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## Spreading Holiday Cheer



The man of the hour – St. Nick – brings up the rear of Sunday's annual Santa Parade as he waves to the crowd along Main Street from atop Andover Fire Department's Ladder Truck 2.

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LEFT: Andover firefighter Brian De'Courcy recreates the iconic scene from the movie "A Christmas Story" in which a boy gets his tongue stuck frozen to a light pole for the Andover Firefighters Association's float in Sunday's Santa Parade. RIGHT: Steven Sintros hoists his 3-year-old daughter, Emerson, into the air to try and reach one of the light beams in the laser show that accompanied Sunday's annual lighting of the Christmas tree in downtown Andover. More photos, story of the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting, page 13.



## Budget debate heats up

### Town manager, selectmen differ on approach to spending plan

By BILL KIRK  
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The town manager said this week it's too early for the Board of Selectmen to start tinkering with his budget.

That's because he hasn't even presented it yet, he said.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo told The Andover Townsman on Tuesday that the town charter makes it clear that the budget process doesn't start until Feb. 6, 2015, when he will make a formal presentation of his spending plan.

Until then, the charter says, selectmen need to take a hands-off approach.

"It's an issue of process," Stapczynski said. "We don't have a choice. It's what we are required to follow."

Stapczynski's comments came in the wake of a meeting Monday night and a story in The Townsman's sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune, on Tuesday that reported on the debate between selectmen and the town manager over who has the ultimate authority over the budget.

Selectmen argued that they have authority at this point in the process to ask the town manager to cut \$1.1 million from his spending plan — the same amount as a cut made last year, but which was enacted much later in the budget process.

Stapczynski, citing the town charter, said it is his "obligation" to prepare a budget

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## Rolling Green project rolls forward

By BILL KIRK  
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Construction on one of the biggest residential projects in Andover in years started last week on the site of the old Rolling Green golf course behind the Boston Sports Club off Lowell Street.

The 224-unit Rolling

Green apartments, which was originally proposed in 2011, was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals under the state's Chapter 40B law because 25 percent, or 56, of its units are being offered as "affordable."

The "affordable" two-bedroom apartments will be marketed at about \$1,300 a month, according to the

developer.

Market rate apartments will be competitive with another Chapter 40B project in Andover — Avalon Andover on River Road, where two-bedroom apartments start at just over \$1,900 a month.

Adelaide Grady, the Boston-area development director for Rolling Green

developer Wood Partners, said construction equipment has been at the site since last Monday. She said construction will take about 18 months, with occupancy scheduled for fall 2016.

The project is being built on 20 acres of land that Wood Partners purchased



Courtesy image

These 2012 plans show the proposed 224-unit Andover Apartments at Rolling Green on Lowell Street.

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## Rose Bowl honor for late Andover man

### Victim of ski tragedy to be featured on organ, tissue donation float

By LAUREN DiTULLIO  
Staff Writer

In life, Alan Champagne was a loving father who enjoyed the outdoors and jumped at the chance to help others. He was all the more generous because he didn't need to be praised for his actions, his wife, Virginia, said.

When her husband died as the result of a ski accident at Tenney Mountain in Plymouth, N.H., in 2009, Virginia Champagne said he left behind a legacy of kindness that has touched lives all over the country.

The donation of her husband's heart, liver and kidneys saved the lives of four people, and his corneas restored sight for two people. His bone and tissue have been used in lifesaving procedures for more than 100 others.

This week, Tissue Bank International and the New England Organ Bank will honor Alan with a "floragraph," a portrait of Alan's face made of pieces of flowers. Virginia Champagne and her son, Colin, will get

to finish the floragraph during a ceremony at the New England Organ Bank in Waltham this Thursday evening. It will be placed alongside 71 others on the

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Newly crowned Miss Massachusetts Teen USA 2015 Sophie Baird of Andover credits her friends with keeping her grounded.

Courtesy photo



## A borrowed gown and a crown

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Dressed in a flattering black lace gown with a ribbon at the waist that she borrowed from a friend, Andover High School senior Sophie Baird stole the hearts of the judges along with the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA crown.

The 17-year-old cheerleader said she was

simply floored when her name was announced at last month's pageant.

Unlike her fellow contestants, some of whom hired beauty pageant coaches and stuck to strict diets, Baird said she did very little preparation for the competition.

In fact, she sported a gown that she had borrowed from a friend who wore it to the prom.

"I just can't believe it... it hasn't sunk in yet," the daughter of Jan and Scott Baird said this week. "I just had so much fun and would recommend this pageant to younger girls, absolutely. I met wonderful people and it was a great experience."

Her mom's big hug at the end of the competition, coupled with the

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# Homeowners' tax bills set to rise \$300

By BILL KIRK

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There was some good news and bad news for residential and business property owners in Andover this week. First, the good news: home and commercial values are continuing to go up, as the market for sales improves.

That became evident following the town's revaluation of residential and commercial/industrial property that saw property values rising across town.

The average residential

assessed value increased from \$549,662 last year to \$577,689 this year. The average value of commercial property, meanwhile, rose from about \$1.9 million to almost \$2.1 million. And the value of industrial property also went up, from \$3.5 million to on average \$3.8 million.

Now comes the bad news: With that rise in values often comes an increase in taxes — and this year is no different. On Monday night, the Board of Selectmen voted to set a new tax classification rate for residential

and commercial/industrial properties that will lead to a hike in property tax bills of more than \$300, on average, for homeowners.

Last year, homeowners paid an average of \$8,343 in property taxes. This year, they will pay an average of \$8,654, an increase of \$311, or 3.7 percent.

Last year, commercial property owners would have paid an average of \$49,993, while this year, they will pay \$51,899, an increase of \$1,906, or 3.8 percent.

Industrial properties, meanwhile, will also see an

increase. Last year, industrial property owners paid an average of \$89,543 in taxes, but this year, they will pay \$94,768, a 5.8 percent increase.

Selectmen annually approve different rates for residential and commercial/industrial properties as a way to fairly redistribute the tax burden among homeowners. Residential property makes up about 80 percent of the total taxable property in town, and commercial/industrial property accounts for about the remaining 20 percent.

## BUDGET

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taking into consideration the needs of all of his department leaders and the School Department. He hasn't met with his department heads and doesn't have a budget from the School Department yet, he said.

Once the final budget has been crafted and presented — in February — then selectmen can begin the process of whittling it down, he said.

Currently, Stapczynski said the only thing he has presented is a Capital Improvements Plan, which calls for spending on equipment and maintenance projects in town.

However, within that document, Stapczynski created a preliminary budget, which he said Tuesday he's not even required to submit and which should not be treated as the final budget.

He said it shouldn't even be called a "preliminary budget," but should be called a "preliminary look at revenue and expenditure projections." He said that as the year progresses, some of those numbers could change, such as local aid revenue which Gov. Deval Patrick recently threatened to cut.

That's why, he said, he needs until February to come up with a complete financial picture of the town. Until then, selectmen have to let him create a budget "that meets the needs of the town and the taxpayers."

"Wouldn't you rather see all the needs of the town first?" he said. Last year, when \$1.1 million was trimmed from the budget, it was done later in the process, after his budget had been presented.

"Last year, I think the process worked well," Stapczynski said. On Monday night, selectmen voted 5-0 to ask Stapczynski to trim the revenues as presented in his Capital Improvements Plan by \$1.1 million. Stapczynski said he would take that request under advisement.

"I'm seriously considering it," he said. "I'm seeing if I can work a budget that complies with their request."

Selectmen are scheduled to take up the matter at a Dec. 15 meeting. However, Stapczynski may be within his authority to ignore the selectmen's request.

In a memo to selectmen sent before Monday night's meeting, Stapczynski wrote that "the town manager has

the authority and responsibility to present his best recommended budget to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for their deliberation and review."

He went on to say that selectmen and the Finance Committee are "not compelled to recommend the town manager's budget to the annual Town Meeting. They can present other revenues and expenditures including any tax levy percentages they see fit to recommend to the annual Town Meeting."

The town manager, meanwhile, "has to provide any and all information needed to support the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in their recommendations to the Town Meeting."

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said he doesn't want two, separate budgets.

"Buzz, you need to think about this and get back to us," he said Monday night. "But I'd prefer not to have two budgets."

He added later, "I am hopeful we can work together, in collaboration, on the budget."

Selectman Paul Salafia said he believed Stapczynski would make the recommended changes, as he's done in the past.

"If he has instructions from us, he'll do the same as last year" and amend the budget, Salafia said.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said that in March of this year, during discussion of the current fiscal 2015 budget, the board agreed that for next fiscal year's budget cycle, it would take a two-step approach. That included taking \$1.1 million out of the revenue side of the budget and then having a discussion — early on — about whether to tax up to the levy limit allowed by Proposition 2 1/2.

"That was the agreement, that was the discussion," Vispoli said. "There was no disagreement. We wanted to get ahead of it and make it equitable and fair to all the departments so they knew what the available funds were rather than come back at the end of the budget cycle. When you do it that way, it's more combative versus collaborative."

He added, "The five of us thought it was reasonable to do this in advance. ... It's not to anybody's advantage to sit there in February and March and claw money back from anybody's department. You can talk about the nuance of the town charter, but this isn't a legal discussion, it's about policy and the budget. We have a responsibility to the taxpayers of this town."

## HONORED

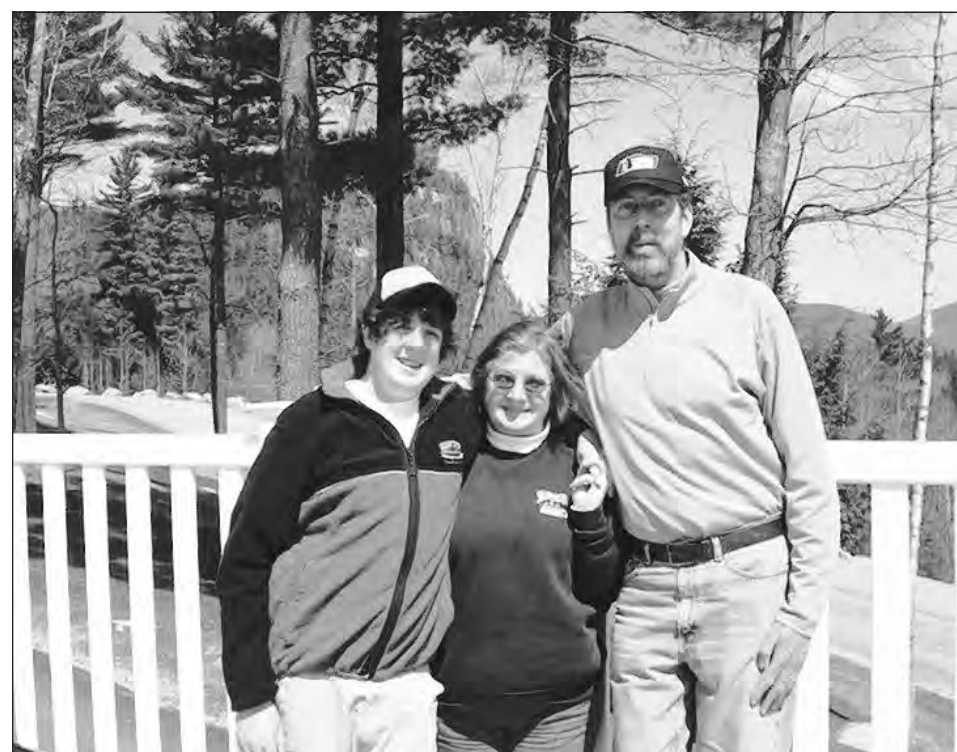
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Donate Life float at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. on New Year's Day.

"Alan never had to be singled out. He never had to be the life of the party. You never had to acknowledge him. He was just a very humble sort of a person," his wife said. "He wouldn't need this, but I certainly think he deserves it."

She and Colin will be in the parade and have the opportunity to meet many people who have had their lives touched by the donation of organs and tissues.

Virginia said the process of having the florograph made and inviting family and friends to the ceremony has stirred up some of the sadness of her husband's passing. When she was called upon in 2009 to answer questions about Alan's medical history so that his organs could be



Courtesy photo

Andover's Alan Champagne, shown here atop a mountain peak, was an avid outdoorsman. After he was killed in a skiing accident in 2009, his donated organs saved several lives.

used, she said, she was still reeling from the loss. When

she first got a letter that contained details about the men and woman Alan helped to save, she filed it away.

"It's a very, very delicate balance," she said. "I understood what those people gained, but at that time, you're really dealing with what you've lost."

Still, she said she "didn't hesitate a heartbeat" in making the decision to donate Alan's organs, because she knew that was what he would have wanted.

Several years later, she said, it brings her joy to think that "a lot of other people have been helped and had their health enhanced by Alan's gift." She now treasures the letter she received in 2009, which let her know that

some of the organ and tissue recipients were boaters, fishermen or fathers like Alan. Still others were young professionals. Virginia said the group is made of people "of all walks of life."

She now speaks at schools, health fairs and other events to promote awareness about organ donation. She said if she had it to do over, she would make the same choice again, and she encourages others to recognize the positive impact donors make.

"It comes at a time of great sorrow, tremendous heartache and great loss to the family, but it's one thing you can do to offer not only their spirit, but good health and life, to someone else," she said.

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## Taking in the parade

A group of children watch as the Andover High School Marching Band passes by along Main Street during Sunday's Santa Parade.

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Staff photo



## Holiday House Decorating Contest

Do you have the best-decorated house on the block? Or know a neighbor who pulls out all the stops for the holidays?

The Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring its first Holiday House Decorating Contest this year and is on the hunt for the most elaborate seasonal displays for its contest.

Residents are invited to nominate themselves or a favorite house that they enjoy seeing decked out for the holidays. To enter, send

in a picture of the house, both during the day and at night, by Sunday, Dec. 21.

The DCS Holiday Crew will be selecting a winner on Monday, Dec. 22, allowing the owners of the best-dressed house to display their special award at their holiday celebrations. Prizes include a trophy and a Department of Community Services gift card.

Nominations should be emailed to Jessica Downing at [jessica.downing@andoverdes.com](mailto:jessica.downing@andoverdes.com). Call DCS at 978-623-8274 with questions.

## AYS elves pitch in to open Lot of Trees

Andover Skate Park adjacent to Andover High School was once again transformed into a Lot of Trees with last week's arrival of hundreds of balsam firs from Canada.

A crew traveled over the border to retrieve the trees for the 12th annual sale that benefits Andover Youth Services and Andover Youth Foundation.

Once the trees arrived in Andover, an all-volunteer crew of youths assisted by adult leaders unloaded the shipment and readied the lot for last Friday's opening.

A second shipment of North Carolina Fraser firs on Saturday filled the lot to capacity.

Proceeds from the sale of Christmas trees and other holiday greens and items, including wreaths and kissing balls, will support construction of the new Cormier Youth Center in town as well as AYS programs.

This year, \$1 of every tree sale will also benefit the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

A band of volunteers came together last week to unload a shipment of Christmas trees from Canada for Andover Youth Services' annual tree lot at the skate park adjacent to Andover High School.

Fund in memory of the beloved school teacher from Andover.

The lot at 80 Shawsheen

Road, which is manned by student volunteers, will remain open seven days a week until Monday, Dec. 22.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 3 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Hanukkah menorah lighting to travel region

Chabad of North Andover is preparing to celebrate Hanukkah Dec. 16 through 23 with a series of menorah lightings and gatherings across the region.

The group, which serves all segments of the Jewish community, will begin the celebration by lighting the first candle of the menorah on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. on the Middleton Green. Festivities, including food and more, will follow in Flint Memorial Library until 7:30 p.m.

The third candle of the menorah will be lit on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 5:30 p.m. on the North Andover Commons. Festivities will follow until 7:30 p.m. in the Museum of Printing.

The sixth candle will be lit on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. outside the Chabad Synagogue in Andover, with the festivities to follow indoors.

The seventh candle gets lit on Monday, Dec. 22, in Boxford, outside the Council of Aging at 5:30 p.m., followed by festivities inside the Boxford Council on Aging.

The festivities at each location will include traditional Hanukkah foods such as potato latkes and donuts as well as a DJ. For more information, visit Chabad's website at [www.jewishnorthandover.com](http://www.jewishnorthandover.com) or contact Rabbi Zalman Borenstein at 978-682-1876.

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OBITUARY

## James Laurence "Larry" Higgins, 80

February 7, 1934 — November 24, 2014

ANDOVER, MA — James Laurence (Larry) Higgins, 80, of Andover, passed away on November 24, 2014. Larry was born in Lawrence to the late John and Madeleine Higgins, and was a lifelong resident of Andover. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 48 years, Janet Gleason Higgins, and is survived by his children, Nancy Ellen of Charlestown, Kathy Kreider and her husband, David, of Boxford, Patrick and his wife, Cara, of North Andover, and Timothy and his wife, Pamela, of Reading; and siblings, Maureen H. O'Connell of Los Gatos, Calif., Carol O'Connor and her husband, John, and John G. Higgins; and cousin, Ann H. Bride of Andover; as well as his dear friend, Lucille Benson. He was the proud grandfather of Christopher and Katie Kreider, Jack, Tess, Maddie, Caroline, and Julia Higgins; and is survived by several nieces and nephews. He attended Phillips Acad-

emy, Cranwell Prep and was a graduate of Merrimack College. He spent over 30 years of his career at Camp, Dresser & McKee. He was an avid sports fan. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a lifelong member of St. Augustine's Parish in Andover.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, November 28, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m., at St. Augustine's Church, Essex Street, Andover, followed by burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lazarus House Ministries, 412 Hampshire Street, P.O. Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842 or Dana Farber Cancer Institute P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

## Reconnecting while remembering



William Hart, left, retired Andover junior high school principal, and Bill Downs, former Andover selectman and retired Andover fire chief, reconnect at last month's dedication ceremony for the James D. Doherty Town Meeting Hall on the second floor of Old Town Hall on Main Street. The late Doherty served as town moderator from 1978 to 2007. His name now appears above the stage and on a plaque in the meeting hall.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

## Lyons seeks Probation Department probe

BY PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer

Three former top officials of the state Department of Probation have been convicted and sentenced, but the matter is far from concluded, state Rep. James Lyons, R-Andover, insists.

Lyons and Rep. Marc Lombardo, R-Billerica, have asked the House Post-Audit and Oversight Committee to investigate the Probation Department and find out why a "rigged hiring system" was permitted to operate for nearly 10 years.

Former Probation Commissioner John O'Brien and two former deputies, Elizabeth Tavares and William Burke, were convicted in U.S. District Court last summer of running a hiring scheme. O'Brien was recently sentenced to 18 months in prison, while Tavares got three months behind bars. Burke was put on probation for a year.

Lyons, who frequently clashes with the legislative leadership on Beacon Hill, pointed out that the hiring scheme involved several members of the Legislature.

O'Brien approached various legislators and offered to hire their constituents and friends, prosecutors alleged.

Jurors determined that this practice amounted to offering illegal gratuities. They found, for example, that O'Brien hired Kathleen Petrolati as a gratuity to thank her husband, state Rep. Thomas Petrolati, D-Ludlow, for sponsoring legislation that helped the Probation Department.

Rep. David Linsky, D-Natick, chairman of the House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight, recently wrote back to Lyons, saying he is looking into the matter and thanking him for "sharing the committee's dedication to ethical practices."

"I am currently reviewing your request and the statutory of the House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight," Linsky wrote in his response.

"We will see," Lyons said, adding that he and Lombardo want to find out if rigged hiring practices are occurring in other state agencies. Lyons said he wants to put in place reforms to prevent similar scandals from happening.

## Dufton Road property has town's attention once again

BY BILL KIRK  
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The town is putting pressure on Dufton Road resident Joe Boyer again, filing a memorandum with the state Land Court that he is storing potentially flammable materials on his property that may be causing a fire hazard.

Meanwhile, Boyer, who lives on the second floor of 2-4 Dufton Road with his wife and two children, was arrested Tuesday for failing to show up for a court hearing.

According to police Commander Charles Heseltine, Boyer was arrested at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday on a default warrant for failure to appear. The warrant was issued by Lawrence District Court.

Boyer was taken by Andover police to Lawrence District Court for arraignment, Heseltine said.

In June, Boyer was arrested and charged with impeding a firefighter who was attempting to extinguish an outdoor cooking fire in Boyer's front yard.

Boyer said he recently had a heart attack and had filed

a notice with the court that health problems prevented him from attending a Monday court appearance.

When he got to the court Tuesday, he said, the judge let him go after finding the paperwork.

"As soon as they saw the note, they released me," he said. "They gave me a new date. That was that."

Boyer has been the focus of attention in his neighborhood for several years. Since his property has been under foreclosure, he and his family have refused to leave. Boyer claims that the bank wrongfully foreclosed on him and has been unable to produce the deed proving that it owns the property.

Over the years, several tents and Quonset-hut like enclosures have sprouted up on the property. The first floor of the two-family home has been boarded up. A tractor-trailer unit sits on the street in front of the house.

On Nov. 20, an inspection of the property conducted by Building Inspector Chris Clemente and the town's attorney, Tom Urbelis, revealed that the trailer was "stacked floor to ceiling with construction materials,

tools, solvents, oil and other items." In addition, the report, which has been filed with the Land Court, said there were also 15 propane canisters in the truck.

Further, according to the memorandum, the tents contained halogen lights giving off extreme heat and presenting a "fire hazard." One of the tents, the report said, had five propane tanks inside. The report also said there were numerous gasoline cans of various sizes on the property.

Candace Martin of 24 Rock O Dundee Road, who is also on the town's Board of Health, told selectmen this week that she was concerned about the stored material.

"I fear for the safety of the neighborhood," she said. "We have a little bomb in there."

Ted Teichert of 5 Dufton Road said he was concerned not just about the neighborhood, but about Boyer's children as well.

"I worry about those two children in that house," he said. "I don't know if the propane tanks are empty or full. We don't know. In light of this letter, I'm very, very concerned."

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said Tuesday his staff was investigating the matter.

"We're working on it," he said. "There are propane tanks found on-site. We are researching regulations now in reference to storing that stuff on-site. If we can, if the regulations are being violated, we will take the necessary steps to rectify the problem."

Urbelis said a hearing was scheduled for next week in Land Court to discuss Clemente's investigation.

Boyer said the town is "going to try to make noise" out of the inspection report.

He said he is still working on a brief for the state Appeals Court and is hopeful that his case will be heard by the Supreme Judicial Court.

"There are three or four foreclosure appeals going on simultaneously," Boyer said. "Four (properties) were foreclosed on illegally. We will all be in Appeals Court at the same time. Our hope is that the SJC will pick them all up at the same time. We are very hopeful these appeals will blow this issue open for Massachusetts."

TOWN BRIEFS

### In search of local backyard skating rinks

Are you or your family so devoted to ice skating you've built your own backyard rink? Has it made you the envy of your neighborhood or simply become your own winter recreational spot?

We're looking for people in Andover and North Andover to offer a glimpse at their backyard rinks for an upcoming story. We're hoping to learn what goes into creating and maintaining a rink as well as the joy that comes with having one's own private skating surface just out their back door. Those interested can email svartabedian@andovertownsmen.com.

### Sense of Wonder hosting Lazarus House benefit

Sense of Wonder gift store at 27 Main St. in downtown Andover is collecting

donations of new women's bathrobes, pajamas and slippers this month to benefit women served by Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence.

This is the seventh year the shop has coordinated the Wonder of Giving donation drive, which runs through Dec. 19.

To kick off the drive, Sense of Wonder will host a reception during the Holiday Shopping Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The shop is also holding a benefit holiday raffle to support the cause. A number of the artists whose work is sold at the specialty retailer have donated prizes, as have a number of neighboring businesses. Sense of Wonder will donate all raffle proceeds to Lazarus House. For more information, contact Jean Smith at 978-475-5544 or email js@senseofwonder-gifts.com.

### Yoga class to recharge for the holidays

A complimentary yoga class to relax and recharge for the holidays will be

held Sunday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at Greater Boston Running Company, 45 Main St., Andover.

Lole ambassador Susan Currie will lead the hour-long class featuring seasonal live music courtesy of cellist Lucy Fillery. Light refreshments and raffle prizes will follow.

The free class will be the kick-off to a new weekly, free community series beginning in the new year led by volunteer teachers at the running store, which donates its space for free.

### Cold Moon hike at Harold Parker State Forest

A hike to celebrate the December Full Cold Moon will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover.

The program begins 30 minutes before moonrise with a less than 1-mile hike starting from the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road off Route 114.

The program is sponsored by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and Friends of Harold Parker State Forest. Call 617-828-1728 for more information.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA  
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#### Monday, Nov. 24 Arrest

Joanna Leahy, 40, of 16 Maple St., Lynnfield, was arrested at 131 River Road at 5:44 p.m. on a warrant charge.

#### Incident

A resident of North Main Street reported that a man was coughing and spitting in front of his home at 6:37 a.m. Officer Benjamin Ledwell reported that the man had just walked from Haverhill and his foot was hurting him. An ambulance was called to transport him to Holy Family Hospital.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 25 Arrest

Stephen O'Kelly, 21, of 2 Sparta Way, Andover, was arrested on River Street at 3:56 a.m. and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

#### Incidents

A 911 caller reported finding a hypodermic needle on the bridge going over the railroad tracks shortly after 8 p.m. Officers David Froburs and Michael Shanahan brought the item to the station to dispose of it.

A Lowell Street caller at 10:49 p.m. reported that her neighbor was outside blowing leaves. Officer Daniel Devine spoke to the resident and told them to call it a night.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 26 Arrests

Shannon McCarthy, 24, of 69 North Washington Ave., Wilmington, and Ryan McCarthy, 23, of 8 Brand Ave., Wilmington, were arrested at 310 Lowell St. at 9:27 p.m. and charged with the possession of a Class A substance.

#### Incident

At 207 p.m., a 911 caller from Bailey Road reported a motor vehicle crash and that the vehicle was on its roof. There were no injuries.

#### Thursday, Nov. 27 Incidents

A Reservation Road caller reported a tree limb came down on telephone wires and caught fire at 1:43 a.m. Andover Fire Department and National Grid responded.

Officer Charles Edgerly reported a larceny of two tables from the Feaster Five Road Race between 6 and 7 a.m.

A burglar alarm was activated at Andover High School at 7:42 a.m. When patrolman Daniel Devine arrived, he reported it was the high school marching band preparing for the football game.

A Wild Rose Drive resident called 911 to report that her neighbor pushed snow in her front yard at 8:33 a.m. She was given the business line to call.

A North Main Street resident called 911 to complain about not being able to leave his home at 9:34 a.m. due to the Feaster Five Road Race. He was given the non-emergency number to call.

#### Friday, Nov. 28 Incident

A Lowell Street resident reported at 4:23 p.m. that some packages were stolen from her property after they were delivered. Patrolman Daniel Igoe filed the report.

#### Saturday, Nov. 29 Incident

A 911 caller from Campanelli Road reported needing pool towels at 3:26 p.m. She was told she dialed the wrong number.

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# Offer on the table for Phillips boathouse property

By BILL KIRK

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The town has made an offer to buy an 8.5-acre parcel of land on the Merrimack River from Phillips Academy in Andover.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said an offer was made for the property on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 1:30 p.m.

The offer was made to Robert Lavoie, a local attorney representing the private school.

Lavoie confirmed getting the offer, saying he would be speaking to his client about this past Tuesday. He said he could not divulge any further details about the negotiations.

While the terms of the offer

are secret, it is well-known that Phillips had received a \$1 million offer for its old boathouse property from the Andover Companies, 95 Old River Road, earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the town's Conservation Commission has approximately \$1.2 million at its disposal for the purchase of open space.

Phillips moved its boathouse to the Methuen side of the river two years ago, leaving its old boathouse, adjacent to Greater Lawrence Technical School, vacant.

Phillips Head of School John Palfrey said he waited nearly two years for an offer from the town to buy the property.

When no offer came in, he accepted an inquiry from the Andover Companies, which also owns property adjacent to the boathouse land.

The insurance company was interested in buying the land to preserve a buffer around its headquarters. However, as soon as word leaked that Palfrey was entertaining other offers for the land, the town jumped into the fray, asking for time to come up with an offer of its own.

The school agreed, and on Oct. 1 sent out a request for proposals, essentially allowing the town to bid on the property.

At the last Town Meeting, voters approved a measure

granting the Conservation Commission authority to spend \$800,000 on open space. The commission made up a list of properties it would like to buy, putting the boathouse property at the top. The commission also has \$400,000 in its coffers left over from previous land purchase deals.

While the commission may want to buy the property, the Board of Selectmen has to approve all land purchases. Over the past several weeks, the two committees have held joint meetings to discuss the purchase of the property.

More meetings are scheduled, including one on Monday, Dec. 8.

# All Those Years Ago

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

post office will be overflowing with 1939 Seal Sale letters carrying the new modernistic Christmas Seals to your home. The new seal, designed by Rockwell Kent, will be seen on envelopes and packages from now until Christmas, carrying with it the message of tuberculosis prevention.

## 100 Years Ago

Dec. 4, 1914

The case of Addie and Goldie Fuller against Emmeline Keefe, Annie Winters and Alice Keefe, ages 15 to 19, was heard before Judge Stone yesterday afternoon. The case was one of assault, the Fuller girls giving testimony to the effect that the older Keefe girl struck Addie Fuller in the face. Addie's sister came to her assistance and Emmeline to hers, and the Winter girls sided with the stronger contingent. A general mix-up followed. Judge Stone fined Emmeline Keefe and Annie Winters \$5 each for assault and let the other Keefe girl go. In addition, he gave them a lecture on street walking, which apparently left its impress. The assault took place on Essex Street last Friday night about eight o'clock.

The auto truck responded to a brush fire call, which was sent in from John N. Cole's residence on Highland Road Tuesday afternoon. The field in back of the house was afire, but no damage was done.

## 75 Years Ago

Nov. 30, 1939

Members of the Punchard football squad received a few final instructions from Coach Gene Lovely before the annual Thanksgiving Day game with Johnson High scheduled for 10 Thursday morning at the playstead. Gus Connolly, Les Alleruzzo, Joe Wiehr, George Thompson, Frank Haggerty, Harry Duke and captain McLaughlan are among those who will take the field. The game will complete coach Lovely's 29th year.

A number of Andover families who would be without a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday have cause to offer thanks for the local Red Cross. Many baskets containing food not only for the feast, but for several days after were sent out, with a large group of volunteer workers spending considerable time Tuesday packing them at the South Church vestry. The Red Cross chapter is grateful for the many donations that made this work possible.

On Friday, the Andover

## 50 Years Ago

Dec. 3, 1964

Haggetts Pond rose 1 1/2 inches as a result of the pre-Thanksgiving rain, but water superintendent Donald Bassett considers this little more than a drop in the bucket. "I'm looking for 5 feet of water," he said this week. He added: "I'm worried now, I wasn't before, but now I can't remember when we have gone into a season with so little water in the ground."

In two separate incidents, youths let the air out of residents' tires and maliciously slashed the tires and broke a window in another vehicle this week.

For the second time, the Board of Selectmen has received no bids in response to its advertisement of the Bradlee School. In its first effort to sell the abandoned school, the board set an upset price of \$50,000. In its second effort, no price was stipulated.

## 25 Years Ago

Nov. 30, 1989

Kenneth Seifert, superintendent of schools, and Tony Torissi, the town's finance and budget director, have started to outline the picture of the school's funding future and it does not look good, Seifert said at last week's School Committee meeting. "It's not like anything I've seen in my 21 years (as school superintendent)," he said. "I don't see how it is possible to move into the future with what we have remaining intact. It will be different and it will be reduced."

Would you like to see a place where you can buy stamps, rent postal boxes and post packages in the central business district? More than 600 Andover residents and merchants would. They signed a petition that was sent to Rep. Chester G. Atkins in support of a scaled-down post office in the newly renovated Old Town Hall. Town Manager Kenneth Mahony has been working on the proposal for almost five years, he said.

All Those Years Ago is compiled by Susan McKelliget with cooperation from the Andover Historical Society.

# Community garden may be coming to Andover

By JUDY WAKEFIELD

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The white stuff has arrived, but the promise of the green sprigs of spring are known to help people get through the cold, winter months in New England.

That may be why the idea of a community garden has sprouted up this year, as the League of Women Voters is hosting a forum next week on the topic.

Andover Planning Board member Ann Knowles and Andover High School senior and sustainability intern

Sophia Allen will speak about opening up a community garden in town. They will also unveil the results of an online survey on the topic.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

So far, according to Knowles and Allen, the survey shows that people in town are very interested in taking part in a community garden.

The survey asks about community interest, how much people would pay to be involved, greenhouse interest

and interest for growing food for under-served groups who don't have access to fresh food.

The proposed garden would serve as an area for anyone interested in communal gardening. Advocates are needed to help manage the garden program. Site locations will also be discussed at next week's LWV meeting.

The survey initiative is supported by the policies of the town's master plan as Andover's agricultural heritage is important and a community garden would promote that heritage.

# GREEN

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from local developer Yvon Cormier in June for more than \$12 million, according to the Essex County Registry of Deeds. Cormier had owned the land — made up of nearly 50 acres — for many years before that.

Cormier subdivided the property and obtained the necessary ZBA permits before selling it to Wood Partners, Grady said. While two apartment buildings and one community center will be built on 20 acres near I-93, the remaining 26 acres are being donated to the town as conservation and recreation land.

Building Inspector Chris Clemente said the building permits for the project were pulled on Friday, Nov. 21. In all, Wood Partners paid the town more than \$700,000 in permitting and other fees, Clemente said. Construction costs alone are set at around \$40 million.

After originally being proposed by Cormier in 2011, the project went through a number of twists and turns, including a lengthy environmental review.

Original plans called for a 298-unit complex with retail and commercial uses to be built on 45 of the site's 48 acres. After an environmental review, however, it appeared that the project was on land included in the town's water supply overlay district.

The developers returned

with the plan for two buildings with 224 units and no commercial uses.

Clemente said that of the \$700,000 in permit fees, \$150,000 is going toward a traffic study for the Lowell Street corridor from I-93 to the train bridge, just beyond Shawsheen Square.

Planning Director Paul Materazzo said the money for the traffic study will be crucial in improving vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the Shawsheen Square area.

"I got the (\$150,000) check yesterday for mitigation," Materazzo said last week. "We will pull in a consultant to help us refine and engineer the square for corridor improvement, from Shawsheen Square to I-93."

He said the town has been trying to get the funding for a traffic study of Lowell Street since 2007, when the Brickstone Square developers made a contribution to get the process started.

"We wanted to make it (Shawsheen Square) more pedestrian friendly," he said. "Try to cross the street there. It's a joke."

The mitigation money from the Rolling Green developers will further refine the engineering in the hopes that the state Department of Transportation will put the project on its radar for approval.

Once that happens, the town could be in line for millions of dollars of improvements along Lowell Street funded by the state.

Grady said the construction costs of \$40 million will

be just a portion of the overall cost of the project. While declining to be specific on total costs, she said Wood Partners is installing a traffic light on Lowell Street and widening the road to improve access to the IRS across the street as well as to the new medical center buildings being erected near the Boston Sports Club.

In addition to two, four-story buildings, the Rolling Green complex will also have a separate clubhouse, which will include a common club room/lounge space; two private conference rooms, a catering kitchen, a pool table, lounge seating, a big-screen TV and outdoor amenities, including an outdoor fireplace, grilling stations and outdoor kitchen and a pool.

Fitness centers will be located in both buildings, Grady said. The two apartment buildings will also have underground parking.

While a majority of the open space is going to the town, the apartment complex will also have an outdoor recreation area, with a mini-soccer field and half-court basketball.

This is the company's second 40B project, Grady said. The company has developed some 1,700 units of housing in the Boston area since opening a Lexington office in 2008.

Nationwide, Wood Partners is involved in the acquisition and development of more than 53,000 homes with a combined value of more than \$8.3 billion,

according to the company's website. It currently owns more than 75 properties with a combined total of 21,000-plus units.

Wood Partners has offices in 18 major markets nationwide including Atlanta, Delray Beach/South Florida, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York, southern California, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

Clemente said the good thing about Wood Partners is that the company holds onto its properties in a portfolio rather than selling them off like some groups.

"This will be biggest project in town," he said.

Ordinarily, such a project would go before multiple boards and commissions requiring numerous, time-consuming approvals. But the state Chapter 40B law allows "affordable" projects to complete the permitting process with less oversight than normally required if less than 10 percent of a community's overall housing stock is considered "affordable."

Prior to approval of the Rolling Green apartments, 9.3 percent of the housing in Andover qualified as affordable. The 56 additional affordable units in the Rolling Green project will be made available to people whose household incomes doesn't exceed 80 percent of the area's median income — or about \$64,000 for a family of four, according to a federal Housing and Urban Development website.

# PAGEANT

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support of her family, has meant just as much as her new crown, she said.

Baird has two older sisters who traveled from their homes out of state to be in the audience for the pageant, which was held at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. She also has a younger brother. The family moved to Andover from Kentucky five years ago.

"My dad didn't say much, but I know he's proud," she said.

Baird joined the contestants in competing in "runway," a choreographed evening competition; "fitness/swimsuit," a high fashion-styled competition showcasing physical fitness and health; and "interview."

The three segments were judged on a scale of one to 10. Then, the scores were averaged together for an overall tally that determined the

finalists.

Eventually, the field was narrowed down to the top five before the climatic crowning.

Baird will receive a prize package that includes cash, college scholarships, wardrobe and travel opportunities. She has already gone to Maine for a guest appearance and will do many more appearances during her one-year reign.

Baird will go on to compete for the title of Miss Teen USA next summer. But she has no plans to change her simple

beauty pageant strategy.

"My friends keep me very grounded — very grounded," she said. "They're happy for me, but will make sure I don't change."

She said she's still like many of those friends — just a high school senior waiting to hear on her college applications. She plans to major in fashion merchandising and business.

The only difference is that she has a crown and some scholarship money to support her already.



Andover High School senior Sophie Baird was crowned Miss Massachusetts Teen USA for 2015. She will compete for the national title next year.

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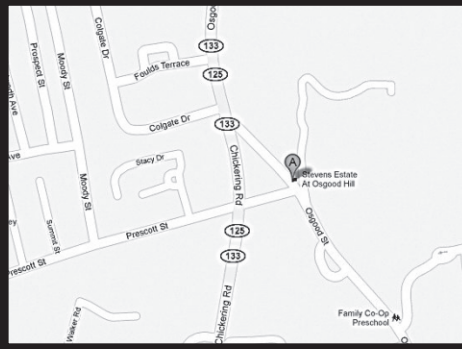
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# Wildlife officials consider allowing deer hunts in state parks

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
CNHI State Reporter

Wildlife officials are considering plans to allow deer hunting in several state preserves — including Willowdale State Forest in Ipswich — to cull herds that have flourished under state and local protections.

The move, details of which are still being worked out, will likely require legislative approval and is expected to prompt a backlash from animal rights groups and others who say they parks should remain sanctuaries for wildlife.

Hunters groups and local officials have pressed the state to allow hunting in Willowdale and other state lands

— including Wompatuck State Park in Hingham and the 6,000-acre Blue Hills Reservation in Norfolk County — the control the deer population, said Bill Hickey, a spokesman for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

“Many of our reservations are closed to hunting by regulation either because they are in urban areas, border neighborhoods, or as a result of deed restrictions placed on the properties before the commonwealth acquired them,” he said. “This is very preliminary, and we are considering [the requests] on a case by case basis.”

Some state lawmakers said they are concerned that the deer population is out of

control — especially east of Interstate 495 — contributing to a spike in Lyme disease from ticks and vehicle collisions with deer along dimly lit roads near state park lands.

“I think it’s something the state needs to look at seriously,” said Rep. Brad Hill, an Ipswich Republican who recently facilitated a meeting between local hunters, town and state officials about hunting in Willowdale State Forest.

Currently a small section of the Willowdale forest west of Route 1 is open to bow hunters during deer season, but the vast majority of the 2,400-acre park is off-limits to any kind of hunting, according to wildlife officials.

Hill said the adjacent, 721-acre Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield is another state-protected land that is being considered for limited hunting starting in next year’s bow season, from Oct. 20 to Nov. 29.

Deer hunters also use shotguns and rifles certain times of the year in areas where it’s permitted, but Hill said the controlled hunts at Willowdale and Bradley Palmer would only be bow and arrow.

Both parks are popular for hiking, boating, horse-back riding and other recreational activities, which raises obvious safety concerns, he said.

Marion Larson, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, said a combination of state

and local protections — and ideal deer habitat in eastern Massachusetts — have contributed to overpopulation.

White-tailed deer prefer the landscape east of I-495, where expanses of forest are interspersed with open spaces where they can roam. Deer also prefer the foliage in the eastern part of the state and don’t have natural predators here, other than humans.

And most eastern Massachusetts cities and town have local laws restricting deer hunting.

“All of those factors have combined to create a sanctuary that is conducive to more deer,” she said.

The booming deer population is blamed for more than

2,000 collisions involving vehicles in 2012, according to the latest data available at the state Department of Transportation. While there were dozens of injuries, none resulted in a fatality.

State Farm Insurance Co. ranks the state 43rd in the country for the likelihood of a car-on-deer collision. A driver’s chances of hitting a deer in Massachusetts in a year are 1 in 421, according to the company. (In West Virginia, which ranks first, the odds of hitting a deer are 1 in 39.)

State wildlife managers have studied other methods of controlling the deer population — such as sterilization — but Larson said the best way is through controlled hunts, with rifles or bows.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Planning Department should advocate for residents

Editor, Townsman:

In his excellent letter in the Nov. 20 Townsman (“Need lacking for Elm Street senior housing project”), Peter Morris explains why demographic trends do not equate to market demand for assisted-living units. None of the assisted-living facilities in and around Andover are full, and their vacancy rates range as high as 25 percent.

But in an article in the Nov. 20 Townsman, Andover’s assistant planner, Lisa Schwarz, insists we are in dire need of additional assisted-living units. Ms. Schwarz erroneously claims that Marland Place is full. (We called on Nov. 25 and were told that both assisted-living and memory-care units are available.) And while Ms. Schwarz is correct that Andover Commons is full, her statement undermines her argument: Andover Commons is not an assisted-living facility. It is 167 units of independent senior apartments, an asset to our community.

In the Elm Street Neighborhood, we are not opposed to senior housing,

but believe it should be of a design and scale that is harmonious with the character of the neighborhood. Enormous assisted-living facilities fail in that regard. They are also the least desirable form of senior housing: for-profit businesses with 24-hour-per-day lighting, activity and traffic.

Even if demand for additional assisted-living units develops in the coming years, building those units in Andover does not make sense. Residents who wish to live in an assisted-living facility rarely insist on living in a specific town. They want to be reasonably close to their families, but typically select a facility based on its appearance, services, design, amenities and other intangibles. In other words, Andover residents can and will consider all options in the Merrimack Valley, even if their families must drive 10 minutes in order to visit them. Conversely, when we build an enormous assisted-living facility in Andover (at the cost of our neighborhood character), we are building it for the entire Merrimack Valley. According to a Brightview representative, only 50 percent of its current residents come from Andover or North Andover. But we

never hear this type of information from our Planning Department.

We also never hear the Planning Department talk about the impact this development will have on the character of our neighborhood, even though under Andover law that consideration is central to the issue of whether the Planning Board should issue a special permit.

In fact, in an apparent effort to downplay the impact the proposed assisted-living facility will have on our neighborhood, Ms. Schwarz claims the building will be no more than 35 feet tall. But the developer’s plans and elevations, currently in the possession of the Planning Department, show a massive building that will be 40 feet tall at the peak of the roof and 295 feet wide. A representative of the developer claimed in the same article that residents would not be able to see the football field-sized building. We expect inaccurate claims from developers, but not from people who work for us.

Ms. Schwarz claims the Planning Department is not taking sides, but merely trying to implement the town’s master plan. If that

was true, she would have also mentioned that the plan states that development in residential districts should be “appropriately scaled.” (See Goal LU.2.1.)

As the Planning Board holds its meeting on this

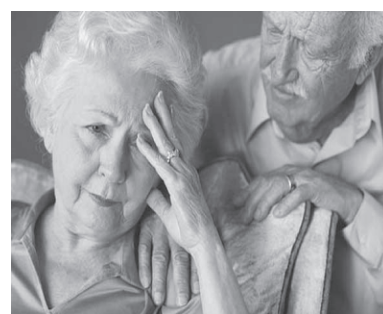
application for a special permit, the Planning Department should behave in an impartial manner. Since that doesn’t seem likely to happen, as it continues to aggressively advocate on behalf of an out-of-state

corporate developer, the department should at least present accurate information.

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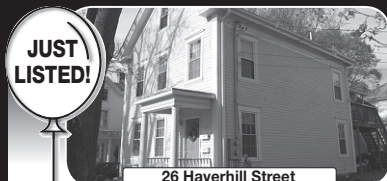
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# Business

## A hair-raising gesture against cancer

The president and staff of Effective Student Marketing of Andover put down their razors last month in support of the American Cancer Society's No Shave November.

The men on the Effective Student Marketing team spent the month growing out their beards and raising funds to bring attention to a disease for which treatment often causes hair loss.

Company president Andy Kelley embraced the idea of his marketing firm, which specializes in digital strategies for higher education, financially supporting the fight against cancer, according to a release. But he was initially a bit unsure about his ability to sport the facial hair.

"As an entrepreneur, there are no challenges that I am afraid to tackle," Kelley said in the release. "However, I have to admit that growing a beard is one limitation I have. There are at least two males in my office who can shave in the morning and have a full beard by lunch. I swear that one of them grew half a beard during a one-on-one meeting."



The Effective Student Marketing No Shave November team included, from left, Greg Caldwell, Wesley Green, Chafiq Ebissouri, John Bonanno, Justin Martell, John Rocker and Andy Kelley.

But Kelley was soon fully on board with the initiative. "I don't know of anyone who hasn't been affected by cancer," he said. "My sister and my wife's sister are both battling cancer right now. It's a horrible illness and I'm happy to contribute."

No Shave November began as a Facebook page in 2009 with fewer than 50

fans. Today, the nonprofit has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, teaming up with the American Cancer Society to educate people about the disease and raise funds for research and treatment.

Kelley kept supporters updated on his beard's progress via Twitter, @AndyWKelley. He said he was

happy to support what he called a good cause.

"I believe in creating awareness about cancer," he said during the initiative. "And at the end of the day, the worse my beard looks, the sharper I'll have to dress."

For more on Kelley and his firm, visit [www.effectivestudentmarketing.com](http://www.effectivestudentmarketing.com).



The old mill adjacent to Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street is being renovated to allow for expansion of the senior housing campus.

## Atria Marland Place to expand campus

STAFF REPORTS

An unused mill building on the grounds of Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street is being renovated for additional units of senior housing.

Atria Senior Living, a company with assisted-living developments around the country, has hired South Coast Improvement Company of Marion to undertake a \$4 million renovation of the former Marland Manufacturing Co. adjacent to its current Andover facility.

Once renovated, the old textile mill building will become part of Atria's complex of apartments and other amenities for "older active adults" in town.

The interior of the old mill will be completely gutted and demolished and the entire brick facade will be repointed as part of the project.

The renovated building will feature new electrical, HVAC, plumbing and life safety features; new framing and reconfiguration of

existing space to accommodate administrative needs, site work outside to ensure proper drainage and a new elevator in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Various historical aspects of the building will be maintained as part of the work.

"As a general contractor, we love new construction as well as the next contractor, but there's something special about restoring these historic buildings and bringing them into the 21st century that brings a great feeling of satisfaction," Tom Quinlan, president of South Coast Improvement Company, said in a release.

Work on Atria Marland Place began Nov. 1, with completion anticipated in the spring. The project represents South Coast Improvement's second recent one for Atria Senior Living. The contractor just completed work on a \$3.5 million renovation project at Atria Crossroads Place in Waterford, Conn.

### ■ BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

#### Networking Group talking placement agencies

Cheryl Landes will discuss the current climate at placement agencies involving project-based or temporary contracts during the monthly Networking Group at Temple Emanuel of Andover on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the temple, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Landes will highlight the advantages and disadvantages of contracting, types of agency contracts, submitting resumes,

working with recruiters, interviewing, accepting assignments and what to expect for working conditions.

An author and technical writer on such subjects as Internet technologies, manufacturing, environmental protection and clean-up, consumer health and psychology, Landes has given presentations and workshops about self-promotion and technical communication throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Temple Emanuel's Networking Group has been offering a monthly professional networking open house since 2009. The

group serves people in the Merrimack Valley who are in transition. Any professional between positions, re-entering the workforce or seeking a new career path is welcome to attend. For more information, visit, [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net) or call 978-470-1356.

#### Reading Co-op expands small business lending

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program offered through the state treasury. The program shifts \$100 million in state deposits to Massachusetts banks to fund small business loans in the state.

Since becoming involved in the program in July 2011, Reading Co-operative has financed more than 60 businesses, with loans totaling more than \$9 million.

To learn more, contact Gregory Ryan, the bank's senior vice president and chief lending officer, at 781-670-1555 or by email at [gryan@readingcoop.com](mailto:gryan@readingcoop.com).



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# Opinion

## Taxpayers in middle of power squeeze

The Andover Town Charter was first adopted in 1956 and amended in 1974. Its title is: "An Act Establishing A Selectmen-Town Manager Plan For The Town Of Andover."

There are 19 provisions in the charter. Recently, some of the provisions of the charter have come into question regarding who has authority over the budget — selectmen or the town manager.

The town also has a Code of Bylaws, a much lengthier and more detailed document, that goes into depth on almost every conceivable matter that could come up in town. This, too, has come under scrutiny, for pretty much the same reason.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski quoted the charter and the Code of Bylaws in a memo this week to the Board of Selectmen, saying that "on or before a date established by town bylaw, the town manager shall submit to each member of the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen a copy of his annual budget."

In the memo, he underlined the word "his," to emphasize that the document is written and vetted by him before it is released to the world, i.e., the selectmen, Finance Committee, the taxpayers and, of course, the media.

The memo also quotes from the Code of Bylaws, saying that the town manager "shall submit his annual budget on or before the first Friday of February each year." Again, he underlined the word "his" for emphasis.

The Board of Selectmen has taken a much more activist approach to governing in town than in years past. Last year, the selectmen pushed the town manager to trim his budget request by about \$1.1 million, with some of that cut coming from the School Department and some from the town-side of the budget. Their aim was to give taxpayers a break. Tax bills that went out earlier in the year carried the first of many payments on the new, \$50 million Bancroft Elementary School. Residents were smarting from the sticker shock.

This year, selectmen were hoping to do the same thing. They'd like to give taxpayers another break, and had even hoped that Stapczynski's first stab at the budget — contained in his Capital Improvements Plan — would reflect their wish for a \$1.1 million revenue reduction, which could correspond to a reduction of about \$80 on the average tax bill.

Stapczynski disappointed them, however, and has proposed instead to put that \$1.1 million into a savings account, which will eventually be used to pay off the town's pension liability. (He has also proposed taxing up to the Proposition 2 1/2 tax levy limit, something selectmen also opposed.) But while selectmen think it's a good idea to pay off the pension liability, they don't want to spend the \$1.1 million on it. They want that revenue deleted from the budget.

And they want it removed now — before department leaders and the School Department start clamoring for new employees, new cars and new computers.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said selectmen told Stapczynski in March that they wanted to get started on the budget early this year by giving him direction on revenues before he began calculating the costs of running the town. That way, he and other selectmen reasoned, the town would be forced to live within a reduced budget right from the start.

"It's not to anybody's advantage to sit there in February and March and claw money back from anybody's department," Vispoli said. "You can talk about the nuance of the town charter, but this isn't a legal discussion, it's about policy and the budget. We have a responsibility to the taxpayers of this town."

The funny thing is, Stapczynski said the same thing — that he has a responsibility to the taxpayers to present a complete budget — the first week in February.

It's good to know that both sides of this dispute are looking out for the taxpayers. It will be interesting to see how, and if, they really benefit from all this attention.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

**Editor's Note:** *The Townsman is repeating last week's web question for a second week to allow for more time for responses.*

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is proposing to raise taxes \$5.5 million to pay for the budget next fiscal year. The hike would fund a variety of items, including obligations like retirement, health insurance and salaries, but would also cover new equipment, building improvements and sidewalk repairs, among other expenses. Where would you favor cuts be made to keep taxes in check?

- Union wages and benefits
- Town projects
- Employee layoffs
- No cuts needed

## SANTA PARADE



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Adrienne Gagnon, 3, left, is all smiles as she and Jordan Cataldo, 11, pet a poodle on Main Street while they wait for the Andover Santa Parade to start on Sunday.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Assisted-living complex would alter Elm Street area

**Editor, Townsman:**

We have lived on Elm Street for 60 years. Our children were brought up here, and we chose to stay. Being natives, we love Andover, especially the Elm Street area.

We have noticed the increase in traffic on our street over the years. Sometimes it is backed up to Washington Avenue from the lights at Route 114.

This is no place for an assisted-living facility, a business, consisting of 103 units, 60 employees and 65 parking spaces right behind our property.

We would certainly welcome the addition of homes for everyone, including the elderly, but not this large-scale, assisted-living complex. We urge the Planning Board to take a serious look at how this would change the character of our neighborhood and how it would impact the traffic and safety in the Elm Street area.

**BILL AND BUNNY DOWNS**  
147 Elm St.

### Town planning staff simply carrying out policy

**Editor, Townsman:**

The Economic Development Council, whose job it is to help make Andover the best place to work and live in America, takes an interest in many of the development projects that we read about in *The Andover Townsman*. We are fully cognizant that carefully planned growth and sound economic development require participation by many different voices in town, not just the business community. Our "Andover Tomorrow" series, in which many of your readers have participated, is attempting to broaden the conversation about the future hopes and dreams of our families, neighbors and businesses as we look at the demographic changes we are facing in this town over the next 20 years. But dreaming is one thing; getting things done requires help.

The EDC works on a regular basis with many of our town staff, and we are very

pleased with the assistance they provide in analyzing development ideas and providing the professional services to get things done. These are helpful people on our town's team and hence the reason for this letter. A writer in an earlier letter to the editor was unfairly critical, in my judgment, of the senior staff of the town's Planning Department — Paul Materazzo and Lisa Schwarz — when, indeed, those comments should be placed at the doorstep of the policy-makers of the town, not those who carry out the policies. It reminds me of the baseball player who strikes out and blames the bat.

Of course, the Planning Department has to be out front on some of these projects, and, of course, members of the department should strive to represent the best interest of our citizenry, but the real management direction is coming from the more senior responsible bodies — to begin with, the Board of Selectmen and town management. We have two prize people in Materazzo and Schwarz, and they should not be unfairly maligned when they appropriately try to apply the town's policies and procedures effectively (which sometimes don't produce the results to everyone's satisfaction).

We have well-established policies and procedures for zoning, permitting and traffic mitigation, with public review along the way. Some discussions are tough and perhaps controversial. To the extent we are unhappy with the outcome, we should take advantage of these processes — through the many town (volunteer) committees, the elected body politic and, of course, Town Meeting itself. All of us should participate in planning for Andover's growth and change. The next generation is awaiting the outcome of our thinking — that 20 years will pass pretty quickly.

**TIMOTHY L. VAILL**  
Chairman  
Economic Development Council  
9 Bancroft Road

### Much to be grateful for in town

**Editor, Townsman:**  
I don't often stop to say

thanks for our government, but am inspired to do so this year. I'm grateful for:

Taxes that pay for roads without potholes and bridges that stay up;

Schools that teach my future doctors how to care and cure;

Inventive programs and dedicated teachers who inspire children to become future problem solvers;

Visionary leaders who created programs to motivate behavior changes that benefit us, all with rivers we can now enjoy rather than avoid, clearer air we can breathe safely and see through clearly, renewable energy that doesn't destroy lives or the land, and a way to recycle, reuse, repair and avoid waste.

Things we can do on our own as individuals, such as pave our own driveway, seem quite small compared to the power of what we can do collectively — create a safe and efficient network of transportation systems. So, despite the generally negative view of paying taxes, I am grateful for all the taxes I pay and all the services provided by our government at all levels. I am willing to help encourage our government to continually find new and better ways to use our taxes, but today, I wanted to stop and say thank you for all the good that has been done and is done every day with our tax dollars.

**CANDY DANN**  
4 Rock O Dundee Road

### Headline on tax story 'irresponsible'

**Editor, Townsman:**

The headline on page 1 of the Nov. 27 edition of the *Andover Townsman*, "Town budget battle; Manager's 'first step' could almost double taxes," is irresponsibly inflammatory.

Did the editor read the article before approving the headline?

The article itself states that "... the fiscal 2016 budget would represent a 3.3 percent hike over the current budget ...." Later, the same article states that this would represent "... an average of \$100 to \$200 per household."

Where is the doubling? This headline is an

outrageous abdication of truth in journalism for which the editor should apologize to the *Townsman's* readers.

Selectman Vispoli, likewise, should apologize to Andover's townspeople for putting out this notion in his remarks at the meeting as quoted in the *Townsman*.

We as readers of the *Townsman* and townspeople of Andover must rely on our media and elected officials for truth in what they say and put in print.

**SHELDON S. COHEN**  
700 Bulfinch Drive

### Town must take responsibility for liabilities

**Editor, Townsman:**

In reading last week's article about the budget discussions, I found one particular comment by Selectman Mary O'Donoghue a bit disturbing. Ms. O'Donoghue is quoted as saying, "You are talking about doing it in 10 to 15 years, when none of us are here."

I think Ms. O'Donoghue should keep in mind that "someone" will be here in 10 to 15 years and that we should not fail to fund our liabilities, instead passing them on to a time when they will likely become a crisis (think Detroit, among others).

The people who worked under those contracts deserve to have their benefits funded and it is our responsibility to do so. That was the contract and, whether it was a good deal or a bad deal, we are responsible for it.

I am not sure who of us won't be here in 15 years. I may be dust in the wind and perhaps Ms. O'Donoghue will have cashed in her chips and moved on, but as noted someone will be here, just as someone was here to pave the way for us.

I am not suggesting that the town manager should be given carte blanche. It seems that the manager's job is to present his plan and the selectmen should properly hold his feet to the fire. However, we do have responsibilities.

**BOB PIANTEDOSI**  
Marland Street

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# Holiday Gift Guide

## BRING ON THE HOLIDAYS

Santa Parade, tree lighting kick off 'most wonderful time of the year'

Andover ushered in the holiday season in a big way Sunday, combining its annual Santa Parade with its popular Holiday Happenings and tree lighting festivities to make for one spectacular, fun-filled afternoon.

Hundreds embraced Sunday afternoon's unseasonably warm weather and lined Main Street in downtown to await Santa's arrival. And St. Nick did not disappoint as he traded in his sleigh for his traditional ride on Andover Ladder Truck 2 courtesy of the Andover Firefighters Association, which hosted the parade for the 60th year.

Then, the crowds stuck around for the opening act of Andover Business Community Association's Holiday Happenings celebration, featuring horse-drawn wagon rides, carolers, musical entertainment and more.

Santa did the honors in lighting the town's Christmas tree in the TD Bank Courtyard, followed by a new laser light show this year that was a real crowd-pleaser.

Downtown businesses opened especially for the occasion, welcoming shoppers with refreshments and other incentives to help them with all their gift-buying needs this season.

But the fun isn't ending there. The Andover Business Community Association continues its Holiday Happenings events this Thursday, Dec. 4, with a Shopping Stroll, followed by Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6. Here's a look at what's planned:

### Holiday Shopping Stroll

Thursday, Dec. 4, 4 to 8 p.m.

Downtown shops will be staying open late tonight and serving refreshments to welcome customers.

Mrs. Claus and the elves and Treble Chorus will also be greeting and entertaining shoppers who stop by Enterprise Bank on High Street starting at 4 p.m.

Holly Nahabedian of the ABCA said many of the local shops will be offering great deals to attract shoppers.

### Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to noon

Families are invited to enjoy breakfast with Santa at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

Children will have a chance to tell Santa what's on their holiday wish lists and have their photos taken with him. A variety of arts and crafts projects will round out the fun. Plus, there will be holiday gift baskets raffled off as well.

Proceeds support the Andover High School girls varsity hockey team.

For more details on all the activities, visit the Andover Business Community Association website at [www.andoverbusinesses.org](http://www.andoverbusinesses.org).



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Steven Sintros hoists his 3-year-old daughter, Emerson, into the air to try and reach one of the light beams in the laser show that accompanied Sunday's annual lighting of the Christmas tree in downtown Andover. The laser light show was one of the highlights of the Holiday Happenings celebration. For more photos go to [andovertownsmen.com](http://andovertownsmen.com).



The colorfully dressed students from Dance Infusion in Andover liven up the crowd at Sunday's Santa Parade.



The girls from Daisy Troop 66145 proudly hold their banner as they make their way along the parade route.



Emily Rourke, 2, of Andover, reaches for some candy tossed by participants in Sunday's parade.



The cast of "The Nutcracker" from the Andover School of Ballet treats parade-goers to some highlights of its holiday production.



Twins Maya and Joseph Ash, 9, pose for a picture with Santa in front of the newly lit Christmas tree in downtown Andover on Sunday.



Horse-drawn wagon rides traveled Main Street following the Santa Parade, entertaining families as they awaited the annual lighting of the Christmas tree downtown.



Seven-year-old Laila Blank, of Andover, right, joins youngsters in watching for Santa as he brings up the rear of the annual Santa Parade on Sunday.

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# The right toy can unwrap important childhood milestones

This holiday season, keep in mind the notion that what your children play with can have a large impact on their interests and brain development. So when it comes to a walk down the toy aisle, parents are becoming more discerning, leading smart toymakers to design toys with a learning component that's equally as important as the fun.

VTech, a world leader in age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning products for children, works with a team of child development experts to assess toys and provide feedback before reaching store shelves.

The members of VTech's Expert Panel are offering some helpful holiday shopping hints to parents looking to foster their child's love of learning:

■ **Add it up:** "Mathematical foundations provide



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The right toys will help children learn and develop.

the building blocks for future mathematical success, both in school and beyond," says Francis

"Skip" Fennell, mathematics educator.

"Toys that emphasize numbers, counting and

beginning concepts with whole number operations will develop, support and encourage these crucial concepts and skills."

The Count & Chomp Dino, for example, introduces children to numbers, colors, shapes and foods.

■ **Age-appropriate:** "Children's brains are developing at a remarkable speed," says Dr. Lise Eliot, an early-childhood development expert. "Their toys should keep up with that growth."

Keep kids challenged with educational toys that are age-appropriate, so they are never bored or frustrated. Consider child-sized, kid-friendly tablets, such as the InnoTab MAX, that are packed with educational, stage-based learning content.

■ **Full STEAM ahead:** Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

(collectively known as STEM) have gained more visibility in schools, along with the addition of arts to form STEAM.

However, says Dr. Carla C. Johnson, science and STEM expert, "It is still crucial to cultivate skills in these subjects and implement them in everyday learning. Educational toys can help kids develop self-confidence in the use and application of these important disciplines."

■ **Build vocabulary:** "Children absorb new information like sponges. Take advantage of their blossoming interests with interactive toys that highlight letters of the alphabet, the sounds letters make and vocabulary," says Dr. Deborah Sharp Libby, early-childhood language and reading expert. "Above all, don't forget the importance of reading to and with your children

often."

■ **Choose wisely:** "Don't get carried away with the bells and whistles. You and your kids will quickly look past those. Instead, look for toys that actively engage your kids through technology, by deeply interacting games and learning," says Dr. Eric Klopfer, platform learning expert.

Remember, each child grows at his or her own pace, and there are few hard and fast deadlines when it comes to a child's milestones. For a detailed guideline, sorted by age group and area of development, along with other free parenting resources, visit [www.vtechkids.com/milestones](http://www.vtechkids.com/milestones).

With toys as tools for learning, you can help children as they reach their educational and developmental milestones.

— Courtesy StatePoint Media

## Gift-giving guide: From dreamy to playful

Brighten up the holidays for those you love with these thoughtful gifts. This handy guide offers some different ideas for everyone on your list.

### Wrap up a dreamy gift

A global leader in footed onesies and pajamas for men, women and children, Big Feet Pajama Company offers a variety of fabrics, colors and prints from \$14.99 to \$57.99. It's the perfect lounge wear gift for the entire family — even those picky recipients. Pick the style that suits the person on your list — from hoodie jumpsuits to plaid cotton flannel pajamas to cool jersey knit onesies. Bring back nostalgic memories for kids in their 30s, 40s and 50s, as they open up their footed pajamas. Visit [BigFeetPJs.com](http://BigFeetPJs.com) for details.

### Celebrate close connections

Give the gift of connection this holiday. Help the senior



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Zoomer, the robot dog by Spin Master, is popular with kids of all ages.

in your life stay close to loved ones with the VTech CareLine SN6197 phone. The portable safety pendant lets them dial out with the click of a button. It's perfect for everyday conversations or emergencies, with no monthly monitoring fees. Plus, VTech's CareLine cordless and corded phones feature voice amplification,

big buttons, photo dial and large displays. For more information, visit [vtech-phones.com](http://vtech-phones.com).

### Give the gift of better sleep

Have a techie or sleepy-head on your gift list? Give the gift that optimizes something they do every day — sleep. The Sleep Number bed tracks your sleep with

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### Fetch a lovable, playful pal

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### ■ HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS

**HOLIDAY FAIR**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Featuring handmade holiday crafts, knitted items, live plants, garden club arrangements, vintage jewelry and a large baked goods table; 978-623-8321, [www.andoverseniorcenter.org](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org).

**HOLIDAY GREENS AND OUT-REACH FAIR**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover. Featuring holiday greens and gift items including bracelets and original paintings that support various ministries and charities such as Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, Roofs for Rwanda and more; 978-475-0529, [www.christchurchandover.org](http://www.christchurchandover.org).

**HAND-TO-HAND CRAFT FAIR**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Local artisans and crafters will showcase their pottery, jewelry, scarves, quilting, photography, local honey and more; the raffle will support the annual youth mission trip working for Rural Missions in Johns Island, S.C.; 978-475-0321, [www.southchurch.com](http://www.southchurch.com).

**HOLIDAY SALE**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 3

p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Featuring a variety of handmade creations by local artists such as artwork, jewelry, ceramics, knit goods, fleece hats, scarves and more; light refreshments will be served; 978-475-4454, [www.uuandover.org](http://www.uuandover.org).

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. Featuring 20 vendors such as Osborne Books, Avon, Tastefully Simple and crafters, as well as door prizes; lunch will be available; proceeds benefit the Sunday School and its outreach program; 978-685-1502, [www.fcbcna.org](http://www.fcbcna.org).

**RED BOW FAIR**, Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover. Featuring 23 juried crafters and artisans, holiday arrangements, wreaths, kissing balls, swags, boxwood trees, country store crafts, gift baskets, a book shop and culinary corner, as well as a silent auction that closes at 2 p.m., a quilt drawing and other drawings, and wine cellar; photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lunch at 11 a.m.; 978-687-7948, [www.north-parish.org](http://www.north-parish.org).

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# Townsbeat

## Culture & Arts Night to celebrate Asian heritage

Asian culture and arts come alive on the stage of the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School in a celebration of Chinese heritage on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The nonprofit Chinese School of Andover has teamed with Bright Pearl Dance Arts Academy on the production, which is being hosted in Andover for the first time.

The show aims to unite multiple forms of Chinese and Asian artistry into one platform, melding the performance, visual and language arts in an effort to spotlight the richness of the Asian culture that now exists in the region.

Led by artistic director Na Joanna Jin, dancers will perform different styles of Chinese movement ranging from traditional court dances to more modern numbers depicting China's more than 50 ethnic groups and spanning its diverse heritage over 5,000 years. Each choreographed dance will be set to music and accented by colorful costumes and an assortment of props interplayed against



Performers with the Bright Pearl Dance Arts Academy will take the stage of the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School on Saturday to highlight their cultural heritage. The production is sponsored in cooperation with the Chinese School of Andover.

vivid backdrops of the Asian landscape.

Martial arts and language arts in the form of Chinese poetry will be incorporated into the

program as well.

Andover Asian Culture & Arts Night starts at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center on Shawsheen Road. Admission is free; however, tickets

are required. They are available online at [www.brightpearldance.org](http://www.brightpearldance.org) or [www.csandover.org](http://www.csandover.org) or by calling 617-917-8866 or 347-749-5715.



Dancers will depict China's heritage spanning more than 5,000 years in Saturday's show.



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Mistral continues its focus on Baroque when it presents its annual holiday concert Sunday at South Church in Andover.

## 'Viva Vivaldi' for a seasonably Baroque Mistral

Mistral welcomes the holidays with the music of Antonio Vivaldi's celebrated concertos when it performs Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

Mistral founders Michael Brower and Julie Scolnik said the holiday concert, with a focus on festive Baroque concertos, has always been one of the most popular for their ensemble. And this year's "Viva Vivaldi" is no different, they said.

"The church is virtually filled to capacity with the smiling faces of music lovers who have put aside their long lists of holiday chores to come together with friends, family and community to enjoy uplifting music from the Baroque era," they said in a release.

The program will spotlight an array of pieces by the composer known as the "Red Priest," including a double trumpet concerto by young rising stars Kate Driscoll and

Elmer Churampi, a cello concerto by Sasha Scolnik-Brower, a flute concerto by Scolnik, and a lute concerto performed by guitarist Eliot Fisk, who is making his Mistral debut.

Mistral will also showcase the memorable "Four Seasons," with four different violinists taking turns as soloist — Irina Muresanu, Gabriela Diaz, Stella Chen and 19-year-old Alexi Kenney, who just won first prize in a major American competition, the Concert Artist Guild.

Rounding out the performers will be Stephanie Fong on viola and Don Palmer on bass.

The same concert will also be given Saturday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors. Students with ID are welcome for free; group and family discounts are also available. For tickets, visit [www.mistralmusic.org](http://www.mistralmusic.org), email [sales@mistralmusic.org](mailto:sales@mistralmusic.org) or call 978-474-6222.

## Season of 'Nutcrackers' leaping onto local stages

A bevy of local dancers are lending their talents to this season's array of "Nutcracker" performances twirling through the region.

Here's a look at some of the performances:

### Northeast Dance Company

Northeast Dance Company will be continuing the "Nutcracker" tradition that New England Civic Ballet began 15 years ago when it presents Tchaikovsky's celebrated ballet Friday, Dec. 12, through Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Owner and director Roshni Pecora launched Northeast Dance as an outgrowth of New England Civic Ballet following its closure. Pecora previously served as co-director, coach and dancer for Northeast Civic and has continued the company's practice of opening auditions to any dancer throughout the region.

Dancers from different studios across the Merrimack Valley tried out for the "Nutcracker" production, and have spent the last several weeks rehearsing in anticipation of next weekend's shows, which will incorporate some new roles and choreography while maintaining the charm of the holiday classic.

Local faces in the cast include Emily Bartner and Julia Jennings, both 14 and students at Andover High; Maia Blake and Elaina



COURTESY PHOTO

Local dancers cast in Northeast Dance Company's production of "The Nutcracker" are, front, Kate Beaver, and, back row, from left, Emily Bartner, Maia Blake, Elaina Ventre, Jessica Liao and Julia Jennings.

Ventre, both 13 and students at Doherty Middle School; 11-year-old Jessica Liao, who goes to Wood Hill Middle; and Kate Beaver, 10, a student at West Elementary.

Performances are Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$22 for children and seniors. Call 978-758-7160 or visit [www.northeastdancecenter.com](http://www.northeastdancecenter.com) for reservations or more information.

### Northeast Youth Ballet

Two Andover residents have landed roles in Northeast Youth Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker,"

which takes over the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road next week.

Jillian Germano and Ethan Maszer will be among the more than 150 dancers sharing the stage with international guest artists hailing from France, China, Australia, Columbia and New York. Artistic Director Denise Cecere has choreographed the production.

Founded in 1996, the nonprofit ballet company has been staging the holiday classic for several years.

Performances are Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26

for adults and \$23 for children and seniors.

Complimentary tickets are also available for those who qualify through NYB's S.T.A.R.S. program, a community outreach initiative created to encourage and educate children and individuals of all ages who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the ballet, including underprivileged students, senior citizens, special needs organizations and military families.

For tickets or more information, visit [www.northeastyouthballet.org](http://www.northeastyouthballet.org) or [www.northeastyouthballet.tix.com](http://www.northeastyouthballet.tix.com) or call 800-595-4849.

See **NUTCRACKER**, Page 17

## Holiday Out & About: 'Messiah' at Phillips Academy

The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 27th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" oratorio on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Cochran Chapel on the school campus at 180 Main St., Andover.

The benefit concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a Lawrence-based food pantry, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The program, under the direction of Christopher Walter, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of the school's students, faculty and staff as well as musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston and North Shore.

Special guest soloists this year will be Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, soprano; Margaret Lias, mezzo-soprano; Eric Christopher Perry, tenor; and Donald Wilkinson, bass-baritone.

The public is invited. General

admission tickets are \$5. Seniors and students are welcome for free with a donation of nonperishable or canned food to support Neighbors in Need. For more information, call the Phillips Academy Music Department at 978-749-4260 or e-mail [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

### Philharmonic keying up season's favorites

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra delivers its annual Family Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

George Monseur conducts the program of holiday favorites by the orchestra, which includes residents of North Andover and the surrounding region.

Sixteen-year-old violin soloist Ariell Balan, who performs with the Boston Youth Symphony, will sit in to play the first



COURTESY PHOTO

Ariell Balan will perform as a guest soloist with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra during its Family Holiday Concert on Sunday afternoon at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

movement from the Saint-Saëns Violin Concerto No. 3, Op. 61 with the orchestra. Balan has been a member and eventual concertmaster of the Northeast

Massachusetts Youth Orchestra and has studied under Trudy Larson and Holly Barnes at Phillips Academy, among others.

Voices of Hope under the direction of Chris Desjardins will also be joining the orchestra for the concert. The group is known for sharing a passion for the performing arts while raising awareness and funds for cancer research.

The orchestra's 13th annual Silent Auction will precede the concert starting at 1 p.m. and continuing through intermission. Auction items will include a variety of goods and services donated by area artisans and businesses.

General admission tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. They will be available at the door or online at <http://www.mktx.com/mvpo> or [www.mvpo-music.org](http://www.mvpo-music.org).

### A 'Hallelujah' from N.E. Classical Singers

The New England Classical Singers under the direction of David Hodgkins brings its popular holiday concert to the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The festive program will showcase part one of Handel's "Messiah" with the "Hallelujah" chorus, Jan Zalenka's newly discovered "Dixit Dominus" and various a cappella holiday favorites. Guest musicians will include Dana Schnitzer, soprano; Clare McNamara, alto; Greg Zavracki, tenor; and Thomas Jones, bass, performing together with the NECS Chamber Orchestra.

The program opens with a pre-concert talk at 6:30, and a post-concert carol sing and

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## NUTCRACKER

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### Dance Prism

The touring ballet company Dance Prism closes out the run of its professional, family-friendly production of "The Nutcracker" later this month with three performances at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at

Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road.

The show features a cast of 140, including about 25 professional dancers and apprentices of the company, some of whom return annually from New York, Florida and elsewhere to perform, as well as aspiring ballet dancers drawn from statewide auditions.

Founded in 1982, the company's mission is to

make the experience of the performing arts accessible throughout New England, according to artistic director Mary Demaso.

Performances are Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for students with IDs and \$18 for children and seniors. They are available online at [www.danceprism.com](http://www.danceprism.com) or

by calling 978-371-1038.

### New England Dance Ensemble

Last weekend, nine dancers from the Andover area performed in New England Dance Ensemble's "The Nutcracker" at Windham High School in Windham, N.H.

The local performers, who were selected through

an audition process by artistic director Barbara Mullen, joined professionals from New York City's American Ballet Theater in the annual production. Visit [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org) for more on the dance ensemble.

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evening.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for groups of 10 or more. Children and students with IDs are invited for free. Visit [www.newenglandclassical.org](http://www.newenglandclassical.org) or call 978-474-6090 for more information.

### Musical Christmas journey to Emerald Isle

Merrimack College rounds out its fall season of performances with a trip to the Emerald Isle as it presents Tony Kenny's "Christmas Time in Ireland" on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

The multi-talented, award-winning performer takes his audience on a magical journey to Ireland at Christmas, where there is a celebration of family in every home, a candle in every window and a song in every heart.

The family show combines comedy, music, dance and more, with comedian George Casey, singer Kathy Durkin, The Dublin Trinity Band and the Dublin City Dancers all lending their talents to the program.

Kenny has played to packed houses around the country, and won dozens of awards for his television and stage performances.

Advance tickets are \$28 for adults and \$25 for seniors and students, or \$32 for everyone at the door. For reservations or more information, call the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355.



David Hodgkins

### Ballardvale cues up annual Tree Lighting

The annual Ballardvale Tree Lighting and Carol Sing takes place Sunday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. on the Ballardvale Green at Andover and Center streets.

All ages are invited to enjoy hot chocolate, cider and treats provided by the Ballardvale Historic District Commission and Ballardvale friends and neighbors.

Dress warmly and bring your singing voices and holiday spirit. Dogs are welcome, but they should be on a leash.

### Sitting pretty for Pet Pictures with Santa

Andover Animal Hospital, 233 Lowell St., Andover, is offering its Pet Pictures with Santa Day on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.

There will also be a bake sale and pet clothes and toys for sale. All proceeds will be donated to the Chris Boshar Trust to aid those suffering from spinal cord injury.

A \$15 charitable donation is requested for the pictures. For more on the event, visit [www.andoveranimal.com](http://www.andoveranimal.com) or call 978-475-3600. To learn more about the Chris Boshar Trust, visit [www.restorethebosh.com](http://www.restorethebosh.com).

### Local lends voice to holiday musical revue

Andover's Dan McDuffie takes on a featured role in the cast of North Shore Players "Holiday Classics - A Musical Revue" this weekend at Hogan Regional Auditorium, 450 Maple St., Danvers.

This festive family holiday show will feature a Christmas sing-along, holiday trivia and more. Performances are Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. Those who bring a canned good or toy to donate to Toys for Tots will receive a discount. Email [info@northshoreplayers.org](mailto:info@northshoreplayers.org) for more information.

### Winter Concerts striking a youthful beat

Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras presents An Afternoon of Winter Concerts on Sunday, Dec. 7, at Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 134 High St., Ipswich.

The 2:30 p.m. concert will feature the NMYO Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra,

Junior Flute Choir and Flute Choir. The 5 p.m. performance will include the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Select Flute Choir. The music of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Handel and more will be featured.

Admission is free. A reception will follow each concert. Visit [www.nmyo.org](http://www.nmyo.org) for more information.

### Dancing to a festive beat at NECC

The Northern Essex Community College Performing Arts Department will present "Across the Stage," a student holiday dance performance, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.

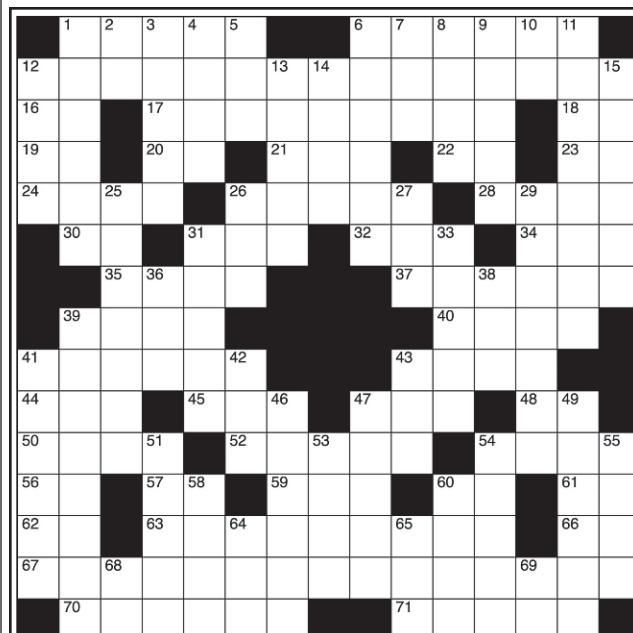
Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors, and \$4 for children under 12. Email Michelle Deane at [mdeane@necc.mass.edu](mailto:mdeane@necc.mass.edu) for more information.

### Hooray for the Holidays at Tot Time

The Andover Department of Community Services will present its annual Hooray for the Holidays on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

The Tot Time event is geared for children ages 1 to 6 and will feature age-appropriate activities, including pin-the-nose-on-the-snowman, snowball relay races and holiday arts and crafts. Light refreshments will be available.

The cost is \$5 per child in advance, \$7 at the door. To register or for more information, visit [www.AndoverDCS.com](http://www.AndoverDCS.com) or call 978-623-8274.



Solution in Classified Section

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Hindu stratification
6. Least harm
12. Medical confinement
16. Silver
17. In a sick state
18. Belonging to me
19. 1/2 an em
20. "Makeover's" Pennington
21. Take a seat
22. 1/10 meter (abbr.)
23. Atomic # 13
24. Fallow deer genus
26. Skin lesions
28. Charlie Parker's sax
30. 31st state
31. Disparity
32. Poking stroke
34. Long time
35. Wm. the Conqueror grave
37. Hosts film festival
39. Mend

40. Gear teeth
41. Of cadmium
43. 1618 Reformed synod
44. Fringe-toed lizard
45. Where passengers ride
47. 1/60 hour (abbr.)
48. Initials of TV cartoon father
50. Pack down
52. \_\_\_ and feathered
54. Hyperbolic cosecant
56. Operating system (abbr.)
57. Atomic #99
59. Crown owned Isle
60. Santa \_\_\_ trail
61. Booze support group
62. Footcandle
63. Retaliations
66. Natural logarithm
67. Quality of usefulness
70. Sitting position
71. They turn litmus paper red

### CLUES DOWN

1. Brandy region of France
2. Equally
3. Spittles
4. Very small
5. Ethiopia
6. Filled with sediment
7. An antiviral AIDS drug
8. Saudi king to 2005
9. Early word forms
10. Yes in Spanish
11. Ketchup veggies
12. Used to have (Scottish)
13. Old Greek storyteller
14. Den
15. Stockings
25. Scottish road surface
26. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
27. Bodily cavity
29. Durations
31. About gene
33. "Footloose" actor Kevin
36. Supply weaponry

38. Neither
39. Capital of Syria
41. Shortcut
42. Feline
43. Have already done
46. Rifle barrel cleaning tool
47. High IQ group
49. Libra constellation
51. Perch genus
53. Summer precipitation
54. Ancient Roman boxing gloves
55. Silver Skates' Brinker
58. Cobblestone
60. Policeman (French)
64. Pizza, apple or chiffon
65. Winglike structure
68. 37th state
69. Potato state

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# Education

## New AHS class schedule wins green light

By TIM LIMA

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A new class schedule at Andover High School has moved one step closer after winning the approval of the Andover Education Association.

The union representing the teachers and other school staff voted overwhelmingly late last month to support the new 7+H Schedule.

The vote cleared the way for the Andover School Committee to unanimously accept the terms of a collective bargaining agreement with the union at its Nov. 24 meeting.

However, it's unclear when the new H-Block schedule will go into effect.

An implementation team is being formed. That group will determine whether the new schedule can be successfully put in place next school year. The school administration must also develop a new course of study, among other things, for the schedule to go forward.

Superintendent Marinell McGrath has promised that the schedule's implementation would be delayed if there was any doubt about its success. She previously said the earliest that it could be rolled

out is fall 2015.

The new schedule required collective bargaining with the teachers union. Under the terms of the agreement, teachers will not be required to instruct more than five course sections in the schedule's eight-day cycle, nor will they be required to teach more than four periods a day.

At least 5 percent of a teacher's schedule cycle will be devoted to a professional learning community, a time for professional collaboration used to engage teachers in school improvement initiatives, curriculum development or other professional

activities. Teachers will also have one "prep period" per day that is not less than 60 minutes long.

The new schedule is not without its critics. Some parents say it will make it more difficult for students to take advanced placement classes and get the credits they need to be competitive in applying to college.

But school officials and representatives of the teachers union disagree. They say the new schedule will bolster the education provided by offering course continuity, allow students to better absorb material and create a

more personalized feel to the school day.

The new schedule includes a new H-Block period meant to provide students time to pursue specialized areas or receive personalized guidance.

The H-Block will be added to what will become an eight-day, rotating schedule with students taking five classes per day that extend for the entire year, instead of the current half-year format now in place. Students will enroll in seven credits per year, a half point less than the current mandate.

Overall, representatives of both the School Committee and union said they were proud with the work that led to the agreement.

"It was an incredibly collegial set of meetings," School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert said. "It took many fewer meetings than we anticipated."

Kerry Costello, president of the AEA, praised the Scheduling Committee that worked for nearly two years to create the proposal, saying the group came up with a schedule "that met student needs as well as looked at the whole school as a community."

## From Sanborn, with love Students distribute annual pre-Thanksgiving gifts to seniors

By TIM LIMA

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Before leaving for the bounty of their Thanksgiving dinners, Sanborn Elementary School students had the chance to share food and company with dozens of Andover's senior citizens.

On Friday, Nov. 21, 250 gift bags made by fourth- and fifth-graders at Sanborn were delivered to Andover seniors living in private homes and apartments, Atria Senior Living, Academy Manor and Wingate Healthcare. Some bags were also presented to local seniors gathered at The Center at Punchard.

Packed in each of the gift bags were handmade and donated items representing the Sanborn school and community.

Such a large event took an even larger effort from parents, students and teachers. On Nov. 19, parents sorted and organized all the gifts and contributions. On Nov. 20, all of the fourth-grade students pitched in to pack the gift bags. The next day, the fifth-graders delivered the bags to 250 seniors in town.

Karen Carriuolo, one of the 17 parents who volunteered to drive the fifth-graders on their deliveries, said that while all of the stops they made were memorable, one especially stood out.

"Our second home delivery was to a Spanish-speaking couple who spoke little English," she said. "The couple was so happy to see the kids that the gentleman sang a song to the kids in a loud, booming voice."

While they were only there for five minutes, she said, the



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

Sanborn Elementary School student Tommy Russell plays the piano at The Center at Punchard after students presented harvest gift bags to the local seniors gathered there before Thanksgiving.

### SPECIAL DELIVERY

The gift bags delivered to local seniors by Sanborn School students the week before Thanksgiving were filled with items donated by Sanborn families and students, the school PTO and local Girl and Cub Scouts. Each bag contained:

- 1 juice box
- 2 packages crackers/pretzels
- 2 fruit cups
- 1 bookmark
- 1 greeting card
- 2 "Forever" postage stamps
- 1 potted plant
- 1 gift-wrapped tea bag
- Harvest Festival invitation

smile on the couple's faces said it all.

The gift bag effort is an annual tradition at Sanborn. This year, the theme was "Count on Me," which reflects the Andover Public Schools' district-wide adoption of a new math program as well as concepts stressing



Sanborn Elementary School students sing to seniors at The Center at Punchard as they make their rounds delivering harvest gift bags to local seniors throughout the community before Thanksgiving.

the importance of community and supporting each other, organizers said.

The activity culminated two days before Thanksgiving with the traditional Harvest Festival music assembly in the Sanborn school auditorium.

Sanborn music director Diane Waddell led the fourth- and fifth-graders in song. The

students were also treated to a performance by the SunRise Singers from The Center at Punchard, directed by Linda Kirk.

For the finale, the entire student body of kindergartners through fifth-graders joined with the SunRise Singers to sing "Stand Together."

## St. Augustine Youth Ministry pitches in at shelters

By JUDY WAKEFIELD

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Local teenagers involved with the youth ministry program at St. Augustine Church got the holiday season off on a giving note as they spent the Saturday after Thanksgiving volunteering at 15 area shelters.

The "day of service" event was very well received, according to Katie Scanlon LeBlanc, who leads the St. Augustine Youth Ministry program.

"It's amazing how this has taken off, really amazing. I had over 70 teens and adults assisting at the shelters and doing different projects that the shelters needed help with," LeBlanc said. "It was a great way to end Thanksgiving week and head into the Christmas season."

The Andover group spent the day stocking food pantries, cleaning, making hundreds of sandwiches and doing other chores to aid the shelters.

The effort is called a "Unitas Service Experience" as participants are in unity with those they serve, LeBlanc said.

The volunteers were assigned to the following shelters: Lazarus House in Lawrence (two work sites), Emmaus House in Haverhill (two work sites), Pine Street Inn in Boston, Boston Rescue Mission, L'arche Irenicon in Haverhill (four work sites), Lawrence Catholic Academy, Cor Unum in Lawrence, Lowell Transitional Living Center and Habitat for Humanity: Re-Store.

The Nov. 29 "Unitas Day" opened with Mass at St. Augustine Church. By 9 a.m., the volunteers were off to their assigned work sites. The cost to participate was \$15, which covered lunch and a Unitas T-shirt.

"Most places are usually closed after Thanksgiving, but they wanted us to come and do a project," LeBlanc said.

### EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

#### Decoding Dyslexia at SEPAC meeting

Parents and educators are encouraged to join the Andover Special Education Parent Advisory Council and Decoding Dyslexia of Massachusetts for an informational presentation on the learning disorder on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School library, 80 Shawheen Road.

Those who think dyslexia only affects a few people, that all kids who struggle with reading are not smart or that dyslexia only means seeing words backwards may be surprised to learn the facts surrounding the disorder, organizers say.

The presentation will begin with a screening of "Embracing Dyslexia," followed by a question-and-answer session with professionals Bonnie M. Haley, an Orton-Gillingham-certified practitioner of The National Society of Creative Dyslexics, and Melody O'Neil, M.S. Ed, associate director of admission at Landmark School in Beverly.

Admission is free. For more information, find Andover SEPAC at facebook.com/andoversepac.org or Decoding Dyslexia at facebook.com/DecodingDyslexiaMA.

#### MATHCOUNTS volunteers needed

Volunteers and sponsors are being sought to support MATHCOUNTS, a national math enrichment program for students in grades six to eight.

Since 1982, MATHCOUNTS has benefited more than five million middle school students in the U.S., including thousands from Massachusetts. More than 800 students representing more than 100 Massachusetts schools, including some in Andover, will participate in the program next year when Massachusetts hosts the 2015 National MATHCOUNTS Competition for the first time in May.

Students are preparing now for chapter competitions in January and February, leading to the state competition in March, which will determine the teams and individuals who will represent the state at the nationals. Students compete as individuals and as part of four-person teams.

To learn more about sponsoring the nonprofit program, visit www.mathcounts.org and www.mspe.com or contact MATHCOUNTS state coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E., at jhayden@fstinc.com.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

#### AUSTIN PREPARATORY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following local students were named to the first-quarter honor roll at Austin Preparatory School in Reading:

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## Active year for growing Russian community

The past year has been a milestone one for Andover's vibrant Russian-American community. Under the leadership of Elena Ulanovsky, a five-year resident of town, families and friends enjoyed a multitude of cultural and recreational events, concluding with the Russian School of Mathematics in Andover's annual weekend camp outing.

The trip to Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire was attended by 20 families, and doubled as a fundraiser, with proceeds supporting children's camps in Israel.

Ulanovsky, who is of Ukrainian Russian descent, emigrated from Israel with her husband and children in 2009. She is a liaison and local representative of the Equal Development of Israel Culture as well as a producer and scriptwriter at Weekend Movie Production.

Her 2012 documentary film, "From Russian With Math," was recognized and presented by the New Filmmakers Film Winter Festival NYC this past January and the Russian Documentary Film New York Festival in October.

She has been involved in promoting the Russian Language and Arts Center in Andover as well as the local arm of the national Russian School of Mathematics program that offers intense math instruction across the grades to students of all nationalities.

Ulanovsky recently hosted



COURTESY PHOTOS

Participants in the Russian School of Mathematics in Andover's annual outing at Camp Sunapee in New Hampshire gather together to raise the flags of the United States and Israel and hear both countries' national anthems.

a panel discussion highlighting the need to preserve and share the Russian culture, arts, language and heritage for future generations through presentations and outreach programs for Russian-Americans as well as the greater community. Speakers included Aliya Barsegov, founder and owner of the Russian Language and Art Center in Andover; Julian Stun, Russian lecturer at UMass Lowell; and Natasha Bochkov, publisher and general manager of Lingvaerium Books.

To learn more about children's Russian cultural classes, the Russian School of Mathematics of Andover



Children of the Andover Russian Jewish community participate in a chess tournament during the group's annual outing to Camp Sunapee in New Hampshire earlier this year.

and future community events, contact Ulanovsky at elena.ulanovski@gmail.com.



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**HAVE YOU BEEN IN A CAR ACCIDENT** in the last 3 years caused by a driver insured by Safety, Arbella, Liberty Mutual, Plymouth Rock or Travelers/Premier and received payment for your car damage from the other driver's insurance company? If so, you may be entitled to collect more money. Contact Attorney Ken Quat without any cost or financial obligation. Tel (978) 325-1013.

**LOST & FOUND**

FOUND KEYS - Gloucester at Mini Mart on Washington St. Flagship Motors key tag. Call 978-879-7425

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**Lost Dog**

**Bradford, MA** Missing from Lincolnshire Drive/ Kingsbury Ave. area, on November 7th; Last seen on November 10th. **Shetland Sheepdog** named Nigel. 2 years old, 16 lbs. Wearing collar. **If seen, please call 978-852-7218**

**LOST DOG:** Tan Boxer mix, 50 lbs, 6 yrs old. Dalton was lost in the Salem Woods near the Salem Municipal Golf Course on 9/18. He has been spotted in the Salem State and Forest River Park area during the last couple of days. If found PLEASE do NOT chase or call him, he is likely skittish. Lure him with treats and call me immediately. Thank you. Call Leslie 978-836-6303 or 617-448-3022

**LOST & FOUND**

FOUND: Prescription Sunglasses Wingersheek Beach Sun. Nov. 23 Call to identify (978) 927-0747 lv msg

**REWARD**

LOST - EARRING-YELLOW gold and crystals, half moon shaped pierced type, at Salem MA Market Basket on 11/19/14 \$50 REWARD. vickier@comcast.net

LOST PUPPY - 5 month old male Yorkshire Terrier, black body, brown head. Tower Hill Lawrence. REWARD 978-764-1087

**Real Estate**

**HOMES**

Andover MA - Wonderful Colonial offers 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths, large sun filled eat in kitchen. Formal dining & living room. Family room, private office-den all on the first floor. Master with full bath. Fenced in yard. \$449,900.

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Plaistow NH Large 3 bedroom 2.5bath colonial home kitchen w/center island, formal dining room. Fireplaced living room, French doors to family room- hot tub room with HW flooring. Fireplaced master bedroom w/ full tiled Jacuzzi bath double shower, walk in closet, bonus loft with skylights with balcony. \$299,900.00.

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Arlington -Sprawling 4 bedroom colonial with a versatile layout, huge living room and family room, great opportunity for the handyman or contractor. \$424,900

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Gloucester - Updated 5 bedroom colonial. Updated kitchen, open living area, newer heating, central AC, 2-1/2 baths, finished basement, deck, generator, newer roof, windows and siding. Convenient to town, highway and Good Harbor Beach. \$405,000

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Haverhill -Very spacious 2 bedroom town-house boasts family room in finished lower level, patio, parking, professionally managed in country setting. \$159,900

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Lynn -Brand New Construction! Open concept, wood floors, tile, granite, stainless steel appliances, 2 car garage. \$354,900

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kathleen J. Zagarella to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated October 26, 2005 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 9857, Page 159, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-1 dated April 28, 2010 and recorded with said registry on May 4, 2010 at Book 12024 Page 131 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee dated March 25, 2013 and recorded with said registry on April 9, 2013 at Book 13419 Page 1, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on December 19, 2014, on the mortgaged premises located at 145 High Plain Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

**TO WIT:**

The land in Andover, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on High Plain Road about 154.14 feet of land now or formerly of John L. Nurse as shown on a plan of land in Andover, Massachusetts as surveyed for Ernest O. Dick, D.J. McCracken and Son, Engineers, Methuen, Massachusetts, dated May 4, 1943 which plan is recorded as #1882;

Thence in a northerly direction 125 feet to an oak stake;

Thence in a westerly direction 125 feet to an oak stake;

Thence in a southerly direction to High Plain Road 125 feet;

Thence in an easterly direction by said High Plain Road 125 feet to the point of beginning;

Said lot containing 15,625 square feet as shown on said plan.

For mortgagor's(s)'s title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5727, Page 229.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale

GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201003-0973 - PRP

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**Rentals**

**HOMES**

Gloucester-Winter/Short-term furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath House. Avail. Oct.1 to May 31, 2015. This waterfront parcel in Bay View area has an open concept with panoramic coastal views. Home boasts office space, fireplace, washer-dryer, decks, parking, trails, private beaches, tennis courts and easy access to Rte. 128. One pet considered. \$2,150/mo

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**Legals**

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**COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS**

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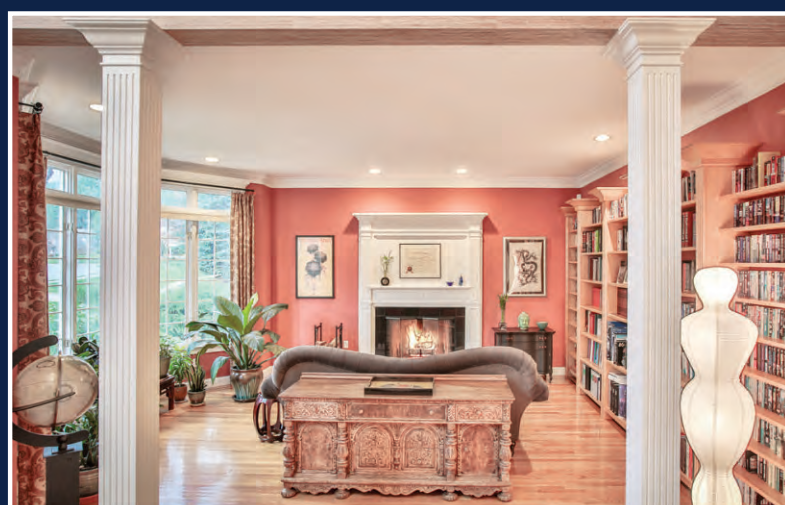
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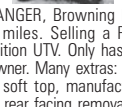
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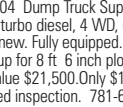
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Competitors in the grade five girls race give it their all as they approach the finish line of the cross-country run.

# On a spirited pace for fitness

## Middle, elementary students compete in annual cross-country runs

Close to 200 middle and elementary school students from across the district took to the starting line this fall for the annual running of the Andover Public Schools' cross-country races starting from Andover High's Eugene V. Lovely Field.

It was the 25th installment of the races for the fourth and fifth grades, and 118 girls and boys representing all five elementary schools in town turned out to tackle the course, which was a little less than 1 mile long.

For the middle-schoolers, 63 boys and girls from Doherty, West and Wood Hill middle schools covered the course that included a combination of field and road running. It was the 10th year of the races being introduced at the middle-school level.

The annual runs are organized by the Physical Education Department in cooperation with the Andover High cross-country team as a way to bring students across the district together in an environment promoting physical and cardiovascular fitness, a love of running, friendly athletic competition and school spirit, according to Brian McNally, the district's program coordinator for health and physical education.

"It also encourages students to do their best in an environment where quality sportsmanship is paramount," McNally said in an email.

While the middle and elementary school races are typically held on separate dates, rain postponements led both runs to go off on the same day this year.

"It made for a fantastic cross-country experience as many elementary students were present to see the middle school students finish their races and some of the older students stayed to cheer on the younger students," McNally said.

Andover High cross-country coach Leo Lafond, his assistant coaches and dozens of team members laid out the course and conducted the event. Team members were spread out on the course to act as guides and assist the

**GRADE FIVE BOYS**

- Colin Spring, High Plain, 5:43
- Preston Taylor, South, 5:46
- Dylan Wang, High Plain, 5:47
- Sam Elliott, Bancroft, 5:48
- Ben Eckman, Bancroft, 5:52
- Avan Shah, South, 5:56
- Nolan Goldthwaite, Bancroft, 5:57
- Marco Cerbone, Sanborn, 5:59
- Ian Cox, South, 6:03
- Matthew Serrano, West, 6:07
- Erik Sergeant, High Plain, 6:10
- Stephen Tcheouafei, Sanborn, 6:11
- Luke Sintros, High Plain, 6:21
- Carl Wang, High Plain, 6:21
- Michael Diczno, High Plain, 6:36
- Ethan Olivo, Sanborn, 6:37
- Vinny Bouchard, South, 6:49
- Brian Gibson, Sanborn, 6:53
- William Chen, South, 6:54
- Brian Rocca, South, 6:57
- Steven Zhang, South, 7:02
- Will Leland, South, 7:04
- Cameron Strong, West, 7:05
- AJ Mazzariello, South, 7:41
- Alex Cenaovic, West, 8:03
- Hussain Mahesri, West, 8:12

**GRADE FIVE GIRLS**

- Aimee Lu, West, 6:05
- Lily Farnham, West, 6:26
- Courtney Duffy, West, 6:28
- Sara Mueller, Sanborn, 6:28
- Caroline Yates, West, 6:33
- Sarah Long, South, 6:34
- Leila Boudries, South, 6:41
- Keerti Daesety, Sanborn, 6:49
- Eva Pawlowska, Sanborn, 7:31
- Abigail Redington, High Plain, 7:37
- Lily Gregoire, West, 7:39
- Mikala Sherlock, West, 8:00
- Mari Boullie, Sanborn, 8:04
- Amelia Fisher, South, 8:04
- Eliance Delima, High Plain, 8:26
- Madeline Andrews, West, 8:50
- Nadya Oppenberg, West, 11:36
- Gabby Amorim, High Plain, 11:36

younger runners. The high-schoolers also timed the races and recorded the results.

At the middle school level, the times for the first five runners from each school in each race were added together to calculate team scores.

In the end, the team from Doherty Middle School retained its championship status, with Wood Hill Middle finishing second and West Middle placing third. The Doherty team was awarded the "Golden Warriors Cup," which the runners will proudly display at their school for the rest of the year.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS**

- Owen Glover, Doherty, 8:42
- Aidan McBride, Wood Hill, 9:04
- Ivan Qin, Doherty, 9:21
- Matt Allen, Wood Hill, 9:23
- Sean Diehl, Wood Hill, 9:27
- Ryan McBride, Wood Hill, 9:28
- Ryan O'Sullivan, Doherty, 9:41
- Tim Corrigan, Wood Hill, 9:51
- Jayden Amirault, Doherty, 9:54
- Jyles Amirault, Doherty, 9:58
- Cameron Kirn, Doherty, 10:07
- Justin Gu, Wood Hill, 10:16
- Jason Denoncourt, Doherty, 10:53
- Charles Dankens, West, 10:53
- Chris Gu, Wood Hill, 11:10
- Max Tweedale, West, 11:21
- David Grossman, Wood Hill, 11:33
- Chase Perry, Wood Hill, 11:46
- Trevor Albano, Doherty, 11:53
- Sean Ballou, Doherty, 11:55
- Liam Gilmore, Wood Hill, 12:17
- Liam Sutherland, Doherty, 12:21
- Vincent Candela, Wood Hill, 12:29
- Kai Johnston, Doherty, 12:31
- Bill Chen, Doherty, 13:40

**GRADE FOUR GIRLS**

- Sarah Fijnvandraat, West, 6:37
- Molly Kiley, Bancroft, 6:38
- Kathleen Yates, West, 6:46
- Elizabeth Gaffney, West, 6:51
- Amber Banks, South, 6:52
- Ella McCabe, South, 6:53
- Maura Goldman, West, 7:05
- Shalyze Garcia, West, 7:11
- Abigail Arpin, West, 7:14
- Ashley DiBenedetto, Bancroft, 7:17
- Maggie Mullen, South, 7:20
- Abby Rajchel, Bancroft, 7:21
- Bori Kim, High Plain, 7:28
- Adaila Weeden, Bancroft, 7:44
- Clara Weiss, South, 7:47
- Diya Ganash, Bancroft, 7:48
- Farah Boucharra, West, 8:04
- Riley Edgerton, Sanborn, 8:10
- Devon Higgins, West, 8:11
- Elizabeth Grecco, South, 8:20
- Madeline Parish, West, 8:24
- Ally Lightburn, High Plain, 8:51
- Miella Or-Shahar, West, 8:53
- Abigail Kulkarni, West, 8:58
- Alyssa Sellinger, High Plain, 9:11
- Maddy Lightburn, High Plain, 9:14
- Meredith Shattuck, High Plain, 9:21
- Chandini Sivakumar, Sanborn, 9:28
- Georgia Bouchard, South, 9:29
- Annaya Or-Shahar, West, 9:31
- Claire Dankens, West, 9:37
- Kayla Dudevior, High Plain, 10:18

But in the end, McNally said the event isn't only about who won. "All runners should be proud of their accomplishments," he said.



Colin Kim of Bancroft School strides to the finish to win the grade four boys race.



Middle school girls head toward the finish line during the annual races.



A group of middle school boys round the bend on the final leg of the annual cross-country race.



# Sports

## Warriors fall short on Thanksgiving Day

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Surrounded by three generations of family, Andover football coach E.J. Perry couldn't help but be a bit nostalgic about the end of the 42-year Thanksgiving rivalry between the Golden Warriors and Central Catholic last Thursday.

"I played in this (rivalry), and so did my brothers so to see (son) E.J. (Perry IV) play in the final game of the rivalry was special," the elder Perry said. "But it's a sad day for a lot of reasons."

Hoping to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with



**E.J. Perry IV drops back to pass during the Thanksgiving Day game. Perry threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns.**

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

in the fourth and went on to defeat the Golden Warriors 41-21 in the final Thanksgiving match-up between the two teams.

Andover will now play North Andover on Thanksgiving Day starting next year.

"We went toe-to-toe with them especially in the first half," coach Perry said. "Our kids fought the whole time, but it was definitely a difficult game."

Central jumped ahead early with a touchdown, but Andover was able to battle back.

After Brian Duffy ran for a first down on a fake punt,

Perry IV connected on a pair of passes to Christopher Nicholas to advance the ball to the Raider 10-yard line. But that was where the drive stalled, and a Warrior field goal was no good.

"That drive coming up short was a missed opportunity," coach Perry said. "The defense was playing well, but their touchdown right before halftime hurt."

Central Catholic scored twice in the third quarter before Andover began its rally.

Perry IV hit Dan Gemmell for a 37-yard touchdown to start the fourth quarter, then found Andrew Soucy for an

18-yard score. Max Grant added a 1-yard touchdown run to make it 34-21, but that was as close as the Warriors would get.

Perry IV led Andover with 201 yards passing and rushed for a team-high 61 yards. Grant added 41 ground yards.

Duffy paced the defense with 12 tackles, while Ommel Bonilla had a sack.

"There are certain things that would have given us a boost in the game," coach Perry said. "But you can't miss opportunities against a team as good as Central. They made some big plays and it hurt us."

an upset victory, Andover trailed by just a single score until the final play of the

first half. But after a strong third quarter for Andover, Central Catholic took control

## FALL FLASHBACK

Andover High teams offered much to celebrate this season

By DAVID WILLIS  
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**E**nough snow has fallen to cover Eugene V. Lovely Field, along with the rest of Andover. Temperatures are dropping rapidly and the holiday season has officially begun.

So that means it's time to say good-bye to the fall and hello to winter.

Football helmets are now being turned in for hockey skates, soccer balls are being replaced by basketballs and wrestling mats and gymnastics equipment are returning to service.

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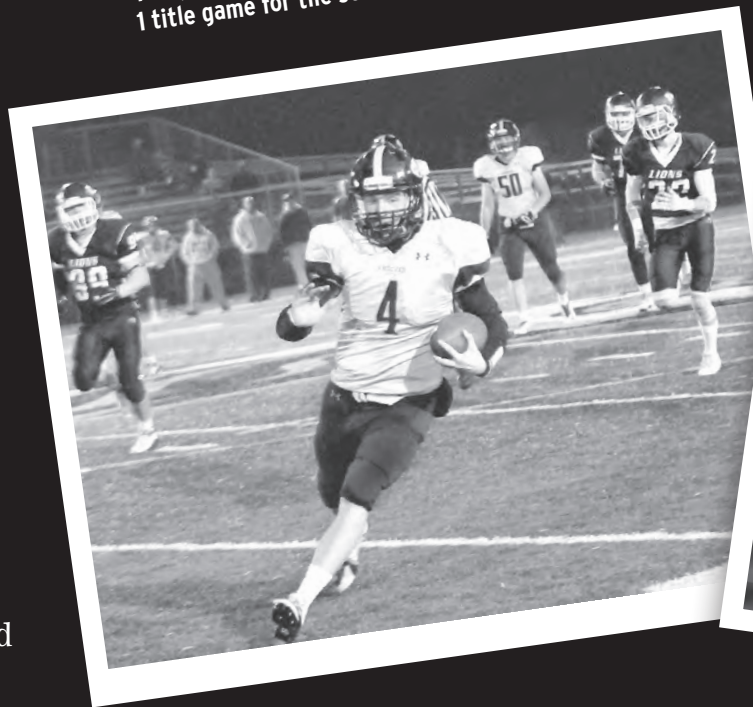
The girls volleyball team had plenty to celebrate, advancing to the Division 1 title game for the second time in program history.

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Senior Julia Manty was a big reason why the Golden Warrior girls soccer team delivered another big season.

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Sophomore quarterback E.J. Perry IV proved himself on the gridiron this season.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo



The seniors on the girls swim team celebrate winning the Division 1 state title.

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Members of the Optima Synchro 13 to 15 age group team are, top row, from left, Aleah Davidsen, Rebecca Page, Reverie Nedde, Anna Lang, Jennifer Li, Lindi Schroeder, and, bottom row, from left, Katie MacDonald, Sydney Ho, Emily Ma and Riley Spring.



Members of the Optima Synchro 16 to 19 age group team are, top row, from left, Melissa Zhang, Lily Zemelko, Nicole Carzo and Caitlin Klauer, and, bottom row, from left, Sachiko Hagiya, Jillian Bohrer, Georgina Hutchison and Kimberly Feng.

## Strong national outing for Optima Synchro

Optima Synchronized Swimming achieved an impressive fourth and fifth place finish at a national team competition.

The locally based squad returned for its second season this fall as the top-ranked team in New England after sending three age group teams to compete in the largest synchronized swimming competition in the world, the 2014 U.S. Age Group National Championships held in Federal Way, Wash..

The 18-19 and 11-12 Age Group teams placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in

the finals, making a solid impression on the national stage.

Head Coach Svetlana Malinovskaya said she is proud of the team's success, work ethic and good sportsmanship, and credits the dedication of the swimmers and coaches with the group's success.

Optima Synchro is a competitive synchronized swim team based in the Merrimack Valley. It is a member of USA Synchro. It welcomes swimmers of all abilities. To learn more, contact Malinovskaya at optimasynchro@gmail.com.

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**FALL**

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But before we head into the winter season, let's take stock of another outstanding fall in Andover sports.

It was a season that saw one Golden Warrior squad take home a state title and another advance to a state championship game, with many athletes delivering huge results along the way.

Here is a look at some of the greatest moments from fall 2014:

**Title town**

The fall began with iconic Andover swim coach **Marilyn Fitzgerald** in the news under nightmare circumstances, as she announced she was again battling breast cancer, but would continue to coach.

By the time November arrived, "Ms. Fitz" and her team were making headlines for the right reasons.

Inspired by their coach's amazing strength, the Golden Warriors swimming and diving team surged to the Division 1 state title. It marked the unprecedented 14th Division 1 title for coach Fitzgerald, an Andover High alumna herself.

More amazing, Andover did it while winning just one event, with **Alison Murtagh** taking first in the 500 freestyle.

It was truly a team title, won on depth, making it especially meaningful and emotional for Fitzgerald.

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It could have been a year of transition for the Andover girls volleyball team, as Hall of Fame coach **George Sullivan** retired and was replaced by JV coach **Jane Bergin**.

Instead, the Golden Warriors matched the best run in program history.

The Warriors earned a berth in the Division 1 state title game for the second time in program history, and first since 2005. They did so in convincing fashion, too, sweeping Natick 3-0 in the state semifinals.

Andover also made it three North Division 1 titles in a row, beating archrival North Andover in the North title game. The team finished the season with a 24-2 record, just barely missing out on the state crown by dropping

a tiebreaker game to Newton North.

**Dynamic debut**

Not even **Kevin Chen** thought he would have the chance to be the starting running back for Andover High. In his first three seasons playing for the Golden Warriors, he had just four varsity carries for negative-9 yards.

But with the ball in his hands this fall, Chen was spectacular.

Athletes delivering huge results along the way. The senior running back rushed for 1,025 yards on just 124 carries — an average of 8.3 yards a run — and 12 touchdowns this season. His numbers would have been even bigger, but he played in just seven games before tearing his MCL against Central Catholic and missing the final 3 1/2 contests.

The good news? He is healing and should be ready for a tremendous track season.

**Stat busters**

**Azita Bakhtyari** had quite a legacy to live up to when she joined the Andover High volleyball team, following in the footsteps of her All-Scholastic sister, **Ava Bakhtyari**.

But it's safe to say Azita built her own impressive legacy.

The senior co-captain surpassed 1,000 career assists in October, and finished the season with a whopping 688 assists for the year. The 5-foot-8 Bakhtyari added a team-high 49 aces, tied for the team-best in service points (159) and chipped in with 153 digs and 74 kills. The effort earned her honors as Merrimack Valley Conference Most Valuable Player and named to the All-Conference team.

Plenty of Golden Warriors had memorable seasons for the volleyball team, but maybe no one was more dominant than MVC All-Conference player **Maddy Reppucci**. The junior led the team in kills (215), total blocks (131) and solo blocks (100). Co-captain **Mackenzie Kennedy**, another MVC All-Conference player, scored a team high with 230 digs.

Other volleyball standouts were Colleen Mullins, MVC All-Star; Wyllie Boughton, MVC-All Conference; and Julia Fraser, Unsung Hero Award.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The 2014 Division 1 state finalist Andover High School girls volleyball team has much to be proud of. Contributing to its stellar season were, kneeling, from left, manager Leigh Burte, Allie Morgenstern, Amy Stankiewicz, Bridget Collins, Jessie Nason, co-captains Mackenzie Kennedy and Azita Bakhtyari, Julia McBride and Cece Root, and, standing, from left, head coach Jane Bergin, managers Devin Dean and David Lee, Gillian Connors, Julia Fraser, Jackie Long, Maddy Reppucci, Wyllie Boughton, Maddie Powers, Colleen Mullins, managers Adam Yee and Brooke Kabriel, assistant coach Kirsten Arvidson, junior varsity coach Kerri O'Dea, and assistant coach George Sullivan. Freshman coach Steve Tisbert is missing from the photo.

**Tori Roche's** reputation as a softball star had long been known. But this fall, the junior opened eyes in a huge way on the field hockey field.

Roche, an attack, scored a whopping 24 goals on the season despite missing time due to an ankle injury. Her biggest outing was in the Division 1 North semifinals as she scored the game-winner in a victory over North Andover.

She made up a dynamite scoring duo with prolific **Brenna Keefe**.

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As a freshman one year ago, **E.J. Perry IV** was slowly introduced to varsity football. This season, he was let loose and showed what he could do.

The sophomore QB finished the season with a stellar 2,128 passing yards and 26 touchdown passes while rushing for 304 yards and four more scores. As the season progressed, he appeared more and more comfortable directing the spread offense coached by his father and former Andover High standout, **E.J. Perry**.

Perry IV's favorite target was **Dan Gemmell**, who led the team with 29 catches for 460 yards, while **Zach Walker** had five touchdown catches.

Linebacker **Brian Duffy**, in his third year as a starter, led the Golden Warrior defense

in total tackles (91) and solo tackles (42) and Walker made four interceptions.

**On a mission**

No matter how difficult the competition becomes on the course, cross-country star **Sarah Rothmann** finds strength to continue by thinking of the bravery her father has shown battling cancer.

Rothmann certainly made her father proud this season. The senior won seven dual meets, placed eighth at the State Coaches Meet and MVC meet and 13th in the EMass. Division 1 meet. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and a captain.

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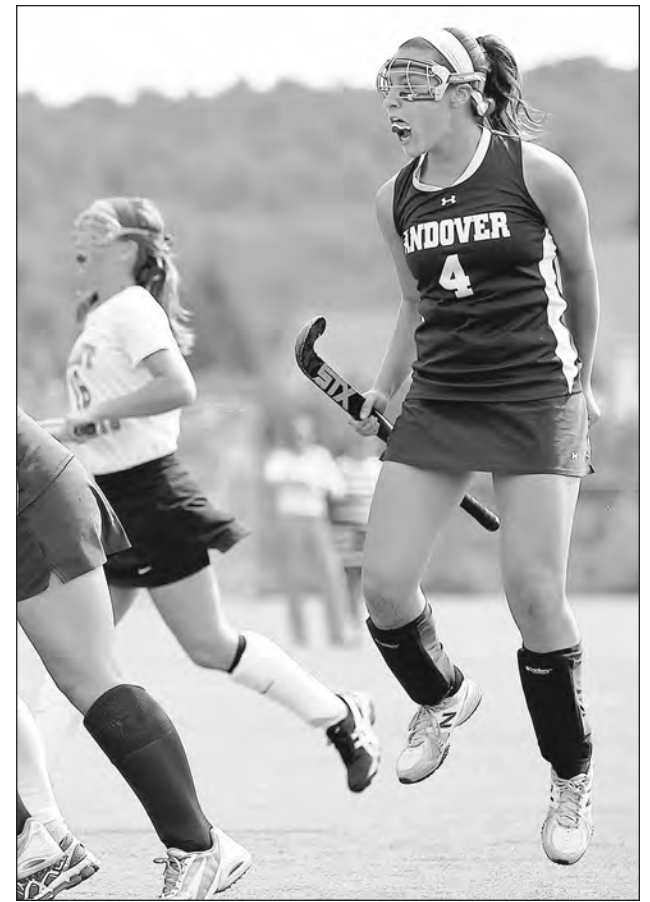
Junior **Chantal Kellerd** spent most of the fall running behind Rothmann, but she scored a classic performance of her own in the postseason.

At the State Coaches Meet, Kellerd blazed to a second-place finish in 19:33 over the 5K course. She added a ninth at the MVC meet.

**Family ties**

Andover's golf team was led by a pair of familiar names this season, **Nick Scarpa** and **Colleen Caveney**.

Scarpa, the starting goalie for the hockey team and a member of the Scarpa athletic family, starred as the team's No. 1 golfer while basketball star Caveney ascended to the



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Field hockey star Tori Roche jumps for joy after scoring the game-winning goal in the Division 1 North semifinals. Roche scored 24 goals on the season.

No. 2 spot to help lead the team.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny; cooler	Partial sunshine	Rain	Mostly cloudy	Afternoon rain	A little rain	Plenty of sunshine
<b>High: 40°</b> <b>Low: 21°</b>	<b>High: 38°</b> <b>Low: 31°</b>	<b>High: 45°</b> <b>Low: 34°</b>	<b>High: 44°</b> <b>Low: 33°</b>	<b>High: 46°</b> <b>Low: 35°</b>	<b>High: 47°</b> <b>Low: 26°</b>	<b>High: 40°</b> <b>Low: 27°</b>

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violation of these rules will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Snowstorm parking bans are announced on the town's two public access television stations (Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 45) and posted on the town website at [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov). Residents may also call the Highway Department at 978-623-8426, ext. 11, to find out if a ban has been declared.

## Real estate transfers

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- 237 North Main St., Unit 2: Philip W. Dannolfo to Andrew and Larysa Chou, \$143,000
- 24 Wethersfield Drive: Hamit Garipoglu and Catherine J. Garipoglu to Jamie A. and Sean P. Lane, \$649,900
- 120 Chestnut St.: Paul Domigan and Susan K. Haselhorst to David and Julie Tremblay, \$661,000
- 10 Colonial Drive, Unit 4B: Paula A. Pelusi to Mark Menezes, \$92,000
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