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Arthur Glines, a 93-year-old Methuen resident who lived on Bartlet Street for his first 53 years, takes a moment at this past weekend's Saturday Community Coffee to get some quick face time with Santa Claus.

AHS needs to be more personal

Accreditation: Activism, teaching, food are strengths

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

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The preliminary indication from the high school's reaccreditation is that the school does a great job with its 82-minute blocks and lunch offerings, but needs to reduce class sizes and connect more personally with all students.

It could be around three months before the high school learns specifically how it fared in its reaccreditation, but early snippets of feedback show both areas of success and concern for the overcrowded school, according to comments from Principal Chris Lord.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges completed its review of the school last week, a review that occurs every 10 years.

The full report is still being written and won't be available until March. But early feedback from the visiting NEASC team praises the school for its use of 82-minute blocks, how involved students are

with high school programs and the passion that high school staff exhibited in the classroom, said Lord.

Once the school receives the report, they have 60 days to release it to the public, according to Janet Allison, director of NEASC's Commission on Public Schools.

The team also praised the school for having "the best cafeteria food that their team has ever seen," Lord said.

On the other side of the coin, the school needs to do more to "personalize the building" for its present student body, according to Lord.

"Every student in the building needs to be well known by one adult other than a guidance counselor," Lord said.

Through that effort, students would become more connected with the school's culture and, at the very

Projects would add \$519 to average tax bill

BY DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

If Andover approves the projects proposed by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's capital improvement plan, the average tax bill will jump \$519 in five years.

A debt analysis tool created by town officials was

used Monday to show how \$67 million in major construction projects, such as the Town Yard and Ballardvale Fire Station, paired with a revised \$9.7 in capital improvement plans, would impact residential tax bills.

"This is a visual depiction of what all that debt looks like stacked up on top of each

other," assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo said.

Assuming voters approve a projected \$6 million appropriation to put the Bancroft Elementary School project back on budget early next year, the average tax bill would be up \$181.25 in 2018 from that project alone. Current estimates are that the

Bancroft project is \$5 million over budget.

Much of the meeting focused on projects that would be paid through debt-exclusion overrides of Proposition 2 1/2, meaning voters at a ballot box would have to approve raising taxes above

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Exercise experts tackle obesity by catering to kids

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

'Tis the season for fabulous sedentary gifts. Kindles, iPads and iPhones are being requested by kids this holiday season. And while they may be sure to bring a smile, a lot of couch time for the youth will also come with these hot new gifts.

That's so not good, but local workout gurus have a plan to get youth off the couch. Many have special programs designed with kids in mind.

Echoing First Lady Michelle Obama's rallying cry to get kids moving, Boston Sports Clubs in Andover is among the local workout places trying to get more kids

"We want kids to grow up to make exercise a part of their routine. It's our mission."

Leyna Dahlinghaus, assistant general manager at Boston Sports Clubs

moving by offering what used to be grown-up fitness classes to them. Younger kids take yoga, step and spinning classes while pre-teens can take cardio sculpting classes. Kids ages 11 to 14 learn about muscle development and body changes while they work out.

"We want kids to grow up to make exercise a part of their routine," said Leyna Dahlinghaus, assistant general manager at Boston Sports Clubs who manages kids fitness programs for ages 1 to 13. "It's our mission."

So the club is offering hip exercising classes meant to appeal to kids. There's no quiet, relaxing background music in the kids yoga class.

Also, "kids like animals so we do a lot of animal poses," Dahlinghaus said.

As for spinning classes, the music blares the top 40 favorite songs requested by participants. Dahlinghaus said the teacher is a

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Kids take part in a spin class at Boston Sports Club in Andover.



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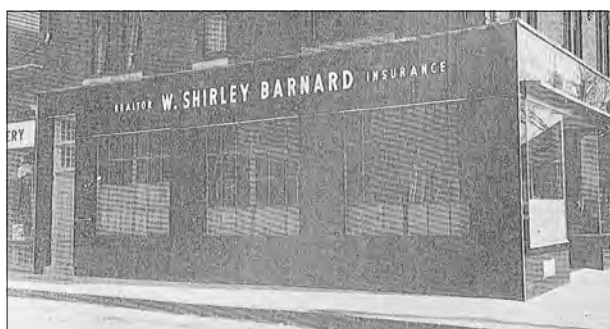
— *Kelle Sutliff, a parent of three Andover Public School students, who opposes having mandatory alcohol breath tests at school events such as dances. Story in Education, page 13.*



It's very much like meteorologists. You can say you have a three out of five chance that it might snow, but sometimes the sun will come out. It's very much like that with psychology.

— *Psychologist Larry Larsen, on the idea that experts can determine what type of people might snap and commit an action such as the Newtown, Conn. school shootings. Story, page 13.*

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Barnard family was said to have settled in Andover in 1644, two years before the town was incorporated. At the time of this picture, three generations of Barnards had been involved in real estate.



NOW: The 36 Main St. location was once home to W. Shirley Barnard insurance and real estate office.

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Town census going out in new year

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January 2013.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census in January 2013 should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls, according to a release from the assistant town clerk.

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

benefits, and in-state tuition reductions.

"The town census provides vital information that supports services in your community," according to the town release.

Annual town election nomination papers available

The Town Clerks of Andover and North Andover in conjunction with the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters will hold a seminar, "Running for Office," in January. This year the event will be hosted by Andover League and held on Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

The panelists include, from Andover, Town Clerk Larry Murphy and Selectman Daniel H. Kowalski; from North Andover, Town Clerk Joyce Bradshaw and Selectman Richard Vaillancourt; as well as Jason Tait, director of Communication & Public Education from the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance. The event will be moderated by Stefani Traina of the League of Women Voters of andover/North

Andover.

Nomination papers for the March 26, 2013, town of Andover annual town election are available at the Andover town clerk's office in Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.

The Andover ballot for the 2013 town election will include the following: moderator - one for one year; selectman - two seats for three years each; School Committee - two seats for three years each; Housing Authority - one for five years; and Trustee of the Punched Free School - one for one year.

For more information, contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

NECC course looks at Middle East today

A history course titled "The Modern Middle East" will be offered at Northern Essex Community College during the 2013 spring semester.

The three-credit college course will be taught by NECC history and government professor Dr. Steve Russell on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 24, 2013. This course will explore

the following questions: What has happened with the "Arab Spring"? Why is religion so important there? How can Palestine and Israel make peace? What are the issues surrounding Iranian nuclear capability? Why is the United States so involved there? How do we explain society, economy and politics there?

For additional information contact Steve Russell at srussell@necc.mass.edu or to register call 978-556-3700.

Blood drive today, Dec. 20

The American Red Cross also will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Town House, 20 Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need. All presenting donors R RGUA SEUCW will receive a coupon for a free appetizer or dessert from Chili's Grill & Bar.

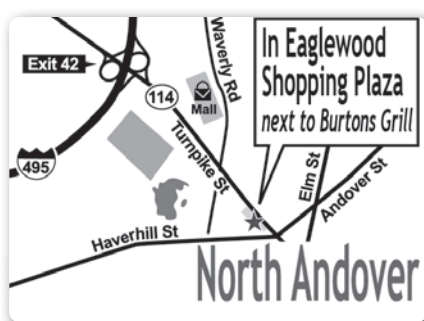
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Kevin Choi, 12, takes part in a kids spin class at Boston Sports Club in Andover. ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

FITNESS: Club creates classes for kids

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good sport who doesn't mind being a deejay and simply tunes out the loud music.

"The music is much quieter in the adults spinning class," she said.

Most fitness experts and centers in town offer special programs geared to youth. Andover Youth Services, the town of Andover, Appalachian Mountain Club and the Andover/North Andover Y have many programs available for kids of all ages, abilities and interests — from skiing, hiking, snowboarding, wrestling and dancing to triathlon training.

Childhood obesity is a big concern for health professionals these days,

Dahlinghaus said, "and it doesn't seem to be getting better. My goal here is to get kids to start enjoying fitness and realize there are many ways to stay active besides being in organized sports," she said.

Organized sports aren't for every kid. Youth are cut from teams, particularly in high school. Dahlinghaus said having a work out time in a child's daily routine is a way to keep a child active and moving.

"We want to keep kids healthy and keep them moving. We find parents are responsive and it's great when a whole family works out," Dahlinghaus said. "With all this tech stuff for kids, like iPads,

we're worried...what's it going to be like for kids in like 20 years? We want to keep them moving."

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Most incumbents are pulling papers

BY DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

Nomination papers are now available for candidates looking to run in March's town elections, and it appears those who run in the major races will face an incumbent.

Seven seats are will be decided during the election, including two each on the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. One seat is available on the Housing Authority and the Trustees of the Punchard Free School. The town's moderator seat, elected annually, is also on the ballot.

The elections will be held March 26. The deadline to file papers is Feb. 5, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy. Signatures from at least 50 registered Andover voters are needed to run for office.

The two Board of Selectmen seats are for three-year terms. Members Paul Salafia, elected to his first two-year term in 2011, and Alex Vispoli, elected to his third term in 2010, currently hold those seats and have pulled nomination papers. Vispoli had already returned his papers for certification, he said.

The two seats on the School Committee are also for three years. They're currently occupied by Paula Colby-Clements, who won her first term on the committee in 2010, and Dick

Collins, who has served for five consecutive terms. Both incumbents plan to run for re-election, they said.

The moderator seat is currently held by Sheila Doherty, who has held the position since 2007 after her father, the late James Doherty, held it for 29 years. She also has pulled nomination papers.

The lone Housing Authority seat is occupied by Janice Burkholder. The seat is for five years, and she has pulled nomination papers to run for reelection.

The only opening, a Trustees of Punchard Free School seat, slated for a three-year term, is occupied by John

Atchinson Jr. The board oversees funds used to fund high school enrichment and other programs.

Atchinson is not running for re-election, having taken the seat for a one-year term last year with plans to step down this year, according to Earl Efinger, chairman of the Trustees.

The ideal candidate for the position "has to be a resident in the town of Andover and willing to serve three years, and willing to meet a few times a year," Efinger said.

For more information and to pull nomination papers to run, contact the town clerk's office at 623-8255 or visit the Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St.

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The screening is conducted by members of the special education staff and provides information about a child's functioning in the areas of speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills and overall cognitive growth. Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed.

Children who will attend kindergarten in the fall of 2013 will be screened as a part of the overall kindergarten program.

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Keller pleads not guilty to child pornography charges

By DOUGLAS MOSER

An Andover pediatrician and former director of the Phillips Academy student

health center pleaded not guilty to federal child pornography charges yesterday and was ordered held at least until his next hearing in about three

weeks.

Richard J. Keller, 56, of 10 Cyr Circle, was indicted last week on two counts of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. He pleaded not guilty to all three counts during a short arraignment hearing at the John Joseph Moakely Courthouse.

Keller, dressed in a tan prison uniform and a sweatshirt, spoke little during the hearing, only acknowledging he understood the charges against him and entering his plea.

Defense attorney Max D. Stern, of Stern Shapiro

Weissberg & Garin of Boston, declined to comment yesterday after the hearing.

Keller's next hearing is scheduled for Jan. 10, and Judge Jennifer Boal ordered him held until then. He has been in jail since his Sept. 13 arrest.

Each charge of receipt of child pornography is punishable with up to 15 years in prison for a first offense, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. The possession charge is punishable by up to five years in prison.

Keller was arrested Sept. 13 on one receipt of child pornography charge during a raid of his home in which police said they found 500 photographs and as many as 100 DVDs containing sexually explicit images and videos of juveniles.

He most recently worked as a pediatric endocrinologist

at Boston Children's Hospital, though the hospital said yesterday he is no longer an employee. He also was a pediatrics instructor at Harvard Medical School. The school has said it put Keller on leave, and did not respond to a query yesterday asking if he was still on leave.

Keller spent 19 years as the medical director for Phillips Academy's health center, which is open 24 hours a day to both day students and those who live in the dorms. In the spring of 2011 he was told his contract would not be renewed for the 2012-13 school year. While the school's contracts run through August, Keller resigned that month, April 2011.

A statement from new head of school John Palfrey, who never worked with Keller, said, "The reasons for the school's

decision not to renew his appointment involved professional misconduct unrelated to the charges Dr. Keller faces from the US Attorney's office."

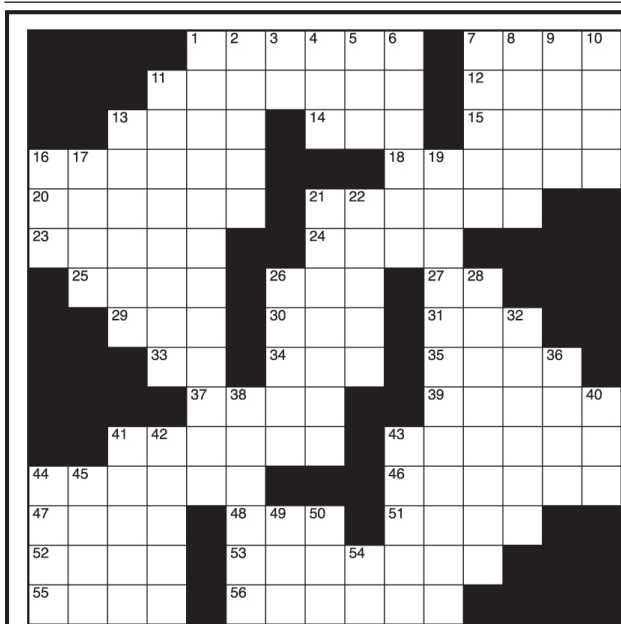
He surrendered his Massachusetts medical license, and in September New Hampshire suspended his license to practice there.

Investigators searched his split-entry home in Andover for nearly two hours on Sept. 13 as town police blocked off the entrance to the neighborhood, according to witnesses.

Keller was one of two Andover men arrested as part of a U.S. Attorney's Office investigation into a Canadian firm selling child pornography. William Thomas, 64, of 4A Colonial Drive, Andover, was also arrested and charged with receiving child pornography as a result of the investigation.



Richard Keller



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Afraid
7. Love grass
11. Hepburn/Grant movie
12. Opposite of good
13. Whale ship captain
14. A major U.S. political party
15. Rate of walking
16. A ceremonial procession
18. Unfolded
20. More pretentious
21. Ribbon belts
23. Himalayan wild goats
24. 100 = 1 kwanza
25. Japanese wrestling
26. ___asty: family of rulers
27. Luteinizing hormone
29. British Air Aces
30. Being a single unit
31. Opposite of gee

33. National Guard
34. A stratum of rock
35. Have a yen for
37. Cornell tennis center
39. Iranian monetary units
41. Settings in a play
43. Olfactory properties
44. AKA platyfish
46. Free from deceit
47. Ireland
48. 007's Flemming
51. & & &
52. Kidney, fava or broad
53. W. African country
55. ___ Frank's diary
56. Induces vomiting

CLUES DOWN

1. Jame's "Fifty ___"
2. Scottish game pole
3. Atomic #18
4. Tattered cloth
5. Tokyo
6. Force from office
7. Wigwam
8. Dynasty actress Linda
9. Small mongrel
10. Rapidly departed
11. A corporate leader
13. King of Camelot
16. Mrs. Nixon
17. Macaws
19. Symphony orchestra
21. Cunning

22. Wheatgrass adjective
26. U. of Texas residential center
28. Estate (Spanish)
32. Pilots and Blues
36. Right angle building wings
38. Store fodder
40. Supersonic transport
41. Brand of plastic wrap
42. Comb-plate
43. Puppeteer Lewis
44. Tatouhou
45. Security interest in a property
49. Direct a weapon
50. One point E of due N
54. Latin for "and"

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items appeared in Andover police logs from Tuesday, Dec. 11 to Monday, Dec. 17:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — At 9:47 p.m., Rafael Sanchez, 67, of 21 Lenox St. in Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 10:59 p.m., John Phillips, 65, of 195 Salem St. in Wilmington, was arrested on Argilla Road and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, second offense.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — At 11:35 a.m., Mark Maesano, 38, of 92 Towne Hill Road in Haverhill, was arrested on Union Street in Lawrence and charged on a warrant for assault and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — At 8:12 p.m., Kelley Horton, 48, of 89 Groton St. in Pepperell, was arrested on Olde Berry Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Saturday, Dec. 15 — At 5:54 p.m., Luke Boisvert, 32, of 8 Dyson Drive in Salem, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on two warrants for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, leaving the scene of an accident and possession of a class D drug.

At 9:29 p.m., Mireya Guerrero, 52, of 170 Haverhill St. in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Monday, Dec. 17 — At 4:10 p.m., George Mosher, 17, of 9 Locke St. in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — At 2:06 p.m., a theft of three packages was reported on Cross Street.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — At 1:27 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Jordyn Lane.

Sunday, Dec. 16 — At 8:18 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Juliette Street.

At 1:21 p.m., a theft of a bicycle was reported on Burnham

Road.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — At 12:11 p.m., police were called to North Main Street after a caller "reported that someone was banging on his mouth when he was trying to eat." Police notes indicate the "caller was very difficult to understand." It was later determined that the caller was in Lawrence, so Andover police transferred the call to that precinct. Moments later, the call came back, "as he wanted to speak with Andover police."

At 12:46 p.m., police received a report of "some loose chickens in the area" of Burnham Road. A responding officer later noted that the chickens belong to a property owner on High Street and that this happens frequently.

At 1:12 p.m., an unattended death was reported on High Plain Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — At 3:25 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Railroad Street.

At 4:10 p.m., a case of fraud was reported on Olympia Way. Saturday, Dec. 15 — At 11:21 p.m., vandalism by egging was

reported at a home on Chestnut Street.

Sunday, Dec. 16 — At 4:24 p.m., police were called to Longwood Drive on a report of a domestic incident. The caller reported "she hears yelling" coming from a nearby apartment that "sounds like it is between a man and a woman." The caller also noted that "she knows children also live in the house." The call was determined to be unfounded, as the occupants of the apartment "state they were watching a football game."

Monday, Dec. 17 — At 1:56 p.m., a Brookside Drive resident called police to report that her vehicle was stolen sometime overnight. It was later discovered that the car "was moved for plowing."

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 13 — At 7:34 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Park Street.

Sunday, Dec. 16 — At 12:23 p.m., an accident involving a vehicle hitting a skateboarder was reported on North Main Street. The skateboarder was taken to an area hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.

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Obituaries

Part I: Andover's enchanted forest created by Thomas Cochran



Tom Adams

Andover Historical Society

For over three quarters of a century it has reigned as a safe haven for nature and man. How it became, and how it has evolved, is quite literally the stuff of dreams.

Thomas Cochran was a man filled with dreams. A trustee and graduate of Phillips Academy (Class of 1890), his experience as an undergraduate was so defining that he vowed to "one day do something for his old school." Following his graduation from Yale, Cochran worked on Wall Street where his vision helped build fortunes during those heady days of economic expansion. Amassing a personal fortune of his own, by 1917 he was a partner in J.P. Morgan & Company. Through it all, he remembered his time at Andover and his long-ago-made promise to one day give something back. And indeed he did give back – and on the grandest of scales.

"Although his early donations were casual and unsystematic...to conceive an idea was, with Cochran, to take prompt steps to carry it out," noted Claude M. Fuess, Phillips headmaster (1933-1948). Cochran was nothing if not decisive. In 1921 he brought noted New York architect Charles Adams Platt to review the school's expansion plans. For Cochran and the academy, it was kismet. Platt and Cochran were destined to change the face of the school campus to that which we recognize today. Platt believed that natural beauty should be an inherent element in the education of boys.

The story goes that during a walk across campus under the stately elms, Platt asked, "Why not surround them with the very best architecture and nature and the fine arts? Why not a bird sanctuary, a really fine library, a topnotch art gallery, a good Colonial church with an organ? Why not a few broad vistas, some lawns, and terraces, even some notable lectures and concerts - all



Ducks on the sanctuary's pond.

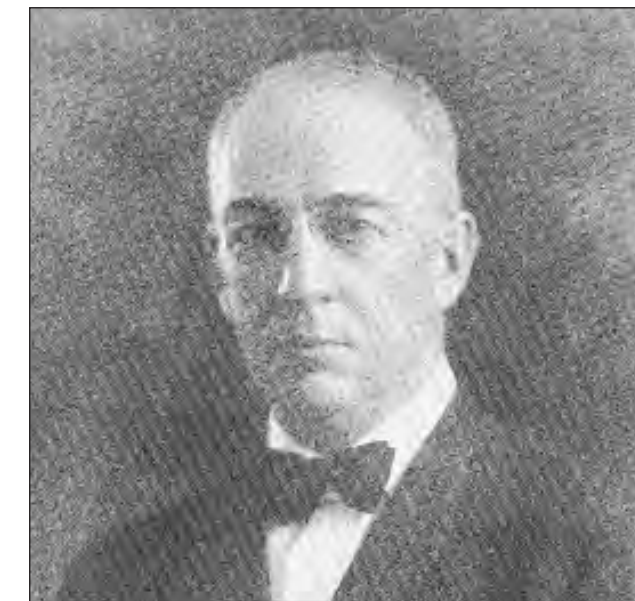
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instruments of culture?" Not one to let an opportunity pass, Pratt added, "I'd just like to try my hand at it."

Duly inspired, Cochran commissioned a scale model of the campus showing every existing structure and each major tree together with each proposed change and addition. With the concurrence of the Board of Regents, Cochran marshaled his team. In 1921, with the guidance of Charles Platt and landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, Cochran began a major transformation – an historic expansion and beautification of the existing school campus. Some refer to it as Andover's Golden Age and to Thomas Cochran as its golden angel. Given what transpired during the ensuing decade, it's hard to argue either point.

Consider that during those years 10 buildings were moved, including Pearson Hall, Tucker House, Bancroft Hall, Pemberton Cottage, the Phillips Memorial Gate, and the Armillary sphere – all to create the campus that Platt and Cochran envisioned. In a flurry of activity, Pratt designed and Cochran funded an unprecedented wave of new construction erecting George Washington and Paul Revere Halls, the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, and the Addison Gallery of American Art. The Andover Inn and Cochran Chapel also were built, along with a central heating plant.

Not to be outdone, the Olmsteads, preeminent landscape architects, revamped the campus landscape, planting trees and creating magnificent vistas including the great lawn. The thought



Thomas Cochran

of establishing a bird sanctuary continued to germinate in Cochran's mind. Like so many things, "it needed to get done." Put on the back burner during the frenzy of relocating existing buildings, erecting new construction, and the wide-scale enhancing of the campus landscape, the sanctuary took its first deep breath in the late 1920s. One evening, according to accounts, Thomas Cochran and a group of his friends were sitting behind the Andover Inn relaxing, as they often did, when the subject of the bird sanctuary came up. Cochran said simply to do "whatever was necessary" to make it happen. Expense was not a consideration. Planning began soon after with John Stewart, Cochran's great friend and then manager of the Andover Inn, taking charge. The original plan encompassed the area immediately surrounding Rabbit

Pond located behind the Andover Inn. Stewart summoned Dick Hoyer, a noted authority on birds. Soon after, a duck house was built. Hoyer was then dispatched to Connecticut where he acquired a large number of ducks and geese. On his return, Hoyer assumed management of the sanctuary and hit the ground running.

Two islands were built in the middle of Rabbit Pond using dirt left from the recent relocation of Bancroft Hall. The islands served as a shelter allowing birds to nest. The duck house was then enlarged to accommodate birds during the cold winter months. Delighted with the progress, Pratt and Cochran quickly began dreaming – and planning – on an even grander scale.

Next: *Thomas Cochran's dream unfolds as the story of the Moncrieff Cochran Sanctuary concludes next week.*

Patricia A. (Giolito) Bales

May 26, 1942 — December 12, 2012

ANDOVER — Patricia A. Maine and also traveling to Florida to spend time with her daughter. Pat was an amazing cook and loved to try new recipes. She enjoyed reading, word games and gardening in her spare time. In fact, she was a founding member of the Garden Club at Powder Mill Square in Andover where she resided for the last several years. She had a wonderful circle of friends and was always happy and had a smile that could light up a room.



Pat was born and raised in Haverhill, graduating from Haverhill High School in 1960. Pat then went to work for the Raytheon Company where she worked for 15 years, beginning in the typing pool and advancing to executive secretary working for the Deputy Plant Manager. Pat left Raytheon to be home with her daughter, Jennifer, and after several years as a homemaker, Pat returned to the workplace at The Newtwork, where she became affiliated with Collins Education Associates. Here Pat found a position that allowed her to excel as she helped build a business from two employees to more than twenty. Her ability to connect with educators and establish long term relationships was critical to the companies success. Pat was an outstanding editor, editing many books and articles. Her colleague, Dr. John Collins, recalls, "She tried to retire for three years but I avoided the topic. I could not imagine how we could get along without her." After retiring, Pat always wanted to make a contribution and to help others. She volunteered at the Andover Senior Center providing clerical support and working at the reception desk which she loved. From there she began volunteering at the Veteran's Services office. Here she worked with Michael Burke, Director of Veteran's Services, Robert Domingue, and the book team publishing the Heroes Among Us books honoring Andover's World War II veterans.

Pat loved the beach or anything near the water. She especially enjoyed spending time in Newburyport, Ogunquit,

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours at the Paul C. Rogers Family - Scatamacchia Funeral Home, 334 Main Street, Haverhill, will be Thursday, December 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at All Saints Church, 120 Bellevue Avenue, Haverhill. Interment will be private for the family. Donations in her memory may be made to the Andover Veteran's Services Office, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810 or to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, 2600 Network Blvd., Suite 300, Frisco, TX 75034. For directions or online condolences, please visit us at www.scatamacchiafuneralhome.com

Patricia A. (Giolito) Bales



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SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregiver support

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Spectrum Adult Day Health Program at North Andover (located at 1820 Turnpike St., Suite 106 in North Andover) will host a free support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders. Led by a social worker and offering a confidential forum for the sharing of coping techniques and information, free respite care will be made available upon request. For more information and to arrange respite services, please contact Susan Harrison

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Metastatic breast cancer support

A group of women and men from the North Shore and Merrimack Valley who are living with stage IV metastatic breast cancer get together every other week for confidential and caring conversations, resource sharing, supportive ideas, and laughter. It is a special place to share your feelings, concerns, fears, and joys and be completely understood by those who are also walking a similar path. The group meets in Middleton near Route 114 every other

Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and new members are welcome. For more information or to register, contact founder and participant Heather LoRe (heatherlore@verizon.net or 978-664-2161) or facilitator Marie Lucca (mariejlucca@comcast.net).

Breastfeeding support group

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover 6 Locke St. off Main Street.

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mothers can meet and share thoughts and concerns about breastfeeding. Trained breastfeeding support leaders are on hand at every meeting. Pregnant women, mothers, nursing babies, siblings and women interested in breastfeeding are welcome.

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by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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TOWN TALK

Andover vigil for Newtown tomorrow

Ballard Vale United Church, at 23 Clark Road in Andover, will host a prayer vigil Friday for Newtown, Conn., where a gunman killed 26 people, including 20 children. The vigil this Friday, Dec. 21 will be from 6:30 to 7 p.m. All our welcome, according to the congregation.

TIF vote arrives

State officials were slated to vote yesterday, Wednesday, after Townsman press time, on a proposal allowing a temporary tax break for a large company to come to Andover and expand existing property.

Under a five-year tax increment financing plan, Paris-based Schneider Electric would add around 67,000 square feet to an existing 160,000 square foot building on Federal Street.

Out of the plan, requiring around \$20 million in investment from the company, the value of the property would increase and hundreds of jobs would be created in the area, according to Planning Director Paul Materazzo.

The TIF, approved at Annual Town Meeting last year, seeks to tax the company only for the property's present value for three years. Then, the company's property tax would be incrementally increased for two years. By the sixth year, the company will be taxed based on the full value of the expanded building.

"They're looking to make a minimum private investment of \$20 million, and essentially take over a vacant building that's been vacant for over 10 years," Materazzo said. "What they're doing is creating jobs in an economic target area."

— Dustin Luca

Ice time for a cause

Andover High hockey players of the past will lace them up again at the annual Andover High School alumni hockey game, on the Friday after Christmas



COURTESY PHOTO

League of Women Voters members Amy Janovsky and Ann Cobleigh listen as Susan Faxon, associate director and curator at the Addison Gallery of American Art, provides insights into the current exhibit "American Vanguards: Graham, Davis, Gorky, de Kooning, and Their Circle, 1927-1942." The women were among those who attended the League's second annual "Chocolate at the Addison" event, which makes both art and chocolate available as part of a special night.

The event will be Friday, Dec. 28 at 6:10 and 6:30 p.m., at the Phillips Academy rink.

Those interested in skating are asked to email ahshattrickclub@yahoo.com.

A minimum donation of \$60 for the event is required. Organizers say 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the AHS boys hockey program.

Gardening for kids

Quota International of Andover will welcome

Andover gardening expert Betsy Williams speaking on "Are there fairies at the bottom of your garden?" on Tuesday,



Betsy Williams

Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at Andover's Memorial Hall Library. Admission is free.

Williams, a teacher, author and lecturer on uses of herbs and flowers, will

help children down the path of "Going Green" through the use of folklore, crafts and activities. "Parents, grandparents, teachers, gardeners and nature lovers will enjoy this delightful presentation," according to Quota. For more information, contact Jackie Williamson at 978-251-8922.

Andover books have checked in

The new historical book, *Andover Stories*, is here. The Andover Historical Society has several for sale at \$39.95. The book is a collection of the *Andover Stories* columns that have been running in the *Townsman*.

People can buy the books there (97 Main St.) and also check out "Tree Time." The Historical Society's annual tree festival features 20 trees this year decorated by volunteers. There's an \$8 admission charge, which goes directly to the Society. It closes Saturday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m.

— Judy Wakefield

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Opinion

Looking to each other in time of sorrow

It's impossible to determine what might have motivated a gunman to commit his horrible act at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school. There rarely is an understandable motivation behind the actions of mass murderers. They are not rational and their "reasons" are known only to themselves.

It is difficult to comprehend even the scope of the tragedy, where Adam Lanza on Friday killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School, 20 of them children.

Police say Lanza, 20, also killed his mother, Nancy Lanza, at their home then drove to the school where he opened fire on school personnel and the children. Lanza killed himself at the scene.

It is heart-rending to think of the loss suffered by the families of these children, kindergartners through fourth-graders. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, their friends and loved ones. Our thoughts are also with the extended Lanza family, which has roots in Haverhill and Kingston, N.H.

In the wake of such tragedies, the same questions arise. What must we do?

Andover Public Schools Superintendent Marinel McGrath and psychologist Larry Larsen had some helpful suggestions. We must talk to our children, McGrath said in a letter to the community.

First, parents are encouraged to "protect your young children from repeated viewings and auditory exposure to news accounts" of the school shooting. Provide only as much information and reassurance as the child seems to want or need. Children often may not be interested in a lengthy conversation about this, and will be satisfied with a brief reassurance. Emphasize that they are safe and that they are loved.

Larsen offered similar advice saying: Turn off the news reports in front of children. Don't tell them more than they want to know. Explain the events in words that they can understand and show that you care about them.

Larsen also proposes that Americans and Andover residents should look at how they can better support and connect with one another, not just with their children.

"We're not talking as a society and we're disconnected. Hopefully we can be better friends to one another," Larsen said. "The whole issue of loneliness... In many communities and certainly in mine, people are frequently lonely on their one-acre lots."

Larsen believes the horrible act should encourage people to look at how they can improve modern life.

"It seems to me this ought to start us talking about how can we make our life and times better," he said. A big part of that is to be willing to reach out to one another. And that's the theme of this time of year -- the idea of the holiday spirit.

McGrath also had words of hope and optimism for those touched by this tragedy.

"We are all in this together; loving and caring for the children of this community," she wrote. "For all of us as adults, I trust we will find a way to draw reassurance and comfort from each other and the affirming messages of this holiday season. The bad news is not all of the news, and we have so much to be thankful for."

We appreciate those words, and hope that during this time of year, and beyond, people can feel more connected to each other.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Winter break starts Friday. What are your holiday plans?

■ We're traveling elsewhere in the country to visit distant relatives.

■ We're traveling elsewhere in the country for a family vacation.

■ We're staying in New England, but traveling away from home.

■ We're staying put. There's no place (for winter break) like home.

■ We're empty nesters, so we don't have any plans other than to work.

■ Other.

tested at school events, while 30 voters said they shouldn't be. With 81 votes tallied in total, the individual answers were:

■ YES. It reinforces the fact that underage drinking isn't acceptable: 34 votes, 41.98 percent.

■ YES. It ensures that students don't arrive to the event drunk: 13 votes, 16.05 percent.

■ NO. Breathalyzers send the message that no kids can be trusted: 11 votes, 13.58 percent.

■ NO. It infringes on personal freedoms and privacy: 11 votes, 13.58 percent.

■ NO, but for another reason: eight votes, 9.88 percent.

■ YES, but for another reason: three votes, 3.7 percent.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion: one vote, 1.23 percent.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked you if breathalyzer testing should be mandatory to enter Andover High School events.

Overall, 50 responders should be

FIRST SNOWFALL



Andover resident and photographer Bob Dennis was happy to see the first significant snow in some time, sending this photo of South Church, taken Monday night.

Neighborhood's spirit worth a million

Barb Higgins

20 Liberty St.

I want to tell you about the multi million dollar neighborhood that I live in. It's one of many million dollar neighborhoods in Andover. We have landscapers, built in alarm systems, caterers and caretakers, we have pet sitters and babysitters. We have our very own park too. It's not public. This all has a secret name. Only those who have lived in it or live in it now know the name.

About our landscapers... we all mow our own lawns and run around the yard moving the sprinklers to different locations. We plant our own flower beds and sometimes they are a success and other times they are not and we go to the expert in the 'hood to get some tips. Our vegetable gardens benefit not only ourselves, but anyone who takes a liking to the latest batch of produce.

Our built in alarm system are the people in their homes on the street who are looking out their windows, looking out for each other.

Need a dinner? We've got caterers that can whip up a meal and walk it over in times of need. Just had major surgery? No problem. We have caretakers that will take turns checking on you, some with medical degrees, others who are simply just good at caring for people. Going away for the weekend? No problem we have ready and willing cat sitters and dog walkers that don't charge for their time. Gotta run to the market real quick? It's OK. You can leave and your children can

continue playing outside and someone will keep an eye on them.

We are not best friends. We don't vacation or celebrate holidays together. We don't always share the same political views. We don't share the same religion. We don't dress alike nor do we have the same group of friends. In fact, we are often so very different. We do occasionally, at least once a year, crack a beer open with each other.

The homes in our neighborhood, one with sidewalks in disrepair and trees that are 30 or 40 years old (many of them dying), are all worth below \$600,000. But the neighborhood is worth much more. Sometimes I wake up early on a winter day and noticed that someone shoveled my walkway. Other days I've actually seen a table being moved from one house to another so that someone will have enough seating in their house for Thanksgiving dinner. That lady living by herself, she's had Christmas breakfast with us. I've seen cars being swapped so that something oversized could be brought home rather than pay for delivery. I've seen nurses walk over to listen to a congested chest or look at an unsightly bump on the head. A dentist will take a child into their home to look at a mouth injury that just happened after a biking accident. And if you're stuck in traffic there is usually someone around who will take that child off the bus and give them a snack.

There is no real estate calculation that measures any of this. When you buy a home the real value is in the neighborhood. I live in a

million-dollar neighborhood.

Recently a home burned down in this million-dollar neighborhood. Within 24 hours my hallway was filled with gift cards, clothing and shoes. People didn't just give their junk away. They took the clothing out of their closets that they still wear and donated it. They took the shoes off their feet and gave them away. A rain jacket, still warm with wear no doubt, was handed over. They raided their children's closets to give clothing and toys to two little ones who no longer had anything to play with.

This is not something that a first time homeowner realizes. It's that "thing" that's missing when people decide to start looking for their next house even though they have enough bathrooms and bedrooms to live comfortably. This takes many years to learn. It takes many ups and downs and sometimes tragedies to realize that your \$300,000 home is really worth over a million dollars no matter what the town assessor thinks.

One neighbor every summer mows a baseball diamond in his giant backyard and the kids are there every day. One summer he let them set up spot lights. He can be seen installing air conditioners and trimming the trees in the neighborhood. He was the one who faithfully checked in on the older failing ones, took them on daily walks and dropped by at the end of the night to make sure they got to bed OK.

Another neighbor can always be called upon to jump start a car or fix the mower that is tired and

overworked. We have teachers, nurses, lawyers, doctors, dentists, scientists, landscapers, accountants, and stay-at-home moms. We have a gal who can make you look like a celebrity at your 35th high school reunion. We have that guy who knows how to fix anything. We have that other guy who is strong as an ox and can help you move anything up and down your stairs. We have that person who will bake a cake for you on your birthday and say it's from your kids. Everyone contributes to this neighborhood and collectively make it worth millions of dollars.

These are the things that people forget about when valuing the beauty of their home. These are the things that we will remember during our last years. We won't remember that fabulous sofa that we got on sale at that upscale store or the exact color of our dining room walls. We won't remember that minivan we so wished was a convertible. So what if there are cracks in the sidewalks, some shingles that need painting and some windows that are so old you have to go outside to hang the storm windows by hand. We won't move because we are all in on the secret to this neighborhood. People have come and gone in this neighborhood but the magic never leaves.

I live in the richest neighborhood in Andover. I'm staying put no matter how green the grass looks from the irrigation systems on the other side.

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School killings can haunt a generation

Editor, Townsman:

My name is Alexandra Stoetzel and I am a songwriter and singer who grew up in Andover. I also teach private voice and piano lessons. I am 27 years old and I live in Newton. I wrote the following after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I think it represents how a lot of my generation feels.

I never thought I'd be a teacher. When I became a teacher, I never thought I'd enjoy it. When I started to enjoy it, I still never thought I'd really care about it. And even when I began to care I still didn't think it would alter my views on life. But it has, and I feel that today more than I've ever felt it before.

We live in a world of me. My Life, My Career, My Ideas, My Needs, My Desires. The truth is, it is not our life. It is life and we are just a part of it. We have one purpose, to provide the next generation with a greater, richer life than the one we stand in now.

Right now my generation stands on the stage of life. Lights on, curtains up. We grew up in the age of Columbine. It was tragic, no power. We did not run the world. We now have control. We now have responsibility.

School killings are useless. They cause undying suffering to many people and families. But they also cause a suffering

that is not tangible.

A suffering that has undoubtable haunted my generation, and will now unfortunately and regrettably haunt the next one as well.

ALEXANDRA STOETZEL
 Andover native
 Newton, Mass.

On Medicare reform, it's time to talk

Editor, Townsman:

There are two very different plans that have been proposed to reform Medicare. One plan proposes to raise premiums to about \$ 6,000 per year. While long term financial stability for Medicare might be realized, it would also mean that senior citizens who rely on social security and Medicare today would immediately become poverty stricken. The other plan seeks to preserve Medicare by doing nothing. This

head-in-the-ground approach would most likely assure the demise of a very successful health care program for future senior citizens. It is high to begin a public conversation on what a fair and responsible reform plan for Medicare might look like. Here are some ideas that can begin that conversation:

1. Eliminate Medicare subsidies to insurance companies. These subsidies amounting to \$ 1,000 per subscriber are being phased out under a mandate from the Affordable Care Act. No reductions in health care services required under Medicare will occur.

2. Reduce the age of Medicare eligibility to 55 years old. While a lowering of the eligible age may seem counter intuitive, the cost per subscriber could be significantly reduced by including a younger and healthier adult group.

3. Adopt a schedule of affordable co-payments and deductibles. There are many current and future Medicare recipients who could afford Medicare co-payments and increased health care deductibles. However, there are also many low income seniors for whom added medical costs would be a considerable financial burden. Affordability can be determined using income guidelines.

4. Negotiate the cost of prescription drugs with pharmaceutical companies. This proposal is a no-brainer. The drug companies have put

a political lock on such actions right now. There needs to be a new mind set in Congress: what's best for Americans, not what's needed to get re-elected.

5. Identify and implement strategies to control costs and encourage efficiencies in medical practice for Medicare recipients. The development of new ideas about cost control and medical practices under Medicare have been mandated under the Affordable Care Act.

6. Determine the feasibility of adopting lower cost concierge-style medical practices to reduce Medicare costs. There are some forward thinking medical practitioners who are demonstrating that more affordable medical costs can be achieved by eliminating the virtual stranglehold that insurance companies currently have on the cost of medical care in America. Some innovative thinking could eliminate billions of dollars in administrative overhead costs and profit commanded by the insurance industry.

These are some ideas for reforming Medicare that should be considered and debated. More ideas are needed.

We need also begin a conversation with members of Congress and the Senate. One thing is for sure: health care costs for Medicare must be reduced. It's time to start talking.

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Sharing lessons with a good book



COURTESY PHOTO
 Rotary Club of Andover members Paul Salafia, Don Gottfried, Howard Perkins, Marie Stultz, Craig Saline, Joan Johnson, Ken Feyl and Pete Johnston are among those who read once a month at West Elementary School. Principal Liz Roos says, "The readers are terrific community role models to help us teach each class about respect, friendship, tolerance, inclusion, cooperation, empathy, courage and problem solving."

Spay or neuter your dog, save on license

The cost to license a dog in Andover has dropped for those who spay or neuter their pets.

The license fee for spayed or neutered dogs is now \$13 with proof from a veterinarian. All other license are \$14.

The town clerk's office mailed renewal notices to dog owners on Dec. 13. Around 2,500 dogs were licensed in the town last year.

By state law, the deadline to license a dog is Jan. 1, 2013. The town clerk's office assesses an additional, cumulative \$5 monthly fee beginning March 1 for those who get their license late.

The town clerk's office in Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.,

is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the office at 623-8255 or email townclerk@andoverma.gov.

State targeting drunk drivers

Treasurer Steven Grossman and the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's national Impaired Driving Crackdown, will focus enforcement efforts at bars throughout the Commonwealth during the 2012 holiday season. The operation will continue through New Year's Eve, according to a release from Grossman's office.

"This type of enforcement effort can save lives and prevent tragedies before they happen," Grossman said in the release. "Operation Safe Holidays takes immediate and effective steps that result in the direct prevention of drunk driving and serving of intoxicated individuals during the busy holiday season."

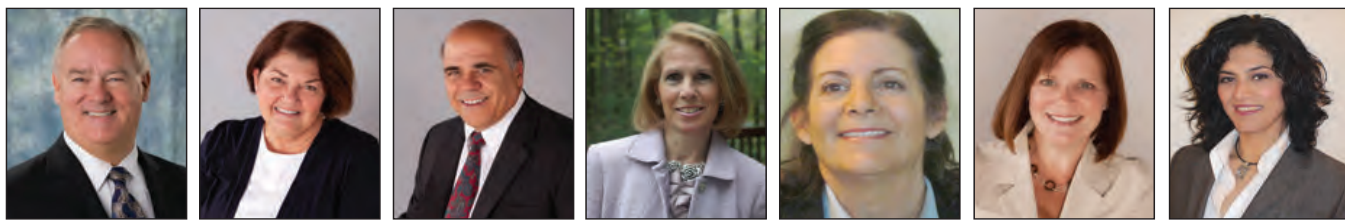
As of the end of November, the ABCC has conducted this year enforcement operations in approximately 200 municipalities throughout the Commonwealth and has responded to 500 complaints relative to underage drinking and the sale of alcohol to intoxicated individuals. Approximately 250 bars and liquor stores have been charged with violations under the Liquor Control Act.

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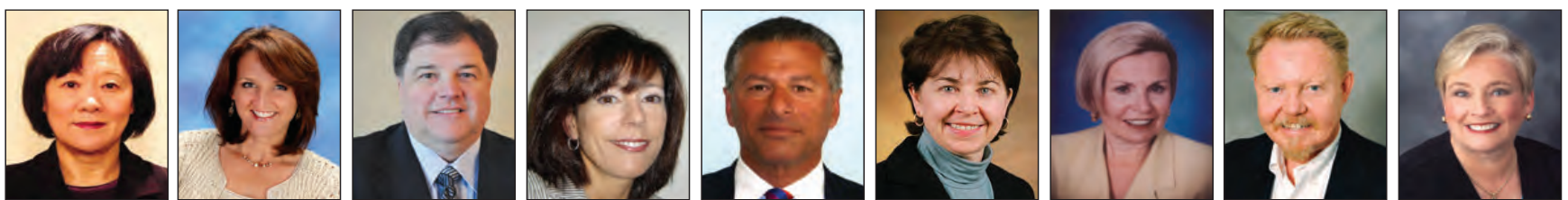
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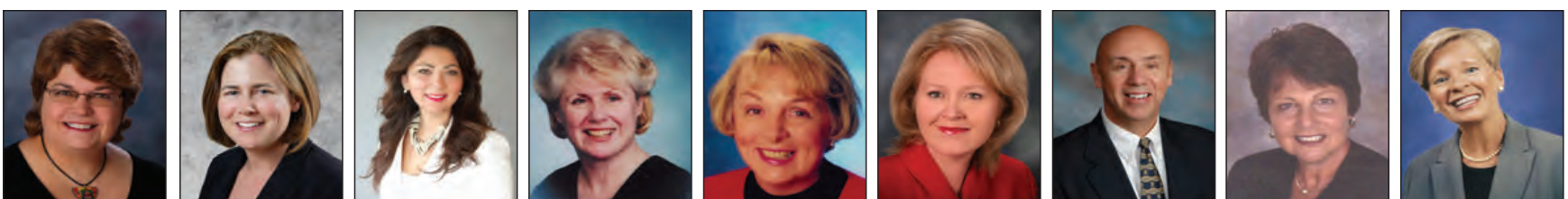
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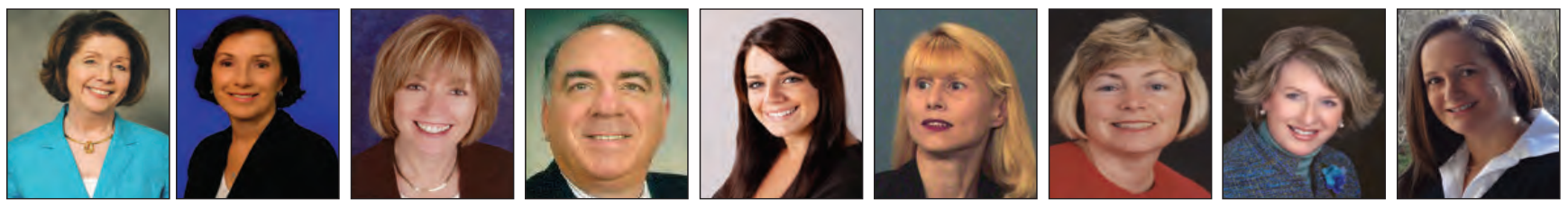
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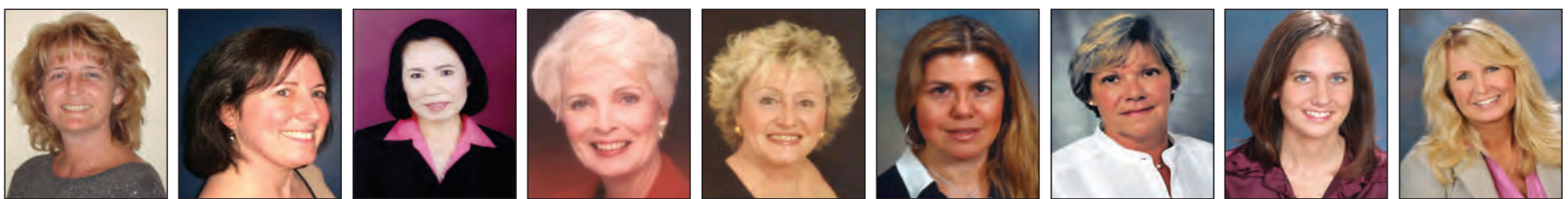
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION, 6:30 p.m., Serio's Grove, Lowell Junction Road, Andover (go to andovertrails.org for info and directions). We will park in the field and at 6:30 p.m. we will take a short walk (less than 5 minutes) through the lovely, dark, and deep woods on the darkest evening of the year. At the pavilion we will have a short presentation on the astronomy, history, and folklore of the winter solstice. Entertainment will be provided by local musicians. Bring bells to ring as the Holly King Banner is retired and the Oak King Banner is raised to symbolize the time of lengthening days. There will be a campfire to roast marshmallows and S'mores. Bring your own supplies and beverages, but NO alcoholic drinks are allowed, free and open to the general public; bob_otter@comcast.net.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, West Parish Church presents its 34th annual pageant complete with live animals, at the archway to the West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, intersection of Route 133 and Reservation Road, 5 p.m., free.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

WALK IN THE WOODS, every Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., free, Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, wear appropriate footwear - hiking footwear is best - no sneakers. Feel free to bring snowshoes/skis on days with snow. This is a moderate hike appropriate for all ages. Children are welcome. Cancelled only in the event of heavy rain; 617-828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

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SUNDAY, JAN. 6

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, Family Cooperative Preschool, 565 Osgood St., on Edgewood Farm in North Andover, 1 to 2 p.m. Meet the director and teachers, tour school house, and rural setting; 978-682-4012, familycoop.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

BALLARDALE PRESCHOOL PLAY-GROUP, for Toddler & Parents, (18-33 months) meet on Monday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., \$130 for session or \$10 per class, includes activities, snack and playground time, 23 Clark Road, Andover; 978-470-2033, ballardvalepreschool.com, Email: ballardpre@aol.com.

CREATIVE CAFÉ MEETS, 7 p.m. Open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook, and create other portable crafts, Memorial Hall Library; mhl.org.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH GROUP

WINTER SESSION BEGINS, 10 a.m. to noon, Memorial Hall Library. Weekly sessions for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

GARDEN CLUB MEETS, North Andover Garden Club presents "Designing with House Plants," 7 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall, Main Street, North Andover. Master Gardener Donna Lane, owner of Lane Interiors and Gardens in Norwood, demonstrates different ways of displaying plants in your home, free, open to all; northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com, Lisa at 978-689-9318.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

PRESIDENTIAL TALK, Richard Padova of Northern Essex Community College Global Studies Department, presents "Presidential Inaugurations from Washington to Obama," 2:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. RSVP to Karen Payne-Taylor at kpaynetaylor@andoverma.gov, 978-623-8321.



Courtesy photo

A multitude of hosts help create the annual Not Your Typical Silent Night event at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College.

Spreading the joy

Hundreds to perform as part of Not Your Typical Silent Night

Not Your Typical Silent Night, a musical performance with a variety of musical styles presented by more than 100 artists, returns to Rogers Center the afternoon of Dec. 23.

As in years past, every ticket-buyer will receive a button emblazoned with the year's theme. This year's theme: Spread Joy.

Top local artists join the Choral Majority gospel choir for this contemporary interpretation of the classic Christmas celebration, including internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist Lance Bryant of Andover and Boston gospel ensemble Confirmation, led by founder/director David Coleman, who's been profiled on BBC America's "First Person" for his work with the Tufts University gospel choir.

Other featured artists include concert pianist Diane Lim of Andover, dance soloist Kim McLeod of Andover, soloist Jeanne McMahon of Andover, singer/songwriter Gail Dorey of Watertown, vocalist Cynthia Faulkner of Lawrence, singer/guitarist Ryan Phelps of Bradford, and pianist Peter Vantine of Middleton, one of the first winners of Turner Classic Movies' Young Film Composers International Competition.

Produced by the Blue Window Arts Group, NYTSN has sold out the 600-seat Rogers Center in past years.

"Since our start in 1996, we've been privileged to collaborate with many renowned local artists to create a diverse repertoire with new arrangements every year," director Eric W. Lindahl said in a release. Singer/actress Robin Allison



Andover musician Lance Bryant performs at last year's Not Your Typical Silent Night show.

Lindahl, who has starred on most New England theater stages, will be directing children's choirs in addition to singing some of the show's highlights as she and husband Eric

bring their vision of Christmas magic to the Rogers Center stage. Always an audience favorite,

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Clara and Co. headed to Collins Center Nutcracker performance by Boston Dance on Friday

Boston Dance Company's production of "The Nutcracker" returns to the Collins Center for the Performing Arts in Andover tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Boston Dance Company's annual Nutcracker production. It promotes itself as "a performance the entire family will enjoy and remember - full of

magic, a growing Christmas tree, a sword-fight, snowing onstage, and spectacular dancing."

The cast includes approximately 20 professional dancers, 10 company apprentices, and more than 70 local children.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for seniors and children, and can be purchased in advance at bostondancecompany.net or at the door.

Sounds of the season



PHOTO BY NEIL FATER

From left, St. Augustine School students Trevor, 4, and Wyatt, 7, enjoy a break from their ice cream as Kiwanis Club's "singing Santas" surprised them and their mom, Maggie Ek, with a stop at Orange Leaf on Park Street. Trevor was in the bathroom and came running out when he heard the music. For more on the annual Santa Night, which raises money for youth charities, see page 20.

Outdoors group welcomes winter with music, s'mores

A Winter Solstice Celebration will be held by the Shawsheen River Watershed Association tomorrow, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. to welcome the new season.

The third annual solstice celebration will take place at Serio's Grove, Lowell Junction Road, Andover (go to the web site andovertrails.org for information and directions).

People interested in attending can park in the field by Serio's Grove, and at 6:30 p.m., the group will take a short walk (less than 5 minutes) "through the lovely, dark, and deep woods on the darkest evening of the year," according to organizers.

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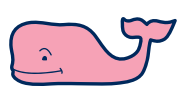
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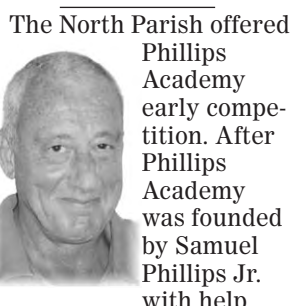
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Three prestigious Andover schools become one

Bill Dalton



The North Parish offered Phillips Academy early competition. After Phillips Academy was founded by Samuel Phillips Jr. with help from Eliphalet Pearson in 1778, some North Parish (now North Andover) residents created a school of their own.

In 1799, Jonathan Stevens, a well-to-do farmer, offered free land not far from the North Parish meeting house. His friends funded the project, and a building was constructed on what is now Academy Road. The school was incorporated in 1801 and was called the North Parish Free School. By 1803 the Free School's name became Franklin Academy, perhaps after Benjamin Franklin.

The school was for boys and girls, unlike Phillips Academy that only admitted boys, and it was the first incorporated school in Massachusetts that admitted girls. The Franklin School differed from Phillips in another way as it was not intended as a preparatory school for college, but rather taught more practical courses intended for the needs of the community.

Franklin Academy was a for-profit enterprise, and it struggled until 1817 when Simeon Putnam, a Harvard graduate (class of 1811), took over as principal and made the school more popular and profitable, for he was a strict and fine teacher. He changed the focus of the school to more classical studies. In his "History of Andover" (1829) Abiel Abbot wrote, "The school has been highly beneficial to the North Parish and to those youth who have enjoyed its advantages... The Classical School, taught the eight preceding years by Mr. Simeon Putnam, has been constantly and deservedly rising in reputation for thorough instruction and moral discipline... The reputation is inferior to none, and has never been more flourishing than at the present time."

Unfortunately, Putnam died in 1833, while still in early middle age, and the school once again struggled. Fifty years after it opened it closed and became a stable in 1853.

Claude Fuess was the former headmaster of Phillips Academy when he wrote his 1959 book, "Andover Symbol of New England." There he detailed the opening of the Andover Theological Seminary in 1808, and said that in the early and middle of the 19th Century "Andover was well-known throughout the Commonwealth as a place of culture. But its claim of distinction was due to Andover Theological Seminary, which acquired a fame at one period hardly less than that of Harvard College." However, in the 1880s,

the seminary held "heresy trials" where the most theologically conservative members of the faculty tried to rid the school of more moderate teachers. The trials received much publicity from the Boston newspapers and the news became national. The moderates won the trials, but the school suffered from the negative publicity and didn't recover for several years.

After leaving Andover in 1908 and spending time in Cambridge affiliated with Harvard, the school eventually moved to Newton Centre and became Andover Newton Theological School, once again a highly-respected institution.

When the seminary opened, it built several buildings. At the time Phillips Academy had only one structure. Prior to the beginning of Phillips Academy, 30 boys from Andover had gone to Harvard. In those days, it was more important for a student to have funds to pay for Harvard than have scholastic merit.

Abbot Female Seminary, which would become Abbot Academy, opened in 1829. Shortly later a competing school for girls was opened by Mrs. Bela B. Edwards on Main Street, and it was considered more aristocratic than Abbot. It closed in 1864.

Among the boys, Abbot was known as the "Fem Sem" and Mrs. Edwards School was called the "Nunnery." (Mrs. Edwards's husband, Bela Bates Edwards (1802-1852), graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1830 and taught there from 1837 until his death. He founded or was associated with several religious periodicals and "Edward's Addresses and Sermons" with a memoir by Edward Park were published in two volumes in 1853.)

For many years following its beginning, Phillips Academy had its ups and downs, at one time dropping to only 18 students. However, as the 19th Century matured so did Phillips, and by the end of the century the school was becoming one of the best in the country. In 1908, when the Andover Theological Seminary moved out of Andover, Phillips paid \$250,000 (\$6 million today) for the seminary's real estate and buildings, and Phillips began developing one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. By 1928, Phillips Academy was ranked as the No. 1 prep school in the U.S. In 1973, Abbot Academy, one of the country's finest girl's schools, merged with Phillips, further enhancing PA's campus and prestige.

(Additional fact: Pearson Street in Andover is named for Eliphalet Pearson, mentioned in the first paragraph.)

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the *Andover Townsman*. His email address is BillDalton@AndoverTownie.com

Interim minister at Christ Church to help congregation look forward

By YADIRA BETANCES
STAFF WRITER

Before she entered the ministry, the new interim leader of Christ Church lead an elementary school classroom as a teacher. The Rev. Dr. Gale Davis also worked as a retail buyer before deciding to enter the clergy.

Now, as she steps in to guide the Central Street church, she says she finds it appropriate that she is beginning her interim ministry during Advent.

"I think of Advent as a time of new beginnings, hope and looking forward," she said as she prepares to lead the church in a search for a new senior pastor. "This is a great parish with great people who are faithful, care for each other and are present for each other."

The Rev. Jeffrey Gill left on Dec. 1 for Seattle, Wash., after 10 years in Andover. As the congregation looks for its next pastor, Davis, 66, said her job is to help parishioners explore who they are, why they do the things they do and what the future holds. She sees herself in a role similar to John the Baptist.

"It's not my job to tell them whom to choose. I feel my job is to point them to who's coming. I'll help them look beyond themselves, let them see a better sense of who they are and hopefully help them chose the person whose right for them," she said.

Before entering the ministry, she was a retail buyer and an elementary school teacher. All the while she was active in the church as a member of the vestry, a lay preacher, Eucharistic minister and Sunday school teacher. She also worked with battered woman, rape victims and children.

"I procrastinated a lot about me going to seminary. I was contributing a lot as a lay woman, but there's an inner nagging you can't ignore any longer," she said.

She was born and raised in Pasadena, Calif., the oldest of six children. She has a degree in human relations and organization from the University of San Francisco and a master of divinity degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. She was a



The Rev. Gale Davis is the interim pastor at Christ Church in Andover. She came to the church after the Rev. Jeffrey Gill was called to serve in Seattle, Wash.

member of the first doctoral class at Seabury Western Seminary where she received a doctorate in congregational development.

Davis was ordained in 1989 in the diocese of El Camino Real, Ca. In her years in the ministry, Davis served in San Jose, Calif.; the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Minneapolis, St. Paul's and was pastor at Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton, Mass., for 12 years.

"I love the ministry because of the privilege of being part of people in their moments of great joy and unbearable sorrow. In the midst of this you can bring assurance and hope," Davis said.

She has worked on the diocesan level in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts as a member of the Diocesan Council, President of the Standing Committee, Deputy to

General Convention, vestry consultant, retreat leader, and was a member of the Congregational Development Committee served as Dean of the Concord River Deanery and is currently chairwoman of the Resolutions Committee for the Massachusetts Episcopal Diocesan Convention.

Davis has four children from a previous marriage: Mark, Richard, Emily and Will; six grandchildren. She married Ernie Frohning in June.

During her spare time, Davis enjoys painting, needle point, cooking from around the world, reading fiction and traveling.

Davis and her husband, who likes to chase solar eclipses recently returned from Australia, where she saw her first eclipse, snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef and walked in a rain forest.

Waiting and wondering



Susan Currie shared this photo, which she shot of Georgia Allen, an Andover resident and third grade student at the Andover School of Montessori. Georgia was waiting on a bridge over the Spicket River, outside her father's doctor's office, Currie said.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLIGET

100 Years Ago - Dec. 20, 1912

Arthur Slane of Higgins Court had a very narrow escape from drowning last Saturday. Along with a few more boys skating on the Shawsheen River, he went out too far on the thin ice and fell in. The timely aid of James Buss of Shawsheen Road saved the youngster from drowning.

B.F. Holt is repairing and improving his icehouse at Poms Pond.

The Wonderland management announce that they have no connection with the American Tobacco Company and will not accept their cigar coupons as admission to the theater.

Real estate agent S.P. Hulme has sold for George C. Foster his vacant land on Woodland Road to John N. Cole.

The Willing Workers of the South Church Courteous Circle met on Monday evening with Miss Evelyn Hardy of Maple Avenue.

75 Years Ago - Dec. 17, 1937

The traffic lights on the island at the junction of North Main and Union Streets was in the way of another errant motorist on Sunday evening, and came out a poor second in the resulting meeting. A Lowell man was taken into custody by Officer William Stewart and state officer William Horan on charges of operating under the influence and drunkenness and in District Court on Monday morning he was held in \$350 for appearances on Dec. 20.

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The Michaels children Smita, 9, and Jyothi, 7, pose with Santa Claus at the Saturday Community Coffee this past weekend as their mother, Ann Michaels, snaps a photo.

DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Continued from Page 10

Two more steps in the school board's attempt to reduce its bill for light and power were taken at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The report of the Lawrence Gas and Electric company showing that the installation and operation of the diesel plant would mean a greater annual cost to the town, as printed in last week's Townsman, was discussed in connection with the report from a diesel company which estimated a substantial saving.

The annual Goldsmith prize speaking contest will be held tonight at the Memorial Auditorium, with six Punchard high students delivering selected pieces. The combined glee clubs will play two selections.

50 Years Ago Dec. 20, 1962

Teachers with a bachelor's degree can earn \$4,600 to \$7,600 here, starting next September, the tracks for masters, masters plus 30 hours, and the doctorate, are progressively \$400 higher. The total estimated payroll for teachers will be \$1,315,462.

Wage and salary negotiations between the manager and Employees Association centered this week around an across-the-board 8.5 percent wage hike, as requested by the employees.

Photo caption: Little Anne Fitzgerald had a big smile for the photographer Saturday afternoon at the skating area behind Central School. The time she spent on her feet posing was about the longest she managed to remain upright, but she sure had fun anyway.

Advertisements under "Merry Christmas to All": Andover Playhouse, Purity Cleaners and Dyers, 13 Essex St.; Park Street Garage, 33 Park St.; John and Rita Hewitt Real Estate, 8 Elm St.; Kenneth P. Thompson Co., 48 Main St.; Atlas Paint & Supply Co., 7 Elm St.; Shawsheen Luncheonette, 2 Lowell St.; Rickey's Variety Store, 53 Essex St.; Ford's Coffee Shop, 14 Main St.; Clark Motor Co., 41 Park St.; Andover Cordial Shop, 11 Barnard St. [among many others].

25 Years Ago Dec. 17, 1987

Elementary children in rapidly increasing numbers are using computer keyboards as tools of learning in reading, spelling, composing, and in computer activities. An exciting use of the computer is to use it as a word processor. Sophisticated software packages have made word processing less complicated and students in early grade levels are composing material on the computer.

The Andover Committee of the Appalachian Mountain Club honored the late Louise Van Everen, a former member, Sunday Dec. 13. The group dedicated a bronze plaque in Rogers Dell to Van Everen's memory. Van Everen was a longtime devotee to the outdoors, and it was largely due to her efforts that the dell was turned from a dump site into a picnic ground.

Last minute requests



Four-year-old Griffin Holmes poses with Santa Claus as his mother, Laurel Holmes, snaps a photo.



James Vacic, 3, smiles as he tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas at last weekend's Saturday Community Coffee.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Pre-registration is requested for all events, which are open to the entire community, pending space. For more information, visit andoverseniorcenter.org or call 978-623-8321.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION: On Friday, Dec. 28, at 1:30 p.m., come ring in the new year a bit early. For \$5, enjoy food, fun and entertainment with Russ McQueen, musician.

BRIDGE: "Beyond the Basics" is Jan. 7 to Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon each meeting. The cost is \$845 for the four-week session. Learn overcalls, takeout doubles, stayman and Jacoby transfers. This is the perfect bridge class for advanced beginners and everyone

who plays bridge at home. Also "Conventions Review," Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each meeting. The cost is also \$85 for the four-week session. Master new minor forcing, Jacoby 2NT and splinters. Terry Kay Bargar, life master; ACBL/ABTA accredited bridge instructor.

THE WEIGHT OF THE NATION: "To Win We Must Lose" presentation on Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost: \$12. Join with us as we learn more about the obesity epidemic that is threatening the lives of almost 50 percent of all Americans. Discuss National Institute of Health-based HBO series about the choices that can be made to turn around this national epidemic. Facilitator is Judy Yelle, MSN.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS: Talk "From Washington to Obama," by Andover's Richard Padova, PhD, Northern Essex Community College History & Global Studies Department on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$4. Who delivered the longest inaugural speech? Who delivered the shortest? Who moved the date from March 4 to Jan. 20 and why? Find out the answers from Padova.

COPING WITH CAREGIVING: Thursdays, Jan. 10 to 31. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Join four local experts to explore important aspects of the Caregiving journey. A hot dinner will be provided each night at 6:30 with the presentation beginning at 7 p.m. See boomerventure.com or call for information.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Hadassah installs executive board for this region

Two Andover women have been named to the executive board of the Northern New England Region of Hadassah. Carole Greenfield, a Groton, Mass. resident, is president of the Northern New England Region of Hadassah, which encompasses 20 chapters and 5,000 women in northeastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Other board members include Rhonda Saunders and Sondra Finegold, both of Andover, who will serve as area vice presidents.

"Founded in 1912, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is the largest women's membership organization in the United States. [Approximately] 330,000 members strong, Hadassah is ... growing its commitment to innovative and life-changing medical care and research, women's empowerment, education, advocacy, philanthropy and building Jewish identity," according to a release.

SPORTS FROM COMMUNITY

Cairns named to 2012 NESCAC Fall All-Academic Team

Leah Cairns, a member of the Class of 2013 at Andover High School, was named to the 2012 NESCAC Fall All-Academic Field Hockey Team. She was a 2011 fall all-academic selection.

To be honored, individuals must have reached sophomore academic standing and be a varsity letter winner with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.35. Transfer students must have completed one year of study at the institution.

The NESCAC, established in 1971, is comprised of 11 highly selective colleges and universities located in the Northeast. The NESCAC sponsors 26 conference championship sports (13 for men and 13 for women) while member schools offer extensive and broad-based intercollegiate as well as club and intramural opportunities for both men and women.

Gomez has personal best steal total

Marist women's basketball fell short in an upset bid against No. 12 Oklahoma, while an Andover High graduate helped play the type of tough defense that kept Marist in the game longer than many might have expected.

Natalie Gomez of 34 minutes, Mass., played a career-high 34 minutes, and had a personal best six steals. By hitting two free throws, she sparked a 10-4 run over a two-minute stretch that pulled Marist within one at 51-50 with 8:15 remaining.

But Marist ran out of steam, losing to Oklahoma, 68-55, on Sunday,

Dec. 2. Still, the 68 points scored by powerhouse Oklahoma tied a season-low for the ranked team and their 42 percent from the field and 26 percent from three-point range were both well below their season average, according to a release from Marist.

Andover junior is soccer co-captain at Worcester Academy

Worcester Academy's Elise Gorzela, a junior, was co-captain of the 2012-13 Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Team. Elise is an Andover resident.

Worcester Academy is a co-ed day and boarding school for grades 6 to 12 and postgraduates.

Spring lacrosse sign-ups underway

Registration is open for the spring lacrosse season. Visit andoveryouthlacrosse.com to secure a spot.

"Please note that roster spots in Andover Youth Lacrosse are in high demand and each age group WILL fill up. Waitlists will be formed, but there is no guarantee that members of the waitlist will be added to an active roster for the 2013 season," reports program director Tony Lombardi, of Andover Youth Services.

The initial online registration period will take place until Jan. 14.

All registrants to Andover Youth Lacrosse must be members of US Lacrosse through June 30, 2013. This is an additional fee of \$25 and registration for this is integrated through the online registration process. People with any questions about their US Lacrosse membership should contact US Lacrosse directly.

"Please note that our third through fifth grade boys participants will receive 10 sessions of indoors skills development as a part of their initial registration. These sessions will begin on Saturday, Jan. 5," Lombardi said.

If you have any inquiries into the registration process or the upcoming season, email Andover Youth Lacrosse. People are asked to refrain from emailing or calling Andover Youth Services with lacrosse questions.

Andover Whole Foods Market teams with inner-city soccer program

On the soccer field footwork reigns supreme, but Andover resident Eric Lundquist of the Lawrence Youth Soccer Program knows that healthy habits off the field are just as important.

The inner-city soccer program has teamed up with Whole Foods Market Andover to provide healthy snacks to both Beyond Soccer's travel and recreational programs.

"Youth soccer is about much more than winning or losing. Positive life skills and healthy snack habits are an important part of our program in Lawrence which currently serves more than 300 youth ranging from ages five to sixteen," said Lundquist, Beyond Soccer director.

Whole Foods Market is committed to caring about the community as well as healthy eating education, explains Diandra Lamas, Marketing Team Leader at the Andover Store.

The Beyond Soccer program is designed to use soccer as a springboard for helping Lawrence youth learn the educational, social and healthy skills they will need to succeed in life.

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Andover native to perform in 'Sunset Boulevard'

An Andover native will help the NextDoor Theater Company present its production of *Sunset Boulevard* Jan. 11 through 26 at the NextDoor Center for the Arts, 40 Cross St., Winchester.

Included in the ensemble is Andover native Kathleen Wackowski, who has been appearing in community theater productions for close to 30 years. This will be her third appearance on

the NextDoor Stage. Previously, Wackowski played Carlotta in NextDoor's fundraiser performance of *Follies*, and last year she appeared as Jack's mother in NextDoor's production of *Into the Woods*.

Sunset Boulevard is a musical, with book and lyrics by Don Black and Christopher Hampton, and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Based on the 1950 film of the same title, the plot

revolves around Norma Desmond, a faded star of the silent screen era, living in the past in her decaying mansion on the fabled Los Angeles street. When young screenwriter Joe Gillis accidentally crosses her path, she sees in him an opportunity to make her comeback to the big screen. Romance and tragedy follow.

The curtain will rise on Friday, Jan. 11. Performances are Jan. 11, 12, 18,

19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, Jan. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m., and Thursdays, Jan. 17 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees have "Talk Backs" with the director and cast after the show.

Seating is reserved at \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors.

For tickets, visit nextdoortheater.org and click "buy tickets now" or call 781-729-NEXT.



'Connections' uses maps to show human body

The work of an artist who uses hand-cut maps to create portraits and figure studies will be presented at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence.

"Connections" by Nikki Rosato will be open Jan. 11 to Feb. 15 in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. with an artist talk by Rosato at 5 p.m.

"Exploring physical and psychological space, her delicate paper sculptures reference memory, distance, and the human body's circulatory system," according to the center.

In her artist statement, Nikki Rosato writes, "Our physical bodies are beautiful vessels, holding stories that haunt and shape our lives." In her work involving cut maps, Rosato cuts away the landmasses from silhouetted human figures, thus removing identity, leaving a delicate skin-like structure. The figures in the "Connections" series find themselves bound by the roads that both separate them and lead them to one another, according to

Rosato's work has been shown nationally and internationally, including in 2012, in an exhibition at the Leonardo Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2013 her work will be featured in a solo exhibition at Jonathan Ferrara Gallery in New Orleans, and, additionally, in "Mapping the Way" at Walford Mills Center in London.

Rosato's work was featured in the 2012 publication, "Paper Works," which provides an international perspective of contemporary artists and designers working with the medium of paper. *Hi-Fructose New Contemporary Art Magazine* published an article on her work in 2012. She is a masters of fine arts candidate at School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Prior to studying at SMFA, she received a bachelor's degree in studio art and art history from the University of Pittsburgh.

The Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery is located on the first floor of Essex Art Center. Gallery hours are weekdays, 10 to 6. The gallery is closed Jan. 21.

Art with a sense of humor: Stripped exhibit comes to Essex Art

Andover native Don Mathias -- whose comic *Entering Andover* ran in the *Townsmam* for many years -- is among the comic book illustrators who will be featured in the upcoming exhibit "Stripped."

Stripped, featuring original comic book illustrations by Mathias, Brian McFadden, Norm Feuti and Elena Steier, will run Jan. 11 through Feb. 15 at Chester F. Sidell Gallery at Essex Art Center. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 11, from 5-7 p.m., with music by The Payne-Taylor.

Essex Art Center offered the following descriptions of the artists:

Don Mathias Jr. is an award winning freelance illustrator, cartoonist and creative mind behind "Peanizles," an almost daily

webcomic. A 1989 graduate of Andover High, he received his BFA in Illustration and Graphic Design at Montserrat College of Art, located in Beverly, Massachusetts. Don's first comic "Entering Andover" (which during its first several years was co-written with editor Neil Fater) ran in the *Andover Townsmam* from May 1998 to April 2011, and his art work and illustrations have been featured in numerous newspapers and magazines, including the *Weekly Dig*, *Skope Magazine*, and most recently in the critically acclaimed comic book series, "Zombie Bomb" published by Terminal Press. In 2002, Don created Peanizles, an all-ages urban-based comic strip featuring a diverse cast of characters, which has been printed in newspapers

and magazines around the globe. Peanizles went live on the web in the summer of 2009, and has since received world wide recognition. Peanizles was one of the few comic strips to be chosen for "Team Cul De Sac" a compilation book of cartoons and comic strips geared toward fighting Parkinson's Disease, with proceeds going to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. When Don is not working with the Peanizles gang and doing the convention circuit, he spends his time teaching art, cartooning and illustration at the Essex Art Center and the Bellesini Academy in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Don lives in Boston with his wife and a variety of animals. For more information visit peanizles.com.

Brian McFadden was born and raised in Brockton. Immediately after college, he moved back home and began the irreverent and frequently political alt-weekly comic strip "Big Fat Whale." It has appeared in

weeklies across the nation, including: The Boston Phoenix, Cleveland Scene, Daily Kos and Funny Times. After a decade toiling among concert listings and escort ads, Brian was picked to draw "The Strip" for the New York Times' Sunday Review in the summer of 2011. He's been

drawing it ever since and had the good fortune to force his ill-informed opinions on the entire nation throughout the 2012 Republican primaries and the Presidential campaign. He lives in Quincy with his cat, Gizmo.

Elena Steier has been a cartoonist for the past 20 years. Her cartoons have appeared on ESPN and in Nickelodeon Magazine among other places. Her strips have been syndicated by DBR Media, and have also run independently in a number of publications.

The Chester F. Sidell Gallery is located on the first floor of Essex Art Center at 56 Island St., Lawrence.

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their children's groups from area churches will perform, they said. The groups include a Kids Choir of first through third-graders; and the youth choir of fourth through seventh-graders who are featured in a surprise number.

The Not Your Typical Silent Night 2012 concert is Sunday, Dec. 23, at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus

of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger; lap-sitters are free with a parent. Tickets are on sale at Rogers Center for the Arts Box Office, 978-837-5355, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Andover Bookstore, 89-R Main St., Andover, 978-475-0143. People can also call 978-794-3778 to reserve tickets and pick them up at the door.

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working for you and how are you doing that? What follows? What is the consequence (everything has a consequence - nothing's for nothing)? And what does work and how do you do that? My job is to get you to think about yourself in ways you haven't thought before. Increased self awareness helps people make changes in problem-solving strategies," he has said.

"When I'm asked, 'Why should I be the one who has to change?' I respond, 'For your sake - so that you have choices and feel more in charge of yourself, less dependent, and with less a sense of powerlessness.'"

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Psychologist highlights personal connections

By NEIL FATER
Staff Writer

Andover psychologist Larry Larsen believes that the Newtown school shootings must start Americans talking about "how we can make our life and times better."

"We're not talking as a society and we're disconnected. Hopefully we can be better friends to one another," he said. "The whole issue of loneliness... In many communities and certainly in mine, people are frequently lonely on their one-acre lots."

Larsen said there's nothing wrong with social media and staying in touch through technology, but that face-to-face interaction is important.

While such horrific events can lead people to pull away from strangers, Larsen believes a solution can be found from encouraging greater personal connections, not from people pulling away from one another.

"I think you run much greater risk when you don't know who your neighbor is," he said. "Isolation produces this kind of thing (the Newtown shootings) and rejection produces this kind of things. But there's no technology (to prevent) this kind of thing."

Larsen said he once heard FBI profilers who said they had identified 42 qualities that indicated that someone might be the type of person to commit a terrible act. Larsen doesn't buy it, saying "show me someone who doesn't have a few of those variables." And he doesn't believe there is any one way to grieve either, although meeting with counselors may be helpful.

"The assumption that we have the technology to predict human behavior is absurd," he said. "It's very much like meteorology. You can say you have a three out of five chance that it might snow, but the sun might come out," he said. "It's very much like that with psychology."

In the weeks that follow, it is expected that there will be much debate about gun control. Larsen seems in the camp that would further limit the types of weapons available.

"The question people have is, 'Why did he do it?' The answer is, 'Because he could,'" said Larsen.

"The weaponry that he went in with was incredible, sanctioned by the family and, unfortunately, sanctioned in our society. When you give people the machinery to terminate a large number of lives, don't be surprised when they can," he said.

Dealing with young children

Following the shootings, Larsen's office received many calls from parents of young children seeking advice. He says in the background of most calls, the television news was still on, talking about the deaths.

"My approach to dealing with children is, first, turn off the TV," he said. "Secondly, don't tell the kids more than they want to know. Third, tell them in language they understand: 'A bad person came in to the school and was not invited and he hurt a lot of people.' Then, wait and see what the child says."

For many young children, it may be enough to know that while something bad happened, but there are people around them who love and support them.

"You have to avoid some of the heavy language," said Larsen.

'Worst nightmare' in Conn. shakes local schools

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

As school buses unloaded at Andover schools this past Monday, a sense of worry and nervousness may have been on the minds of parents and students. Just three days earlier, an event that lasted for just a few minutes in a Newtown, Conn. elementary school left 26 dead, including 20 children.

But once Andover children were inside their schools, the doors locked shut and classes started, a sense of normalcy filled the air.

"I happened to be at West Elementary this morning," Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia said Monday night, addressing a three-board meeting. "The environment was actually very normal. The kids were happy."

Paula Colby-Clements, School Committee

chairwoman, said school staff were able to "return to a much-needed routine when, I'm sure, routine was about the furthest thing from their mind."

Since the shooting rampage first caught national attention Friday morning, memorials and vigils have taken place nationwide to honor those who died Friday. John "Muddy" Waters, head of school at the private Pike School, said he felt "sick to my stomach" when he first heard the news.

"It's terrifying," he said. "It's all of our worst nightmares."

Paula O'Dea, principal of St. Augustine School, said, "it just brought tears to my eyes, and I couldn't believe this happened at an elementary school."

That feeling was shared among public school officials as well.

"In any one time when an event like this happens, we think that those could be our

students," Andover Public Schools Superintendent Marinel McGrath said at a meeting Monday. "They could be our staff. They could be our principals. They could be our community. We just don't know in this day and age."

APS leaders, including school principals and administrators, were coming back from attending a meeting in Cambridge when Janet Yedniak, director of social workers, called them to tell them the news.

"Janet immediately called the minute she heard the news, and we started to work right there on the bus in terms of what work we would do when we got back to the school," McGrath said.

As the day unfolded, neither Pike nor St. Augustine School let students know what was happening.

Both principals said explaining the events was best handled by

the children's parents.

"We certainly know our kids, but the parents know their children best," Waters said. "The parents have the ability to control their children."

By the end of the school day, McGrath sent a letter to parents, which included suggestions on how parents can talk to their children about the shooting.

As time went on, emails and phone calls from parents came in asking about the school's security policies, if the children were protected and what was in place to prevent similar events from happening in Andover.

Another message went out Sunday explaining some of the town's practices, but other key details were left out to protect the district's policies.

"It would absolutely compromise the safety of our students and our staff in the schools"

if detailed information was released to the public, McGrath said. While the details can't be made public, they are constantly in motion and up to date, according to McGrath.

"Whenever there's an event that happens, like over the summer when there was the shootings in the Aurora, Colo. theater, we actually looked over plans at that time," she said. "Even though we weren't in session, that's something that we just do routinely whenever there's an event."

Every individual school has plans and procedures in place that are practiced frequently, focusing on everything from how to secure a building and how to shelter students, to how to evacuate a secured building, if the need arises.

"Safety is our top priority, and we work very hard to keep these up to date," McGrath said.

As holidays near, West students provide aid

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

They started out needing something to do after school, but a year later they're working to cement their West Middle School legacy.

As schools close for winter break, a group of 10 eighth-graders at the school are wrapping up a canned food drive that aimed at bringing in thousands of cans of food for the Lazarus House in Lawrence. It's the third such effort the boys have run for the shelter. They've given themselves the name "Laz in the House."

They were brought together by retired assistant principal Debra Downes, who left the school last year. She brought them together because they needed something to do outside of class -- not that they were thrilled with the idea at first.

"At first, I thought this was going to be a drag," Abraham Masunzu, 13, said. "It was only every Friday at first. But after the first few weeks, we came every day. We were eager to work on it."

The group's first task was to run a donation drive for clothing. The season was changing and the need for winter jackets and other clothing was growing. The group jokingly set a goal of bringing in one ton — 2,000 pounds — of clothing. Lazarus House officials told them to reconsider, cautioning them that they should tone it down and not establish a high goal, only to be disappointed.

Ken Campbell, director of Food Services at Lazarus House, was at the other end of that conversation.

"They wouldn't hear any of that," he said, chuckling. "They maintained their very high goal."

Halfway through the drive, Laz in the House reached their goal of 2,000 pounds of clothing. They would ultimately come to double their goal and bring in two tons of winter clothing. But for Abraham, it wasn't how much they brought in that stood out to him.

"A lot of the clothes were new clothes. You could find the tags," he said. "People bought the clothes just to donate them."

The boys have arranged other efforts, including hand-making sandwiches for Lazarus House. In recent weeks, the team took on a new task: getting each of the school's six teams to donate 1,000 cans of food or more. As of Monday, they were close to halfway there with just a week to go.

When asked what drives them to help the shelter, 13-year-old Luke Jodoin described the first time he visited the shelter and saw the families their efforts were helping.

"We saw the thrift store. We saw the soup kitchen," he said. "I thought my room was small, and I have to share with my brother. They pack every corner with beds."

Vishvesh Kaul, also 13, picked up from there.

"If you're complaining about 'Oh, my room's too small,' or 'Mom, I didn't like what you made for dinner last night,' then you see that people are eating canned food every day and sleeping in a cold room with 10, 15 other people, it makes you really think about



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

"Laz In The House," a group of 10 eighth-graders at West Middle School, have generated food and clothing donations weighing in the thousands of pounds for the Lazarus House in Lawrence in the past year. They are, front row, from left: Logan Rivard, Luke Jodoin, Robbie Powers; middle row: Jeff Lynch, Vishvesh Kaul, Thomas Mohler, Abraham Masunzu; last row: Matt Mangione, Jordan Jameson and Santiago Jacome.

what you have," he said.

Now, as the members of Laz in the House prepare to graduate from West Middle School, they're looking at the larger student body at Andover High School as an opportunity to expand their efforts. But they also hope their departure doesn't see an end to their work at West Middle School.

"We want to keep a legacy in this school going," Robbie Powers, 13, said. Lazarus House has a variety of community partners helping generate food and clothing to keep area families warm and fed.

"We're very fortunate, in that we get supported from so many schools and so many churches," Campbell said. "But

this group of young men that, honestly, was given a tremendous opportunity by the staff... They were just amazing to bring them together, put them in a leadership role."

Laz in the House "just really accepted it incredibly well," Campbell added. "How they did it showed incredible responsibility and maturity."

Their efforts were applauded by the School Committee last week, which heard from the boys during a regular meeting. At the meeting, Andover High Principal Chris Lord jokingly told the boys to report to his office on July 1, the first day of the upcoming school year.

"I'm extremely proud of these young men," Superintendent

Marinel McGrath said. "They have given of themselves in a way that means much to many, many people who are less fortunate. The self reflection and personal growth for each student is remarkable."

Campbell believes the Laz in the House effect at West Middle is already strong.

"There's been other individuals and other groups from West Middle School that have come forward, that have done things on their own, which has been nothing short of significant in itself," he said. "They've been a significant contributor for us to continue providing assistance to families that need it in this particular time in their lives. They all have a bright future."

Public input sought on school-event breath-test plan

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

Do you think an alcohol breath test should be required for students to attend school events?

School officials are looking for the public's input on a proposal requiring all students attending a future high school dance to blow into a breathalyzer before entering the event. The proposal was developed by the Andover High School Council made up of faculty, parents, students, administrators and a community member. The proposal was presented to the School Committee last week, and a vote on the proposal is expected sometime in January.

The plan is to try it for one night only at a future event — most likely the school's Valentine's Day dance in February — and see how it works,

according to Principal Chris Lord.

"With the tragedies that involve kids at this age that get involved in alcohol, under their own circumstances, they make adolescent decisions and cause great pain to their families and communities," Lord said. "I'm hoping this will address it."

Trudie Hale, a parent on the School Council, said the concern of safety extends beyond students who may arrive to the event drunk.

It's "not just for the student, but the community at large," she said. "It's not just necessarily the safety of the students at the dance, but after the dance."

Kerry Costello, faculty adviser to the school's student government and a School Council member, said that student leaders "welcome it, quite frankly."

WHAT COMES NEXT?

Both the School Committee and Student Council are soliciting feedback on the proposal, according to Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

The council is going to poll students about the proposal. Meanwhile, a space will be set up on the School Committee's website for people to submit comments for the committee to review. The School Committee's website is aps1.net/index.aspx?nid=421.

The proposal is slated to come before the School Committee again on Jan. 10. If it isn't prepared to take a vote at that time, the committee will go over it on Jan. 24.

"They think, as long as it passed the legal muster and those kinds of things, they welcomed it with no resistance," she said. "We see it. We're there, and we see the students who had obviously been drinking."

In many cases, drunk students at dances interfere with the event when they make a scene.

"Not everybody goes quietly when they're being asked to

step aside and have their eyes looked at and all these other things," she said.

As word of the proposal spread, the question of student freedom at school events came up on occasion, according to Costello.

"Once the student governments, students, and once the School Council had their questions around civil liberty kinds of things answered to their satisfaction — because they were

concerned about that — they really didn't have an objection in general," Costello said.

Kelle Sutliff, a parent with two high school children and a third child at Doherty Middle School, believes the proposal does infringe on student rights.

"You're going into something with [assuming] someone [is] guilty of something they haven't done," Sutliff said.

The problem lies more at home than it does at the school, according to Sutliff.

"When the bottom line comes down, it's more of a parenting issue than a school issue," she said. "You don't need a School Council, or you don't need an organization to say 'You can't do this,' and then block it for everyone else. We need a spirited community, so kids feel comfortable and they feel safe."

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Business

Letter of thanks: Selectman is pitch-man for hospital

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Lawrence General Hospital's spokesman for this year's annual giving campaign gets right to the point: the hospital saved his life after he suffered a heart attack.

"I am alive, and thriving, due to the to the exceptional medical care that I received," writes Andover Selectman Brian Major in the first

sentence of a letter recently received in the mail by many residents.

Major suffered a heart attack last June after his usual early morning workout at the YMCA on Haverhill Street. He was 46 and writes about the chest pressure that wouldn't quit as he drove away, thinking it could not be a heart attack because he is too young. But, it was a heart attack. This married father of

four who is also a Boy Scout leader and wrestling coach in town, smartly pulled into Andover's Public Safety Center on North Main Street. Firefighters got him to the hospital's emergency room in an ambulance where hospital medical staffers were waiting for him.

"It was an easy letter to write, but very emotional for me. I had to go back to that day," Major said of writing

about "the scariest moment" of his life.

It's the second time in three years that an Andover patient has been featured in the hospital's annual giving campaign. Gene Doran of Andover was featured in 2010. Doran was badly injured in a freak barbershop accident in Shawsheen Square in April 1986. The building was being renovated and a workman's nail gun misfired and pierced

his spinal cord as he got a haircut. Doran was rushed to Lawrence General. He was paralyzed and has been in a wheelchair ever since.

Major said having quality medical care close to home is very important and he's happy to be this year's pitch-man for LGH.

"You never know when something is going to happen," Major said. "Now, I know that we have a state-of-the-art

cardiac facility right here in our neighborhood...it's good to know."

Nicholas Zaharias, LGH vice president of philanthropy and marketing, said it was just a coincidence that two Andover patients were chosen for campaign.

"When patients come forward with great stories about our service and say they want to help, we jump on it," Zaharias said.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Andover's Grieco retiring from credit union at year end

Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union has announced that Kathleen Grieco, senior vice president and chief lending officer, will be retiring on Dec. 31, after 20 years of service to the Credit Union.



Kathy Grieco

Kathleen Grieco joined Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union in 1992 as assistant vice president — mortgage lending. Throughout her tenure, she has overseen the departments of Consumer and Mortgage Lending as well as Collections.

She has more than 30 years of financial management experience in the banking industry. Grieco lives in Andover, and has three grown children and one grandchild.

"Kathy's leadership and insight has been valuable to our organization," Mark S. Cochran, president and chief executive officer, said in a release. "She has been a strong advocate for our members and employees alike. We appreciate Kathy's commitment to the credit union's success and all that she has accomplished over her career."

Ring named to statewide audiology board

Andover resident and owner of Andover Hearing Center Wendy J. Ring was recently selected to serve on the Board of the Massachusetts Academy of Audiology.

The MAA is a professional organization dedicated to serving the interests of audiologists and the people they provide hearing and balance testing and treatments for in Massachusetts. In her new position, Ring, M.S., CCC-A, will work

with other board members on areas and issues helping to advance the audiology profession and to support Massachusetts' audiologists.

Massey joins Andover law firm

Hillary Joy Massey has joined Schwartz Hannum PC as an associate. Schwartz Hannum PC is located at 11 Chestnut St., Andover.

Massey received her bachelor of science degree in biology and child development, cum laude, from Tufts University. She received her Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Boston College Law School, where she served as articles editor and staff writer for the Boston College Law Review.

After receiving her law degree, Massey clerked for the Honorable William G. Young, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and for Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Prior to joining the firm, Massey was an associate at Libby O'Brien Kingsley & Champion, LLC, in Kennebunk, Maine, where she represented clients in a wide variety of general litigation matters in both state and federal court.

Massey's experience includes counseling employers on a broad range of employment-related matters, including race and age discrimination, retaliation, and wage and hour claims. She has also represented employers in breach-of-contract matters, defended employers against administrative charges of discrimination, advised healthcare organizations and county governments on various matters, and developed a special interest in compliance issues under the Stark Act and other laws prohibiting kickbacks and self-dealing in government-funded programs.

Massey has prepared many briefs and participated in oral arguments

before appellate courts. She has extensive experience in negotiating settlements and participating in mediations.

Massey served in the United States Army Reserve from 1994 to 2006, during which time she worked as a medic and later as an assistant operations officer in a medical brigade. She also served as a volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Zambia, Africa, for two years.

She is a member of the bars of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Maine. She is also a member of the Boston Bar Association and the Maine State Bar Association.

Eastern Bank merges with Community Bank

The Corporators of Eastern Bank Corporation and Campello Bancorp, the parent organization of The Community Bank, have approved the merger of the two organizations, Eastern announced.

Following final regulatory approval, The Community Bank merged into Eastern Bank on Nov. 30.

There is an Eastern Bank banking office at 60 Main St. in Andover. In total Eastern Bank has 94 banking offices in eastern Massachusetts, in addition to 22 Eastern Insurance offices. It has \$8 billion in assets, \$6.5 billion in deposits and 1,700 employees serving more than 400,000 customers with an array of banking, investment and insurance products and services. Eastern Bank donates 10 percent of its net income to the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, which, in 2011, donated \$2.6 million to 1,200 local charities.

Eastern is a mutually owned bank founded in 1818.

The Corporators of Eastern unanimously approved the merger at a special meeting on Oct. 24, while Campello Corporators unanimously approved the merger on Oct. 9.

BBB advice to stay safe while shopping online

Looking forward to the holidays? So are scammers, says the Better Business Bureau.

As many begin to make their holiday gift list and charity donations, unscrupulous scammers are gearing up to deck the halls with their tried and true holiday scams. Better Business Bureau is warning holiday shoppers and donors to know the red flags and to be on their guard for this season's holiday scams.

Every year, thousands of shoppers fall victim to the holiday deals that seem too good to be true, and the bogus charity pleas that pull at the heart strings. This holiday season, BBB urges consumers to take the following tips into consideration:

Always check a business's BBB Business Review before making a purchase in store or online. Make sure that the company has a physical location and telephone number. When shopping online, some websites offer electronics or luxury goods at prices that are too good to be true. Every holiday season, BBB hears from shoppers who paid for a "great deal" online, but received little or nothing in return.

If you shop Craigslist or other free bulletin board sites, look for local sellers and conduct transactions in person. Bring a friend if you're uncomfortable meeting the seller alone. Never wire money as payment, especially to someone you've never met. If you're shopping on auctions like eBay, look at seller ratings and read their reviews. Don't buy if the deal sounds too good to be true.

Don't let yourself get bogged down in purchases or lose track of your wallet. While you're struggling with bags of presents, identity thieves may see an opportunity to steal your wallet or look over your shoulder to copy your debit or credit card numbers. Know where your credit and debit cards are at all times and cover the keypad when entering your PIN either in stores or at an ATM.

Always research charities with BBB before you give. The holidays are a time of giving, and that creates an opportunity for scammers to solicit donations to line their own pockets. Beware of solicitations from charities that don't necessarily deliver on their promises or are ill-equipped to carry through on their plans. Resist demands for on-the-spot donations.

Don't click on any links or open any attachments to emails until you have confirmed they are not malicious. Phishing emails are a common way for hackers to get at your personal information or break into your computer. Around the holidays, beware of e-cards and messages pretending to be from companies like UPS or FedEx with links to package tracking information. Email addresses that don't match up, typos or grammatical errors are common red flags of a malicious phishing email. Make sure you have current antivirus software and that all security patches have been installed on the computer.

For more holiday tips, visit bbb.org.

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Sports

TAKING CHARGE

Caveney, Alois step into leadership roles

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Now kicking off their fourth seasons playing for Andover High, Devon Caveney and Jackie Alois have aced virtually every test varsity basketball has to offer.

Both were members of the Golden Warriors' three straight Division 1 state championship teams (2010-12), and starters for the last two titles. They have both been All-MVC selections, had tremendous games on the biggest stages Massachusetts has to offer, and celebrated memorable victories on the Boston Celtics' home court.

But the 2012-13 basketball season presents a whole new set of challenges for the two stars. That's because this season, for the first time, the two now hold the responsibilities of the Golden Warriors' go-to players.

"Devon and I have a completely different role we have to fill this season," said Alois. "We feel the pressure, but I really believe that the more pressure there is the better we are. We have waited so long to be seniors and we feel ready."

Alois, a gritty forward, and sharp-shooting guard Caveney know they have their work cut out for them this season.

Not only do the Golden Warriors have the giant target of being the three-time defending state champions on their backs, but they enter the season without the school's all-time leading scorer in current Boston College star Nicole Boudreau (2,200 points) and fellow four-year varsity starter Ally Fazio.

"It would be hard not to feel the pressure," said Caveney. "This season is a huge transition after losing those girls, and we know that teams are targeting us. And obviously it's going to be harder. But Jackie and I have seen a lot, and we are motivated to win."

The loss of record-setting Boudreau — the two-time Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year and Parade All-American — and



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Jackie Alois does it all, but it is her gutsy style on the court where she has truly made a name for herself, making plays like here when she dove to save in the ball in the 2011 state title game.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Devon Caveney, here driving to the hoop for a basket at the TD Garden, has scored over 800 points in her varsity career. But she has never been counted upon more as a scorer and defender than she will be this season.

Andover (Saiz)

2011-12 season: 27-0, Division 1 state champion
Returning starters (3): Devon Caveney, 5-8, Sr., guard; Jackie Alois, 5-4, Sr., forward; Rebecca Alois, 5-7, Jr., forward
Returning lettermen: Olivia Biles, 5-6, Sr., guard; Angelice Gonzalez, 5-5, Sr., guard; Abby Katz, 5-7, Sr., forward; Emma Bentley, 6-0, Sr., center; Jessica Witten, 5-7, Jr., forward; Rachael Cormier, 5-4, Soph., guard; Talia Dellatto, 5-7, Soph., forward
Newcomers: Jordan Day, 5-3, Sr., guard; Josie Saiz 5-7, Jr., forward; Erin Nastari, 5-7, Jr., forward; Colleen Caveney, 5-7, Soph., guard
Captains: Devon Caveney, Jackie Alois
Candidates: 48
Returning leaders: Devon Caveney 10.5 ppg (35 3's), Angelice Gonzalez 6.0 ppg, Jackie Alois 4.4 ppg, Rebecca Alois 3.4 ppg
Returning honorees: Devon Caveney and Jackie Alois, Eagle-Tribune All-Stars, All-MVC; Rebecca Alois, MVC All-Star
Fast fact: Andover joined Haverhill (1994-96) as the only Division 1 teams to three-peat in the 36-year history of the modern girls state tourney. ... Andover has won 39 straight games since losing to Central on Feb. 6, 2011. ... With the graduation of Nicole Boudreau (BC), it's looking like possibly a rare rebuilding year, but the Golden Warriors still have three returning starters. ... Devon and Colleen Caveney are cousins.
Assistants: Dick Muller, (assistant); Leo Lafond (JV), Kerri O'Dea (freshmen)
Coach: Jim Tildsley (18th year, 360-53): "We graduated two great players (Nicole Boudreau, Ally Fazio). I think we're going to be pretty good. I love how hard we work. I don't think many teams work as hard as we do."

big shot extraordinaire Fazio would be a tough blow to any team.

But any competitor that believes the cupboard is bare at Dunn Gym is grossly underestimating Caveney, Alois and the rest of the team.

From the time Andover began its three-peat in 2010, Caveney has been a key scorer for the Golden Warriors. The sweet-shooting southpaw entered this

season with 809 career points, knocking down 35 3-pointers a season ago.

"I know I have to score even more this year," said Caveney. "It's different, but it's been fun. Nicole was such a leader, and I like stepping into that role and taking on the responsibilities."

Caveney has been at her best in the big games. As a freshman she scored a game-high 19 points in the Division 1 state semifinals

at the TD Garden. She then scored 14 points in the Division 1 state title game in 2011 and last season scored 16 in a key tourney win over archrival Central Catholic and 13 in the state title game.

"Devon is just an all-around player," said Alois. "She is so resilient. She will play defense so hard, then she can dribble, penetrate and shoot. She has done it all for years."

While Caveney has been known for her shot, Alois has become a favorite throughout the region because of her aggressive play.

"I love playing with Jackie so much," said Caveney. "She is the most athletic player I have ever played with. She is 5-foot-4 and gets every rebound. She is so clutch and doesn't back down to anyone."

Despite her lack of height, Alois has been a force on the boards for the Golden Warriors since stepping into the starting lineup as a sophomore. She averaged 5.7 rebounds a game last season, and often takes on the task of defending players up to a foot taller than her.

But the multi-talented Alois can also score. That was never more on display than when she scored 12 points as a sophomore in the state title game and her 11-point day in a tourney win over Acton-Boxboro last season. She expects to expand on that role this

season.

"It has almost taken me four years to actually be comfortable shooting the ball," said Alois. "The last three years have let me build a foundation that allows me to step up now. I'm trying to expand my offense. I want to shoot, drive and be more of an offensive weapon than I have the last few years."

Joining the two stars as a returnee from last year's starting lineup is Jackie's sister, forward Rebecca Alois. The 5-foot-7 junior leads a group that will look to step up into a more prominent role this season.

"Rebecca is really stepping up and Lulu (Angelice Gonzalez) has stepped in as a starter this year," said Caveney. "My cousin, Colleen Caveney doesn't turn the ball over and can hit her open shots, and we need girls like Abby Katz and Jess Whitten to step up."

"We know this season is not going to be easy, but we are motivated and feel like we can win."

'A' performance for Mite champs



Courtesy photo by Jim Pierce

An Andover team won the Mite A Championship at the Heseltine Memorial Tournament last month. Pictured are, from left, bottom row: Charlie Winship, Nick Previte, JJ Quill, Max Murray, Brooke Anastasi, Cam Guthrie; back row: Tyler Lareau, Finn Croston, William Hughes, Owen Christopher, Joseph Bucci, Griffin Littlewood and Tyler Wallis. Standing are coaches Steve Previte, Mike Littlewood, Will Winship and Sean Croston. Due to a production error, the people in this picture were misidentified in last week's Townsman.

Dowden, boys hoops off to fast start

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sam Dowden continued his outstanding start to the season, scoring 20 points and grabbing eight rebounds as Andover topped Brockton 55-48 on Friday. Chris Dunn chipped in with 10 points, while Max Silveira scored nine points for the winners.

Sam Dowden tallied a game-high 18 points and added 11 rebounds as Andover opened its season with a convincing 62-37 victory over Billerica last Tuesday. Chris Dunn added 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers for the Golden Warriors, who turned a six-point first-quarter deficit into an eight-point halftime lead.

Leila Aruri won the 2-mile (12:20.5), Emily Van Antwerp took the mile (5:31.2) and Cassie Kobelski won the shot put (36-7) for the Warriors.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Alois shows range
 Normally a post player, Jackie Alois showed her brand new shooting range, knocking down a pair of 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 16 points as Andover rolled to a season-opening 62-32 drubbing of Lawrence last Tuesday. Point guard Angelice Gonzalez added 13 points while Devon Caveney had 11 points and Emma Bentley and Colleen Caveney each had six points for the winners.

an assist while Mark Campbell and Jackie Wilkie each also had a helper and Colby Gilbert made 20 saves for the victory.

Despite a goal for Mark Campbell, Andover fell to Chelmsford 4-1 on Saturday. Jack Wilkie had the assist on the Golden Warrior goal.

BOYS TRACK

Maldari leads the way
 Mike Maldari won the mile in 4:42.2 to help Andover to a 43-43 tie with Chelmsford last Wednesday. Max Galat took the 2-mile (10:28.2), Owen Focke won the 50 hurdles (6.8), Hamza Naveed took the 600 and Cam Farnham won the 50 dash for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Comeau takes two
 Returning star Courtney Comeau was back to her dominant ways, winning the 50 hurdles (7.4) and high jump (4-6) as Andover cruised to a season-opening 68-17 win over Chelmsford last Wednesday. Sydney Gillis added a victory in the 50

BOYS HOCKEY

Quick start leads the way
 Scott Campbell and Brett Coneeny each scored a first-period goal, and that was enough to give Andover a season-opening 2-1 win over Bridgewater-Raynham last Wednesday. Campbell added

WRESTLING

Ferris shines
 Andover's Tyler Ferris scored a victory at 113 with a pin in just 39 seconds, but the Golden Warriors fell to Central Catholic 39-12 last Wednesday. Jack Reilly added a pin in 1:20 at 138 pounds for the Golden Warriors.

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Plaque, rebranding of senior center honor Punchard's legacy

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

The town has twice honored historic town resident Benjamin Punchard: one by renaming a building, and another memorializing the school he created.

The selectmen approved spending \$1,157.44 to install a bronze plaque at the entrance of the Town Offices on Bartlet Street. The plaque honors Punchard, who left a large endowment to Andover in his will that later launched the town's public school system.

Moments later, the board heard an unrelated presentation from the Council on Aging to rename the town's senior center space to "The Center at Punchard, Celebrating Life Experiences."

"The [Punchard Free School] trustees were appointed in 1850 by a gentleman named Benjamin Punchard," said Earl Efinger, chairman of the Trustees. "He felt that education should be free for the students in the town of Andover."

"He underwrote a will and bought this land you're standing on now," he added.

After the town moved its operations into the building in 1987, however, the Punchard name faded from the building. The name of the school is included in memorials inside the building's entrance honoring Andover soldiers during the World Wars, but Punchard himself isn't mentioned anywhere.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Punchard Free School, pictured above while in operation, served as Andover's high school until 1957 and is now home to Andover's town operations. The school was named after Benjamin Punchard. A plaque approved by the Board of Selectmen Monday honors Punchard's contribution to the town, while a renaming of the Andover Senior Center recognizes his legacy.

"I walked the building, walked the floors," Efinger said. "There's no mention of Mr. Punchard."

The street that leads people from Main Street to Town Offices is Punchard Street.

The plaque, which will be installed in the main entrance stairway for the Town Offices opposite of a recently installed Sept. 11 memorial plaque, explains how Punchard's endowment in 1850 later led to the creation of the Punchard Free School in 1856.

The school was renamed to Punchard High School

in 1902, and the present Town Offices building was built to house the school in 1917. The school was moved and renamed Andover High School 40 years later, in 1957.

After Efinger's presentation, the other members of the Trustees offered another proposal. Without Efinger's prior knowledge, they pushed that three sets of initials along the bottom of the plaque representing the Trustees on the project be removed. In their place, the members wanted Efinger's name instead, honoring his 35 years of service as a

Trustee. The selectmen's motion included Efinger's full name in place of the initials and was approved unanimously.

Moments later, Council on Aging Chairman Don Robb asked the selectmen to rename the Andover Senior Center to The Center at Punchard, Celebrating Life's Experiences to honor the legacy of the Punchard Free School.

After the selectmen approved the name change, Robb looked at the Trustees present at the meeting and said, "your plaque, the timing is perfect."

Helping those in need



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover High School's boys' basketball fan group, "Jack's Jungle," recently raised \$1,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence. The funds were raised through the sale of Jack's Jungle T-shirts. The money will be used to purchase movie tickets for teen club members for Christmas.

ACCREDITATION: Class sizes could be reduced

Continued from Page 1

least, have an adult to go to when one is needed, according to Lord.

Class sizes are also a concern that must be addressed, according to Lord. That issue goes hand in hand with personalizing the school.

Through the limited feedback he's received so far, Lord predicted that the

school will receive reaccreditation, but it will need to complete a few minor prerequisites within a certain amount of time.

Schools seeking reaccreditation typically see one of four outcomes. Either they get full reaccreditation, they get reaccreditation pending correction of some minor issues, they're on warning

for several issues or they're put on probation and fail to receive reaccreditation.

"This school has been on warning for several years now. I hope to get us off that," Lord said. "We're probably in the second level, maybe lower. What we need to do is personalization, and that's a major thing the school is

lacking." The school was slated for its reaccreditation visit in October, but the arrival of Hurricane Sandy forced the school to reschedule the visit.

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CIP: Projects could hike taxes by more than \$500

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the 2.5 percent per year allowed under state law.

The town assumed that the following would be paid with debt exclusion votes: \$8 million for building a new Ballardvale Fire Station, \$18 million for a new Town Yard, \$10.4 million for adding to Andover High School and \$5 million to build an early education center.

It also assumed all of the projects would be approved by 2016; it is more likely voters would spread the projects out.

"That's not to say these are

the exact plans to move the projects, or their timing," Bucuzzo said. "The topic of discussion for the three boards is the priorities, and setting the priorities of the projects and perhaps their timing."

Exempt debt "is already jumping up quite a bit just with the Bancroft project itself," Bucuzzo said. "You start adding on other projects within the next couple years, and you need to be prepared to explain that to the taxpayers, how that's going to impact their tax bills."

The situation was

characterized as a worst-case scenario.

The issue would need to be clearly explained to residents when annual tax increases within Proposition 2 1/2 are considered, according to Finance Committee member Linn Anderson.

With cumulative 2.5 percent increases in tax levels from year to year, "that's a 12 percent increase in your tax bill in five years, so save now," she said. "That would be a way to communicate it."

Cherrywood Circle resident Bob Pokress argued that officials should consider paying for the projects

facing exempt debt with non-exempt debt instead.

Taxpayers "would probably want to say to this body, give us a different budget that makes room for that \$500 you want to spend in column B from out of column A somewhere," Pokress said, "rather than saying take column A as a given and you're going to have to spend an extra \$500 to get what we're proposing from column B."

As the meeting ended, officials asked Stapezynski to present more data on the issue to them when they meet again in January.

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WHEN: January 2, 2013 at 6:30pm PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection and Signal Improvements at Dascomb Road, East Street and Shawshen Street project in Andover and Tewksbury, MA.

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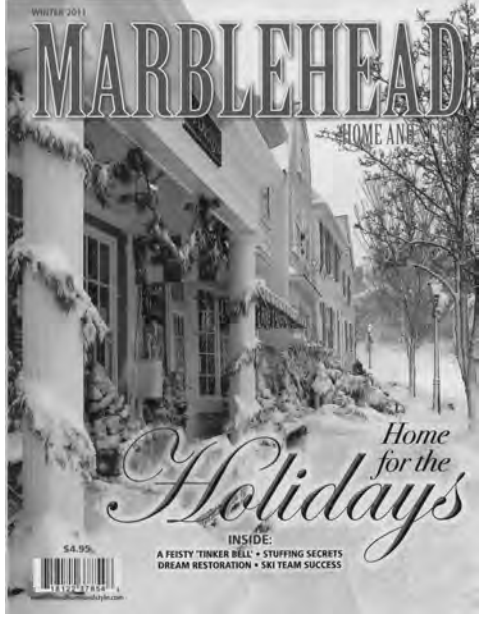
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Kiwanis singing Santas raise spirits, money for charity

By NEIL FATER
Staff Writer, Kiwanian

Andover resident Nuala Carlson didn't expect to bump into a group of carolers dressed as Santa Claus and elves last Friday night. But she said she was glad she did, particularly as the chance meeting occurred the night of the tragic Newtown school shootings.

"It is nice to see the festivities of the season -- especially after the tragedy of today," said Nuala Carlson of Andover. "It has been a difficult day for so many, so it's nice to hear the joy, the Christmas spirit."

The group were members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence, taking part in their annual Santa Night, where members travel to restaurants and bars collecting money to benefit children's charities. Outside Salvatore's on Park Street, the caroling Kris Kringle sang Carlson's favorite song, Silent Night.

The club typically raises a few thousand dollars each year through its Santa Night. Totals on how much money was raised this year were not yet available at Townsman press time.



PHOTOS BY NEIL FATER

Andover residents and Kiwanis Club members who traveled around the Merrimack Valley last Friday singing to raise money for youth charities included, clockwise from lower left, David Wilson, Mary O'Donoghue, Ed Kelley, Timothy Felter, Michael Helman and Glenn Rogers.

While a small group of adult Kiwanians visited Andover establishments, a group of more than 50 people travelled by bus throughout the rest of the Merrimack Valley. The larger group included members of the Methuen and Andover high school Key Clubs.

The Andover group received its loudest ovation at the Park Street Pub. There, Kathy Nirgianakis said she hadn't been

looking forward to Christmas yet, as her twin sons will be going to Greece to visit their grandparents for the holiday. But she cheered and clapped for the Kiwanians when she learned they were raising money to help kids.

"This is the first Christmas spirit I've felt to this point. It was moving. Up until this point I didn't want to hear Christmas music. My heart is thrilled to hear from this man (a Kiwanis



Kiwanis Club members Linda Firth, Brian Major and Mike DeLuca sing for Kathy Nirgianakis of Kingston, N.H. and Bernice Karagiorgos of Andover, at the Park Street Pub. Caroling Kiwanis Club members pass the Santa hat at local establishments during their annual Santa Night to raise money for youth charities.

member) telling me about what they do and why they do it," said Nirgianakis.

At Orange Leaf, a frozen yogurt shop, St. Augustine School student Wyatt Ek, 7, came quickly out of the bathroom when he heard the Kiwanians carolling. "I didn't know if it was a song from music playing (on the radio) or just people singing randomly. I didn't expect that," he said. Taking a break from eating

a chocolate-and vanilla-swirl sundae with Christmas sprinkles, his brother Trevor, 4, called the visit "awesome."

At Dylan's, Erin Reynolds and Brett Cooper, who work at the HH Brown Shoe Company at Brickstone Square, said they were happy to contribute.

"For me, it was nice that the entire group came and it wasn't just kids. It brightened the mood," said Reynolds. "It was adults who really cared

about what they were doing." Workers at Casa Blanca, a Main Street Mexican restaurant, said they've welcomed the club since their first location in North Andover opened in 2007.

"We're really thrilled to be a part of it. We look forward to it; we feel the Christmas spirit," said Claudia Vargas, part of the family that owns the restaurant. "It's like, 'Yeah, Christmas is here.'"

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