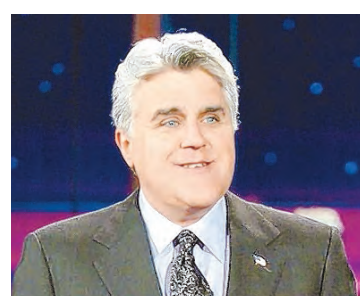




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The 2 1/2-story structure known as the Arden Casino collapsed as firefighters battled the two-alarm blaze Monday night on the Wood Estate at 276 North Main St.



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Poor Wagon Shop, circa 1890, before it was moved to the Wood Estate.



FILE PHOTO

The Arden Casino, circa 2007. The Wood family used the building at one time as a theater.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Only the rear portion of the former Poor Wagon Shop remains. Monday night's fire in the unoccupied structure is being called suspicious.

Laptop deal in question

Officials point fingers over school lease

By BILL KIRK

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Even before the town manager's proposed fiscal 2015 budget was released last Friday, a dispute erupted over the School Department's leasing of 160 computers for special education teachers.

The four-year lease deal, which was requested by school Superintendent Marinell McGrath in conjunction with the town's Chief Information Officer Paul Puzzaghera at the end of last fiscal year, came as a surprise to members of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and at least one School Committee member.

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Town budget plan up by 4.5 percent

By BILL KIRK AND DUSTIN LUCA
Staff writers

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski introduced a new theme along with the new budget he presented to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Monday night.

"Using Andover's strengths to ensure fiscal stability" is the philosophy of his proposed fiscal year 2015 budget, which will undergo rigorous review starting this weekend.

"It's a rational budget with logic behind the numbers," said Stapeczynski, who sat down with The Townsman Monday to discuss his 24th straight budget submission since becoming town manager in 1991.

The budget was greeted with mixed reviews following Monday night's meeting.

"There are some items in the budget I disagree with," Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli

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'Suspicious' blaze at 1860s wagon shop on Wood Estate

By BILL KIRK AND DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writers

Ice-covered rubble is all that remains of a nearly 150-year-old structure that held a significant link to the country's history.

The old Poor's Wagon Shop that once manufactured wagons with false bottoms to smuggle slaves out of the

South and into freedom all but burned to the ground Monday night in what officials — and its owner — are calling a "suspicious" fire.

The unoccupied, 2 1/2-story structure — which took on a second life in the 20th century as Arden Casino on the grounds of the historic, 63-acre Wood Estate at 276 No. Main St. — had been burning for a while when firefighters,

returning from another call, noticed smoke hanging low over the road around 7 p.m.

They soon found the source — flames shooting out the front windows of the wood-shingled structure, which overlooks Poor's Pond. The remote location and snow-covered driveways leading to the building hampered the response, but eventually up to 60 first-responders were on

hand to knock down the blaze.

The fire seemed mostly extinguished by around 8 p.m., but continued smoldering and then flared up again an hour later, collapsing the roof and leaving the interior covered in debris and coated with ice.

Now the hard work begins.

While responding to the fire itself was a challenge, Fire

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Flying away with love Dedicated arborist laid to rest in oak coffin

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Editor's Note: The Townsman this week presents the first of what will be occasional profiles of townspeople who have left their mark on Andover.

There could have been no more fitting ending to Al Retelle's life.

IN TRIBUTE

Last week, the longtime Andover man, naturalist and patriarch behind Retelle Tree Corp. in town was laid to rest in a coffin lovingly crafted by his sons from the huge trunk of an oak tree cut down in North Andover.

It was simply what the owner of the family tree business would have wanted, his loved ones say.

Albert Richard "Al" Retelle, 83, of Andover, who died Jan. 30 after a resurgence of his lymphoma, departed this world in grand arborist style.

"He wanted a simple pine box ... but the boys went out and built a casket from that oak. It was beautiful," said his widow, Evelyn Retelle, to whom he was married for 60 years. "He rested on a pillow that I had made and was covered with his favorite blankets ... he would have loved it."

Retelle loved the outdoors,

especially bird watching, and that avocation was incorporated into his services. The lifetime birder was surrounded by meaningful objects from his life, including two hand-carved wooden figures of a loon and an egret painted to perfection, his binoculars and a "Sibley's Guide to Birds."

He probably had identified more than 1,000 species of

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MARK SPENCER/Courtesy photo

Arborist and avid outdoorsman Al Retelle, who died last month, enjoyed bird watching in his backyard on the edge of Baker's Meadow.

Hookah lounge eyes downtown

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A Plymouth-based hookah lounge has applied to open a second location in downtown Andover, a proposal that has health officials scrambling to establish local regulations.

Fig and Lux LLC, doing business as Lux Hookah Lounge, filed an application with the Health Department on Jan. 30 to open a lounge and tobacco retailer at 63 Park St. The multi-story retail complex adjacent to a town-owned parking lot is

home to a number of businesses, including Domino's Pizza and the women's shop Wardrobe on Park.

Owners Maryanne Nagle and Bahaa Dalloul, who went before the Board of Health Monday night, declined to comment for this story, pending a final response from the town.

But Nagle told the Board of Health that the Andover business would be similar to the owner's Plymouth social lounge, offering "more of a cultural aspect than a smoking aspect." Nagle called it

a social experience with the hookah at its core.

"If you were to walk in, customers are playing chess, backgammon. We have professors from all over Massachusetts meet there and discuss ideas," Nagle said. "This is more about an environment that promotes intellect and ideas."

The company's website describes a hookah as a water pipe in which flavored tobacco or "shisha" is smoked from and calls it "a

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Business

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

20 Beech Circle: Luci Albert to George Hughes, \$260,000
7 Central Lane: Sally V. Holm and Kerry A. Johnson to Mark and Karen Courtney, \$1,015,000

67 Cheever Circle: Ralph H. Arabian to Jeanne D Ferguson RET and Jeanne D. Ferguson, \$50,000

9 Cobblestone Lane: Michael J. and Eileen L. Muscatello to Michael E. and Tonya K. Placke, \$826,000

6 Prospect Road: Jeffco Inc. to Hualin Yip, \$812,270

100 Washington Park Drive, Unit 11: Curtin FT and Violet A. Curtin to Man F. Su and Wai C. Ngai, \$110,000

Tsongas, Tierney united on boosting economy

By YADIRA BETANCES
Staff writer

Speaking to 200 politicians, business and community leaders on Monday, U.S. Reps. Niki Tsongas and John Tierney highlighted ways the federal government can help in stabilizing the economy in the Merrimack Valley.

The two were guest speakers at the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's "A Special Report from Washington" event at Wyndham Andover Hotel.

In January, Tierney, who represents the 6th District, introduced legislation that would extend federal unemployment benefits insurance for three months. He said there



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas speaks to the crowd at the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's congressional breakfast on Monday at the Wyndham Andover Hotel. U.S. Rep John Tierney, at left, was also one of the program's speakers.

are 1.7 million unemployed people nationally, including 60,000 in Massachusetts and 20,000 veterans.

Tsongas, who represents the 3rd District, which includes Andover, agreed.

"On the policy level, extending the unemployment benefits is a response to an emergency situation," she said.

Tsongas said she has noticed companies that sent their products to be manufactured overseas are bringing the work back to the U.S. to save time and solve problems quicker.

"We as a nation like American products," Tsongas said. In fact, she said men and women serving in the military use training shoes made locally at New Balance and other factories in the U.S. Tierney said there should

also be more investment in highways and waterways as well as science and research to help area hospitals, research centers and medical schools.

"This is an investment that pays back over and over again and we need to do that," he said.

Tierney also told the attendees that the interest rate on student loans should be lowered as a way to stimulate the economy.

"We shouldn't be profiting on the back of students' loans," he said, adding last year, \$81 million was netted from interest paid on the loans.

"We need to work together with community colleges and career centers to maximize jobs," he added.

MV Sandbox wins grant to aid entrepreneurs

By BILL KIRK

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The Merrimack Valley Sandbox, a nonprofit organization started by an Andover couple, received a \$150,000 state grant last week to strengthen its business mentoring program in Lawrence and Lowell.

The funds, announced during a Feb. 4 discussion with Gov. Deval Patrick at the organization's headquarters in Lowell, will help the group hire two, additional part-time managers of mentorship, including a bilingual mentor who will support the Sandbox's new program for Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs in the region.

Based at UMass-Lowell, the Merrimack Valley Sandbox works to spur entrepreneurship and innovation. It was started in 2010 by Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande and his wife, Jaishree, of Andover, with the mission of boosting the economic and social well-being of greater Lowell and Lawrence by advancing entrepreneurship and innovation, according to its website.

Deshpande is a well-known



COURTESY PHOTO

David Parker, right, executive director of the Merrimack Valley Sandbox, sits with Gov. Deval Patrick at the announcement of a \$150,000 grant to boost the nonprofit organization's business mentorship program.

entrepreneur in his own right who has built a number of high-tech companies and continues to sit on the boards of several start-ups.

"We can't wait to start strengthening and growing the mentoring program through the funds provided by the commonwealth and the Mass Tech Collaborative," Merrimack Valley Sandbox Executive Director David Parker said in a

press release. "The hundreds of entrepreneurs coming through our program consistently report that mentors are the most valuable service that the MV's program provides."

The grant to Sandbox was one of three awarded by the Massachusetts Innovation Mentoring Initiative, which was established at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative in 2012 to strengthen entrepreneur and start-up mentoring activities across underserved populations, regions and industries in the commonwealth. The goal is to encourage the growth of new jobs, start-ups and businesses.

Interise, Inc., based on the South Shore, got \$149,613, which will be used to provide executive mentoring to a select number of established small business owners in the South Coast region, with an emphasis on minority- and women-owned businesses. The program will span the gateway cities of Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton and Barnstable.

Valley Venture Mentors, in western Massachusetts, received \$149,259 to expand

its entrepreneur mentorship program with the aim of increasing the number of active start-ups, improving the quality of new enterprises and building out programs to support the innovation economy in the Pioneer Valley. The organization targets cities such as Springfield and Holyoke.

The three groups were chosen through a competitive selection process.

"The commonwealth has built an exceptional network of start-up initiatives focused on mentoring, including Mass-Challenge, TechStars and the MIT Enterprise Forum," Pamela Goldberg, CEO of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, said in the release. "The Mentorship Initiative builds upon that successful foundation, encourages entrepreneurs from regions around the state to more fully participate in our innovation economy — connecting communities, regions and clusters to new pathways for economic success."

BUSINESS BRIEF CASE

Magnan joins Silverlink Communications

Dave Magnan of Andover has been appointed senior vice president of services at Silverlink Communications, Inc., a Burlington-based health care company.

Magnan, of Gina Jo Way, brings more than 30 years of executive management experience leading health-care and technology organizations to his role at Silverlink. With expertise in technology and operations, he leads Silverlink's professional services, analytics and call-center operations.

Magnan said he is eager to join Silverlink "at this pivotal time in healthcare." "Silverlink has more than 10 years of best practices in consumer engagement, with more than 1 million consumer interactions each day," he said in a release. "No other company has the foundational platform and agile

technology to harness the data and insights necessary to produce exceptional results for healthcare organizations."

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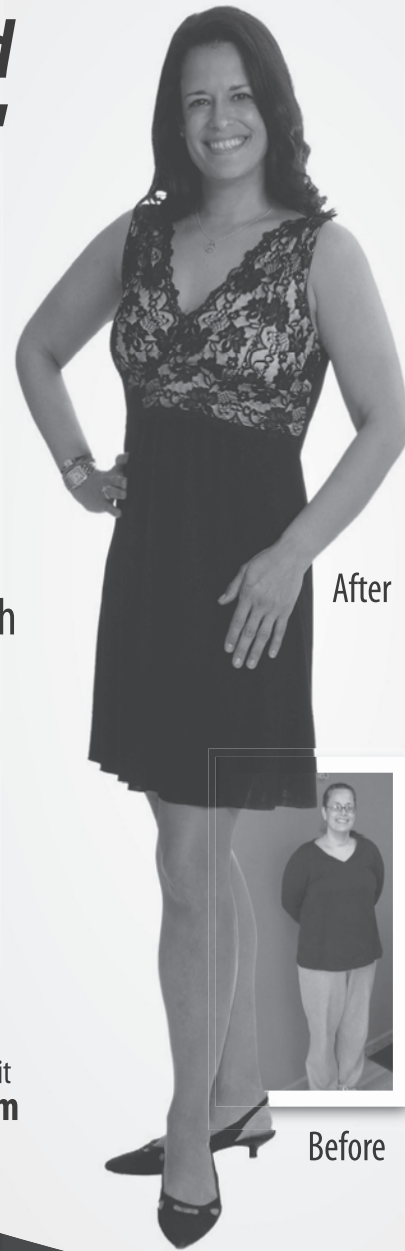
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Arts & Entertainment

Good luck, but not good-bye to Jay Leno

Rosemary Ford

Staff Writer

The first time I spoke to Jay Leno, I practically hung up on him.

I was a newly minted reporter in The Eagle-Tribune's features department. I was working on a story late one evening when he called out of the blue — asking for the recently retired Mary Fitzgerald, the legendary lifestyle editor whose extension I inherited.

When he told me he was Jay Leno, I didn't believe him. I thought one of the other reporters was pranking me. It wasn't until I called him back at a California number that I began to believe it was him.

That evening marked my first interview with Leno, which turned into a second when the paper flew me out to Burbank, Calif., to report on a pardon Jay had received for burning doughnuts in 1968 outside the then Andover High principal's office.



Comedian Billy Crystal, left, joined "The Tonight Show" host Jay Leno of Andover for his final late-night show last week.

These are some of the fondest memories of my 17-year career at The Eagle-Tribune, the Townsman's sister paper, and one of the reasons I was so sad last week to see the Andover native bid farewell to all of us, and to "The Tonight Show."

I had just graduated from St. Mary High in Lawrence when Jay took the reins of the show from Johnny Carson. I remember thinking how amazing it was that someone who grew up only miles from where I lived in

Methuen could reach such heights in the entertainment industry.

When Leno stepped down in 2009, his exit didn't seem quite as final. He was, after all, still going to be on at 10 p.m. Who knew, at the time, what a fiasco that would become thanks to the poor planning and judgement of certain NBC executives.

This time, it does seem final — the end of an era. It was hard to watch him last Thursday, as he got choked up over what he called "the

greatest 22 years of his life."

It was, however, a fitting send-off — from his final guest, Billy Crystal, to the "Sound of Music" parody featuring Jack Black and others, to the side-splitting, videotaped career advice from Matt Damon, Mark Wahlberg and others.

It's been well reported that Jay plans to continue doing stand-up comedy — something he's continued to do during his entire career on "The Tonight Show." He may even do some TV or movie work, but nothing at this point on late night.

"I've always been a stand-up comedian that had a day job," Leno told the Los Angeles Times in a recent interview. "This is my day job. I've always been on the road every single weekend — and the week, too — since I got this job. So I'm back on the road. We leave here on the 6th. The 7th I'm in Sarasota. The 8th I'm in Clearwater. The 9th I'm in

Naples, Fla. The 10th I'm in Miami ...

"It's what you have to do if you want to do comedy. You can't take a year off and come back. No one's ever taken time off as a comedian and come back and been better. It doesn't work that way. It atrophies. You have to do it all the time."

Jay's comedy certainly never atrophied during his stint on "The Tonight Show," which topped late-night ratings for most of the last 20 years.

While everyone knows about these successes, not everyone knows what Jay is like when no one is around.

When there were no cameras watching, Jay Leno was one of the nicest people I've ever met. I remember teasing him from being from hoity-toity Andover while he teased me right back for being from the Aquanet cloud formerly known as Methuen.

I saw him treat his former history teacher, David Robichaud, and his wife like royalty when he flew them out

to Los Angeles — sending drivers for them, and getting them reservations for dinner at the famed Spago in Beverly Hills.

He not only stays in touch with many friends and former teachers from his days living in Andover, but often also stayed in touch with their parents — just checking in because he's a thoughtful guy.

Despite his busy schedule, with the "Tonight Show" and all the stand-up comedy, he's made a point of making it back to Andover, even after the deaths of his parents and brother Patrick. He's given thousands of dollars to community organizations, from Andover High to UMass Lowell.

Even when he hasn't been here, his presence is always felt.

While all is said and done, millions across America will miss seeing Jay every night at 11:35.

But for those of us in the Merrimack Valley, we haven't see the last of Jay Leno yet.

No movie theater, no problem

Film screenings popping up all across town

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Andover may not have a movie theater, but that doesn't mean you can't catch a movie in town.

Every month, movies are rolling in some unexpected places — the senior center, the college at the town line and even at the local churches.

Faith Lutheran Church is the latest to get into show business — showing movies that is.

The South Main Street church launched the monthly series in January thanks to the efforts of Alan Thoday of Andover, who made his living in special effects for movies, theme parks and museums.

Thoday, who lives on Mayflower Drive, was part owner of a long fibre modacrylic fabric company in Lawrence. His company provided special effects needs for numerous Hollywood characters, including King Kong and the Muppets.

His company was eventually sold to a branch of Disney, but he keeps in touch with two pals from the old days, David Janzow and Dick Wells, owners of a special effects company in Hollywood called Shafton, Inc.

The pair share Thoday's attraction with classic movies and regularly send them his way to enjoy.

Now, Thoday is sharing them with the community by organizing a free monthly movie night at Faith Lutheran that is open to the public.

The inaugural screening of "The Heiress," the 1949 Academy Award winner starring Olivia De Havilland and Montgomery Clift, brought an audience of more than 20 viewers to watch it on the church's 72-inch screen.

"We think there is a lot of interest for this ... members have expressed an interest in seeing classic movies and getting to know each other through this medium," said Roland Jacobson of Andover, another church



Andover residents Phoebe Kwass, far left, Jeanette Barron, Ray Potvin and Bruce Earnley, not shown, settle in for a recent movie in the BoomerVenture Screening Room at The Center at Punchard.

member who is helping to organize the movie club.

Thoday said Andover at one time boasted its own movie houses. Take a closer look at the entrance to retail stores at 7 Elm St. It once was home to Wonderland theater and its column entrance can barely be seen if you look just right between the hair salon and nail shop.

Wonderland closed years ago while another movie theater in town, the Colonial, was gone by 1937, according to old issues of the Andover Townsman. It was located where the Memorial Hall Library parking lot is today.

Thoday longs for those nostalgic days.

"Yes, I wish Andover had a movie theater ... a lot of people do," he said.

But movie clubs like the one at Faith Lutheran may be the next best thing, he said.

Faith Lutheran's next movie night is planned for Friday, Feb.

WHERE THE MOVIES ARE

■ **The Center at Punchard's BoomerVenture Screening Room:** Thursdays, 7 p.m.; "The Other Son," Feb. 27. Movies also shown Mondays, 1 p.m.; 30 Whittier Court, Andover.

■ **Memorial Hall Library:** Monthly Monday Movie Night, Feb. 24, March 31, April 28, 7 p.m.; 2 North Main St., Andover.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church:** Friday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., "Witness to the Prosecution;" 360 South Main St. (Route 28), Andover.

■ **Unitarian Universalist Church:** Fourth Friday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m.; 60 Locke St.

■ **Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College:** One Wednesday a month, 7 p.m.; "Great Expectations," Feb. 26; "The Strong Man," March 26; "Moby Dick," April 30; "Les Miserables," May 14; 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

21, at 6:30 p.m. It will feature "Witness to the Prosecution," the 1957 Agatha Christie tale directed by Billy Wilder and starring Marlene Dietrich.

The church is by no means the only local venue turning movie theater-for-a-night. The Rogers Center at Merrimack College in

North Andover has a Wednesday night film series, Memorial Hall Library has a Monday night series, the Center at Punchard shows movies twice a week and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street sponsors monthly movies. Most are

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McQuillen stays alive — and singing — on 'American Idol'

She may not have scored a whole lot of screen time last week. But Andover's Casey McQuillen was one of the 75 contestants still standing in the journey to become one of the 16 contestants this season on the hit reality show "American Idol."

McQuillen survived as the field was first narrowed from 212 to 100 wannabes on Wednesday, Feb. 5, during what was the first night of the Hollywood round of try-outs. The following night, she emerged in the top 75 candidates going on to this week's solo rounds.

She was scheduled to perform her solo number when "American Idol" resumed this Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Neither her solo performance last week, for which she performed Alicia Keys' "Girl On Fire," or her group's performance, which was the focus of the Feb. 6 episode, made it to air. She was, however, the only contestant in her group invited by the judges to move on.

The 21-year-old McQuillen grew up in Andover, attending local schools, before going on to Phillips Academy in Andover for high school. She is currently enrolled at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Over the coming week or so, the contestants will be whittled down to about 30, then the final 16 who will vie for viewers' votes on the road to the "Idol" crown.

— Sonya Vartabedian, staff writer

Turning to the sea at Memorial Hall Library

Local watercolorist Stephen J. Silk takes viewers to the sea as this month's featured artist at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

A painter and arts educator currently working in the Lawrence public schools, Silk was born and raised between Lowell and the coast of Seabrook, N.H. He studied fine arts with a concentration in painting and a minor in liberal arts at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2001.

In addition to holding an

education license for visual arts, Silk worked on fishing boats for a number of years and holds a merchant mariners license for Master Captain 100 GT. He says that since he was a boy, he has been connected and drawn to the water.

"I enjoy painting boats on moorings and watching the flow and ebb, set and drift, and wind all change the perspective of the shape of her lines with free will," he says in his artist's statement. "I feel like I am translating what is important in my life

when I paint, and there is a slow immediacy to get it onto paper as it is appearing. I work very quickly as the subjects prompt both reaction and narratives that are brought to mind during sittings."

Silk's exhibit runs through the end of February on the first floor of the library at 2 North Main St.

For more on Silk's work, visit <http://stephensilk.wordpress.com/>. For more on the library exhibit, call 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or visit www.mhl.org.



"Hope-Lynn on Mooring," a 9-by-12-inch watercolor by Stephen Silk, who is this month's featured artist at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

COURTESY IMAGE



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The local Chinese community supplied the entertainment for last week's new year celebration at The Center at Punchard.

A show of red for the Chinese new year

Happy New Year — Xin Nian Kuai Le in Mandarin — was heard throughout The Center at Punchard last Friday afternoon as local seniors gathered with about 75 members of the Chinese community to celebrate the Year of the Horse.

The color red, which symbolizes fire and can drive bad

luck away, dominated the lunchtime festivities. The center was decorated with colorful red lanterns and wall hangings and many guests wore silk jackets for the occasion.

The event featured an authentic Chinese meal, followed by entertainment, which included a song

about two lovers, traditional dance, music on a two-string violin and an explanation of Chinese New Year traditions.

The Center at Punchard has been connecting more with the local Chinese community and offering several different programs, including ping pong and

a Speaking English class, both on Friday afternoons, according to Kathy Urquhart, the center's director of elder services.

For more on those programs and other activities, contact The Center at Punchard at 978-623-8321 or visit www.andoversenior-center.org.

Senior Community Friends elects new board

The Andover Senior Community Friends has elected its board of directors for 2014.

Dan McDuffie will lead the group as president, with JoAnne McConaughy as vice president.

Johanna Webster is treasurer, Peter Caruso is clerk and Kaori Kelts is recording secretary. Audrey Nason will serve as chairwoman of the Crystal Ballroom Committee.

Rounding out the board are Mary Barry, Marty Epstein, Katy Wallace, Ann Sullivan and Judy Trerotola.

The board of directors of the Andover Senior Community Friends meets once a month at The Center at Punchard. Its mission is

"to promote, sponsor and support programs and services that are designed to enrich the quality of life to all seniors of Andover."

Andover Senior Community Friends holds several events during the year to garner financial support for The Center. The board is looking forward to hosting Antiques Adventure and a big band concert in the spring, an upcoming masquerade ball and a Holiday Ball at Christmas. A membership drive is ongoing.

For more information on any of the upcoming events or to join the organization, email McDuffie at danmcduffie@verizon.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

The new board of directors of the Andover Senior Community Friends includes, front row from left, Audrey Nason, chairwoman of the Crystal Ballroom Committee; JoAnne McConaughy, vice president; and Mary Barry; and back row from left, Marty Epstein, Katy Wallace, Kaori Kelts, recording secretary; Ann Sullivan, and Peter Caruso, clerk. Not pictured are Johanna Webster, treasurer; Judy Trerotola, and Dan McDuffie, president.

Heartfelt cheer, courtesy of Andover Garden Club



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover Garden Club members, from left, Maureen Morse, Karen Marshall and Nancy Norbedo were among those participating in the group's recent floral-arranging program at MI Nursing/Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Members of the Andover Garden Club recently visited residents at Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center in Lawrence, treating them to a valentine-themed, floral-arranging project that had everyone feeling a bit like spring had arrived.

The skilled nursing center is dedicated to the care of frail or recuperating patients and offers a blend of services designed to maximize individual health goals. Its residents come from the Merrimack Valley, including Andover. Established in 1927, Andover Garden Club is a charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design; aids in the beautification of the Town of Andover, and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region. For more information, visit www.andover-gardenclub.org.

All Those Years Ago

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago Feb. 13, 1914

The Fire Department was called early Thursday morning to the home of Miss Alice Gray on Salem Street on account of a chimney fire coming from an overheated fireplace.

The trolley service between Andover and Lawrence was delayed on Thursday morning when one of the trolley wires in the square broke.

Frank L. Cole has been confined to his home on Elm Street for a few days on account of a carbuncle.

75 Years Ago Feb. 9, 1939

The town warrant, which closes tomorrow night at 5, already has several articles listed for insertion. One of the most important will be the purchase of a site for the town house, with two alternatives being offered: \$20,450 for the Shaw property or \$12,000 for the Grout property between the Shaw site and the post office. The former includes more than 2 acres and the latter only about one-third of an acre.

Walter Selfridge Jr., of South Main Street, is being treated at Lawrence General Hospital for injuries received last night at 5:40 while coasting on Ballardvale Road. According to the police report, the driver of a car coming up the street on the right noticed the group of sliders coming down on his side and cut across, going off the road on the left-hand side. The little Selfridge boy, coasting down the hill on the left, plowed into the snow banking and was thrown off his sled into the right rear wheel of the car.

50 Years Ago Feb. 13, 1964

A possible access out of Bernard Champys's industrial land behind Raytheon Co. and progress in the excavation of gravel in the same area will be on the agenda of a joint meeting of town officials in the near future.

Marland Mills has reportedly been sold to a group that will subdivide the space to meet the needs of tenants. The mill was recently the subject of considerable debate when Town Manager Thomas E. Duff suggested acquiring the site for town use. His plan met with opposition from town officials and had to be dropped from consideration.

25 Years Ago Feb. 16, 1989

Call it Green Acres or Petticoat Junction; by the end of the summer, Andover train riders will call it "gone." Last week, the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority approved a \$1.2 million joint project with the state to renovate both stations in Andover. In particular, the Andover stop at Railroad Avenue and Essex Street needs a complete makeover, transit officials said.

In-service days mean early release for Andover schoolchildren, who look forward to such days with anticipation. But for some downtown merchants and staff members at Memorial Hall Library, in-service days and the bad behavior of some of the early-release students are dreaded. At Thompson's Office Products on Main Street, manager Janet Wallace says she sometimes has to limit the number of students allowed in the store at one time on in-service afternoons because of problems she's had in the past.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has several activities and programs on tap. Here are some of the highlights:

Men's Breakfast: Friday, Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m. Marc Koolen, a biology teacher at Phillips Academy, will share his knowledge of the natural history of the campus as well as his special passion for ornithology and an on-campus bird blind that he constructed in this history presentation on the school's buildings and grounds; \$4.

Chocolate Extravaganza: Friday, Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy the sweetest holiday with a chocolate fountain, chocolate candies and other delectable treats, with music by Tom O'Brien. Reservations required; \$5.

Continental Breakfast: Monday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. Complimentary continental breakfast.

Downsizing ... The Agony and the Ecstasy: Thursday, Feb. 27, 1:30 to 3 p.m. A look at the ins and outs of downsizing in a timely, effective manner; \$3.

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council: Friday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. Linda Soucy, fuel assistance director, will provide an overview of available community services.

Healthy Eating Habits: Supermarket Persuasion: Friday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. Behind-the-scenes video tour of the

supermarket reveals how marketers shape shopping behavior. Breakfast provided; free.

Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army — Trip to Nashua, N.H.: Monday, March 3, 11:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Living history program featuring Deborah Sampson, who, disguised as a young man, served 17 months undetected in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Includes program and lunch, \$41.

Open Art Drop-In Studio: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. An open, drop-in group for artists with no instructor. Bring your own materials; free.

Current Events Discussion: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse, Main Street; part of daily coffee and conversation series that runs weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

The Center at Punchard is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All programs and activities are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoversenior-center.org.

For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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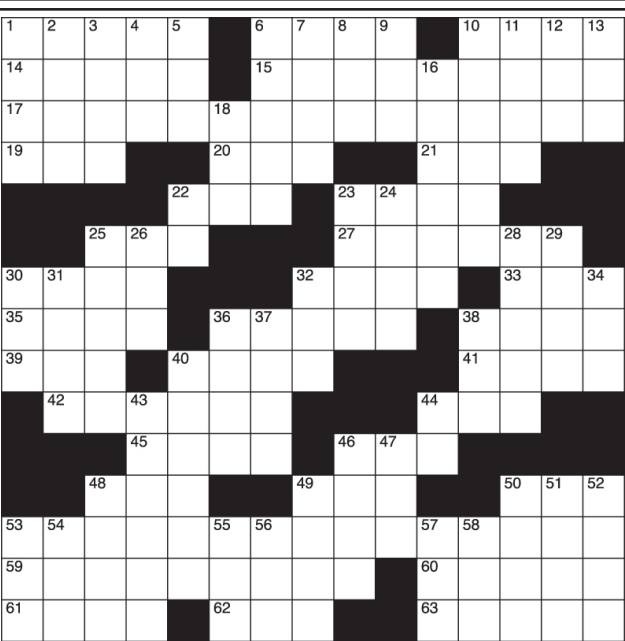
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19. Mekong River people
20. Chinese broadsword
21. Rescue squad
22. Cablegram (abbr.)
23. Mold-ripened French cheese
25. Don't know when yet
27. Rivulet
30. Wild Himalayan goat
32. Astronaut's OJ
33. Scientific workplace
35. Xenophane's colony
36. Exchange

Solution in Classified Section

38. Semitic fertility god
39. Chit
40. Sylvia Fine's spouse Danny
41. Sole
42. Benne plant
44. Small amount
45. Sodas
46. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. UC Berkeley
49. Express pleasure
50. ___ Paulo, city
53. History channel's #5 show
59. Divertimento
60. Ridge on Doric column
61. Pastries
62. The "It" Girl
63. Hand drum of No. India

CLUES DOWN

1. Labor
2. North-central Indian city
3. About aviation
4. The sheltered side
5. Salem State College
6. Twofold
7. Unusually (Scot.)
8. Floral garland
9. Birthplace (abbr.)
10. Tooth covering
11. Confederate soldiers
12. Signing
13. Point midway between S and SE
16. Ground where each golf hole begins
18. A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
22. Atomic #73
23. Thin wire nail
24. Ancient Germanic alphabet character
25. Jupiter's 4th satellite
26. Woman's undergarment
28. African antelope
29. Afrikaans

30. Vietnamese offensive
31. Expression of sorrow or pity
32. Scot word for toe
34. Journalist Nellie
36. Compress
37. Whiskies
38. Feathery scarf
40. White clay for porcelain
43. Keeps in reserve
44. Infectious lung disease
46. Draws off
47. Chinese chess piece
48. Parrot's nostril opening
49. Once more
50. One from Serbia
51. Fleshy, bright seed appendage
52. Plural of os
53. The horned viper
54. Japanese apricot tree
55. Taxi
56. Bustle
57. Feline
58. Malaysian Isthmus

Education

School calendar up for vote

Pre- or post-Labor Day start being debated

By DUSTIN LUCA
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An early end to summer or a break that extends past Labor Day?

That question is once again before the School Committee, which is considering three calendar choices for next school year.

One of the options has students reporting back in August prior to Labor Day, with the remaining two calling for post-holiday starts.

All three options have teachers returning two days prior to students' arrival. Those two workshop days are set aside for teacher training and classroom preparations.

The proposals, which were presented at last week's School Committee meeting, are:

- Teachers report Aug. 25, with students returning Aug. 27. The last day of school without any snow days would be June 15.

- Teachers report Aug. 27, with students returning Sept. 2. The last day of school without snow days would be June 17.

- Teachers report Sept. 2, with students returning Sept. 4. The last day of school without snow days would be June 19.

Each snow day needed would be tacked on to the end of the year.

Because two of the options have teachers reporting back in August, those require approval from the Andover Education Association, the town's teachers union. The current contract prohibits requiring teachers to return to school before Sept. 1 without their consent. The union is scheduled to take a vote the week of Feb. 24.

"If the teachers don't vote to waive that, there would only be one option," union president Kerry Costello said.

The School Committee is accepting public comment on the three proposals in advance of its vote, which is set for March 6. Parents may email their preferences to committee members.

One parent attending last week's presentation objected to the power the teachers union holds over the start of the school year.

"It would be nice if the School Committee had the authority to start school before Labor Day, without a vote of the teachers," Bancroft Elementary School parent Shannon Scully said.

But what drew the most questions and comments were the six half school days built into all three calendars for in-service teacher and staff development needs. On those days, students are released from school after a half day to allow for professional training.

"The kids get there at 8:45 a.m. and they're dismissed at 10:45 at the elementary schools. That's a two-hour day, and by the time they have their snow pants off and they have their books, why they went is questionable," Scully said. "The handling of these-early release days is laughable."

Sanborn Elementary School parent Susan McCready also called for a change to the district's use of half days.

"The children even feel it's a waste of time," McCready said. "I don't know if they have the opportunity, especially for the very young children, to get anything done on those days."

Summer Street resident Brad Weeden pressed the School Committee to consolidate the six half-days into three full days off for students.

Part of Weeden's thinking involved the fact that, with half days, students still require the same amount of transportation to get to and from school. Consolidating the half days into three full school days and three full days off would cut bus trips and be less disruptive to students and parents, he said.

"If you have three days full off instead of just six days half, the kids effectively get just as many hours of constructive learning, but you avoid the whole, disruptive effect of those days on taxpayers and parents, and the costs that are involved in just getting students to and from school," Weeden said.

School officials said last week that once they set the 2014-2015 school calendar early next month, they hope to then finalize the following year's calendar by late spring.

The goal, they said, is to have the calendar set for two years out, so that even if parents are not happy with the schedule, they can at least plan for it. School staff will be surveyed prior to deciding the following year's calendar, they added.

To view the three calendars being proposed and comment to the School Committee, visit www.aps1.net/index.aspx?NID=1382.

Bridging connections



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

Hong Jiwoo, a South Korean student visiting Andover, discusses her culture and cuisine with Jorge Allen, world language program advisor for the Andover Public Schools, during a recent event at West Middle School.

South Korean students open eyes on exchange trip to Andover

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A dozen South Korean students may be the ones on an educational and cultural exchange to Andover this winter. But they are providing as much insight as they are gaining during their six-week experience.

The students, who are in town through Cambridge-based exchange program Educational Divide Reform, have been absorbing every facet of American life since arriving Jan. 13 and joining the student body at West Middle School.

It's the first time West Middle School has hosted a full-fledged exchange, Principal Stephen Murray said.

"We've had kids come visit for a day, or take a trip, but we've never had kids come for an extended period of time," Murray said. "The teachers are so ecstatic."

The visit was set up by West Middle School graduates and brothers Peter and Tim An, who are regional coordinators for Educational Divide Reform. Peter An graduated from West in 1998, followed by his younger brother in 2000.

Growing up as an Asian-American in Andover wasn't always easy, Peter An said.

"There wasn't much diversity. Diversity wasn't promoted at my age," Peter An said. "It was hard for me to fit in, so I wanted to expose the Asian culture (to Andover)."

"... This is the place that molded me to be the person I am, and I trust all the teachers to do the same for these students."

The visiting



Hong Jiwoo, 13, left, and Jiwon Mun, 12, are among about a dozen young visitors from South Korea who are experiencing life in the U.S. this winter. Two brothers who are graduates of West Middle School coordinated the Andover piece of their exchange.

students, most of whom are from Seoul, have been experiencing a crash course in 21st century America as they stay with host families in neighboring Reading and shadow their peers at West.

"This culture is very different," 13-year-old Lee Bu Geon said. "America is more free."

Kim Hyun Sung, also 13, said she was surprised by how American food is sweeter than what she is used to in Korea.

They also took note of the landscape as well the environment in the U.S., in particular the air quality. They said in the region surrounding Seoul, there are a lot of concrete buildings and air pollution both darkens the sky and causes other health concerns.

"The air is so good. I can see the stars at night," 12-year-old Aileen Kim said of what he has experienced in the U.S. It was an observation echoed by 14-year-old Brian Hong.

Peter An said the Korean students are also finding

academic life in the U.S. is easier than they're used to.

"These kids have it really tough out there because it is so competitive," he said. "They wake up at 6 in the morning, they go to school and study, and then after school they go to academy."

As part of their visit to the U.S., the students have been touring colleges like Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, shopping at American malls and dining at area restaurants. They got a taste of a hamburger on a trip to Fuddrucker's.

"One kid ate a 1-pound burger. He finished it all — the smallest boy," Peter An said.

Recently, the students visiting Andover as well as their counterparts on exchanges in Lexington and Concord came together with Korean War veterans for a program at West Middle School called "Bridging Generations: With Heroes of the Forgotten War."

"It's a huge opportunity to learn lessons from American forefathers who fought for (the students') freedom and democracy in Korea," Jay Jang, managing director of Educational Divide Reform, said. "It's a good opportunity to express appreciation to Korean veterans."

Meeting youngsters who represent the descendants of the Korean War provided a sense of vindication, said Albert McCarthy, commander of the Korean Veterans of America.

As he watched the Korean students present aspects of their culture, McCarthy said he was "blown away" by what he was seeing.

"I never thought they would ever get to this," he said.

McCarthy, who served for two years in South Korea during the war, recalls a country where entire portions were "flat-out leveled. Every intersection had a machine-gun bunker," he said.

"In the war, you'd look in their eyes and know they were hurting," McCarthy said. "They'd see you and smile, and that smile told you all you needed to know."

While McCarthy admitted that he has spent the decades since the conflict struggling over its purpose, he said, "Now when I talk to these young people ... the looks in their faces, they're full of hope. There's nothing they can't do."

"The thing that impresses the hell out of me is the smile, the openness. There is no fear. There is only hope, just openness. And

Roses for Rosie's: A gift from Montessori School

For the 12th year, students in Andover School of Montessori's Lower Elementary 1 classroom have spent the days leading up to Valentine's Day showing their love for those less fortunate.

The students in grades one, two and three have been making paper roses to sell this week in an effort to raise money to benefit Rosie's Place, a shelter in Boston that supports women and children in need.

Founded in 1974, Rosie's Place welcomes each guest who may experience a short-term emergency or have long-term needs with respect and unconditional love. It accepts no government funds and relies on dedicated volunteers and private supporters to accomplish its work.

The Valentine's tradition at Andover School Montessori has become a community outreach activity that serves as an excellent lesson in giving love and caring for others, Head of School Joanna DeStefanis says.

The school educates students ages 2.9 through grade eight. Visit andovermontessori.org for more.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover School of Montessori's Lower Elementary students in grades one through three have been selling the paper roses they made to benefit Rosie's Place shelter in Boston.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

STEM College for Kids returns to NECC

Northern Essex Community College's STEM College for Kids summer program will return to the Haverhill campus beginning July 7 through Aug. 1. Participants can enroll for one week or all four weeks.

While the program focuses on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses, there are also plenty of art and athletic opportunities to select from. Children are encouraged to explore different subjects, gain new knowledge, and develop skills in an engaging, fun and supervised college campus environment.

For more information or to be put on the brochure mailing list once the schedule has been finalized, contact Vanessa Pepin at

978-659-1207 or email vpepin@necc.mass.edu.

UNICO accepting scholarship applications

UNICO Merrimack Valley, the local chapter of the largest Italian-American service organization in the U.S., is accepting applications from area high school seniors for one of five \$2,500 scholarship grants.

Candidates must be students of Italian heritage who are seeking to pursue their education at a four-year college or university and who have demonstrated strong achievement in academic studies and extracurricular activities.

The application deadline is March 15. Visit www.unicomerrimackvalley.org for an application and more information.

ON CAMPUS

Three local students were honored for their academic excellence at the annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day at Bowdoin College in Maine.

Michelle Wiener, a senior, was named Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winner for achieving a 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in government and legal studies as well as sociology.

William Ossoff and Nicole Morin were both named Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars for being among the top 20 percent of students with the highest GPAs in their respective classes. Ossoff, a junior, is majoring in government and legal studies and minoring in history. Morin, a sophomore, has not declared a major.

QUINN: Wrestler fights against cancer

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a freshman. But when we were talking about him starting in the sport, he got sick. And we sort of forgot about wrestling."

The only sport his son was able to play through the many treatments was baseball, his first love. But because of the treatment doses, his right shoulder was too painful to use. He loved baseball so much he learned to throw the ball left-handed and played outfield.

"I always thought that some day when a story like this would be about Jackson, it would be about him hitting a home run or winning a big baseball game," Richard Quinn said. "I never even considered wrestling."

In fact, his real expectations for his son's wrestling career would be that he'd get over his struggles this year and want to wrestle as a sophomore.

When Jackson arrived at Brooks, wrestling was not even discussed ... until two wrestlers informed him the team didn't have a 106-pounder (the weight is now 110 pounds).

"They really talked me into it," Jackson said, adding that he was six to eight pounds less than most of his foes. "I figured I'd give it a try."

Which brings us to Jackson's big match on Saturday, Feb. 1.

"We all knew before the match that it was probably going to come down to the last match (of the day)," Richard Quinn said. "I told my wife, Julie, the only thing we don't want to happen is to have Jackson's match as the last match."

When the pre-match lot was drawn to select the first match on, the 116-pound weight class was chosen. That meant, as he had dreaded, that his son's match would be last, probably for "all the marbles."

But, his son had some confidence in himself.

"I hadn't wrestled the kid before, but I figured I had a pretty good chance against him," Jackson said. "I honestly did."

For about the first 90 seconds of the match, Jackson and his Belmont Hill competitor fought to a stalemate. For most of those 90 seconds, Jackson held on to his opponent's right leg. With the Belmont Hill wrestler appearing to have him set up for a "cradle," Jackson broke away and put his opponent on his back.

"I was not going to let go of his leg," Jackson said. "I just wasn't going to let go. I think that helped when I eventually was able to turn him on his back."

The crowd went into a frenzy as Jackson slowly attempted to get both of his opponent's shoulders on the mat. It took about 30 seconds before the referee slammed the mat for the pin and Brooks' victory.

"I've been involved in a lot of big wins here and that might be the biggest," said Brooks' longtime wrestling coach, Alex Konovalchik, whose sons, Andrew and Nick, are two of the school's top wrestlers.

"We've had some tough, tough losses against Belmont Hill. We hadn't beaten them in 10 years. And then this, with Jackson pulling it off. It's been a few days and I still get chills talking about it."

A video of the match was taken by his mom. One of the poignant scenes featured a girl running across the mat and giving Jackson a hug about 30 seconds after the match. It was his older sister, Megan, a senior at Brooks.

"I really believe that Jackson was ready for that moment because of all he had been through," Konovalchik said. "I've had kids that have been very good wrestlers, who have crumbled in a moment like that. The pressure is too much."

"Jackson handled it like a champion. He was incredible."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JOHN PISACRETA

Senior Basketball

It was a big week for Andover High boys basketball, which means it was a big week for John, too. In the team's win over Methuen, he had nine points, five assists and four steals. Then last Friday night against rival North Andover, not only did he play great defense against the Knights' top-shooting guard, but he scored 15 points with five assists, eight rebounds and three steals. Coach David Fazio's comments: "He is our captain and our leader. When he is on his game, we can beat anyone in the state."



ALVIA FAZIO

Senior Cheerleading

Alivia is a four-year varsity cheerleader at Andover High. She was elected captain and recently was named a member of the 2014 All-Conference team. Noted for her work ethic and attitude on and off the court, Alivia is a well-rounded and dedicated athlete. Coach Ashley Baldwin's comments: "She is always striving for perfection and is an extremely talented member of our squad."



ROUND-UP: This week

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Alois pots three

Veronica Alois again lit the lamp three times to help Andover top Chelmsford 6-4 last Thursday. Jacquelyn Leone, Caroline Curtin and Caroline Hughes each scored single goals and Jojo Olson and Brenna Keefe each had an assist for the winners.

BOYS SKIING

Warriors split

Led by a fifth-place finish for Jake Tarricone, Andover beat Austin Prep 115-20 last Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Jake Tarricone again took fifth, but Andover lost to St. John's Prep 109.5-25.5 last Thursday.

BRIGGS: Athlete has loved basketball since birth

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By the time Michael was 3 or 4 years old, his parents started bringing him to Celtics games and he has been going ever since.

"He goes to every weekend game and we sneak him into a few weeknight games. He doesn't miss a beat during the game. He knows all the players on every team and he does every cheer," David Briggs said.

"His knowledge of basketball is amazing. If he isn't playing basketball or at a basketball game, he is probably watching a game on television or playing basketball on X-Box. He truly loves basketball."

A Warrior's beginning

Early in Michael's childhood, his parents placed a strong importance on integrating their middle son into the Andover community, where the family has lived since 1986.

They found a perfect match for Michael in Andover's Hooptown basketball camp, run by Golden Warriors varsity coach David Fazio.

"We have always pushed

for Michael to be in the mainstream because that is the world he will have to live in when he gets older," said Kim Briggs, a speech language pathologist at The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover. "We felt like Hooptown would be a perfect testing ground. Michael loved basketball, why not start with Hooptown?"

Any early concerns David and Kim Briggs had about how their son would be welcomed into the Andover basketball community were allayed when Michael arrived at the basketball school.

"The kids were just unbelievable to Michael," his father said. "You never know how anyone is going to act. You never know how the kids or the program are going to react. But they accepted Michael as a member of the family."

"Our only regret is that we didn't take him to Hooptown earlier. But we are glad we did because of all the joy that it has brought to not just our family, but the entire basketball community."

Becoming a Golden Warrior

Now a fixture at Hooptown — first alongside older brother Christopher, now 19, and eventually with younger brother Jonathan, 10 — Michael had a new dream when he arrived at Andover High as a freshman last year.

He wanted to play basketball for the Golden Warriors.

After some initial questions about whether there would be a spot for Michael, his father decided to be proactive. They went directly to Fazio, who had no reservations about making him part of the program.

Michael would need a coach to work with him as a one-on-one aide, a job that was happily taken by Sanborn Elementary School physical education teacher and freshman football coach Ben Gibson.

"Mike is such an awesome kid," said Gibson, who Michael calls "Gibby." "Him being here is something that is great for Michael and great for all of the kids on the team. They all work together as a team and learn from each other. Mike is a goofy, likable

kid. Plus, he has been in school with these kids since elementary school."

As a freshman, Briggs played on the Andover freshman team, coached by Michael Votto, seeing playing time at the end of games already decided by lopsided scores.

"Freshman year was a great year," David Briggs said. "Michael had a great time. In a game against Phillips, I have never seen anyone get up so many shots in such a short time. But he showed his basketball knowledge because he was keeping track of the clock. He made sure to get a final shot off right before the buzzer."

Once this winter arrived, Michael, now a sophomore, followed many of his classmates to a new challenge on the court, playing for the JV team.

"He is a sophomore and the natural move was for him to go to the JV team," Hibino said.

"We are thankful he wants to be part of this program. He loves the game and has worked so hard to earn his spot on the team."



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