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Rabbi Asher Bronstein blows the shofar at the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of the Merrimack Valley on Thursday, Sept. 3, to commemorate the start of the High Holy Days.

# Lyons not sorry about remarks

## Won't apologize for comments about Planned Parenthood

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Standing in front of a pink sign that read, "Planned Parenthood Sells Baby Parts," state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, spoke to a crowd of several hundred people during an anti-abortion rally late last month.

During the speech he made some remarks about the Revolutionary War, noting that American Patriots had fought a much tougher foe in the British Army than pro-life protesters were fighting against Planned Parenthood.

His remarks drew an immediate response from NARAL, the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, which denounced his comments as inciting violence against abortion clinics.

"Rep. Lyons' remarks are beyond the pale," NARAL said in a statement posted on its Web site on Aug. 26. "There is a longstanding campaign of violence and intimidation that endangers providers and patients of abortion and reproductive health care services. For a sitting state legislator to use such inflammatory rhetoric is irresponsible and dangerous," said NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts Executive Director Megan Amundson.

"These remarks reference a violent and bloody period of our history," Amundson said. "It is wrong, and an exercise in bad judgement,

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## Seeking repentance and sweetness on High Holy Days

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Rabbi Asher Bronstein took a deep breath, closed his eyes and blew into the shofar, the horn traditionally used by the Jewish people for religious services. After roughly a minute, Bronstein stopped blowing, opened his eyes and smiled.

"It really is a wonderful sound," said Bronstein, who runs the synagogue Chabad Lubavitch of the Merrimack Valley on North Main Street.

"The shofar gives us a sense of repentance and allows us to really take account of our lives."

The shofar has particular importance in the Jewish High Holidays, which begin this weekend with the start of Rosh Hashana, commonly known as the Jewish New Year. The High Holidays also include Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people.

Rosh Hashana, or the Jewish New Year, begins on Sunday, Sept. 13 and concludes on

Sept. 15. Jewish people from around the world will gather together to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. According to Judaism, the holiday commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman created by God.

The holiday includes the blowing of the shofar, which, according to Bronstein, reminds people of the most important responsibility of their lives: to be happy with their lives and "create with essence."

Rabbi Robert Goldstein, of Temple Emanuel on Haggetts Pond Road, said the sound of the shofar can be identified as a "wake-up call."

"It's a very jarring sound, but it helps remind us of a lot of things," Goldstein said. "Are we happy with the direction of our lives? If we aren't, we have the power to change. That's the power of the shofar."

During Rosh Hashana, Goldstein also said he takes

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## Deadline for comments on gas pipeline extended

By LAUREN DiTULLIO  
Staff Writer

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will extend its deadline for the public to submit comments on a controversial natural gas pipeline proposal in the region until Oct. 16, it was announced last week.

Originally set for last Monday, Aug. 31, the deadline for public comment on the Northeast Energy Direct Project has been extended because FERC, the agency that must grant approval for the pipeline, is holding one more public "scoping" meeting on Sept. 29 in Rindge, N.H.

The 6 p.m. meeting is being held in the Franklin Pierce University Field House on University Drive.

Many landowners and elected officials have voiced their opposition to the pipeline, which would stretch from Pennsylvania to Dracut with additional feeder lines going through Methuen, Haverhill and Andover, among a half-dozen or so other communities in Essex County.

The company building the pipeline, Kinder-Morgan of Houston, Texas, announced recently that it would pay the town of Andover nearly \$1 million in new property taxes as part of the deal. The 20-inch, high-pressure gas line that is proposed to run through Andover would cross the Merrimack River from Dracut. It would enter Andover under property

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## Town reviewing teachers' union lease

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BILL KIRK PHOTO

Selectmen are reviewing whether to charge more to the Andover Education Association, the union that represents local teachers, to lease space in Old Town Hall on Main Street.

Town officials are mulling whether to jack up the rent on the Andover Education Association for their use of 450 square feet of space at the back of Old Town Hall on Main Street.

The AEA represents Andover teachers - the largest union in town - and has long benefited from a sweetheart deal in the historic building - renting space there for a fraction of the market rate.

Recently, the Board of Selectmen revisited the lease after it expired in June, saying it may be time to re-write the terms of the lease so the town brings in more money.

"Let's put it on the open

market and see what we can get," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "Let's put it out to bid."

"We need a policy over the use of the building," added Selectman Bob Landry. "I think we ought to talk about the use of the Hall. The AEA is a tenant at will. With 30 days' notice, we have freedom to look at that building and look at it differently. Is there a better use there for the entire town?"

The board recently renewed the lease for the United States Post Service office, increasing the agency's rent from around \$16 per square foot to \$18.55 under a five-year lease.

Market rates for Main Street tend to hover around

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## Words for War

### Retired teacher to deliver 2 truckloads of dictionaries to poverty-stricken town



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Barbara McGovern, 79, of Andover, fills a storage room in Andover full of donations to help a West Virginia school.

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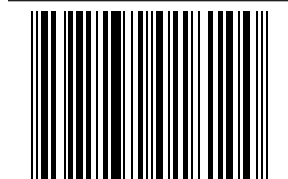
As a teacher for more than 40 years, Barbara McGovern always loved reading the dictionary to her students, teaching them new words they could use in and out of school.

Twenty years after leaving the classroom for the final time, McGovern, of Andover, has decided to use her passion for words to help a new generation of students over 800 miles

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**HOLY WEEK**

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the opportunity to discuss topical issues going on in the world. This year, he plans on talking about how people debate issues of importance, using the debate over the recent Iran nuclear deal as an example.

"When we debate, sometimes we use harsh language and tone that we shouldn't have to use," Goldstein said. "When we debate, we should embrace diversity, not be afraid of it."

Yom Kippur focuses on the atonement and repentance, and the Jewish people often observe the holiday by fasting for 25 hours and spending the majority of the day in their synagogues. This year's Yom Kippur takes place from the evening of Sept. 22 until the evening of Sept. 23.

One of the other traditions of the High Holidays includes the sharing of sweet honey



Rabbi Bronstein blows the shofar at the Chabad Lubavitch in Andover on Thursday.

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cakes and apples, both which symbolize that while life can be bitter at times, it does offer much sweetness as well.

"I always give people a piece of honey cake when they come to my synagogue this time of year," Bronstein

said. "It allows me to bless them with a sweet new year." Follow Garrin Marchetti on Twitter @GarrinMarchetti.

**FERC**

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currently owned by the Franciscan Friars, located on River Road. The roughly 4-mile route through Andover avoids most conservation land but would affect a number of private property owners. It would run along the border with Tewksbury before heading south into North Reading, Reading and Lynnfield.

FERC spokesperson Tamara Young-Allen said the people coordinating the hearing were looking for a venue large enough to accommodate the expected turnout.

"We have always said that FERC staff will accept and consider comments after Aug. 31, which is technically the deadline date," Young-Allen said.

Since FERC staff began holding public hearings on the Northeast Energy Direct Project in July, officials and citizens have called on the commission to schedule more meetings. New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas and other legislators have argued that their constituents deserved more time to review the latest version of Kinder Morgan's plans for the pipeline, filed on July 24.

State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, D-Methuen, and state Senators Kathleen O'Connor Ives, D-Newburyport, and Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, have also argued for more scoping sessions spread more evenly along the pipeline's route, in order to give residents the maximum opportunity to state their opinions.

At the meetings, FERC representatives listen to comments, but do not respond. They are held to give the public the opportunity to make comments that FERC officials will incorporate into their environmental report on the pipeline project. Members of the public

can also submit comments online. As of Aug. 11, more than 3,600 comments had been filed.

Kinder Morgan officials, meanwhile, said they plan to hold more open houses on the project, proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a subsidiary. They have scheduled five additional meetings in New Hampshire in the towns of New Ipswich, Fitzwilliam, Milford, Salem and Merrimack.

Steve Crawford, a local consultant who acts as a spokesperson for Kinder Morgan, said the company still plans to file for a certificate from FERC in October, per its original timeline for the project.

"This is an extremely important energy infrastructure project for the Northeast and New England and one that requires extensive review and stakeholder comment," the statement said.

According to a notice posted on the FERC Web site last Thursday, "the Commission's staff will begin the sign-up of speakers one hour before the meeting begins. The scoping meeting will begin with a brief description of our environmental review process by Commission staff, after which speakers will be called."

"The meeting will end once all speakers have provided their comments, or 11 p.m., whichever comes first. A time limit may be implemented (typically no less than 3 minutes) for each commenter, to ensure all those wishing to comment have the opportunity to do so. Speakers should structure their oral comments accordingly. Time limits will be strictly enforced to ensure that as many individuals as possible are given an opportunity to comment. It is important to note that written comments provided to staff, or otherwise filed with FERC, hold the same weight as oral comments."

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**LYONS**

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to invoke a framework of violence in relation to a woman's right to access safe, legal health care," she said. "Without question this reckless speech demands an immediate and public apology to the clinic workers and patients who should never have to fear for their own personal safety in providing or accessing reproductive health care."

NARAL sought an apology from Lyons, who said he will issue no such thing.

"I made a speech they took out of context," he said. "I said, 'We have rights, and freedom, and the opponents in the Revolutionary War are nowhere near the type of opponents we are up against today. It was about having the courage of standing up and fighting for what's right. 'We are heirs to the

courage of John Adams and other patriots, whose opponent was the English army, not Planned Parenthood," he said. "They took that to mean it meant violence. I was talking about free speech and standing up for our rights."

He added, however, he was a "vocal opponent of using taxpayer dollars" to fund Planned Parenthood.

Lyons has castigated the organization's "horrific and barbaric" practice of selling fetal organs for research.

Now, he is asking for help from his supporters, noting that Planned Parenthood is a "well-funded organization" that is trying to squelch opposition speech.

"I need your help to rebut these attacks," he said in a mass-mailing to supporters. "Our opponents have shown in the past that they are willing to invest huge amounts of money to silence us. This upcoming election will be critical to making sure that

your voice continues to be heard on Beacon Hill. We know that they have targeted us for 2016, and it is critical that we raise the funding we need this year."

Lyons said he has about \$25,000 in his campaign account but spent about \$100,000 in the last contested race.

He went on to say in his statement to his donors: "Last week NARAL, the political arm of Planned Parenthood in Massachusetts, began attacking me for my opposition to the horrific crimes being committed at Planned Parenthood offices across our country. They are so worried about the public finally seeing the reality of their business practices that they feel the need to attack one of the only voices of opposition in Massachusetts. It will not work."

The 18th Essex District consists of Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Andover; Precincts 6, 7 and 8 in North Andover; Precinct 1 in Boxford; and Precincts 3 and 3A in Tewksbury.

Healy determined that no facilities in the state sell fetal tissue.

Lyons, who has championed a number of conservative causes, including rolling back the gasoline tax and demanding to know how much the state spends to provide benefits to illegal immigrants, was first elected to the seat in 2010, when he defeated then-Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover.

Two years later, he prevailed again when L'Italien, now a state senator, tried to regain the seat. Lyons said he will continue to focus on "protecting the taxpayer." The representative said he and others recently asked state Attorney General Maura Healey to investigate to see if Planned Parenthood has sold any fetal tissue in Massachusetts.

Healey determined that no facilities in the state sell fetal tissue.

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## LEASE

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\$25 per square foot but Selectmen felt they should give the USPS a special rate because of the service it provides to downtown residents and businesses.

The AEA is another story, however.

Currently, the AEA pays \$615 a month for 450-square-foot of space, or about \$16.40 per square foot.

Increasing their rent to \$18.55 would raise their monthly payment to almost \$700 a month. Going to full market rate of \$25 a square foot the largest union in the town would start paying \$937 a month - a 34 percent

increase.

Acting Town Manager Larry Murphy said during a recent meeting that the town hall staff he spoke with believe the \$18.55 per square foot charge "was reasonable under the circumstances."

He said the AEA shares bathrooms with other tenants and takes up space that hasn't been renovated in years.

In addition to the new lease, he said, the AEA would pay \$1,372 per year in utilities which the group had never paid before.

AEA president Kerry Costello said she was surprised that selectmen may want to increase the rent even higher than the \$18.55 rate.

"We were told that increase was the market rate," she said. "Now they want to raise it above market rate? The data I was shown in June by the town - they told me what the market rate was based on the kind of space we lease. All space isn't equal."

She added that the town came to the union about leasing the space four years ago after it had sat empty for many years.

"We were offered the space," she said. "We didn't go looking for it. How long was that space vacant? It was vacant quite a while."

She said the union also agreed to pay utilities, which was not included in the past. "We agreed and we've

been paying on time," she said. "I think we are good tenants. We don't cause any problems."

The AEA represents about 825 people, including teachers, assistants, nurses and secretaries. It is the biggest union in town.

Selectman Chairman Mary O'Donoghue said the town needs to take a good look at the entire building.

"Larry and I spoke about this, we think it's a good idea to look at the under-utilization of that building and what we can do with it," she said. "It's time to reopen that discussion."

Murphy noted that the AEA's current lease actually expired a year ago, meaning they are "tenants at will."

Landry, who has sparred with the AEA over a number of issues, called the building a "landmark property."

"Nobody disputes the post office or use of the second floor for functions," he said. "But shouldn't that serve a public purpose? It's a very public building. We should think about third-party tenants and the needs of the entire community?"

Murphy noted that the state-funded Tobacco Control Program leases a small amount of space in the building for \$2,000 a year while police also have a desk that the town doesn't charge for.

Health Director Thomas Carbone said that in addition to Tobacco Control, the

town's Emergency Preparedness Program and Medical Reserve Corps. program director also works out of the building.

Selectmen asked Public Facilities Director Ed Ataide for a list of the uses of the building.

He said he was still compiling the list and would be forwarding it to Selectmen once it's done.

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Connect the mind, body and spirit when the BoomerVenture campus convenes this fall. Feeling good, staying fit, both on the inside and out is what it's all about for the coming year. From aerobics, weight training and belly dancing to community drum circles and the spirituality of organizing, there's something to help everyone get more out of life and feel better doing it.

Most of the campus activities fall under either the mind, body, or spirit category. But some span two or even three. The Community Drum Circle with special guests Genki Spark on Saturday, Sept. 19 at The Townhouse, for example, engages them all. Listening to the big Japanese Taiko drums and playing a variety of percussion instruments is certainly physical and mental, but there is a spiritual element that gives the event an extraordinary dimensionality. Living Legacy, a journey to discover and create a personal living legacy, using a variety of media, is another program that engages and inspires on multiple levels. Both of these programs are supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the fall offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

**Boomer Blow-out Bash:** Thursday, Sept. 10, 5 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the "Jazz Disciples" during the last grill night of the season; advance purchase required.

**Community Drum Circle with special guests Genki Spark:** Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Experience the power of their big Japanese drums; some folks will even get a chance to play them; \$15.

**Medicare Count-down:** Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Learn when and how to enroll, even before 65.

**The Spirituality of Organizing:** Thursdays, Oct. 22 and 29, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Discover the internal benefits of decluttering; \$20.

**Living Legacy: How do you want to be remembered?:** Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8 and 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join Dr. Susan H. Smith on a journey to discover and create one's "living legacy" by using a variety of media; \$20.

**Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter:** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical way; "Mindfulness and Conversation" on Nov. 5; and "Mindfulness and Exercise" on Nov. 12; \$5 each.

## Exercise and Wellness

**Reflexology with Uli Kapp:** Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17, 6 p.m. By advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals.

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**Zumba Toning:** Thursdays, Sept. 10 through Nov. 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Combine weight training and cardio-fitness while dancing; Nancy Ryan is the instructor; \$66.

**Serenity Yoga:** Thursdays, Sept. 10 through Nov. 12, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Partake in an active practice of flowing

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### Rosh Hashana Services

**Sunday, September 13**

Morning Service ..... 9:00 a.m.

Evening Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 14**

Morning Service ..... 9:00 a.m.

Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 15**

Morning Service ..... 9:00 a.m.

*Rosh Hashana ends 7:37 p.m.*

### Yom Kippur Services

**Tuesday, September 22**

Light Candles ..... 6:42 p.m.

Kol Nidrei ..... 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 23**

Morning Service ..... 9:00 a.m.

Yizkor ..... 11:00 a.m.

Mincha Service ..... 5:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Priscilla Bowman, 102

February 8, 1913 — August 28, 2015

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Upon completion of a two-year Secretarial/Business Program in Boston, Priscilla was employed by a Massachusetts state agency where she met and fell in love with her future husband, Charles W. Bowman, Sr. She married and came to Andover in 1938 as a young bride and quickly enveloped herself within the community by joining local women's groups and garden clubs.

Though formally educated, Priscilla readily acknowledged that her greatest achievements in life were those which centered on her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was a gracious hostess who always had extra room at her table and was an avid card player and Red Sox fan. Priscilla's zest for life was contagious. In her later years, Priscilla was employed in administration within the Town of Andover's School District. Priscilla was predeceased by

her husband Charles, her two children Charles "Boots" Bowman, Jr. and Janice Tracy and her daughter-in-law, Eileen (Smiles) Bowman.

The widow of the late Charles W. Bowman, Sr., Priscilla is survived by her son-in-law, Douglas Tracy of W. Harwich; her grandchildren, Charles and Mary Frazzette of Needham, Beth (Tracy) and C. Gage Perry of Merrimack, N.H., Karen (Tracy) and Steve Gruber of Westford, Diane (Bowman) and William Lawder of Pikesville, Md., Charles and Lauren Bowman of Conshohocken, Pa., and John and Joy Bowman of Philadelphia. Priscilla is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Free Christian Church, Elm Street, Andover. Following the service, a private family burial will take place in Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her name to the Jimmy Fund or the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. To offer online condolences, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).



Town Manager

The dotted line to be signed

By TERRY DATE  
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The new town manager was expected to sign his contract with selectmen Wednesday night and go to work a little more than a month later, Oct. 13.

In the meantime, either Sept. 15 or 21, Andrew Flanagan will be sworn into his five-year term of office at the Memorial Hall Library, said Mary O'Donoghue, chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

A public welcoming for the new manager is planned for the week of October 13, the festivities to be held upstairs at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., in the James Doherty Auditorium. The date and time will be announced soon.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Board of Selectmen was expected to approve the contract.

The negotiations have gone well, O'Donoghue said.

"We were very close from the get-go, so that kept things running smoothly," she said.

It went like this: town labor lawyer John Foskett drafted a boilerplate contract and the selectmen negotiated the particulars including salary,

vacation and personal days.

The job was advertised as having a starting salary between \$165,000 and \$185,000.

The five selectmen met a total of five times, spending about four hours, all together, on the negotiations. After each meeting, O'Donoghue called Flanagan to update him on where things stood.

The two parties — Flanagan is represented by attorney Demitrios Moschos — went back and forth, an offer and a counter-offer, the chairman said.

It was like most contracts people negotiate in their everyday lives, she said.

Flanagan has had a plan in place to get acclimated to his new workplace since the board voted unanimously on Aug. 14 to hire him.

He planned to meet with the school superintendent and key department leaders, and be a part of any operating budget and capital planning sessions.

Soon he will be on the job, after months of searching, vetting, interviews and a public forum.

"It's becoming real," O'Donoghue said.

By TERRY DATE  
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Eight feet up a utility pole on Lowell Street, the small square sheet-metal sign with the adhesive numerals and letters reads:

NEVER FORGET  
343

A U.S.A. sticker stands on top of it and an IAFF, International Association of Fire Fighters, sticker rests in the lower corner.

The sign has special significance this week. Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 is the 14th anniversary of Sept. 11.

343 is the number of firefighters with the New York City Fire Department who were killed in the Sept. 11 attacks as they responded to the World Trade Center.

Six years ago, Andover resident John Guilmet hiked up a ladder and hung his sign.

He wants people to remember the sacrifice made by



STAFF PHOTO TERRY DATE

This sign on Lowell Street in Andover, posted by resident John Guilmet, remembers the 343 firefighters of the New York City Fire Department who were killed on Sept. 11 when they responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.

firefighters.

"First in and last out," he said, looking up at the sign.

The roadside sign at the

edge of Guilmet's yard overlooks Haggetts Pond, a well-traveled road that bustles with traffic during commuter

Overdose prevention clinic draws 26 people

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In its ongoing efforts to combat the heroin and opiate abuse problem sweeping through the town and the region, the Andover Police Department recently hosted an addiction awareness event organizers hope will continue to remind the community the problem remains as serious as ever.

Roughly 26 people attended the Aug. 26 event, which included a training session for those interested in learning how to administer Narcan, the drug which reverses the symptoms of an overdose. Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, which has done Narcan training for several years now, also sponsored the event.

"We thought it went really well," Steve Crowell, Prevention and Education Program Coordinator for the center said afterward. "I guess the year before, the police department only had about eight people show up. But we expected a larger turnout this year because now (addiction) is on everyone's radar."

The training session gave participants the chance to learn more about Narcan and the curriculum of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Opioid Overdose

IF YOU GO

The Memorial Hall Library is sponsoring an "Opiate Addiction Discussion Series" in September.

The series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 with the screening of "The Other Side of Andover." The film by Kaegan Casey, a 2015 Andover High School graduate, takes a hard look at opiate addiction. A discussion will follow the screening.

An additional screening of the film will be held Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Two young people who appear in the film will attend both screenings to answer questions.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. - Moderated panel discussion with people working on this problem.

The library is located at 2 No. Main St, Andover. For more information call 978-623-8401.

Prevention Program. According to Crowell, participants were taught the signs and symptoms of an overdose, what to do in the event of an overdose and how to apply Narcan if necessary.

A person administers Narcan by spraying it in each side of a person's nostril. If applied correctly, the overdosing person should begin breathing correctly within five minutes. With a small window of time for a person to be saved, the administrator must act quickly, and according to the Health Center, Narcan only stops the opioid for 15 to 45 minutes before a person could relapse.

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center has been running the Department of Public Health's prevention program since 2011. Crowell came

on board in 2014, and after speaking with his colleagues and working with the group for a year, he's already seen a change in those seeking the organization's help.

"Before, we always dealt with more active (opiate) users who were trying to get Narcan for themselves," Crowell said. "Now, we're dealing with a lot more family members. They are coming to use because their sons or daughters have become addicted. It's changed."

The event was another step in the Andover Police Department's mission to end the opiate epidemic in town, which has claimed seven lives so far in Andover this year. According to the health center, the Andover Police Department has had 12 incidents this year in which they have saved a life

using Narcan.

The efforts are not just coming from the police department. The Board of Selectmen recently voted to advertise job postings for two positions aimed toward combating the issue, a clinician to focus on prevention and treatment, and an education and awareness coordinator. Both positions would report to police Chief Patrick Keefe.

A medication drop-off will take place on Sept. 26 at West Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where residents are invited to leave any left-over or counter medications.

The library is also holding a series of events this month. (See related information box). And the Rotary Club is holding a fundraiser festival Oct. 17 in The Park in downtown. All proceeds from the five-hour event, from 3 to 8 p.m., will go to the Andover Cares Fund, which, in turn, will support Andover's three-tiered solution to opiate addiction: education, treatment and enforcement.

"These events are all about raising community awareness," Crowell said. "We want people to not only know what's going on, but that there are also free services in their area that will help in eliminating this problem."

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POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY PAUL TENNANT AND TERRY DATE

MONDAY, AUG. 31

Assisted North Reading police with person threatening "suicide by cop" at McDonald's on Main Street in that town, 7 a.m.

Two-car accident with no injuries, Jenkins Road, 7:16 a.m.

Citation issued for failure to wear seat belt, Osgood Street, 11:28 a.m.

Wallet stolen from vehicle, Shawsheen Road, 1:58 p.m.

Vehicle struck by tractor trailer, Dascomb Road, 3:34 p.m. Assisted Fire Department with evacuation of building due to odor of gas, Railroad Street, 8:54 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

Fallen tree blocking road, Woburn Street, Department of Public Works notified, 12:28 a.m.

Unlicensed operator, police will apply for criminal complaint, Andover Street, 3:10 p.m.

Motorist stopped for driving after license suspension, defective equipment, police will apply for criminal complaint, Elm Street, 3:17 p.m.

Citation issued for red light violation, Haverhill Street, 4:08 p.m.

209A restraining order served, Elm Street, 6:41 p.m.

Motor vehicle accident, no injuries, North Main Street, 7:04 p.m.

Motorist stopped for driving

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

Threats, North Main Street, 8:28 a.m.

Citation issued for failure to wear seat belt, inspection violation, Shawsheen Road, 11:32 a.m.

Citation issued for speeding and failure to wear seat belt, Beacon Street, 11:49 a.m.

Citation issued for inspection violation, Haverhill Street, 1:28 p.m.

Citation issued for speeding, Lovejoy Road, 2:37 p.m.

House broken into, High Street, 9:12 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

Citation issue for inspection violation, Maple Avenue, 6:30 a.m.

Laptop computer stolen from home, Highland Road, 9:07 a.m.

Motor vehicle accident, no injuries, Brook Street, 11:14 a.m.

Motor vehicle accident, no injuries, Essex Street, 12:53 p.m.

Arrest: Ingrid Tevenal, 34, of 51 Osgood St., Methuen, driving after license suspension, driving an unlicensed vehicle, River Road, 1:13 p.m.

Dog tried to attack two landscapers, Rose Glen Drive, 2:09 p.m.

Officers helped Tewksbury police search a car for drugs, 3:07 p.m.

Motor vehicle accident, no injuries, 3:45 p.m.

Citation issued for failure to wear a seat belt, River Road, 4:20 p.m.

Application for criminal complaint for driving with a revoked registration, attaching wrong plates, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle, North Main Street, 6:26 p.m.

Harassment order served, Fleming Avenue, 7:10 p.m.

Car, television stolen, Summer Street, 10:21 p.m. Car recovered in Methuen.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

At 3:46 p.m., a Juniper Road caller reported finding a capped needle in her yard. An officer picked it up for disposal.

At 6:40 p.m., a walk-in from Marie Drive reported threats. An officer spoke with the person and will file a report.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

At 8:45 a.m., a caller on Pine Street reported their house had been egged and sprayed with whipped cream. It was reportedly the fifth time it has happened since July.

At 2:19 p.m., a caller from Lowell Junction Road asked to speak to an officer about a threat made against him.

At 7:23 p.m., a caller reported being in a two-car crash on River Road. No injuries were reported.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

At 2:40 a.m., on Murray Way police charged Michael McEachern, 18, of 10 Stevenson Ave., Apt. 2, Everett with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest in a booking for Merrimack College Police Department.

At 6:48 p.m., on River Road police arrested Marino E. Garcia, 27, of 38 Buswell St., Apt. 1, Lawrence and charged him with operating a vehicle with a revoked license.

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away. On Sept. 19, McGovern will travel to West Virginia with nearly 200 boxes worth of dictionaries, school supplies and children's toys for the students of Southside School, a kindergarten through eighth-grade school in War, W. Va.

Since May, McGovern has spent the majority of the summer collecting donations from churches and other organizations from around the Merrimack Valley. But even she did not foresee the outpouring of support for the project.

"I was hoping it would (be successful), but I didn't think we'd fill up two trucks," McGovern said in a recent interview. "People have been very generous, and I'm very pleased with the whole experience."

McGovern got the idea after reading about the economic struggles of the Appalachian region of the United States, which includes West Virginia. She came across the town of War, located in McDowell County, arguably West Virginia's poorest county. According to recent reports, McDowell County has a median household income of \$22,000.

McGovern, who worked for 37 years at the Franklin School in North Andover, decided she wanted to help students in War get the necessary school supplies their families might not have been able to afford. She connected with The Dictionary Project, a non-profit based in South Carolina, and was then introduced to the Southside School.

After speaking with Southside's principal and several teachers, she knew she wanted to help.

"A lot of these kids, to my knowledge, don't have a dictionary in their own homes they can write their name on as their own property," McGovern said. "That's very sad to me."

McGovern began reaching out to friends and local organizations, and many jumped

*"A lot of these kids, to my knowledge, don't have a dictionary in their own homes they can write their name on as their own property."*

Barbara McGovern

in to help. The Andover Rotary Club, Andover Senior Center and Century Bank donated supplies, as Groveland Congregational Church and Saint Michael School in North Andover.

The result has been boxes of dictionaries, crayons, colored pencils and other school items, as well as stuffed animals and classroom board games. Since she began collecting, McGovern estimates she has had around 30-35 volunteers helping her organize the supplies.

Two of those volunteers have donated their trucks to transport the donations to War. McGovern will accompany them on the trip, which she said will take about two days, and personally deliver the supplies and gifts to Southside teachers and students.

Although she hasn't even dropped off this year's donations yet, McGovern already has her eyes set on future projects to help Southside and perhaps more schools in West Virginia. She called the entire process a "great



Barbara McGovern, 79, of Andover, unloads her car of children's toys at a storage facility in Andover. The donations are to help a West Virginia school.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

team effort."

"I've had so many friends and other people come through to help me out. I'm so blessed, and I'm happy to bless these children," McGovern. "I hope this is the first of 30 years' worth of donations."

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Harold Parker State Forest in Andover has plenty of activities in store this summer, from nature walks to quarry hikes.

All programs are free and open to the public. Here is what's on tap:

**Soapstone Quarry Ramble:** Thursdays, Sept. 10 and 17, 3 to 5:15 p.m. Tour the site of the old Jenkins blue soapstone quarry, the Skug River mill site and a glacial erratic with the park interpreter. Appropriate for all ages. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

**Animal Tracking:** Friday, Sept.

18, 3 to 4 p.m. Bring your family to learn about animal tracking. Get a glimpse of the process and do some animal tracking yourself. All ages are welcome. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

**Tandem Bike Ride:** Fridays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 5 to 6 p.m. Bring your significant other and experience this ride back in time. The tandem is a nostalgic bicycle that was very common years ago and is now finding a rebirth. The casual paced ride through the campground, on pavement, is great for families

as well as those new to bike riding. Helmets are required. Appropriate for children 8 and up. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover. Call ahead to preregister for a bike.

**We Walk the Woods:** Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Join the park interpreter for a slow paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Hike to a different part of the forest each week. Appropriate for children over 6. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

**Creature Feature:** Fridays, Sept. 11 and 25, 4 to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the wildlife that lives in the woods. A different animal will be featured every week. Appropriate for all ages. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

**28th annual Fishing Festival:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sudden Pond. A license is not required and all equipment and bait will be provided. Co-sponsored by DCR and Mass Wildlife Angler Education program. Instructors will be on-hand to assist. This event will take place rain or shine. For all

ages. Signage will be provided from all park entrances.

**Evening Stroll:** Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 29, 4 to 6 p.m. The relaxing hike through the park is a great way to wind down after a long day at school, work or activities. The easy hike will vary week to week. Appropriate for children over 5. Meet at headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover.

**Explore the Pond: Berry Pond Edition:** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Discover what fantastic creatures are in the pond. Nets and buckets will be provided for this

fun water-based adventure. Appropriate for all ages; best for children over 5. Meet at the campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

Participants should bring water, wear bug spray, dress in layers, and wear sturdy footwear. Adults must accompany children. Binoculars and cameras also recommended for many of the programs. All activities are canceled if it rains. For more information, call 978-475-7972 or visit [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/harold-parker-state-forest.html](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/harold-parker-state-forest.html).

■ **MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM**

Here's what's in store for young people this month at the library at 2 North Main St.:

**Preschool story times**, including Wiggle Words, Make Way for Toddlers, Little Listeners and Afternoon Time, are now in session with even more program offerings, including additional classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Class times will

shift slightly; check for the final schedule at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar). Pick up a token in the Children's Room before each program.

**Literacy Story Time**, Fridays, Sept. 11 and 25, 10 a.m. Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement will conduct a preschool literacy story time; for ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Pick up a token in the

Children's Room.

**Junior Friends**, Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m. Made up of a group of volunteers from ages 8 to 11, The Junior Friends work on projects to help the library. Each meeting includes a snack and a chance to interact with other members. Registration is now open.

**Legomania**, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. A story will

introduce the Lego challenge of the day, and the children will share their creations at the end. This is a popular program for ages 5 and up. Registration is now open.

**Pajama Party**, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. Preschoolers and a favorite adult will read stories, sing songs, watch a short movie and make a craft. Pick up a token in the Children's Room before the program.

**Around the World in 30 Minutes**, Friday, Sept. 25, 9:30 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; designed for newborns to age 5 and an adult. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**Find-Out Friday**, Sept. 25, 3:45

p.m. This program combines stories and science to introduce a scientific concept, followed by experiments and a simple craft. For ages 5 to 8. Registration begins on Sept. 11.

**Dads and Doughnuts**, Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. After stories and a craft, preschoolers and their families can enjoy doughnut holes, coffee and juice.

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ANDOVER — When Will Green became the pastor of Ballardvale United Church in July 2014, his parishioners told him of a unique tradition the church began years before as a way to give back to the community.

Each Sunday, parishioners would bring boxes of cereal and place them in a wooden “ark” built by a member of the church. The former pastor had created a song the entire congregation would sing as the church’s children would bring the cereal from the front of the church to the ark.

Parishioners would then take the cereal to food pantries across the Merrimack Valley as a way to help the region’s hungry. Still, despite its obvious charitable purpose, Green admitted he was a little skeptical at first.

“I thought, ‘Ok, that’s kind of strange,’” Green said in a recent interview, laughing. “But after seeing it unfold over the past year, I get it now. It’s infectious; I see the spirit behind it.”

Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, has decided to open up their philanthropy project to the entire community. The church will have an open donation day on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., where anyone can come and drop off any amount of cereal they want to. All donations will go toward the Neighbors In Need, the Lawrence-based organization which provides food to thousands of Merrimack Valley residents struggling to eat.

According to Ballardvale parishioner Norma Cahill, the church delivers around 1,000 pounds of cereal to Neighbors In Need each year, which the group then turns over food pantries in the Greater Lawrence area.

“We’re just a little church looking to help people,” said Cahill, who also serves on one of the church’s community outreach committees. “There’s a great need for the work we’re doing, and we’re just happy to help.”

The need for a larger donation came after Neighbors In Need informed Ballardvale they had already run out of cereal from the church’s previous donation. According to Cahill, this was unusual because the church’s summer donation typically gives Neighbors In Need the amount they need for awhile.

After speaking with Green, Cahill’s committee decided set aside a day for everyone to bring in some cereal. Green said the ark



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Will Green, pastor at the Ballardvale United Church, has been collecting cereal for the Neighbors In Need organization for several years now. The program has been extremely successful.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Genki Spark and Community Drum Circle will lead a group of drummers Sept. 19.

## Belly-dancing and drumming at Punchard

STAFF REPORT

What do belly-dancing and drum circles have in common?

They are both being offered at the Punchard Center this month - and beyond - as part of Senior Center Month.

Belly dancing: Belly dancer extraordinaire, Naharin, will teach a series of moves from slow to fiery and everything in between. She will instruct the basics to women of every fitness level who want to do more than work out for a change—those who want to enjoy all the benefits of this incredible core work-out, from increased flexibility to self-confidence—and have more fun than they ever imagined in the process.

Date and time: Thursdays, Sept. 17 – Nov. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$54. Pre-registration required.

Genki Spark and Community Drum Circle:

Experience the power of big Japanese taiko drums with the Genki Spark, a Boston-based totally dynamic Asian women’s drumming group. Then celebrate your beat and find your joy in a Community Drum Circle. A variety of



Naharin will be teaching belly-dancing to people of all ages at the Punchard Center.

percussion instruments provided - or bring your own! Light refreshments served.

Drumming literally rises from a soft insistent beat to a thunderous universality of sound and rhythm before Genki Sparks completes the evening with a performance guaranteed to rock the Town House from top to bottom and uniting the physical, emotional and spiritual in a way that gives the event an extraordinary dimensionality. This is an all-ages event - by advance ticket only.

Date and time: Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7pm; \$15 at the Town House on Main Street; tickets available at the Andover Bookstore or The Center at Punchard.

## Andover realtor chosen as panelist for statewide convention

Local realtor, Lillian Montalto, of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties in Andover, will speak at the Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) Conference & Tradeshow, to be held on Sept. 28 and 29.

Montalto will speak on the Teams Panel about how she achieved success in the real estate world through defining team roles, size, and more. She will disclose the top reasons that she believes realtors should start a team, and how this will lead to increased success in the business.

Since founding her firm in May 2000, Montalto has established a qualified and cohesive team to work alongside her. Due to their success, her firm is a member of Leading Real Estate

Companies of the World. Montalto has been the No. 1 Agent in New England for the past 19 years. She is the founder, broker and principal of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, located at 34 Park St., Andover. For more information, visit [andover-homes.com](http://andover-homes.com).



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An ark full of food was recently delivered but there is still a need.

will be placed outside at the front of the church, so people who want to donate, but might not want to attend the church’s weekly Sunday service, can do so.

“Our goal here is to help get the food out to the people who need it,” Green said. “We want to invite others in the community from outside the church to participate in this mission.”

The cereal project not only gives the church the opportunity to help others, but it has also become a fun activity for the entire congregation, even for the pastor who was once



All members of the Andover community are invited to bring cereal this Sunday, Sept. 13, so the church can make an extra large donation.

*After speaking with Green, Cahill’s committee decided set aside a day for everyone to bring in some cereal.*

a little unsure of the whole thing.”  
“It’s really impressive,” Green said. “There are people in this community who don’t come to church without bringing (a box) with them. Sometimes it’s just a few, other times it’s the entire group.”

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With the right information, careful planning and regular medical care, heart failure symptoms can be managed for a better quality of life. The guide is available at [www.HomeHealthVNA.org/patient-resources](http://www.HomeHealthVNA.org/patient-resources) or by phone at 978-552-4186.

### Book launch party for scientist/educator

Pendred "Penny" Noyce is a scientist turned educator from Boston who is working to make the worlds of math and science more colorful for the next generation, especially girls. She is celebrating the publication of her new book, "Remarkable Minds," with a launch party and signing on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St. Admission to the event is free.

"Remarkable Minds" introduces young girls to exceptional women in history who exceeded society's expectations and made important contributions to science, medicine and math. Noyce, whose father co-founded Intel, was an internal medicine doctor before transitioning into a

full-time author and science education advocate.

For more information, visit <http://hugobookstores.com/andover>.

### Annual fishing festival

The 28th annual Fishing Festival will be held at Harold Parker State Forest on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beginning and veteran anglers of all ages are welcome at Sudden Pond for a day of fishing. Cast a line, learn about fish, safety precautions and equipment. MassWildlife angler education volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist and equipment will be provided.

Harold Parker State Forest is located at 1951 Turnpike Road in North Andover. Follow the signs from the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road. Call 978-475-7972 or visit [www.mass.gov/der](http://www.mass.gov/der) for details.

### Volunteers sought for conservation work

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association (SRWA) and the Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) are looking for volunteers to help with a conservation opportunity. Native plantings and invasive plant removal will be performed on Saturdays, Sept. 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on an Andover property that abuts the Shawsheen River by Den Rock Park.

SRWA is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Shawsheen River and its watershed. Many activities are held to accomplish its mission including public paddles, educational events, and river cleanups.

Anyone interested in helping with this conservation work are asked to contact Jim Petty, SRWA, at [JPSR1951@gmail.com](mailto:JPSR1951@gmail.com).

### Church to host cereal drive

Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road in Andover, donates more than 1,000 pounds of cereal to Neighbors in Need (NIN) every year. The cereal is especially appreciated during school vacation weeks. Due to the large cereal donations, NIN affectionately refers to the church as "The Cereal Church." When the church was informed that NIN was completely out of cereal, they delivered what had been collected over the summer, but this supply won't last.

To gather extra cereal for the month of September, the "ark" will be placed in front of the church on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect donations. The ark, which was built by one of the church members, houses the cereal until it can be delivered. The kids of Ballard Vale United Church pick up the cereal from the altar and march it down the aisle every Sunday and put it in the ark to a lively song.

All are encouraged to support the church's efforts by making a donation. For more information, call 978-475-2506.

### AHS swim and dive team hosts fundraiser

Support the Lady Warriors by purchasing a box of frozen cookie dough. Choose from chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, M&M, and white chocolate macadamia nut. The 40 individual frozen cookies bake in minutes and are packaged in freezer-friendly, stackable boxes.

The cost is \$16 per box and door to door delivery is available. Cash or checks will be accepted. Make checks payable to AHS Swim and Dive. The deadline for orders and payment is Thursday, Sept. 17. Contact Amy Corrigan at [amycorrigan4@gmail.com](mailto:amycorrigan4@gmail.com) or 978-902-4142 for more information.

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The National Council on Aging has designated September as Senior Center Month. Programs at The Center at Punchard will reflect this year's theme "LIFE: Learning, Independence, Friends, Energy." The Center's aim is to embrace active, positive aging by engaging physically, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually – a truly holistic approach to aging and wellness.

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Here are some of the highlights:

**Breath, Balance and Bodywork:** Tuesdays through Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Improve oxygen to the body and find a balance between the mind and body; increase bone density and strength through the use of props and one's own body weight; \$40.

**Stretch, Release and Relax:** Wednesdays through Nov. 4, 2 p.m. Improve flexibility, balance and stability with a series of simple exercises to release tight spots and reduce muscle pain; start by standing then finish the class on the floor with meditation; limited to two chair participants; \$36.

**Art of Energy Balancing:** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to noon. Drawn from the ancient Indian healing art of Ayurveda, this workshop combines simple Polarity techniques, self-care and relaxation which sets the mood for creating a work of visual art; \$14.

**Memory Café:** Thursday, Sept. 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Join a welcoming place for people living with memory changes (and their friends and loved ones) due to Alzheimer's, vascular disease, Parkinson's, dementia, or any other related conditions.

**Grill Night "Farewell to Summer":** Thursday, Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. (seatings at 5, 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m.). Enjoy a full meal and a performance by The Jazz Disciples; menu includes a main course, salads, drink, and dessert, starting at \$5; steak tips are on special for \$8; the feature film starts at 6:30 p.m.; all are welcome; advance payment is required.

**Opioid Forum:** Friday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. Hear from a panel of

participants from the Board of Health, and Andover Police Department Det. Delaney in the first of a two-part examination of the severe Opioid problem that plagues the country and the community.

**Andover Days honors The Center at Punchard:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center will be the "guest of honor" at the town-wide outdoor celebration; visit the booth in front of the Townhouse for giveaways, information about services and the fall schedule.

**BoomerVenture: Belly Dancing:** Thursdays, Sept. 17 through Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Learn basic dance moves to improve flexibility, and increase self-confidence; suitable for women of all body types and fitness levels; \$54.

**Friday Speaker Series: U.S. Coins - History and Facts:** Friday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m. Joe Andrews has been collecting, appraising and speaking on U.S. coins for more than 30 years and is a member of the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation Collectors' Society; coins appraised - one each free of charge; \$4 admission includes breakfast.

**Free Senior IDs:** Friday, Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. These photo IDs provide seniors with a secondary form of identification but does not replace a driver's license; proof of ID is required for this identification.

**Community Drum Circle:** Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. at the Andover Townhouse. Members of Genki Spark, a Boston-based Asian women's arts and advocacy group, will kick off the evening; some folks will get a chance to play their Japanese drums; this program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council; tickets are \$15 and available at The Center and Andover Bookstore.

**Wail with your harmonica:** Wednesdays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 21, 9 a.m. Led by Dave Cook, teacher and performer; expand the lungs, pucker up and have fun learning to play the harmonica; \$20.

**The Sights and Surprises Along Route 133:** Thursday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. Join Joan Patrakis, local author and historian, on a virtual drive; farms, ice cream

stands, historic buildings, an airport and flea market are just some of the sites to see on one of the state's oldest country roads; learn the stories behind these landmarks and explore a few surprises along the way; \$3.

**Open House:** Friday, Sept. 25, all day event. Town departments and their resources will be highlighted, as well as special afternoon programs; breakfast with the COA Advisory Board, 8 a.m.; Community Resources, 9:30 a.m.; buffet luncheon, noon, \$3, advance registration required; Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services, will show "The Other Side of Andover," a student-made film about the heroin crisis in town, 1:30 p.m.

**Vatican City's Art and Architecture:** Tuesdays, Sept. 29 through Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Learn about the artistic treasures housed in the Vatican museums and the architectural wonders to be found there; sponsored by the Northern Essex Community College CoOL program and held at the Lawrence campus; \$30, \$10 for transportation (if desired).

**Our Daily Bread:** Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50.

**Support Groups:** A Parkinson's disease group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. A pain management group meets the second Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Current Events Discussion:** The Townhouse hosts a coffee and conversation every weekday from 9 a.m. to noon. On Thursday is a special current events discussion. Join in this welcoming group to hash over the latest events of the day.

**BoomerVenture Screening Room:** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; free.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at [www.myactivecenter.net](http://www.myactivecenter.net).

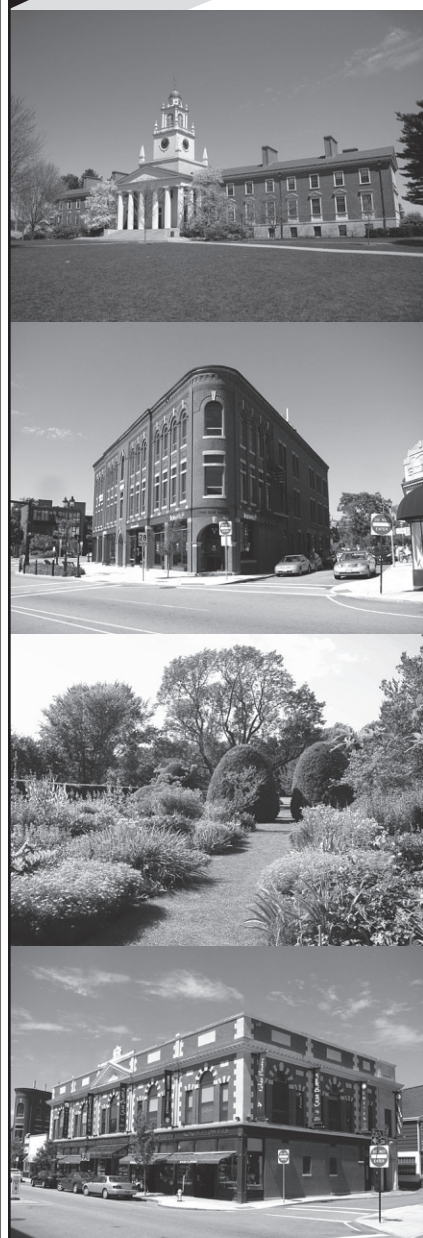
The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit [www.andoverseniorcenter.org](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org). For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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### Local man starts marketing co.

Andover resident Ken Lynch has founded Jones & Company, a creative marketing services company built for startups and new business ventures.



Ken Lynch

"The startup, incubator, and accelerator program scene is exploding," said Lynch. "The time has never been better for starters, makers, and doers to forge their own path and look beyond the traditional methods of growing a customer base. Not every startup needs an entire marketing infrastructure, but all startups need something to get them going. We've been in the trenches and excel at working with innovative founders and serial entrepreneurs to know what it takes to get to market and gain traction."

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Classes will be held Sept. 16 in Lawrence, 354 Merrimack St.; Sept. 23 in Medford Square, 55 High St.; and Sept. 30 in Andover, 34 Park St. Each class will begin at 6 p.m. when Chef Veneziano will lead guests through the ins and outs of different ingredients such as pasta; beef, chicken and pork; seafood; mozzarella and more. Immediately following the class, guests will sit down with the chef to enjoy a multi-course meal along with two glasses of Salvatore's signature white or red wine.

Born and raised in Southern Italy, Chef Veneziano found his passion for food when he moved to Florence and worked amongst the finest chefs and cuisines in the country. He has since brought decades of expertise and a world-renowned taste to Salvatore's as the company's executive consulting chef.

The cost to attend a class starts at \$65 per person. Email [kmr@lupolical.com](mailto:kmr@lupolical.com) to make a reservation or visit [www.salvatoresrestaurants.com](http://www.salvatoresrestaurants.com) for more information.

\$75 million expansion – the largest of its 140-year history – as part of its next five-year plan. Santagati is leading the strategy, capital projects, and capital campaign efforts of the strategic endeavor.

### Fingerman earns "Above & Beyond" award

Rick Fingerman, a member of the Financial Planning Association of Massachusetts, Certified Financial Planner practitioner and past president of the association, was honored with the "2015 Above & Beyond" award at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Volunteer Appreciation event. In 2008, Fingerman helped coordinate the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's program to provide free, individual financial coaching services to cancer patients and their caregivers. To date, more than 370 families and individuals have received services. He explains, "We believe financial and physical health are closely intertwined. If our skills can provide patients with financial peace of mind, then they are in a better position to focus their efforts and energy on getting well."

### Santagati receives leadership award

Richard Santagati, Andover resident and Chair Emeritus of Lawrence General Hospital's Board of Trustees, has been awarded the 2015 Trustee Excellence in Leadership Award from the Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA). Each year at the association's annual meeting on Cape Cod, MHA honors the significant contributions of a trustee leader whose professional achievements have been of exceptional value to healthcare.

Santagati has been a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees since 1988, serving as a committee member and chair of every committee at the hospital (Governance, Finance, Development, Building and Grounds, Campaign, Quality, Strategic Initiatives), and assuming the board's chairmanship in 2006 until his retirement in 2014. Over the years, Santagati has also been responsible for millions of dollars in contributions to the hospital, where giving over the past four years increased 520 percent.

As Chairman Emeritus, Santagati is still extremely active and deeply involved in the hospital's future. Lawrence General Hospital recently announced a

### LeTip networking meetings

LeTip Merrimack Valley Executives, a free business networking group, meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Steven St., Andover. Bring business cards to hand out. For more information, call Paul Lambert at 978-609-6420 or email [PDLLAW@comcast.net](mailto:PDLLAW@comcast.net).

### Monthly professional networking

The Networking Group meets one Tuesday each month from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Past speakers have included professional recruiters, career counselors, human resource professionals, marketing leaders, business owners and more. New sponsorships are always welcome to help defray costs. For more information, contact Brotherhood President Mitchell Schneir at 978-470-1356. Visit [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net) for a complete schedule.

To submit an item for the Business Briefcase, email [townsmam@andovertownsmam.com](mailto:townsmam@andovertownsmam.com).

### Salvatore's Restaurant hosts cooking series

Salvatore's Restaurant is hosting an exclusive cooking series with Executive Consulting Chef Antonio Veneziano at its Andover, Lawrence and Medford locations. During the last three Wednesdays of September, the Italian-born chef will take his knowledge and passion of cooking to a different location, leading a hands-on cooking class followed by a

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# Opinion

## Celebrate Andover Day by appreciating Andover

Happy Andover Day!

Every year for the past decade or so, Andover businesses and residents have flocked to downtown one day in early September to celebrate. What, exactly, are they celebrating? From talking to and interviewing people who come to the event each year, it seems people are celebrating a lot of different things.

For one, they are celebrating the end of summer and the start of a new, school year. Parents, children in tow, can often be found wandering from booth to booth, grabbing food from the many vendors, going on one of many carnival rides, or listening to a band or watching a performance on one of the several stages that have traditionally been set up for the event.

While some parents may be happy that their children are back in school, the kids themselves are usually a bit less enthusiastic. But oftentimes they have fond, summer memories to fall back on while sitting in class or staring out the window during study hall. Memories of beach adventures, mountain climbs, s'mores by the fire and paddle-boarding at Pumps Pond.

Others are there celebrating the power of commerce. The event is, primarily, meant to showcase the variety of businesses in Andover - not only in downtown, but throughout the community. Vendors from across the business and non-profit spectrum have booths lined up along either side of Main Street, hawking gym memberships, trail guides, dog biscuits and more. There are large businesses and small businesses, from Stop & Shop and TDBank to the Andover Townsman and Andover TV. It truly is a celebration of the diversity of commerce in Andover.

Others are there for the musical entertainment. The main stage is always the big showcase for good tunes, and this year is no different, as a blues band will get things rolling along with some other, local and out-of-town talent.

Then, of course, there is the food. Area restaurants, food trucks and local eateries all offer tasty treats from their booths or from their sidewalk-based kitchens and grills. There is certainly no lack of sustenance at Andover Day.

It seems that the main thing people are celebrating, however, is Andover itself.

People live here because they like the community and the way it feels. It's got problems - every community does - but it's also a pretty nice place to live and do business in.

It's tempting to say it's a little like Lake Wobegon, where "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average," as Garrison Keillor liked to say of his fictional hometown in the quirky "Prairie Home Companion" on public radio. He also used to say it was "the little town that time forgot, and the decades cannot improve."

There is something to be said for that homespun view of the world. Although Andover is certainly not forgotten, and can always be improved upon, that sentiment holds true for many people. Growing up here, many people got a good education, played lots of sports, got involved in the community, and set lasting, strong and valuable memories. For many of those people, coming back to Andover becomes a goal in life. They go off to college, travel the world, start their careers in farflung places, and end up back in Andover, raising their children, who are watched over by grandparents while mom and dad head to the office.

It's not a bad goal to have. It's a good life to lead.

So on Andover Day, as you are wandering the booths among hordes of hungry residents, remember how lucky you are to live in this classic, New England town, with its white steeples and busy downtown library, an elite, world-class prep school on a nearby hill, an economic engine of manufacturing along I-495 and I-93, and beautiful stretches of open space, ponds, streams, rivers and marshes. It is certainly a nice place to be.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What's your favorite part of Andover Day?

Between the music, the food and all the vendors lining Main Street, it's hard to pick a favorite thing on Andover Day. That said, what is your favorite part of Andover Day?

- 1.) Being with my family.
- 2.) Going on the rides.
- 3.) Meeting friends I haven't seen since the start of summer.
- 4.) Eating.
- 5.) Listening to music.
- 6.) Performing on one of the stages.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think municipal employees should have union protection?

Six people said no and two people said yes.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the town is on the right track to solving the heroin crisis?

18 people said 'no,' that a more concrete plan is needed.

7 people said 'yes,' that the town was doing the right thing.

3 people said, 'somewhat,' but that the town could do more.



## Classroom prep

Kathy Thornton prepares her classroom at the Bancroft School in Andover for the first day of school.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Numbers tell the story

Editor, Townsman:

In•n•u•m•e•r•a•c•y unfamiliarity with mathematical concepts and methods; inability to use mathematics; opp.of numeracy

We frame many of the important issues we face today in moral terms: right vs. wrong, charitable vs. selfish. I suggest that they should be framed in numerical terms, or at a minimum, discussed using a combination of subjective and objective arguments. Why don't we do this? Is it because it's difficult to understand or make use of the relevant numbers? Making arguments based on, "I feel..." or "In my opinion..." is certainly easier. It absolves us of the effort and thinking required to marshal facts and numbers that support a position.

An example should help clarify. Consider the case for a \$15/hr. minimum wage for fast food workers. When discussed in subjective terms, the argument quickly devolves into a discussion of what's "fair." Taking the numbers into account puts the issue in an entirely different light. Let's say the average McDonald's worker makes \$9/hour. Assume the store is open 16 hours a day and is staffed by 5 people at a time. An increase in wages of \$6/hr. (from \$9 to \$15) means an increase in labor costs of \$174,720 per year. The average McDonald's only earns about \$200,000 in profit annually. For the franchise owner, those are his wages. It makes no sense to suggest that his earnings should be reduced from \$200,000 to \$26,000. Even for McDonald's, traditionally the most successful and most profitable fast food restaurants, the cost is unaffordable.

With another presidential campaign upon us, talk of many things we "should" do is building. In the case of issues like education, health care, and social security, the question is only partly about what we want to do. It's also about how we can afford to do them. Despite record revenues, the federal government is currently spending some \$425 billion more than it takes in every year.

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In other words, we're not paying for the things we're already doing.

This leads us to most egregious example of innumeracy in public discussion: the claim that the wealthy don't pay enough taxes, and our fiscal problems can be solved by tapping the "millionaires and billionaires." Let's look at the numbers. Consider that the top 50% of taxpayers pay virtually all the income tax (97%+ according to the latest available data). The top 10% pay 70% of income taxes despite earning only 48% of income. Note, too, that anyone earning \$125,000 makes it into the top 10% - not exactly the definition of wealthy. In order to increase revenue then, the government can only call on the top 50% of taxpayers. To be clear, anyone earning \$36,000 a year is in the top 50%.

Start at the top with the millionaires and billionaires who, according to some, don't pay enough. The latest data show that 267,000 tax returns reported an income of \$1 million or more. These taxpayers paid \$207 billion in income taxes. Suppose we double their taxes. That raises less than half the amount needed to pay for current expenditures, let alone any new programs. Perhaps we should consider the CEOs whose pay packages generate so much enmity. The average pay for a CEO of an S&P 500 company is \$12 million. As a group, they are currently paying some \$1.5 billion in

taxes. Suppose we increase their effective tax rate to 100%; take everything they make. That gins up \$4.5 billion. The federal government spends that amount before noon every day of the year.

To come up with any meaningful money, we really need to increase taxes on more people. Let's consider the top 10%, some 13.6 million taxpayers. If we were to increase their taxes by 50%, (keeping in mind that this would affect families making \$125,000 a year who probably can't afford another \$7,000-10,000 in taxes) we would raise \$416 billion. That's meaningful, but it still doesn't even pay for what we're currently spending.

If we're going to be honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. Federal government spending jumped to more than \$3.5 trillion with the \$850 billion "temporary" stimulus spending of 2009. The problem is that, as the economy has recovered, it has stayed there. Federal spending continues to exceed 20% of GDP. Since the income tax was instituted in 1913, revenues have never exceeded 20% of GDP (equaling it only once, in 2000). The last time the budget was balanced, in 2001, the government spent less than 18% of GDP.

The problem is only going to get worse. Having inherited a national debt of some \$11 trillion, President Obama will leave office with it close to \$20 trillion. For most of us, the Federal Reserve's interest rate policy doesn't occupy much of our time. It should. It goes a long way toward influencing the interest on the national debt, which amounts to some \$220 billion this year. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that interest costs will rise to \$875 billion within ten years. Where will the additional \$655 billion come from? If you've read this far, it should be clear that the answer is not taxes.

Interest costs are only one part of the problem, though. Along with entitlement programs, they comprise mandatory spending, almost

70% of all federal spending. Spending for many large government programs, from Medicare to Social Security to food stamps and more, is required by law. As long as citizens meet certain criteria (e.g., aged 65 or older for Medicare), they are entitled to those benefits. Mandatory spending is growing beyond all means to pay for it. Demography is destiny, and America's demographics point incontrovertibly to increased enrollment in and cost of existing entitlement programs. There is no budget or economic projection that shows us being able to pay for them.

We have made promises that we cannot keep. The better angels of our nature (together with a good dose of innumeracy) have led us to create programs and offer benefits that we cannot afford. All the talk of new programs and enhanced benefits we're hearing from presidential candidates makes no sense in light of the numbers. It's not surprising though, since in today's America, a candidate gets elected by promising to give things to the electorate. We want to believe them so much that we suspend disbelief, ignoring the impossibility of paying for anything that's being promised.

We must regain the ability to make choices and set priorities. Even in twenty-first century America, the richest, most successful country in world history, we cannot have it all. Do we have the wherewithal to make choices, to even discuss the fact that choices must be made? One thing that seems obvious is that any solution will require sacrifices, something that we don't like. It's not a question of just asking the wealthiest to pay more, and it must be done without abandoning the truly needy. That leaves us. However we choose to proceed, we will all be better served by considering the numbers along with our feelings.

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## Multi-tasking not always the best tactic

Editor, Townsman:

Multitasking is one of many words from the world of Computer Science, that has moved into common usage, but is usually misunderstood.

As the new school year begins, it seems a logical time to mention to students, parents, and teachers, that so-called "multitasking"

takes more time than doing the same tasks one at a time!

This is because changing back and forth between tasks is an executive function that takes time. In fact, if not enough time is left for the switching (remembering the values of important facts, gathering reference materials, or supplies, etc.) all the time allotted for the task

itself, can be exhausted.

A computer caught this way, endlessly switching between tasks, is said to be "thrashing", and nothing useful is accomplished at all until more time is allowed for the switching.

Nonetheless, sometimes "multitasking" is necessary - you're studying for a history test, and you're called for

dinner. Such interruptions are part of life, and learning to plan for them is a normal part of growing up. But don't fool yourself into thinking you can get more done by "multitasking," the overhead of switching between the tasks makes this impossible.

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# Townspeople

## FIRST DAY BACK 'FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS'

Back to school jitters turn to excitement at start of new school year

By GARRIN MARCHETTI  
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The weather may have called for a beach day, but Andover students traded in their sand buckets for backpacks last Wednesday as they headed back to class after the two-month summer vacation.

Many students, including those at High Plain Elementary School, were visibly excited for the new school year as they stepped off the bus and ran toward their teachers, who lined up outside on the playground to gather their classes before entering the building.

The excitement was evident among teachers and faculty as well, as High Plain's main office was bustling with activity before the students arrived just after 8 a.m. Teachers grabbed last-minute supplies from the mail room, custodians wiped down windows of doors and secretaries assisted parents with last-minute requests.

"We're very excited for the school year," Principal Pamela Lathrop said. "We've made some improvements for this year, such as new sidewalks, and we're looking forward to seeing some old faces and meeting new ones as well."

Over at West Elementary School, dozens of new kindergarten students and their parents met their teachers for the first time during a two-hour orientation. Lauren McCarron's kindergarten class spent some time creating personalized name tags for their cubbies, where they keep their backpacks and other belongings, as well as decorating their homework folders.

McCarron, a longtime teacher in Andover, said she "couldn't wait to get back in the classroom" Wednesday.

"I've been teaching for 22 years, but (the first day) still feels like Christmas morning," McCarron said. "I'm just really looking forward to meeting all these new kids. It's a big deal for them; it's their first time in public school. But it's also really exciting for the teachers."

West Elementary also welcomed roughly 100 new students from Shawshen Elementary School, which closed in June after 91 years of operation. As a result, Shawshen students were transferred to other schools in the district, with West and Bancroft Elementary absorbing the largest amount of students, according to West Principal Liz Roos.

"We added another first-grade class and a kindergarten for the Shawshen students," Roos said. "It works out though; we have about the same amount of students as last year."

Wednesday also marked the first school day for Andover's new interim superintendent, Dr. Sheldon "Shelly" Berman, and Andover High School Principal Philip Conrad. Both began their jobs back in July.

As students assimilate back into school life during the next week or so, teachers are preaching hard work and effort to their students. At High Plain Elementary, students will work by the theme "Let's Make It Happen," which encourages them to not make excuses in the classroom and beyond.

"The time is now to make great things happen," Lathrop said. "We want to remind our students it's important to work hard in the moment and not let anything slow you down."

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Students get off the buses at High Plain Elementary School on the first day of school in Andover last Wednesday.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Third-grade teacher Ciara O'Keefe welcomes students back to High Plain Elementary School.



Students walk in to High Plain Elementary School on the first day of school.



Kevin Cyr, a fourth-grade teacher at West Elementary School, talks with students in his classroom on the first day.



Jason Gervais hugs his daughter MacKenzie, a second-grader at High Plain Elementary School, before the first day of school in Andover.



Julia Dupuis watches her son Isaac, a kindergartner at West Elementary School, color in a display for his cubby.

# Selectman Salafia sings praises of crooner Donny Osmond

By SHANNON FLYNN

Count Donny Osmond among the supporters of Tom Brady.

Andover Selectman Paul Salafia and his wife, Margaret, should know.

After all, they are close friends with the 1970s teenage heartthrob who is still entertaining fans.

Salafia was double-parked outside Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Monday waiting as his wife picked up Osmond, who was in the city for a checkup for his recent vocal chord surgery.

Osmond emerged wearing a "Free Brady" T-shirt. Salafia said despite being from Utah, the entertainer very much sides with Patriots nation in the whole Deflategate mess.

The Brady T-shirt drew lots of attention — as did Osmond — while the entertainer had lunch with the Salafias in the North End and stopped by Mike's Pastry on Hanover Street before catching a flight back home.

The Salafias and Osmonds have been friends for more than 30 years, since Paul Salafia's brother-in-law moved to Utah in the 1980s to work for Osmond Studios and befriended the famous sibling entertainers, including sister Marie. Donny Osmond and Paul Salafia's brother-in-law ended up being best men in each other's weddings, Salafia said.

"Donny is exactly what you'd expect," Salafia said, describing the star as a caring, gregarious person.

He's also a bit of a joker.

Osmond, who was under doctor's orders to rest his vocal chords and not speak for the three weeks following his surgery, decided to trick Salafia into thinking something may have gone wrong with the procedure. He enlisted Salafia's wife on the gag, too.

When they entered Salafia's car after leaving Mass. General, Osmond began mouth-ing words. Salafia feared the worst for the entertainer whose voice is his source of fame. Osmond kept the charade up for a minute or so before finally speaking and ending the ruse.

"Typical Donny," Salafia said. "He's always joking."

The trio stopped for lunch at L'Osteria in Boston's North End and then made

the obligatory visit to Mike's for authentic Italian pastries. Osmond's Brady shirt drew lots of cheers at both stops.

Salafia said that he doesn't know if Osmond thinks Brady is guilty of being involved in deflating footballs or not, but the entertainer has become passionate about the whole ordeal.

"(Osmond) said to me, 'Paul, it's about air .... Why are they doing this?'" Salafia said.

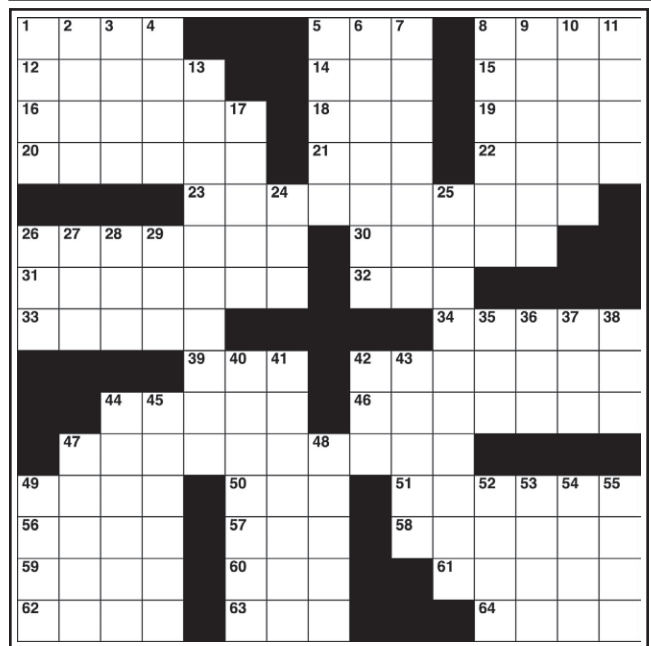
Brady was exonerated last Thursday, his 4-game suspension repealed by a federal judge in New York City. The NFL, however, has appealed the ruling.

Salafia said that whenever Osmond is in Boston or he and his wife travel to Vegas, where Osmond performs, they make a point of meeting



COURTESY PHOTO  
Andover Selectman Paul Salafia, left, and his wife, Margaret, pose with entertainer Donny Osmond after meeting up with the entertainer during his visit to Boston on Monday. Osmond showed his allegiance for the Patriots with his "Free Brady" shirt.

up. The Salafias are planning a trip to Vegas in October, when Osmond is back there doing his show. They typically visit each other once or twice a year.  
"We don't see each other often enough," Salafia said.



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- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Wanes
- Lifeless geologic period
- No (Scottish)
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- Short-term memory
- Any small compartment
- Poisonous gas
- Cologne
- Scaless fishes
- Ormolu
- Well-known & respected
- Man-made river embankment
- Yearned after something
- Before
- Garlic mayonnaise

### CLUES DOWN

- Leavened rum cake
- Moslem women's garment
- Quilting duo: \_\_\_\_ & Porter
- S W Pacific state
- The start of something
- Edible
- More coy
- From 56 to 34 million years ago
- Small wind
- Disney heroine
- Helios
- Existing at birth but not hereditary
- Paris river
- Confined condition (abbr.)
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**PASSAGES ART EXHIBIT AND HISTORIC WALK**, Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to noon, West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Meet at the arch; several students and professional artists will display their artwork in the cemetery through October; free, but donations are always welcomed; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

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**VICTORIAN PICNIC**, Sunday, Oct. 25, 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. In the Victorian era, cemeteries had the dual role of burial ground and park, a place for families to visit the deceased and enjoy the outdoors; pack a picnic basket, walk, bike, play a game, read a book or just enjoy the foliage; free, but donations are always welcomed; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

### FESTIVAL

**GREEK FESTIVAL**, Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Feast on baklava, spinach pie, and lamb. There will also be wine tasting, Greek dancing, and children's activities. Free parking and admission; www.andoverorthodox.org, 978-697-9393, email martha0007@juno.com.

### FILM

**TAMBAKOS FILM SERIES**, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. "Bread and Roses," Wednesday, Sept. 16; Buster Keaton Double Feature, Wednesday, Sept. 23 ("Sherlock Jr." and "Our Hospitality" will be shown); "South Pacific," Wednesday, Sept. 30; "The Lodger," Wednesday, Oct. 14; "Hair," Wednesday, Nov. 4; "Into the Woods," Wednesday, Dec. 2; "The Hunt," Wednesday, Dec. 9. Commentary begins at 6:30 p.m., films start at 7 p.m.; free; 978-837-5355.

### KIDS

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**CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL**, Friday, Oct. 23, 4 to 5:30 p.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Children 8 and under will see a magic show, decorate a Halloween mask, play games, and more; participants are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes; free, but donations are always welcomed; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

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# Sports

## SOUC IS LOOSE

### Three-sport star Soucy Andover football's 'Mr. Everything'

By DAVID WILLIS  
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ANDOVER — When the football goes into the air, Andrew Soucy has one thought.

That ball is his. "When the ball is thrown I always see it as — no matter what — I have to come down with it," said the Andover High senior. "Whether I'm playing offense or defense, no matter if I have to out-jump them or box them out, I am just thinking, 'This is my ball, and I'm getting it no matter what.'"

Just watch the video of his dazzling one-handed, fingertip touchdown catch against Chelmsford last fall (available on andovertownsmen.com) and the proof is crystal clear:

If the ball is within Soucy's reach, watch out.

"Some of the catches Andrew made last year were incredible," said Andover coach E.J. Perry III. "He made some huge plays and had a great year last year."

His stellar hands, however, are just two of the huge assets Soucy brings to the field for the Golden Warriors.

Coming off a season in which he record 271 receiving yards and four touchdown catches, Soucy enters 2015 as not just one of Andover's top receiving threats, but also a starting defensive back/linebacker hybrid, punter, primary punt and kickoff return man and even emergency running back.

"Coach (Derrick) Beasley calls me 'The Wildcard' because he says I can make an impact at any position that I play," Soucy said with a laugh. "I love it. Sure it's exhausting, but I want to be out there."

It is a ferocity Soucy says has learned from his career as a three-sport standout for the Warriors — a quad captain in football, a captain-elect in lacrosse and top defenseman in hockey, where he is a candidate to be captain.

"I can't say enough about being a three-sport athlete," said Soucy. "I wouldn't have it any other way. At times you feel exhausted, like you don't want to go to practice. But once I am out there I wouldn't trade it for anything. Being a three-sport athlete has made me the person I am today."

Soucy first broke onto the

varsity football scene for the Golden Warriors as a sophomore. He appeared in five games as a defensive back, making eight tackles and his first career interception, in a victory over Peabody.

But last season, the then-junior realized he had to take on a whole new role.

"I knew that I had to elevate my game," said Soucy. "I felt that it was my responsibility. I had to prove that I was the right person to be in this offense, and that I could contribute in other places. In the first Central Catholic game, I think I only came off the field for two plays."

Soucy's biggest night as a receiver came in a victory over Billerica in which he caught three passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns including a 60-yard score, further showing his bond with QB E.J. Perry IV.

"I think E.J. and I have a great connection," said Soucy, whose sister Micaela



Andover's Andrew Soucy dives for the end zone against Methuen last season. The multi-talented Soucy does it all for the Golden Warriors, starring on offense, defense and special teams.

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was a standout triple jumper for the Warriors that graduated last spring.

"The other day E.J. commented on how sharply I run my routes, which I appreciated. But it can be me, (Dan) Gemmell or Brandon (Marti) or whoever. We have a lot of weapons."

But Soucy didn't stop there. As the "Dog" — a linebacker/defensive back combo — Soucy made 27 tackles. As punter he averaged 32.9 yards a kick, and as a full-in running back rushed for 155 yards.

"We knew that he could play offense," said Perry III.

"But we were surprised at how adept he is on defense. He came up and made some huge plays for us."

Soucy also turned in big plays as a top-line defenseman for the Golden Warrior hockey team that advanced to the Division 1 North semifinals last winter, and was an MVC All-Star in lacrosse that also made the North semifinals.

Also a star in the classroom, Soucy scored a 1,800 on his SATs and a 28 on his ACTs. He is looking to play lacrosse in college, with Endicott and Bentley early favorites.

But first, he hopes to end his football career with a bang.

"Last season we felt like we had the potential for success, and we had our ups and downs," said Soucy. "This season, since the first day of practice we have battled and give it our all. We want to win every game, and play the game the way it's meant to be played."

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## Air Andover

### Stellar receivers, prolific Perry have Golden Warriors excited for 2015

By DAVID WILLIS  
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The blazing hot sun continued to bake down on the Andover High practice field, pushing the temperature over 90 degrees, a sweltering situation only made worse by intense humidity.

But the heat could do nothing to dampen the enthusiasm around the Golden Warrior football team.

"We feel like no team in the state can match up with our skill position players," said quad-captain Andrew Soucy. "With our receivers, and E.J. (Perry IV) as our quarterback, we don't feel like anyone can match us, and that gives us a boost of confidence going into every game."

And who can disagree? Led by an outstanding group of receivers and QB Perry delivering them the ball, Andover looks poised to unleash a fierce passing attack on the league in the 2015 season, which the Golden Warriors kick off on Friday when they host Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

#### The offense

Enthusiasm was flying around Eugene V. Lovely Field last week, as the Golden Warriors ran through 7-on-7 passing drills. "We are very confident in the offense," said receiver Brandon Marti. "We have so many talented players at receiver, and E.J. is just throwing perfect passes."

The offense is triggered by Perry, now in his third season at quarterback for the Warriors.

A season ago as a sophomore, the 6-foot-2, 180-pound signal-caller threw for 2,128 yards and 26 touchdowns on the way to All-MVC honors.

"Obviously having E.J. back is huge," said quad-captain Arman Koul. "Having someone with as much varsity experience and athletic ability as E.J. is always great. We have all seen what he can do."

Perry has plenty of weapons to spread the ball around to.

The Warriors return their top receiver from a season ago, Dan Gemmell who led the team in catches (29) and receiving yards (460).

Joining him in the receiving corps are jet-fast Marti (14 catches, 261 yards, 5 touchdowns) and rock-solid Soucy (19 catches, 271 yards, 4 TDs).



Arman Koul, here delivering a huge hit against Chelmsford, leads the Andover defense from his linebacker spot in 2015.

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Dan Gemmell, here diving for a catch against Central Catholic, led Andover in receiving last season and is looking for another big year in 2015.

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Gone is 1,000-yard running back Kevin Chen, so the Warriors are hoping newcomer Perry Wynn — playing football for the first time since his freshman season — can take on the role.

"Wynn looks good," said Marti. "He is a truck of a running back. He's not going to make many cuts, but he will run you over."

The offensive line was hit hard by graduation, losing the likes of Chris Tully, Brian

Duffy and Terrence Norton. The Warriors are now looking to rebuild the group.

Leading the way are Koul, moving from tight end, and Thomas Murphy.

"We are working very hard to rebuild the line and every day it's getting better," said lineman Matt Stamas. "Koul looks great, and we are all working to solidify the group."

#### The defense

While offense may be Andover's signature, the Warriors also feel defense can be a strength. "The defense is looking good," said Koul. "We feel like our linebackers are looking strong and our defensive backs are playmakers."

Koul leads the way at linebacker. He finished third on the Golden Warriors last season with 70 tackles. Also at linebacker will be Derek Dutton (40 tackles in 2014) and Griffin Clark (32 tackles) while Kris Augustine leads the defensive line with D.J.

| 2014 RESULTS                          |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Andover 48 Cambridge Rindge & Latin 0 | Andover 19 North Andover 20    |
| Andover 41 Methuen 7                  | Andover 35 Central Catholic 49 |
| Andover 49 Chelmsford 37              | Andover 21 Andover 21          |
| Andover 41 Billerica 23               | Andover 21 Andover 21          |
| Andover 28 Lowell 14                  | Andover 21 Andover 21          |
| Andover 36 Chelmsford 22              | Andover 39 Andover 21          |
| Andover 47 Lexington 47               | Andover 21 Andover 21          |
| Andover 41 Central Catholic 41        |                                |

| 2015 SCHEDULE                           |            |
|---|------------|
| 9/11... Cambridge Rindge & Latin 7 p.m. |            |
| 9/18... at Methuen                      | 7 p.m.     |
| 9/25... BC High                         | 7 p.m.     |
| 10/3... at Tewksbury                    | 1:30 p.m.  |
| 10/9... Lowell                          | 7 p.m.     |
| 10/16... Central Catholic               | 7 p.m.     |
| 10/23... Chelmsford                     | 7 p.m.     |
| *11/30 TBA                              |            |
| *11/6 TBA                               |            |
| *11/13 TBA                              |            |
| 11/26... at North Andover               | 10:30 p.m. |

\*— Division 1 tournament or consolation games

OL/DL, 6-1, 240  
**Promising newcomers:** Josh Taricone, Sr., WR/DB, 5-6, 143; Jared Smith, Sr., RB/DB, 5-11, 181; Luke Washburn, Sr., WR/DB, 6-2, 161; Perry Wynn, Sr., RB/DB, 5-11, 180; Max Beati, Jr., OL/DE, 6-8, 290; Jack Boese, Jr., WR/DB, 5-11, 170; Mikey Comeau, Jr., TE/LB, 5-10, 190; Thomas Hughes, Jr., RB/LB, 6-1, 200; Jason Lynn, Jr., RB/LB, 5-8, 201; Justin Mantrana, Jr., TE/DL, 6-0, 200; Malique Mejia, Jr., RB/LB, 5-7, 170; Joe Rockwell, Jr., WR/DB, 5-11, 188; Aram Smith, Jr., OL/DL, 6-2, 280; Nate Wiley, Jr., WR/DB, 5-10, 167

**Returning leaders:** E.J. Perry IV 5 TDs, 56 carries, 304 yards; 130-277, 2,128 yards, 26 TD passes; Dan Gemmell 29-460-3 TD catches; Andrew Soucy 19-271-3 TD catches, 30 carries, 155 yards; Brandon Martin 15-265-5 TD catches

**Candidates:** 108  
**Captains:** Andrew Soucy, Arman Koul, Brandon Marti, Matt Stamas

**Returning honorees:** E.J. Perry IV, E-T All-Star; Brandon Martin, Dan Gemmell and Andrew Soucy, MVC All-Stars

**Assistants:** Bryan Ibbitson, Derrick Beasley, Peter Reilly, Neil Powers, Matt Willis, Kris Riemer, Kyle Henrick, Kevin Quinlan, Wayne Puglisi (freshmen), Ben Gibson (freshmen)

**Odds and ends:** Alex Marshall, a 6-7, 230-pounder with several Division 1-A offers including Pitt, is transferring to Proctor, where he's repeating his junior year. He started at tight end (22 catches, 351 yards, 4 TDs) and was a reserve defensive lineman. ... Senior Perry Wynn, playing football for the first time since his freshman season, has impressed at running back. He is a reserve guard on the basketball team. ... Senior tri-captain Arman Koul has moved from tight end to offensive line. ... New coach Matt Willis is a long-time assistant at Pentucket, and spent a season as line coach for Methuen. ... Junior Justin Mantrana was a member of the Andover 4x55 shuttle hurdles team that won gold at New Balance indoor Nationals.

**Coach E.J. Perry (6th year, 37-20):** "We feel like the team looks very good. We have a lot of weapons on offense like (Andrew) Soucy, Brandon (Marti), Dan (Gemmell) and E.J. (Perry IV) at quarterback. Our defense also looks strong."



*“She’s got this draw about her that I think she captures hearts. People are just really amazed by her story, by her tenacity, by her sweetness. She’s really sweet and gentle and kind, as much as a baby can be. It’s just really amazing.”*

Cindy Morrison

# KEEPING HOPE



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TOP LEFT: Hope Morrison, 17 months, plays with her sister, Lianna, 10, at their home in Andover. BOTTOM LEFT: Hope plays with Lianna. RIGHT: Hope is held by her adoptive mother, Cindy Morrison, at their home in Andover. Cindy Morrison brought the baby home from China a few months ago. Hope was so sick that the family expected to be putting her in hospice care. But Hope is getting healthier, and now is on a waiting list for a liver transplant.

## Baby with severe liver disease thrives after traveling from China to become part of Andover family

By LISA KASHINSKY  
Staff Writer

Sitting on a pink blanket surrounded by baby toys and picture books, 17-month-old Hope Morrison watched one of her four older sisters dip a wand into a plastic container.

Lianna, 10, blew the bubbles toward Hope, while Katelyn, 13, rubbed her baby sister’s head affectionately. Their mother, Cindy Morrison, looked on as Hope followed the bubbles gleefully, smiling when one popped near her face.

A few months ago, this family moment might have seemed unfathomable for Hope, an underdeveloped, emaciated baby living with end-stage liver failure in a Chinese orphanage. Her condition, biliary atresia, is a life-threatening illness in infants whose bile ducts in the liver don’t have normal openings, causing bile to become trapped and build up in the liver.

Considered to be dying, Hope’s condition also made her seemingly unadoptable.

But the Morrison family – all four girls are adopted from China – didn’t give up on baby Hope. They pushed to adopt her and bring her home to Andover under the notion she could enter palliative care surrounded by family.

More than three months later, however, Hope has proved a fighter. Receiving ongoing care at both Boston Children’s Hospital and Andover Pediatrics and taking a slew of medications, Hope has gained weight and strength, and is now awaiting a liver transplant.

“She’s got this draw about her that I think she captures hearts. People are just really amazed by her story, by her tenacity, by her sweetness,” Morrison said. “She’s really sweet and gentle and kind, as much as a baby can be. It’s just really amazing.”

### Discovering Hope

Morrison, a pediatric occupational therapist who lives at 174 Haverhill St., Unit 313, adopted her eldest daughter, Katelyn, from China 13 years ago.

“I completely fell in love with China very, very unexpectedly. I was pretty determined to want to go back and use my skills to help the kids still living in the orphanage,” she said.

Return she did, numerous times, adopting daughters

Lianna, Mia, 9, and Hannah, 4, along the way. It was on a trip last November when friends traveling with the family introduced them to Hope.

A nurse said Hope had a liver problem, that she had missed surgery. They said, “It’s too late, it’s too late.”

At first, Morrison didn’t think too much about Hope, saying that she had heard similar statements in orphanages before. But that changed after spending a day in the orphanage’s nursing room.

“When it was time to leave I went into the little nursing room she was in and laid her in her crib and she started to cry and looked at me and moved her hand towards me,” she said.

Already the mother of four, and with two of her daughters having the blood disorder beta thalassemia major, Morrison said she wasn’t looking to add more responsibility to her life. But the family was concerned about the tiny baby with a skeleton-like frame and sunken eyes. They reached out to doctors to run more tests and asked for a medical visa to bring her to the United States for treatment, with plans to return her to China and place her on an adoption list.

“Nothing seemed to pan out, the doors just kept closing,” Morrison said.

By March, Katelyn began pushing her mother to do more for Hope.

“Just seeing her in the orphanage, laying in the bed,” was a source of motivation, Katelyn said.

Her mother cautioned her that the doors could be closed again. But this time, they weren’t. On May 1, the Morrises got permission from Chinese government officials to come and get Hope. They left five days later, and arrived May 7.

“She was really, really sick. I was pretty shocked at her condition. She was definitely like a newborn even though she was 14 months old. Her skin was literally hanging off the bones,” Morrison said, adding that Hope’s liver condition made it so she wasn’t able to absorb nutrients, causing the emaciation.

“But she still had a little sparkle in her eye,” she said.

Based on Hope’s condition, the Morrises were expecting to bring the baby home and into hospice care. They coordinated with a palliative

care team at Boston Children’s Hospital. Morrison even traveled on the flight with a note explaining the situation in the event Hope died en route.

“We were really prepared to just kind of come back here and at least have a family that would be with her so she wouldn’t be suffering alone. I think that’s what really was haunting us, that she was all alone. Liver disease is a pretty miserable thing to die from,” Morrison said.

### Seeking treatment

At Boston Children’s Hospital, Dr. Maureen Jonas had been in contact with Morrison leading up to the adoption and offered to help, despite having little medical information to work with about Hope’s condition.

“We knew she was going to be sick looking. We knew her weight for a 15-month-old was more like the weight of a 3- to 4-month-old. We knew she was going to have a sick liver,” Jonas, the clinical director of Hepatology, said.

When Hope arrived, she was chronically ill and “didn’t have much time left if she stayed where she was,” Jonas said.

Among Hope’s issues when she arrived at Boston Children’s were cirrhosis of the liver and malnourishment that had stunted her growth and caused her to be underweight. Some of her vitamin levels were “unmeasurable,” Jonas said.

The team at Boston Children’s set to work strengthening Hope with special formulas and medications. In the past few months, she has put on weight and achieved some developmental milestones, making her a better candidate for surgical procedures, including a liver transplant.

Jonas is hopeful that the youngest Morrison will receive her transplant in the next few months.

“If she gets the transplant and she is in better shape than she is now, she’s got a 90 percent five-year survival rate, and we don’t expect it to go down much from that,” Jonas said.

However, if Hope doesn’t receive the transplant, she would eventually die from her disease, she said.

While Hope remains jaundiced and underweight, she’s headed in the right direction. Jonas said she hopes to keep strengthening



Hope Morrison has biliary atresia and is on a waiting list for a liver transplant.

her to make her an even better transplant candidate.

“We’re just very happy with the way things are going,” Jonas said. “Her vitamin levels are still very low, we’re still pushing that. She’s getting used to her new family, her new surroundings, certainly every day that goes by she’s in a little bit of a better place.”

### Family matters

Back in Andover, Hope sat between her mother’s legs, cooing over one of her favorite picture books.

When she first arrived at the Morrison home she was essentially a newborn, eating every one to two hours around the clock, unable to hold her head up. She lacked the strength to even laugh when being tickled.

“Now she can sit by herself, she’s very engaging. She’s like a little sponge, she’s trying to talk. It’s just crazy miraculous,” Morrison said.

The family travels into Boston about three times a week for the daughters’ various medical treatments and checkups, all covered through Morrison’s health insurance. Hope has avoided hospitalization since coming to the United States.

She continues to be fed about every two hours around the clock – strawberry-flavored PediaSure Peptide, for children with absorption issues due to liver disease – along with the occasional Creamsicle.

A network of friends and family, including Morrison’s parents in Andover, pitch in to help, from cooking meals and bringing groceries to driving the girls to school and camp.

A single mother, Morrison said she’s also received support from her church in Lexington. An old friend even started a GoFundMe page that’s raised more than \$7,000 to support the family.

“Right now I have to stay

home full-time to take care of (Hope), so people have been helping financially. I have someone paying my mortgage for the next year,” Morrison said, calling the support “unfathomable.”

Morrison never pictured herself having a large family. But for Hope, family might have made a difference in her fight.

“I think some of it is honestly like divine, it’s God, and I think some of it is being in a family that, you know, she has a family that is loving her and taking care of her. And it just seems like once that was put in place she just started turning the corner,” Morrison said.

She continued, “I think it really just shows, too, how an emotional attachment, really how important it is to thrive, how important love is for a baby,” she said.

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A crowd of about 250 people breaks into laughter watching an old video showing Richard "Dick" Donovan playing the Lone Ranger for children at an Ironstone Farm horse show.

# Hundreds gather to remember Ironstone Farm founder

SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN

Hundreds of friends, families and horses gathered at Ironstone Farm on Sunday, Aug. 23, to celebrate the life of founder and equine-enthusiast Richard "Dick" Donovan, who died June 15 at age 84.

The memorial celebration was highlighted by horse-riding exhibitions, videos and even a depiction of Donovan's favorite activity - putting on a live-action show about the Lone Ranger.

Donovan grew up in Somerville and entered the service after high school in the late 1940s. After an accident ended his time in the service, he graduated from Boston University and worked at a pharmaceutical company before becoming a science teacher and leading the Billerica High School science department for 14 years.

He purchased the land that became Ironstone Farm in 1960 and set to work clearing the land and building a house, barn and paddocks. He retired from teaching in 1976 to follow his dream of raising and training thoroughbred performance horses at the farm.

Along with breeding horses, Donovan opened up the farm to field trips of children with disabilities to come and enjoy the animals, which became the start of the Ironstone's programs for those with disabilities.

He expanded that aim when

he founded Challenge Unlimited in 1983 with the mission of using the farm and horses to provide therapies for disabled children. By the early 1990s, more than 200 people were participating in programs at the farm each week.

Challenge Unlimited purchased the farm in 2001, and Donovan remained as farm manager, designing and helping build an indoor arena for year-round programming. He also purchased two abutting properties to allow the farm to expand to the 19 acres it is today.

Now, through Challenge Unlimited and Ironstone Therapy, another nonprofit, Ironstone Farm annually provides therapies for more than 1,000 people with physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities, including equine encounters and therapeutic riding. The programs serve a wide variety of people from combat veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to at-risk teenagers to those diagnosed with cancer.

During the afternoon celebration, the staff, working students and volunteers led a drill team that rode to music. There were also speeches, a eulogy, and a slide show presentation of photographs of Donovan throughout his life.

There was also a sign presentation adding a name to Ironstone Farm - The Richard A. Donovan Center for Therapeutic and Recreational Riding.



ABOVE: Wearing a black mask and riding a white horse as the theme to "The Lone Ranger" plays, Dan Dorant pays homage to Ironstone Farm founder Richard "Dick" Donovan. Donovan would stage melodramas about the Lone Ranger and then act them out for children at the farm's horse shows. AT LEFT: Ironstone Farm's Drill Team of horses and riders performs at the start of the event honoring Richard "Dick" Donovan, who founded the Andover farm and the nonprofit Challenge Unlimited, which primarily benefits children with special needs.

## All Those Years Ago

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### 100 Years Ago September 10, 1915

The announcement just made by the officials of the Bay State Street Railway Company of the increase in fares of from five cents to six cents will mean that the Andover public will be affected in common with people in other sections of the state.

In his "McDougall's Musings: column, Ian McDougall ends his column by saying "I have more than once said that the war would only come to an end when the nations could get no more money with which to carry it on. At the finish of this terrible war there is likely to be a fearful financial panic. When we see an English gold sovereign

selling for \$4.60 it tells us that the war has already begun to damage the whole financial world."

### 75 Years Ago September 5, 1940

Andover residents who have been away on vacations will be interested to know that during the past month Luther Witham, Inc., well-known Lynn caterers, have given the town a delightful new restaurant and ice cream bar under the name of Andover Cottage. In the short time that the Cottage has been open it has entertained more customers than it ever did under its previous management when it was called "Countryside Grille" and "McManus." Labor Day weekend was particularly busy.

Officer John Deyermond

was reported by the Clover Hill hospital as "resting comfortably" this morning, having shown some improvement since last week. He has had a few transfusions in the meantime. He has decided to come home Sunday, but his physicians feel that this is one time when the law won't have its way

### 50 Years Ago September 9, 1965

The School Committee may have made history Tuesday with its unanimous vote to incorporate into its official rules and regulations an agreement recognizing the Andover Teachers Association as the voice of the school department's professional staff.

Andover will heat its new senior high school with electric heat. This is the decision

of Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, made after what he describes in a press statement as a "most detailed, lengthy and searching analysis..."

Supt. Edward Erickson has given the School Committee a first draft of specifications for an elementary school to be built in the South end. They will be discussed at the committee's next meeting, September 21.

### 25 Years Ago September 13, 1990

When two would-be thieves held up two McDonald's employees just after closing time last Monday morning, they thought they'd be getting bags full of green stuff—the day's receipts. But instead they found the bags the two workers handed over really were full of the green stuff—two McSalads the employees

were taking home. Police said the attempted robbery took place Monday at 12:28 a.m. at the McDonald's at 195 North Main street.

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers, the largest police union in the country representing police officers in 170 communities in Massachusetts, announced its endorsement of the re-election of State Rep. Susan Tucker (D-Andover).

The town has erected a six-foot high, 200-yard long, chain-link fence along Haggetts Pond road near the junction of Route 133. And neighbors aren't happy about it. Bob McQuade, director of public works, says the fence was put up to deter garbage dumping along the shore of the town's water supply.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Summer may be winding down, but Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store for fall.

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

### Friends' Fall Book Sale

The Friends of MHL will hold their Fall Book Sale, beginning with a Preview Night on Thursday, Sept. 17, and continue through Sunday, Sept. 20.

The Preview Night will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19; and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20. On Sunday, CDs and DVDs will be four for \$1, and all teachers are welcome after 3 p.m. to pick up unsold books for their classrooms.

Admission to the Preview Night is \$20 per person, but free for current Friends members. All proceeds will benefit the library and will be used towards programs and

projects for all ages. Anyone can join the Friends of MHL online at [www.mhl.org/friends](http://www.mhl.org/friends) or pick up an application at the library.

### Trace Your Irish-American Catholic Genealogy Without Traveling to Ireland

Join Michael Brophy, a professional genealogist, for a program on Irish genealogy on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. Brophy will talk about the central event in the history of Irish genealogy, the destruction of the Public Records Office in Dublin on June 30, 1922, near the end of the Irish Civil War. Attendees will learn how to access existing vital records and census records, as well as other research materials, online and through film rental, without the time and expense necessary to travel to Ireland.

Brophy is a nationally known, professional

genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area. He has served as program director and publicity director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, and as treasurer of the New England Association of Professional Genealogists.

To register for Brophy's program, call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or go to [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar). The Friends of Memorial Hall Library is sponsoring this program.

Other September events at Memorial Hall Library include:

**Discover Your Past Genealogy Club**, Thursday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. Most meetings will have a predetermined topic to discuss. Participants will learn from each other. All are welcome. Register at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

**Creative Café**, Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. in Friends Alcove 2 this month. Grab craft supplies for a fun, monthly craft night. Meet other crafters,

and work on projects. Open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook, and create other portable crafts.

**Sai Maa Enlightened Living Group**, Mondays, Sept. 14 and 28, 7 p.m. in the Activity Room. The goal of participating in an Enlightened Living Group is to provide access to a life

transformation that includes a continuing expansion of awareness and knowledge, and participating in a conversation that builds profound connection and community with others. For more information, visit [www.sai-maa.org/eventcalendar](http://www.sai-maa.org/eventcalendar).

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### LOST CAT - Derry, NH

Have you seen her?



Please call 603-339-9259



LOST GREY/WHITE CAT - PEABODY/SALEM LINE - REWARD - 339-201-1491 Mini Max has been missing since August 5. He is an indoor cat only and shy. Do not approach. Please check your back yards, garages and sheds. He was last seen at intersection of Walnut & Caller Streets in Peabody. Please call if you see him. If you are feeding him or have him in your home, please return him to me - he is loved dearly. Thank you.

LOST GUITAR Takamine in black hardcase near Mitch's, Gloucester, MA June 25th at the Fiesta Also lost Maroon North Face Pack Call Scott (978) 239-5254

LOST: Yorkshire Terrier gold & gray, 7-8 lbs. Last seen August, 12th, in Kingston, NH Family heart broken please. Call 603-396-1281

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Smokey 7 years old

Red collar with pink heart with name engraved. Is fixed and has had rabies shots. Grey and white Russian blue with white paws and white stomach. Smokey has a distinctive swirl on his side.

Please check your basement or shed if you know of his whereabouts or have taken him in please contact

Sinead @ 978.648.4846

### First Run

MUCH LOVED CAT MISSING for 2 weeks, lost around 28 bypass at Centennial Estates near Auburn NH. She is gray striped & answers to Peggy. If found please call 603 505-0187

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Marblehead - OPEN HOUSE! Sunday, August 30th, 12:00-2:00pm, 54 Brackett Pl. Enjoy beautiful views of Marblehead harbor in this updated 2 bedroom, 1/2 bath townhouse at Glover Landing. \$498,000

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Full-time. We're looking for an energetic, enthusiastic self-starter who is comfortable working in multiple types of media; reporting and writing stories; shooting simple photos and videos to accompany their work when appropriate; and immersed in the networks of social media. You should be nimble and able to tailor your approach to stories to satisfy audiences viewing your work in print, on a desktop browser, mobile device or tablet. Candidates should be organized and tenacious and have a passion for journalism in the digital age. You'll be expected to develop sources, generate story ideas and break news. Ideal candidates should have a bachelor's degree in journalism or a related field, but we really want to know what you're able to do in a modern newsroom. Three years' experience writing for a daily publication required. Candidates must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record, reliable transportation and current auto insurance.

**ADVERTISING SALES ASSISTANT - Gloucester Daily Times, Gloucester, MA**  
Part-time. Responsibilities include providing sales and administrative support to our advertising department; creating reports and analyzing data; assisting customers with advertising sales questions and requests. High school diploma or GED required; some college helpful. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Access necessary. Qualified candidates must have excellent organizational, accuracy and analytical skills and be able to communicate effectively. This is a temporary 90-day assignment with the potential to become a regular position.

**REPORTER - The Salem News, Beverly, MA**  
Part-time. We're looking for an energetic, enthusiastic self-starter who is comfortable working in multiple types of media; reporting and writing stories; shooting simple photos and videos to accompany their work when appropriate; and immersed in the networks of social media. You should be nimble and able to tailor your approach to stories to satisfy audiences viewing your work in print, on a desktop browser, mobile device or tablet. Candidates should be organized and tenacious and have a passion for journalism in the digital age. You'll be expected to develop sources, generate story ideas and break news. This is a 20 hour per week position. Ideal candidates should have a bachelor's degree in journalism or a related field, but we really want to know what you're able to do in a modern newsroom. Three years' experience writing for a daily publication required. Candidates must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record, reliable transportation and current auto insurance. Please include clips when emailing your resume.

**PREPRESS OPERATOR - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA**  
Part-time. Scan and tone photos for advertising and editorial products using Adobe Photoshop; Verify the quality of materials entering the department (resolution, contrast, etc.); Output pages using Adobe InDesign; Verify the quality of pages by soft-proofing and examining plates; Act as a liaison between Editorial and Production, communicating page flow information. High School diploma or GED equivalent required. Must have excellent organizational skills, strong communication skills, prior color/photo skills, and ability to work well under deadline pressure. Basic PC experience required, MAC experience preferred. Must have working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign. Prior composing or prepress experience very helpful but not required. The hours of this position are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**AD SERVICES CLERK - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA**  
Part-time (25 hours Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m). Responsibilities include data entry, ad processing and tracking of publication deadlines. High School diploma required. PC and Mac knowledge, as well as clerical experience, required. Strong organizational skills and the ability to work well under deadline pressure a must.

**DATA ENTRY CLERK - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA**  
Full-time. Responsibilities include data entry and processing of accounts receivable for advertising and circulation, and periodic coverage of the reception desk. Qualified candidates must be detail-oriented, have excellent organizational and accuracy skills, and be proficient in Microsoft Excel.

**GRAPHIC ARTISTS - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA**  
Full-time. We are expanding our Ad Production Department and need to hire 2 graphic artists to produce advertisements for daily and weekly publications. Minimum of one year experience with InDesign on a MAC platform required. Knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator preferred. Strong organizational skills and the ability to work well under deadline pressure a must. Hours are Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Comprehensive benefits package offered to all full-time (30+ hours) employees. For consideration, please e-mail resume and cover letter, with salary requirements, to hr@northofboston.com. Resumes received without salary requirements will not be considered. Applications may also be obtained in the lobby of any of our publications Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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|                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Showers and t-storms                | Rain, a thunderstorm                | Periods of sun                      | Showers possible                    | Showers possible                    | Sunny and warmer                    | Increasing clouds                   |
| <b>High: 83°</b><br><b>Low: 64°</b> | <b>High: 72°</b><br><b>Low: 59°</b> | <b>High: 73°</b><br><b>Low: 58°</b> | <b>High: 70°</b><br><b>Low: 60°</b> | <b>High: 71°</b><br><b>Low: 54°</b> | <b>High: 79°</b><br><b>Low: 53°</b> | <b>High: 77°</b><br><b>Low: 53°</b> |

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**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

**23 Abbot St.:** Robert E. and Pamela Ford to 23 Abbot Street T. and Neil E. Aresty, \$1,380,000  
**300 Ballardvale St.:** General Electric Credit Equity to BRE

East Mixed Asset Owner, \$2,580,649  
**10 Colonial Drive, Unit 4A:** Jillian L. Nathan to Susan Cafery, \$90,000  
**18 Dale St., Unit 5E:** Prasenjit and Dola Ghosh to Khiem Doba and Linh T. Nguyen, \$346,000  
**3 Farnham Circle:** Claire

M. Bishop to Stephen D. and Margarita V. Renfro, \$1,450,000  
**4 Farnham Circle:** Anzaldi RT and Thomas M. Anzaldi to Dongming Qiao and Lili Song, \$1,099,000  
**17 Harding St., Unit 17:** Julie A. Dizoglio to Charles P. and Robin L. McAllister, \$339,000

**23 Iron Gate Drive:** Claire T. Reppucci to Rujal Kansara and Jagat Parekh, \$542,500  
**41 Ivana Drive, Unit 41:** CA INT and Yvon Cormier to Paul G. Lebrun LT and Paul G. Lebrun, \$910,000  
**10 Maple Ave., Unit 3:** Kelly L. Caso to Timothy W. Gwynne, \$199,900

**16 Muirfield Circle, Unit 16:** CA INT and Yvon Cormier to Paul C. and Linda Foti, \$1,300,000  
**3 Radcliff Drive:** Robert J. and Patricia A. O'Neill to Joseph M. and Noreen S. Sarno, \$717,000  
**4 Snowberry Road:** Scott F. and Paula H. Preller to Vinod

Raghavan and Akhila Velayudhan, \$659,500  
**18 Timothy Drive:** Victor and Dana Lanio to Maxim and Sofia Briskin, \$839,900  
**5 Yardley Road:** Joseph M. Sarno and Noreen Fiore-Sarno to Francois Vignon and Nurt A. Villani, \$625,000

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**Haverhill \$224,900**  
 Beautiful townhouse at Country Hollow in pristine condition. Spacious unit features, kitchen tastefully decorated and updated with stainless appliances, living room with wood flooring, Sliders opens to private outdoor deck and peaceful country setting. 2nd floor with 2 bedrooms and full bath, large 3rd floor loft with many possibilities and 1 car garage under plus additional storage. So many updates including: newer Pella windows, newer central air, painting, etc. Don't miss this one!

**Charlestown \$440,000**  
 Magnificent views of the Boston Skyline! This Penthouse condo has a PRIVATE roof deck. Just off Monument Square on a gas-lit street. "Buying or selling a home is one of the biggest decisions a person makes in their life. Whether you are buying or selling Real Estate I am committed to providing outstanding service. Give me a call today and let my experience, diligence and attention to detail work for you."  
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 Fabulous 10RM, 4BR, 3BA Colonial with finished LL and 3 car garage. Close to downtown and conservation land with walking trails. \$899,900

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