stage Adventures in "Excalibur," "The Princess and the Pea," and "Midsummer's Night Dream," according to a release.

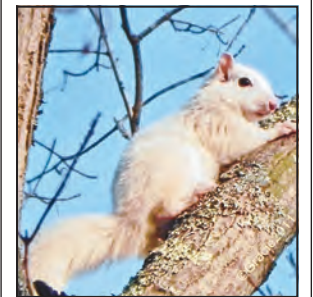
The Velveteen Rabbit will be performed at the Roberts Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., Boston, on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18. All performances are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

### Dancers tapped into NECC

Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program presented the Sunset Tappers on Dec. 1 in the David Hartleb Technology Center, Haverhill Campus.

The Sunset Tappers, led by Audrey Nason of Andover, is an adult group

### I spy...



MaryAnne Doyle said she saw a white squirrel twice during November, in West Parish Cemetery.

of tap dancers ranging in age from 52 to 85. This tap dancing group was organized in 2003 by the Andover Senior Center as a great way to exercise. The group has now expanded and they dance together weekly year round. They also perform and entertain extensively throughout the New England area with their tap dancing routines.

They will be performing their Christmas tap routine at Northern Essex. Life Long Learning is a program of lectures, study groups, and trips for adults. All programs are open to the public.

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People gather around to sing carols at the Christmas tree lighting in the Ballardvale section of Andover. MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

## Andover has made holiday season bright

**Bill Dalton**



over 60 years ago.

Andover first illuminated the downtown with Christmas lights at 6:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving eve, 1951, just a little over 60 years ago. Coincident with the illumination, the fire "whistle" at the old fire station, which was directly behind the Town Hall and is now long gone, let out a long blast. A sparkling and lighted 25-foot tree was in front of the Town House, and every store window was brightly decorated. The center of Andover looked just fabulous and, according to the Andover Townsman, lent a carnival atmosphere to the events. The front page carried the main headline, "Christmas Lights Win Favorable Comments," and the story said that thousands were present, including many out-of-towners, with people standing up to ten deep to watch the parade that followed the lighting.

An editorial in the Townsman titled, "Our Holiday Attire," stated, "Too long has the drab appearance of the center of town at Christmas time been the subject of adverse comment..."

Certainly not drab were the over-sized sashes festooning the lead participants at the lighting. Pictured, sashed and all, in a large front-page photo honoring the event were: Hal Wennick, Roger Whitcomb, Emery Westcott, Charles McCullom, "Stretch" Pearson, James Mosher, Sid White, Bill Doherty, Harold Heseltine, Charles Dalton (my dad), Barbara Folley (drum major of the All Girl Band), J. Everett Collins and Wallace Fiedler. The lighting was a joint project of the new Andover Board of Trade and the slightly older Boosters Club, which was originally formed to replace Punchard High football team's tattered uniforms.

After the parade there was a giant football rally, because the next day, Thanksgiving, Punchard played Johnson, their most ancient rival. Punchard, as many of you know, was what Andover's high school was called for a century; Johnson was North Andover High's old name. Neither team was very good in 1951, with Punchard winning only one game, but the rivalry was so intense that the game was watched by 2,000 people in the stands and crowding the sidelines at the Playstead's football field. The "Playstead" name

is not used much in recent years, although that area, still used, was officially given that name in 1911, a year after the town bought the land east-southeast of what is now the municipal office building but which was then Punchard High School in order to build athletic fields. In the game, Johnson scored in the final minute to win 14 to 12, but even the losing Punchard side admitted the game was a rouser.

Before 1951, there was an exciting, though less commercial event called the Fireman's Ball, and it was held each Thanksgiving eve. Phid Dantos, one of my favorite people, called me last week and described going to several Fireman Balls in the 1940s when he teenager. Before the event the streets were full of people walking to the Ball, and it was a crowded event that started out with people watching entertainment in the then fairly-new Memorial Auditorium. The star of the show was Chris Murphy, an amazing tap dancer, Phid said, and people cheered loudly when Murphy performed. Following the entertainment, the wall separating the auditorium from the gymnasium, which was behind the stage, was pushed to the sides, and people danced in the gym, a place that held many Punchard High School proms, dances, and other events, as well as varsity basketball and the old church league basketball games.

The highlight of the dance was when Fred and Anna Yancy jitterbugged, while the other dancers moved to the sides to watch and cheer them. Phid's memory of these events is vivid and happy, and he spoke of them in glowing terms. Perhaps it was a different kind of brightness than the kickoff of the commercial Christmas that occurred in 1951 and perhaps it was drabber that the colored Christmas lights that crisscrossed the downtown streets, but Andover knew how to celebrate long before Christmas lights.

The first Holiday Season parade, held 60 years ago, was put together by a commercial enterprise hired for the event. Soon, the Andover Firefighters would take control of the parade and did a terrific job, the result being the annual Santa Parade, and it is the most exciting event Andover has each holiday season.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.

## 'Smallest tree' again draws gathering

Dozens gathered for the annual tree lighting on the Ballardvale Green the past Sunday, Dec. 4, shortly after sunset.

Holiday songs were sung by candlelight, with some youth using the candles to roast and melt marshmallows for their hot chocolate.

The annual event is sponsored by Ballardvale neighbors, the Ballardvale Historic District Commission and Coldwell Banker Realty.



Kaley Romansik, 7, lights her candle from the master candle at the tree lighting on the Ballardvale Green.



Emma Reilly, left, and Paige Gillette, center, collect candy canes.



Emma Reilly, left, and Gianna Coppola roast mini marshmallows over their candles.



Leo Greene, right, laughs as he joins Steve and Diane Derby as they assemble battery-powered candles before the tree lighting.



People gather to sing carols.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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### 100 Years Ago - Dec. 8, 1911

In the case of Fran Hammell, the inmate of the Town Farm who was killed on the tracks of the B&M Railroad on November 12, the finding of the Associate Judge Chandler in the inquest was that no blame for Hammell's death can be attached to the engineer, as it was shown that the victim saw both trains approaching but miscalculated the distance to the rails.

Miss Mable Weeks of this town has resigned her position as head stenographer and bookkeeper for

the Manning Shoe and Rubber company of Boston, where she has been employed since giving up her position in the Lowell Commercial College.

The new swimming pool at Phillips Academy was opened on Saturday afternoon. It is planned to hold an interclass swimming meet.

### 75 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 1936

A human chain was successful in pulling 13-year-old Francis Donovan of Center street out of the Shawsheen river above Parker's Wharf in the Vale last Saturday. Converse Parker held out a branch to the boy, and he in turn

was held by Harold Evans, with Earl Townsend, Fred Kidd and George Lawrence completing the chain.

Drains on the town's \$15,000 reserve fund because of the flood emergency and heavy welfare expenses have been so great this year that the school committee, which on Tuesday night voted to ask for a transfer of \$3,000 from the fund, will have to be satisfied with less than half that amount.

Roy Cheney of Summer street, watchmaker at Billings Jewelry store, was removed Tuesday morning to the Lawrence General Hospital here he underwent an

operation for appendicitis. He is improving rapidly.

### 50 Years Ago - Dec. 7, 1961

"I'm glad someone's finally telling what's happening to us." That was the comment this week of one woman, whose home is being taken by the state for Route 495. She told the Townsman that of three houses in one grouping, the owner of the one in the center hasn't received any offer from the state; the other two owners have been in negotiations with the state and have received eviction notices.

Photo of Lowell Steet Detour: Installation of a big drainage pipe

near Greenwood road has resulted in Lowell street being shut off for through traffic. The five-foot pipe is being installed on top of other service pipes already in the street and causes them to be lowered.

### 25 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 1986

A new contract with the Andover Education Association, which represents the teachers of Andover, was ratified by the School Committee. In the area of wages, first year teachers will get a 5 percent pay increase, while second and third year teachers will get a 5 percent

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**NOVEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAY**



**Emika Dollard**

Emika Paige Dollard celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 25. "Emika was born last Thanksgiving and we are so thankful for the joy and love she brings all her family," said her family.

Emika is the daughter of Christopher and Akari Dollard of Malden. Her grandparents are Paul and Joan Dollard of Andover and Paul and Hikaru Matsunaga of Elk Grove, Calif. Emika's great grandmothers are Yoko Yada of California and Teruko Matsunaga of Tokyo, Japan.

Emika has a great time dancing with her 3-year-old brother, Noah.

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**Boomer Bridge, Let's Play:** Mondays to Feb. 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; 9 weeks for \$150. Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL/ABTA accredited instructor. This intermediate bridge class examines bidding, playing and defending interesting hands.

**Mindful Meditation:** Tuesdays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 14; 7:30 to 8 a.m.; 6 sessions for \$12. The practice of meditation soothes and refreshes mind,

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**Boomer Zumba:** Thursdays, Dec. 8 to Feb. 16; 3:30 p.m.; 11 classes for \$60; Cardio fitness with a Latin flair. Dance to Afro-Caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop. Katie Pina, Instructor.

**Serenity Yoga, for Beginners:** Thursdays, Dec. 8 to Feb. 16; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; 10 classes for \$55; Relaxing, basic yoga practice with a series

of gentle postures to build strength, balance and flexibility. Geared for beginners and returning yoga students. Just bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Pat DuMont, certified yoga instructor.

**Stress and Your Body:** Thursdays, Jan. 4 to Feb. 16; 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.; 7 weeks \$18. Explore the nuts and bolts of the stress-response system and its effects on the body while learning powerful tools to cope with this common aspect of a busy life.

Registration is now open. All programs require pre-registration here at 30 Whittier Court, or download form and send to 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810, c/o BoomerVenture. Checks made payable to The Town of Andover. Fitness classes require a yearly health form. All events located at 30 Whittier Court., ground floor.

For more information, drop by the Andover Senior Center or visitboomerventure.com

**ABC starts new Thanksgiving tradition**



Students from the Andover A Better Chance and other local ABC programs gathered for an early Thanksgiving celebration that included some drumming.

Thanksgiving came early at the Andover ABC house this year when local ABC scholars hosted ABC students from surrounding area programs at what organizers hope will be an annual Thanksgiving celebration, held at the Log Cabin at Phillips Academy. Over 20 ABC scholars from the Masconomet (Topsfield), Winchester, Wellesley and Andover programs gathered to celebrate the season and make connections through food and fun. Andover supplied the turkey and stuffing and the other programs brought desserts, beverages and traditional side dishes.

After dinner, local storyteller and drumming circle leader Jane Gossard lead the students in a drumming circle.

"It was a lot of fun," said Felicia Reyes, junior at Andover ABC.

The idea for a celebration came from current Resident Director Audra Reilly after she attended a local A Better Chance Community school conference over the summer. Last year, the Winchester program invited Andover scholars to go bowling.

"All of these opportunities allow our students to connect with others and it becomes more comfortable for them each time they get together," Mary Pritchard, president of Andover ABC, said in a release. The scholars headed home to their own homes and family Thanksgiving celebrations for the weekend.

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increase Steps 1 through 12, with a maximum of six-and one-half percent.

Last week Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney met with Congressman Chester Atkins to show representatives of Emerson College alternate sites for relocation. Emerson originally planned to move their campus to Lawrence with dormitories located in Andover.

Photo: Joining in the parade by the Andover firefighters Sunday afternoon, were wives of the sponsors, wearing various fruited costumes in the parade route. Among the participants were Olga Palenski, wife of retired Lt. Edward Palenski; Jane Gorrie, wife of Scott Gorrie, and Martha Murnane, wife of Deputy Chief Charles Murnane.

**Special guest talks about Homes for Our Troops**

Cub Scouts from Pack 79 recently listened to Andover resident Jay French (center, second from back) speak about the organization Homes for Our Troops, which builds and give homes for free to troops injured in the War on Terror. The Andover Scouts have raised over \$400 for this organization.



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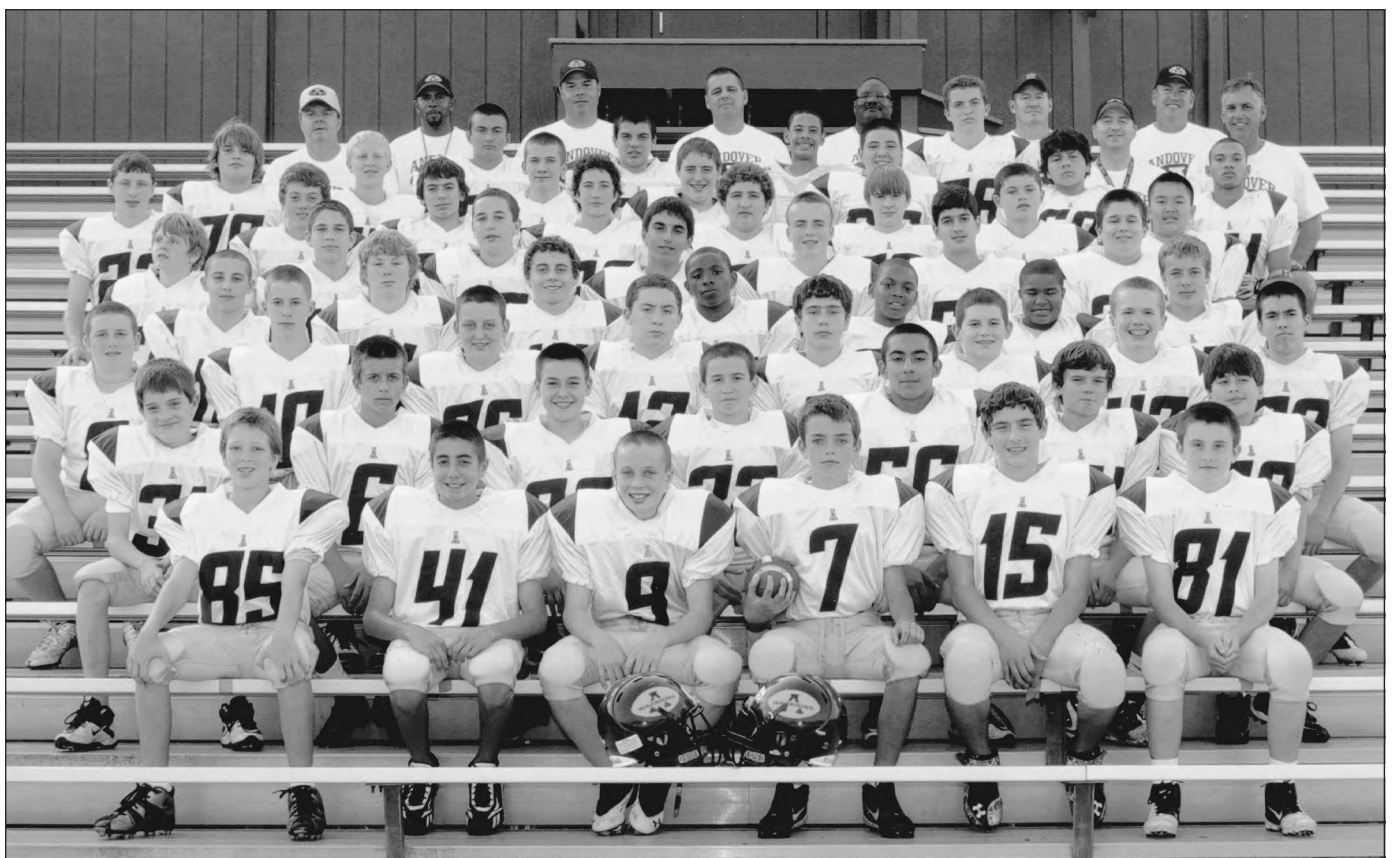
# Sports

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## Two perfect seasons for 8th grade football

The 8th grade Warriors completed their regular season undefeated, 8-0, before going on to win their second straight Super Bowl. The 14-12 Super Bowl victory against Rochester gave Andover an overall undefeated season going 10-0. This is the second undefeated year for the team, making its record for the past two seasons a perfect 21-0. In the playoffs, Andover defeated Souhegan 28-12 in the Northeast Jr. High Football League Divisional Championship game to secure its Super Bowl spot.

The team included, as pictured: Dillon Aisenberg, Charlie Alagero, Tommy Atkins, Kris Augustine, Myles Bagley, Max Beati, Miles Branscombe, Jordan Burger, Matt Burke, Aleck Chen, Anthony Christopher, Griffin Clark, Mikey Comeau, Thomas Dalimonte, Pete Dankert, Robbie Delaus, Josh Dunagan, Devin Duncan, Derek Dutton, Ollie Eberth, Ryan Flanagan, Jack Fortune, Kevin Giribaldi, Pat Goad, David Gordon, Sebastian Hamori, Jack Hughes, Arman Koul, Cam Leeman, Alexander Marshall, Brandon Marti, Pat Meagher, DJ Minor, Tommy Miyachi, Charlie Mosher, Tommy Murphy, Dylan Norris, James Perkins, Dan Perrone, Alex Pollack, Dillon Preston, Jonathan Rodriguez, John Romano, Pat Schena, Andrew Silvestro, Jared Smith, Matt Soares, Andrew Soucy, Matt Stamas, Josh Tarricone, Gabriel Toledo Maciel, Luke Washburn, Kyle Welch, Perry Winn, and Davide Yezpez. Coaches included Head Coach Kevin Lynch and assistants William Bagley, Gavin Evans, Chris Fortune, Michael Hamori, Tim Leeman, Don Minor, Jim Stamas and Alan Wynn.



The Andover 8th Grade Football Team won the 2011 combined NJHFL/Seacoast Football League Super Bowl 14-12 in an overtime thriller against Rochester.



From left, Viraaj Penamatsa, organizer Andrej Samardzic James Hoar and John Hoar at the home of Joan Ashlock.

## Tennis players pitch in to serve up new courts

Facing a yard full of leaves team uniforms. Joan Ashlock responded to a flyer from members of the Andover High School boys tennis team last week. The teens were willing to rake leaves to raise money to help refurbish the Andover High tennis courts and buy new

“The four young men appeared rakes, tarps, and muscle ready at the prescribed time,” wrote Ashlock. “If you have leaves still needing raking I recommend you contact Andrej at Drdrej@hotmail.com.”

### AROUND THE HORN

#### Skyhawk standout

Andover High graduate Kirsten Arvidson is making a name for herself on the volleyball courts at Stonehill College. The sophomore right-side hitter was selected to the NE-10 All-Conference third team and is among the top Skyhawks in several categories.

Arvidson notched her first career honor while ranking first on the team in blocks per set and second in total kills and kills per set. Arvidson is ninth overall in the NE-10 in total blocks and block assists and has posted double-digit kills in 16 matches through the first week of November. Arvidson also has recorded three or more total blocks in 14 matches.

With her help, Stonehill College earned its first ever trip to the NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Tournament after receiving the fifth seed in the East Region. Although Stonehill dropped its NE-10 semifinal matchup at Merkert Gymnasium, Arvidson helped lead the attack for Stonehill. She had a match-high 12 kills, with just three errors on 23 total attacks (.391).

#### Austin volleyball MVP from Andover

Maura Green of Andover received the Volleyball MVP Award during the Fall Athletic Award Ceremonies at Austin



Maura Green



Kirsten Arvidson makes a play in the game against Stonehill College.

Preparatory School. Maura, a senior at the school in Reading, was one of the team captains this season and was presented with the award by Head Coach Lou Polan.

#### New Special Olympics basketball program in town

Special Olympics Massachusetts announces the formation of a new unified basketball program in Andover, the Andover Rising Stars. “The unified program is open to female and male athletes, aged 8-21 years old, who have a diagnosed cognitive or physical disability. Unified sports programs include a mixture of athletes who have a diagnosed disability and mentors in the same age group who play along with the athletes to model skills, strategies, and rules of the game. Our goal is to help athletes realize their

potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience better health, joy and friendship,” according to a release. “This program is proud to include coaches with years of experience coaching youth basketball and who are certified by Special Olympics to coach athletes who qualify for the unified sports program. We are also very fortunate to have Donna McManus, adaptive physical eEducation teacher here in the Andover Public Schools as a part of our team.”

People interested in being a part of the program as an athlete, mentor or coach, or seeking more information, can contact andrisingstars@yahoo.com or go to the group's Facebook page and click on “like” to receive program updates to your Facebook page.

Practices are being held Tuesday nights 6:30 until 8:00 at the Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road in Andover.

Practices will continue on Tuesday nights until the state tournament is held in Worcester on March 10 and 11, 2012.

Andover has a similar program called the Andover Golden Eagles but the Rising Stars program is unrelated, according to Jeannette Angles.

#### Sophomore swimmer wins two for Bentley

Andover High School graduate Peter Belanger won two individual events en route to qualifying for the NCAA Division II Championships as Bentley University topped Gordon College, 164-70, in men's college swimming at the Dana Center pool.

Belanger's wins came in the 100 fly (57.85) and the 100 freestyle (51.91).

#### Quill writes her ticket to state meet

On Nov. 12 and 13 the girls gymnastics team out of A2 Gym and Cheer in Pelham, N.H. competed at the Judges Cup in Brentwood, N.H. Several members scored personal bests according to a release. Madison Quill of Andover, Mass. scored an 8.0 on bars, 8.55 on beam, 7.9 on floor, 8.45 on vault and 33.0 in the AA qualifying her for the State Championship Meet.

#### Price signs letter of intent

Nick Price, a senior midfielder at Brewster Academy, signed a national letter of intent to play lacrosse at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

A First Team All-Conference lacrosse selection in 2010 and 2011 for Andover High School, Price scored 60 goals and added 22 assists in 36 games for the Warriors over the last two seasons.

He is playing his senior season at Brewster Academy this year.

Price, son of Robert and Daryl Price of Andover, will enroll at University of Vermont in the fall of 2012.

#### Oteri to play MC lax

Tim Oteri of Andover High School has committed to play lacrosse at Merrimack College (NCAA Division 2), according to Home Grown Lacrosse, a provider of lacrosse leagues, academy teams, camps and clinics.

Merrimack went 11-6 in 2011, reaching the Northeast-10 Championship for the second straight season. Bryan Brazil, owner of Home Grown Lacrosse, was named one of the team's assistant coaches for the 2011-2012 season. Currently, Home Grown Lacrosse has 21 high school seniors playing on its academy teams.

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