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TOP LEFT: The historic timber barn at the Abbot Mill site on Red Spring Road stands vacant prior to its demolition last fall. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Workers from Longleaf Lumber remove wood from the former Abbot Mill barn that is now being remilled for use in the redevelopment of the main mill building on the property. **RIGHT:** Mario Davila and Wesley Updike of Longleaf Lumber stand with one of the loads of reclaimed wood from the barn that will be repurposed in the restored brick mill, pictured in the background.

Timber from historic barn salvaged for reuse in former Abbot Mill

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Andover's rich mill history was not forgotten when the barn at the Abbot Mill site on Red Spring Road was demolished last year following a 2013 fire. The wooden floors, joists

and decking of the early 19th century structure were salvaged by a reclaimed and antique lumber company and are expected to be reused in the redevelopment of the still-standing brick mill building on the site. Although a lease is not yet believed to have been signed,

a pizza restaurant is reportedly eyeing the site, according to one person close to the project.

A varied past

The property's storied history began in 1807, when Abraham Moreland operated a cotton mill on the land at

18-20 Red Spring Road. Seven years later, brothers Abel and Pasehel Abbot built the first structure at the site, at an engineered bend in the Shawsheen River, and went to work spinning cotton and woolen yarn. Over the years, the mill

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Town manager set to retire

Stapczynski will close out 25-year career in Andover in June

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After 25 years at the helm, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has decided to retire, effective June 30.

On Monday night, the 67-year-old Andover resident told the five members of the Board of Selectmen, along with a cable TV audience and a couple-dozen onlookers, that he would be stepping down to spend more time with his family.

"After much discussion with my wife, sons and close friends, I have decided this is the right time for a transition for me personally, professionally and for the town," he said, reading from a printed statement. "I feel blessed and fortunate that I have had a long and successful tenure and had the opportunity to work with distinguished public officials and outstanding department heads, employees and volunteers.



Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski

"Personally, my family benefited greatly from having stability and roots in one terrific community. These next six months will be very important for the town. I and my senior leadership team will work with you to assist with a smooth and seamless transition."

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said Tuesday that he didn't know of Stapczynski's intention to retire until just a few hours before the meeting.

"He called me and the other selectmen earlier in the day," Kowalski said. "I honestly didn't know his desired direction or the path he was planning on taking. I had no clue."

He said he was glad that Stapczynski gave the selectmen ample notice, however, to conduct a search and interview process to hire his replacement.

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Open school seat remains in limbo

Temporary vacancy sparks political wrangling

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School Committee chairwoman Annie Gilbert said Monday night she has no interest in accelerating the process of filling the temporary seat on her committee that resulted from the Jan. 1 resignation of former member and new state Sen. Barbara L'Italien.

Gilbert, sitting in the audience at the Board of Selectmen's meeting this week, said her committee isn't scheduled to meet until next Thursday, Jan. 15, at which time the four remaining members will discuss whether to fill the vacancy left by L'Italien's departure.

When asked by former Selectman Ted Teichert, who has expressed interest in the

vacancy, if she would call for a meeting this week to discuss the vacancy, Gilbert replied, "I could call a meeting this week, but I don't choose to do that."

That decision may mean that the position remains vacant until the March 24 townwide election, when voters will choose a candidate to fill the remaining year left on L'Italien's three-year term.

Both Gilbert and Teichert have both taken out nomination papers to run for that one-year seat.

Teichert last week announced he would be willing to fill the temporary appointment until the March vote.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy explained in a memo to selectmen that based on state law,

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Setting sights on a roof deck

Memorial Hall Library looks to complete halted patio project

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Working to accommodate its recent growth, Memorial Hall Library is aiming to soon complete a balcony that was left unfinished 27 years ago.

The balcony, which has also been referred to as a roof deck, was put onto the library's

south-facing side along Essex Street in 1987 while an addition was being built, officials said.

But the area was never completed due to insufficient funding, leaving it largely unused for nearly three decades.

That may change in 2015, according to Memorial Hall Library Director Beth Mazin,

who hopes to see people enjoying the balcony later this year.

The balcony is listed as a Plant and Facilities general fund borrowing request in the town's Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2016, which starts July 1. The renovation is slated to cost \$181,000.

"We have been working

on getting this done for three years now," Mazin said. "Part of the impetus for building it is people want more outdoor space."

Library activity has steadily been increasing since fiscal 2012, when use of the facility grew by 17 percent, according

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Legal tobacco age upped from 18 to 21-plus

New regulations on sales take effect Feb. 1

By TIM LIMA
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Young smokers in Andover will soon have to look elsewhere to buy tobacco.

Starting Feb. 1, the legal age to buy cigarettes and other tobacco and nicotine products in town is increasing from 18 to 21.

New regulations approved by the Board of Health will also limit where tobacco can be sold in Andover.

"I think Andover has always been a progressive community as far as public health goes," Health Director Tom Carbone said last week. "The idea of looking to raise the minimum age of tobacco purchases is something that is based on statewide trends, and something that will come sooner or later, at least at a state level."

Andover joins more than 30 communities across the state in raising the legal tobacco purchasing age from 18. While some communities such as Newburyport and Watertown have increased the legal age to 19, others like Braintree, Malden, Melrose and Newton have upped the law to 21 in the past year.

Lawrence is currently weighing a proposal to restrict tobacco sales to those under 21 as well.

In November, David Proler, district manager of VERC Enterprises, which owns two of Andover's 14 tobacco licenses at gas stations on Lowell Street and

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Andover pride

Andover High School senior cheerleading captains, from left, Sophie Baird, Katie Rex and Taylor Burns pose for a photo during halftime of a recent game against Methuen. For more Andover High basketball coverage, see page 14.

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TOBACCO

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River Road, argued that raising the legal age to purchase tobacco by three years would have adverse implications for the community.

"This pushes the younger members of our community in different directions," he said. "Individuals who wish to purchase tobacco will find a means to purchase it."

Wanda Vidal, manager of the VERC West Andover and Dunkin' Donuts at the 139 River Road location, agreed when contacted last week.

"This will really hurt business," she said. "Many of our customers who buy tobacco are 18 to 20 years old, and now they'll just go to other towns. We're right next to Lawrence. They'll just go there to get it."

But the Board of Health pointed to the potential health benefits of increasing the age, with some officials arguing they believe restricting young people's access to tobacco will deter them from becoming smokers.

The new regulations will also prohibit the sale of tobacco within 500 feet of a school and restrict tobacco sales at health care institutions, including pharmacies and medical centers.

CVS, the only full-scale retail pharmacy in Andover, already eliminated tobacco sales at all of its stores as a corporate-wide policy last year. And there are currently no tobacco retailers within 500 feet of a school.

The number of tobacco sales permits will also be capped at the current total of 14 under the changes.

The new regulations are said to be a proactive step, rather than a reactive one.

At one of its first meetings on the idea in August, Assistant Health Director Joanne Martel cited a hookah lounge that sought to open in Andover early last year after the applicants saw that the town did not regulate their operation.

"We don't have a lot of the businesses and may not have a lot of these issues coming up, but they will," she said.

"Like the hookah lounge — they looked around to see who didn't have regulations, then they showed up. I think we need to be in the forefront again in the Merrimack Valley. We need to show that it can be done, because other communities have done it and it's where tobacco is going."

The hookah proposal was ultimately rejected by the town, and the Board of Health has since adopted a complete ban on hookah lounges in Andover. Methuen, meanwhile, has approved the operation of a hookah lounge.

Carbone said the Board of Health did not need Town Meeting approval to adopt the new health regulations.

Following a legal advertisement summarizing the changes last month, the regulations are now simply filed with the state Department of Environmental Protection and go into effect next month.

'Building Bridges' for MLK Jr. Unity Luncheon

Dr. Melinda Boone, the superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools, will be the keynote speaker for the eighth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Luncheon hosted by Andover Baptist Church.

The celebration commemorating the life of the civil rights leader will take place on the holiday named for him — Monday, Jan. 19, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the church at 7 Central St.

This year's theme is

"Rise Up! And Restore the Dream! Building Communities and Bridges Together," based on Dr. King's vision.

Denise Wynn, the church's publicity chairwoman, said that vision is more important than ever in light of the recent events of Ferguson/Columbine and in other communities that have been experiencing strife.

"We ask ourselves the question, 'How do we (Andover) build a

community where we all feel safe, heard and valued?'" Wynn said in an email publicizing the event.

The program will feature several spiritual leaders from local synagogues who will share their experiences. Local gospel artists will perform uplifting musical oratory tributes in honor of Dr. King as well.

The service will be followed by a "Southern soulful meal" in Andover Baptist's Fellowship Hall.

Town officials, including members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, have been invited.

There is no admission charge for either the program or luncheon. A free will offering, however, will be taken. The public is invited. To learn more, visit www.andover-baptist-church.org. To reserve a spot, email Wynn at Dwynnandoverbaptist@gmail.com.

SCHOOL

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The School Committee has up to 30 days to notify them of a vacancy. The law also says that selectmen and the School Committee must wait seven days before holding a joint meeting to appoint someone to the temporary post.

Murphy said state law says the two boards "shall" fill the position, but that the law has never been challenged in court.

Selectmen voted 5-0 Monday night to hold a joint meeting with the School Committee on Jan. 20 to discuss any action — or lack of action — taken by the School Committee at its Jan. 15 meeting.

If the School Committee decides to fill the position and notifies selectmen of the vacancy, then Selectmen would delay the Jan. 20 meeting until Jan. 26 — providing the seven-day waiting period as required by state law.

During that time, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski would advertise the position so that people in the community could apply for the opening. At a joint meeting on Jan. 26, the five selectmen and four School Committee members could then appoint a fifth member of the School Committee.

Selectman Mary O'Donoghue said the decision on whether to fill the position should be left in the hands of the School Committee without interference from selectmen.

"It's their board," she said, adding that bringing on a new person for just six weeks in the middle of the budget process may create more problems than it would solve. "Even someone with experience, jumping in with just six weeks to go ... I'd defer to the School Committee."

She added that given the difficulty of scheduling meetings, it was likely that a decision wouldn't be made until

early- or mid-February, leaving even less time for a new member to get up to speed on the complicated budget issues that will be before the committee at that time.

But Selectman Brian Major pushed for the Jan. 20 meeting, proposing a motion that was ultimately passed that would force the School Committee to meet with selectmen.

"You are making an assumption that the School Committee wants to fill that seat," O'Donoghue said.

Major said it was "the most critical part of the year with the budget and Town Meeting, which adds additional weight to fill that position."

Local resident Candace Martin of Rock O'Dundee Road agreed.

"You need a full board," she said. "The law says you 'shall' fill it. It's not up to an interpretation."

Robyn Grant, a resident of 10 Timothy Drive, said the schools need help, given last

month's abrupt, unexplained resignation of Andover High School Principal Christopher Lord and the poor results of the state's Coordinated Program Review, which found fault with the town's special education program as well as other standards.

"Over half of the standards were not met," said Grant, an educator in Lexington. "This is not the time to leave the School Committee without a full body."

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski agreed with Grant and Teichert that someone should probably serve on the committee during the gap between now and the March 24 election.

"Residents said they want full representation on the School Committee," he said. "Barbara (L'Italian) made her intentions known the second week in December. The School Committee knew about this and could have chosen to initiate discussion on this prior to Jan. 15."


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building and neighboring 3 1/3-story, timber-framed barn there were home to a number of manufacturing and industrial tenants, including Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company and Redman Card Company.

The barn became used by the tenants for various purposes, including as a drying shed and yard when Smith & Dove held ownership, according to town preservation records. Later, it served as stock storage, which would have been for raw flax plants before the hatching process. During the Redman Card Co. ownership, the building is listed as cork storage.

In recent years, both the mill and the barn had become vacant. It was the spring 2013 basement fire that finally sealed the barn's demolition fate as the structure was no longer safe.

That's when the town's Preservation Commission

group got involved. Because the barn was located in the Andover Village Industrial District, a historic district on the national register, the structure was eligible for preservation consideration before it was allowed to come down.

A one-year demolition delay was approved as the Preservation Commission hoped the structure, which included two working floors and 1 1/2 floors of loft space, might be bought and restored. That was not to be.

"This is standard and any time we ask for a one-year demolition delay, we hope for the best, but that's not always what happens," Preservation Commission Chairwoman Karen Herman said. "The historic value of mills is important, but saving them doesn't always work out."

But before the structure was demolished, the Cambridge-based Longleaf Lumber salvaged as much recyclable material as it could from the structure, which was good news to Herman.

"What this is, is preventing something of historical value from going to a landfill," she said. "Yes, I'm happy about this ... the wood was saved."

Disassembly with care

Built entirely from domestic softwoods, including hemlock, northern hard pine and eastern white pine, the barn's timber frame, joists, decking and floorboards were all salvageable, according to Longleaf owner Marc Poirier.

However, Poirier said the age of the structure coupled with the damage from the fire, which did considerable harm before it could be contained, made for tricky work for the salvagers.

The blaze charred both the inside and outside of the building, with the damage most acute in the southwest corner of the third story, where much of the sheathing and roofing was burned, the company reported.

First up for removal were the floorboards. Originally hand-nailed with cut nails, they were difficult to raise, as salvage workers tried not to crack or shatter the boards, Poirier said in a release.

"Despite our best efforts, the brittle boards proved challenging to reclaim — much of it cracked or split during the process," he said. "After being carefully removed from the building, all of the flooring was de-nailed on site, much of it by hand with hammer/crowbar."

Next up was the northern hard pine decking on the first floor and third floor landing. While the boards were easy to remove, Poirier said many of them were badly damaged from years of use, and some of them had even been spray-painted orange. But he said a majority of the boards can be re-milled to preserve the "incredible foot-worn patina."

The last pieces to leave the site were spruce floor joists. After being de-nailed, all of the timbers were shipped for re-milling to the company's mill in Berwick, Maine.

"The skeletal remains of the Abbot Mill were a testament to its simple and efficient construction; it was built to work and built to last. We're sad to see the building go, but glad to know that pieces of its history will live on in future uses," Poirier said in the release.


The exact future of the salvaged materials is not yet known. Ozzy Properties bought the Red Spring Road site a couple years ago and has been renovating the interior of the still-standing former brick mill building for future tenants. A restaurant has been cited as a potential tenant.

Poirier said a pizza eatery is being eyed for the location. Inside it, he said, the preserved eastern white pine floorboards from the barn would likely find new life as wall paneling, while the joists and decking could be recycled as counter or bar tops or repurposed as flooring.

Herman said while she knows nothing about a pizza restaurant planned at the site, she's just glad that historical wood will be preserved in it.

Meanwhile, next up for a demolition delay in town is a barn at 161 Lowell St. Herman said it's the oldest barn Andover and was featured on the Andover Historical Society's holiday house tour this past November.

"We always want to preserve, not demolish," she said of her group's mission. But, there are not yet any buyers for that barn either.



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Happy New Year! In 2014, we focused our newspaper communication on educating the community about Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill and our *Compassionate Journey* campaign to raise the funds for a new seven-suite wing expansion. I'm pleased and grateful to report that the goal of raising two million dollars was met. With the generosity of so many, we are continuing the journey as we offer support to patients and families in need of this advanced level of end-of-life care well into the future.

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Moving ahead in 2015, I look forward to sharing a variety of home health and hospice topics of interest and importance to your health, safety and security. I hope you'll follow along. Until next time.



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Winter challenge

Aggressive road treatments clear streets, but at expense to some public vehicles

By DOUG MOSER
Staff Writer

Winter in New England means roads coated with salt and chemical treatments to prevent ice from building up and snow from packing down. But newer liquid chemical treatments are highly corrosive to metals and can take a toll on public vehicles that are out for long periods of time in snowy weather and are very expensive to repair or replace.

At least one New England state, Connecticut, is studying the problem after several fire departments there reported accelerated corrosion on vehicle frames that required them to be pulled from service.

The Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation has not held any hearings on the issue.

Locally, several communities are making efforts to limit the damage caused by liquid treatments such as calcium chloride, which can be highly effective on the roads, but highly corrosive to vehicle parts like frames, body panels, fuel tanks and sometimes electronics systems. Several fire departments in New England have experienced cracked frames or accelerated corrosion on frames, requiring engines to be removed from service.

In the Merrimack Valley, public works and fire departments take corrosion into consideration when purchasing road treatments and developing a vehicle maintenance schedule. Several communities use liquid treatments such as calcium chloride or magnesium sparingly, if at all, to reduce corrosion.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, state vehicles use calcium chloride in low-salt areas and when the temperature is very low. Like salt, it breaks up ice and prevents it from sticking to pavement.

Magnesium chloride is a pre-treatment that also prevents ice from sticking and wets salt to ice and snow to prevent it from blowing away. Andover uses calcium

chloride on the roads and has had rust problems because of it, but stepped up its vehicle maintenance routine in response.

"We have had issues with accelerated corrosion due to calcium chloride on the roads," Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said. "But there needs to be a good preventative maintenance program in place that ensures washing the undercarriage of these trucks anytime you possibly can."

He said one problem they experienced is the treatment will mix with water and corrode electronic components, as well as outer metal surfaces.

Christopher Cronin, Andover's director of public works, said his department has stepped up washing efforts to ward off corrosion. But he sticks with calcium chloride or magnesium because of its effectiveness.

"The expectations are very high for road conditions," he said. "To achieve that, we're using a lot of salt or a lot of magnesium chloride. Chlorides are very aggressive on metals and causing corrosion, whether frames, bodies or electronics."

"It's a big challenge for us to achieve the level of service the public wants and keep the equipment clean after a storm."

Methuen uses old-fashioned salt, though that can be corrosive as well, said public works Director Patrick Bower.

"We try not to use too much of the liquid calcium chloride because that can be corrosive," said North Andover public works Director Bruce Thibodeau added.

The town instead uses a forestry by-product called Safe Melt as its front line, but as part of a regional consortium that purchases a range of road treatments it has some calcium chloride to use when needed.

Lawrence made the switch several years ago from calcium chloride to a liquid magnesium, public works director John Isensee said.

"We heard the calcium chloride was more corrosive, so we changed to magnesium," he said.

Lawrence Fire Chief John Marsh said his department washed undercarriages often in the past, but had to back off. The ice that the road treatment was being used to fight would coat the brake system and create other problems.

Marsh pulled a 1992 ladder truck out of service earlier this year due to corrosion, but said he was unsure whether age or the new liquid treatments was to blame.

Methuen Fire Chief Steven Buote said his department's trucks are pressure washed when they go into the shop for maintenance.

He had to take a 1997 pumper out of service in May when maintenance discovered a crack in the frame, though he said he did not suspect corrosion was a factor there.

"I think it failed due to age and fatigue," Buote said.

The Fire Department in Tewksbury pulled two engines out of service after severe corrosion was discovered or had damaged the frame. One, a 1999 pumper, was taken out of service in October 2013 because of cracked frame rails that Fire Chief Michael Hazel said were the result of corrosion. The second, a 2002 pumper, was pulled because of "excessive corrosion and rusting issues" that appeared in between the vehicle's annual inspections.

"I know that a lot of departments and DPWs are experiencing a lot of rapid rust and corrosion issues. It can be contributed back to the multitude of road salts and solutions put down in the wintertime," he said.

Burlington Fire Chief Steven Yetman said the town pulled a 2002 pumper from service in 2012 after corrosion was discovered in the electronics system.

"We sent it out for repair, and they said the more we look at it, the more problems we found," he said.

Mechanics found corrosion on the frame rails, as



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Town Yard mechanic David Van Dooren points out corrosion and rust on the undercarriage of the Andover Fire Department's Engine 4. The use of liquid calcium chloride to treat local roads before and during storms has caused corrosion problems on some municipal vehicles.

well. With one pumper due to be ordered at the time for the town's regular replacement schedule, Yetman said residents and officials had to decide whether to refurbish for about \$225,000, or replace for more than \$600,000 — in addition to their scheduled replacement. They opted to refurbish.

"It was a 10-year-old truck at the time," he said. "This hit us square in the face."

The town of Harvard currently is pursuing legal action against fire apparatus manufacturer Pierce after corrosion in between the double-frame expanded the metal and caused a 40-inch crack in a rail on its 1999 pumper. Pierce said the problem is corrosion due to lack of maintenance and road chemicals, but Harvard countered the frame is covered for life.

"It passed inspection last year, but when I went to have its annual maintenance, they found it immediately," Harvard Fire Chief Rick Sicard said.

While the town decides what to do and waits for its lawsuit to wind through the court, the Fire Department brought up a 1965 reserve engine into front-line use.

MassDOT press secretary Amanda Richards said highway salt and treatment spreaders are the most

vulnerable to corrosion.

"MassDOT is always monitoring and utilizing best practices when it comes to using the correct amount of deicer needed in order to protect the environment and control costs," she said. "MassDOT does use liquid deicers, weather sensors, closed loop spreader controls to ensure that over application does not occur. The best prevention is to wash the equipment."

In terms of time and budget, she said salt "is widely regarded as the most effective means of deicing highways," though MassDOT participates with other state departments of transportation to research other means of snow removal.

Several fire chiefs testified before a legislative committee in Connecticut earlier this year that liquid road treatments like calcium chloride or magnesium contributed to severe damage to even newer vehicles.

"What we found was that, specifically, our two fire engines purchased in '07 have experienced a much higher level of corrosion than we've seen before in any of our vehicles," said Mark Amatrudo, deputy fire chief in Wilton, Conn., which is near Stamford.

He said problems included rusting fuel tanks and frame

issues on vehicles with about 50,000 miles and less than seven years old. The life expectancy for fire vehicles is in the 20-year range, he said.

Jack Casner, who is fire chief in Cheshire, Conn., near Waterbury, and president of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, said the problem is a recent one.

"It seems to have gotten worse in the past five years," he said. "I don't know if it's the liquid calcium chloride or what. I'm not a chemist. But it seems it does (cause accelerated corrosion) because there's more corrosion damage now."

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Snowstorm parking rules in effect

Snowstorm parking procedures are now in place for the season.

There is no parking allowed on any streets in town during parking bans declared by the Andover Police Department. The only exceptions to the ban are public safety, public works and public utility vehicles.

Also, no vehicles may be parked or positioned at anytime in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal and sanding operations. Vehicles in 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

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Kathryn A. McCarthy, 90

LEXINGTON, MA — Kathryn A. McCarthy, Ph.D., 90, died December 24, 2014 at Brookhaven in Lexington. She was born in Andover, on August 7, 1924, daughter of Catherine (Barrett) and Joseph A. McCarthy. Her brother, Joseph A. McCarthy, Jr. and his wife, Marcella predeceased her. She is survived by her cousin, Claire McCarthy of Lawrence. Kathryn loved learning, science, especially physics, academia, and her students. She attended school in Andover, Tufts University, and Harvard University from which she received the Ph.D. in Engineering and Physics. Subsequently, she completed two years of postdoctoral studies. As an undergraduate she was elected to Sigma Xi and was the fourth member of her family to receive a degree from Tufts. She was associated with Tufts for more than 60 years, as a student, physics professor, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University Provost and Senior Vice President. She was Tufts' first female provost. For over 30 years, she was closely associated with Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was a board member and board chairperson. She was also a longterm member of the Board of Trustees of the College of the Holy Cross and Merrimack College. She received Honorary degrees from both colleges. She was one of the first women to serve on the Selection Committee for the Rhodes Scholars. Kathryn



also served on the boards of several companies. Kathryn established a scholarship fund for science students with leadership qualities. On her retirement, former students and friends established the Kathryn A. McCarthy Lecture in physics to recognize an outstanding woman physicist. Kathryn was a mentor, friend, and adviser to a generation of students and a strong advocate of women in science. She was a person of integrity.

ARRANGEMENTS: The funeral Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church, Lexington at a date to be determined. Please check www.keefeuneralhome.com for updated information. Contributions in Kathryn's memory may be made to the Brookhaven Employees Education Fund, 1010 Waltham St. Lexington, MA 02421, or to the Kathryn A. McCarthy Scholarship, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155. A reception will follow later at Brookhaven.

Russell Bradford Seamans, 101

April 11, 1913 — December 24, 2014

ANDOVER — Russell Bradford Seamans, age 101, a resident of Andover for 74 years, formerly of Tewksbury, passed away at home on Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Theresa (Bergeron) Seamans, who passed away on August 18, 1999, at which time they had been married for 59 years.

Born in Tewksbury on April 11, 1913, he was the son of the late Joseph H. Seamans and the late Annie Mae (Bradford) Seamans.

Russell was raised in Tewksbury. He attended Tewksbury schools and the Lowell Vocational High School.

As a young man, he worked his father's dairy farm until asthma forced a career change in 1948. Russell later worked for the C.D. Glennie Company and NEMPA. Following that, Russell worked as a Security Officer for the Raytheon Company at the West Andover facility until his retirement in 1975. In addition, Russell was proud of his 42 years as an Auxiliary Police Officer for the Town of Andover. "Rusty" as he was known, worked traffic and construction details well into his 70s.

He was a dedicated and lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Tewksbury,

where he served on numerous committees and assisted with many repair projects.

His survivors include a son, Paul J. Seamans and his wife, Jill of North Andover; a daughter, Janet A. Wallace and her husband, Norman of Andover; four grandchildren, Paul J. Seamans, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer of Atkinson, N.H., Scott D. Wallace, Erin W. Warren and her husband, William, Sarah B. Cooper and her husband, Jesse, all of Andover; three great-grandchildren, Andrew George and Emma Theresa Seamans, and Mason Russell Cooper; one sister, Marion Patch of Andover; a sister-in-law, Yvette Ouellette of Lowell; also many nieces and nephews.

Russell was predeceased by his sister, Edna Milnes and very dear friend, Laura Donner.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service celebrating his life will be held Tuesday, January 6, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St., Route 133, Tewksbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St., Tewksbury, MA 01876. Arrangements entrusted to Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, Tewksbury. www.farmeranddee.com.



Mrs. Claire J. (Saltzman) Syiek, 84 Years

June 14, 1930 — December 29, 2014

ANDOVER — Mrs. Claire J. (Saltzman) Syiek, a resident of Andover since 1967 and beloved wife of Alfred C. Syiek, passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on the 29th day of December 2014. She was 84-years-old.

Born in Lynn, Mass., on June 14, 1930, she was the beloved daughter of the late William E. and Hilda (Bartoletti) Saltzman. Claire was a proud graduate of the Somerville High School, Class of 1947, where she yearly attended reunions with her classmates. Her graduating class of 1949 from the Bentley School of Finance and Accounting (now Bentley University) was one of the first to matriculate women. Besides working in her field, Claire was a trained opera singer and sang in opera productions in Worcester and Boston. She shared her strong soprano voice at many weddings, church, and other events.

In 1955, Claire met her husband, Alfred (Fred) while commuting via train from Boston to Worcester; and so began a love affair that lasted 59 years. They were married in Worcester in January, 1956 and went on to raise a family in Wilmington and Andover. Besides her loving husband, Alfred, she is survived by her loving sister, Elaine J. Vaughan of Sun City, Fla., and her loving children, David A. Syiek and his wife, Cathy A. Nader-Syiek of Pittsburgh, Michael A. and his wife, Bronwyn Syiek of Hillsborough, Calif., Diane L. and her husband, Jeffrey W. Gwynne of North Andover, Linda J. and her husband, Larry L. Streb of Andover, and Paul A. and his wife, Cherie A. Syiek of Norcross, Ga. Claire adored her 16 grandchildren, Daniel, Samantha, Gregory, Sarah, Yuriy, Ben, Karly, Timothy, Lindsey, Tyler, Sean, Madelyn, Nick, Julie, Jessica and Luke; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Claire was a fierce proponent of the notion that each member of her family could independently find their way in the world and she



proudly shared their accomplishments.

Claire was a passionate gardener and spent endless hours in her backyard growing a shade garden. She shared her knowledge and her plants freely. She was a longtime member of the Andover Garden Club and an accredited flower show judge and also served as the Northern District Director of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. She ran many shows including the 2010 Topsfield Fair Flower Show and entered many arrangements over the years. Claire's other love was swimming. She swam laps at the Andover YMCA for many years where she made dear lifelong friends. She also was a kind and loyal neighbor.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Sunday, January 4, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held at St. Augustine Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Claire's memory can be made to the Senior Connections Program at the Andover Senior Center. Please make checks payable to the Town of Andover, The Center at Punchard, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810, noting "Senior Connections." For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Ruth Pope, 92

FOXFIRE, NC — Ruth Arlene Pope died Friday, December 26, 2014, at her home in Foxfire, N.C.

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 29, 2014, at McDonald's Chapel Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend Robert Whitehouse officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ruth was born in Lynn, the daughter of the late William H. and Catherine Himmelman Holden. She was the wife of the late Professor Clarence J. Pope. They resided in Andover for many years prior to his retirement. They had been married 55 years at the time of his death, in 1997. Ruth was a graduate of Bradford Academy and attended the University of Massachusetts. She danced for the Boston Ballet and did screen tests in Hollywood during WW II. Ruth also taught Cosmetology in Boston.

Ruth is survived by beloved son, James H. Pope, of Foxfire, N.C.



ARRANGEMENTS: The family will receive friends at Powell Funeral Home on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to McDonald's Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen, NC 28315.

Powell Funeral Home is assisting the Pope family.

Condolences: PinesFunerals.com.

Maurice Needham, 96

4/25/1918 — 01/03/2015

ANDOVER — Maurice E. Needham, of Andover, passed away on January 3, 2015, at the Veterans Hospital in Bedford. He was born on April 25, 1918 to the late Ernest and Susie (Howe) Needham. He was formerly from Medford and lived in Andover for 35 years. He was married for 68 years to the late Mary C. (Driscoll). He proudly served in the Navy on the USS Mugford and the USS San Francisco. He worked for H.P. Hood and Sons for over 26 years and belonged to the Quarter Century Club. We were blessed to have had him in our lives for as long as we did. We will remember him for his great sense of humor and his kindness to others. His love of family was the most important part of his life. He leaves behind a son, Maurice E. Needham Jr. and wife, Marjorie of Manchester, daughter, Barbara Morey and husband, the late Frank Morey of Andover; daughter, Joyce Rittershaus and husband, Frank of Andover; sister, Marjorie O'Brien of Daytona, Fla.; his loving 10 grandchildren, Gary

and Joanne Needham, Beth (Needham) and Michael Ross, Christine (Morey) and Michael Galatis, Laurie (Rittershaus) and Steve Martin, Denise (Morey) and Scott Carleton, Brian and Kristen Rittershaus, Frank and Suzy Morey, Cheryl (Rittershaus) and Michael Murnane, Michelle (Morey) and Joshua Nelken and 21 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ernest, Everett, Raymond and Edward Needham. He leaves several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service in the Cota Funeral Homes, 335 Park St., (corner of Park St. and Route 28), North Reading, at Reading line, on Saturday, January 10, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends may visit at the funeral home Saturday 9 to 11 a.m. Interment Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, Donations may be made in Maurice's name to the Professor Frank E. Morey Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Salem State University Foundation, 352 Lafayette St., Salem MA 01970. This scholarship will benefit a student pursuing a teaching degree. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

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Motivational talk for teens next week

St. Augustine Parish will welcome motivational speaker James Orrigo on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 6:45 p.m. at the church at 43 Essex St., Andover.

After suffering a life-threatening brain injury, Orrigo found his passion for using music to help others. His goal is to encourage people to pursue passion and service, and to realize the importance of making positive life choices.

His presentation, "Lifestyle Choices — A More Personal Conversation," is directed toward students in grades seven through 10, but all ages are welcome.

For more information, contact Bridget Rao at brao@staugustineparish.org or 978-475-0050, ext. 28, or visit Orrigo's website at <http://ladinabattle.wix.com/jamesorrigo>.

Amanda Richter, 54

August 15, 1960 — December 22, 2014

ANDOVER, MA — Amanda Richter, 54, of Andover, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 22, 2014, after a brief illness. Amanda was born in New York City on August 15, 1960, to the late Alex and Sonia Kirman.



Amanda earned her master's in Speech Language Pathology from Arizona State University in 1983, and moved to start her family in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1984, with her family moving to Andover in 1997. She most recently had worked as a speech language pathologist at Hill View Montessori Charter Public School in Haverhill, Mass., and before that, at Breen and Leahy Elementary schools within the Lawrence, Mass., Public School System. She was also working toward certification as a teacher of English as a second language. She was a loving mother to her own family and also opened her home to children from around the world through exchange stu-

dent programs and the Cherenobyl Children's Project. She was a dedicated friend and teacher and the embodiment of kindness and generosity.

Amanda was a one-of-a-kind person who chose to see the good in this world. Her friendship, humility and grace inspired those who knew her. She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Alan; their loving children, Daniel, Sonia, David, and Nicole, all of Andover; loving sister, Lucie Burke and brother-in-law, Richard Burke and their children, Skyler, Alex, and Eva, all of Marblehead, Mass.

ARRANGEMENTS: A small family service for Amanda was held on December 25th. A memorial service will be held at Temple Emanuel in Andover on January 13, 2015, at 3 p.m.

Donations in Amanda's memory may be made to the National Prion Surveillance Center at www.cjdsurveillance.com or Merrimack Valley Hospice House at www.merrimackvalleyhospice.org.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA AND BILL KIRK

Monday, Dec. 29 Arrest

Louis Baez, 22, of 199 Park St., Lawrence, was arrested at 11:37 a.m. at 145 River Road and charged on an outstanding warrant.

Incidents

The chef in the kitchen of the New England Business Park off Old River Road reported at 5:23 a.m. that someone broke in and stole the cash register at some point over the past four days.

Two men, ages 28 and 31, were suffering from what at first seemed like overdoses on Lowell Street about 8:57 p.m. They were taken to Lawrence General Hospital. Officer Joseph Davies reported that they were not, in fact, overdosing.

Police on patrol on Salem Street attempted to pull over a motor vehicle for speeding, but the driver took off and headed down Holt Road. Using information from the license plate, police went to the house the car was registered to and as they were waiting there,

the driver pulled up. He was issued a ticket for speeding, failure to stop for a police officer and reckless driving.

A criminal application was issued to a driver on Haverhill Street at 4:18 p.m. for operating after license suspension and operating an uninspected motor vehicle.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 Arrest

Ronda Gregoire, 55, of 62 Bergeron Drive, Arundel, Maine, was arrested on North Main Street at 12:03 p.m. on a warrant charge.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Arrests

Matthew Arena, 26, of 39 Dunshire Drive, North Chelmsford, and Robert Greene, 26, of 14 Ansie Road, Chelmsford, were arrested on River Road at approximately 10:45 a.m. and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Shannon Metcalfe, 24, of 7 Hardin St., Wilmington, was arrested on River Road at 4:32 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class E substance.

Robert Plunkett, 26, of 122

High St., North Attleboro, was arrested on River Road at 4:56 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Nicholas Kyle Marasco, 30, of 109 Burlington Ave., Wilmington, was arrested on River Road at 5:12 p.m. and charged with resisting arrest and possession of a Class A substance.

Incidents

A custodian at West Elementary School reported at 9:17 a.m. that a suspicious man was walking around the school. Officers reported that the man was just on a walk and was sent on his way.

A 911 caller reported a disoriented man, possibly on drugs, stumbling into traffic on Lowell Street. Officers located the man, and an ambulance was called.

A resident of Hansom Road called police at 9:54 p.m. after 30 kids arrived at his home, thinking he was having a party. Officers dispersed the kids.

Friday, Jan. 2 Incident

A caller from Sherbourne Street reported at 3:21 p.m.

that the roads were icy. The Highway Department reported that they had been treated.

Saturday, Jan. 3 Arrest

Eric Michaud, 25, of 10 Carleton St., basement apartment, Lawrence, was arrested on River Road at 1:09 p.m. on warrant charges.

Incident

A burglar alarm was triggered from the front door of an Orchard Crossing residence at 2:31 p.m. Police reported that it was an accidental alarm set off from the cat-sitter.

Sunday, Jan. 4 Incident

A caller from Roulston Circle reported at 5:13 p.m. that a "male driving a flat-bed truck" came to the door and asked if they needed their "trees worked on." When they told him no, the man asked the husband to come outside to look at the trees. They said no, and the man left, though police were asked to check the area anyway.

PATIO

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to circulation statistics. Mazin said it's often difficult to find a table during the library's peak hours.

"The roof deck would function like the beautiful rear patio, as an outdoor extension of the library, enabling patrons to enjoy fresh air and openness while they read a book, work on their laptop, drink a cup of coffee or meet with colleagues," she said.

Mazin credits the library's ongoing renovation projects over the past four years, as well as the addition of more working space for increased usage in recent years.

"The number of patrons using the library has increased dramatically, as renovations and removal of shelving have created more room for people to work in the library, rather than just grab materials and leave," she said.

Now, the library's seating

capacity totals 239, up from 175 before 2011. Roughly 7,000 people walk through the doors per week, around 100 per every hour that it's open.

Attendance at children's programs rose by 58 percent last year, and 25 percent more adult programs were offered in 2013 than were in 2012.

The finished balcony would add another 30 seats outdoors. It will feature a wooden pergola structure, motorized sun canopy, glass railing and lighting fixtures. It would include a wheelchair lift, electrical outlets for computer use and an integrated sun shield.

Bids for the project were received last month. Funding and the award of the contract are contingent on approval at Town Meeting in May.

If the project wins the endorsement of Town Meeting voters, construction would begin sometime after the start of the new fiscal year July 1. Library staff would hope to have the work largely completed by Oct. 15.

RETIRE

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"By doing so, he's doing the right thing for the town of Andover so we can have continuity in leadership," he said.

Brian Major, the longest-serving selectman on the board and one of Stapczynski's most ardent supporters, said it was with "mixed emotions that I receive this message. ... It's a tough message to hear."

He noted that working with Stapczynski over the last 21 years has been "an absolute treasure. You have compiled an extremely talented pool of leaders and department heads and boards and commissions. You have brought tremendous leadership and you are a phenomenal communicator."

Selectman Paul Salafia said Stapczynski "always did the right thing for the community. It's been a privilege to work with you all these years. Like Brian said, it's with mixed emotions. But when it's right, it's right."

Stapczynski received a standing ovation from the

board and members of the audience.

He said Human Resources Director Candace Hall has already put a report together outlining the steps that selectmen must take to start the process of filling the position.

It will likely include the hiring of an executive search firm, which will advertise the position, screen potential candidates and whittle the field down to a group of finalists for review by selectmen and possibly a search committee.

Selectmen will hold a meeting this Friday morning to go over the process.

For now, however, Stapczynski said he's still got a lot of work to do to get the annual town budget ready for Town Meeting in May, as well as other tasks on his plate.

"These next six months will be very important for the town," he said in his statement. "I will work with you to assist with a smooth and seamless transition."

He noted that the town "still has challenges ahead, and

based on the way we have dealt with them in the past, I know they will be successfully addressed in the future."

He said he was making the decision with "mixed emotions, but the time has come to pass the baton to the next generation of leaders in municipal management."

When asked what he planned on doing in his retirement, he said he wanted to spend more time with his wife, Sandy, and two sons, Stephen, 26, who lives in New York City, and Niko, 24, who lives in Allston.

Former state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, said Stapczynski represented the best that a public official could offer.

"As someone who's served on both the state and local level, he is the most honorable and honest person I've ever met in public service," said Finegold, who started his political career as a member of the Andover Board of Selectmen in 1995.

"In all those years, there was never a single scandal. Nobody

ever doubted his integrity. And whether you agreed or disagreed, he showed up and worked hard for the town of Andover."

He said Stapczynski's biggest accomplishment over the years was to improve — and maintain — the town's high bond rating of AAA.

"It's not sexy," Finegold said. "But we are one of the few communities that are AAA, which is due to his commitment to fiscal discipline."

A higher bond rating means lower interest rates for borrowing, which helps a community that borrows a lot of money for major projects.

"We borrow a lot of money, so everything helps," Finegold said. "It's a big deal to get a good bond rating."

Finegold remarked that he thought the writing was on the wall when Stapczynski's long-time executive assistant, Sandy Cassano, retired last fall.

"It was hard to imagine him being there without her," he said. "She was Robin and he was Batman."



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Andover Townsman

Firefighters union nets 5% raise Retroactive 3-year pact offers gains on both sides

By BILL KIRK

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The town's firefighters are enjoying retroactive raises worth 5 percent of their salaries over the last three years, thanks to a new contract signed in the last week of 2014 following 3 1/2 years of negotiations.

Under the new pact — which covers the three previous fiscal years — the 67 firefighters, including lieutenants and deputies, can expect retroactive pay increases of 1.5 percent for fiscal year 2012, 2 percent for 2013 and 1.5 percent for 2014, for a total of 5 percent over the term.

They will also receive checks for retroactive overtime payments they would have earned the last three years if their new salary levels had been in place.

According to Fire Chief Michael Mansfield, the new contract — signed Dec. 23 by Local 1658 of the International Association of Firefighters leadership and Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski — will cost taxpayers about \$370,000. The money was already set aside in this year's budget in anticipation of the contract settlement.

The cost is on top of the roughly \$7 million, including \$1.1 million in overtime, that the town pays out in salaries to its firefighters annually, Mansfield said.

Lengthy negotiations

While the ink may be barely dry on the contract, negotiations on a new pact are expected to begin soon.

The retroactive contract that was just signed extended only through June 30, 2014 and has already expired. Talks are expected to begin again this month.

Stapeczynski said it took so long to settle the contract for a variety of reasons. He said the town and union met for two years, holding a dozen or more meetings, and couldn't come to an agreement.

"We found we weren't making good progress so the union filed with the Joint Labor Management Committee," he said. The JLMC is a state agency under the Department of Labor and Workforce Development that works to "encourage the parties to collective bargaining disputes involving municipalities and their police officers and fire fighters to agree directly on the terms of such agreements or on a procedure to resolve these disputes."

The two sides met with the JLMC and in December 2013 made a significant breakthrough that the town thought may have led to a settlement.

"It turned out we needed a follow-up meeting," Stapeczynski said. "There were issues around the mutual aid language."

Stapeczynski, who has successfully negotiated more than a dozen municipal contracts in the last several years, said it's not unusual to have at least one contract outstanding.

"There's always one that takes longer," he said. "We had a police contract years ago that dragged on and on."

Mansfield said he hoped that future negotiations don't take as long.

"There are a lot of things the town is looking for to roll back on and firefighters are always looking to move forward," he said. "There's always give and take. With that, we are always trying to get to everybody to say 'yes.' It's quite a process."

Costs, benefits

The size of firefighters' retroactive overtime checks was unclear last week since calculations were still being made, Mansfield said. Three years' worth of raises and then overtime based on each raise has to be calculated to determine the size of each individual's check before the town accountant can issue the check. That will occur over the next couple of months, he said.

"There may be some sizable retroactive checks issued as a result of this, depending on how much overtime a person worked these last three years," Mansfield said. "Each person has to be calculated individually."

Both Stapeczynski and Mansfield said the newly signed contract held gains for both taxpayers and firefighters. The president of the firefighters' union, Eric Teichert, did not return numerous phone calls for comment.

One of the biggest savings for taxpayers, according to Mansfield, is that new hires will be allowed to cash in only 75 unused sick and vacation days upon retirement. Firefighters are now allowed to cash in up to 120 days when they retire, leaving them with payoffs worth thousands of dollars.

In addition, when payments are made for unused sick or

vacation leave, they will be valued based on the year they earned that time rather than based on the year they retire. This will save the town thousands of dollars from retiring firefighters as well, Stapeczynski said.

Meanwhile, firefighters will get a boost in their clothing allowance. Mansfield said firefighters previously received \$600 annually, coming in the form of two payments of \$300 each. Now, they will be getting \$1,000 a year, in payments of \$500 each.

"You can ruin a set of uniforms at one incident," Mansfield said. "They have to buy their own uniforms. And the money is there to maintain and dry clean."

The money also covers shoes and badges as well as other items of clothing. The clothing allowance for firefighters is now more in line with that of the police union, he said.

Stapeczynski said another major change is a clearer definition on military leave that more closely follows the language in the police contract and is expected to reduce the town's costs.

"It's more equitable for employees and the town," he said. "It saves money, but depends on how they are deployed."

Another achievement in the contract is the section on "mutual aid recall." This defines how firefighters are called back to service in the event of a major incident in another community. The union had challenged the town's handling of the practice in the past, and a case was pending in appeals court.

The new contract and memorandum of understanding that goes along with it eliminates any further court action and creates a clearer process for calling firefighters in during mutual aid incidents.

"This is a win-win for the town and the union because the case is resolved and not going forward," Stapeczynski said. "This is a way to resolve it."



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Andover Town Offices employees, from left, Jen Lawlor, Kim Stamas and Sophie Stahley present holiday gift baskets for delivery to Home Care, Inc.'s homebound clients to Home Health Foundation president and CEO John Albert, vice president Meg Hogan, and HomeCare, Inc. vice president Theresa Petrie.

Town Offices staff cheer homebound with holiday gift baskets

Every department in the Andover Town Offices helped spread some holiday cheer this past season with donations of gift baskets to area residents who are homebound and in need.

All of the town employees participated in the gesture of goodwill by teaming together to create the cheerful baskets that were then delivered by the staff of HomeCare, Inc. to their clients throughout

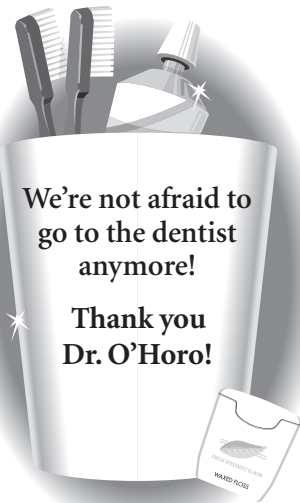
Greater Lawrence. "This is a wonderful gift of community kindness and we are so grateful for the outpouring of support for our community at this time of year and all year long," Theresa Petrie, vice president of HomeCare, Inc., one of Home Health Foundation's nonprofit agencies, said in a release.

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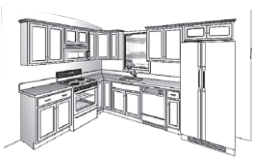
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Education

Bookstore delivers gift of reading

Andover Bookstore is closing the chapter on its second annual book drive that helped expand the reading horizons for local children over the holidays.

The book drive was initiated last year by bookseller Meg Wasmer as a way to help get books into the hands of young readers and yielded more than 100 page-turners in the inaugural 2013 season.

The goal this past season was to double the amount of donations to the Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence for distribution to local children. Wasmer got the staff of the bookstore in downtown Andover on board, and they worked together to spread the word to the shop's



Hundreds of area children were lucky enough to unwrap books this holiday season thanks to a successful collection drive at Andover Bookstore.

COURTESY PHOTO

loyal customers.

As a result of everyone's efforts and generosity, donations tripled last year's numbers. The week before Christmas, a Lazarus House volunteer picked up 350 books to give at the holidays. But the drive didn't

end there, with another 80-plus books collected through Christmas Eve that were dropped off to Lazarus House right before New Year's Day.

The success of the book drive has inspired the staff at Andover Bookstore to

seek to make it an annual holiday event. With the community's help, they hope to surpass each year's totals and continue assisting the Lazarus House Ministries in enriching as many children's lives as possible through books.

Phillips hosting student fairs

Although it will be a few months yet before winter gives way to spring, middle school and high school students can get a jump on their summer plans by attending the Summer Opportunities Fair, which will take place in the Smith Center off Route 28 near Salem Street on the Phillips Academy campus.

This fair gives middle school and high school students and their families the chance to meet with representatives from more than 100 local, national and international summer programs. A wide range of programs will be represented at the fair, including those that focus on academics, language study, community service, camps, sports, arts, research, internships, outdoor adventure, and international travel. Additional information, including student testimonials, can be found on the Summer Opportunities website at www.andover.edu/summerops/fair.htm.

Later, the Gap Year Fair will give older students and their parents a chance to explore programs designed for graduating seniors interested in taking a year off between high school and college. This event, to be held in Kemper Auditorium, located in the Elson Art Center on Chapel Avenue on the Phillips campus, is sponsored by USA Gap Year Programs, which holds 30 such fairs across the country each year.

The popularity of gap

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■ **Summer Opportunities Fair:** Contact fair co-chairwomen Denise Bordonaro or Janet Nork at Summerfairpa@gmail.com

■ **Gap Year Fair:** Contact Aya Murata at amurata@andover.edu

years is growing at an exponential rate in the U.S., fair organizers say. High school graduates often use gap years to pursue other experiences before going off to college. Each year, about 10 to 15 Phillips Academy graduates defer college for a year to take advantage of such an experience.

Representatives from nearly 40 reputable gap year organizations that focus on education, service and personal growth will be on hand at the fair to meet with high-schoolers and their parents.

The featured speaker will be Jane Sarouhan, a counselor at the Center for Interim Programs in Northampton. She will discuss the gap year experience as well as the application process and the logistics of deferring college for a year.

Additional information about the fair can be found on the USA Gap Year Fairs website at <http://usagapyearfairs.org/fair/andover-ma/>. For more information about gap years in general, or to read testimonials from Phillips Academy students, go to the PA Gap Year website at www.andover.edu/Academics/

Art party bakes up Wicked Good Cookies by kids, for kids

The children of shoppers at the Whole Foods Market in Andover recently created works of art that were turned into edible cookies that not only tasted good, but benefited children battling illnesses.

The initiative was a cooperative effort between the Kidz b Kidz charity, the Massachusetts-based Wicked Good Cookies and Whole Foods.

Children attending a Kidz b Kidz art party at the market created imaginative drawings that were then used as designs for cookies,

Kidz b Kidz and Wicked Good Cookies then sell the custom-printed cookies in the bakery departments at Whole Foods markets across New England, with 60 percent of the profits going to help cure "wicked bad" illnesses, by supporting pediatric medical research and Usher Syndrome research.

The nonprofit Kidz b Kidz aims to teach children about empathy, empowerment and the importance of helping others simply by drawing a picture. It holds KbK art parties at Whole Foods markets as well as schools, hospitals and other venues. The initiative hopes to transform children, both healthy and sick, through the universal language of art.

The Bolston-based Wicked Good Cookies is a family business known for baking with all-natural ingredients. It creates the art cookies with a patented printer that "sprays" a child's drawing directly onto the surface of a frosted sugar cookie using natural vegetable dyes.

To learn more, visit www.kidzbkidz.org, www.wickedgoodcookies.com or www.wholefoodmarket.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

A young girl shows off her cookie design at the Kidz b Kidz art party at Whole Foods Market in Andover.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Cascade Effect in play for First Tech Challenge

Andover High School's Robotics Club will welcome 12 teams from New England

this weekend to compete in a First Tech Challenge qualifier competition.

First Tech Challenge is a program that allows students to learn about robotics while also driving the principles

of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education.

Teams compete in a cooperative challenge using robots that they have designed, built and programmed. Each year,

a new game is revealed for the competitions. This year's game is titled Cascade Effect.

The event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

The community is welcome to attend and witness what organizers say will be an educational, yet interesting activity. Admission is free.

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Opinion

Next 6 months of utmost significance for Andover

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski's announcement this week that he will end his career as Andover's town manager in June, after 25 years at the helm, is significant on many levels.

Under Stapczynski, the town entered the new millennium and, by all accounts, has made significant strides since the 67-year-old town manager made the move to Andover in 1990.

Stapczynski arrived here from Wilmington, where he had served as town manager for the previous 9 1/2 years and before that its assistant town manager.

He continued that steadfast loyalty to a community — and then some — in Andover, where he not only worked, but he and wife, Sandy, lived and raised their two sons.

Stapczynski may not have been a native of Andover, but his respect for the town and its residents has always been genuine.

The town manager has not been without his critics. But no one can spend 25 years in a job — especially one in the public sector — and not encounter some foes. But few can probably argue that Stapczynski did not operate under the principles of fighting for what he thought was right and best for Andover. And for that he deserves the town's respect and appreciation.

There will be much looking back these next six months during Stapczynski's final weeks on the job, with plenty of time to recount the town manager's achievements and perhaps even some missteps.

But most immediately, the town must act quickly to look ahead. Selectmen Chairman Daniel Kowalski thanked Stapczynski for providing his board with six months' notice of his planned departure so officials can launch a comprehensive search for his replacement.

Six months may seem like more than enough time to compete the process, but the truth of the matter is it's not.

Given what's at stake, time is of the essence.

We applaud selectmen for scheduling a meeting for Friday morning to begin reviewing the process for finding Stapczynski's successor.

The task of choosing the town's hired manager is perhaps the single most important responsibility that the selectmen are charged with. The fact that this responsibility has not come into play for a quarter-century makes it even more crucial.

An executive search firm will likely be hired to solicit candidates and identify finalists. A dedicated search committee, as suggested, that can work to review those finalists and help guide selectmen in reaching a decision would be a wise move as well. The outcome is too important to not seek out the involvement of as many trained professionals and the opinions of as many townspeople from different sectors as possible.

We would also suggest that the selectmen use this opportunity to consider their expectations for the town's next manager and the issues they believe will be most integral for the community in the next five to 10 year.

It may also be useful to review the manager's role as written in Andover's town charter. Of particular importance are areas of authority — of the selectmen versus the town manager. While alterations to those particulars would likely require a charter change and approval of Town Meeting, it would be much easier to tinker with job descriptions and make adjustments over who controls what before a new manager takes over.

These next six months stand to be among the most pivotal for Andover in recent years, perhaps even in the 21st century. We urge town officials and residents to approach them with an open mind and with complete understanding of the significance this period of transition stands to hold for the future of Andover.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Newly elected state Sen. Barbara L'Italien's departure from the School Committee creates a temporary vacancy on the board. Should the School Committee and Board of Selectmen meet to jointly appoint someone to fill L'Italien's spot until the March 24 town election?

YES. This is an important time for municipalities with the start of budget season and prepping articles for Town Meeting. The School Committee should have its full, five-member complement during this period.

NO. The temporary appointment would serve, at most, less than two months in the role. It's unrealistic to think anyone could get up to speed and make any difference in that amount of time, before voters choose a permanent replacement in the March election.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

It's that time of year again, where we pledge to make a change or incorporate something new in our lives. Will you embrace the tradition and make your own new year's resolution?

NO. Resolutions place unrealistic expectations on ourselves and often set people up for failure. I'll skip the rite in favor of living my life the best I can. **67 percent.**

YES. Resolutions are more about taking stock of one's life and setting some priorities or boundaries. I think they are a positive way to start the new year and I'll be making my own. **33 percent.**

PAYING THEIR RESPECTS



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Several Andover police officers traveled to New York City last Sunday to attend the funeral of NYPD officer Wenjian Liu, who was murdered late last year in the line of duty. Making the trip were, from left, patrolmen Jeffrey Arleque and Owen Fitzpatrick, Sgt. Chad Cooper, patrolmen Sean O'Day and Joseph Davies, Sgt. Frank Fitzpatrick and patrolmen Michael Anderson and Eliot Segal. Also attending, but not pictured, were K-9 officer Michael "Mickey" Connor with K-9 Grimm and patrolman Kyle Kiberd. The officers either volunteered their time or took vacation time to support and comfort their brethren and officer Liu's family.

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The assault on Andover residents unfair

Editor, Townsman:

If readers were to review copies of the Townsman over the past several months, they'd witness a recurring theme that shows Andover residents standing up and fighting to preserve the integrity of their neighborhoods and the character of their town. The challenges have included dormitories, a pipeline and high-density assisted-living facilities in residential neighborhoods.

Sadly, the very people who are rising up to defend where they live are the ones being maligned as NIMBYs, vandals and heartless toward older members of the community. As an individual who generously volunteers his time for Andover land conservation, as well as deals with the care of elderly parents, I find the accusations nothing more than a sad ruse by groups and individuals who will benefit financially from exploiting our town.

That the people of Andover must fight is the true tragedy and brings into question whether Andover is actually a town that cares about preserving its character and willingly comes to the defense of its own residents. Who is rallying to support the Andover citizens taking up these fights? That's a good question because I haven't seen much support from the town in our newest battle: the proposed assisted-living facility on Elm Street.

The situation on Elm Street, where a proposed and massive 80,000-plus-square-foot facility would be allowed in a residential neighborhood, is unfathomable. Why? Because its passage puts every single neighborhood in Andover at risk. The reason? Special permits and clauses in zoning that currently allow this travesty have gone awry and created a loophole that enables outside interests to decimate residential neighborhoods. It doesn't matter where you live. Of course, those benefiting are spending their time denigrating those of us who are not only raising our children here,

but also working to make Andover a better place.

The issue on Elm Street is not a neighborhood issue; it's an Andover issue. The time is now for everyone in this town, including public leaders and residents, to recognize that destroying residential neighborhoods to serve special interests is the fast path to undermining the great community that we've all had a part in building.

ROB CIAMPA
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Residents deserve better treatment

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to thank the Planning Board members for all the time they spend for the benefit of residents, I'm sure it's massive, and wish them a Happy New Year. However, is it going to be a happy new year for the residents in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood? Are we going to face a \$30,000 to \$50,000 loss in value of our property to satisfy the financial pockets of outsiders against the needs and wants of Andover residents? Why?

You heard, listening to the corporate sales pitch, they are gone in five years and they don't care, nor do they have any control over, the building of the apartments they are very cleverly using to dupe you to vote for their plan. We have given you mounds of information, (technical, legal, conservation, personal, master plan) to allow you to give it a "no" vote without any hesitation at all, but, somehow, meeting after meeting, I have always walked away

with the feeling of a fait accompli.

You should be personally offended by Mr. Tye tossing you "a bone" at the last meeting when he told you they are going to lower their rates for a few more people. Here's my suggestion, since Mr. Tye is concerned about lowering rates for more people. Tell him "NO" and suggest he move his plan a mile or two north of Andover where he can save his company a couple of million in building costs and, at the same time, lower his rates substantially for all of us.

Like myself, many of my neighbors have paid taxes faithfully in Andover for 20 to 40 years and should not be subjected to a "real dollar" loss of their property to satisfy someone trying to meet their corporate quota. I urge you to picture this in your neighborhood, outside your windows. Now, how would you vote?

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Results of state's review of schools 'appalling'

Editor, Townsman,

In Tim Lima's article, "State: Town falls short in special ed, Report finds district didn't meet 45 criteria, 24 of which were in special needs category" (Townsman, Jan. 1), I was concerned by this seemingly high number and needed to fully understand the context. I went to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website and compared Andover's "partially implemented" category with other towns. "Partial implementation" is a serious concern and the state requires a corrective action plan to be filed by the district and implemented as soon as possible.

I looked at 24 schools that Andover compares itself to in per-pupil spending, such as Bedford, five corrective actions; Lexington, two corrective actions; Acton-Boxborough, seven corrective actions; and Belmont, two corrective actions. Andover was cited for 45 corrective actions and the only town that rose in number of corrective actions since the previous review by the

state. In fact, Andover had dramatically risen from 13 to 45 corrective actions. I then examined towns in Essex County to compare Andover's numbers. I found that out of 28 towns, such as Methuen, 18 corrective actions; North Andover, 16 corrective actions; and Middleton, 16 corrective actions, that Andover, with 45 corrective actions, ranked second highest in Essex County. DESE is a state agency charged with assessing all towns every six years by the same criteria; how is it that Andover's noncompliance has grown so substantially?

Compliance is important. Noncompliance has serious consequences for all students. In the article, Mr. Lima cited 24 special needs categories requiring corrective action. This is especially concerning as such a vulnerable population is served under the special needs category. Andover was found deficient in student evaluations, progress reporting, timelines, IEP development, staff training and team meeting participants. All of these vital categories are protected by the law and that is why corrective action is now required by the state.

In fiscal year 2009, the school's legal costs were \$179,000 and have continued to grow each year until fiscal year 2013 recorded \$533,000 for legal services. Is this increase in legal costs directly connected to the lack of adherence to the law as supported by the state's findings?

These numbers are not anecdotal; they are derived from an unbiased state agency's report and they are appalling. DESE determined that Andover needed to be held accountable in adhering to the law and propose immediate changes. At the December School Committee meeting, a member asked, "What if we don't comply with the DESE report?" The question needs to be, "Why have we NOT complied with the law?" The state is holding the School Department accountable; why is the School Committee not doing the same?

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TownsBeat

Freeze frame

The calm before the chill

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A deep freeze moved into Andover Monday night as the wind swirled and winter firmly settled in.

As temperatures dipped, so did the activity on the sidewalks and pathways around town.

The fading sun seemed to signal more frosty days to come.

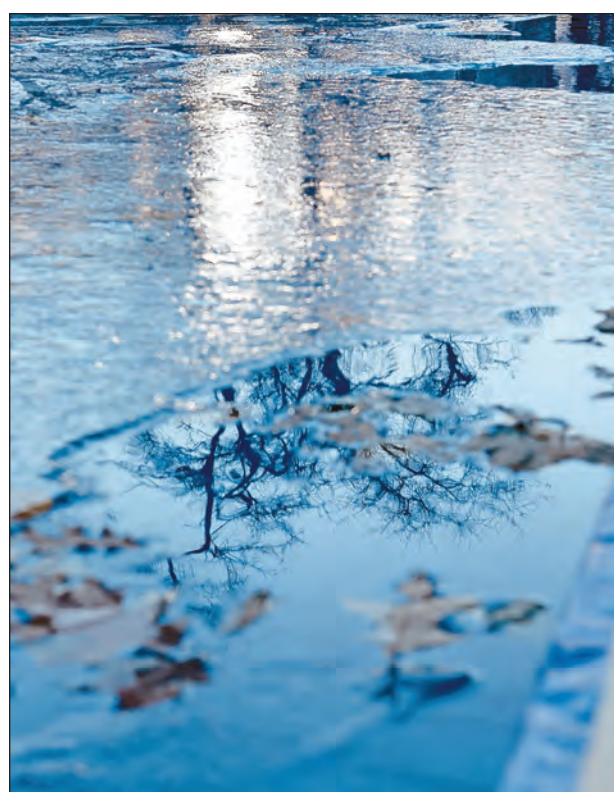


A pedestrian makes her way across Central Street on Monday as the setting sun gives way to falling temperatures.



Two deer look out from a yard on Shawsheen Road as a dusting of snow from Saturday night's storm still covers the ground.

A twiggy tree reflects in the partially frozen water littered with leaves of what skaters are hoping will soon become the rink at the Town Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets.



WHEELS OF CHANGE

Former Andover resident Kirstin Heinrich biked up to 75 miles a day to prepare for her most recent trek.



Nonprofit Bike and Build's event renamed to honor late director with Andover ties

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Former Andover resident Kirstin Heinrich spent New Year's Day in South Florida, honoring the memory of Chris Webber, the late program director for the nonprofit Bike and Build who once lived and went to school in Andover.

She also was working up a sweat to help Habitat for Humanity, the organization that benefits from Bike and Build's efforts to raise money for and awareness about the need for affordable housing. "We spent five days pedaling from Orlando to Fort Lauderdale, spending one day building on a construction site and raising money to fund affordable housing projects," Heinrich said of the trek that spanned Dec. 28 to Jan. 2.

In honor of its former program director, this year's event was renamed the Chris

Webber Memorial Ride. "Chris would have been riding, as he was passionate about this," said Heinrich, 24, a 2008 Andover High School graduate who recently earned her master's degree in public health from Columbia University in New York. Webber, a former Andover resident and Pike School student, died March 3, 2007, at the age of 25 in a pedestrian accident in New York City.

An avid cyclist, he organized bicycle tours for college students across the United States to raise money for affordable housing projects and to introduce riders to the housing needs in American communities.

Heinrich, now a resident of Hoboken, N.J., who formerly played basketball at AHS and rowed for Greater Lawrence Rowing, shares the late Webber's passion for the cause. Leading up to this year's ride, she trained by biking 75 miles a day.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Andover High School graduate Kirstin Heinrich spent Dec. 28 to Jan. 2 raising money for affordable housing by participating in the Chris Webber Memorial Ride named after a late cyclist with ties to Andover.

Last year, she spent nearly three months pedaling across the southern United States to raise money for Bike and Build. Her journey began in mid-May and she biked more than 4,000 miles over the course of 79 days, earning \$4,500 for the organization.

"Having lived in New Orleans post-Katrina, I saw that we cannot forget that many of these (affordable housing) needs exist within our own country," she said.

If you would like to donate, go to <http://bikeandbuild.org/rider/7197>.

Andover mother joins nonprofit narcolepsy board

Andover's Kimberly D. Gordon Gow said in a release. "We are thrilled that she has accepted our appointment to a true leadership role with the agency. Her energy, focus and dedication are sure to help guide WUN in our mission to improve the lives of people everywhere living with narcolepsy."



Kim Grady

Monica Gow, executive director and co-founder of Wake Up Narcolepsy, said as mothers of teenagers with narcolepsy, she and Grady share many of the same parenting challenges. "Kim joins a board composed of individuals with outstanding professional credentials and commitment. And we are privileged that every member, like Kim, brings a level of credibility honed by either living with the disease itself or living side-by-side with a loved one struggling with the disorder," Monica Gow said in the release.

Narcolepsy affects some 200,000 Americans and millions of people worldwide. The disorder is characterized by excessive daytime sleepiness and other disabling symptoms, including cataplexy, present in about 60 percent of patients. Cataplexy is the brief loss of muscle control or complete physical collapse, usually triggered by a strong emotion, such as laughter or surprise.

According to the organization, while treatment is available, life with narcolepsy is never normal. There is no cure.

To learn more, visit www.wakeupnarcolepsy.org.



PATRICK O'CONNOR/Courtesy photo
Sarah Freiberg



ANTONIO PULSONE/Courtesy photo
Colleen McGary-Smith

Tutti Bassi cello duo warms up Sunday

Tutti Bassi: Two Cellists Go For Baroque comes to Memorial Hall Library for an afternoon concert this Sunday, Jan. 11, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Cellists Sarah Freiberg and Colleen McGary-Smith are both seasoned performers with the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston.

Freiberg has also performed with early music groups throughout the country and teaches in the

Historical Performance program at Boston University. McGary-Smith performs with Boston Baroque and freelances on both modern and baroque cello as well as viola da gamba.

Their program will take listeners on a fascinating and fun musical tour of 18th century Europe.

The free concert is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. For more information, call 978-623-8401 or visit www.mhl.org.

Ward Winter Fun Day readies to slide into motion Jan. 25

The Trustees of Reservations are once again welcoming the public to discover and explore Ward Reservation in Andover and North Andover during Ward Winter Fun Day on Sunday, Jan. 25, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Trustees, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee and Friends of North Andover Trails, hosts the favorite community event every year.

Both newcomers and regulars to the park are invited to enjoy a variety of guided hikes throughout the property as well as refreshments by a roaring fire.

And, if Mother Nature happens to provide a winter wonderland, it's the perfect place to try out those cross-country skis, snowshoes or sleds that were received at the holidays.

The schedule of events includes:

- 12:30 p.m.: Guided



FILE PHOTO
Amy Rolfs of Andover and her son, Liam, 2, sled down the hill during last year's Winter Fun Day at Ward Reservation in Andover. This year's event, co-sponsored by the Andover Trails Committee and Friends of North Andover Trails, is set for Sunday, Jan. 25.

hike to Boston Hill, 3 miles, 1 1/2 hours

- 1 p.m.: Guided hike to the Judy Trail, 3 miles, 1 1/2 hours
- Periodic guided hikes around Holt Hill and the bog, 1 mile, half-hour

The Ward Reservation is called an emerald quilt of fields, forests and uplands, stitched together from more than 40 distinct parcels across two Merrimack Valley communities. Trails link three major

hills — Shrub, Boston and Holt. The "Solstice Stones" on Holt Hill assist in determining one's sense of place.

Some of the 14 miles of trails are also part of the Bay Circuit Trail, a regional greenway linking the North Shore and South Shore.

Admission to the property and for all the Winter Fun Day activities are free. The event goes off with or without snow.

Parking is available at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, in Andover. Signs will direct people to the activities.

For more information on Ward Winter Fun Day, call Adam Rolfs at 978-886-5297 or email arolfs@ttor.org. For more on winter seasonal activities on Trustees of Reservations properties throughout the region, visit www.thetrustees.org/about-us/press-room/press-releases/embrace-winter.html.

Civil Conversations Project up for discussion

The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters continues its series on civility with a discussion of podcasts from the Civil Conversations Project on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Krista Tippett's Civil Conversations Project is a series of podcasts, live events and online resources for beginning new conversations in public life at every level.

Tippett says she draws out voices of wisdom, poetry and practicality that model a new kind of conversation and relationship and offer ideas and tools for healing today's fractured civic spaces.

Next week's discussion on the public radio series will be co-led

by Rev. Mark Seifried, interim pastor at West Parish Church in Andover, and Dr. Suetta Tenney, an Andover physician and member of West Parish.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to listen to two podcasts beforehand. Links to both can be found at www.lwv-andovers.org.

The first podcast is titled "Living Beyond Life and Choice" by Francis Kissling, a longtime activist on abortion who has devoted her energy in recent years to real relationship and new conversations across the issue.

The second podcast, "Civility, History and Hope," is by Vincent Harding, a civil rights leader who wrote speeches for Martin Luther King Jr. and was

one of his closest friends. Harding is teaching new generations about the lessons of King's time and how they can be used to repair divisions in America today.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, issues-oriented organization of women and men that encourages informed and active participation in government. The organization does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

Space is limited for next week's program. To reserve a spot, register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. For more information on the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, visit www.lwv-andovers.org.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Start the New Year off with these fun programs at Memorial Hall Library:

Downton Abbey Tea Party, Friday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. Wear your costumes and enjoy tea and treats with the MHL staff.

From Backroom to Boardroom: The Past, Present and Future of Women in Business, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Dr. Debra Michals, historian and instructor of Women's and Gender Studies at Merrimack College in North Andover, will discuss issues facing women in business. The event is sponsored by Quota International of Andover and the library.

Plan a Dream Vacation to America's National Parks, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Amateur photographer Ron Wybranowski of North Andover will share photographs and experiences from his many extended photography trips, along with helpful tips for planning a visit to America's national parks. The hour-long presentation will feature iconic images as well as little known-locations for capturing the beauty and grandeur of some of the nation's treasured properties. A question-and-answer

session will be included. To view Wybranowski's photos, visit www.ronwybranowski.com.

Pub Trivia Night, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall Library librarians will run the program at Andolini's Restaurant, 19 Essex St., Andover, with questions to test players' knowledge of popular culture and events, sports, literature, science and more. The winner will receive a prize, courtesy of Andolini's.

Friends Winter Book Sale, Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., preview night, admission \$20, free for current Friends members; Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., regular sale; Sunday, Jan. 25, 1 to 4:30 p.m., fill the bag sale; teachers invited after 3 p.m. to collect unsold books for their classrooms.

With the exception of Pub Trivia, all programs are held at Memorial Hall Library and sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



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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:

100 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1915
John Waldron, age 5, of 87 Abbott St., Lawrence, was hit by an auto driven by Fred Adams of Lupine Road, this town, at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The youth was hanging on a sleigh and then ran out into the road in front of the auto, so Mr. Adams reported to the police. He was then hit by the right front mudguard and knocked down. Both he and Mr. Adams walked to the boy's home. The boy was not seriously hurt.

The harvesting of the local ice crop is going on. Mr. Harwood is getting in the ice for the Ballardvale Spring Water company and the People's Ice Company commenced cutting its ice today at Poms Pond.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 4, 1940
Phillips Inn became Andover Inn on Monday when the management of the well-known hostelry on Chapel Avenue was taken over by the Treadway Hotel interests following the retirement of John Stewart after a long period of service. The Trustees of Phillips Academy still hold the title to the property, but the operation of the inn has been assumed by the Treadway group of hotels.

From a column called Ski Tales by "Skeezix:" "Northern heights sure attracted localities to North Conway and nearby towns over the

weekend, perhaps because on of the principles of good skiing is good timing. ... One couple who seemed to be floating on air proved to be the newly engaged Helen Foster and Jimmy Scobie. ... Harold and Arlene Rutter, Bill Mahoney, Ben and Virginia Batcheller, Doris Anderson and Alden Taylor Jr. were also making merry over this sport that is causing me so many aches"

50 Years Ago

Jan. 1965
Manager Richard Bowen is considering moving the town's welfare office out of Town Hall to provide "critically needed" additional space for the Police Department. As a stop-gap measure (until either a new town building or a new police station is provided), the move could be a relatively inexpensive solution, according to Bowen. State and federal

government reimbursements available for facilities could keep the monthly cost to as low as \$60, he said.

Mrs. Susanne S. Purdon, widow of the late Col. Frank L. Purdon, has made a gift to the Andover Village Improvement Society of 5 acres of land situated to the rear of her home at 65 Central St. According to Harold R. Rafton, chairman of the AVIS Land Committee, the gift property is an attractive wooded area, which has been retained in its natural state for a number of years. Rafton points out that the land was formerly known as Webster Hollow because Webster is reputed to have spoken there.

25 Years Ago

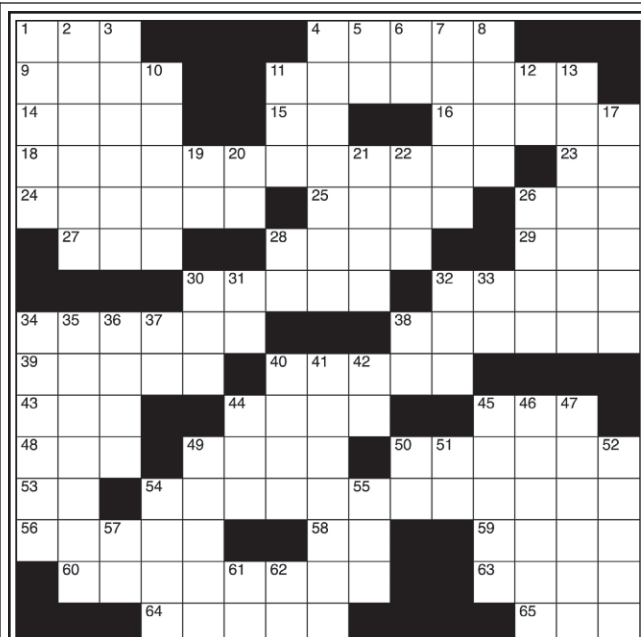
Jan. 4, 1990
The MOOSE-A-LLA-NEOUS gift store on Main Street is closing its doors. Co-owner Joyce Witover

says lack of parking downtown is a factor in her decision. "Business has been lousy for a long time. Parking has been a major problem here," she said last week.

John Doyle, of 40 Reservation Road, has taken out papers to challenge incumbent Town Moderator James Doherty for that one-year

position. This will be Mr. Doyle's third run for moderator. Selectman Williams Downs said last week he will seek re-election to another three-year term.

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



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Mandela's party
4. Gives up territory
9. Yellow edible Indian fruit
11. Storefront coverings
14. King of Huns
15. Atomic #18
16. Jive talk for ignored
18. D. Tartt's third novel
23. Three-toed sloth
24. Gained through effort
25. Macaw's genus
26. Helps little firms
27. A large group of pheasants
28. Baby bed
29. English dictionary (abbr.)
30. Yellow-fever mosquitos
32. Liquify
34. Add a supplement

38. Insistence on traditional correctness
39. Milk, butter & cheese
40. = to 10 amperes
43. Mined mineral
44. Greek god of war
45. Don't know when yet
48. Fellow
49. Detailed criteria for a piece of work
50. Special Spanish dish
53. Atomic #46
54. CBS This Morning hostess
56. Rubber tree genus
58. Pa's partner
59. A tiny bubble in glass
60. Lost light
63. Surface boundary
64. Islands
65. = to 1/100 yen

CLUES DOWN

1. Subside in intensity
2. ___ Hale, Am. revolutionary
3. Leafstalk herbaceous plant
4. Price of a ride
5. 1/2 an em
6. Execute or perform
7. Narrative poems
8. Breathe deeply and heavily
10. 1/40 inch button measure
11. Morally reprehensible person
12. For instance
13. Members of U.S. Navy
17. Crown
19. Old English
20. Libyan dinar
21. Goddess of the rainbow
22. Catch
26. Fern spore mass clusters
28. Music disc
30. All without specification
31. ___ denotes past
32. A young canine

33. Biblical Sumerian city
34. ___ Hitler
35. Marched in a procession
36. Patchy in color
37. Trauma center
38. Time after midday
40. The expanse of a surface
41. Develops into
42. Equally
44. 4th month (abbr.)
45. Nervous & taut
46. Emits blood
47. Assert without proof
49. Saturates in liquid
50. No. Italian river
51. Article
52. Mayflower cooper John
54. Filippo ___, Saint
55. Begetter
57. Old Dominion state
61. Raised railroad track
62. Point midway between N and E

1/8/15

Big thank-you for Little Wanderers gift drive donations

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover is thanking the community for its help supporting The Home for Little Wanderers' annual Big Wishes Gift Drive this past holiday season.

As a result of local residents' generosity, a moving truck filled with hundreds of donated toys and other gifts was delivered to The Home for Little Wanderers' designated toy room in Dedham.

The affiliated sales associates of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage encouraged neighbors throughout the community to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover. The toys were collected and delivered to the toy room in December in a moving

truck donated by Olympia Moving & Storage.

"We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the community for their continued support. Their generous contributions helped to brighten the holiday season for the children and families served by The Home," Michelle Oates, sales manager of the local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office, said in a release.

The agency partners with The Home for Little Wanderers every holiday season and provides additional donations through other initiatives as well.

The donations were made through Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, the charitable foundation of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pat Villani, left, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England, and Joan Wallace-Benjamin, president and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers, show off some of the toys collected by the group's agencies over the holidays.

Still need a flu shot?

In the face of a nationwide flu epidemic, the Andover Health Division is working to make sure all residents have protected themselves against the virus.

A limited number of flu vaccines are being made available to local residents who were unable to get their

flu shots this fall.

The vaccines will be administered by appointment. There will be no out-of-pocket cost. However, insurance information will be requested for billing purposes.

The quadrivalent intramuscular shot and the nasal

spray (FluMist) will be available. The FluMist is directed at medically eligible individuals between the ages of 2 and 49.

New statistics released this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the flu has reached an epidemic level

in the U.S. this year, according to the town's Health Division.

To schedule an appointment, call the Health Division at 978-623-8295. The Health Division is located at the Town Offices building at 36 Bartlet St.

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Sports

BACK WITH A BANG

Dellatto overcomes three concussions to play major role for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
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Talia Dellatto dives to the floor without fear, attacking each loose ball and defensive possession with ferocity that both wows and occasionally frightens her teammates, coaches and family.

Other than the padded head protector she wears on the court, no one could imagine the major injuries that placed her life on hold and very nearly ended her basketball career.

“Every one of us still cringes every time Talia dives for a loose ball,” said teammate and close friend Rachael Cormier. “You can see every fan gasp every time she hits the floor. It is so awesome how she doesn’t let the fear stop her.”

As a sophomore, Dellatto suffered three serious concussions that led doctors to advise her to stop playing basketball. She sat out her entire junior season and until late November believed her senior season was also over.

But after a year of work and quite a bit of convincing, Dellatto has returned to the court for the Golden Warriors as their sixth man spark plug, playing a crucial role for the squad that entered the week 6-0 with a Christmas Tournament title.

“It is just indescribable to be back out here on the court,” Dellatto said. “It means so much to be able to give back to the girls on the court after only being able to provide moral support last year. I love being able to play and help the girls as much as I can.

SEE HER STORY

For a video interview with Andover basketball star Talia Dellatto and highlights from her season, visit andovertownsm.com.

“Sure, I am afraid sometimes on the court. But at the same time, I can’t let that stop me from playing. Of course, another concussion would really stink. But it is my choice to play basketball again and I am not going to be timid on the court.”

Dellatto’s breakout performance came in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic, as she erupted for 11 crucial points — her first baskets of the season — when Andover was trailing to kickstart the Warriors comeback win over North Andover in the finals.

“Everyone saw how much she means to this team against North Andover,” coach E.J. Perry said. “When we were down, she went on a 5-0 run herself that was huge. She brings energy, she can defend and she has great feet. She gets into people’s faces and she gives her heart and soul to the team.”

Highs and lows

Passionate about basketball since childhood, Dellatto’s high school career began in outstanding fashion three years ago. As a freshman, she was promoted to the varsity team and was a member of the Golden Warriors that won the 2011-12 Division 1 state title.

“Being a part of that team was such an inspiration,”



Talia Dellatto, left, celebrates the Golden Warriors’ Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic victory last week with captain Rachael Cormier. Dellatto is excited to be back on the basketball court, and her teammates and coach are thrilled, too.

Dellatto said. “Rachael (Cormier) and I had no idea we would be called up, we just pushed each other. It was a total surprise and it was amazing. I learned so much from playing with girls like Nicole (Boudreau) and Ally (Fazio). It was the best experience of my life.”

But that career with so much promise soon fell into disarray when Dellatto suffered her first concussion during AAU basketball the fall of her sophomore year.

“I went to take a charge and the girl was totally out of control,” she said. “Her head hit mine and my head slammed against the floor. At first I was

fine, but about two days later I started to have symptoms and it was rough. It was very scary because I didn’t know why it was happening.”

She bounced back from that injury fast enough to return for the Andover High season, including a 10-point performance against Haverhill. But trouble once again arose when she suffered her second concussion in January of that season.

“We were playing at Methuen,” she remembered. “I went for a rebound and a girl’s elbow came down on my forehead and nose. I knew

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► HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



Andover High boys basketball head coach David Fazio, seen coaching his team last season, notched his 400th win last week.

Fazio earns win No. 400 as boys basketball coach

BOYS BASKETBALL

David Fazio’s name long ago became synonymous with basketball at Andover High.

Now in his 26th season as coach for the Golden Warriors, Fazio hit an historic milestone last week, earning his 400th victory when his Warriors downed Lawrence 72-59 on Friday.

“When you do get to a number like that, there are so many people who are responsible,” Fazio said. “I think about my wife and kids first. There’s no Christmas vacations, no February vacation. They have sacrificed a lot.

“I probably have about 35 (congratulatory) text messages from old players from Arizona, Pennsylvania, UNH. That’s what 400 means. I’m happy I’ve been able to spend all my 26 years at Andover.”

The Warriors had to battle against gritty Lawrence for the victory, using a 21-8 third quarter to pull away for the win.

Connor Merinder scored a game-high 18 points, E.J. Perry IV added 17 points and Ryan O’Connell had 13 points for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Nick Scarpa continued his outstanding season, making 15 goals for his third shutout as Andover rolled over Waltham 5-0 on Saturday. Steven Schuhwerk scored two goals and assisted on a third and Conor Silk, Zach Walker and Will Sauerbrunn each potted single goals.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors roll

Alyssa Casey continued to roll with 21 points and Carissa Reming starred on defense as Andover steamed past Billerica 57-35 last Friday. Colleen Caveney added 14 points and Rachael Cormier had nine points for the winners.

SWIMMING

Arifovic stars

Adi Arifovic won the 200 freestyle (1:51.55) and 100 freestyle (50.57) and swam on the winning 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay as Andover topped Central Catholic 89-79 last Friday. Thomas Galligani won the 50 freestyle and Zach Bucler took the 500 freestyle for the winners.

TWO TITLES IN TOURNEY SWEEP

Girls rally late for 2nd straight crown



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover senior captain Rachael Cormier sails to the hoop as the Golden Warriors defeated North Andover 69-62 in the finals of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic tournament.

By DAVID WILLIS
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With a second straight Christmas Tournament title within reach last week, the Andover girls basketball team found itself on the verge of being upset, trailing by as many as 11 points in the fourth quarter.

But the Golden Warriors surged back behind huge plays by point guard Rachael Cormier and star forward Alyssa Casey in the fourth quarter to rally for a 69-62 victory to capture the Commonwealth Motors Stephenson Division title last Monday, Dec. 29.

“It is just so awesome,” starting guard Carissa Reming said. “We have worked so hard through so many hours of practice and it paid off.

The crowd really boosted our energy, and it was really unbelievable. I think a lot of people underestimated us going into this season.”

It was the second straight Christmas Tourney title for the Warriors, who won the Hyde Division crown last winter.

“There are no words to describe how amazing this was,” said Casey, who scored a team-high 25 points to earn tourney MVP honors. “We found a way to overcome the deficit and win the championship. We feel like we deserved it.”

After a fast start, Andover found itself trailing 36-31 at halftime and 56-48 after three quarters.

“In the second and third

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Boys surge to convincing repeat win



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Senior captain David Giribaldi got the Golden Warriors off to a fast start in last week’s win over Central Catholic in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic.

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Connor Merinder took off toward the rim and threw down a monstrous dunk, causing the Andover fan section to explode into cheers and adding the final statement to what was already clear.

This was Andover’s day. Behind a huge performance for Merinder and continued outstanding play for stars David Giribaldi and E.J. Perry IV, the Golden Warriors cruised to victory 68-53 over Central Catholic to repeat as champions of the Licare Division at the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last Monday, Dec. 29.

“This says a lot about the seniors and their legacy. I told the kids Central will not give you anything,” a

beaming Andover coach Dave Fazio said.

The 6-5 tri-captain Merinder did a little bit of everything (12 points, 7 rebounds, 4 blocks, 1 jaw-dropping dunk) as Andover had the game in hand most of the way.

Giribaldi got off to a Giribaldi-esque start, pumping in the first eight points of the game on a power drive, a corner three and a tough lefty layup and the foul.

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Silk nets exciting New Year’s Eve career day

Prior to taking the ice on New Year’s Eve last week, Andover’s Conor Silk discovered a long-lost prize from youth hockey.

“I found a puck from when I was 6 years old and it said, ‘Hat Trick vs. Masco,’” Silk said. “I picked it up, looked at it and said to myself, ‘That would be so cool if I could score a hat trick.’ That was from 12 years ago. I certainly didn’t think I would do it again.”

Hours later, Silk made the holiday special, recording his first career high school hat trick, scoring all three goals in the third period and two in the final 3:30 of play as Andover rallied from a two-goal deficit to tie Masconomet Regional High School 3-3 last Wednesday.

“Silk was outstanding,” Golden Warriors coach Chris Kuchar said. “I kept sending him onto the ice because he was skating so hard. The puck finds the players who are working for it, and he was working so hard.”

It was the breakout performance that Silk had been waiting his entire career for. The senior tri-captain entered Wednesday with just two career varsity goals, and none so far this season.

Andover trailed 2-0 after two periods, but that was when Silk began his roll with his first goal.

“Zach (Walker) had a great forecheck that took two players away,” Silk said. “I had an open lane, I took it and put it in. I feel like that goal really got us going and gave us some momentum.”



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover captain Conor Silk scored his first high school career hat trick, all in the third period, to allow the Golden Warriors to tie Masconomet 3-3 on New Year’s Eve.

Masco bounced back with a score, but Silk then cut the deficit to a single goal with 3:35 to play, with a goal off an assist from defenseman Andrew Soucy.

The Golden Warriors then called a time-out with just under 1:30 left, and pulled goalie Nick Scarpa for an extra attacker. That was when Silk added the finishing touches to his career day.

Patrick Hughes sent a pass across the ice, Silk gathered it in and fired top shelf over the goalie’s shoulder and into the top left corner of the net for the tying score with 1:18 left.

“Between the second and third period, we discussed how the goalie was always going down to the ice and how we should shoot high,” Silk said. “That really worked. On the last goal I shot it, I think it hit a player and went in. It was so exciting.”

DELLATTO

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right away I had a concussion because my eyes felt strange.”

With that, her junior season was finished, and doctors at Children’s Hospital Boston encouraged her to be very careful. But it turned out to be a strange twist of fate that led to her third concussion.

“It was in April during lacrosse season,” she said. “We were on the bus ride home from a game. We were cheering and someone’s hand hit my head. That was the worst concussion I suffered.”

Dellatto, her parents and doctors now became very concerned for her well-being.

“I walked into the doctor’s office and I was a mess because I knew they were going to tell me bad news,” she said. “They said, ‘We know you love basketball, but you want to be a mother one day and live a normal life.’ I didn’t know how to respond. My mother was crying because she knew how much it hurt me.”

“I thought I would never

play basketball again.”

A will to return

As a junior, Dellatto remained with the team as manager, cheering on her friends from the bench. She then spent the summer coaching the Golden Warriors in Hoops for Hope. But the fire to play remained strong.

“We would talk every game about how much it hurt her to not be able to play,” Cormier said. “She was so great to us in moral support, and she would run sprints with us and get nothing in return. We knew it was her dream to be out there.”

Finally, a glimmer of hope emerged, after Dellatto decided she would not be playing college lacrosse after all.

“One of the main reasons the doctors didn’t want me playing basketball was that I had to save my brain for four more years of college lacrosse,” she said. “I decided not to play in college for other reasons, and when I decided that, I knew I was going to play basketball again.”

“It started with doing some drills with my teammates during the summer



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Talía Dellatto drives to the basket for a layup during her breakout performance last week in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic. After missing all of last season due to three serious concussions, Dellatto has returned to play a key role for the Golden Warriors.

and fall. I would come home and my parents would ask, ‘Did you do anything?’ And I would say yes. When I first brought up playing again, my parents said, ‘We’ll see.’ My dad kind of understood, but my mom took a lot of

convincing.”

Not long before the pre-season kicked off, Dellatto ultimately earned her mother’s approval and returned to the court. After a successful pre-season, she played her first game in nearly two

years when the Warriors opened the season by beating Lowell.

“I had a lot of nerves for the first game,” she said. “I was never so nervous in my life. I knew I would make mistakes and the girls were

there to support me.”

But her true emergence came four games later, when her aggressive play sparked the Golden Warriors’ comeback in the Christmas Tourney title game.

“I had no idea I could have that kind of game,” she said. “I went through the first few games without scoring a point. I had no confidence in my offense. But once I started hitting layups and hit a shot, it was the best feeling. I was so surprised.”

Dellatto followed that up by sinking two three-pointers as the Golden Warriors rolled past previously unbeaten Billerica. That combined with her fierce defense has made her a crucial part of the team with its state title aspirations.

“Once we found out she could play again, we knew she was going to be a huge asset to this team,” Perry said. “She has won a state title so she knows what that takes, and the 14 girls on this team love her. She is a big part of our success.”

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The Lady Warriors pose for a team photo after winning the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last week.

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quarter, we fell into a funk,” Casey said. “I don’t think we knew how to deal with it because it hadn’t happened to us before. But our bench was yelling, the fans were going crazy and we broke out of it.”

Cormier kicked off the fourth quarter rally by

knocking down a jumper, then moments later gave the Golden Warriors the lead with an aggressive drive to the basket.

“I realized that they weren’t going to guard the middle,” said Cormier, who scored a season-high 14 points. “They were mostly focused on Colleen (Caveney) and Alyssa, like a lot of teams are. I wanted to show I could play too.”

North Andover retook the lead, but a free throw by Cormier, two hoops by Casey and a basket for Jillian Webber gave the Warriors a 64-60 advantage.

One more hoop by Cormier and a basket and free throw by Casey and the Warriors had locked down the title.

Cormier and Casey each scored seven points in the fourth to lead the comeback,

while Caveney scored all 10 of her points in the second half and Webber added nine.

“That is a tough team, but we honestly never felt like we were going to lose,” Cormier said. “We knew that we had worked for this, and we knew what we had to do. We just put the pieces together, and we ended up with a pretty nice plaque.”

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Perry had a team-high 19 points with six rebounds and continues to impress in his new role as point guard.

Throw in some key contributions by Jonathan Rodriguez (7 points, 3 blocks) and Ryan O’Connell (7 points, 4 assists) and Gabriel Hernandez (steady play in Giribaldi’s absence) and it was a championship-level performance from top to bottom.

“That’s a good team,” Fazio said. “I don’t think

any Andover team in 26 years (his tenure) has taken them lightly. And vice versa.”

Central did keep interesting for a while. Their terrific freshman Tanahj Pettway had the Red, White and Blue going crazy when he improbably nailed three three-pointers in a span of 68 seconds to cut the lead to 21-19 with 5:40 left in the half.

But he was held in check most of the way. It was 38-25 at the half and Central Catholic never got within single digits.



E. J. Perry drives to the hoop against Central Catholic’s Tanahj Pettway in the Golden Warriors victory in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

6th-grade girls travel team scores holiday hoops win

Andover’s sixth-grade girls Amateur Athletic Association (AAU) travel basketball team was recently crowned champs of the Fundamental Hoops Holiday Christmas AAU Tournament.

The Fundamental Hoops tourney is the largest holiday tournament in New England, with more than 190 teams from every league in Massachusetts as well as teams from New Hampshire, Connecticut and New York participating.

The girls tournament was hosted at UMASS Lowell as well as Reading and Andover high schools. Andover handed Billerica its first-ever loss to win the tournament final on Dec. 29. The victory guarantees the team a bid in the AAU state finals.



COURTESY PHOTO

The tournament-winning sixth-grade girls AAU travel team features, front row, from left, Ava Kirkpatrick, Erica Flowers, Olivia Chapman and Tatum Shaw; second row, from left, Paige Gillette, Hannah Cuff and Summer Seward; third row, from left, Katie Morris, Katie Resendiz and Kayla DiBenedetto; and back row, assistant coach Zahia Kattar, left, and head coach Grace Perry. Heather Graham and Sophia Liatsos are missing from the photo.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

TALIA DELLATTO

Senior
Girls basketball

The 5-9 senior guard helped Andover win the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic title, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the finals against North Andover. The stellar guard went on a 5-0 run to close out the half when Andover was down 11 – she hit a three-pointer with 10 seconds to go in the half, then stole the inbounds pass and laid it in. Against Billerica last Friday, Talia scored six points (2-2 from the three-point line) and grabbed six rebounds. The Super Sixth man plays all five positions at times and has done a fantastic job as Andover has jumped to a 6-0 start this winter.



Talía Dellatto

RYAN O’CONNELL

Junior
Boys basketball

Ryan is the ultimate team guy, according to Coach David Fazio. The noted defensive specialist has been opportunistic on offense so far this year with 13 points and five assists in last Friday night’s win over Lawrence. In the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic games, which Andover swept over Methuen and Central, he combined for 20 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and six steals. “He is the glue guy of our team and the perfect complement to Connor Merinder, David Giribaldi and E.J. Perry,” Fazio said.



Ryan O’Connell

SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover’s local sports teams and athletes.

We’re asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week’s sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

We also want to hear ideas for stories on athletes or a big game that The Townsman should feature in its pages.

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THE CENTURY MARK

Dr. McGovern reflects on a lifetime of babies at milestone birthday

By TERRY DATE
Staff Writer

Dr. Richard McGovern was born at home on the family farm in West Andover 100 years ago and went on to deliver more than 15,000 babies.

If you are a Merrimack Valley person of a certain age, chances are you or someone you know was delivered by Dr. McGovern or the late Dr. Nina Scarito.

Newborns Dr. McGovern ushered into the world have included future mayors and sons and daughters of moms without the means to pay the freight.

All moms, rich or poor, loved his care.

These days, it's the doctor, who reached the century mark last month, receiving care, given by his second wife, Edna McGovern, 84, in their Lawrence home.

Most of his time is in bed, soldiering on with his loss of sight but delighting in talk and being read to by friend Bill Collins of the Lawrence DAV Chapter 2.

One afternoon, four days before his Dec. 21 birthday, the doctor stirs from a nap and sits up in his reclining bed.

He is bone thin and small, with a child-like body and delicate hands.

At one point he interlaces his fingers and slides them behind his head. The skin on his face looks paper thin, and, strangely, wrinkle-free — baby-like.

He has an encyclopedic memory of his life and the people he knows and knew.

Early days

He was one of four children

born of Catherine McGovern. For eight years, he attended a two-room schoolhouse with five classmates, all immigrant children, all of them friends.

His grandfather, James McGovern, was a horse-undertaker, and at his peak had two wagons and a dozen men working for him.

In time, his father, Sylvester, would take over the business.

The doctor remembers holding a lantern for them in a horse barn as a small child.

His path to the medical field was a long winding one that included work at Canobie Lake Park in the kitchen and at the dance hall, in pharmacies and teaching science and health at night school at Lawrence High.

Later, he was a military doctor, serving in the Pacific during World War II and in Japan after the war. He is believed to be the oldest veteran in Lawrence, Collins said.

He attended Punchard High School in Andover, where he was one of five cheerleaders, three boys and two girls, wearing a white sweater with a big blue P.

He graduated in 1932, the same year that Canobie Lake Park opened in Salem, N.H. He worked in the kitchen during the day, peeling spuds and cleaning. He then changed into his blue blazer, slacks, white shoes and stockings to take tickets at a booth at the dance hall at night.

He heard some great bands, the Dorsey Brothers, Val Jean and one of the first teen idols, Rudy Vallee.

He also had to keep his eyes on the boys to make

sure they dropped the tickets for each dance into the big square box with glass on the side. Sometimes they would palm the tickets to give the impression that they had paid for the dance.

Early on, McGovern also worked for pharmacies. He had spent two years at a local druggist shop and wanted to take the state test to become an assistant pharmacist.

Schooling wasn't required, but the prospective assistant had to work in a pharmacy for three years to qualify to take the test.

McGovern's boss wouldn't OK him for taking the test without the three years experience, it being the law.

McGovern told him it was a foolish law. He had studied for the test on his own at night and was prepared to pass it.

Furthermore, McGovern asked the owner if he ever broke the law. After all, every day he had been selling alcohol concoctions to customers, in violation of the law.

The man relented and signed off for McGovern to take the test. He passed.

His formal medical training included years at the now-defunct Middlesex College, on land in Waltham where Brandeis University now stands.

In the old days, doctors, at least in some circumstances, were required to deliver a certain number of babies for free for mothers who didn't have the means to pay for the services.

These were called service births, as opposed to the babies delivered in private practice.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Dr. Richard McGovern, who turned 100 last month, delivered more than 15,000 babies in the region over the years. Today, his wife, Edna, helps care for him.

Dr. McGovern spent time with the mothers. He listened to them.

"Anything they wanted to talk about, we'd talk about," he said.

He stayed at the hospital when they were in labor.

Some doctors went home. He loved to read medical journals in the hours of waiting for the babies to make their appearance. He was in a constant state of learning.

He had help

If things got dicey with a childbirth, he could always call on Dr. Scarito.

He still appreciates the help she gave him.

He said he could call on her at 3 a.m. and she would gladly come to the hospital and help.

About 6 percent of his patients required Caesarean sections, which he did not perform.

Dr. Scarito performed them.

Dr. McGovern was dedicated to whatever practice resulted in the best outcome. As a consequence of this, he lost very few babies. Scarito and McGovern are

said to be ranked No. 1 and 2 in the number of babies delivered in the Valley.

"If I delivered 15,000 babies, then she delivered 20,000 babies," he said.

Dr. McGovern's nurse kept records of their patients and they numbered 12,500, but some of them gave birth to multiple children over the years.

Some at the same time. He recalled a mom giving birth to twins.

The father ran out of the room — Dr. McGovern was a pioneer in allowing fathers in the delivery room — to spread the news.

Not so fast, the doctor thought, soon after the father left the delivery room.

Nothing was happening with the mother after the second birth.

He reached in and was stunned.

"I almost dropped my teeth — there was another baby in there," he said.

The third baby — all girls weighed 2 pounds apiece.

For years after that, Dr. McGovern's first wife gave this mom the clothing that the McGovern children had

outgrown.

Dr. McGovern was the father to five children and one step-child.

Moms loved him

Mothers had an abiding appreciation for the doctor's care

He continued to practice at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen until 2006, well after he had closed his private practice.

Not long ago, he was at a special event at the hospital, a priest's blessing, and a woman came up to Dr. McGovern.

"You delivered my six babies," she said. "Did you know I was in love with you?"

Her sister, Carol, was in love with him, too.

She asked if she could kiss him.

She gave him three kisses on the cheek.

It's been a good long life, one in which he has delivered a good many lives into the world.

Reaching 100 is a great milestone, the doctor said. Now, he said he is ready for the next chapter of his life.

SENIOR NEWS

A crafty bunch



Courtesy photo

For the first time, The Center at Punchard on Whittier Court opened the doors to its Holiday Fair on a Saturday last month to great success, thanks to a hard-working volunteer crew, pictured. In addition to the traditional weekday sale, organizers added a Saturday shopping day to the fair, turning it into more of a community event that resulted in a steady stream of visitors. Given the interest, organizers say the Saturday fair date will likely become a tradition for the event.

Senior Mini Health Clinics on tap

The Andover Health Department has scheduled its series of Senior Mini Health Clinics for the year.

Clinics are offered every Wednesday with the exception of holidays from 2 to 3 p.m. at The Center at Punchard (senior center), 30 Whittier Court.

In addition, clinics are held monthly on Monday afternoons at Andover Commons and Frye Circle.

The schedule is:

Andover Commons: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14, all from 2 to 3 p.m.

Frye Circle: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Nov. 23, and Dec. 28, all from 1 to 2 p.m.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call the Health Department at 978-623-8295.

Winter heating up for BoomerVenture series

The Center at Punchard is urging the 50-plus set not to hibernate as it gets colder. Instead, join organizers of the BoomerVenture series as they begin a season of renewal.

Here are some of the classes and special events in store:

Special Interest

Inspired Retirement: You've Retired, Now What?: Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:45 p.m. Discover a hidden talents and interests for a meaningful and rich retirement; come with an empty notebook, leave with a plan; \$5.

Downsizing: The Agony and the Ecstasy: Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:45 p.m. Approach this transition with a step-by-step plan to make "the agony" manageable and "the ecstasy" worth it; \$5.

DownSizing to RightSizing: Thursday, Jan. 29, 6:45 p.m. Julie Bernardin of The Executor's Assistant offers motivation and practical

steps to begin the process of shedding possessions and discusses what delaying or avoiding downsizing can mean for seniors and their families; \$5.

Jewelry-Making Workshop: Thursdays, Feb. 5 and 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Georgia Renfro, sculptor and jewelry maker, teaches the basics of bead stringing, wire wrapping and simple jewelry design to make earrings, bracelets and a necklace, plus talks about design, color and how to plan a "matching set" of jewelry; \$20.

Exercise and Wellness

Energize with Exercise: Enjoy a fun, aerobic and weight-training workout, Mondays through Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m.; cost \$60.

Zumba Toning: Weight training and cardio fitness as you dance, Thursdays through Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.; \$50.

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga

with meditation, Thursdays through Feb. 12, 7:15 p.m.; \$50.

Films

Screening Room: Award-winning, independent films are shown every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming movies include, "Hannah Arendt" (German subtitles), Jan. 8; "Wadjda" (Arabic subtitles), Jan. 15; "Nebraska," Jan. 22; and "The Patience Stone" (Farsi subtitles), Jan. 29.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required. The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has several upcoming programs. Here are some of the highlights:

The Fix-it Shop, Monday, Jan. 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Bring in small appliances, cords, sockets, chairs, etc., that need to be fixed. Cost is \$4, plus parts, for seniors (ID required) or \$10 plus parts for other ages and nonresidents.

Mail with your Harmonica, Mondays through Feb. 9, 9 to 10 a.m. Expand your lungs, stretch your musical mind, plucker up and have fun; \$25.

Patriotism: Life's Lessons through Great Books, Wednesdays through Feb. 11, 10 to 11 a.m. Focus on patriotism and discuss selected figures such as Abraham Lincoln, George

Patton and Theodore Roosevelt; \$6.

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop, Thursdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 12, 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Learn techniques to deal with the symptoms of the disease and get tips on exercise, diet, medication and working with health-care providers; presented by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley; free.

Healthy Eating Tidbits: Nutrition and the Elderly, Friday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. Eat smart to keep strong for a long life; a healthy breakfast will be provided.

Fuel Assistance Forum, Friday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. Greater Lawrence Community Action Council will assist with fuel assistance applications; appointments are mandatory

and proof of income is required.

Ask the Lawyer, Monday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Local lawyer Kimberly Whitworth will meet individually with people and answer general questions; registration is required.

Continental Breakfast, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and see what's happening at The Center.

The Art and Craft of Hooking, Wednesdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Learn the ancient craft from longtime artisan Ann Lange; finish the class with at least one completed project. This long-running crafting group is open to all; \$25, includes all materials to complete one project.

Men's Breakfast: The History of Phillips Academy, Friday,

Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m. Marc Koolen, biology instructor at Phillips Academy and an avid birder, talks about the history of the academy's buildings and grounds. Learn about the campus and areas the academy welcomes the public to use or visit, such as the bird sanctuary, the track, the museums and cultural venues; \$4.

Sociology of Aging, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 20 through April 30, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., held at Merrimack College in North Andover. Join a semester-long course on various aspects of aging such as stereotyping, retirement, friends and social support in later life, aging and driving. Participants will lend their unique perspective as they participate in this college

course designed for ages 19 to 22; attend one or all of the classes; free.

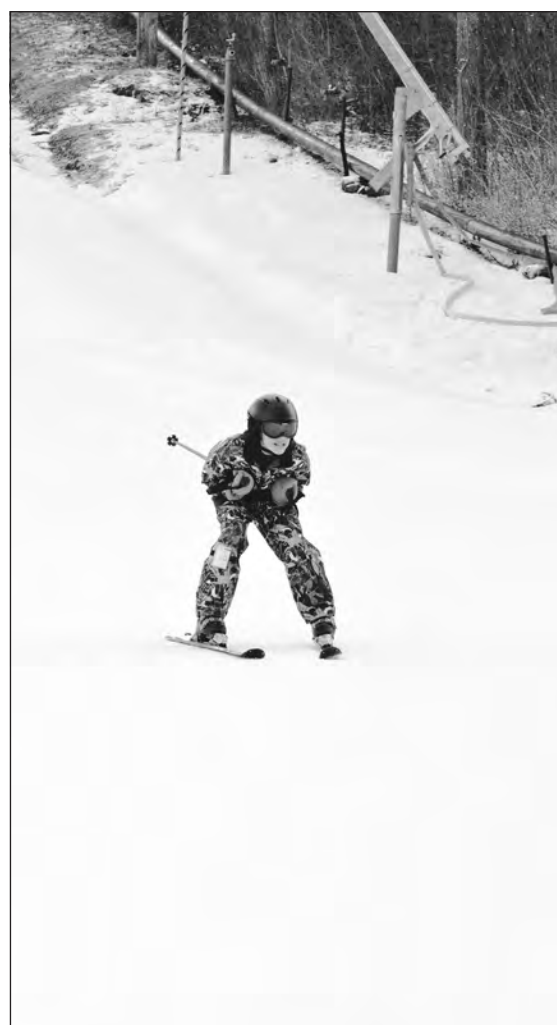
Free movies: Mondays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Call or check newsletter online for listings.

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

Current Events Discussion: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St.; part of regular coffee and conversation, held weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

Ski NH this winter with discount tickets



COURTESY PHOTO

The town's Department of Community Services is selling discounted ski tickets to Attotash and Wildcat mountains this winter.

Andover's Division of Community Services has announced that it is offering discounted lift tickets to Attitash and Wildcat Mountains for the 2015 season. Tickets are available for purchase in the DCS office in Andover's Town Offices building at 36 Bartlet St.

A one-day pass for adults (19-plus) is available for \$68 on weekends and holidays (a \$7 discount) or \$55 for non-holidays and weekdays (a \$20 discount). Passes for young adults (13 to 18) are \$53 (a \$7 discount). They are \$40 for juniors (6 to 12) and seniors 65-plus (a \$10 discount). Holiday dates are Jan. 17 through 19 and Feb. 14 through 22.

Attitash Mountain Resort is located in Bartlet, N.H., and offers 67 trails across two mountains that are connected through runs suited for all abilities. There are a variety of trails including challenging terrain and acres of glades and tree skiing, plus one of New Hampshire's original progressive freestyle terrain parks. There is slope-side lodging available, plus entertaining events throughout the season.

Wildcat Mountain is located in Gorham, N.H., just 11 miles from Attitash, and includes 225 acres of groomed trails, glades, moguls and tree skiing. There are 49 trails and one terrain park at Wildcat, with a range from beginner to expert slopes.

The tickets are live tickets. Once they are paid for at DCS, they are valid to use at either Attitash or Wildcat mountains. Tickets are to be used at either or both mountains on the same day.

For more information, contact the DCS office at 978-623-8385 or visit www.AndoverDCS.com.

DCS opens registration for new season of programs

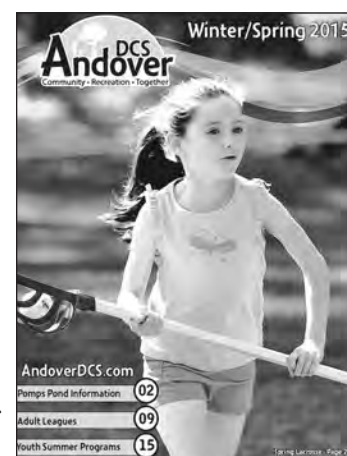
It's a new season dawning for the Andover Department of Community Services.

Its 2015 Winter/Spring Booklet has gone out in the mail and is also available at www.andoverDCS.com.

The booklet lists all upcoming DCS programs, including sign-ups for many of the summer's park and pond series. Because those summer youth programs fill up fast, parents are advised to start reviewing the options and making their plans.

The DCS staff is excited to offer both new and favorite programs on its winter/spring schedule, with many classes designed to make the whole family stronger, healthier, smarter and happier.

Adults can start the year off by joining one of DCS' fitness classes, such as gentle yoga or boot camp, and make healthy choices by learning about essential oils or taking a new cooking class. Adults can also enroll in one of DCS' many leagues, such as co-ed softball, men's basketball



Look for the Department of Community Services' new program booklet in the mail.

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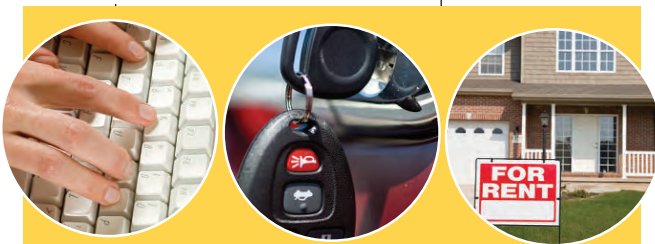
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