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Andover Village Square poised for changes

3 new tenants, apartments, renovations moving forward

STAFF REPORTS

Big changes are in store for Andover Village Square this year, as the Main Street commercial property prepares to welcome a new burger restaurant, delicatessen and liquor store to the fold.

The owner of the downtown complex announced last week it has signed leases with D'Agostino's Delicatessen, Redstone Liquors and UBURGER.

In addition, a \$9.875 million redevelopment loan signed with Middlesex Savings Bank at the end of 2014 will finance major renovations to the 1.2-acre site, according to John Fenton, managing principal of Ebens Creek Capital and manager for complex owner Lincoln Essex OAV.

Andover Village Square contains 62,000 square feet in a four-building complex. The

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Ledge Road landfill back on front burner

Jan. 21 meeting to discuss plans for capping dump

By BILL KIRK

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The Ledge Road landfill may be a distant memory for some — especially now that the new Deyermund Fields baseball complex is up and running elsewhere in town.

But to neighboring residents and town officials, the 25-acre site that was used for decades as a household and commercial waste dump is once again front and center.

Next week, consultants working on the cleanup and capping of the decades-old dump will make a presentation on their plans and answer questions from residents.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.

The town stopped using the landfill, located off Ledge and Chandler roads, in the 1970s. But testing on the site as well as on adjacent

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A cause for change



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Friends of Kelly Johnson hold candles to remember her outside Old Town Hall Friday night.

Community urged to honor teen by fighting perils of addiction

By SONYA VARTABEDIAN

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Kelly Johnson was the girl wearing the dainty frocks in all seasons, accented with a glittery bandana, ever stylish as she floated and sashayed down

the halls of her school. She had beautiful brown eyes and a gorgeous smile — a knockout by any standard.

At just barely 18 years old, she was also one of the most compassionate people one might meet, said the director of the recovery high school in

Beverly that Johnson attended in recent months.

"She walked toward pain," Northshore Recovery High School Principal Michelle Lipski said. "Because she understood the pain herself, she saw it in others."

Johnson openly battled

substance abuse. In the wake of her death from a suspected heroin overdose Jan. 1, her parents and her community are taking up her cause.

"Kelly never gave up without fighting and neither should we,"

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Kelly Johnson died from a suspected heroin overdose.

Johnson's struggles no longer uncommon

By TIM LIMA

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Kelly Johnson is another person lost to an epidemic.

While her death resulting from a suspected opiate overdose is alarming, it's no longer unusual. Class A substances, as opiates are referred to by law enforcement officials, were the confirmed cause of death of 145

people in Essex County in 2014 — more than twice the number of such overdose deaths in 2013.

While there were 49 arrests in 2012 and 2013 combined, the Andover Police Department had made 35 arrests for possession or intent to distribute heroin or other Class-A drugs five months into 2014.

And the problem is getting

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Ballardvale awaits new place to play

By TIM LIMA

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\$300,000 in upgrades planned for dilapidated park area

The approval of two deteriorating play facilities for the town. Andover commissions and the winter months are all that stand in the way of area kids having a new playground to enjoy at Ballardvale Park.

An effort is underway to replace the decades-old,

ity that now sits at the park between a Little League baseball field and an area of pavement used as a basketball court.

"It's in very poor shape," said Ed Ataide, deputy director of plant and

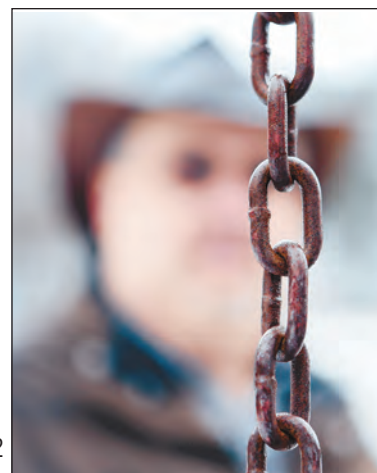
facilities for the town. "Some of the equipment is rusting out, some parts were vandalized or broken. We took sections of it and boarded up other parts."

Seeing the failing condition of the playground, Conservation Commission

member Ellen Townson took the reins on a project to bring a new, age-appropriate and safer facility to the area for Andover's young children.

The proposed new

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Ed Ataide, director of plant and facilities for the town, looks at a rusty chain on a swing at the Ballardvale playground.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo



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Ellen Townson, Conservation Commission member, and Ed Ataide, director of plant and facilities for the town, talk this week about the decaying play structures at Ballardvale Park at the corner of Clark and Andover streets.

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BALLARDVALE

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playground at Clark and Andover streets would be split into two components — one for 2- to 5-year-olds and the other for 5- to 12-year-olds, she said.

The playground designed for younger children would mimic a train car, with a small slide on its tail end. A larger area would be created for the older children, complete with ropes to climb, big spiral slides and obstacles to maneuver through.

There would also be three swing sets, including a tire swing designed for toddlers, and a sand box.

The existing ball field and basketball courts would remain, Townson said, though would be separated by new fencing to help promote safety. A new parking

area would also be built as would new park benches.

Funds for its construction totaling \$300,000 have been approved at Town Meeting in both 2012 and 2014. After \$200,000 was appropriated in 2012, another \$100,000 was sought to bring the playground into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as to make other improvements.

Ataide said he originally asked for funds totaling \$450,000, though it was not all approved. If more money is raised, Ataide said, he has several additional ideas for Ballardvale Park, including a permanent canopy with seating areas and a larger parking lot.

The project requires the OK of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission, which works to ensure that new construction maintains a certain aesthetic pattern. That commission reviewed

the plans last week and continued its discussion to a later date.

"They pushed it off," Ataide said. "They asked more questions and want a public hearing on it in early February."

The work also needs Conservation Commission approval since the work will abut conservation land. The project is on the agenda for the Conservation Commission's meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Townson said that plans were designed using "nature-inspired material" with some very old-fashioned colors to provide a feel of belonging in the community. She said she had expected the topic to be passed by both boards without a problem.

She hopes to have the playground finished and ready to be enjoyed by spring.



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A piece of plywood blocks the side where a slide used to be at the Ballardvale playground. Plans call for a new \$300,000 play area to be built.

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renovations will result in improvements to the 22,000 square feet of office space and 26,000 square feet of retail space, plus the addition of 14 apartments on the second and third floors.

"I am extremely pleased to move this transformative project forward. We will combine the historic elements of the existing buildings with a trending mix of uses and energy-efficient upgrades," Fenton said in a release. "This will be a unique transit-oriented, mixed-use project in downtown Andover."

The first changes people will see is along the front of the property.

Dunkin' Donuts has already relocated and expanded its store into a new café-style space with retractable

windows and outdoor seating. D'Agostino's Delicatessen will soon open a classic Italian deli, the company's third location following established businesses in Winchester and Arlington.

Redstone Liquors, a purveyor of fine wines, liquors and craft beers, will open its second store, following its debut in Stoneham.

UBURGER will make Andover its fifth location and its first outside of Boston. Known for its slogan, "Above All Burgers," the chain will serve a casual menu including build-your-own chicken sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, salads and fries. It is also expected to have a beer and wine license.

Meanwhile, the \$9.875 million loan will refinance an existing first mortgage and provide \$2.875 million to fund future improvements to the property.

The project will feature a central courtyard or "Village Square" constructed and landscaped with materials and finishes that will bring to mind a historic township but with Wi-Fi and such amenities as canopy lighting, outdoor seating, sound system and a fire pit.

Fenton said he is working with the adjacent Andover Historical Society and the Board of Selectman to create a "historic walking path" that will link the town parking lot to the north of the complex with the historical society just to the south, increasing foot traffic and a sense of community.

"We are excited about the improvements underway at Andover Village Square," Elaine Clements, executive director of the historical society, said in the release. "Our properties about each other and by working together, we hope to create a pedestrian-friendly country lane through

and between our properties."

With the prime retail space now leased, Fenton said he will focus on building the loft-style apartments, which will include 12 one-bedroom units, one studio and one two-bedroom penthouse. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has been retained to market the property.

Fenton will also be looking to lease additional office and retail space on the upper floors and along the courtyard and parking level areas, with more than 10,000 square feet of commercial space being converted for office use, lifestyle/wellness tenants and other retail tenants.

Work on the courtyard, base building improvements and office renovations has already begun. Construction on the apartments is expected to start in February and be completed this spring and summer.

LANDFILL

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property found arsenic and other toxic metals leaching from the buried waste. As a result, the town over the years purchased adjacent land that was also contaminated.

Most recently, the Board of Selectmen in December approved the purchase of

11.5 acres of land adjacent to the landfill for \$775,000. Town Meeting authorized the expenditure in 2013. The town also did a land swap with the Andover Village Improvement Society, taking a piece of AVIS land that had been contaminated by the landfill in return for an untainted piece of land that had been owned by the town.

Residents first approved money to plan for the landfill closure at Town Meeting in 1997 and 1998. Another \$2.2 million was appropriated in 1999 for construction work, though no recapping has taken place.

The landfill parcel lies west of Ledge Road and is less than one-third mile from the intersection of Interstates 93 and

495. Residential properties now abut the site to the south and east and a wetland system that contributes to Fish Brook, a town drinking water source, also lies to the west. Fish Brook feeds into Haggetts Pond, where the town's water treatment plant gets its water.

Residents have complained at recent Board of Selectmen meetings that they couldn't get information about the project. In the past, the town's website has contained documents about the landfill capping project, but those documents have all been taken down.

Public Facilities Director Chris Cronin explained that the engineering firm on the project, CDM Smith, would be posting updated information

on the project this month on the town website. www.andoverma.gov.

One of the issues to be discussed at the public forum next week will be the cost of capping the landfill, most recently reported at \$9 million to \$13 million.

Cronin said that costs had ranged from a low of \$9.6 million to \$22 million spread over a 30-year period.

However, he said last week those estimates have come down because the engineers think they have found a less-expensive way to cap it.

"We don't think we need to do this — but of the different engineering solutions, one of them costs \$12 million, with huge operations and maintenance costs ballooning that figure to \$22 million," he said. "What we are hoping to do is an \$8.4 million project, using a standard black plastic cover. We had been hoping to use soil capping, but we are not able to do this."

Cronin said that in recent years, a lot of testing has been done, resulting in some setbacks for the project, leading to potential cost overruns. However, more recent testing shows that the project could be done for a lot less.

"Now we are back to \$8.4 million, with \$1.2 million of operation and maintenance over 30 years, for a total of \$9.6 million," he said.

About \$2 million has been set aside from previous budgets for the project, and \$7 million has been authorized for borrowing. However, the town may need "a little more money" to completely and safely cap the landfill, meaning another possible return to Town Meeting for additional funds.

He said about half of the 25 acres actually needs to be capped. The remainder of the site could be reused as ballfields or a solar array, depending on what's approved by the state.

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Kinder Morgan plans Feb. 17 pipeline meeting in Andover

By BILL KIRK
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The company planning on building a 30-inch, high-pressure gas pipeline through Andover has announced a series of open houses throughout the region starting this month to answer questions from residents affected by the proposed route.

On Feb. 17, an open house will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

All of the open houses — there are 13 total — will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. A light buffet will be served. Affected landowners will

receive notice in the mail and advertisements will be put in newspapers throughout the region.

Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary Tennessee Gas has proposed building a pipeline from the fracked-gas fields of Troy, Penn., to Wright, N.Y., and from Wright, N.Y., to Dracut.

Currently, the company's preferred route carries it through parts of Western Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire before ending in Dracut.

From Dracut, smaller lines would distribute the natural gas throughout New England. One of those smaller lines

would run through Andover, mostly along the Tewksbury border.

The company is required by federal regulatory authorities to hold workshops during which specific questions from property owners can be answered.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski explained at a Board of Selectmen's meeting last week that the company was looking for a large venue where it could spread out a number of tables. At each table, residents can line up to ask questions about legal issues, safety matters, property problems and a variety of other concerns they may have.

Kinder Morgan held an informational session last year that was attended by several hundred people.

Additional pipeline meetings are scheduled for the following locations:

- Jan. 27: Milford, N.H.
- Jan. 28: Berlin, N.H.
- Jan. 29: Fitchburg
- Feb. 3: Rindge, N.H.
- Feb. 4: Winchester, N.H.
- Feb. 5: Greenfield
- Feb. 9: New Lebanon, N.H.
- Feb. 10: Pittsfield
- Feb. 11: Farmington, Conn.
- Feb. 12: New Scotland, N.H.
- Feb. 17: Andover
- Feb. 19: Hudson, N.H.

Tsongas calls for end to gridlock in Congress

STAFF REPORTS

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas called for cooperation in Congress last week as she was sworn in to a new term as the Third Congressional District's representative, saying that is what's needed to



U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas

continue improving the quality of life for the people in her district, which includes part of Andover.

"It will require determined action out of the 114th Congress, not the partisan theatrics and gridlock of recent years," she said in a press release. "I believe we can find common ground and from there we can find fair, sustainable and commonsense solutions to the challenges we face."

Tsongas said the Third District, which extends from Fitchburg to Lawrence, Lowell to Marlborough, remains "one of the most inventive, diverse and influential regions in Massachusetts."

She said the 114th Congress will require cooperation and compromise to enact serious legislation that addresses issues like job growth, tax reform and comprehensive immigration reform, all of which she said are key to the country's prosperity.

"Congress will need to remain focused on the challenges that are instrumental to help women succeed and in turn, improve the lives of America's middle-class families," she said. "That means tackling issues such as affordable childcare, equal pay for equal work, access to health care, raising the minimum wage, providing earned sick leave and more."

The 114th Congress will include 101 women legislators, a record number, she said.

Tsongas also touted the "Make It in America" agenda as a key to boosting the economy and jobs. She said that agenda is focused on

creating the best conditions for American businesses to manufacture, innovate and create jobs right in the U.S. The small, innovative companies unique to Massachusetts have incredible job-creating potential in myriad industries, from clean energy to health care, she said.

"I will also remain focused on addressing climate change and promoting clean energy initiatives in my work on the Natural Resources Committee, as well as look to continue seeking ways to preserve the Third District's National Parks and natural treasures, such as the wide network of rivers," she said.

In her senior role on the House Armed Services Committee, she said she will continue to work in a bipartisan effort to make historic changes to the way the military deals with the issue of sexual assault. Last year, she successfully pushed for the first major changes to the role of a military commander and providing survivors with new resources and protections. But there is still much more to do, she said.

"Also in this role, I will continue pursuing legislation that provides service members with modern resources that ensure their safety and success, as well as provisions to increase support for veterans in critical areas like health care and mental health," she said.

Controversial estimates add fuel to pipeline debate

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

The natural gas industry is sparring with environmentalists and others over whether demand for the fossil fuel is being exaggerated to boost support for a controversial pipeline project.

Industry officials have long argued that New England's electricity market is strained, in part, by a lack of transmission lines to bring gas to power plants, many of which have shifted from coal burning in recent years.

A lack of pipeline capacity has led to higher energy bills, they argue, even as wholesale prices for natural gas have dropped nationally.

Environmentalists, however, say demand for natural gas in Massachusetts is overstated. They want Gov. Charlie Baker to pursue solar, wind and other renewable power sources to fill the state's growing energy needs.

The debate has intensified with last week's release of a much-delayed environmental study, commissioned by outgoing Gov. Deval Patrick, to estimate the state's natural gas need.

The findings suggest the state faces a shortfall of 600 million to 1.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas on peak winter days. By 2030, that deficit will grow to 1.2 billion to 2.2 billion cubic feet per day. The report suggests enough demand to require additional natural gas lines to supply power plants.

The release of the final report by Synapse Energy

Economics, a private consulting firm, was delayed for weeks following an outcry from environmental groups. Some cite errors and omissions in the data and calculations in the preliminary report, tipping the results in favor of the industry.

"From the beginning, the frame of this study has been 'how much shale gas do we import' as opposed to 'how do we ensure a livable and sustainable future,'" Joel Wool, of Clean Water Action said. "Given this origin, the results are unsurprising: our over-reliance on gas has produced a scenario that may cause ratepayers to struggle for years, and an addiction to fossil fuels that puts at risk the state's foundational commitment to the environment."

Environmental groups say the Synapse study built conclusions on misleading data and overestimated the costs to consumers for switching to solar, wind and other renewables. While the final report takes into account the offset of energy needs from renewables, environmentalists say none of the eight scenarios for improving natural gas capacity explored in the study comply with emissions reductions mandated by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008.

"The Department of Energy has stacked the deck with a study designed to justify the Patrick Administration's attempts to build public support and financing for natural gas pipeline development and large-scale Canadian

hydropower imports," said Greg Cunningham, interim director of the clean energy and climate change program at the Conservation Law Foundation, in a statement.

Mary-Leah Assad, a spokeswoman for the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, said the findings suggest that the state needs more natural gas to meet its energy demands while acknowledging the need for renewables such as solar, hydropower and wind.

"The state continues to be engaged in discussions with the other New England states about our regional energy infrastructure needs, and this information will help to inform those conversations going forward," she said.

Texas-based Kinder Morgan has proposed a \$5 billion natural gas pipeline that stretches across northeast Massachusetts, including part of the Merrimack Valley, bringing "fracked" Marcellus Shale gas up from Pennsylvania.

Facing public opposition, the company revised its plans to route the pipeline along existing natural gas lines and other utility rights-of-way to minimize the impact on parks, wetlands and conservation land.

Industry officials say the state's energy needs won't be filled entirely by renewable sources. They say the state's demands can only be met by building two new gas pipelines with a combined capacity of 2 billion cubic feet per day, even more than what the Kinder Morgan pipeline would fill. "Even though it relied on

dubious assumptions that biased the analysis against gas, the report clearly established that Massachusetts needs to significantly increase gas pipeline capacity," said Anthony Buxton, a spokesman for the Coalition to Lower Energy Costs, an industry group that backs the Kinder Morgan project. "The enemy here is expensive and environmentally harmful oil, not natural gas."

While the Kinder Morgan project doesn't hinge on the report, the findings could help shape the state's energy policies for the next decade. Because of that, both sides say the results need to be accurate.

Though the federal Energy Regulatory Commission has final say over the pipeline, the agency is required to weigh input from state and local governments, as well as property owners.

Environmental groups that oppose the project are looking to Gov. Baker to take a stand against the pipeline.

Baker, who took office last week, has said he opposes the current pipeline plan and wants to expand the capacity of existing gas lines across the state. He also wants to expand the state's energy portfolio to include more solar, wind and possibly hydropower from Canada.

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Bette J. Fionte, 86

August 19, 1928 — January 10, 2015

METHUEN — Bette J. Fionte, 86, passed away peacefully at Halcyon House in Methuen on January 10, 2015. Bette was born on August 19, 1928, in Haverhill, Mass., and was the daughter of Gertrude and Carlton Littlefield. Bette was a graduate of Haverhill High School and she was an executive assistant at the Haverhill Gas Company until her retirement.



Bette was a caring and loving person who constantly gave her time to family, friends, and co-workers. She retired early to be the caregiver of her husband, Edward J. Fionte, for 10 years, until he passed in 1995. Edward was the father of Ronald Fionte of Melrose, and Paul Fionte of North Andover, and grandfather of Katie, Daniel, Paul and Ed Fionte.

Bette, or Nana B, joyously cared for two of her grandchildren, Dan and Katie Fionte of Andover for many years, taking them on endless adventures across New England. Susan Coppeta, Bette's niece, of Atkinson, N.H., appreciated Bette's time and love along with her children, Mike, Joey and Natalie.

Bette was an accomplished seamstress, quilter, bridge player and she was always taking on new projects. She loved to entertain family and friends at her home. She was a member of the Andover Spade and Trowel Garden Club, where she developed lifelong friendships, in particular with her dedicated friend, Lorraine Kerwin. Anne Wekwert, a lifelong friend from Haverhill, spent many happy times with Bette over the years, traveling, enjoying local beaches, and trips to Maine to Lorraine's home. Judy Bergeron and Janet Fox, her neighbors in Hampton, enjoyed many hours of gardening and fun with Bette.

Prior to her time at Halcyon House, Bette lived in Andover, North Andover and most recently, Hampton, N.H. Bette loved to drive everywhere; she was always on the go. She was a volunteer in Hampton, N.H., where she drove the elderly and disabled to doctors' appointments for several years, demonstrating her love of

helping others.

She is survived by her sister, June Walker of Haverhill; sister-in-law, Anita Fionte of North Andover; daughter-in-law, Maureen Fionte of Andover, and her cousin, Marjorie Littlefield. Bette was predeceased by her sister, Arlene Prophet and brother, Carl Littlefield. She leaves many nieces and nephews, Susan Coppeta, of Atkinson N.H., Leslie Costello of North Andover, Pam Kirkman of Salem, N.H., Doug Walker of Sandown, N.H., Thomas Walker of Del Mar, Calif., Sharon Littlefield, Michael Littlefield, and Gary Littlefield of Florida and Carol Parrendah of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Her family and friends would like to thank the loving and caring staff at Halcyon House, who filled Bette's last years with endless love, joy and laughter. A special thanks to Dr. Tenney, Dr. Tsytkin and Merrimack Valley Hospice for their care and compassion.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visiting hours on Thursday, January 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury Street Lawrence. A brief prayer service will be conducted at noon, and interment will be at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover in the Spring of 2015. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Halcyon House, 175 Berkeley Street, Methuen. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Sarah Garth, 97

March 7, 1917 — January 4, 2015

CONCORD, MA — Sarah (Sally) Curtis Garth died peacefully at home on January 4, 2014 with her family nearby.

Sally was born March 7, 1917, in Little Rock, Ark., the youngest child of Zay Blanchard Curtis and Ella Louise Morrison Curtis. Sally's grandfather, Rev. Theodore Nevin Morrison, Jr. was Bishop of Iowa from 1899 to 1929. When she was six years old, Sally's family moved to Pelham, N.Y. Her father had left high school to help support his family, but Sally and each of her three brothers were named by the faculty at Pelham High School as "the boy or girl who in the opinion of the faculty has attained the highest mental, moral and physical development," and all went on to college. Although her father was unable to attend college he became Vice President of Guaranty Trust of New York.

Sally graduated from Wellesley College in 1938 and in 1939 married William W. Garth, founding president of Compugraphic, who predeceased her in 1975. Sally and Bill lived in Cambridge, Mass., and then moved to Concord, Mass., in 1951, where she resided for 63 years.

During World War II, Sally joined a home-front sewing club and made friends for life. Over the years, she enrolled in art history classes through the Radcliffe Seminars and enjoyed traveling to many European destinations with class members and their instructor, Julia Phelps, to see the works they had studied. Sally volunteered at Emerson Hospital into her 80's. She was a member of the Tuesday Lunch Club, the Concord Free Public Library Book Club, and other local groups. Former library director Barbara Powell recalls Sally as an avid reader, a lively member of the book



group, and a "model for intelligent and graceful aging."

Ten years ago, Sally moved to Newbury Court in Concord, joining many of her longtime friends and gathering with them at opera and bridge evenings.

She leaves behind a daughter, Susan Garth Stott of Andover, Mass.; two sons, William and his wife, Suzanne of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Granville Garth and Lynn Hart of Concord, Mass.; grandson, Jesse Garth of Charleston, S.C.; and granddaughters, Sarah Garth of Windham, Maine, Sandra Comstock of Portland, Ore., and Anne Thiam and her husband, Ahmadou Thiam of Andover, Mass.; also five great-grandchildren, Mouhammed, Aissatou, and Tidiane Thiam, and Sebastian and Isabel Moreno-Comstock.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held in the Duvall Chapel of Newbury Court, Concord, Mass., on Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Newbury Court Staff Appreciation Fund or Caring Dimensions (formerly hospice) 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01923

Arrangements under the care of Concord Funeral Home, A Life Celebration Funeral Home, Concord.

Douglas M. Dunbar, D.D.S., 90

June 4, 1924 — January 5, 2015

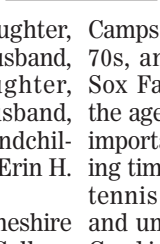
NORTH ANDOVER — Douglas M. Dunbar, D.D.S., 90, of Andover and North Andover, Mass., died at the Lahey Clinic

Hospital in Burlington, Mass., surrounded by his family on January 5, 2015. Born in 1924 to Douglas and Mary Dunbar of Cheshire, Conn., he was the beloved husband of Ruth H. Dunbar for 59 years. He is also survived by daughter, Amy K. Dunbar and husband, Ted Hester, and daughter, Jean D. Knapp and husband, David Knapp, and grandchildren, Emily D. Hester, Erin H. and Dewey W. Knapp.

He graduated from Cheshire Academy, Allegheny College and the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. In WWII, he served in the Navy as a hospital Corpsman attached to the 6th Marine Division in the Battle of Okinawa and North China. Doug, known by many as "Doc," practiced dentistry in Andover, and served as senior dentist at Phillips Academy. His crusade for fluoridation led to a 39-year career on the Andover Board of Health, serving as chair for many of those years. An early ban of smoking in restaurants and

public areas was also his fond accomplishment. He and his wife, Rusty, were co-recipients of Andover's 2007 Virginia Cole Community Service

Award. Baseball for Doc was No.1 at all stages of his life. A Little League manager and umpire, he played on numerous local hard and softball teams into his 60s, attended four baseball Fantasy



Camps in his late 60s and early 70s, and was MVP at a Red Sox Fantasy Camp game at the age of 69. Tennis was also important, playing and enjoying time on the court with his tennis buddies into his 80s, and umpiring professionally. Good innings all around.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held when pitchers and catchers are playing ball and full military honors can be enjoyed outside. Memorial donations may be made The Trustees of Reservations-Ward Reservation in Andover, AVIS or a charity of your choosing. For condolences, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.

Marguerite A. "Peg" (Sullivan) Burke, 90 Years

August 12, 1924 — January 5, 2015

ANDOVER — Marguerite A. "Peg" (Sullivan) Burke, 90, a longtime resident of Andover, died peacefully at The Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Methuen, on Monday, January 5, 2015, after a very long journey with Alzheimer's disease.

Peg was born in Lawrence, Mass., to the late Charles J. and Mary A. (Downes) Sullivan, Irish immigrants who moved first to Lewiston, Maine, before settling in Lawrence, and maintaining a summer home in Hampton Beach, N.H. Peg and her late sister, Mary R. Murphy, helped their parents in the family's meat and grocery business in Lawrence as young women. Peg graduated from Lawrence High School in 1941, and maintained a lifelong, close friendship with a group of her classmates. She worked for American Mutual Insurance Co. in Lawrence and Boston. After her marriage to William L. "Billy" Burke in 1949, she was a devoted wife and mother to her three children. She and Billy moved to the Shawsheen Hylands neighborhood in Andover in 1957 to raise their family.

While her children attended St. Augustine's School in Andover, Peg was a member of the school mother's guild and was a Cub Scout Den Mother for her two sons and their friends. Peg was a loving and devoted mother, who worked hard to make a good life for her children. She was a gifted pianist and enjoyed playing her beloved baby grand at home, and also at family holiday gatherings. A resourceful and creative woman, she enjoyed flower gardening, sewing, knitting, needlepoint, and making braided rugs. She was very fond of spending summer vacations at Seabrook Beach, N.H. She was proud of her Irish heritage, and had a good sense of humor. As her children got older, Peg returned to work, first at the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security in Lawrence for several years. She then worked as the student insurance secretary at the Isham Infirmary at Phillips Academy in Andover,



and later as a proctor at the school's library. She retired in 1995, after 25 years of service.

Peg was very proud of her children's accomplishments, and was a loving grandmother.

She was the beloved wife of William L. Burke, who died in 1981. Devoted mother of Patricia M. Cormier, of Byfield, and her late husband, Rodney R. Cormier, William L. Burke Jr., and his wife, Barbara (Markt), of Mattapoisett, and Kevin J. Burke of Melrose, who was her caregiver for many years. Loving grandmother of Jonathan Cormier and his wife, Siobhan, of Ipswich and their children, Madeleine, Amelia and Hazel, Jennifer Myette and her husband, Paul, of Byfield, and their children, Jane and Graham, and Kelley and Timothy Burke, of Mattapoisett. She also leaves several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services are private. Peg's family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at the Nevins Home in Methuen for the loving and respectful care she received for the past eight years she lived happily at station "C," and also for the two years prior to that when she attended the Nevins Adult Day Program. For those who desire, the family suggests memorial gifts in Peg's name may be made to The Nevins Family of Services, 10 Ingalls Court, Methuen, MA 01844.

Arrangement by the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, Andover. For additional information, visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

A. Rita McKendry, 98

July 16, 1916 — January 11, 2015

NORTH READING — A. Rita (Gorman) McKendry, 98, of North Reading, and formerly of Wakefield, died Sunday, January 11, 2015, at Wingate

of Andover. She was the wife of the late William S. McKendry Jr., who died in 1989. Born in Charlestown, Mass., on July 16, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary E. (Miller) Gorman. She was a graduate of Wakefield High School and attended the School of Interior Design in New York City.

Before her marriage, she was employed by the John James Design firm in Boston. She had been a resident of North Reading for the past 70 years, and a member of St. Theresa's Church. She was a member of North Reading Garden Club, North Reading Band Boosters, Past Master of the North Reading Grange No. 239, and Past Master of the Pomona Grange.

Rita was an avid gardener, and an excellent seamstress that made most of her children's clothes growing up. She could knit and crochet anything, including numerous

afghans. As a high school student, she swam the length of Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, and was a Life Guard at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester.

She played the Hawaiian guitar and the harmonica. Rita also loved to fish.

Family members include her loving daughters, Ellen A. Zipeto and her husband, John F., of Andover and Rhonda A. Waskiewicz and her husband, Peter, of Bear Creek, Pa.; her son, James J. McKendry and his wife, Deborah Stewart-McKendry of Renton, Wash.; four grandchildren, Matthew D. and Diana E. Zipeto, Jennifer Elliott and Peter Waskiewicz Jr.

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the charity of one's choice.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be held from the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading, on Friday, January 16th, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street, Route 62, North Reading. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading.

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Nancy Ann Brown, 82

February 13, 1932 — December 24, 2014

ANDOVER — Nancy A. Brown, born February 13, 1932, passed away in Andover, Mass., on December 24, 2014, at the age of 82. She was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Illinois and New York, before moving to Wenham, Mass. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard A. Brown; and her sister, Jean Whittingham.



Nancy moved to Wenham in 1953, raised her family and worked as the Town Accountant for over 35 years. After retiring from the Town of Wenham, she volunteered at Wenham Tea House and Lazarus House in Lawrence, Mass.

She is survived by her children, Stevan of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, Philip of Essex, Mass., David of Beverly, Mass., Matthew of Wenham, Mass., Jennifer Elkin and Meredith Brown, both of An-

dover, and Melissa Jean of Windermere, Fla.; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Monday, December 29, at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA 01810. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 30, in St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow at Wenham Cemetery, Wenham. For condolences, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com. Donations may be made to Lazarus House, Lawrence, MA, and flowers may be sent to Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover.



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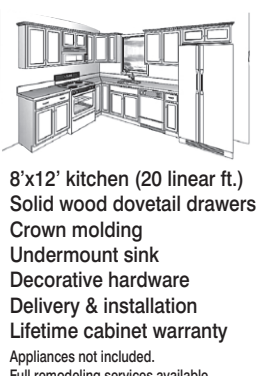
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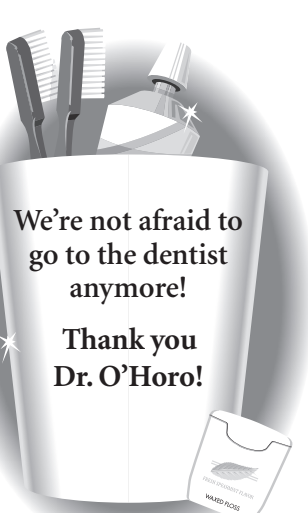
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Battles forming for School Committee

By BILL KIRK

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A second race for School Committee is forming as a third candidate has emerged for one of the two, three-year seats on the March ballot.

Susan McCready, 47, of 8 Dean Circle, took out nomination papers last week, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

McCready joins two other candidates — incumbent David Birnbach and political newcomer Kim Sousa, 42, of 4 Montclair Ave.

In addition, a race is unfolding for a one-year slot on the School Committee created by the resignation of Barbara L'Italien, who stepped down as of Jan. 1 to begin her role as the new state senator for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District, representing Andover, Dracut, Tewksbury and Lawrence.

So far, two people have expressed interest in that one-year spot — current School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert and former selectman Ted Teichert. Gilbert said she has decided not to run for re-election to her three-year seat because she plans on leaving the School Committee after her oldest child graduates Andover High next year.

McCready: Engage families

A third-generation Andover resident who graduated from Andover High School in 1985, the former Susan Middleton said she counts herself among the many people who moved back to town because they got a good education here and want to provide the same for their own children.

"I find that for a lot of parents and families it's a challenge to get out and get involved because both parents are working, they have young children and they are busy," she said. "I don't necessarily feel we are a fully represented constituency. That's our fault for not being there. I'd like to get families more engaged. I feel very in touch with a lot of families in town."

She said people are talking about high taxes and want to rein in spending, but "you also hear people say — it's no longer about the kids anymore. I see challenges in the schools, but on the other hand, when my parents moved back to this town, they weren't paying fees for buses and sports. There's a big disconnect there. There are more families and businesses and a larger tax base."

The School Committee, she said, seems to understand the

problems in the schools, while other boards and some residents are complaining that schools cost too much.

"I think the School Committee gets that," she said. "A couple of them have had kids going through the schools. They understand that. They always have to defend what they are trying to do. It's like the Bancroft School — there is constant talk now that taxes have to go up to pay for that school. But we had to rebuild that school. We should be talking about the high school now and I'm afraid we won't be talking about it. Other schools in town are aged and overburdened."

She said the high school is overcrowded and in serious need of renovation.

"It's the same as when I went there," she said.

Before her first child was born, McCready worked in the financial services technology field. She now lives at home, caring for her daughter, a third-grader at Sanborn. Her husband works in Boston.

A co-president of the Sanborn PTO for three years, she's been thinking about running for School Committee for a while. She said schools need investment, not neglect.

"I know for a fact that people move here for the

Andover Public School system," she said. "There are employers who are advertising that to employees. But we have to invest and make education a priority. We are lucky to have great services like fire and police, but education is the hallmark of our history."

Other seats uncontested

There are also two seats up for grabs on the Board of Selectmen. So far, only the incumbents, Dan Kowalski and Brian Major, have taken out nomination papers.

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty has already turned in her papers to continue for another year in that one-year position, and her signatures have been certified. She is currently unopposed.

Marilyn Fitzgerald of Washington Avenue is running for re-election to the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School Committee in Andover and Earl Efinger of Iceland Road is seeking another term on the Punchard Free School Board of Trustees.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 to turn in their nomination papers with the signatures of 50 registered voters to get their names on the March 24 town ballot.

John H. Atchinson, 77

August 20, 1937 — November 25, 2014

ANDOVER — John H. Atchinson Jr., 77, of Andover, died Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at Academy Manor Nursing Center in Andover.

John was born in Woonsocket, R.I., on August 20, 1937, to the late John "Howard" and Jenny (Kozacka) Atchinson. He was a graduate of Blackstone High School in Blackstone, Mass. John graduated from



Worcester Polytechnic Institute, receiving both his Bachelor of Science and his master's degree in electrical engineering. He began his career as a satellite communication engineer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory and retired in 1997 from MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

John was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Lexington, Mass. His hobbies included amateur radio (W1WMH), as well as stamp and coin collecting.

He was an active member of

South Church in Andover. He also was the treasurer of the Punchard Trustees for eight years.

He was a devoted husband, as well as a generous and understanding father.

He is survived by his wife, Deanna (Hudgins) Atchinson of Andover; his son, William Atchinson of Lowell; and his daughter, Amy Cagli and his two grandchildren, Ibrahim and Isabelle of Arlington, Va. His sister, Anna Atchinson of Millville, Mass., predeceased him in 2013.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be offered on January 16, at 11 a.m., at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

To offer condolences or to check for service updates, please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.



Retired Andover Fire Chief Harold "Butch" J. Wright, 70

August 14, 1944 — December 28, 2014

MESA, AZ, FORMERLY OF ANDOVER — Retired Andover Fire Chief, Harold "Butch" Joseph Wright, 70, died unexpectedly as a result of a stroke in Tempe, Ariz., on December 28, 2014.

Butch is survived by his wife, MaryAnn (Frechette) Wright of Mesa, Ariz.; and children, Brad Wright and his wife, Juliet Correll Wright; and grandchildren, Willow and Marsten of Andover, Mass., Brian Wright and his wife, Jenine Marino Wright; and granddaughters, Madison and Dylann, of Melrose, Mass.; daughter, Melissa Wright and grandson, Max Techau of Burlington, Vt.; and his beloved Aunt Marie (Cote) Bernard and Uncle Leo of Andover, Mass.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Martha (Sweetser) Wright; his mother, Doris (Cote); and longtime stepfather, Henry Godin of Andover.

Butch was born on August 14, 1944, in Lawrence, Mass., and graduated from Andover High School. During summers at Lake Winnepesaukee, he met his wife, Martha Sweetser, and they married in 1967.

He entered the Navy and served on U.S.S. Lake Champlain during the Vietnam War. Following his naval service, Butch joined the Andover Fire Department. He earned an associate degree with High Honors in Fire Science, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Administration. Through 34 years of service, he rose up through the ranks to the position of Fire Chief, and retired in 2000. In addition, he was a



member of Christ Church Vestry, and he served on the Town of Andover Finance Committee for a number of years.

In 2009, Butch married MaryAnn Frechette. They resided in Arizona where they enjoyed the desert climate and treasured their circle of friends.

Butch enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, who remember his incredible handyman abilities, and his love for singing, traveling and storytelling.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service was held Monday, January 12, at 10 a.m., at Christ Church, Andover, followed by burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, and a reception. All were welcomed to attend and celebrate Butch's life. In lieu of flowers, please submit donations to the Essex County Fire Chief's Association, ECFA, 430 Chebacco Road, Hamilton, MA 01982, where contributions will go towards funding a new search dog for the Essex County Technical Rescue Team. For additional information and guest register, please visit www.burkemaglozzi.com.



■ POLICE LOG

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Monday, Jan. 5 Incidents

A Richard Circle resident called 911 at 8:32 p.m. to report that her car had been stolen. She said she brought her car to Herb Chambers Dodge in Danvers for repairs, and has since received notification that her car was in Wakefield. The dealership said an employee brought her car home and will be dealing with the situation.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 Arrest

Jesse Coldwell, 21, of 99 North Main St., Andover, was arrested at 4:26 a.m. on Central Street and charged with

operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents

A car was seen driving around the West Parish Cemetery in the area of the chapel at 6:31 p.m. Officers responded and told the couple to move along.

A resident of Lowell Street called police out of concern for her neighbor's dogs, who were outside in the cold weather. Patrolman Joseph Davies spoke with the owner and was told the dogs have an outdoor shelter and can come and go as they please. A note was left for animal control to further check on the situation.

A Noel Road resident called 911 to report someone putting trash on her lawn at 11:37

p.m. It turns out that it was the neighbor, who was cleaning up his trash that had blown away.

Thursday, Jan. 8 Incidents

Several callers from the Lowell Junction Road area reported at 7:55 a.m. that the railroad train gates were stuck down, and that one had been hit by a car. The railroad company was contacted and responded.

Winchester Hospital called police at 9:50 a.m. to request a well-being check on one of its employees, an Andover resident who did not show up for work and was not responding to phone calls. Officers were able to contact the employee, who said she overslept and

would contact work.

A 911 caller from Stevens Street at 4:07 p.m. reported a two-car crash with no injuries, though Patrolman Colin Radford called an ambulance for one person who had head pain.

A Carlisle Street resident called police to report a toilet was backed up in his basement, and he did not know if it was from the street or not. Mike Murnane from the Water Department was notified.

Friday, Jan. 9 Incidents

A caller from Moreland Avenue reported at 12:30 p.m. that a bird was injured by the pond. Animal control responded and said that the bird did have an injured wing, though was mobile enough to where the officer could not get to it.

At 12:31 p.m., a concerned caller from Federal Street reported that 12 to 14 kids were skating on the ice. The officer reported that they were adults, employees of a Federal Street businesses, who were on their lunch break.

A person at Latitudes Gym on Main Street called police to report he was locked inside the building at 8:47 p.m. after it closed. Police were able to get the man out, though the owner had to be called to again secure the building.

Saturday, Jan. 10 Incident

Police were called to North Main Street at 2:19 p.m. after a white powder substance in a baggie was found inside a carriage. Officers reported that it was not a narcotic and everything was fine.

Sunday, Jan. 11 Arrests

Joshua Britto, 31, of 96 Wilson Drive., Apt. 96, Framingham, was arrested on River Road at 3:15 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense, and operating an uninspected motor vehicle.

Scott Christie, 33, of 325 Washington St., Quincy, was arrested on Frontage Road at 3:51 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Incidents

A Boston Road resident reported at 1:26 a.m. that her home was just egged for the second time in a week, though she didn't report the first incident. She said that she saw what looked like a Buick Regal leave the end of her driveway, heading toward County Road. Officers filed the report.

At 6:36 p.m., Phillips Medical Security reported that people were setting fires in the woods and were filming it, but they were gone before police arrived.

A caller from Glenwood Road Extension wanted to speak to an officer shortly after 8 p.m. about three men who were ice fishing on the adjacent lake.



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Unity Luncheon to honor MLK Jr.

The eighth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Luncheon hosted by Andover Baptist Church is set for Monday, Jan. 19, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the church at 7 Central St.

Dr. Melinda Boone, the superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools, will be the keynote speaker. Spiritual leaders from local synagogues will also speak and local gospel artists will perform musical oratory tributes in honor of Dr. King as well.

"Rise Up! And Restore the Dream! Building Communities and Bridges Together," based on King's vision, is this year's theme. Organizers say that theme is especially timely in light of the recent events of Ferguson/Columbine and other communities that have been experiencing strife.

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

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► **Town Hall Notebook**

Power lines, blood drives and large shoes

By **BILL KIRK**
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National Grid construction

National Grid is undertaking a so-called "Reliability Project" that includes constructing a 345-kilovolt overhead transmission line along 24.6 miles of an existing power line corridor that runs between Londonderry, N.H., and Tewksbury.

The proposed Merrimack Valley Reliability Project is one of several being undertaken by Northeast Utilities, parent company of Public Services of New Hampshire and National Grid.

According to the Northeast Utilities website, approximately 18 miles of the line will pass through Londonderry, Hudson, Windham and Pelham in New Hampshire, and 6.5 miles through Dracut, Andover and Tewksbury in Massachusetts. The project will also include station upgrades.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said National Grid will be holding an open house in February, possibly in the Doherty Room on the third floor of Old Town Hall on Main Street. A map of the route can be found here: www.transmission-nu.com/residential/projects/

merrimack/default.asp. Speaking of National Grid, the power company will be in town in the coming weeks doing "emergency pruning" of trees near power lines, according to selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski.

Business manual for Board of Selectmen

For the first time in years, the Mass. Municipal Association has published an updated version of the Selectman's Handbook.

Last week, Andover selectmen received thumb drives with their weekly packets that contained the contents of the handbook.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said he worked on a subcommittee at the MMA for three years to help rewrite, revise and update the compendium of legislative protocol for local boards of selectmen.

It's the first time the MMA has put the handbook on a thumb drive, which Vispoli said was for "easier distribution."

Hard copies, for you wonks out there, will be available for sale later in the year.

"It's a great document that hadn't been updated in 12 to 15 years," Vispoli said. "It goes over the types of structures of government different towns have, the role of selectmen, how to conduct

meetings, the role of chairmen and other issues. It's a very comprehensive document. It's great for a new selectmen, and great to look at for best practices."

He added, "This has been a long time coming. It really needed to be updated."

Resolve to give blood

Kowalski is urging residents to make a New Year's resolution of donating blood.

"During the new year, we all think of things we are going to do for our new year's resolutions," he said. "People talk about exercise or this or that. One of my passions is donating blood. If you haven't donated blood before, maybe 2015 is the year for you to start. It's a new year's resolution that's real easy to keep and maintain."

Kowalski has been donating blood for years and encouraged people to check out www.redcross.org for more information about times and locations.

For those who want to accept Kowalski's challenge, St. Augustine Church, 35 Essex St., is holding a blood drive next Thursday, Jan. 22, from 1:30 to 7 p.m.

Hail to the manager

Members of the Board of Selectmen had short notice last week to prepare remarks about

the pending retirement of Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, which he announced at the Jan. 5 board meeting. Vispoli made a number of comments about the retirement, which got left on the cutting-room floor of The Townsman's editing room.

Vispoli said that during his stints as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, including last year, he got an up-close and personal glimpse of what it takes to be the town manager of a 33,000-population town with a nearly \$200 million budget.

"I can't imagine anybody who is more committed to their job," he said of Stapeczynski. "In the 11 years I've served with you, I've seen your honesty and integrity, and you have always been a good reflection on the community and your family."

Vispoli noted that the fact that Stapeczynski lives in Andover makes his job even more difficult.

"It's a 24/7 job," he said. "You are here all the time. Everybody else on the job has witnessed this. Whenever you call him, and some of us call him too much, he'll call you right back. Congratulations on the next step of your life. You are leaving large shoes to fill."

Selectmen search for next manager

STAFF REPORTS

The Board of Selectmen met last Friday to begin the process of recruiting a new town manager.

Last Monday, Jan. 5, Buzz Stapeczynski announced his intent to retire at the conclusion of his current contract on June 30.

Selectmen voted to release a "request for quotations" to identify a municipal executive search consultant to assist with the recruitment process.

Proposals are due back to selectmen on Friday, Jan. 23. The Selectmen also voted to announce the search throughout multiple municipal networks and journals.

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting regularly to adhere to its deadline of appointing the new town manager prior to June 30. Its next work session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 a.m.

A formal timeline will be developed and released in the next few weeks.

Proposals are due back to selectmen on Friday, Jan. 23.

Memorial Hall Library installs new parking kiosk

By **TIM LIMA**
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The cost to park at Memorial Hall Library hasn't changed, but the process certainly has.

This month, the library at 2 North Main St. in downtown Andover unveiled its new "Pay Per Space" parking kiosk in its rear lot, replacing the decades-old method of coin meters.

"Before, my understanding was that people weren't using the meters because just about half of them didn't work," said Memorial Hall Library Director

Beth Mazin. "This caused a lot of problems, because people would park in a space with a broken meter and wouldn't know if they'd be ticketed. And, they only accepted coins."

Now, Mazin said, the process will undoubtedly be easier.

"It's not pay and display, like what is behind Old Town Hall," she said. "This is a 'Pay Per Space' system, and each space is numbered, so the good part is that you don't have to go back to your car to display the receipt."

Because it's a municipal parking lot, parking

will still be monitored by the Andover Police Department.

Parking costs will still remain at 25 cents per hour, for up to four hours, or \$2, taken at one time. Before, Mazin said, people could only pay for up to two hours of parking at a time — meaning they'd have to interrupt their library work to put more change into the meters. People must select the amount of time before paying.

And rather than having to dig through their pockets for loose change, people will be able to pay with both bills as well as credit

cards in addition to coins. The kiosk, however, does not give change.

Vehicles with handicapped placards will be able to park anywhere, free of cost and without time limit.

The lot is in operation from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. While the library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., parking is free at night, on Sundays and on holidays.



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Memorial Hall Library has replaced all of its old parking meters with a new "Pay Per Space" electronic system.



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Andover, Merrimack at odds over dorms, sewer work

By BILL KIRK

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Tensions between Andover and Merrimack College are heating up again as members of the Board of Selectmen last week accused campus leaders of “stonewalling” them on sewer repairs while residents lashed out at them for failing to report a recent gun-related death on campus.

College officials countered that the new president at Merrimack is trying to be responsive to the needs of the town and the neighbors.

“There were past administrations that dragged their feet,” Merrimack College Senior Vice President Jeff Doggett said. “This administration is trying to fix that.”

At last Monday night’s selectmen’s meeting, college officials withdrew any further requests for permits for the portion of its dorm expansion project in Andover as well as sewer work and until differences between the two parties could be worked out. The decision will further stall any movement on the controversial dorm project in town.

In the meantime, construction of the dorms in North Andover is underway.

Student death

Amid talk of dorms and sewer pipes, residents took the opportunity to hammer school officials for failing to tell neighbors about a November incident in which a student fatally shot himself inside an academic building at 3 a.m.

“There was a shooting and the director of communications shut down all information on it,” Melissa Marquis of 3 Woodcliff Road said. “There has to be an alert notification system for abutters now that we are going to be completely surrounded by college dorm buildings.”

Jonathan Aronson of 44



An SUV takes the corner through the flooded street from Rockridge Road onto Elm Street in early December. Sediment-filled water from the dorm construction site was pouring off the property and into and beyond the nearby storm drain.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff file photo

Brookfield Road agreed.

“There was a shooting on campus and I only learned about it from reading The Eagle-Tribune,” he said.

Selectman Dan Kowalski chimed in that “you’ve got to find a better way to communicate with your neighbors.”

Doggett, along with school spokesman Felipe Schwarz, said the college made a decision to go by the law and not release any information about the shooting because it was a suicide and no other lives were in danger.

“A young man took his own life, there was no threat to the institution, the campus or the neighborhood,” Doggett said. “The college made a decision not to say anything, and stick with the letter of the law.”

Kowalski and several other neighbors, however, said the shooting was just one example of the poor communication between the college and the neighborhood.

Andover work halted

Ever since Merrimack College proposed building four dorms and a community center on Austin Field — across the street from a thickly settled neighborhood of homes on Rockridge, Brookfield, Foxhill and Woodcliff roads — a battle has ensued between residents, selectmen and the college.

Two of the dorms and the community center were proposed to be built in Andover, the other two dorms in North Andover.

The college went through approval processes in both towns, receiving the necessary permits from the Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions in Andover and North Andover. However, in Andover, the Board of Selectmen became involved after neighbors stormed several meetings seeking relief. They said the dorms were too big and out of scale to the neighborhood, would create traffic

on their streets, and noise, crime and other issues due to the hundreds of students who would now be living practically in their front yards.

Selectmen found an entry point into the debate, saying that as water and sewer commissioners, they had the power to reject or approve an Inter-Municipal Agreement because the dorms being built in North Andover would be tied to the Andover sewer system. College officials ultimately decided to bypass an agreement with Andover and hook up the North Andover dorms to that town’s sewer system. Construction on the two dorms in North Andover has begun and is expected to be completed by the fall, offering 170 new beds for incoming freshmen.

However, work on the Andover side of the project has stalled due to the disagreement over the dorms, the sewer connection and other infrastructure issues. Selectmen voted unanimously to order the building and health inspectors not to issue any permits for construction or occupancy or for sewer hookups until they had a chance to weigh in.

Public Facilities Director Chris Cronin said that order has halted all work on

any sewer lines leading into Andover, whether they are related to the dorms, or not.

Sewer woes

Chris Cronin, director of municipal services for Andover, said when Merrimack first announced its dorm expansion project, he told representatives of the college they needed to do a sewer study because of existing capacity and infiltration problems.

The study found five or six locations around campus that had problems. As a result, the college replaced 1,200 feet of sewer main downstream of campus. As part of that project, he said, the school also installed a sewer line in a neighboring street and hooked three homes to that new line — all paid for by the school.

But in December, during a heavy rain storm, “something happened” and the pipe “surcharged and backed up into the homes,” Cronin said. Cronin said the school has since gone back and removed those homes from the new pipe and put them on another, older pipe in the street.

Doggett said the school has been working with the town for 16 months on the infiltration problem.

“We reached an agreement to perform the study and made a series of recommendations,” he said, adding that occurred a long time before the dorms were proposed. “We want to fix those problems.”

It’s not just sewer problems in the neighborhood.

One resident reported the loss of thousands of dollars of personal belongings and other items when the basement of his home flooded for the first time since he bought it five years ago.

Jonathan Aronson of 44 Brookfield said he’s never had any water in his basement. The last big storm in December, he got 3 1/2 inches. He said it wasn’t sewer in his basement, but groundwater.

“The whole basement floor gets covered and they don’t want to accept any responsibility for it,” he said. “We pay taxes and they don’t.”

Stonewalled?

Also last week, Kowalski all but accused college officials of lying about what kind of work was being done — both at the dorm site and elsewhere on campus. He repeatedly stressed that a document akin to an Intermunicipal Agreement was needed to prevent future mistrust and possible misdeeds.

“What concerns me is the fact that we don’t have assurances any of this work will be completed,” he said. “It’s nice to say this line will be fixed, and this sewage will be redirected to North Andover, but ... these problems have been in place for a long time, and Merrimack College has stonewalled the town on corrective measures.”

He said he suspects that the only reason Merrimack College wants to fix the pipes is so that it can get approval for the dorms.

He went on to say that he feared Merrimack might put up a building in North Andover and hook it up to a sewer pipe that eventually goes to Andover.

“They would be tied into the Andover sewer system and we’d have no say or control over that,” he said.

He was further concerned that Merrimack might renege on paying its bill if sewer and water rates were raised. He also said he was concerned that the college might promise to do work that would turn out to be too expensive and would end up not getting done.

“That’s why we need an agreement,” he said. “That’s why we need these guarantees in place.”

Doggett, however, said, “I don’t believe we’ve been treated any differently than any other customer. We’ve paid all our bills. There have been contentious moments. In full transparency, the first time this was raised, I was not happy. These are things that happened in the past and we are being penalized for them now. There were past administrations that dragged their feet at expense of the town. This administration is trying to clean it up.”

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Healey plans task force to fight opiate addiction

By DOUG MOSER
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials and advocates for opiate addiction treatment generally cheered a proposal by Attorney General-elect Maura Healey last week to establish a state task force to combat addiction and abuse. Some cautioned that the real test will be action when overdoses fade from the news.

Addiction and overdoses have spiked in the Merrimack Valley over the last few years, with many blaming addiction that starts with access to opiate painkillers and leading to heroin when pills become harder to obtain.

There were 145 deaths in Essex County last year believed to have been caused by drug overdoses, according to the Essex County District Attorney's Office.

Last week, Healey, a former assistant attorney general who won election to her first term handily in November, laid out plans for a task force that would work with local law enforcement, prosecutors, health care experts and

community groups to prevent and treat opiate addiction, a problem that has grown both in the Merrimack Valley and statewide.

The task force will look at developing public education, strengthening an existing state program to monitor prescriptions, directing state funds to expand treatment for addiction, and finding ways to reduce the cost of a lifesaving overdose medication.

Methuen police Chief Joseph Solomon, who has been focusing his department on disrupting sales near the interstates in his city while working on a local task force pushing for more treatment options, said the problem needs state involvement.

"My first feeling is excitement," he said. "We had support from Gov. (Deval) Patrick, and we've heard Gov. (Charlie) Baker talk about it several times and have been in touch with his transition team."

Solomon sits on a local task force that includes Karen Kennedy, director of mission and community partnerships

at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, and Phil Lahey, a Methuen advocate whose family has battled addiction.

Kennedy declined to comment.

Lahey, whose daughter survived heroin addiction, said he hoped the focus would be on prevention and education, particularly for parents. "Anything they want to do, I'm all for," he said. "But what it comes down to is treatment, prevention, education and awareness. You have to treat those out there now and find money to do it. The biggest emphasis should be in prevention and education."

State Rep. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, helped organize the Merrimack Valley task force, and has made opiate addiction a priority for her since taking office two years ago.

"My focus has been on prevention and education, and the reason why it's been on that aspect is once a person is addicted, they're going to be battling with that for the rest of their lives. The best medicine is prevention," she

said. Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett was not available for an interview, but spokeswoman Carrie Kimball-Monahan said he welcomes the opportunity to work with Healey on the issue.

Patrick last March declared opiate addiction a public health emergency, opening the way for local first responders to carry and administer naloxone, a nasal treatment commonly referred to as Narcan used to revive people overdosing on heroin or painkillers.

And last summer, the Legislature passed several bills to begin addressing addiction, including requiring insurers to reimburse patients for addiction treatment from licensed counselors, removing prior-authorization requirements for outpatient substance abuse treatment, and requiring chief medical examiners to report overdose deaths to the state health department and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

But the state still has a critical shortage of treatment beds beyond a 28-day detoxification.

"You don't have enough treatment, you don't have beds, and parents can't get past the stigma of getting help," said Lahey, who hosts a community television show in Methuen about addiction called "The Empty Chair."

And, he said, when the headlines fade, the real test will be how the task force continues to work and what concrete action it will take to improve the situation.

"Task forces are great if you don't think you're going to come up with a wham-bam quick solution," he said. "They're great if you have people who have dealt with it, who are passionate about it and who understand that this is a marathon, not a sprint."

Healey, who takes office Jan. 21, said in her announcement her task force would reside in the attorney general's office and would include police, prosecutors and health officials.

The goals would include expanding the

Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program, which is a secure website where registered prescribers and pharmacists can view a patient's recent prescription history; developing public education and outreach initiatives, expanding Massachusetts pharmacy lock-in programs that restrict people suspected of doctor-shopping for prescription drugs or abusing their prescriptions to a single pharmacy, and investigating and addressing cost increases and access to naloxone.

She also promised to work with legislators and Baker to expand the use of drug courts and increase resources and treatment options for those struggling with addiction.

"These are concrete and definitive steps we can take now that will make a difference in addressing this crisis," Healey said in a statement. "As attorney general, I will work closely with my partners in government and law enforcement to quickly and effectively implement these changes."

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Lipinski said.

Lipinski's words filled the painfully quiet sanctuary of St. Augustine Church on Saturday as hundreds of young adults joined their parents, community members and Johnson's family to grieve the loss of the local teenager who had dreamed of going to college next year.

Johnson died two days after the reported heroin overdose in the waking hours of 2015. She had celebrated New Year's Eve with friends at a house party on Andover Street in town. The next morning, those friends were calling 911 as she reportedly slipped out of consciousness after an injection.

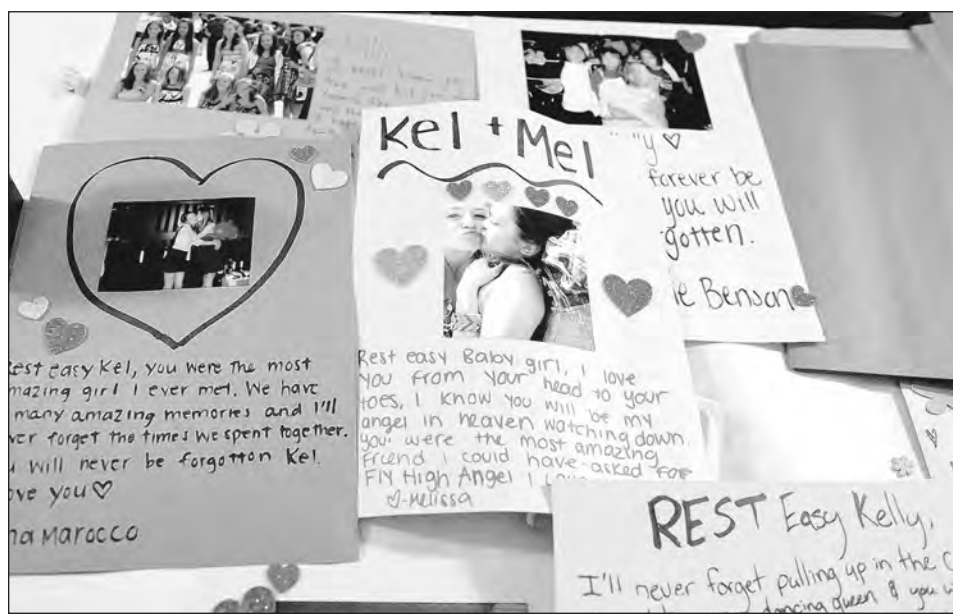
The youngest of William and Gail Johnson's three daughters, Kelly Johnson grew up playing soccer and swimming in Poms Pond in town. She attended local schools, including South Elementary, Doherty Middle and Andover High through the middle of her sophomore year, when the Johnsons moved from town in the aftermath of a family crisis. She was most recently living in Reading, but had maintained her close bond to her friends in Andover and continued to spend time in town.

Those close to her knew she had been battling substance abuse issues. She was among the 50 or so students enrolled at the recovery high school in Beverly, where she was a member of the class of 2015.

In their grief, Johnson's parents have chosen to be candid about their daughter's struggles.

"If we do not speak out and shine a light on this disease, the status quo will continue, more young adults will die and people will continue to grieve in silence," the family states in her obituary.

At the teen's funeral Saturday, the memorial program included an insert containing information on understanding addiction, the shame surrounding it and the warning signs. On the back was a listing of various resources available for treatment for adolescents and for families, including



Friends made scrapbook pages of memories they shared with Kelly Johnson during a gathering at Old Town Hall in Andover on Friday night. Kelly Johnson, 18, lost her struggle to substance abuse.



Andover High School students Allie Nussbaum, left, and Maureen Tyner, both 17, share personal sentiments about Kelly Johnson for a scrapbook.

recommended reading.

The Rev. Peter Gori, pastor of St. Augustine Church who officiated at the funeral, said he did not know the placard would be included in the program until right before the service. He said he was pleased to see it distributed.

"Please take it home with you," he said, particularly addressing the young adults in his church. "It's a very important insert, an informative insert. It's the kind of information that needs to be available, accessible and widely shared."

Gori said addiction knows no community and does not respect anybody.

"There is no one under a magic umbrella who can say

this won't happen to me," he told the gathering, reminding them. "There but for the grace of God go I."

He also led the congregation of mourners in an unconventional round of applause for Johnson's parents.

"The enormous good you did by not concealing the facts of Kelly's struggle and the facts of her death ... for all you did for all out there ... for that I think we owe you a sincere expression of gratitude and appreciation," he told the Johnsons.

He urged the community to take their sadness and anger and turn it into a charge — like an electrical charge — to do good.

"Let us be grateful for Kelly's presence," he said, "and do the best to honor her that we could possibly do by remembering her and honoring her experience so we can be there to help one another today, tomorrow and every day after that."

Memorial donations

Kelly Johnson's family has asked for donations in her memory to support the Addiction Recovery Management Service program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, which helps adolescents and young adults between the ages of 14 and 26 with their substance use and related problems. Donations to the ARMS Program at Massachusetts General Hospital can be mailed to 151 Merrimac St., 6th Floor, Boston 02114.

KJ Fund

Andover Youth Services is collecting money to help the family of Kelly Johnson with expenses. Donations of any size may be sent to the youth program's nonprofit arm, the Andover Youth Foundation, 37 Pearson St., Andover 01810. Checks should be made out to Andover Youth Foundation, with KJ Fund in the memo line. Organizers hope to establish a method for making donations online, as well.

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worse.

Just days into 2015, Johnson, 18, lost her battle with heroin addiction. She was the first to die of an overdose in Andover in 2015; three people died from overdoses in 2014.

Johnson grew up in Andover and attended local schools, including South Elementary, Doherty Middle and Andover High schools through the middle of her sophomore year, when her family moved to Reading.

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, a former Andover School Committee member, said that the health curriculum at the Andover Public Schools "dives into drugs, and gives useful information to young people to get them to not become involved with drugs at all."

"But I think there are still cases of people, who for whatever reason, decide to try drugs. Oftentimes, people turn to that when things are lacking in their life and they need support," she said.

L'Italien said the rise in heroin use is related to the over-prescription of pain killers. People oftentimes become addicted, she said, then turn to heroin — the cheaper and more accessible alternative.

As Gov. Baker was sworn into office last week, the heroin epidemic sat at the forefront of his political agenda.

Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett said heroin addicts are no longer people hidden in a dark alley with a needle in their arm, or just those from poorer communities. Now, he said, they can be found at all levels of society.

"It's lawyers, it's doctors, it's housewives, it's stay-at-home moms, it's business people, like the people I'm looking at today," he said during a talk to the Salem Partnership in October, the same week as the county's death toll reached 100.

He believes that drug education should begin in the fifth grade.

"High school is too late," he said.

In the wake of Johnson's

death, Superintendent Marinel McGrath said she will be meeting with interim Andover High School principal Steve Murray and Andover Chief of Police Patrick Keefe to talk about what they would recommend "as a holistic approach to discussing this issue given the dialogue must be on a broader scale."

"As a community, we know that the schools, the police, and youth services are only a part of the solution," McGrath said.

She said other factors in this equation are families, students, religious organizations, hospital and health groups.

"I believe the most important first step for our community is to acknowledge that there is an alcohol and drug problem in our community, as the schools, police and youth services have on numerous occasions," he said. "I understand that many believe there is shame associated with alcohol or drug abuse. As long as people feel this way, it will be more challenging to help our children."

Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services, agreed, saying that remaining quiet will only make the problem worse.

"I don't know the answer, but we choose not to sit in silence because silence is what perpetuates everything, the silence," he said.

"We cannot sit as leaders in this community and say, 'This is so sad.' First, we need to stop and feel it. Then we need to say what can we do about this epidemic, to stop it, to heal it. ... We have to step up to the plate. What are we going to do about it?"

Last Friday night, a memorial gathering was held at the Old Town Hall, an effort fronted by Fahey and his staff. Fahey explained the dire need for action, saying Johnson was "not that kid. She was our kid. She was no different than you, me, or anyone else living anywhere else in America."

Paul Leighton of the Salem News contributed to this story.

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Opinion

A powerful call to end the shame

“Because of the stigma attached to addiction, you might not confide in your family or closest friends.

“Unlike the parents of children who suffer from other medical conditions, such as diabetes or cancer, if your child has a substance abuse-related problem, you’re unlikely to seek support from your community.

“You may feel embarrassed by your child’s illness, or even blame yourself for its onset.

“But you shouldn’t feel ashamed or alone.”

Those words were printed on an informational insert that accompanied the memorial program at 18-year-old Kelly Johnson’s funeral Saturday at St. Augustine Church.

In the intense grief of losing their youngest daughter on Jan. 3, William and Gail Johnson were moved to help others in hopes of preventing them from enduring their pain.

But the truth is a cloak of secrecy surrounding addiction exists everywhere, including Andover.

Kelly Johnson openly battled substance abuse to the extent a young person growing up in Andover could be public about it. Her family and friends from childhood through today all knew of her recent struggles and say they took whatever steps they could do to help her.

While she may have moved from town a couple years ago, she attended the local schools until the middle of her sophomore year. She was in town celebrating New Year’s with Andover High School students when she suffered the suspected heroin overdose. Her parents acknowledged their daughter’s disease in her obituary.

Yet, Andover High students told The Townsman they had to approach the principal’s office last week urging that there be some acknowledgement of the teen’s death. It wasn’t until four days after her grieving former classmates returned from holiday break that a moment of silence was said and that a letter went out to parents from the principal. When The Townsman requested a copy of that emailed letter, we were told by someone in the principal’s office that she had deleted it. We can only wonder if the same approach would have occurred if a former classmate had succumbed to cancer.

While we don’t expect the schools to solve the drug epidemic, we expect them to recognize the problem exists. Young people look to their adult leaders for guidance, for support and for answers and the community needs to be there for them when they need us the most.

More than a year ago, in November 2013, 200-plus people came together for what was to be the first in a series of forums targeting the growing use and abuse of prescription drugs and heroin among teenagers in Andover.

The “Just Listen” event — called “The Real Deal: Substance Abuse in Andover, 2013” — brought together parents looking for answers, teenagers looking for understanding and police looking for help. Everyone agreed changes were needed.

Last spring, funding was approved by Town Meeting to hire a social worker in the Andover Youth Services Department who would specialize in helping young people and families dealing with addiction. The position has had a rough start, but it was a step in the right direction.

But clearly, in the wake of four suspected heroin deaths among young people in a year, more needs to be done.

Superintendent Marinell McGrath said this week that she will be meeting with interim Andover High School Principal Steve Murray and Police Chief Patrick Keefe to discuss a “holistic approach” to the drug problem that will involve the schools, the police, and youth services. But she added that approach must also incorporate families, students, religious organizations, hospital and health groups.

That seems to be starting to occur.

We applaud Kelly’s friends who approached the Andover Youth Services staff last week and said they wanted to gather together and talk about what they see is an epidemic occurring in their town. More than 100 young people turned out last Friday night at Old Town Hall. They lit candles in Kelly’s memory and called for changes to be made.

We applaud The Rev. Peter Gori at St. Augustine Church for incorporating the evils of addiction into the funeral Mass for Kelly and for imploring the community — especially the young people — to turn their anger into change.

And we applaud the Johnson family for giving us a sorrowful window into addiction that will hopefully act as the catalyst for some substantive action.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Following the death of Kelly Johnson, school and safety leaders will soon be meeting to discuss what can be done locally to help reverse the heroin epidemic. Do you think kids know enough about the dangers of drugs? At what age should children first be introduced to the issue?

- Earlier than age 5
- Ages 6 to 10
- Ages 11 to 15
- Ages 16 to 20
- Kids should not be talked to about drugs

LAST 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 with the start of budget season and approach to Town Meeting. The School Committee should have its full complement. **67 percent.**

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. **33 percent.**

PAYING TRIBUTE



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Friends of 18-year-old Kelly Johnson, who lost her struggle with substance abuse, hold candles to remember her during a gathering at Old Town Hall in Andover last Friday night.

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. 15, 1915

William Deyernmond, who went to Canada last week to enlist in the British Army, came back Thursday night to his home on Whittier Street to wait until further arrangements could be made from the war office for his enlistment.

The sneak thief, who broke into the garages of Mrs. Joseph Smith and Maurice Curran several weeks ago and was caught in Cambridge, has been sentenced to six months in the Cambridge Jail.

Oliver Hutton of Shawshen Road is suffering from a blood-poisoned

hand.

Miss Anne McCrossan is in serious condition from a complication of diseases. She is confined to her home on Stevens Street.

75 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1940

The two local banks held their annual meetings this week, the Savings Bank on Monday and the National Bank Tuesday morning. Frank H. Hardy, former selectman, was elected a trustee of the Savings Bank, taking the place left vacant by the death of Frederic S. Boutwell. Trustees reelected were Burton S. Flagg and C. Carleton Kimball.

“There’s ice for skating even if the snow for skiing is mostly grass.” Shown in a front-page photo doing just that were Shirley Granville, Theresa Lefebvre, Constance Boddy, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Merle Drouin, Jean Gilfoy and Mina Manthorne.

Figures on the rapidly increasing use of Memorial

Hall Library facilities, particularly in the Junior Division, are contained in the first annual report of head librarian Miss Miriam Putnam, presented this week to the trustees.

50 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1965

A front-page photo shows a plan for a new building in Elm Square. “This is the expectation of Danton Realty Trust and Standard International Corp., one the developer and the other the major occupant of this three-story office building to be erected on the site of the present Square and Compass Club. The structure will be known as the Standard International Building.

Philip K. Allen, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, pushed the button today that activated new pumps at the Riverina Road Sewage Pumping Station and signaled completion of the \$1.6 million Accelerated Public Works project in Andover.

25 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1990

Residents asked the Board of Selectmen Monday night to choose a town manager who will encourage citizen participation in a more open and democratic form of government. “In my opinion, our town of Andover has been aimed on a wrong course for much too long, especially within the last decade,” John Doyle, of 40 Reservation Road, told the board members Monday night.

Barcelos Bros. Grocery Store on Main Street is not closing, as rumor might have it, but is planning to expand its building to accommodate additional retail and office space. This is the plan despite the fact that other businesses downtown are being choked for lack of parking.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Year in Review Police Log worth the read

Editor, Townsman:

I just wish to say that your 2014 summary of the police log (2014 Police Log: The Year in Review, Jan. 1) was worth the price of the subscription.

KATHLEEN ZALLA
3 Chester St.

Senior living center would have lasting benefit

Editor, Townsman:

As the owner of the old farm on Lowell Street, I have been watching the Planning Board meetings with my family from my home in Pelham, N.H. We have heard the anger and negativity of some of the people who live in the area. I continue to check in at the farm every day, just as I have done for years,

and I can’t help but see the red signs on my way to and from the farm. The signs exclaim, “We can do better!”

Naturally, I have been thinking a lot about the proposed plans for the farm and the changes it might bring. Growing up at the farm, I’ve seen a lot of changes in my 60 years. We welcomed a housing development behind the farm when I was very young, then two churches — one on either side, then the

Windemere Drive development, with its wetland crossing. These changes, along with condominium developments, the IRS building, the gas station, the new medical building, and two 40B apartment complexes, haven’t destroyed the nature of living on Lowell Street in my opinion.

I firmly believe that two new buildings on the old farm designed to give senior citizens and memory-impaired people

a nice place to live for the foreseeable future is a positive addition to the area and to the town as a whole. What could be better than knowing that we care about older people and memory-impaired people enough to include them in our area and our lives? Rather than being a liability, it is possible that the residents of this proposed senior living center could in some way enrich the lives of people in the community. Young adults and adults of any age could perhaps volunteer there and end up receiving more than they give.

If this letter doesn’t succeed in convincing those who oppose senior housing too near to them to embrace it, I ask you to accept the fact that this will benefit a great many people for years to come.

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TownsBeat

CHECKMATE!

New chess club captures excitement for the game

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Fans of chess insist that it is one of the world's most popular games, as it is played by millions of people worldwide and is even part of some school curricula.

Those 64 squares arranged in a grid with 16 playing pieces — rooks, pawns, knights, bishops and a queen and king — all moving about certainly has a fan base in Andover, where two well-known national chess champs live and a new chess club has just launched.

Chess passion may now live quietly in town, but the club's organizer is hoping to capture many local fans of the game.

"They are out there," Mike Henroid said of chess players in Andover. "When I talk about the club, I don't hear, 'Oh, chess, I don't want to join.' It's 'where, when, what time?'"

So, he's confident the new Friday night chess club at Faith Lutheran Church on Route 28 will flourish. He's optimistic, given 25 people turned out for the inaugural club night last week.

"There are (other) local clubs, but I wanted to provide a place to play in Andover," said Henroid, a newcomer to town. "This is casual, for kids and adults ... It's an open club available to all."

Henroid is certainly the perfect person to host the Andover Chess Club. He simply loves the mental challenge of a good chess match. He was on his high school chess team in St. Louis, Mo., and says he has played 100,000 chess games online. He frequents chess tournaments around the

ANDOVER CHESS CLUB

- Who: Open to all, including children ages 6 and up accompanied by a parent
- What: Instruction, casual games and tournaments featuring matches against other area clubs
- When: Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St. (Route 28), Andover (south entrance)
- How: Email andoverchessclub@gmail.com.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
Mike Henroid, center, gives his son, Bryan, 6, right, some pointers as he takes on his friend, Aaron Huang, 8, in a chess match.

state and has written chess columns for the Boston Herald and Denver Post newspapers.

His 6-year-old son, Bryan, a kindergartener at High Plain Elementary School, is already playing chess, and frequently travels with his father to tournaments around the state. His 4-year-old daughter, Kayda, doesn't play — yet, but is starting to show interest in the game, too. The children were born in Singapore, where Henroid met his wife, Xiaolin "Jade" Jiang. The family moved to Webster Street in town six months ago.

There was little required to get the Andover Chess Club off the ground. He got

a grant from the Massachusetts Chess Association to buy 10 chess sets and players were off and capturing the queen before he knew it.

When it comes to chess masters, Henroid is in good company in town.

One of the top chess players in the state lives in Andover. David Vigorito is the fifth highest-rated player in the state and No. 61 in the country overall. He is the author of at least eight chess books.

Vigorito said chess is popular because it "transcends language and culture."

"Anyone can learn to play and enjoy it for a lifetime," Vigorito said.

When asked what he likes



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo
Aaron Huang, 8, makes a move in a match against friend Bryan Henroid, 6.

most about chess, he said there is "a certain harmony to the game."

"For me, it is like appreciating music," he said in an email. "Chess has a beauty and depth to it."

The top-rated girl under the age of 12 also calls Andover home. Carissa Yip, 11, became one of the youngest players to defeat a grandmaster in tournament play, a fete she accomplished this past September.

"Unlike other sports, chess is easy to start," Carissa, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School, said. "It is cheap and so it is accessible to almost everyone."

She likes it because it's

both a fun and intellectual game, and has been found to bolster academic achievements among students. As a result, many schools, especially those in New York City, offer chess as an after-school activity, she added.

"It challenges your mind and your logical thinking," she said.

The game is popular in New England schools as well. Scholastic tournaments are run in Massachusetts and/or New Hampshire every week.

The Massachusetts Grade School Championship was Jan. 3 in Cambridge and there are scholastic tournaments pretty much every weekend in New England,

Henroid said.

Several of the Andover public schools, including High Plain Elementary, West Middle and Andover High, offer chess clubs through the Learning Leaps programs. The Chinese School of Andover, Step by Step Chinese Learning School, the Russian School of Mathematics and the Kaleidoscope summer program, all based in town, offer chess as well, he said.

Clearly, enthusiasm for chess is capturing Andover. Henroid's advice for anyone who wants to get in on the action is to join the club and check it out, mate.

ANDOVER CHESS

Triple play of music in wings for Phillips' weekend

Music-lovers are in for a medley of a cappella, classical piano and a young boys choir as Phillips Academy hosts a trio of free concerts this weekend in Cochran Chapel on campus, 180 Main St.

The British a cappella ensemble Apollo5 leads things off Friday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Formed in 2010, the five-member ensemble has been praised for its engaging and entertaining performances. With a repertoire ranging from retro jazz, pop and classical arrangements to Christmas a cappella, the vocalists are said to be adept performers on the concert platform and at festivals, private parties and corporate events. The group began publishing its musical arrangements last year.

Apollo5 has performed throughout London and the UK and is making its first trip to the U.S. this season. The group has recently worked in partnership with The Sixteen, The National

Portrait Gallery and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, presenting a new festival, Sounds Sublime.

The group is also part of the charitable foundation Voces Cantabiles Music, and is involved in its innovative education programming established in 200 schools worldwide that aims to inspire creativity through music. It also works with children and adults with special needs and leads an innovative Young Leaders Program.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, Stephen Porter will take the spotlight for a Faculty Piano Recital at 3:30 p.m. His program will feature works by Schubert and Debussy, which Porter is known for and has performed to critical acclaim.

Next month, he will be performing the 24 Debussy Preludes for his New York recital at SubCulture.

The weekend comes to a close with a concert by The Boys of St. Paul's Choir on



COURTESY PHOTO

The Boys of St. Paul's Choir will treat listeners to a concert Sunday afternoon at Phillips Academy.

Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3:30 p.m.

Funded by an Abbot Academy Association grant, the performance is made possible through the St. Paul's Choir School Project initiated by Tom Burnett, a 2011 graduate of St. Paul's Choir School in Cambridge

who will be graduating from Phillips this spring. Burnett was assisted by adviser Dr. Mary Kantor, Catholic chaplain.

The Abbot Academy Association was founded upon the merger of Phillips and Abbot academies in 1973.

It seeks to foster and promote the legacy and spirit of Abbot Academy through funding meaningful projects and initiatives.

The St. Paul's Choir School is an academically rigorous Catholic day school for boys in grades four

through eight. Since 1963, the Choir School has formed and educated boys in the rich musical tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

Led by Director of Music John Robinson, the former assistant organist at Canterbury Cathedral, the choir of soprano voices is noted for its extraordinary choral singing and sings daily Mass at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge. Recently, the Choir School has received critical acclaim for its international recording "Christmas in Harvard Square."

A choral workshop for the Phillips Academy community only will follow the concert at 4:45 p.m. Then, the choir will sing at a Catholic Mass at 6:45 p.m. in Kemper Chapel in the lower level of Cochran Chapel. The public is invited.

All concerts are presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department. For more information, contact the music department at 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu.

COLORFUL CREATIVITY

Andover artist's imaginative works on display

Sanjeev Nandan, a self-taught artist who says he is driven purely by the passion to create something new and interesting every time he has a blank canvas in front of him, shows off the results of his creativity as this month's featured artist at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

The Andover artist says his paintings are original concepts designed by infusing real-life subjects with a bit of imagination. He calls every painting an experiment and learning experience. Over the years, he has been influenced by various artists and their styles.

While his own style has

evolved over time, he says one thing has not changed — his paintings remain bright and colorful. He says he uses acrylic paints to give them an almost oil-like effect.

Aside from painting, he also loves computer-aided graphics and 3D modeling, which he said is another self-driven adventure.

He lives in Andover with his wife and 11-year-old daughter, who shares his passion for art.

The Memorial Hall Library exhibit runs through the end of the month and may be viewed during regular library hours. To see more of his art, visit <http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/sanjeev-nandan.html>.



"Flamenco Dancers," aka "Butterflies on the Wall," an acrylic on canvas by Andover's Sanjeev Nandan.

COURTESY IMAGE

A SILENT BEAUTY

Futuristic film from the past screening at Rogers Center

By TERRY DATE
Staff Writer

Prepare to see a feast for the eye and prescient vision of the future by a film legend who started making movies when silence ruled the screen.

"Woman in the Moon," a 1929 silent flick by German filmmaker Fritz Lang, will screen Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover.

Lang, who also made the movie "Metropolis" in 1927 and "M" in 1931, may be considered the most important science-fiction filmmaker ever, said Jake

Turner, a Merrimack professor who teaches film.

Lang made "Woman in the Moon" two years after the arrival of talkies — films with sound.

He did so by choice, focusing on set design and special effects instead of incorporating audio, Turner said.

Lang is known for his fantastic set work and his playing with light and dark, Turner added.

"Woman in the Moon" tells a story of romance, intrigue and gold-seeking on the moon.

The movie was made with German rocket experts as technical advisers, and is noted for anticipating

techniques employed by NASA 40 years later in the Apollo moon launch, including a multi-stage rocket and separate capsule to reach the lunar surface, according to Jeff Rapsis, a silent film accompanist who will create live music for the screening of the movie.

"Critics regard the film's extended launch sequence as a masterpiece of editing and dramatic tension," Rapsis said in a release.

"But 'Woman in the Moon,' with its melodramatic plot and colorful characters, also stands as the forerunner of many sci-fi story elements that quickly became clichés: the brilliant, but misunderstood



The crew of mankind's first moon voyage explores the lunar surface in "Woman in the Moon," which will be screened next week with live music by Jeff Rapsis at the the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

professor; a love triangle involving a beautiful female scientist and her two male crewmates; a plucky, young

boy who yearns to join the expedition; fistfights and gunfire and treachery on the lunar surface."

The film endures, not just for its place in the history of film and forward thinking, but for its visual beauty.

Local gallery owner tapped to judge Newburyport winter show

Peter Alpers of Alpers Fine Art in downtown Andover has been tapped as the juror for the Newburyport Art Association's winter members juried show.

Alpers recently completed the judging for Part One of the winter exhibition, reviewing 164 submissions in the mediums of digital art, drawing, oil, printmaking, sculpture and watercolor.

He said the submissions brought a wealth of talent and he agonized over the decision of which pieces to accept for hanging and to single out with awards.

"I found much to admire in this show, many pieces I wouldn't hesitate to offer for sale, more than a few I'd be happy and proud to own," he says in his overall show statements.

Although not a trained artist, Alpers draws his perspective and knowledge

from 15 years of experience as a successful art dealer and gallery owner.

"From day one, I've approached my calling not head first, but, like the vast majority of my clients, by gut instinct. Thus, with no preconceived, or received, notion of what constitutes good art, I feel I can approach each piece with an open mind and an open heart," he says in his statement.

Part One of the Newburyport Art Association Winter Members Juried Show runs through Jan. 31 at the gallery, 65 Water St., Newburyport. Part Two, which will also be judged by Alpers and feature acrylic, fine crafts, mixed media, pastel and photography, will go on display Feb. 6 through 28, with an awards reception on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.



BRYAN EATON/Staff photo

Peter Alpers of Alpers Fine Art in downtown Andover looks over the entries for Part One of the Newburyport Art Association's Winter Members Juried Show earlier this month. Alpers will also be judging the second part of the show, which will be on display next month at the Newburyport gallery.

Admission to the gallery and events is free.

For more information on the shows or the Newburyport Art Association, call 978-465-8769 or visit www.newburyportart.org. For more on Alpers

and Alpers Fine Art at 95 Main St., Andover, visit www.alpersfineartonline.com or email alpers2@verizon.net.

Andover Day & Night

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AUDITIONS

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, Monday, Jan. 19, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Spring auditions for three choirs: Training (ages 6 to 9), Concert (ages 9 to 13), and Schola (ages 13 to 18); My Own Voice Choir, for those with special needs, does not require an audition; preparation is not necessary; www.treblechorusne.org.

ART/GALLERIES

GELB GALLERY, "A Sense of Place: Connecting with Nature," featuring the work of visual artists Jim Mott, Jonathon Nix and Gar Waterman, through Jan. 30. George Washington Hall, 7 Chapel Ave., Andover; free, www.andover.edu.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, solo show featuring the works of Sanjeev Nandan of Andover, through January, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

WARD WINTER FUN DAY, Sunday, Jan. 25, noon to 3 p.m., Ward Reservation, Andover. The Trustees of Reservations, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee and Friends of North Andover Trails, hosts a day of guided hikes, refreshments by a roaring fire and more; bring cross-country skis, snowshoes or sled in case of snow; parking available at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, Andover; free; 978-886-5297, email arollfs@ttor.org.

DANCE

ROCKIN' ROAD TO DUBLIN, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Shawsheen Road, Andover, featuring Massachusetts Irish dance world champions Scott Doherty and Ashley Smith, plus lead dancers from "Lord of the Dance," "Riverdance" and "Taptronic;" vocalists and a seven-piece band; for all ages; tickets \$30 to \$40; www.rockinroadtodublin.com.

FILMS

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHTS, "The Fault in Our Stars," Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m.; "Belle," Feb. 23, 7 p.m.; free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

SILENT FILM SERIES, "Woman in the Moon" (1929), Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.; "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" (1921), featuring live musical accompaniment by silent film composer Jeff Rapsis, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.; free, Rogers Center

MUSIC

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, Albino Mbie and Friends, Sunday, Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m.; Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, Sunday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.; free, hosted by Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

PALMERS RESTAURANT, Live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; Friday, Jan. 16, Jumpstreet; Saturday, Jan. 17, Point of View; Friday, Jan. 23, Infrared; Saturday, Jan. 24, Shuffle Mode; Friday, Jan. 30, Sean Coleman; Saturday, Jan. 31, Section 42 Band; no cover charge; 18 Elm St., Andover; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

MISTRAL VALENTINE CONCERT, Sunday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m., Mistral presets "From Russian with Love," featuring husband and wife duo Tamara Volkaya and Anatoly Trofimov performing Russian ballads on the authentic domra and bayan; chamber works by Russian composers Arensky, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff will follow; West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; tickets \$30, group and student rush tickets available; www.MistralMusic.org, 978-474-6222, sales@MistralMusic.org.

MERRIMACK VALLEY COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL, Winter recital, featuring students and faculty performing solo and in ensembles, as well as MVCMS Flute Choir and Blues Jam, Sunday, Jan. 25, 3 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; free.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY, British a cappella ensemble Apollo5, Friday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.; faculty piano recital featuring Stephen Porter, Saturday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.; St. Paul's Choir School, Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:30 p.m.; presented by Phillips Academy Music Department; all in Cochran Chapel on campus, 180 Main St., Andover; free; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

ETC.

WINTER BOOK SALE, Friends of Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale Friday, Jan. 23, through Sunday, Jan. 25, at the library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Preview Night is Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; admission \$20, members of Friends group free. Regular sale hours Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 25, 1 to 4:30 p.m.; free admission; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

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To submit an event for the entertainment calendar, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

Out & About: Young musicians to perform Verdi opera

Three young musicians from Andover will join the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra for its performance of a 156-year-old opera tragedy on Sunday at Sanders Theatre at Harvard University in Cambridge.

"Un ballo in maschera (A Masked Ball)" by Giuseppe Verdi debuted in 1859 in Rome. The plot involves a hush-hush affair between Amelia and Riccardo, who is the governor of Boston. Amelia is the wife of Riccardo's secretary.

The local students who will be part of the more than 100-member youth orchestra are violinists Aditi Kannan, 14, and Ji Seok Kim, 17, and cellist Mari Nagahara, 15. North Andover

violinists Ariell Balan and Yunji Koo, both 16, are also performing.

The performance will be conducted by Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra Music Director Federico Cortese with stage direction by Edward Berkeley. It will include professional vocalists, Boston area choruses and singers, costumes and more.

BYSO is the only youth orchestra in the country to present full, semi-staged operas and this marks the eighth consecutive season it has performed one.

Sunday's performance starts at 3 p.m. It is a full opera, over three hours in length. It is not designed for young children and is recommended for audiences 10 years of age and



COURTESY PHOTO

Cellist Mari Nagahara, 15, is one of three Andover teenagers who will be performing with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra this weekend when it presents the Verdi opera, "Un ballo in maschera (A Masked Ball)."

older.

For more information or tickets, call 617-496-4595 or visit www.BYSOweb.org.

Got an item for Out & About? Email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Children's Room

■ "Rumpelstiltskin," Saturday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Fairy Tale Players will present the classic story. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun; register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

■ Pajama Party, Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and 27, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute sessions for ages 3 to 5, accompanied by an adult, include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film.

■ The Junior Friends, Wednesdays, Jan. 21 and 28, 3:30 p.m. Members ages 8 to 11 meet every Wednesday to plan library activities, exchange ideas and have fun. Call Kate Belczyk at 978-623-8401, ext. 39, for more information.

■ Literacy Story Time, Fridays, Jan. 16 and 23, 10 a.m. Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement

will conduct preschool literacy story times for ages 3 to 5, with an adult. Online registration requested.

■ Alpha-buddies, Thursday, Jan. 22, 1:30 p.m. Celebrate a single letter of the alphabet through stories, songs, games and activities; for ages 4 to 5, with an adult. Online registration requested.

■ Find-Out Friday, Friday, Jan. 23, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Investigate science topics through stories, experiments and activities; for ages 5 to 8. Online registration requested.

■ Around the World in 30 minutes, Tuesday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age; for infants through age 5, with an adult.

■ Night Readers, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. This month's selection is "The House of Dies Drear" by Virginia Hamilton; open to ages 9 to 12 and a favorite adult. Read the book before the meeting and come for a great discussion, light refreshments and a new book preview. Register child's name online.

■ Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, share coffee, juice and doughnuts.

Teen Room - Grades six through 12

■ Movie Nights, every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Crafternoon with Sarah, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 3 p.m.

■ T h u m b P r i n t

Favorite pastime has dealt enjoyment for generations



Andover Stories

Tom Adams

Andover Historical Society

Enjoying time with family and friends over a card game has long been a popular Andover pastime. Playing cards offers a warm and inviting time to just relax, sit and talk, and catch up on the latest family news and neighborhood gossip. Such moments blend the generations, connect us and stir our fondest memories – recollections of times past and stories that bond us more deeply to our roots.

While the origins of card games are lost in the annals of time, the history of the pastime of cards is traced to as early as 9th century China. By the latter portion of the Middle Ages, the popularity of card games had travelled from China to the Middle East and to Europe.

The look, feel and design of playing cards have changed significantly over the past 1,200 years. Playing cards evolved from the domino-like tiles used in China to hand-painted cards so prohibitively expensive only the wealthiest could afford them. It wasn't until the advent of wood-cut printing in Europe during

the mid-1400s that playing cards became affordable to the common man.

As playing cards became more widely available, governments began to exert control over who played. Certain types of wagering games were banned. The Church hosted card burnings. By decree, the King of England, Edward the 4th, restricted card playing to the 12 days of Christmas.

Here in North America, card playing and gambling among the indigenous population preceded the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620. And while the staunch Pilgrims tried to prevent card playing from taking hold in their new world, they fought a losing battle.

During the 1840s, the local population was swelling with immigrants seeking employment in the burgeoning mills. Many of the Irish who fled the potato famine migrating to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland boarded timber ships bound for the industrialized Merrimack Valley ports of Lowell, Haverhill and Lawrence. They brought with them a game rooted in 19th century Ireland called 45s. The game was a hit.

Local historian and longtime Andover Historical Society member Norma Gammons recalls playing 45s back in her college days.

"I played it on the train my first year in college," she says. "There were about 30 students riding the train each day from Haverhill, Lawrence, North Andover, Methuen and Wilmington. We would take down one of the signs posted all along the tops of the windows. We would make this our

card table by holding it across our knees. We would turn the seats around for a game of four or six. The games would go on for days. It was our amusement on a boring ride."

Passed down over the generations, the game remains popular today. Leagues have formed and attract players from Andover and surrounding towns. The Merrimack Valley 45s League was founded in 2001 and boasts more than 20 teams hailing from Haverhill to Lowell. Its mission is simply "to join people together, allow life to be more interesting, to relax a little and have some fun."

Our own town senior center hosts a game of 45s most Tuesday afternoons. Sitting in on their game a few weeks back, I marveled at the intensity, the strategy and rapid flow of the game as two pairs of partners squared off for several hours of play. Their table talk was nonstop and spirited — but more so, it was warm, bonding banter among friends. What has remained with me was the sense of community the game embraces.

In today's fast-moving world, we are bombarded by technology; texting, iPhones and Tweeting seem to dominate every waking hour. The simple act of sitting among family and friends, playing a game of cards and connecting with the stories that define our lives too often falls by the wayside. So dust off those cards and get in on the fun. It's your deal, Andover.

Andover Stories is a twice-monthly feature prepared by the Andover Historical Society.



Postcard courtesy collection of the late Henry Richardson/Pamela Richardson
Tyer Rubber Company, circa May 6, 1910

POSTCARDS FROM HOME

DEAR ELMER SHATTUCK:

Heard your camp on the Shawsheen is being rebuilt after the fire. Big news in town is that the old Niotis Field on Railroad Street was bought up and the plans are to build the biggest rubber factory in the world — a new Tyer Rubber to supplement the Tyer Rubber we now have on North Main Street shown on the front of my postcard to you. They say the new building will be ready in 1912. They are talking about manufacturing automobile tire rubber and inner tubes.

**YOUR PAL,
TOWNIE**



Postcards from Home is an occasional feature using postcards from the collection of Henry Richardson of Andover, courtesy of his daughter and town resident Pamela Richardson. Susan McKelliget, first vice president of the Andover Historical Society, uses some poetic license to paint a picture of Andover at different times in its past through messages she imagines may have been written on the postcards.

DoyouhaveanideaforaPostcardfromHome?Emailusattownsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: 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.

Walk with your Harmonica: Mondays through Feb. 9, 9 to 10 a.m. Expand your lungs, stretch your musical mind, pucker 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 Cato, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, George Patton and Theodore Roosevelt; \$6.

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop: Thursdays 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.

The Art and Craft of Hooking: Wednesdays 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.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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Education

Special education survey results to get airing

By TIM LIMA

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In the wake of a state report that found the Andover school district is not meeting certain requirements in its special education program, a parent advisory council will present its own findings on the program this week.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council will highlight the results of a lengthy survey it administered last spring in a presentation to the School

Committee on Thursday night.

SEPAC hopes its survey results will shed light on possible problems and ways to improve the special education program as well as the school district as a whole.

The presentation comes on the heels of a state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education review released late last year that found that of 60 special education requirements, Andover had 24 fall under the “partially implemented” tag. That

means that the requirement, in one or several important aspects, was not entirely met.

The number of citations has raised alarm among parents of special education students. The last time DESE conducted a review in 2008, Andover received only three citations, compared to the 24 last year.

“I think that the most disappointing part of it was how the results compared to other districts Andover relates itself to,” Jeanne Teichert, a member of SEPAC, said.

“Andover had significantly more areas of noncompliance, and it wasn’t even close. It’s appalling in some ways, because we have such a great reputation in Andover for having a good school system, so those results aren’t expected.”

SEPAC’s 256-question survey sheds some light on those concerns, she said. It was taken by 887 Andover Public Schools parents, resulting in 114 pages of responses.

Teichert, who served as chairman for the SEPAC

survey subcommittee, said the responses were both enlightening and troubling.

“One of the responses said that we should be spending more money on the kids who can, rather than those who can’t,” she said. “The perception is that these (special education) students can’t learn. And that’s just not true.”

Teichert said that by improving the way in which special education students are taught, all students of every ability will benefit. And improvement, she said,

is necessary.

“Children with disabilities need extra support to reach their full potential,” she said. “But research tells us that 90 percent of Massachusetts students with disabilities are as intellectually capable of performing at the same level as their peers. They just need the support to get there.”

Thursday night’s meeting will be held in the School Committee Room on the second floor of the School Administration Building at 36R Bartlet St.

Parent-to-Parent series offers window into adolescent psychology

The Parent-to-Parent speaker series continues this week with Joani Geltman presenting “Adolescent Psychology: The Parent Version” on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wood Hill Middle School, 11 Cross St.

Geltman’s talk will introduce parents to the topic of an adolescent’s brain and the way in which it affects behavior. She will provide effective strategies that can be developed to help keep teenagers safe as they enter this very important and oftentimes confusing time in their lives.

A bonus presentation by Andover Middle School health teachers focused on how to introduce the topic of sex to children that was previously scheduled for Jan. 15 is being moved to a later date. The talk by teachers Cheryl Todisco, Sandy Lunt, Stacey Consiglio is titled “The Big Talk: How to Have the Conversation Again... and Again.”

Next month, author Janelle Burley Hofmann will speak on “Slow Tech Parenting: Raising Digital Families With Purpose.”

Hofmann is an author, speaker and consultant on topics like technology, media, health, relationships and personal growth. She has written “iRules: What Every Tech-Healthy Family Needs to Know About Selfies, Sexting, Gaming and Growing Up” and has presented a talk titled “Parenting in the Screen Age” at Tedx San Diego.

Her presentation will take place Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., also at Wood Hill Middle School.

Parent-to-Parent Andover is an “organization dedicated to bringing informative and helpful speakers to area parents seeking more information on relevant child-rearing topics.”

The group’s programs are free, and open to residents of Andover and the surrounding communities. For more information, visit www.andoverp2p.com.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

The Andover Robotics Club hosted the First Tech Challenge qualifying event last Saturday at Andover High School. A dozen high school robotics teams from across New England came to town to compete.

Robots invade Andover High



Andrew Riemer of the Andover Robotics Club gives the play-by-play for the First Tech Challenge qualifying event last Saturday at Andover High School.

Hundreds crowded into Andover High School on Saturday afternoon to watch robots perform tasks at the command of 11 different teams throughout New England.

The Andover Robotics Club at Andover High School hosted the FIRST FTC qualifying event, where judges, parents, sponsors and participants watched teams compete in the Cascade Effect Game. In this game, robots, created and programmed by each team had to pick up several balls of various sizes and move them to containers within a given time frame.

Though Andover High didn’t have a team compete in the event, members of the Robotics Club, past and present, as well as many parents volunteered to make the event a success.

Andover supported the qualifying event with judges as well. The judges interviewed all of the teams, critiqued and evaluated Engineering Notebooks and watched teams compete during matches. They then handed out awards to the winning teams recognizing achievement areas such as Design, Team Spirit, Technical Innovation and Community Outreach.

The Punchard Trustees, longtime sponsors of the Andover Robotics Club, were in attendance as well.

— Tim Lima, staff writer

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Science discovery at South Elementary

Second-graders at South Elementary School got a special science lesson on Tuesday, Jan. 6, when the Discovery Museums of Acton paid a visit.

Students investigated the physical properties of solids, liquids and gases. They observed the effects of dry ice and liquid nitrogen to learn the five changes of state and watched with awe as flowers and rubber balls shattered on contact with the chemical. Students also saw a banana transformed into a hammer and solid metal shrink in mere seconds.

The lesson, called the “Traveling Science Workshop,” was sponsored by the South School Parent Teacher Organization. According to the Discovery Museums website, the program has existed for more than 21 years, serving more than 27,000 students last year alone.

“It is a classroom-based — not auditorium-based — set of 18 hands-on workshops that get students excited about science and help teachers expand their science teaching skills,” the website says. “Dynamic educators excite curiosity and a passion for science



COURTESY PHOTO

South Elementary School second-grader Juliette Earl reacts as dry ice is combined with water during a workshop with the Discovery Museums last week.

with fun, hands-on discovery.”

For more information about the Discovery Museums, visit www.discoverymuseums.org.

Inspiring visit plays out for third-graders

The third grade at South Elementary School was treated to a performance of “Harriet Tubman, Conductor of the Underground Railroad” performed by Young

Audiences of Massachusetts last Friday, Jan. 9.

The students got a glimpse of the young woman who led enslaved people to freedom along the Underground Railroad.

Austin Prep holding middle school open house

Austin Preparatory School in Reading will host an open house for families with students interested in enrolling in grades six through eight next year.

The Middle School Open House is Monday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. at 101 Willow St., Reading. All families are asked to register so the school is prepared for the number of students attending. Register at www.austinprep.org/msopenhouse.

Students will have the opportunity to meet Headmaster James Hickey, speak with middle school faculty members and take tours of the campus with current middle school students. Tours will include visits to the arts and music wings, classrooms and multi-purpose facility/gymnasium.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Flynn, admissions coordinator, at eflynn@austinprep.org or at 781-944-4900, ext. 834.

Phillips Academy welcoming students to Summer Opportunities, Gap Year fairs

Phillips Academy in Andover has two upcoming fairs on tap to get high school students and soon-to-be graduates thinking ahead to summer and the next school year.

Both fairs are set for Sunday, Feb. 1, on the school campus.

The Summer Opportunities Fair will be held from noon to 3 p.m. in the Smith Center off Route 28 near Salem Street. It will give 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/summer/fair.htm.

Later that day, 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 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium, located in the Elson Art Center on Chapel Avenue,

is sponsored by USA Gap Year Programs, which holds 30 such fairs across the country each year.

The popularity of gap 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/CollegeCounseling/GapYear/Pages/default.aspx.

A magical trip to Israel

More than 30 from Temple Emanuel spend holidays in Holy Land

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The unrest that has gripped Jerusalem and included the November attack on a synagogue that left three U.S.-born rabbis dead was understandably very worrisome to relatives and friends of a group from an Andover temple as they departed for the Holy Land last month.

But, happily, those concerns were unwarranted.

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein of Temple Emanuel of Andover, who was among the 36 travelers, said everyone is home safe and no problems were reported on the 10-day trip to Israel.

"We felt comfortable and safe throughout our journey. We traveled to the north and the south and on one occasion we were able to climb to the top of Mount Bental overlooking Syria.

"Sadly, we were able to hear and see bombs being dropped on Syrian villages. The destruction caused by the civil war is heart-wrenching," Goldstein wrote in an email.

Goldstein said the group visited sights important to Christians and Jews, including the Western



Five of the younger members of the tour group celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs during the trip.



The travelers from Temple Emanuel in Andover pose at the Western Wall, one of several historic sites they visited.

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Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, the Holocaust Museum (Yad Vashem), the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) as well as ancient Roman ruins in the north.

There were 13 young people on the trip, including five who celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs in Israel.

Goldstein has led a number of trips to the Holy Land, including two interfaith groups with Christ Church, Andover.

"We arrived in Israel on the seventh night of Hanukkah," he said. "There is something magical about lighting the Hanukkah menorah just a few miles from where the events actually took place."

One of the highlights of the trip

was a visit to the Neve Michael Children's Village, a residence that provides a refuge for more than 250 children at risk. The young people from Andover were able to play a spirited soccer game with the Israeli children, he said.

"There is no doubt that the experiences we all had will stay with us for the rest of our lives," he said.

'Essentials of Essential Oils' series launches this month

The Andover Department of Community Services explores the growing popularity of essential oils as natural remedies for basic health and wellness in a three-part series launching this month.

Jamie MacKenzie, Andrea Incolligno, and Leanne Shafner, representatives for Young Living, which deals in essential oils and wellness solutions, will lead the evening workshops designed to help people discover the powerful benefits of using the oils in their homes, with their families and even for their pets.

They will offer ways for people

to incorporate the therapeutic-grade essential oils into their everyday lives.

The series kicks off Tuesday, Jan. 27, with "Essential Oils 101," which will provide a hands-on, informative approach to discovering natural solutions for first aid, personal care and household cleaning.

The second class, "Essential Oils 102," on Tuesday, March 3, will focus on nontoxic, all-purpose household cleaners, purifying sprays and seasonal allergy solutions to prepare people to enter the spring months.

The series wraps up May 5 with "Essential Oils 103," which will help participants create natural summertime products such as bug repellents, poison ivy solutions and frizzy hair techniques all using safe and natural essential oils.

Each session meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The workshops can be taken independently or together. No prior experience is needed. At each session, participants will make at least one all-natural product using pure-grade essential oils to take home.

The first session costs \$15, and the second and third sessions cost \$30. A series pass is available for \$65.

The workshops are for informational use and are not designed to diagnose or treat any ailments. Zyto Compass Scans will be available at all three workshops for an additional \$10 fee (cash or check only). The scans examine the body to see exactly which essential oils and supplements it needs.

Registration is required for the workshops. To sign up or for more information, visit www.AndoverDCS.com.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Red Cross blood drives planned for next week

The American Red Cross is holding two blood drives in town next week.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, a blood drive will take place from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, 35 Essex St.

CBRE Richard Ellis at One Tech Drive is also holding a blood drive on Friday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To celebrate National Blood Donor Month, the Red Cross and Dunkin' Donuts are launching a new campaign to help increase donations and reward generous donors. Through the new "Dunkin' Donors Make a Difference" campaign, all those who come to give blood or platelets in January will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donor Card.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

New round of flu vaccines available

The town has a limited number of flu vaccines available for 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.

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.

Tallman Eye offering low vision services

The Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has partnered with Tallman Eye Associates to offer services to those with low vision in the Merrimack Valley at Tallman's Lawrence office at 360 Merrimack St.

The new services, which will be available to both English and Spanish

speakers, will include low-vision examinations, in which an eye doctor conducts a specialized exam to help an individual learn to use his or her remaining vision in their daily life. The goal is to help people live as independently as possible.

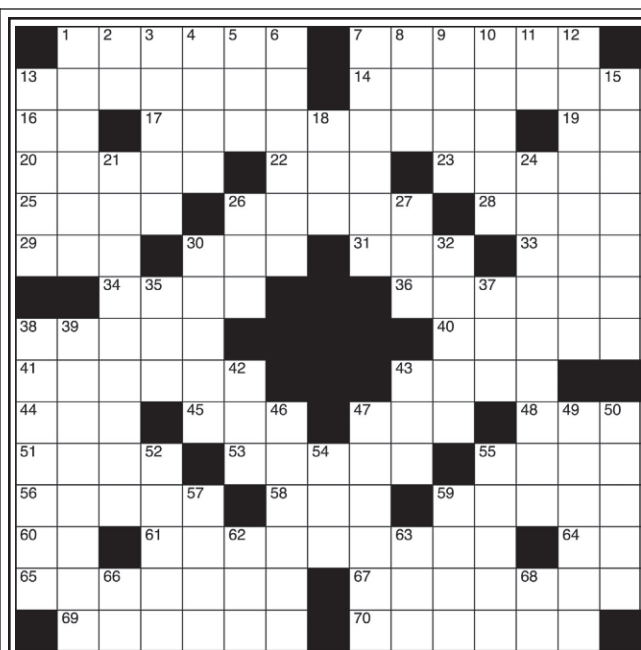
In addition, occupational therapists will be available to perform in-home vision rehabilitation to help people learn adaptive strategies for coping with vision loss and remaining confident in their home environments.

The number of seniors with low vision is expected to double by 2030. Research suggests that vision rehabilitation greatly reduces an older

adult's risk of falls, related hospitalizations and transitions to assisted living. There are currently more than 100,000 Massachusetts residents who are blind or visually

impaired and at least 70 percent are seniors.

To learn more, call 888-613-2777 or visit www.mabvi.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Contradicted
7. The Donald's Marla
13. Mediterranean sandstorm
14. Shoulder adornment
16. Earth crust's 5th element
17. Rainbow prize
19. NCIS star's initials
20. Mischa __, violinist
22. Constitution Hall org.
23. More dried-up
25. First on moon
26. Braid
28. 11% of Guinea population
29. Sea eagle
30. Scottish variant of "to"
31. A border for a picture
33. Belonging to a thing
34. On top
36. Automobile hood (Brit.)
38. Skewered Thai dish

Solution in Classified Section

40. Clamors
41. Eggs cooked until just set
43. Flat
44. 13th Hebrew letter
45. Short poking stroke
47. Japanese classical theater
48. 007's creator
51. Romanian Mures river city
53. Music term for silence
55. A crane
56. Ringworm
58. Romanian money
59. True frog
60. Integrated circuit
61. "Highway Patrol's" Crawford
64. Point midway between S and E
65. On a whim
67. Protagonist
69. Quantity with only magnitude
70. Oversights

CLUES DOWN

1. One who operates a dial
2. Trauma center
3. Prickly pear pads
4. Fashion superstar
5. Shock treatment
6. Mindless drawing
7. AKA migraine
8. Military mailbox
9. Buddies
10. Heavy tranquilizers (slang)
11. Raised railroad track
12. School session
13. Picture
15. Stabs
18. Supervises flying
21. Early American militiaman
24. Downfall
26. Cooking vessel
27. Check
30. In a way, manipulated
32. Sacred book of Judaism
35. Chum
37. Negating word
38. Relating to the body
39. W. hemisphere continents
42. Make lacework
43. Witty remark
46. More hairless
47. Relating to a nerve
49. Originates
50. Consumer advocate Ralph
52. Actress Winger
54. Center for Excellence in Education (abbr.)
55. Japanese brews
57. Fleishy seed covering
59. Canadian law enforcers
62. So. Am. wood sorrel
63. Actress Lupino
66. Personal computer
68. Do over prefix

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TOWNSPEOPLE

Page promoted to associate professor, receives tenure

Timothy F. Page, an Andover native, has received tenure and a promotion to associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Florida International University in Miami, Fla.



Timothy Page

Page joined FIU in 2008 after completing a Ph.D. in economics at the University of New Hampshire. He received his undergraduate degree in economics from Stonehill College in 2004 and his master's degree in economics from UNH in 2005.

A 2000 graduate of Andover High School, Page attended Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle schools in town. His parents, William and Charlotte Page, have been Andover residents since 1976.

Page's research encompasses several topic areas, including kidney transplantation, chronic disease management, community-based healthy aging initiatives, HIV/AIDS prevention, home-based healthcare for the elderly, the economic burden of autism in adults and the lifelong economic consequences of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Since beginning his faculty appointment in 2008, he has published more than 20 peer-reviewed research articles in leading academic journals, and his projects have raised more than \$800,000 in grant funding.

Page credits his scholarly achievements to the education he received in the Andover Public Schools.

Salem Street residence a classic holiday winner

The Bentley residence at 64 Salem St. got the prize as the Department of Community Services' inaugural Best Decorated House for the 2014 holiday season.

Judges said the Bentley house stood out because it represented a classic holiday display "that is timeless, not overdone and very tasteful."

The Bentleys decorated the front of the house and fence with lights, wreaths and garland, and positioned two large nutcrackers to stand watch over the entrance. They received a trophy and DCS gift card for the win.

The DCS office hopes to grow the contest next year.



To submit an item for the Townspeople column, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

WINTER WARMUP

ANDOVER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DINNER DANCE

Saturday night, Jan. 31

Tewksbury Country Club

\$45 per person

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Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Choice of baked stuffed chicken or baked haddock

Salad, sides, starters

Dessert

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Sports

J-ROD RED HOT

Rodriguez sizzles at TD Garden, but Golden Warriors fall short

By DAVID WILLIS
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It is the building that the Andover boys basketball team dreams of returning to in two months.

It is the same court, where the Boston Celtics once celebrated an NBA title on, that the Golden Warriors hope to take once again in March by earning a trip to the Division 1 state semifinals with the state title on the line.

"That is the goal right?" head coach David Fazio said. "The goal is to get back and here and win here in March, absolutely. But there is a lot of work to be done before then."

If the boys do earn a return trip to the Garden, they will be looking for a better outcome than they had this past Saturday when the then-No. 1-ranked team in the state fell to No. 3 Catholic Memorial 90-73 in the Good Sports Invitational.

"We want to be playing here in a few months," Andover marksman Jonathan Rodriguez said. "We want to learn from this experience and get back to the Garden."

But while the Warriors fell, Rodriguez turned in a shooting effort not seen on Boston's home court since the days of former Celtics star Ray Allen.

The forward erupted for a career-high 29 points, including four 3-pointers, a massive dunk and 13 points in the second quarter alone on Saturday.

"Jonathan had an excellent game," Fazio said. "The growth in this kid in the last three years has been amazing. Everyone in the Merrimack Valley knew how talented he was. But he has grown so much mentally and has developed into



Andover High's Jonathan Rodriguez goes up for the layup during the Golden Warriors' game against Catholic Memorial Saturday night. Rodriguez had a breakout game with 29 points, but Catholic Memorial knocked off the Warriors.

MARIA UMINSKI/Special to The Eagle-Tribune

a heck of a player."

Rodriguez — known as J-Rod to his teammates — said he was the last to expect the performance.

"To be honest, coming in my shot was not feeling good at all in warm-ups," Rodriguez said. "But I just tried to stay positive mentally and emotionally. I focused on when one of my teammates passed me the ball I wanted to make the shots for them."

And the Golden Warriors needed J-Rod in a big way.

CM raced out to a 13-2 lead, and held a 26-15 advantage after one quarter.

But Rodriguez stepped up to spark a rally.

He started off his run with a layup, then sunk the play of the night when he caught a breakout pass from E.J. Perry IV on a press break and threw down a slam dunk.

SEE THE ACTION

For video highlights of Andover star Jonathan Rodriguez's monster shooting night at the TD Garden, visit andovertownsm.com.

He then heated up from deep, sinking a 3-pointer from the elbow, then on the next possession he swished a trey from the corner in

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► HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



FILE PHOTO

Hamza Naveed, seen here last spring, rallied late to win the final event of the day and clinch the Division 1 state relays for Andover High last Friday at Reggie Lewis Track in Boston.

Naveed, Andover boys win state relays in final event

BOYS TRACK

With the championship on the line in the final event of the day, Hamza Naveed overcame a 4-yard deficit to surge to a 5-yard victory in the 4x400 relay as the Golden Warriors won the Division 1 state relays on Friday. The Golden Warriors scored 30 points, edging BC High (28 points).

Joining Naveed on the deciding relay, which broke the tape in 3:29.86, was Jeremy Travaglini, Ray Gorzela and Demetri Kostakis.

Naveed also ran on the 4x200 relay along with Travaglini, Sean Caveney and Sebastian Silveira that won in 1:32.84 and the 4x50-yard hurdles team of Caveney, Silveira, Justin Mantrana and Andrew Matteucci that placed first in 25.66.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Olson, Warriors rally to beat Westford Academy

Trailing by a goal heading into the third quarter, Jojo Olson scored the tying goal and Caroline Curtin followed with the game-winner as Andover beat Westford Academy 2-1 last Wednesday. Meghan Johnson made 14 saves for the winners.

Brianna Deloury scored one goal and assisted on another and Caroline Hughes potted two goals to help Andover cruise past Central Catholic on Saturday. Hannah Littlewood, Laura Morissette, Caroline Curtin and Krystal Brighton scored single goals for the winners.

Caroline Hughes and Jessica Leone each scored two goals and assisted on two others as Andover rolled over Westwood 8-1 last Monday, Jan. 5. Hannah Littlewood, Haley Driscoll, Joanna Olson and Emma Plourde each scored single goals for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Another thriller

The Golden Warriors continued to step up with the game on the line, scoring a last-second goal with the goalie pulled for the third time this season, earning a dramatic 1-1 tie with Billerica last Wednesday. Brian Sargent did the honors this time, off an assist from Zach Walker. Nick Scarpa continued to star with 20 saves.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Webber, Warriors dominate late

Sophomore Jillian Webber scored 10 points and added the 10 rebounds as Andover led just five points at halftime then pulled away for a 53-34 victory over archrival Central Catholic last Thursday. Rachael Cormier scored seven of her nine points in the third quarter and Talia Dellatto added eight points for the winners.

Carissa Reming scored eight points and stood out on

defense as Andover rolled over winless Haverhill 71-32 last Tuesday. Alyssa Casey (26 points) and Colleen Caveney (16 points) continued their dominant seasons while Paige Hartnett added six points.

SWIMMING

Galligani captures three golds in the pool

Thomas Galligani won the 200 IM (2:13.28) and 100 butterfly (59.29) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover bested Belmont 100-82 last Monday, Jan. 5. Nathan Hamer won the 50 freestyle, Thomas Dalimonte took the diving and Eric Shi captured the 100 freestyle for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover takes down Central Catholic

Trailing by a point with 5:30 left in the game, veteran-laden Andover nailed 15 of 16 from the free throw line in a 26-14 flurry to close out archrival Central Catholic 71-60 last Thursday.

Connor Merinder made eight of 15 from the field and all four of his free throws in a 21-point night, grabbing his usual 11 boards. David Giribaldi (17 points), E.J. Perry IV (12) and Jonathan Rodriguez (14 points) helped out for the winners.

Jonathan Rodriguez scored 11 points and Ryan O'Connell added nine points to help Andover past Haverhill 74-56 last Tuesday, Jan. 6. James Nyamwaya added four points to the final tally and E.J. Perry IV scored a game-high 13 points.

GIRLS TRACK

Relays star

Hannah Ameen, Miranda Lawrence, Michelle Gencorelli and Delianne Marmolejos teamed to place second in the 4x200 relay (1:48.25) and Lizzie Kobelski, Jillian Gamache, Hannah Chapman and Olivia Souter took second in the shuttle hurdles (32.14) as the Golden Warriors placed fourth as a team at the Division 1 state relays last Friday. The high jump relay of Drea Greico, Kobelski and Casey McCarroll also took second and the sprint medley relay of Sarah Rothmann, Audrey Adam, Amanda Devine and Grace O'Hara was third.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

MacDonald wins all-around

Kaitlyn MacDonald won the all-around (34.9), placed second in the bars and third in the vault as Andover beat Lowell 137.3-131.0 last Tuesday, Jan. 6. Courtney Carver added second over archrival Central Catholic last Thursday. Rachael Cormier scored seven of her nine points in the third quarter and Talia Dellatto added eight points for the winners.

Courtney Carver was second in the beam and third in the

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Townsmen sportswriter wins Spinners' Gammons Award

The Andover Townsman's sportswriter David Willis will be awarded the Lowell Spinners Peter Gammons Media Award at the team's Hot Stove Dinner this Saturday, Jan. 17 at the UMass-Lowell Inn and Conference Center in Lowell.

The Peter Gammons Media Award is presented in honor of Hall of Fame writer Peter Gammons to a member of the media who has gone above and beyond to promote the game of baseball to fans. Winners must have a strong community presence and consistently give back to baseball and the greater community surrounding them.

"David has been covering the Spinners, often as a one-man show, not just doing the writing, but also the video and more," Spinners President and General Manager Tim Bawmann said in a release. "His passion for the game and for organization is evident from even the shortest conversation and we are very pleased to be able to present him with the Gammons Award."

Previous winners of the award, which was created in 2006, include the Lowell Sun's Chaz Scoggins, the Associated Press' Jimmy Golen, WBZ TV's Dan Roche of Andover, 980 WCAP's Teddy Panos, WEEI's Mike Mutnansky and 98.5 The Sports Hub's Jerry

Trupiano. The Lowell Spinners are the Class-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Willis is also a staff sportswriter for The Townsman's sister daily newspaper, The Eagle-Tribune.

The annual Hot Stove Dinner doubles as the organization's Alumni Awards Dinner. In addition to Willis, other guests will include Red Sox fan favorite Trot Nixon, Dick Berardino Alumni Award winner Adam Everett and a host of local minor league players, including Dracut's Aaron Barbosa (Seattle Mariners), Tewksbury's Scott Oberg (Colorado Rockies), Newton's Andrew Chin (New York Yankees), Worcester's Ryan O'Rourke (Minnesota Twins) and Southern New Hampshire's Alex Powers (Chicago White Sox).

Additional awards include the Junior Spinners Awards, the Nashua Silver Knights Player of the Year (Matt Sanchez, UMass Lowell) and the High School Player and Coach of the Year awards.

Doors for the event open at 5 p.m. with an autograph session and meet and greet, followed by dinner and the event program. The evening will also include both silent and live auctions, with the Spinners' Dance Team also on hand to greet attendees.



Andover Townsman staff writer David Willis will receive the Peter Gammons Award from the Lowell Spinners this weekend. He is being recognized for his coverage of the Spinners and his passion for the game of baseball.

Proceeds from the event benefit Lowell Spinners charities. For ticket availability, visit www.lowellspinners.com or call 978-459-1702.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

THOMAS GALLIGANI

Sophomore
Swimming

Thomas has played a big role in helping to pace Andover to a 4-0 record at the midpoint of the season, picking up a crucial win in the 50 meter freestyle against rival Central Catholic, touching out his opponent by only a 2/100s of a second. He followed up this performance just three days later with commanding individual victories in the 200 IM and 100 Fly against Belmont. Galligani has also lent his speed in a number of relays, including Andover's winning 400 Free Relay over Central Catholic and anchoring Andover's 200 Medley Relay over Belmont.



Thomas Galligani

REBECCA MINI

Senior
Hockey cheerleader

Rebecca, a captain, is a dedicated student and a role model for the cheerleaders. Rebecca comes to practice each day ready to learn, to help teach others and to be a good friend and team member. She always has a smile on her face and wants to see every squad member succeed as they create wonderful high school memories together. Rebecca will be graduating early in order to start her college career at Middlesex Community College. She aspires to transfer to UMASS Lowell in the fall.



Rebecca Mini

College taps Andover native as women's lacrosse coach

Former Andover High athlete Jessie Koffman has been named head women's lacrosse coach at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

She previously was the head girls lacrosse coach at Dedham High School. "Coach Koffman has proven herself as someone who can build a program," Wentworth Institute of Technology director of athletics Angel Ayres said in a release. "Her commitment to the sport as both a player and a coach, strong desire to coach as a career, and her contacts throughout the lacrosse community will certainly help us as we continue to build our young program. She will be a great asset for both our student-athletes and our department."

During her three seasons coaching the Dedham Marauders, Koffman helped the squad to 17 wins, including

qualifying for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Tournament for the first time in program history during the 2013 season.

Koffman is 2005 graduate of Andover High, where she was a three-sport player for the girls varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams. She still lives in town.

She began her collegiate playing career at Whittier College in California, where she scored 20 points on 18 goals and two assists during the 2007 season for the Poets.

After spending the 2008 and 2009 seasons as an assistant varsity coach and the head junior varsity girls lacrosse coach at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, she played two seasons at Curry College in Milton, where she scored 189 points (121 goals, 68 assists)

in 39 games for the Colonels.

In her junior season in 2011, she scored 79 goals and assisted on 50 others for 129 points, helping Curry to a 16-5 record and a berth in the championship game of the ECAC Division III New England Tournament. That season, she ranked fourth in Division III in total points, fifth in points per game (6.14), eighth in goals and 10th in assists.

"I am thrilled to become a part of the Wentworth athletics family," Koffman said in the release. "The women's lacrosse team is dedicated, hard-working and plays with heart. I am excited to see what we can accomplish together."

The Wentworth Institute of Technology Leopards will be entering their third season of varsity play in 2015 after the 2014 squad finished with a 3-12 record.

COMMUNITY SCOREBOARD

Local boys run strong at nationals

Andover residents **Ieuan Smith** and **Ryan Cain** competed in the USA Track and Field Cross Country National Championships in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last month.

The boys were part of a 7- and 8-year-old team of runners through the Greater Lowell Road Runners Youth program who qualified in the 2000 meters at the USATF Region 1 Championships in Augusta, Maine.

At the nationals, Smith finished in 181st place with a time of 9:59.9 and Cain placed 207th with a time of 10:48.1.

This boys team, which was coached by Joe Ferris, came in 10th place nationally.

AHS Alumni Hockey Games to face off Feb. 7

The Andover High School Alumni Hockey Games will be played Saturday, Feb. 7, at 5:30 and 5:40 p.m. at the Haverhill Valley Forum.

A reception will follow at Park Street Pub in downtown Andover with complimentary food, cash bar and



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover residents Ieuan Smith, second from left, and Ryan Cain, fourth from left, pose with their 7- and 8-year-old Greater Lowell Road Runners Youth teammates, from left. Ajay Raina, Cameron Tortolini, Seamus Tully, Matt Clark and Mason Veits, and coach Joe Ferris.

the annual (not so) silent auction. Auction items will include tickets to sporting games, hockey equipment, sports memorabilia, rounds of golf and more.

To help support the team, a minimum donation of \$60 is requested from each player. The game has been the No. 2 money-maker for the high school hockey

program, with proceeds going directly to the boys varsity and JV hockey teams.

Those interested in playing should send an email to ahsalumngame@gmail.com with their graduation year. Two rinks have been reserved and the first 40 players to respond will be guaranteed a spot.

Registration open for spring softball season

Registration for the Andover Girls Softball League's 2015 spring season is now open.

A \$25 discount is available for early registrations completed by Jan. 31. The regular price then remains in effect until March 31. Visit www.sportsmanager.us/PublicLinks/OnlineRegistration.asp?Org=273 to see the breakdown of the various age classes and costs. To learn more, visit www.andovergirlssoftball.org or email agsl-registrar@gmail.com. To register on-line, visit www.sportsmanager.us/PublicLinks/OnlineRegistration.asp?Org=273.

In addition, the league will be offering pitching clinics and other training later this winter. More information will be made available about those opportunities in the weeks to come.

To submit a sports brief for the Community Scoreboard column, email townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

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vault and floor exercise, but Andover fell to Central Catholic 140-136 last Saturday. **Kaitlyn McDonald** won the bars and was third in the all-around for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS SKIING

Faigel takes win

Sara Faigel took first overall in 22:20 and **Meghan Farrell** was ninth in 22:97 as Andover beat Austin Prep 98-37, but fell to North Andover 80-55 last Wednesday. **Olivia Lawler** added an 11th for the

Warriors.

WRESTLING

Donahue dominates

Matt Donahue scored a pin in 55 seconds at the 106-pound weight class to lead Andover past Everett 33-30 last Wednesday. **Matt Meagher** added a victory at 126 and **Arthur Yee** earned a 5-3 decision at 160 for the Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Warriors split

Michael Buhner earned a team-best 15th overall as Andover beat Austin Prep 129-6, but lost to Masconomet 86-49 last Thursday.

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front of the CM bench. Less than a minute later, he added a 3 from the opposite corner.

But his biggest hoop came in the final seconds of the second quarter, when he tossed in a 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it just 48-44 as the teams headed to the locker rooms.

That was greeted by a big hug from Fazio, and energized the Golden Warriors heading into the break.

"I don't really call for the ball much," Rodriguez said. "But on certain plays, like when they drive to the basket and there is an open kick, I want the ball. There were definitely times I wanted the ball tonight."

It was another sign of growth for Rodriguez, who had a career-best of 13 points last winter.

"He is doing an excellent

job this season," Fazio said. "Last year, he would miss a shot and he couldn't recover. Now, he can miss one and keep on shooting. We always knew he could play, but now he is growing so much as a player and we are happy to see that."

But despite J-Rod's huge day and another stellar performance by senior Connor Merinder (16 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocks), defensive breakdowns and shooting struggles ultimately cost the Warriors.

"We have so much to work on, but the season is young," Fazio said. "We want to be playing our best basketball in March, not January. When you win it covers up a lot. But when you lose, it shows what you really have to work on."

David Willis is a sports-writer/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @DWillisET.

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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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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny; windy	Partly sunny	Milder	Sunny and colder	Snow, mainly early	Mostly cloudy
High: 30° Low: 19°	High: 31° Low: 7°	High: 26° Low: 22°	High: 43° Low: 23°	High: 29° Low: 14°	High: 32° Low: 18°	High: 33° Low: 25°

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A new pediatric specialty center has landed in Lawrence.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **36 Boston Road:** 36 Boston Road RT and Wayne R. Freichs to Alex J. Thibodeau and Rachael A. Barron, \$441,500
- **39 Dascomb Road:** Jelson FT and Joseph F. Jelson to Jason R. and Shannon T. Griffin, \$577,500
- **1 Ivanhoe Lane:** Ditroia FT and Michael R. Ditroia to Gregory A. Lewis, \$468,000
- **44 Birch Road:** Maywood A. Kenny Estate and Pardon R. Kenny to Robert and Amy Damico, \$515,000
- **20 Blanchard St.:** John D. Kattar to Jeremy A. and Stephanie P. Thiele, \$523,900
- **16 Carisbrooke St.:** James A. and Amanda A. Smith to David J. and Emily R. Clermont, \$535,000
- **11 Downing St.:** Patricia Hopkins to James M. and Katelyn E. Sassano, \$455,000
- **2 Evergreen Lane:** Paul J. and Julie Esdale to Matthew and Molly Theodoros, \$840,818
- **151 Haggetts Pond Road:** Blanchard Stoffer LLC to Jie Yang and Lui S. Kens, \$2,140,856
- **117 Jenkins Road:** Joseph Simone to Arch Land Development LLC, \$415,000
- **4 Juliette St.:** Thomas P. Jaroche and Helen A. Doyle-Jaroche to Nathaniel and Tatiana Ryan, \$351,000
- **3 McKenney Circle:** Thanh D. Nguyen to Loc Tran, \$270,000
- **354 North Main St., Unit 305:** Gerard Ocallaghan to Lisa L. Walters, \$175,000
- **354 North Main St., Unit 311:** FNMA to Richard and Marie Licciardi, \$131,000
- **41 Porter Road:** Fieldstone Meadows Development to Mark and Julie P. Ratte, \$528,000
- **22 Railroad St., Unit 113:** Ellen Santagati to Laurence W. and Younja A. Gibson, \$221,900
- **512 South Main St.:** Michael C. Mihovan and Gabriela Jaramillo to Michael J. and Michael J. Rotondi, \$349,000
- **111 Salem St.:** Marlenny Vanschalkwijk and Kurt C. Vanschalkwijk to Craig E. Shorer and Christine M. Pontuso, \$500,000
- **1 Scotland Drive:** Troy F. and Jennifer H. Ritchie to Christopher and Margaret Koskores, \$1,075,000
- **95 Summer St.:** Ellen Lemaitre to Paul R. and Christa Y. Dinapoli, \$451,500
- **4 Wethersfield Drive:** Van Doren MA RT and Gary L. Vandoren to Andrew Netson, \$582,500

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DATE/TIME: January 22, 2015 from 6:45 to 8:00 PM

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PRE-REGISTRATION: Required, at the Senior Center

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