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Emily Brownholtz, a junior at Andover High School, said she opposes the Work-to-Rule action being used by teachers, seen in the background with signs as they leave at the end of the contractual day. She and a number of other students have created Students for Action and an online petition asking the School Committee and Andover Education Association to settle their differences quickly.

Youth petition calls for compromise

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

As contact talks between the School Committee and Andover's teachers become more contentious, the voice of those caught in the middle is taking shape.

A student group calling itself Students for Action had gathered 223 signatures as of Monday on a petition asking the School Committee and Andover Education Association "for a timely and effective solution, which maintains the high standard of education that Andover is known for."

Andover teachers have been working under their previous

'Students for Action' demand union, School Committee end stalemate

contract for 18 months, and have voted to support so-called Work to Rule, which means they are unlikely to do work not specified in their contract.

"We are going to be the ones living with it for the rest of our lives," said Emily Brownholtz, an Andover High junior. "The School Committee and teachers need to figure out what they are doing, because the lack of decision-making that is going on is affecting the students."

Available online through the

website Change.org, the petition states "this conflict has become a problem and a distraction within the school system. We simply ask for both parties to redouble their efforts to reach an acceptable compromise, keeping in mind that the lack of decisions being made by both sides greatly impacts the students."

So long as the talks go on and teacher-supported Work-to-Rule

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Sen. Finegold opponent: Rep. Adams

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

One year after taking office as a state representative, Andover Rep. Paul Adams has set his eyes on another position: the senate seat occupied by state Sen. Barry Finegold, also of Andover.

Adams announced last Thursday, Feb. 2, that he will challenge Finegold (D-Andover), labeling him a tax-and-spender.

Adams, 30, a freshman

Republican who lives on High Street, was elected to the 17th Essex House seat after beating Democrat Patricia Commane of Andover in the Nov. 2, 2010 election. That representative seat serves parts of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury, but the seat will change with redistricting, forcing Adams to move to remain in the district.

Adams did not return phone calls from the

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Five square off for selectmen

No one opposes school incumbents

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Five residents will compete for two selectmen seats in March, and no one will oppose the two incumbents up for reelection on the School Committee.

The window to run for office closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Residents will vote on March 27.

SELECTMEN: 2 SEATS FOR 3 YEARS

Only one of the five residents signed up to compete for the Board of Selectmen

this spring is an incumbent: Brian Major, current chairman. Selectman Ted Teichert recently announced he wasn't going to run for another term, ending his 12 years on the board.

Running for Teichert's empty seat, and also against Major for his seat, are Larry Bruce of 254 Chandler Road, Ann Cobleigh of 21 Magnolia Ave., Dan Kowalski of 24 Enfield Drive and Paul Russell Jr. of 2 Pine Cone Lane.

Both Bruce and Kowalski return to the ballot after competing for an open two-

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Senior help group TAVAH to close at end of month

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

An organization meant to help Andover seniors stay independently in their homes as long as possible has announced that it will end operations at the end of the month.

"Despite our best efforts and a great deal of hard work over many years, we have not achieved the

growth in membership or in donations and foundation support to be a financially viable organization." The Andovers Village at Home Board of Directors wrote in a letter to the Townsman. "While growth has been a challenge, TAVAH has been a lifeline for many people and its loss will reverberate

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Town eyes elderly housing plan

Developer out, but Franciscan area still targeted

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A task force studying elderly housing options for the River Road area will continue its work, despite a healthcare provider withdrawing its plans to develop the land of the St. Francis Retreat Center.

Previously, an official with Continental Wingate Development Company had presented plans for creating around 200 elderly housing units on the retreat center land. Wingate Healthcare



This photo shows the Franciscan Center. The town is considering how it might help encourage elderly housing in the area.

owns a 135-bed elderly housing community on Andover Street and 18 other facilities throughout Massachusetts

and New York.

The project aiming to develop the land helped spawn the town's Franciscan

Overlay Task Force, which

was charged with studying

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT

Andover Democrats to elect delegates to state convention at caucus

Democrats in Andover will be holding a caucus at Memorial Hall Library on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. sharp to elect 17 delegates and three alternates to the 2012 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will select candidates to compete for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senate. The convention will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. The caucus is open to all registered democrats in Andover. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. In the spirit of inclusion, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be "addon" delegates. For more information, contact Patricia Commene at 978-474-6047.



THEN: An ice storm in December 1921 surprised residents and brought down many trees around town.



NOW: A look at present-day 18-20 Summer St. TIM JEAN/Staff photo

February health clinics

The Andover health department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons and Monday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. It will offer senior center clinics on Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 978-623-8295.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

“Unfortunately there is one other social disease that needs attention before we can attack the sinful seven. It is the disease of gossip. — Former superintendent of schools and resident Ken Seifert. Column, page 7.

“You get to see a whole different side of creating a great production. — Michela Caffrey, student director of the Wood Hill Middle School production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Story in Arts & Entertainment, page 12.

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Advertising copy must be in the Townsman office by Monday at 5 p.m.
Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.
No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

Last day to register for primary is Feb. 15

The presidential primary in Massachusetts will be Tuesday, March 6. Polling hours will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 will vote at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road. Precincts 1, 7 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court. The last day and hour to register to vote or to change party affiliation for this election is 8 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 15. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8 p.m. that evening for voter registration. The last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot is noon on Monday, March 5. Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. Voters will be casting their votes for presidential preference, state committee man, state committee woman and town committee for each of Massachusetts three political parties; Democratic, Republican and Green-Rainbow. Voters registered in a political party may only take a ballot for that party. Unenrolled voters, often called Independents, may choose a ballot for any one of the three political parties. Voters enrolled in a political designation other than Democrat, Republican or Green-Rainbow will not be eligible to vote in this election. There will be an election shuttle bus, Modified Route 21, from the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court that will make stops at the Town Offices, Railroad Street apartments and Frye Circle, as well as Andover High School. Questions may be directed to the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

Child abuse prevention effort topic of breakfast

The Andover Service Children, a child sexual abuse prevention initiative. Darkness to Light, a nationally known organization has partnered with the Merrimack Valley YMCA to bring this program to the Executive Director Anne Whalen Merrimack Valley designed to educate adults on how to recognize, prevent and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. The statistics are alarming with 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Members of the club and any other interested organization are invited to participate along with an open invitation to the public to attend as guests. Breakfast begins at 7 a.m. and the program at 7:30am. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Gary Morelli at gmorelli@mvmymca.org.

Learn to stage your house to sell in a down market

Atria Marland Place will host a workshop on making your house marketable and downsizing in a poor economy on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to achieve stress-free transition, including space planning, pre-packing, coordinating the move and more. Get accurate information on neighborhood and take steps to get realistic offers. Presenters are Kate Gron-din, MSW, of Home Transition Resource, and Debbie Pitocchelli of Pitocchelli Real Estate & Insurance. Atria Marland Place is located at 15 Stevens St., Andover. For more information or to RSVP, call 978-475-4225.

CoPAL animal support group invites community to 2012 planning meeting

CoPAL Inc., a three-year-old organization of local community volunteers who support the welfare of animals in the Greater Merrimack Valley and North Shore will hold its 2012 planning meeting on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of Bulger Animal Hospital, 247 Chickering Road (Route 133), North Andover. All are invited to attend and to share with CoPAL your concerns and ideas about promoting animal interests at the local level. Through its Keeping Families Together program, the group has successfully facilitated the creation of the first pet food banks in our area. As a result of this effort, over 10,000 pounds of pet food has been collected and distributed to area residents experiencing economic hard times. CoPAL has also engaged in other animal related activities, including informative cable television shows on such topics as basic and emergency pet care; humane education workshops; and collaboration with groups such as the Girl Scouts to teach and to promote animal welfare. For more information, visit protectanimalslocally.org.

YMCA American Heart Association CPR/AED certification classes

The Merrimack Valley YMCA now offers American Heart Association CPR/AED certification classes to its members and the community. Trainings on the schedule through March are:
■ Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at YMCA Administrative Offices in Lawrence.
■ March 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Andover/North Andover YMCA.
■ March 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at Andover/North Andover YMCA.
Cost is \$60 for Merrimack Valley YMCA members, \$90 for the community. For more information, contact Bobbi Williams at bwilliams@mvmymca.org or 978-685-3541.

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PETITION: Youth urge contract solution

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continues, too much is on the line for Andover's students who need extra help, college recommendations and more, according to Brownholtz.

"I know I can get the best recommendations ever out of some of my teachers," said Brownholtz. "If [Work-to-Rule] continues into next year, I don't know what I'm going to do."

Brownholtz believes any impacts on students today could lead to drastic problems years down the road.

"We are the next generation, and we can't have things messed up in our lives because they are fighting over things that can be settled so easily," said Brownholtz. "Students For Action is not taking a side at all. We are neutral, but we want something to get done."

Many of those signing the petition agree. A month ago, one Andover petition-signer added her own comments about why she put her name on the list. With Work-to-Rule starting during the month of finals, "without the availability of teachers after school, not only for finals, I guarantee my grades will suffer," the student wrote.

"While I do not agree with every point in the proposed contract, I realize that the education of thousands of children are at stake and this ridiculous matter must be resolved for the benefit of all parties," another petition signer wrote.

There is a suggestion that individuals from communities other than Andover are signing the petition, as one person wrote, "Supporting education issues; we have a special public million dollar school in Stockton with 55 at-risk students that needs an audit and oversight."

Asked what she would do if she received a petition with 500 signatures, the

TIMELINE ON TEACHERS CONTRACT

Every three years, the School Committee and Andover Education Association bargain over the terms of the next teachers union contract. Here is how the current contract talks have unfolded:

MARCH 27, 2008: The latest teachers union contract is ratified by a hand vote of around 90 percent of the AEA's members. The deal is retroactive to September 2007, when the previous teachers contract expired.

JUNE 4, 2009: Responding to a request from the School Committee to reopen its contract in order to consider concessions in contractually-outlined pay increases, the AEA votes to decline. Several other Andover unions did make concessions, including the implementation of furlough days to save positions at risk due to budget shortfalls.

SUMMER 2010: The School Committee and AEA meet only four times during the summer to go over the terms of the new contract, which would start at the end of August.

AUGUST 31, 2010: The latest contract covering teachers in Andover expires. Contract negotiations continue directly between the two sides.

WINTER 2011: The School Committee says contract talks between the sides have reached an impasse, and the School Committee calls for a state-appointed mediator to guide contract talks.

FEB. 17, 2011: The first mediation session between the School Committee and AEA is held.

APRIL 17 and 24, 2011: Half-page color advertisements in a Boston paper taken out by the AEA outline cutbacks in Andover's school system while saying that polls indicate "that public schools

are the number one attraction" to potential Andover home buyers.

MAY 5, 2011: Ralph Nader visits Andover High School to speak, paid for by AEA member dues. Posters around the school announced that the event was aimed at encouraging "STUDENT, TEACHER, COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY" although AEA member Matthew Bach says the event was not organized to influence contract negotiations. The event fills less than one-quarter of the Collins Center.

JUNE 9, 2011: Union leadership changes, with outgoing president Tom Meyers passing the torch to Kerry Costello.

SUMMER 2011: The School Committee and AEA meet only twice during the school district's summer vacation.

NOVEMBER 2011: By the middle of the month, both sides express optimism on the direction of contract talks. The School Committee offers a contract proposal to the AEA, and in response the AEA offers a counter-proposal.

DEC. 1, 2011: The AEA votes almost unanimously to start Work-to-Rule on Jan. 3, 2012, the first day back to school after the beginning of the new year. Nine teachers voted against the measure and there was one abstention, according to AEA President Kerry Costello.

DEC. 23, 2011: Jen Meagher, union vice president, circulates a memo to high school teachers on Work-to-Rule. In part, it advises teachers to simplify lessons, build in down time and discusses how they should handle contract discussions in the classroom.

JAN. 3, 2012: Teachers enter Work-to-Rule, beginning their days picketing outside of Andover's public schools and leaving promptly at the end of the contractual work day.

group's goal, AEA President Kerry Costello corrected the question by saying "student signatures."

She said the students' mobilization is powerful.

"The reason you have the gold standard of civil rights, as students, under

the first amendment in the state of Massachusetts is because, in one point in time, three students put on a black arm band to protest a war," said Costello.

"I applaud their efforts to advocate, to educate and to mobilize."

creating a temporary access road to build a new elementary school.

If one of the two plans were to go forward and the project were to face no further delays, construction of the new school would begin no sooner

than June 2012, according to Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman.

If the current appeals were to run their course without any work, the construction would not start until sometime in 2013.

It's a deal - and a future youth center



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

After signing the grant agreement between the Andover Youth Foundation and the town of Andover, foundation members presented the Board of Selectmen a check for \$400,000 - the first money to go toward the construction of the Cormier Youth Center. Pictured, from left, are: Andover Youth Foundation members Andrea Zaines, Diane Costagliola and Brian Lynch, Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Selectmen Alex Vispoli, Ted Teichert and Mary Lyman.

CANDIDATES: No race for moderator

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year seat on the board last March, which was won by Selectman Paul Salafia. In that contest, Salafia had 935 votes, Kowalski had 711 votes and Bruce had 260 votes.

Resident Bob Pokress pulled nomination papers for the seat but later decided not to run.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: SEATS FOR 3 YEARS

Five residents pulled nomination papers for the two School Committee seats facing election, but only two of those prospective candidates returned them: incumbents David Birnbach and Annie Gilbert, the current chairwoman.

The following residents also pulled nomination papers but did not return them by 5 p.m. Tuesday: Joann Gantz-Bendetson of 87 Sunset Rock Road, Alexander Macheras of 266 Chandler Road and Pokress.

Macheras, a Boston College student who just turned 22 at the end of January, said he decided to not run after pulling papers. He said for the time being, he planned on keeping his college education as his No. 1

priority, and that in the future "I'm going to have a lot of chances to go for it."

MODERATOR: NO ONE OPPOSING DOHERTY

Incumbent Moderator Sheila Doherty will run unopposed again. Initially, Bruce also was considering a bid for moderator, but he later decided to run only for the Board of Selectmen.

Had Bruce run, this would have been the first time Doherty faced an opponent since 2007, when she and four other residents competed for the seat. Doherty replaced her father, the late James Doherty, who served as town moderator for 29 years.

STAGGERED TERMS FOR PUNCHARD FREE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

While the town previously elected five members to the board every three years, all in one election, this year the seats will be staggered throughout two three-year seats, two two-year seats and a single one-year seat.

Incumbents Earl Efinger, of 5 Iceland Road and Eric Stubenhaus, of 8 Enfield Drive, are on the ballot for the three-year seats.

Incumbent John Atchinson Jr. of 8 Sutherland Street is vying for the one-year seat.

Replacing Donna Ellsworth and Deborah Moskal, who are both trustees and not running for election this year, are Donald Schroeder of 204 Haggetts Pond Road and Jim Sutton of 14 Farwood Drive.

GREATER LAWRENCE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Marilyn Fitzgerald, of 25 Washington Ave., and the Andover High swim and dive team coach currently represents Andover on the Greater Lawrence Regional School Committee, and she runs unopposed in this year's election.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the Andover Townsman, the story "Baneroft construction to move forward" inaccurately outlined the time line in which construction for the school could start if the town were to pursue

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Obituaries

TAVAH: Set to disband

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for a long time to come.

The board had to come to that very painful decision, said Nancy Mulvey, clerk on the organization's Board of Directors.

TAVAH offered services to senior citizens and those in need throughout Andover and North Andover.

Beacon Hill Village in Boston was the first type of village like this, said Mulvey.

The non-profit organization, which eventually expanded its services into North Andover as well, offered services like transportation, handymen, computer assistance and help around the house for those who needed it, according to Mulvey.

It also maintained a list of trusted service providers — plumbers, carpenters and other workers who were vetted by TAVAH.

Not everybody wants to move into a group setting as their needs increase, said Mulvey.

While TAVAH will cease to operate after Feb. 29, Mulvey thinks that many volunteers with the program will continue helping those who benefited from TAVAH's services.

Some of the things, maybe, will continue because people have made a connection with other people, and if they're volunteering, they may continue volunteering, but we can't guarantee anything we can't guarantee, said Mulvey.

AYS outlines 'Funbruary vacation'

Youth Services

From Tony Lombardi

Join Andover Youth Services during February vacation for a fun filled week of excursions around New England.

Don't hesitate to get on board, as space is limited.

There are also two high school opportunities being offered during the vacation week — a winter camping hike and a skateboard trip to Skater's Edge in Taunton.

To find out more information and to register, visit andoveryouthservices.com and look for the big, green 'Register Now' button.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The current session of after school programs, classes and trips is underway. Cooking,

music, fashion, ping pong and more have been rocking and rolling all around the area.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY SKATE PARK COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the AYS office on Pearson Street.

People who have any questions about our programs or the Youth Services in general, are welcome to contact us by phone, 978-623-8241, email ays@andoverma.gov or swing by 37 Pearson St.

Linda R. Pytka, 63

ANDOVER — Linda R. Pytka, age 63, of Andover, passed away on January 30, 2012, after a brave battle against multiple myeloma that lasted over six years.

Born and raised in Worcester, she was the loving mother of three sons, Jonathan, Brendan, and Justin, and the devoted wife of Stephen M. Pytka.



Beatrice E. Morreo, 85 PEABODY — Beatrice 'Bea' Eleanor (Williams) Morreo, 85, died peacefully Thursday, February 2nd, 2012, surrounded by family at her home in Brooksby Village.

She was the daughter of the late Mamie (Lindholm) and Bill Williams.



Though diminutive in stature, Bea had a giant of a smile. Born on July 18, 1926, in Detroit, Michigan, she was the only daughter in the family.

Beatrice completed a certified Nurse Practitioner program from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts in 1976.

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Methuen, helping others through their difficult times.

Linda was generously cared for during her illness by the doctors and nurses at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where she made many friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Donations can be given in her name to the hospital or online at www.gratefulnation.org.

Margaret F. Kruse, 82

NORTH ANDOVER — Margaret Farrell Kruse, age 82, of N. Andover, MA, formerly of Piscataway, NJ, died on January 28, 2012.

She was born on July 12, 1929 in New York City, the daughter of Michael Henry and Margaret Ruth (Griffin) Farrell.

retirement Community in North Andover, she wrote articles for the Edgewood News and served on the Resident Council.

She is survived by her husband, Ted, and their four children and their spouses, John and Nanciann (Zimmitti) Kruse of Minneapolis, MN; Elizabeth Kruse of Arlington, VA; Margaret N. Kruse and Richard Cloutier of Andover, MA; and Sally Kruse and Mark Rowland of Hamden, CT.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held on Feb. 4 at Edgewood in N. Andover.

RELIGION

Wine, tea, art and chocolate event

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will host a wine, tea, art and chocolate event on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 6 Locke St.

Organizers said, 'Come and make Valentine cards for friends, lovers, family, for anyone you love. Collage, paint, draw, chat and write loving notes. Bring a friend and anything you would like to incorporate in you cards - like photographs, old letters, etc.'

The cost is \$10 and covers refreshments and supplies. For more information or RSVP, email dre@uuan-dover.org.

Temple Emanuel movies

Deli Dinner and Movie Discussion Night on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. 'A Matter of Size' is an Israeli comedy about a coming out of a different kind: four overweight guys who learn to love themselves through the Japanese sport of sumo wrestling.

per person. Your reservation is your check to be received by Thursday, Feb. 9.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. For more information on any event above, visit templemanuel.net or call 978-470-1356.

Welcoming Faiths group formed

A 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 encouraging active rather than passive openness within the participating faith communities.

Spearheaded by the Committee for Open Dialogue of Andover's South Church, the coalition includes eight other member congregations. For more information, contact: welcomingfaiths@gmail.com.

HOUSING: Zoning change for elderly housing?

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elderly housing zoning options for that area, according to the town. Since then, Wingate has decided not to pursue developing the retreat center land, said Arthur Friedman, task force co-chairman.

Wingate might have been the thesis to start this, but it

wasn't the focus of the task force," he said.

Now, the task force has an opportunity to create something independent of any pending proposal, according to Friedman.

Does it make sense to create an elderly overlay district? said Friedman. Our goal is to look at the

entire area and see if we can meet the needs of our elderly citizens with assisted living, independent care and nursing care.

The task force also is looking at other land in the area, according to Friedman.

We're not restricting ourselves to one piece of property, said Friedman. Potentially, the district might be bigger than the Franciscan property.

The task force is looking specifically "to put down on a piece of paper, what do we

think should be in this district, and what we think the boundaries should be," said Friedman. Then we'd propose that to the selectmen and, if that got traction, to go to a Town Meeting.

The task force could give selectmen its recommendations later this year, Friedman said. People with questions, thoughts or ideas on the subject are encouraged to contact Paul Materazzo, town planning director.

An official with Continental Wingate Development Company couldn't be reached for comment for this story.

For feedback on this story or related inquiries, please email dluca@andover-townsman.com.

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Education

Man has kids laughing while learning

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

CURRICULAUGHS

They can be a fourth-grader's nightmare. State-mandated MCAS tests are taken for the first time by fourth-graders each spring, and topics covered by the test can fill some students with dread.

But wait. High Plain Elementary School is hosting a popular local children's author on Monday night who mixes comedy with metaphors and silly musical fun with poetry. The idea is to have kids laughing with literacy instead of freezing up when MCAS subjects are discussed.

Award-winning author of five children's books, Jeff

When: Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: High Plain Elementary School

Cost: Free, open to the public

How: Supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council

Nathan of Andover, brings his "CurricuLaughs" home on Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school's auditorium. The public is welcome to the free show.

Fourth-grader Hannah Finn saw Nathan's show in Salem, N.H., and then

asked school Principal Pam Lathrop if Nathan could perform his show at High Plain Elementary.

"Anything that gets kids laughing while learning about literacy is fine by me. Kids love that," Lathrop said. "I look forward to this."

Nathan started his amusing learning programs about 10 years ago in Andover. He left a high tech career for the gig. These days, he travels the country with his humorous learning style and runs his show with the help of two staffers.

It's a way of life that Nathan appreciates. He has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and truly enjoys helping

kids struggling with school subjects.

"I know what that's like. Bringing humor to school helps," he said.

He sings, falls on the floor, plays a guitar and tells jokes when he speaks about the differences between similes and metaphors.

His baseball book for kids is entitled, "I Hope I Don't Strike Out," as he knows how stressful waiting at the plate for a perfect pitch can be for kids.

"CurricuLaughs" also has a silly song about adjectives for second-graders and a fun song about adjectives and adverbs for third-graders. "I involve teachers, so that

makes it even more fun for the kids," Nathan said. "It's a win-win for everyone in the class."

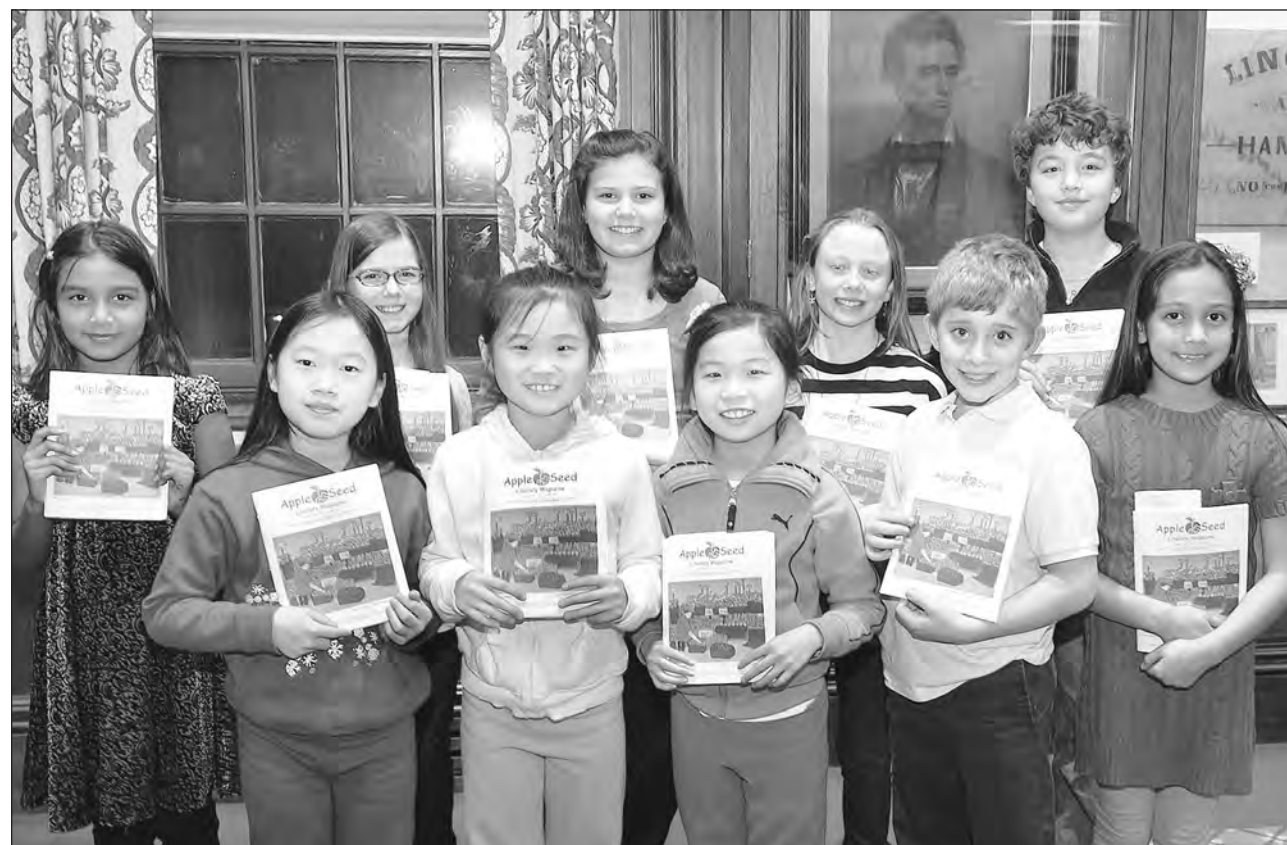
Each year, pieces have been adapted or replaced in Nathan's presentation.

"I continue to adapt, but now it's much more difficult," said this married father of four who is now a grandfather.

Changes probably aren't necessary, as his educator fans around the country are growing. His large file of thank you notes prove that they like "CurricuLaughs" just the way it is. "Our students begged teachers to allow them to write poems," wrote one principal.



High Plain Elementary fourth-grader Hannah Finn with author Jeff Nathan of Andover. She liked his "CurricuLaughs" program so much that she asked her school principal to invite him to her school.



Students who participated in the 16th issue of AppleSeed, the literary magazine created by students from the Greater Lawrence area at the library, are: First row from left: Kate Ma, Jenny Yu and Christina Li all of the South Elementary School; Daniel DeMoor, High Plain Elementary School and Sona Chaudhary of the Sanborn Elementary School. Second row: Ashmita Dhar, High Plain Elementary School; Brianna Preston, South Elementary School; Mary Gerard and Chloe Fields both of the Sanborn Elementary School, and Adam Peters of the Bancroft Elementary School.



From left, Christina Li, Jenny Yu and Kate Ma, all third-graders at South Elementary School, show their art work from the AppleSeed magazine. Christina's art work titled, Squirrel's Dream is on the back cover in color. Jenny and Kate's art work is on the bottom right hand side of their pages.



Ashmita Dhar reads her poem "The Long Flowing River" as Daniel DeMoor prepares to read his story, "Life in a Chrysalis." Both are students at the High Plain Elementary School.

Magazine plants seed with students

Young Andover students featured in the 16th issue of AppleSeed have been enjoying attention for their written and artistic works.

The literary magazine created by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative features the stories, poems and drawings of Greater Lawrence area students in grades 3 through 5.

Those featured were introduced during the annual Launch Night late last month at South Lawrence East School. More than 700 people from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen attended the event. On Tuesday, Jan. 31, four of the five elementary schools in Andover reintroduced AppleSeed at the Memorial Hall Library.

Students who participated at the Andover library were Kate Ma, Jenny Yu, Brianna Preston



Brianna Preston, a student at South Elementary School, reads her poem, "Sharks," from AppleSeed magazine.

and Christina Li all of the South Elementary School; Daniel DeMoor and Ashmita Dhar, of High Plain Elementary School; Sona Chaudhary, Mary Gerard and Chloe Fields, all of the Sanborn Elementary School and Adam Peters of Bancroft Elementary School.

PHOTOS BY CARL RUSSO

Doherty Middle School Term 1 Honor Roll

High honors, grade 6

Abigail Alepa
Charles Alex
Trisha Ballakur
Erin Beirne
Lin Bergmeier-Esterberg
Priscilla Bibeau
Kenzie Boynton
Nicholas Brennen
Anthony Capone
Cailin Carleo
Sarah Carmichael
Frances Chu
Alessandro Ciccina
Daniel Cremin
Julia Cuozzo
Katherine Dankert
Kristin Davies
Nikhil Deliwala
Cailey Denoncourt
Patrick Doheny
Andrei Dumitrescu
Nicole Dunn
Gewdy Espino
Amanda Fields
David Frykenberg
Calvin Fumicello
Katherine Furry
Sophie Gallacher
Hannah Garth
Ryan Giggey
Nathan Goldthwaite
Haeleigh Grajo
Kate Gregory
William Hamilton
Sebastian Harder
Alexander Hesketh
Timothy Hornick
Erik Huynh
Claire Jungmann
Victoria Karlberg
Kevin Kiely
Anne Kimball
James Lai
Margaret LaMarr
Hannah Lansberry
Hannah Leinbach
Timothy Liu
Peter Logee
John Marotta
Skylar McCampbell
Isabelle Mellor
Anita Michaels
Elise Miner
John Moreland
Liam Murphy
Marianne Ngo
Jason O'Dwyer
Stine Ornes
Thomas Pendleton
Jillian Powers
Skylar Ralston
Michael Ren
Georgia Rex
Abigail Rocca
Abhijeet Sambangi
Ruth Schreiber
Alexandra Scott
Andrew Seifer
Stephen Serrao
Akesh Shah
Kristen Stark
Sosha Stecher
Madeline Steffenson
Taylor Stevens
Audrey Tarbox
Daniel Teplow

Jordan Torres
Aum Trivedi
Gabrielle Vaccaro
Jessica Vaudo
Alice Wang
Jessica Wang
John Witt
Genevieve Wybenga
Steven Yakita
Alexander Yang

High honors, grade 7

Isabelle Allen
Adi Arifovic
Kyle Aulbach
Gavin Batsimm
Julia Beckwith
Peter Berube
Samantha Blumstein
Donald Borenstein
Sophia Boyd
Amanda Brosnan
Conor Cammann
Riley Carr
John Crowley
Gabriel Deacon
Matthew Dennett
Shannon Donnelly
Dana Donovan
Samuel Drew
Rhea Dudani
Michelle Durling
Joshua Faigel
Jack Fanikos
Claire Feng
Jordyn Fenton
Aiana Ferris
Elizabeth Flood
Graham Focke
Brittany Gale
Shelby Ganem
Nicholas Gilpin
Robert Good
Charlotte Gorrie
Samantha Grant
Leila Haghighi
Katherine Hall
Erin Hanrahan
Emma Harris
Angela Hertz
Raihi Huynh
Andrew Imrie
Scott Jackson
Dimitry Jean-Laurent
Julia Johnson
Matthew Joyall
Maxwell Kalinowski
Emma Kaufmann-LaDuc
Corey Kozlovski
Email Lai
Rachel Landry
Caroline Lane
Arthur Lauretano
Olivia Lawler
Hayes Linzer
Juliana Lugg
Allison MacKenzie
Ilana Mack
Jacob McConley
Christine Morin
Owen Morrissey
Meghan Mucher
Victoria Norton
Michael O'Connor
Ryan O'Meara
Kathryn O'Reilly
Phebe Ozirsky

Luc Pakey
Cindy Pan
Jacob Pepper
Ilana Pike
Jackson Quinn
Charlotte Reeves
Benjamin Riley
Christopher Rinaldi
Marina Rinaldi
Alexander Romanus
Anna Root
Elin Rungren
Anjay Shah
Morgan Shaw
Isabella Silveira
Loyal Srouji
Clare Sullivan
James Thibodeau
Kerri Thibodeau
Jeremiah Thomas
Angela Vu
Henry Wakelin
Samuel Wakelin
Anna Yeo
Eliot Zaeder
Richard Zhong

High honors, grade 8

Jarrett Amirault
Justin Bacchi
Elizabeth Bernardin
Meghan Bodette
Rebecca Boese
Haley Bonilla
Wyllie Boughton
Julia Boyd
Luisa Boyle
Gates Bryan
Benjamin Buchholz
Maximilian Buchholz
Michael Buhner
Courtney Campbell
Jeffrey Champion
Jessica Chartier
Nicodemo Ciccina
Sara Clark
Lydia Cobb
Erin Corbett
Jason Crews
Suzanne Cuozzo
Caroline Curtin
Sophie Curtin
Thomas Dalimonte
Peter Dankert
Ross DaPrato
Elizabeth Day
Kristina Day
Tyler Devine
Marissa Dorros
Diane Draper
Rachel Drew
Victoria Edwards
Summer Erickson
Meaghan Farrell
Matthew Finley
Caitlyn Fitzsimmons
Henry Gilbert
Jesse Girrrell
Polina Gomer
Katherine Gorrie
Katherine Graber
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Kids hear about rare cultures

Author and adventurer Jan Reynolds visited students at three Andover schools to teach students about vanishing cultures.

Reynolds has created books, videos and an interactive book to teach children of all ages about cultures around the world and taking care of the planet. She is a world record climber and holds the world's high altitude ski record for women. She was also a member of the U.S. World Cup biathlon team. She has written articles for many publications, including National Geographic, People, the New York Times, Esquire



In back, from left, are students Sager Florio, John Moreland and Brendan Hart, author Jan Reynolds, and students Ellie Kravetz, Bridget Lareau and Katherine Nastari. Kneeling in front is Abby Kobelski.

and Vogue. She stopped by Doherty Middle School and St. Augustine School Feb. 6., and the following day spoke to students at Wood Hill.

HONOR ROLL

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Carter Howe
Jack Hughes
Philippa Johnson
Fiona Jungmann
Elizabeth Kobelski
Jacob Lansberry
Jacquelyn Leone
Amber Li
Francesca Lionetta
Erin Logee
Caroline Lopez
Gabriel Mahaniah
Mackenzie Manter
Jake Martins
Julia Masterson
Casey McCarroll
Jennifer Monderer
Jonathan Monderer
Madison Murphy
Mikayla Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Taejasvi Narayan
Megan Neal
Dylan Norris
Olivia Oberto
Jeffrey Page
Julia Pakey
William Pannos
Jada Pasho-Melendez
Hannah Passanisi
Daniel Perrone
Dillon Preston
Anirudh Pula
Vivien Qin
Neil Resnik
Molly Rocca
Harrison Ross
Gavin Smith
Hannah Souza
Julia Spagnuolo
Cole Spencer
Jason Spencer
Meghan Stickney
Mary Sullivan
Claire Tellekson-Flash
Elizabeth Troiano
Aleah Walsh
Angela Wang
Geoffrey Warne
Theresa Weis
Victoria Wu
Victor Zhang

Honors, grade 6

Caden Bailey
Kyle Bailey
Joseph Biddle

Elvena Bielecki
Shannon Booth
Scarlett Bouchard
Aurash Bozorgzadeh
Flynn Bryan
Julie Clark
Jacob Dalimonte
Nina Devine
Caeden Dillman
Maximillian Durham
Emma Dyer
Ethan Fillion
Sager Florio
Jesse Ford
Ethan Goldberg
Julia Gordon
Caroline Grebe
Christopher Grondin
Phoebe Hamori
Kelly Howard
Connor Hurley
Ian Hurley
Ian Jeffery
Anne Kalinowski
Joseph Kamlet
Matthew Kang
Panos Kareklas
Stephen Katsikis
Jonathan Kim
Abigail Kobelski
Eliana Kravetz
John Kuta
Matthew Layman
Courtney Leyne
Maggie Livingston
Haley Luis
Thomas Manning
Thomas Manty
Emma Martin
Katie McGinness
James McGlynn
William McLeod
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Juan Felix Moreno
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Erika Park
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Carly Stabile
Eoin Stack
Charles Stahley
Shannon Stelzner
Thomas Sullivan
Yiran Wang
MacKenzie Young
Naomi Zallen

Honors, grade 7

Liam Alden
Long-Quan Bach
Jessica Barry
Jakob Beckwith
Grayson Beherrell
Aiden Blasi
John Boese
Caroline Brink
Kathleen Buck
Anna Carroll
John Clark
Bryce Corbitt
Lindsey Cronin
Conor Dawson
Teresa Dell Anno
Erik Dilorio
John Donovan
Molly Eberth
Owen Ezell
Rayan Faiz
Lillian Gendreau
Skylar Hadad
Brandon Haffner
Charles Healy
Elizabeth Heikkinen
Tomas Hughes
Andrew Karl
Christopher Kennedy
John Kiezulas
Jacob Koffman
Alexander Ladd
Miranda Lawrence
Carolyn Leyne
Hayley Licata
William Lionetta
Jason Lynn
Nicole Maldonado
Thomas Mapstone
Gabrielle Marrocco
Sophia Mazzarelli
Erica Mazzarese
Jack Moffitt
Julia Murphy
Matthew O'Connor
Steven Pien
Jacob Piskaner
Sydney Price
Maryam Raad

Caileigh Reming
Hannah Roos
Thomas Ross
Stefanie Sartschev
Kara Schuck
Samantha Shea
Bryan Sierra
Samuel Sievers
Michael Starkweather
Ryan Wall
Erin Walsh
Kathleen Walsh
Callie Witt
Harrison Zhu

Honors, grade 8

Nishan Bilazarian
Maxwell Blanch
Maxim Bouchard
Alec Chen
Lewis Chiodo
Michael Comeau
Gillian Connors
Taylor Day
Amanda Devine
Jordan Devlin
Derek Dutton
Oliver Eberth
Sean Enright
Zachary Fugere
Alexandra Grecoe
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Opinion

Aging population means town must address senior issues

Andover is not a community geared toward seniors. The news that The Andovers Village at Home will disband later this month certainly will not improve that.

TAVAH, an organization meant to help seniors live independently in their homes by providing them with services and with a network of trusted providers, for a fee, could not attract enough users or financial support to continue. Whether more people did not join was because of its cost, old-fashioned New England pride and self-sufficiency or another reason is something worth finding out.

Past surveys of residents have shown people do not see Andover as a great place for senior citizens to live. A previous Annual Town Meeting rejected the idea of allowing communities for those 55 and older. But Andover has made some strides in recent years, such as by adding a three-season room to the senior center, and launching its BoomerVenture program of activities meant to appeal to baby boomers as they begin reaching retirement age. TAVAH had potential to be another positive. We suspect that some kind of similar, tweaked approach might be successful at another time.

Those interested in providing seniors with ways to stay in this increasingly expensive community did get some good news this week. Although a potential developer reportedly has changed its mind about pursuing an elderly housing development, the town will continue to study what might be done to encourage the type of housing for elderly that Andover needs. A town plan to address elderly housing shouldn't be based on any particular developer's vision, but on what the town needs. So we're glad the task force will continue to look into the issue. We hope senior housing will allow more seniors who have spent their lives here to remain as long as they wish, keeping their love and knowledge of the community here in Andover.

Regardless, it's good to see the town considering senior issues, a natural focus of attention given the aging boomer population in Andover and throughout the country.

LETTER

TAVAH Board on decision to disband

The Board of Directors of The Andovers Village at Home (TAVAH) voted last week, with deep regret, to cease operations as of Feb. 29, 2012. This is a most difficult and painful decision. All of us who have been involved in TAVAH care about each of our members and have been committed to our purpose of responding to their needs and requests for services. Despite our best efforts and a great deal of hard work over many years, we have not achieved the growth in membership or in donations and foundation support to be a financially viable organization. We are very proud of all that we have accomplished; recruiting a talented group of preferred providers, creating meaningful events and activities for our members, developing a pool of loyal volunteers, and establishing supportive relationships with respected organizations like Lawrence General Hospital, Home Health VNA, and the Andover/North Andover YMCA. For various reasons, the village concept has not caught on in the Andovers as it has done successfully in other areas of Massachusetts, New England, and across the country.

TAVAH was a perfect example of the kind of initiative that communities like ours must embrace as our population ages and requires greater support to remain safe, independent and connected to the community. It embodied the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors and volunteerism that is often lost these days.

While growth has been a challenge, TAVAH has been a lifeline for many people and its loss will reverberate for a long time to come. Unfortunately, those who were not ready for it yet will never realize the benefits it could have afforded them.

We wish to thank those individuals and organizations who believed in us and supported TAVAH through their affiliation and dedication of time and resources.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Andover Village at Home (TAVAH) is closing, but an elderly housing task force is at work. Is Andover doing enough for its seniors?

■ Not enough — senior citizens need more support in Andover.

■ Just enough — there's room for improvement, but what we have works.

■ More than enough — things shouldn't change from how they are right now.

■ Too much — Andover needs to spend fewer resources on the elderly and focus on other areas.

■ Too much — Andover needs to spend less in general.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion.

■ Other (supply your own answer).

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's question was "On a scale of 1-5, how big a problem is it to have 'grinding' at school dances?" With 93 people responding, the answers were:

■ 1: Kids danced dirty 30 years ago, and they do it today. I'm not offended at all: 37 votes, 39.78 percent.

■ 5: It is sexually explicit and violates public decency standards: 19 votes, 20.43 percent.

■ 4: It is inappropriate social behavior that should be restricted: 15 votes, 16.13 percent.

■ 3: It merits review to determine how problematic it is: 14 votes, 15.05 percent.

■ 2: It's odd, but not much of a problem at all: six votes, 6.45 percent.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion: two votes, 2.15 percent.

CUT THAT OUT



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Mary Pritchard of Andover, center, holds up a finished example of the piece that Claire Russell of Andover is working on, and they compare the two. Community members welcomed the Year of the Dragon during a class in the ancient Chinese folk art of paper-cutting at Memorial Hall Library Sunday.

Three filters the cure for gossip virus

Ken Seifert



We are a great country but we are not perfect. Like other countries we have our share of physical and social diseases.

For the most part, like other countries, physical diseases are not of man's doings and will take many years to completely cure. Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's and heart diseases along with certain forms of cancer are just a few. I'm sure you could add to the list.

Then we have the human social diseases. If we had the information and willingness to do something about them, they could be remedied in a matter of days, months or a few years. For centuries, we have been

more successful in curing most physical needs and done very poorly with most social diseases. Here is my diagnosis and a possible cure for the No. 1 social disease in America today.

According to the scriptures, man has always been plagued with social diseases. You may recognize them as the seven deadly sins: gluttony, lust, laziness, greed, wrath, envy and pride. I'm sure you could add to this list. If we use both physical and social diseases as a yardstick, no one is perfectly healthy. We are all infected one way or another. Unfortunately there is one other social disease that needs attention before we can attack the sinful seven. It is the disease of gossip!

Its nasty virus has spread to the media, political parties, schools, religious centers, families and friends. The most diseased population is the media, with

politicians a close second. They disguise themselves as news programs but are in reality more like gossip centers. The definition and cure of gossip can be found in a story attributed to Socrates (469-399 B.C.)

Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day an acquaintance ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about Diogenes?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied, "Before you tell I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test. Before you talk about Diogenes let's take a moment and filter what you're going to say. The first filter is truth. Have you made absolutely sure what you are about to tell me is true?" The man replied no he had just heard about it.

"All right," said Socrates, "So you really don't know if it is true or not. Now let's

try the second filter, the filter of goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about Diogenes something good?" Again the man said no.

Socrates continued, "You may still pass the test because there is a third filter, the filter of usefulness. Is what you want to tell me going to be useful to me?" A little embarrassed, the gossipier answered, "No not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "If what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful why tell it to me or anyone else?" The man was bewildered and ashamed. He never told the story to Socrates.

We should keep this in mind when you or I are about to repeat a rumor or spread gossip. It is a social disease you know!

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

Sojourner Truth: A Quiet Strength



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston,
Andover Historical Society

Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in 1797 New York. First named Isabella Baumfree, Truth's early years endured a series of abusive owners and a forced marriage that produced five children. When her fifth owner, John Dumont, refused to free "Belle" per an 1826 New York law, Belle walked away to freedom with her infant daughter, knowing she had the law on her side. She found refuge with Quakers and settled in New York City where she became a domestic servant in the Von Wagener home.

Truth had a religious experience during her stay with the Von Wagener family, and became a devout Christian. In 1843 claiming "the Spirit calls me and I must go," she took the name Sojourner Truth. She became a Methodist and made her way traveling and

preaching about abolition. Truth gave her most famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" in 1854 at the Ohio Woman's Rights Convention.

In 1844 Truth joined an abolitionist commune at Northampton, Mass., that also supported women's rights and religious tolerance. Though she was illiterate, it was here in 1850 that she produced a book, Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave. It quickly became a best-seller. (The book had been dictated to a friend and published privately by William Lloyd Garrison. Sales at 25 cents per copy became an important part of her income.)

Garrison, editor of the radical abolitionist newspaper, The Liberator, had written an introduction for the first edition of Narrative and encouraged Truth to seek out Harriet Beecher Stowe for comments that might further push book sales. Thus in the autumn of 1853 Truth journeyed to Andover where Stowe was living on the campus of the Theological Seminary and where her husband, Calvin Stowe, taught. At the time, both women were well-known political activists

who spoke out passionately against slavery. Stowe was an international star. Truth was 56 and had been on the lecture circuit 10 years by the time she arrived in town.

When Sojourner Truth arrived unexpectedly at Mrs. Stowe's campus home, it is written that Mrs. Stowe was so impressed by Sojourner's personal presence and eloquence that Sojourner stayed for several days as a welcomed guest. Mrs. Stowe then willingly obliged her guest with an introduction to the second edition of Truth's book, published in 1855.

Writing in 1863 about the visit, Stowe related "... her conversation was so strong, simple, shrewd, and with such a droll flavoring of humor, Professor Stowe went to say of an evening, 'Come, I am dull and bored, can't you send Sojourner up here to talk a little?'"

Through the 1870s, Sojourner Truth continued to travel the country, even meeting three presidents — Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson and Ulysses S. Grant. Rallying for educational opportunities for blacks and raising funds for the Union during the Civil

War, she also fought against discrimination in public transportation, becoming the first "freedom rider" when she desegregated the Washington, D.C. street cars.

After a lifetime of serving others, Sojourner Truth died on Nov. 18, 1883, in Battle Creek, Mich. Nearly 100 years later, in 1981, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. In 2009, the National Congress of Black Women honored Sojourner Truth by making her the first African-American woman to have a memorial bust in the U.S. Capitol.

For all her accomplishments, Truth's legacy might simply be her ability to turn the unkind words of others against them. Facing a heckler who told her he did not care for her anti-slavery talk anymore than he would for the bite of a flea, Truth retorted, "Perhaps not, but Lord willing I'll keep you scratching."

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough hip-strionics, let students dance

Editor, Townsman:

This letter is in response to "High School considers controls on 'grinding' dances" (Feb. 2, 2012 Townsman, page 1.)

Anyone remember the '50s? I'm certain some of us do. After all, the Boomers were just reaching their own, becoming teenagers — wild, free and rebellious.

During that time there were a lot of "hot button" issues to inflame parental concerns: girls wearing pants, boys with long hair, interracial dating and new types of music. Rock'n'roll was banned for most high school dances back then, remember?

Back in the mid-fifties Elvis created a sensation on the Ed Sullivan show for swinging his hips. In Florida, a judge prepared an arrest

warrant, charging Elvis with "impairing the morals of minors" as a prelude to his performance. But the dances went on, Elvis found his way into the mainstream, and rock'n'roll influenced us and our culture.

I understand and agree with the concerns about teens and drinking. This has been a concern for parents as far back as anyone can remember, but they are a different discussion from how

"grinding" is perceived. It is only fair to give them separate consideration.

So a message about the hip-hyperbole: remember you were once young too, arguing with your parents about hairstyles, clothes, culture and music. If grinding offends you, speak to your child, but don't make judgments for the rest of us.

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“When they saved my life not once, not twice, but three times.”

Gene Doran, Andover



SENATE: Rep. Adams to challenge Finegold

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Townsmen.

His announcement letter said he’s “grown increasingly concerned about the fiscal health of our commonwealth, the continued unemployment and part-time job crisis, and the culture of corruption on Beacon Hill.”

He also wrote about Gov. Deval Patrick’s plans to raise taxes.

“Patrick is calling for another \$1 billion spending by increase, breaking last year’s all-time record, and he wants to raise your taxes again,” Adams wrote.

Coincidentally, Adams now sits in Finegold’s former seat. Finegold served as Andover’s state representative from January 1997 to January 2011.

He was elected senator when former Sen. Sue Tucker retired. Finegold beat Jamison Tomasek in the 2010 election, assuming the senator seat in January 2011.

He intends to run for reelection.

“I will continue to fight

for things like jobs and education dollars for Andover,” Finegold said. “I will continue to be a relentless advocate for the district.”

Finegold would not respond to specific criticisms made by Adams in his announcement letter, including calling Finegold “a perennial tax-and-spend who has grown out-of-touch with the Merrimack Valley.”

“For 16 years, my opponent, Barry Finegold, has voted to tax, regulate, and spend. His votes have damaged the state economy, eliminated thousands of jobs, and lowered your standard of living,” Adams wrote.

Finegold had no specific comment on those charges.

“Like I said, I am focused on job growth and money for education,” Finegold said.

Finegold also is focused on a new baby boy who was due to arrive yesterday, Feb. 8. He and his wife, Amy, and two daughters, were busy mapping out plans for the baby’s arrival.



FILE PHOTO

Andover State Rep. Paul Adams, left, who followed Barry Finegold into the representative seat when Finegold ran for senator, is now hoping to replace Finegold as Andover’s state senator.

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Townspeople



A Cub Scout in Pack 77, Charlie Dankens, 10, takes a look at the trophy table as Cub Scout packs from Andover compete in their annual Pinewood Derby at the United Methodist Church Saturday, with the winners qualifying for the district race held in March. Dankens will later go home with one of the trophies.

Day at the Derby

Scouts race wood cars at annual event

Dozens of young Scouts spent an afternoon at the track on Saturday — enjoying the Pinewood Derby where they race wooden cars they created themselves.

Three Cub Scout packs from Andover were among those competing on Feb. 4. Scouts from Packs 73, 76 and 77 had cars racing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a track inside the United Methodist Church in North Andover, across from Rocky's Ace Hardware.

Winners in all ranks qualified for the Yankee Clipper Council west wind district race that will be held in March.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photos



With two trophies in hand Scout John Reilly of Pack 77 listens with attention as the top three winners are announced at the Pinewood Derby. He was the Pack 77 champion.



Jim Kazmer places a line-up of cars from Cub Scout Pack 77 at the starting line of the Pinewood Derby at the United Methodist Church Saturday.



Aidan Kitter, 9, of Pack 77 examines his Pinewood Derby trophy.



Rooting for a friend's car that just crossed the finish line, Jack Caruso, 8, turns to look at the timed results. Caruso finished in first place for the Wolf rank of his pack.



Logan Cleary of Pack 77 is all smiles as he returns to his seat with a trophy.

TOWN TALK

Move to strike safety from the (Super Bowl) record

At a Board of Selectmen meeting held less than 24 hours after the New England Patriots had their Super Bowl hopes dashed in a 21-17 loss to the New York Giants in Indianapolis, Selectman Alex Vispoli took a moment to request that the board discuss the game, particularly a penalty against the Patriots early in the first quarter that put the Giants up 2-0.

"We have some questions, I believe?" Vispoli asked, moments after Selectman Ted Teichert moved to adjourn the meeting. "I have a question on that call, the safety yesterday, during the game."

"I don't think that was a proper call," Vispoli suggested.

"And you want to take a position on it?" asked Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"Alex, we're moving on," said Teichert. "Pitchers and catchers are reporting in two weeks."

— Dustin Luca

89 candles on cake

Happy 89th birthday to Mary Zukowski McDonald who lives at Atria McDonald Place. Her daughter, Joanne McDonald Reeves, of Westport, Conn., said her mom lived through the Depression, is a veteran of World War II, has had a full life and enjoyed her recent surprise birthday party with 30 family



and friends.

Mary McDonald's cake had a photo of her when she was 21 and one from today.

— Judy Wakefield

Cookie fever?

Girl Scout cookies may be fattening and expensive (\$4 a box), but the green fever lives on. The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will mark the 100th year of the Girl Scouts with featured guest Chelsea Clinton at its green gala next month.

Clinton was a Girl Scout during her childhood years in Arkansas. She is both an accomplished scholar and advocate for encouraging and enabling the advancement of all girls, according to event organizers.



Mary McDonald enjoys her 89th birthday party with her daughter, Joanne McDonald Reeves.

March 9. Call 978-689-8015 for more info.

— Judy Wakefield

Missing a birthday card? It was found

An Andover man walking on Greenwood Road found a child's birthday card in a blue envelope laying on the ground. The card contained

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Teacher at right time makes the difference

Bill Dalton



First grade was my critical year. I'd been deaf the year before, and my communication skills were slowed. I'm not sure what caused the deafness, but it was probably perforated eardrums resulting from a series of ear infections that were aggravated by adenoiditis. My adenoids and tonsils were removed at age 4 and removed again when they both grew back a year later. I remember excruciating earaches, febrile hallucinations, and the eternal need to throw up. Antibiotics were beginning to be used on the civilian population following World War II, although I don't remember receiving any, but upper respiratory infections are often virus-based, against which antibiotics are

useless. To treat symptoms, I received paregoric, an ancient opium-based medicine, but I soon associated its smell with throwing up and so that's what I did with it.

My deafness reached an alarming point when I was in kindergarten, and people had to tap me on the shoulder to get my attention. One day, someone visited our home, turned me so I couldn't see him, and apparently tested my hearing by making sounds behind me, none of which I heard. I later watched a serious-faced conversation between the person and my parents.

Yet, I was basically healthy and after the second T and A, the eardrums healed, and I felt better going into first grade, although I lagged behind in communication skills and was thought to have a shy temperament.

Last week, I wrote of the fun I had talking to first-graders at Shawsheen School. They were bright, inquisitive and adorable, and I was impressed by

them and their teacher, Susan Infantine, who does a wonderful job with her students. Those kids are all off to a good start, and she's a big part of that.

I too had a crackerjack first grade teacher, Mrs. Jones, and she was there at a perfect time for me, because she expended so much effort working with me that I made up for what I'd lost by the end of the school year. I was lucky she was there at all, because the Andover School Committee had recently changed its policy of insisting that woman teachers be unmarried, and she was one of the first married female teachers hired in Andover. Her husband was a scout for the Boston Braves, a major league baseball team, so there was a special cache attached to her by all the elementary school boys. (Imagine, married to a baseball scout!)

Years ago, among my mother's papers, I found my

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■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Jan. 31 through Monday, Feb. 6:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Jan. 31 — At 8:27 p.m. and 8:40 p.m., police made two arrests on River Road. First, Loc Dang, 36, of 107 South Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on three warrants for two counts of trespassing, two counts of disorderly conduct, threatening to commit a crime and malicious destruction of property over \$250. Then, Robin Berry, 35, of 138 South Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class C drug.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 — At 9:28 p.m., Ronald Holland Jr., 39, of 14 Stanley Road, Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged with attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle, allowing an uninsured motor vehicle, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, possessing a class B drug and on warrants for assault and larceny under \$250.

Saturday, Feb. 4 — At 3:54 p.m., Joseph Jenkins, 30, of 775 Bridge St., Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant.

At 8:09 and 8:17 p.m., police made two warrant arrests on River Road. First, Edward Welsh, 29, of 98 Pemberton St., Dracut, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250. Then, Meghan O'Neill, 29, of 11 Chestnut Road, Westford, was arrested on River Road and charged on two warrants for larceny over \$250, larceny under \$250, intimidating a witness, and larceny of a drug.

At 11:35 p.m., Edwin Bernabel, 30, of 800 Bullfinch Drive, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, second offense and having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 5 — At 3:03 a.m., Alexander Carrasquillo, 41, of 332 Tulip Lane, Lowell, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 4:16 a.m., Firdosh Lohar, 22 of 56 Union St., Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250, breaking and entering at night time with intent to commit a felony, speeding in violation of a special regulation,

operating under the influence of liquor and operating to endanger.

Monday, Feb. 6 — At 10:57 p.m., Philip Desjardins, 32, of 5 Tasker Lane in Newmarket was arrested on Stevens Street and charged with disorderly conduct.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Feb. 1 — At 12:02 p.m., a break was reported at a home on Topping Road.

Town teen charged in Super Bowl beating

A 19-year-old Andover man has been charged with using a pistol to beat two other teenagers over a dispute at a Super Bowl party inside a Ritz-Carlton condominium in Boston, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. Kevin S. Macartney was arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Two 19-year-old Peabody men suffered head injuries, according to the DA's office. Macartney was also charged with unlawful possession of Class B and Class E substances after police found 21 pills in a bottle with no prescription information on it while being booked. Those pills were believed to be Oxycodone, Focalin, and Alprazolam, according to prosecutors. Jake Wark, DA

office press secretary, said to have a gun license. Judge the gun was not registered Thomas C. Horgan set bail at and Macartney is too young \$5,000. — Jonathan Phelps

A business to love

Do you like receiving valentines? Give credit to a teenage girl for starting the valentine business in America and perhaps creating our first assembly line.

Esther Allen Howland was born in 1828 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her dad owned a store that sold paper and books.

When Esther was 18, she received a fancy valentine from England. Esther loved the card and showed it to all of her friends. They also loved it.

Esther's dad ordered some cards from Europe for his store. When the cards arrived, Esther decided she could make prettier ones. Esther's brother, a salesman for the store, took ten samples on a sales trip. The cards sold for 50 cents each (a high price in those days.) He came back with more than \$5,000 in orders for cards.

The demand surprised Esther. She ordered fancy embossed lace paper from England. She traveled to New York to buy pictures, lace and ribbon.

She recruited friends to help make the valentines. They worked in a room of the Howland home. Each girl was assigned a task. One would cut out pictures. Another would make backgrounds. Others would paste on flowers or satin ribbon.

This little home-based business grew quickly into a thriving enterprise, taking in \$100,000 a year. The Howland Company sold thousands of valentines each year. Some of her valentines cost \$5 to \$10 each. Elaborate cards could cost over \$30.

By 1870 Esther had expanded to include other occasion and Christmas cards. Esther was 63 when she retired and sold her business to the George C. Whitney Company. She died in 1904.

The George C. Whitney Company started as a wholesale stationery store in Worcester in 1866. After the company bought out Esther's business in 1881, it quickly became one of the largest valentine publishers in the United States.

Today, machines make inexpensive valentines. If you want to give a hand-made valentine, you'll have to make it yourself.

To see samples of Howland's valentines, visit worcesterhistory.org.



Word Search

Find these words: Adore, Be my valentine, best, candy, card, date, Esther, flower, friends, girl, heart, Howland, idea, kiss, lace, love, new, note, pink, red, ribbon, roses, satin, teen, wed.

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Newspaper in Education activity

1. How many years was Esther in business? At 50 cents each, how many cards were sold in the \$5,000 order? How old was Esther when she died?
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Heart Disease in Women: Know the Symptoms

I vividly remember watching a TV episode of ER where a man was walking casually down the street, then stops...grabs his chest...and falls to the ground — the apparent victim of a heart attack. I knew it was a heart attack because the man obviously had intense pain in his chest, a classic symptom. Since that long ago TV series we have learned much more about heart disease. For instance, heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, and intense chest pain may not be the classic symptom of a heart attack.

Although some women experiencing a heart attack may have some chest discomfort, it may be described as an achy tight feeling, not pain. Other symptoms can include:

- Pressure or pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck, upper back, jaw or arms
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness or nausea
- Stomach or abdominal pain
- Unusual weakness
- Sweating, heart flutters or paleness

During February, heart health month, I urge all women to learn about heart disease and the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Talk with your doctor about your particular risk of developing heart disease and what you can do to reduce your risk including changes to your diet and exercise.

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Arts & Entertainment

Snow or not, Winter Fun Day is Feb. 12

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With or without snow, a popular winter event is scheduled to happen this coming weekend.

Last year, 125 visitors turned out for "Winter Fun Day" at Ward Reservation, situated in Andover and North Andover.

Many visitors had cross-country skis, snowshoes and sleds to enjoy the snow. But the winter of 2012 has been so different. The winter has been snow-free, instead hitting more than 50 degrees on some days.

"I keep waiting for a winter storm to move in, but that's not happening," said Chris Ward of the Trustees of Reservations. There will still be refreshments and a warming fire at the event on Sunday, Feb. 12 from noon to 3 p.m.



2011 file photo

Regardless of whether there is snow, people can still expect open-fire grilling, hot chocolate and tours of some of Andover's best trails during Winter Fun Day.

Trail hikes are scheduled as follows:

■ 12:30 p.m. - Guided hike to Boston Hill, 3 miles, 90 minutes.

■ 1 p.m. - Guided hike around Holt Hill & the bog, 1

mile, 30 minutes.

■ 2 p.m. - Guided hike around Holt Hill & the bog, 1 mile, 30 minutes.

Visitors should park at reservation entrance on Prospect Road, Andover, east of

Route 125. They can follow signs to the activities.

If it does not snow, this won't be the first snow-free Ward Winter Fun Day, Ward said.

"We started this about five years ago as a cross country skiing event. About five skiers showed up," Ward said. "Since then, we've had no snow before but it was really cold. We don't cancel."

The free event is a great way to be outdoors and enjoy the trails at Ward Reservation.

The Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, and Friends of North Andover Trails, will host this event. Leashed dogs are welcome.

For more information, call 978-682-3580 x 13, or email arollfs@ttor.org.

'Bean by Bean' author to cook up samples

A James Beard award-winning cookbook author will present a new cookbook and some samples of her edible creations at the Andover Bookstore next Thursday.

Hearty, valued, versatile, delectable, healthful and inexpensive, there's almost nothing a bean can't do, according to bean lovers — and virtually nothing that Dragonwagon can't do with beans.

Dragonwagon will read from her new cookbook *Bean by Bean* at the Andover Bookstore on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Residents attending will also have a chance to sample some of her recipes.

"From old friends like chickpeas and pintos to rediscovered heirloom

beans like rattlesnake beans and teparies, from green beans and fresh shell beans to peanuts, lentils, and peas,

Bean by Bean is the definitive cookbook on beans. It's a 200-plus recipe cornucopia overflowing with information, kitchen wisdom, lore, anecdotes, and a zest for good food and good times," according to a release from the book store.

Crescent Dragonwagon is the author of the James Beard Award-winning *Pasionate Vegetarian*, *The Cornbread Gospels*, *Dairy Hollow House Soup & Bread Cookbook*, many children's books, and two novels. She has prepared beans and cornbread for a president (Bill Clinton) and titled royalty (Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia), and appeared on *Good Morning America*, *Today*, *TVFN*, and *CNN*.

For 18 years, she was the chef and co-owner of Dairy Hollow House, a country inn in Arkansas, but she has lived in Westminster West, Vermont since 2002.



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Wood Hill Middle School students perform a scene during a rehearsal of Beauty and the Beast.

Beauty & Beast: Tale as old as time at Wood Hill



Dena Brody, playing Belle, practices a scene with classmates.



Daniel Webber, playing the Beast, rehearses a scene.

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

When: Friday, Feb. 10, Saturday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Where: Wood Hill Middle School, 11 Cross St.

Cost: \$10 advance, \$12 door
More info: 978-623-8925

The traditional fairy tale, "Beauty and the Beast," comes to the stage at Wood Hill Middle School this weekend.

"It's a show full of imagination and humor," said director and social studies teacher Katie Rey.

Actors are numerous as the show offers Belle, the Beast and a castle and village full of characters. Rey said a large

cast is a must for a middle school-based production as

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Art provides new window on dementia

MAKE A CONNECTION

Rehearsal on Friday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. Registration required.

Free and open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Donations accepted.

Closing reception on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gallery.

For more information or to register for the rehearsal, contact Emily Kearns at emily_kearns@yahoo.com.

Life-long Andover resident Emily Kearns' art installation, "Dementia's Way: A Meditation on Presence and Connection," will open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 11 at LynnArts' Neal Rental Black Box Theater, 25 Exchange St., Lynn.

The installation seeks to provide a community space to collectively consider the redemptive and grace-filled aspects of memory loss and dementia, according to the artist. Participants visit five stations where voices from interviews mix with other texts including video, photos, and games and speak of grace, heartbreak, presence, and connection.

"Dementia's Way is an invitation to explore and honor pilgrimages made as we lose our minds — as we transition from identities based on managing data and information through recall and processing, to those based simply on presence," according to a release. "The installation asks us to consider who we become when we are no longer able to meet society's standards of competency in managing information — individuals who still need to be accepted and supported simply because we are — not because of what we can do."

Kearns is interested in inviting communities to reflect on and participate in meaningful practices that support those who are most vulnerable and to create structural change for a more just society.

She holds a doctorate in sociology and has extensive

teaching experience including teaching interdisciplinary courses on dance, ritual and performance at Emerson College during which students created public "happenings" on the Boston Common to open spaces for reflection and to raise awareness on social issues of the students' choosing.

Her decade-long journey with her parents' dementias was transformative and moved her away from an academic career and into elder services, she said.

Joining her installation efforts are Michael Testa, audio engineer and composer from the Lowell Area; Sally Matson, living history performer; Diane Zacaroli Spera, hospice chaplain and liturgical artist; Henry Yoshimura, stunt; and project consultants Debby Segil, Christina Christodoulopoulos, Gary Roma and Myriam Alexander-Kearns.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

SOUP'S ON, a lunch for all volunteers, past, present, and yet-to-be, noon, bag lunches welcome, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN THEATRE NIGHT, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell. Patrons may purchase tickets in cash at the Box Office between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and name their ticket price. Following the performance, there will be a Director's Dialogue, where the director and designers field

audience questions and describe how the play was staged. Tickets usually begin at \$24 for "Daddy Long Legs," 7:30 p.m.; MerrimackRep.org, 978-654-4MRT.

OPENING RECEPTION, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for "The Mind's Eye," by artist Jerry Uelsmann, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem; <http://www.pem.org/calendar>; whitney_riepe@pem.org; 978-745-9500 x3228.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

LIVE THEATER, "Hairspray" opens, by ActingOut!, 7 p.m., \$15-20, Merrimack College, Rogers Center for the Arts, North Andover; 978-208-9132, actingouttheater.com.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER, benefits Andover Vocal Music Assoc., 7 p.m., The Lodge at Ames Pond in Tewksbury. Taste wine, hors d'oeuvres while participating in raffle prizes, \$30, NOT available at the door; Jill Shaw, jillshawn@yahoo.com; Heidi Knepper hknepper92@comcast.net.

LIVE THEATER, "Drop Dead!" Spotlight Playhouse, 8 p.m., \$15 (\$13 for seniors), Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill; spotlightplayhouse.org; 978-380-8509. Also on Feb. 18, 19 at 2 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC, student recital featuring Miki

Nagahara, violin, PA '13, Sasha Scolnik-Brower, cello, PA '13, and Paul Noh, piano, PA '12, performing works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Schubert, 7:30 p.m., free, open to the public, Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

YOUTH SLEDDING PARTY, hosted by Faith Lutheran Church Andover, for youth in grades six to eight, Amesbury Sports Park, 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner at a parent's home will be provided. This "Fun"-Draiser will also help raise money to fund youth activities at the church; Tom Schauer, church Youth Director, tom@faith-andover.org, (978) 475-4059.

SINGLES VALENTINE DANCE PARTY, Angelica's, 49 South Main St., Middleton, dancing with music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, ages 35-60 years old, \$15, proper business dress required, buffet; se-4u.com, 781-446-0234, 978-750-4900.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

ANDOVER SISTER TOWNS ASSOC. MEETS, 2 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover,

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Susan Russell takes a photo of the piece that Andover friend Mary Pritchard just finished.

Janet Foley looks focused as she folds a piece in preparation for cutting.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photos
Instructor Leah Russell leans in to take a look at the project Carmen Siegel of Andover is working on as community members welcome the Year of the Dragon, during a class teaching the ancient Chinese folk art of paper-cutting at Memorial Hall Library Sunday.

Andover residents learned about the ancient folk art of Chinese paper-cutting during a two-hour workshop at Memorial Hall Library on Sunday. The event was taught by Leah Russell and offered to celebrate the new year, the Year of the Dragon.

Folk artists take flight



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Business

Domino's delivers itself a new home Downtown pizza place moves across street, adds seating

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

One downtown pizza shop is moving out of its home on Park Street amid concerns about parking, among other things. But if you're a fan, don't worry — it's only moving to the other side of the street.

Domino's Pizza, located at 38 Park St., between Park Street Pub and Peking Garden, is moving to 63 Park St., part of Park Street Village, the old home of Savour Kitchen, which closed in 2009.

Because the new location has much more parking, Domino's Area Supervisor Bill Henry said he hopes the Park Street shop will perform better in comparison to the company's other area franchises.

"When you look at our six franchise units, that location ranks up there in sales for

us, but ranks very low for walk-in, for people coming in for lunch or people getting pizzas," said Henry.

Henry said parking has been a persistent problem at 38 Park St. In the present lot, which has room for around 20 parked cars along the front of the building, Domino's competes with two other restaurants, a dry-cleaning business and more.

"Try to get in there on New Year's Eve," said Henry, who supervises six Domino's locations in Lowell, Methuen, Chelmsford and Andover. "My drivers didn't even have a place to park."

The new location, in the center of Park Street Village, has the benefit of being right in front of a town-owned parking lot with around 150 parking spaces, including spaces designated for handicapped motorists.

One drawback to the lot is that it is metered, but



A contractor walks through the space soon to be occupied by Domino's Pizza in Park Street Village, nearly across the street from where the restaurant is located now.

DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Henry said he is prepared to address that issue. "What we're going to do

is tell our customers, 'If you need to put in a quarter, come in, tell us and we'll

give you a quarter,'" said Henry. "We'll do whatever we can for our customers."

Giving them 25 cents off their orders... whatever we need to do."

The Andover Domino's is also taking advantage of having more space, including a narrow wing on one side of the pizza shop that will have a counter area, TV and six stool-like seats.

"If they want to come in and have a sandwich, pasta, get a small pizza, have lunch and use their laptops, there's plenty of space that's nicely available," said Henry. "It's a lot nicer location for us, a lot more visibility."

Domino's will not be changing its hours, which are currently 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 10:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The seating area will be available during that time.

For feedback or related inquiries, email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.



Honored at the annual employee recognition dinner were, from left, Cara Green, member advancement director at the Andover/North Andover YMCA; Bobbi Williams, association director of Health & Wellness; James Holmes, director of teen programs at the Andover/North Andover YMCA and director of YMCA Camp Lawrence; Claudia Soo Hoo, senior service line leader and director of Camp Otter, and Jullisa Delet, school age child care director at the Lawrence YMCA. They are pictured with YMCA President/CEO Stephen Ives, third from right.

Y honors employees

Five Merrimack Valley YMCA employees were awarded the 2012 President/CEO Award from the Merrimack Valley YMCA.

This annual award is presented to "full-time staff members of the Merrimack Valley YMCA who exhibit outstanding teamwork and dedication to the YMCA, as well as exemplary service to YMCA members," according to

a release from the local YMCA. The employees were honored at a dinner following the Y's staff retreat held at the Stevens Estate in North Andover on Jan. 31.

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NECC course offers training for 'green' business

Northern Essex Community College's Division of Workforce Development and Community Education will offer a new, eight-week, non-credit course titled "Starting and Operating the Successful Weatherization or Energy Efficient Business."

This course will meet at NECC's Riverwalk campus, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 29. The cost is \$229 per person.

This is a specially discounted course supported by the MassGreen initiative in affiliation with the Mass Clean Energy Center and ARRA funds through the

Department of Housing and Community Development.

Taught by Russ Tanzer, who has extensive experience in weatherization, residential energy conservation, construction, and facilities management, this practical course provides an overview of the field, business planning, management and operations, securing work, managing customer relations, health/safety issues, and more.

For more information and complete course description, visit www.necc.mass.edu/noncredit. To register, call 978-556-3700.

Mass. House designates a Small Business Weekend

The Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving have been designated "Small Business Weekend" by the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The weekend after

Thanksgiving is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season when many local merchants generate upwards of half their annual revenue.

The resolution was

Congressional breakfast



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

U.S. Congressman John Tierney and U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas answer questions during the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Congressional breakfast held at the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel in Andover on Monday morning. With redistricting, both members of Congress could represent a part of Andover if they win the next election.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Grand Slam event will use local firm's courts through 2017

Tennis Australia, California Products' Plexipave Division and Australian Plexipave Inc. have announced an extended designation of Plexicushion Prestige as the surface of the Australian Open through 2017.

California Products has a plant in Andover that manufactures tennis court.

This extension reinforces the decision by Tennis Australia to select Plexicushion in 2007. As the surface of the Australian Open, it was a key component in Tennis Australia's effort to revitalize tennis facilities and player development throughout Australia over the past five years.

"Since 2008, Tennis Australia has invested more than \$12 million building or resurfacing over 1100 courts and Australian Plexipave has played an enormous role in helping us make this

happen," Steve Wood CEO of Tennis Australia said in a release.

Andover woman named president of Y professionals

Elizabeth A. Covino of Andover has been named president of the Association of YMCA Professionals Chapter IV.

In this role, she leads the professional development efforts of this organization whose goal it is to advance, inspire, and connect the YMCA leaders.

Covino is vice president of marketing and development at the Merrimack Valley YMCA, based in Lawrence. She started at the Y in 1997 as director of marketing and public relations.

Bereavement in the workplace panel

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association

presents "Grief and Loss: Bereavement in the Workplace" on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, North Main Street, Andover.

The panel offers an informative and compassionate discussion of the reality of grief, loss and bereavement in the workplace.

Attendees are encouraged to bring questions as well as their own stories of how they, their fellow employees and their employers have dealt with loss experienced in the workplace.

Panelists are May Hatem,

human resources manager for Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and Home Care Inc.; Sheryl Meehan, manager of volunteers for Merrimack Valley Hospice; and Rick Dewhirst, president of Funeral Solutions.

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Ultimate preseason teaching sport, skills

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Andover and Newburyport players square off during a game this past June.

Ongoing preseason sessions are focusing on learning about the sport, so no experience is necessary to join the team, according to a release.

"Ultimate combines the fast-paced action of soccer with the skills and strategies similar to basketball and lacrosse," according to a release from the team. "You will learn basic throws, defense, and offense patterns through drills, exercises, and plenty of games."

Preseason sessions are taking place on Sundays at the Andover High School Field House from 6 to 8 p.m. until Feb. 26. There will be a parent information session next Wednesday, Feb. 15 at

Andover High before the AHS Open House that night. The regular season begins in the spring.

Andover Ultimate is a self-funded high school sport that relies on the support of parents and players. For additional information on participating or supporting the team, email Cindy Cromer at cindycromer@verizon.net.

Learn to be a softball pitcher for girls league

Girls interested in becoming softball pitchers – or in becoming even better pitchers than they are now – may want to investigate an inexpensive six-week program offered by the Andover Girls Softball League.

with Courtney Pilcher, who the league calls "one of the area's most sought after softball pitching coaches," to provide a skills-development training program for girls participating in AGSL's spring softball.

The one-hour sessions AGSL has teamed up

afternoons for six weeks starting March 3. The cost for the full six-week period will be \$35 per participant. The AGSL says it will subsidize the rest of the cost "given the importance of proper pitching skills to a successful season. Girls that complete this six-week

training program will pitch this spring for an AGSL team." For further information, or to register, visit sportsmanager.us/AndoverGirlsSoftball.htm. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and space is limited.



The Andover High School boys swim-and-dive team won the 2012 Merrimack Valley Conference championship on Feb. 3 for the first time in six years.

Boys swim rides high at MVCs

For the first time in six years, the Andover High School boys swim-and-dive team placed first at the MVCs.

Coach Mark Taffe and his team captured the Merrimack Valley Conference championship last Friday night, Feb. 3. All 20 swimmers and three divers made it possible by working together, with the Golden

Warriors scoring six individual relay victories.

Andover finished with 400 points, well ahead of second place Chelmsford, which collected 359. Lowell scored 227, Haverhill 200, and Central Catholic 190.

The Andover squad has eight seniors, five juniors, six sophomores and four freshmen, and members look forward to competing

at sectionals and states. Seniors on the team are Curren Chadha, Stan Camin, Henry Chuang, Richard Leung, Coach Mark Taffe, Thomas Iannalfo, David Iannalfo, David Hunter and John Belanger.

Local winners included the Andover 200 medley relay team of David Hunter, Vince Camin, David Iannalfo and Stanislaw Camin

in a time of 1:45.7; David Kitchen of Central Catholic, in the 200 IM, 2:03.67; John Belanger of Andover in the 50 freestyle, 22.45.; Iannalfo in the 100 butterfly, 57.27; Belanger in the 100 freestyle, 48.59; Vince Camin in the 100 breaststroke, 1:03.36; and the Andover team of Hunter, Aaron Wu, Eric Zhao and Belanger in the 200 freestyle relay, with a time of 1:33.86.

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