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A NEW THANKSGIVING ERA

Dutton leads Andover into battle with North Andover

By DAVID WILLIS
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Thanksgiving Day 2015 gives birth to a new tradition for Andover High football.

For 42 years, the Golden Warriors and Central Catholic met on Thanksgiving morning for an annual matchup that encompassed

generations and became the centerpiece of countless family holidays.

Now, after more than four decades and 20 Andover victories, Thanksgiving Day will look very different.

The Golden Warriors take the field on Thursday to face new Turkey Day rival North Andover, instead of the Central team they have

already faced in the regular season and postseason.

It renews a Thanksgiving tradition with the Scarlet Knights that closed out in the 1960's. And it is a rivalry that has already been raging in recent regular season meetings.

Last year, North Andover upset Andover 20-19 for its first victory in the matchup

since 2005, one year after the Golden Warriors stole a 33-32 overtime victory.

"It's an honor to be part of the first game of the new Thanksgiving rivalry," said Andover senior Derek Dutton. "It will be very different, but it's also a good change. This is the start of

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Andover vs. North Andover football rivalry



IF YOU GO

Who: Andover vs. North Andover varsity football game
When: 10 a.m., Thanksgiving Day
Where: North Andover High School
What: Rivalry renewed; for years, Andover played Central Catholic on Thanksgiving Day. Years ago, Andover played North Andover on turkey day. That rivalry is being renewed.

A THANKFUL HEART



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The Wang family of Andover relaxes in their Stirling Street home. They are, from left, Helen Lei, Jane and her husband Yulin Wang, and their sons, from left, Gregory, 17, and Timmy, 15. This year they are looking forward to a happier Thanksgiving as Gregory, better known by his nickname "Cookie," found out he needed a heart transplant after being admitted to the hospital last year. He received the heart transplant in July from Boston Children's Hospital.

The Andover teen's heart failed a year ago Thanksgiving

By TERRY DATE
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Gregory "Cookie" Wang has heart — a warm unassuming way about him.

The Andover High senior also has a new heart beating in his chest this Thanksgiving.

It replaces his original organ, a casualty of Danon disease, a genetic condition so rare — fewer than 100 cases

have been diagnosed worldwide since 1981 — that it is unknown to most doctors.

The condition descended on the unsuspecting Wang family with a thud a year ago Thanksgiving Eve.

The sickness made Cookie's heart balloon in size and race to 200 fibrillations a minute.

What's remarkable to most people, except Cookie's family, is the feathery grace and

dry-as-dust humor with which the boy weathered and continues to weather the heart storm.

It's a calming grace that radiates reassurance, and one that gives pause, especially on a holiday set around giving thanks, for others to think about what they have.

For the Wangs that means an even greater appreciation for Cookie.

"It's the little moments in life that mean so much," said Jane Wang, Cookie's mom, who was sitting with her family at their home on a recent Sunday.

Cookie's mom and dad, Yulin, who works at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, and Jane's mom, Helen Lei, a retired nurse, sat on couches with Cookie in the

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Residents dig in against pipeline

By TERRY DATE
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The anti-pipeline crowd at the Yachnin family's home was warmed by more than the hardwood logs burning in the fireplace when David Yachnin announced the state Attorney General's comments from earlier in the day.

AG Maura Healey, citing an energy study her office commissioned last summer and released Wednesday, Nov. 18, said Massachusetts doesn't need natural gas pipelines to meet electricity needs through 2030.

"I can't tell you how huge a win this is for us," Yachnin told the 65 neighbors and fellow opponents of the Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline.

About 4.3 miles of the line's 400-mile length, from frack-gas fields in Pennsylvania, and piped underground through New York, Massachusetts and into New Hampshire is proposed to run through Andover, much of it parallel to power lines.

The report's findings and Healey's backing will have weight when and if the pipeline ends up challenged in court, especially with the federal regulatory agency that will decide the project's fate.

"The only thing the FERC listens to is the court, and this is our court," Yachnin said of the AG's office, which represents the public in utility cases.

In FERC, he was referring to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which is reviewing the Kinder Morgan pipeline and whose approval the Texas company needs for the pipeline to be built.

FERC's decision won't come until at least 2017, following its establishment of a comprehensive environmental impact statement that addresses noise, pollution, cultural resources and other impacts.

Speakers at the neighborhood meeting, including John Hess of the Andover Village Improvement Society and attorney Richard Kanoff of Burns and Levinson, urged those present to remain vigilant and stick together.

"My message here is you are not by yourself," Kanoff said.

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Annual tree-lighting and caroling becoming a popular tradition

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A long-held holiday tradition in one of Andover's oldest neighborhoods happens on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m., as BallardVale lights up with its own holiday tree.

The 'Vale tree lighting comes

a week after the town's official tree lighting on Main Street. The tradition is now 14 years old and the tree on BallardVale Green will be decorated with pretty white lights.

"The BallardVale Historic District Commission lights up a holiday tree on BallardVale Green every December on the

first Sunday. We hold a Holiday Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on the BallardVale Green," said organizer Diane Derby of Center Street, who is a commission member.

She said lots of neighbors look forward to the event and arrive bearing gifts of cookies and other goodies.

The event is very popular among residents who live in BallardVale as some 200 people usually attend.

Former Andover Town Manager Richard Bowen, then president of the BallardVale Historic District Commission, started the

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Farmhouse gone, barn en route to new home

STAFF REPORT

The old farmhouse is gone, and the barn is next in line.

The red house at 61 Argilla Road was demolished Nov. 17 but the barn behind it still has some life left in its old timbers.

Over the last several months, the town has been working with a developer who wanted to demolish both buildings to erect a new, single-family home on the site.

While town officials ultimately agreed to all the farmhouse to be torn down, they gave somewhat of a reprieve to the barn.

Turns out it still has some useful wood that is going to be recycled at the Cormier Youth Center on Whittier Court.

The center plans to post historical information on the Argilla Road property. It was a strawberry farm for much of the 20th century, and home to the Rennie family.

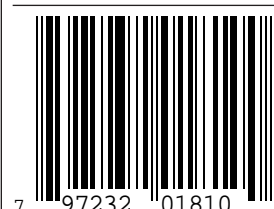


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An excavator knocked down the historic farmhouse at 61 Argilla Road on Nov. 17. The barn is coming down as well, its beams and other parts to become part of the new Cormier Youth Center on Whittier Court.

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GAME

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the Thanksgiving rivalry, but this rivalry has been huge for years. They got us last year and we want revenge for last season. I think this is the beginning of something special (on Thanksgiving)."

Derek Dutton

And right at the center of the brand new holiday tradition – literally – is Dutton.

The 6-foot, 220-pound Dutton is the middle linebacker and play-caller for the Andover High defense, which will look to end its season in style when the Golden Warriors travel to North Andover High for a 10 a.m. Turkey Day kickoff.

"We're starting something new on their home field, and there is nothing better than winning on Thanksgiving," said fellow linebacker Arman Koul. "North Andover is a tough team, but I know if we play our game we can take them."

A key part of holiday success will be the play of Dutton.

The middle or "Mike" linebacker stands second on the Golden Warriors in total tackles (57) and solo tackles (24) despite missing two games after suffering a severe cut on his leg against Central Catholic.

A DECADE OF A RIVALRY

While Andover and North Andover have not played on Thanksgiving in more than 40 years, their rivalry has been heating up in regular season matchups.

YEAR	RESULT	COMMENT
2014	North Andover, 20-19	Snapped eight-game winning streak for Andover over North Andover
2013	Andover, 33-32 (OT)	Late Andover TD sends game to OT, Ryan Payne kicks game-winning PAT
2012	Andover, 50-35	Andover overcomes two TD deficit. C.J. Scarpa throws five TDs
2011	Andover, 30-20	Scarpa throws game-winning TD to Cam Farnham on flea-clicker reverse pass
2010	Andover, 21-9	Tommy Dempsey throws two TDs to Brian Miller
2009	Andover, 27-21	Nick Enxing breaks up game-tying North Andover TD pass with 6 seconds left.
2008	Andover, 22-0	Andover allows just 24 yards to Scarlet Knights.
2007	Andover, 33-0	Mike Pierce scores four touchdowns.
2006	Andover, 23-20	Andover bounced back from 2005 loss
2005	North Andover, 20-14 (OT)	Scarlet Knights' first win over Andover since 1987

"Derek is the consummate professional on the field and off," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "He is a hard-hat, lunch-pail guy out there. He doesn't worry about the glory, he just makes big tackles. Middle linebacker may be the toughest position in sports, since he is the quarterback of our defense making our calls, and he does a great job."

Just three years ago, it appeared football could be a thing of the past for Dutton.

Growing up around the game, Dutton started playing football for the Andover Junior Football League in the fourth grade, idolizing former Andover High star and current Penn State linebacker Will Eikenberry.

But after a frustrating eighth grade season, Dutton did not play football in his freshman season. It was a decision that he immediately regretted.

"I decided not to play as a freshman," he said, "and I knew early on it wasn't a good decision. I missed football, and I missed being out there with my friends. They were all playing football and I just wasn't doing anything."

Dutton returned to the gridiron as a sophomore, and while playing mostly JV he did see varsity time mostly at the end of lopsided games, making two tackles. "It wasn't much time, but it helped my confidence," said Dutton. "It made me more confident that maybe I could be a starter for my junior year."

Dutton not only won the starting middle linebacker job a season ago, he had a breakout campaign.

The then-junior finished the season with 40 tackles, good for sixth on the team, and one very memorable sack.

baritone voice.

Past and present commission members donate or purchase all needed supplies, including hot chocolate, cider and cookies.

Derby said it's wonderful to see old and new neighbors as the holiday season gets underway.

"It's just wonderful neighborhood event ... people really enjoy it," Derby said.

Dress warmly and bring your singing voices and holiday spirit. Dogs are welcome, but bring them on a leash, she added.

TRADITION

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tradition of the annual lighting of a small evergreen tree on the BallardVale Green. Residents affectionately called that tree a Charlie Brown-type tree as it was small.

"The tree has grown over the years, along with the numbers of kids, adults and dogs attending and it is becoming a popular Ballard-Vale event. In recent years the crowd has numbered around 200," Derby said.

IF YOU GO

When: Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m.
Where: Ballardvale Green, near junction of Andover Street and Clark Road
What: Annual tree-lighting and caroling event
Who: All are invited
Food: Hot chocolate will be provided
Cost: Free of charge. Bring your voice.

The carol sing follows and is usually led by Brian Major, a former longtime Andover Selectman with a

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PIPELINE

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Hess, also of the Andover Pipeline Awareness Committee, has met with local and state officials on the pipeline.

In addition, he said AVIS has filed as an intervenor in the matter, giving it access to memos and other information related to the Kinder Morgan's application for the filing.

Intervenor status also gives parties standing to pursue legal action.

The town of Andover voted to file for intervenor status as well, with selectmen doing so on Monday, Nov. 16.

Speakers at the neighborhood meeting said, in effect, that residents in Andover, Tewksbury and other towns throughout the Commonwealth need to form their own personal pipeline of sorts, joining the fight on several fronts, connecting with each other and conveying their thoughts about the project to elected officials.

A representative of state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, urged those present to provide testimony to elected officials.

Three of the four communities L'Italien represents — Tewksbury, Andover and Dracut — are among the most affected in the Merrimack Valley by the pipeline. The main pipeline ends in Dracut, where feeder lines, known as laterals, then spider-web off in different directions. Some of the laterals go north, others, like the one through Andover and Tewksbury, heads southeast.

In addition to FERC approval, the project will need to clear hurdles including Article 97 of the state constitution, which provides protection for conservation lands, as well as approvals by state utility commissions and state environmental protection agencies, Kanoff said.

Kanoff, too, put stock in AG Healey's report.

"It's really a big game changer," he said. He said individuals can use the AG's report as evidence for their opposition to the pipeline when they contact political leaders.

Here is an excerpt from the AG's response to the report:

that we do not need increased gas capacity to meet electric reliability needs, and that electric ratepayers shouldn't foot the bill for additional pipelines," Healey stated.

"This study demonstrates that a much more cost-effective solution is to embrace energy efficiency and demand response programs that protect ratepayers and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Meanwhile, Kinder Morgan was to file its official pipeline application with FERC on Friday, Nov. 20, said company spokesman Steve Crawford.

Crawford said in an interview that the pipeline enters Massachusetts along its western border and that 91 percent of its pathway runs along the power lines.

He said the energy derived from the pipeline's natural gas will supply New England homes and companies with service. Over half the line's capacity is committed to local gas companies and the other half he expects Kinder Morgan will be able to contract with New England and Northeast utility users, he said.

"There are no plans to export this gas," he said.

Crawford also said the pipeline in Andover will equate to \$950,000 annually in property taxes.

Yachnin said the pipeline is going to be used primarily to export gas for high profits for Kinder Morgan.

Neighbors at Wednesday's meeting at 5 Ellsworth Road worried about the pipeline's impact on their and their neighbors' quality of life.

Dave McCarthy, married father of two children, who lives on nearby Bailey Road, says clear-cutting of trees to make way for the pipeline easement will expose power lines to view and bring the pipeline right up to the edge of their house.

"The pipeline would go through our property, less than 100 feet from the house," he said.

After Wednesday's meeting, Yachnin stepped out of the family room and into the night cold standing in stocking feet on the abutting deck.

It's expansive deck, almost as big as a stage but set with comfortable

chairs. It overlooks a short backyard lawn and a tree line of 30-foot maples, birches and pines.

He and his wife have worked hard to afford their home and their view of the

woods, he said. Low rumblings from cars and rising and falling whines from tractor trailers drifted to the deck from nearby Interstate 495.

He pointed to his left

where his neighbors' homes stand, farther down the street, and said the pipeline's proposed route curves even closer to their properties.

Not only will he and his

neighbors see much of their tree screening cut, exposing the power lines to view, but the sound barrier the trees form will be gone — turning up the volume on interstate traffic.

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Pharmaceutical company signs lease renewal at Brickstone Square

Ora Inc., an ophthalmic pharmaceutical company located at 300 Brickstone Square, recently signed a 28,770-square-foot office lease renewal.

Avison Young represented in Ora in brokering the deal with CBRE New England, which represented landlord New Brickstone Office, LLC.

The 300 Brickstone Square site is one of three class A buildings that make up the Brickstone Square business center. The 1 million-square-foot business park offers a campus setting with amenities including a full-service cafeteria, professionally managed health club and on-site day care center.

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"This long-term lease renewal will enable Ora to stay in a strategic location

where the firm has grown its business consistently in recent years," said Avison Young Principal Keith Gurtler. "The building, recently purchased by KS Partners and Oaktree Capital Management, is undergoing major improvements to common areas, amenities and parking. Ora was able to stay in place, make the improvements they needed and expand over time in a highly accessible park. Meanwhile, the landlord continues to benefit from a stable tenant that provides consistent income. It's a win-win deal for everybody."

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What's that? Slacking in The Park

By TERRY DATE
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What's bouncing in The Park this balmy early November afternoon is a blue slackline stretched 25 feet between two trees, a crab apple and maple.

Balancing and stepping, bending and balancing and stepping on the nylon strap is barefoot slackliner DJ Poulin. He's about 2 feet off the grass.

Poulin and fellow Black Diamond Network employees Walter Fallas and Sarah Graham, each in their 20s, come from their Main Street office — a technical staffing company — to The Park to slack a couple times a week.

"It's challenging," says Poulin, between bounces on the line. "You have to be focused."

"It takes your mind off things," Fallas says. "Therapeutic."

"Sort of like yoga," Poulin says. "Kind of like meditation."

Slacking has become



TERRY DATE/Staff photo

DJ Poulin walks a slackline in The Park on his lunch hour. Poulin and Black Diamond Networks co-workers Walter Fallas and Sarah Graham slack on their lunch for relaxation and focus a couple times a week.

something of a phenomenon, they said. You see people slacking in parks, the woods, the mountains and over water.

The popular past-time goes by different names depending on where the slacking takes place — high-lining, water-lining. Here, maybe you call it park-lining.

The object is to walk from

tree to tree, one side to the other.

"If you can walk from one end to the other, you are pretty good," says Fallas.

Poulin stakes his place among the pretty good. After a few tries, stepping, stopping, bending, getting his balance and moving on, he makes it to the end.

Local census to be mailed out in January

The Annual Town Census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January 2016.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census in January should contact the Town Clerk's office at

(978) 623-8255 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls.

All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law. Non-registered voters are also required to return the annual census. This

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Middle schoolers strut computer skills

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Five young digital architects are kings of their on-screen castles that earned them an invitation to show off their masterpieces.

The Doherty Middle School eighth graders were invited to the Student Showcase at The Massachusetts Computer Using Educators' Teachers Technology Conference to present projects they created using digital software programs.

Parnav Abbott, Frank Qian, Tegan Carr, Max Karlberg and Suran Maheswaran presented their 3D "Castle" projects on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Gillette Stadium.

The boys used two different software programs, Google SketchUp and Minecraft, to construct 3D castles on their computers. Either based on figurines, actual castles or using their



Frank Qian, Suran Maheswaran, Max Karlberg, Tegan Carr and Parnav Abbott recently showed projects they created using digital software programs at the Student Showcase at The Massachusetts Computer Using Educators' Teachers Technology Conference.

imaginations, the students built the castles from the ground up and created textures to resemble bricks, windows, tiles and doors.

Doherty Middle Schools' digital learning specialist

Barbara Murray and math teacher Wendy Kuda accompanied the boys, who were joined by students and teachers from around the state.

Shallu Bhagat, Parnav's father, said the quality of

work presented by the students was impressive.

"I was highly impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and their interactions with others to explain their projects," Bhagat said.

TOWN BRIEFS

Youth Basketball League now accepting registrations

The Merrimack Valley YMCA Youth Basketball League (YBL) is geared for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels. The 14-week season will run from Dec. 5 through March 5. It is packed with skills clinics, practices, games, family days, the Kimball Classic and much more.

Participants will learn the skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and defense, as well as good sportsmanship, teamwork and the core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. All of the YMCA branches offer YBL. To register, visit www.mvymca.org or visit the Welcome Center.

Merrimack College to host free lecture

Merrimack College invites all to a lecture by Lorna Rivera, Ph.D., Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Cascia Hall, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Rivera will present "Nativist Ideologies and Resistance in Latino Communities." She will discuss the politics of nativism (preserving the status of certain established inhabitants of a nation compared to newcomers or immigrants), cultural difference, and pluralism in the U.S. Research about hate crimes, discriminatory policies against Latino immigrants, and what is at stake for Latino communities in the next U.S. presidential election and beyond will also be examined.

Rivera is director of Latino studies and associate

professor of women's and gender studies at the University of Massachusetts - Boston. She is the author of several book chapters and articles related to low-income women's access to education and the impact of welfare reform on low-income families in the U.S. Her book, "Laboring to Learn: Women's Literacy and Poverty in the Post-Welfare Era," won the Cyril O. Houle Award for Outstanding Literature.

This free lecture is part of the Reaching for Justice Speaker Series sponsored by the Merrimack Community Engagement Graduate Program, School of Education and Social Policy, the Social Justice Program, and the Department of World Languages and Cultural Studies. Register online at www.merrimack.edu/BCRJevents or at the door.

Andover Chess Club

The club has a new meeting place. It now meets at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry at 35 Essex St. in Andover. The club formerly met at Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street in Andover.

The Andover Chess Club meets on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

If you have questions, go to andoverchessclub@gmail.com or call club advisor Mike Henroid of Andover at 781-790-6461.

Andover Public School Preschool Screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month. If there are concerns about your child's development, call Mary Kay at 978-623-8850 to schedule an appointment.

Town Hall Notebook

Terry Date



Selectmen included several items related to the town police department at the board's most recent meeting, Nov. 16.

Among the items was the board's approval of seven reserve officer

hirings.

The officers give the department a pool of candidates to fill vacancies when they arise in its ranks of full-time officers.

Selectman Alex Vispoli referred to the pool as a farm-team, of sorts, such as those that professional baseball

teams draw upon to fill open roster spots.

"They help us when we have openings," Police Chief Patrick Keefe said. The reserve officers must complete a psychological review and complete police academy training before they qualify to be a full-time officer, the police chief said.

All the approved positions were permanent reserve intermittent officer posts, paying \$24.46.

The officers are Gary Barnaby, Jr., Matthew Gibson, Amy Galluzzo, Joseph Lamagna, Christopher Leary, Christopher Lippi and Christo Theodorou.

The department has 53 full-time officers and four reserve officers to

go along with the intermittent reserve posts.

Vispoli does ridealong

Also at Monday's meeting, Selectmen Alex Vispoli recapped his recent ride-along with police.

The selectman spent six hours with Sgt. Frank Fitzpatrick. Vispoli was impressed with the department's patrol methods and its high-tech communications.

Vispoli witnessed a 21-year-old get arrested and charged for a heroin related offense.

He saw, up-close and personal, an example of how the heroin epidemic and law enforcement interface.

"It was an eye-opener," he said.

Election, budget calendar set for 2016

Every year town officials set the annual budget calendar with key dates that must be met by state law or local bylaws.

At the same time, it also sets the date for the next election.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy said residents can come to his office — located at the Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet St. — to get nomination papers to run for a local office.

Also at the Clerk's Office, they can get paperwork to file a citizens' petition for an article on the town warrant.

What follows are key dates on the FY17 budget and town meeting planning calendar

Monday, Dec. 7, Tax Classification vote Board of Selectmen / Chief Assessor

Wednesday, Dec. 9, Tri-board Meeting: CIP Review, FY17 Rev. & Exp. projections Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee

Friday, Dec. 11, Town sponsored warrant articles submitted to town manager, department heads, school superintendent, boards

Monday, Dec. 21, Selectmen vote to accept FY17 CIP Board of Selectmen

Thursday, Dec. 31, FY17 operating budget requests submitted to town manager

Friday, Jan. 29, Town Meeting warrant closes

Friday, Feb. 5, Town Manager's FY17 recommended budget released

Monday, Feb. 22, warrant article review and votes (if ready) by Board of Selectmen

Saturday, Feb. 27, department operating budget presentations

Monday, Feb. 29, warrant article review and votes (if ready) by Board of Selectmen

Saturday, March 5, department operating budget presentations

Monday, March 7, warrant article review and votes by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 9, School FY17 operating budget presentation (tri-board) school superintendent and School Committee

Monday, March 14, budget and warrant article votes by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

Monday, March 21, budget and warrant article votes by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 22, the annual Town Election

Wednesday, March 23, the final budget votes due to the Finance Committee for the Town Meeting Report Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 23, final votes on water and sewer budgets and rates

Monday, March 28, final budget and warrant article votes by Board of Selectmen

and Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 30, final votes and chair letters to the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee

Tuesday, April 5, Finance Committee report for Town Meeting sent to printer

Monday, April 11, Town Meeting preparation

Wednesday, April 13, League of Women Voters Budget Forum

Friday, April 22, Finance Committee report mailed to residents

Monday, April 25, Town

Meeting preparations

Thursday, April 28, moderator's preparation meeting

Monday, May 2, first night of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting

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Lawmakers approve scaled down public records bill

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
 Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON -- The House voted last week to approve a scaled-down revamp of Massachusetts' decades-old public records law that sets compliance deadlines, limits fees for documents and expands the state's enforcement authority.

Passage of the bill comes after months of wrangling between its supporters, lawmakers and representatives of local governments and law enforcement who lobbied behind the scenes to water down provisions of the bill.

Backers of the reforms -- which include a coalition of government watchdogs, civil rights advocates and newspaper publishers -- praised the bill's unanimous approval, but said it's provisions fell short of expectations.

"Overall, it's one step forward, one step back," said Bob Ambrogio, executive director of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association. "The bill contains some good elements, but it's not the reform that we ultimately need to achieve the promise of affordable, accountable access to public information in Massachusetts."

The legislation, approved one day before the Legislature recesses for a holiday break, requires public agencies and

municipalities to comply with public records requests within 10 business days. If they can't meet the deadline, the bill would allow agencies up to 60 days and municipalities up to 75 days to fully comply with requests.

The bill also allows judges to award "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs" to those seeking public records if the court rules in their favor. It also limits fees charged by municipalities at 5 cents per page for black-and-white copies and caps the hourly rate for state employees handling records requests at \$25 per hour.

"We crafted a fair, reasonable, bill that brings us into the 21st century," said Rep. Peter Kocot, a Northampton Democrat and chief sponsor of the bill. "This legislation ensures that Massachusetts' residents have access to a modern and strong public records law."

Public records custodians appointed by each city and town would be authorized to waive fees if the request is determined to be in the public interest or if those seeking the documents lack financial means to pay for it.

Gavi Wolfe, legislative counsel at the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the bill is a "step forward" but wants to see "significant improvements

OPEN RECORDS REFORM

Legislation approved by the House would:

- Ensure accountability by directing courts to award attorney's fees when local officials and state agencies unlawfully deny access to public information.
- Require that public records available in electronic form, such as email, be provided electronically instead of printed out on paper. Advocates say the changes will save paper, time and money.
- Make records affordable with fees that reflect the actual costs of the records and do not inhibit access.
- Streamline public records access by designating "records access officers" in state and local agencies to facilitate requests.
- Require local governments to pay legal fees if a public records request is denied and the requester successfully challenges the decision in court.

before it gets to the governor's desk."

"The bill contains some much-needed reforms, especially attorney fees, and it begins to rein in the kind of outrageous costs we've seen agencies charge people for basic information," Wolfe said.

Pam Wilmot, executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts, echoed those sentiments.

"Massachusetts' public records law is one of the worst in the country and we will continue to fight for more reforms as we move through the legislative process," she said.

Geoff Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, said many city and town clerks were concerned about the fiscal and administrative burden

of complying with the updated public records law.

"We wanted to ensure local officials have time and flexibility to comply with the act without diverting resources and time from their other important public services and duties on behalf of local residents and taxpayers," he said.

Under the House bill, each agency or municipality would have to designate at least one employee as a "records access officer." The employee would be responsible for coordinating responses to public records requests.

The state attorney general would have expanded authority under the changes to enforce the public records law, specifically by allowing her to intervene in any action and seek civil penalties for

violations of the requirements. Rep. Linda Campbell, D-Methuen, sits on the House Ways & Means Committee that crafted the current version of the bill. She said the legislation "strikes a balance" between the need to make public records more accessible and the constraints of cash-strapped communities that were concerned about the costs of complying with the law.

"The biggest hurdle was that we have small communities in the state with very limited resources," she said.

Republican lawmakers offered an amendment to the bill that creates a special legislative commission to study lifting the Democratic-led Legislature's exemption from the state's public records and open meetings laws.

The amendment, offered by Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich, passed unanimously.

But the House rejected an amendment from Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, to lift the Legislature's exemption as part of the bill.

"On Beacon Hill, it's easier to spot Elvis than it is to see the inner workings of lawmaking," Paul Craney, executive director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, said in a statement following Wednesday's vote.

"House leadership refused to make their public record

proposals available to the public up until today, I'm not surprised 122 lawmakers then voted to exempt themselves from public scrutiny."

The legislation, which must still be taken up by the Senate and survive Baker's veto pen, is the latest aimed at overhauling the state's decades-old public records law, which advocates say is full of exemptions and provides no penalty for violations. Massachusetts consistently receives failing grades for government transparency.

In August, Gov. Charlie Baker directed his administration to improve access to public records by requiring state agencies to set limits on fees and designate a custodian for records to oversee requests for information.

Secretary of State William Galvin, the state's top public records officer, is proposing a question for the 2016 ballot to give his office more power to investigate delays in responding to records requests, among other changes.

Galvin said he supports the version of the bill approved by the House, but will still be pursuing his ballot question.

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ON CAMPUS

Andover resident **Joe Straczeski**, a member of the 2016 graduating class at St. John's Prep, is playing 'The Monster' in the school's adaptation of a new musical, "Young Frankenstein." The St. John's Prep Drama Guild will present this re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend based on Mel Brooks' classic comedy masterpiece film, in Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, on the Prep campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers, on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Sarah Lerner earned a place on Babson College's spring 2015 dean's list.

William Hamilton achieved the rank of distinction on the Austin Preparatory School

fourth-quarter honor roll.

Local eighth-grader, **Alexis Horan**, was among the 15 students selected for induction into Austin Preparatory Middle School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on Oct. 27.



Alexis Horan

Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony on Friday, Oct. 30, to honor the undergraduates who distinguish themselves with excellence in scholarship.

Local residents, **Jason Nawrocki** and **Jessica Webber**, were recognized as Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars for

being in the top 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year.

Alexander Brickman has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend a college with a top NCAA athletic program. Brickman will attend Siena College and play baseball.

A senior at Worcester Academy, Brickman excels both on and off the field while also embracing each of academy's core values: honor, respect, community, personal growth, and challenge.

Union College students will travel around the globe during winter break to such locations as Cuba, New Zealand, France, England and India.

Local residents, **Lauren Gibson** and **Laura Lilley**, will travel to New Zealand to study electric power development and

environmental management. Gibson is majoring in managerial economics and Lilley is an environmental science major.

Tyler Marshall was one of 28 Worcester Polytechnic Institute football student-athletes to earn Liberty League All-Academic status.

Emily Hespeler, a student at Keene State College, was awarded a dean's scholarship this year.

Dylan Birch earned a Master of Science degree in health, physical education and recreation from Emporia State University.

Emily Belluche, **Lydia Mesler**

and **Jamie Newsome** earned academic excellence at Colgate University

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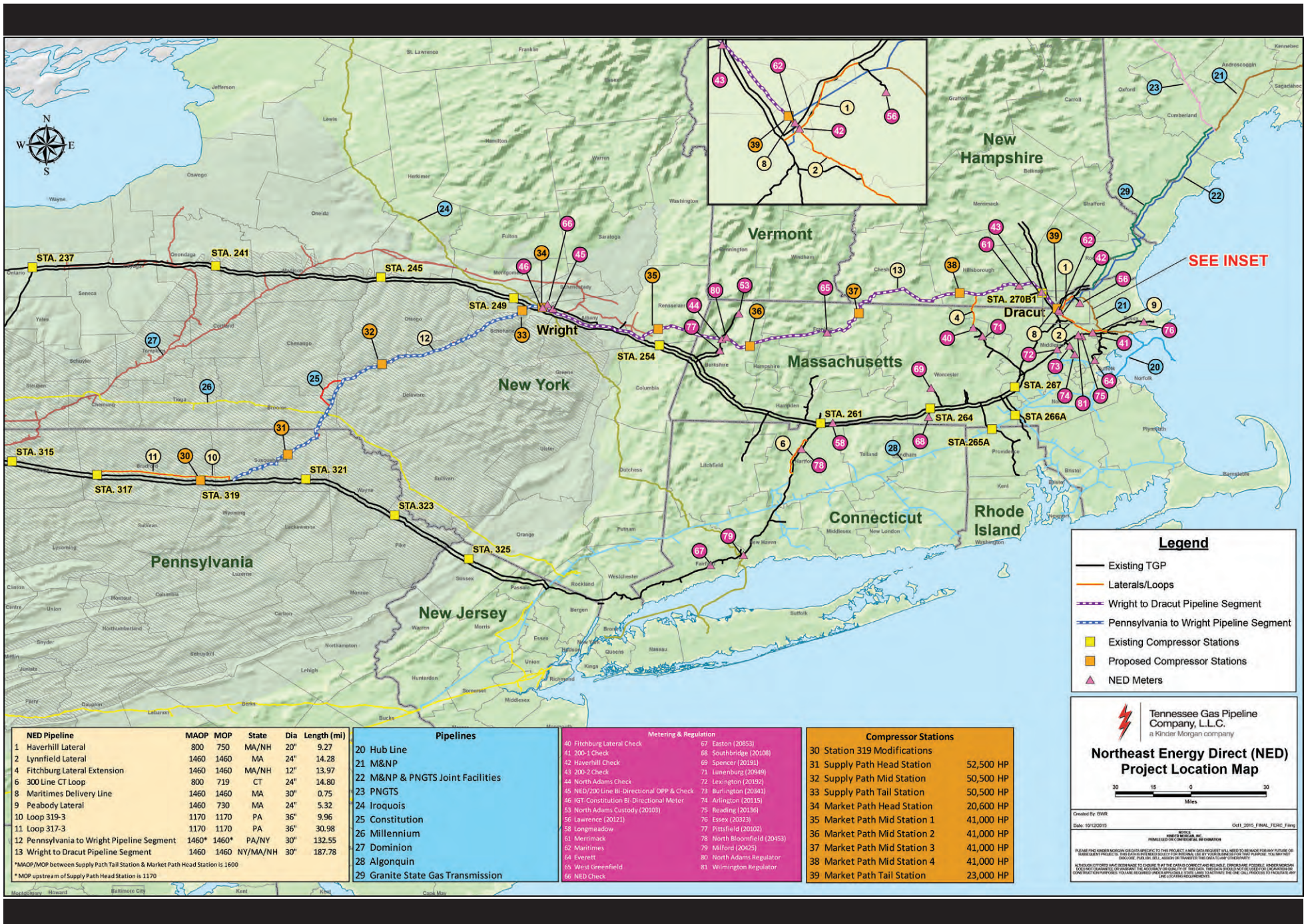
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On November 20, 2015, Tennessee filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") with the Commission for authorization to construct, install, modify, operate, and maintain pipeline and compression facilities to be located in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, as described below. The Commission assigned Docket No. CP16-21-000 to the certificate proceeding.

The NED Project will provide new firm natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing energy needs in the Northeast U.S., particularly in New England. The Supply Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.2 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") of natural gas, and the Market Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas. The proposed Project involves the following facilities:

- Approximately 41 miles of pipeline looping on Tennessee's 300 Line in Pennsylvania;
- Approximately 133 miles of new pipeline, of which 102 miles are proposed to be generally co-located with the certificated Constitution Pipeline Project (FERC Docket Number CP 13-499-000) in Pennsylvania and New York (extending from Tennessee's existing 300 Line near Auburn, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York);
- Approximately 54 miles of pipeline generally co-located with Tennessee's existing 200 Line and an existing utility corridor in New York;
- Approximately 64 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in Massachusetts;
- Approximately 70 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in New Hampshire (extending southeast to Dracut, Massachusetts);
- Approximately 58 miles of various laterals and pipeline looping segments in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut to serve local markets;
- Construction of nine new compressor stations and 15 new meter stations, and modifications to an existing compressor station and 14 existing meter stations throughout the Project area; and
- Construction of appurtenant facilities, including mainline valves, cathodic protection, and pig facilities through the Project area.

Please see the enclosed map for the locations of Project activities.

To the extent that it is practicable, feasible, and in compliance with existing law, Tennessee proposes to locate proposed pipeline facilities (either pipeline looping segments or co-located pipeline facilities) generally within or adjacent to its existing right-of-way associated with its existing 300 Line in Pennsylvania and Connecticut; its existing 200 Line in New York and Massachusetts; and existing utility (pipeline and powerline) corridors in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Tennessee is requesting issuance of a certificate order for the Project in the fourth quarter of 2016 and proposes to commence construction activities in January 2017, in anticipation of placing the Project facilities in-service by November 2018 (with the exception of the proposed pipeline loop in Connecticut, which will be placed in-service by November 2019), consistent with the terms and conditions of the precedent agreements executed with Project shippers.

During construction, restoration, and mitigation activities for the Project, Tennessee will follow the Project-specific Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures, which will incorporate the provisions from the Commission's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Commission's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

If you are interested in reviewing Tennessee's Application for the Project, an electronic copy of the public version of the complete Application is available for public viewing at public libraries located in each county where the Project will be located. A list of the locations where the Application can be accessed is included in the Environmental Report, Resource Report 1, included with the Application, and is also available on the Project's website: http://www.kindermorgan.com/business/gas_pipelines/east/neenergydirect/.

Additionally, a copy of Tennessee's Application is available for viewing on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov. Also available on this website is the Commission's most recent landowner pamphlet entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" The pamphlet includes the FERC's summary of landowner rights at FERC. You may reach the Commission through its website or by calling the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-3372.

Should your property be directly affected by this Project, a representative of Tennessee will contact you in the near future to discuss the Project. Tennessee has mailed notices to landowners directly affected by this Project, to landowners whose property abuts the Project, and to local government entities. If you have not received such a notice, your property is most likely not affected.

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Ballet school training dancers for big shows

STAFF REPORT

Nineteen local dance students of The Andover School of Ballet, located at 14 Park St., are gearing up to perform in several area productions of the popular holiday ballet The Nutcracker, and in other holiday dance performances.

Every week the students rehearse their roles, while also continuing their usual schedule of dance classes at The Andover School of Ballet. To be cast in these productions, each dancer went through an audition, anxiously waiting to hear if they were chosen for a role. Now, these dancers will have the opportunity to perform on stage and learn first-hand about the life of a professional dancer.

In the Northeast Dance Center production of The Nutcracker at The Methuen Performing Arts Center, Methuen High School, on Dec. 4, 5 and 6: Katie Beaver, 11, performing as one of Clara's friends; Kate Zdunczyk, 12, one of Fritz's

friends; Julia Jennings, 17, a shepherdess.

In the Northeast Youth Ballet production of The Nutcracker at The Collins Center for the Arts, at Andover High School on Dec. 11, 12 and 13: Lisa Shin, 10, performing as an angel; Madeline Shin, 10, an angel; Ethan Maszer, 14, a soldier and a Russian dancer, plus also serving as an understudy for Nutcracker Prince.

In the Albany Berkshire Ballet production of The Nutcracker at Lawrence High School on Dec. 13: Francesca Carnovale, 11, performing as a party girl.

In the Ballet Misha production of The Nutcracker at The Stockbridge Theatre, Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H., on Dec. 19: Anna Clark, 12, performing as a party girl, a dragonfly and in the Tea Corps; Lily Clark, 9, a baby mouse, a reindeer and a gingerbread cookie.

In the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble production of Christmas Reflections at



The dancers from Andover Ballet Co. who will be performing in various holiday shows include, front row, left to right: Francesca Carnovale, Ella Baldwin, Elizabeth Phelps, Meara Wang, Abrielle Dalton and Lily Clark; middle row, left to right, Anna Clark, Grace Ventre, Jillian Slotnick, Annie Hamilton and Sarah Bace; back row, left to right: Katie Beaver, Skyeler Organisciak, Madeline Shin, Julia Jennings, Lisa Shin, Olivia Ventre and Kate Zdunczyk. Missing from the photo is Ethan Maszer.

Boston College's Robsham Theatre, Boston, on Dec. 18, 19 and 20: Abrielle Dalton, 8, performing as an angel and a

Christmas traveler. In the Dance Prism

production of The Nutcracker at The Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School on Dec. 19 and 20 (and at other venues on other dates). In this production, students perform in a touring cast, dancing in performances each weekend from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20 in Fall River, Sudbury, Littleton, Worcester and Andover, or in a local cast which performs their parts only in the Andover performances.

Performing as carolers are: Ella Baldwin, 9; Skyeler Organisciak, 11; Elizabeth Phelps, 7; Lisa Shin, 10; Madeline Shin, 10; Jillian Slotnick, 8; and, Meara Wang, 7.

Sarah Bace, 12, performs in the touring cast as a party girl, a bon-bon, and a reindeer; Annie Hamilton, 11, in the touring cast as a reindeer; Grace Ventre, 10, in the touring cast as a party girl, a bon-bon, and a soldier or reindeer; Olivia Ventre, 12, in the touring cast as a horn angel and a mouse.

Northeast Dance Center's Nutcracker

STAFF REPORT

The Northeast Dance Center is putting on four performances of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet this year at Methuen High School.

The dancers, from many different studios throughout the area, have been rehearsing since September and are excited to perform in this new venue.

Northeast Dance Center continues the tradition of performing Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet started by New England Civic Ballet 20 years ago. Roshni Pecora, owner and director of NDC, previously served as co-director, coach and dancer for NECB.

She has continued opening the auditions to any dancer throughout the region; giving dancers of all ages the opportunity to perform in



Local dancers in this year's production are, left to right: Elaina Ventre, Julia Jennings, Emily Bartner, Katie Beaver, Kate Zdunczyk, Jessica Liao. Front: Maia Blake

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Andover restaurant hosts dinner for families with autistic kids

Autism Eats is hosting a dinner for families with autistic children at Andolini's Restaurant on Essex Street in Andover on Monday, Dec. 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, for those who have a child with autism dining out can be anxiety provoking and stressful. Autism Eats was created to bring the fun back to eating out. Dinner parties are held in private rooms of restaurants or function facilities. Food is served buffet or family style so there is no waiting. Music and lighting are adjusted to accommodate those with sensory sensitivity. These are family dinners and all attending have a loved one on the spectrum so there is no need to apologize, explain or feel uncomfortable. It is an opportunity to enjoy a night

out and socialize with others who have many of the same joys and challenges in common, according to organizer Lenard Zohn of Andover.

Earlier this month, Autism Eats was honored and recognized at the Massachusetts State House as part of National Caregiver Month.

"We were recognized as a leader in innovative respite care and for our efforts to make our community more inclusive and comfortable for all. It was a very exciting day and we look forward to growing our program and bringing more families together to enjoy one another's company at restaurant dinners," Zohn wrote in an email.

For dinner tickets and more information, see www.autismeats.org.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
Thursday, Nov. 26
THANKSGIVING DINNER, noon to 4 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. The menu will include soup and salad, roasted turkey with stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce, roast beef, pumpkin ravioli, baked stuffed haddock, vegetables, and a dessert table. Dan Trio will provide the music. Proper dress is requested. Open to the public. The cost is \$36 for adults, \$16 for ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4; prices subject to a 20 percent service charge and 7 percent tax. Reservations are required. Call 978-475-1263 to make a reservation or visit www.andovercountryclub.com for details.
Sunday, Nov. 29
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS PARADE, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Main Street, Andover. The Andover Business Community Association is teaming up with the Andover Firefighter's Santa Parade; the Tree Lighting and Dancing with Santa will be after the parade which will end at the TD Bank fountain on Main Street; Elsa, from "Frozen," will stop by after the parade to help Santa; street vendors will provide the food and hot chocolate will be available for everyone to enjoy; sponsorship options are available; email abcanow@gmail.com or www. See CALENDAR, Page 14

Behind the scenes tours at Andover Historical Society

STAFF REPORT

Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes in the Blanchard House and Andover Historical Society. Special one-hour Behind the Scenes Tours are being offered twice a month starting Nov. 18.

It's a chance to look behind the "staff only" and "no entry" signs often seen in museums. It's an opportunity to find out what treasures lie in store rooms and archives, what secrets are hidden behind the closed doors to even find out where the Blanchard house's "Harry Potter closet" is hidden.

Andover Historical is offering Behind the Scenes tours



These signs will be coming down at the Historical Society for special, behind-the-scenes tours over the next couple of months.

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every tour, so there will always be something new to learn. Maybe you'll hear about a Civil War artifact, a pair of leather pants from the 1970s, or an early 20th century bob sled - each with a unique Andover story.

Upcoming Behind the Scenes tour days and times are, Tuesdays: Nov. 18, 7-8 p.m.; Dec. 1, 10-11 a.m.; Dec. 8, 7-8 p.m.; Jan. 1, 1-2 p.m.; Jan. 26, 7-8 p.m.

Register online at www.andoverhistorical.org/behind-the-scenes or call 978-475-2236 to register by phone. Email inquiries info@andoverhistorical.org.

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Townspeople

Lazarus House raises close to \$400,000

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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More than 350 people came together for Lazarus House Ministry's annual Sharing Our Bounty gala and silent auction. The event was held at the Andover Country Club Saturday Nov. 7, and helped raise more than \$375,000 for the Lawrence-based organization.

"It was a room full of people who just get it," Lazarus House events manager Maureen Burns-Murtha said. "Our community really came together this year and it just felt so good. It was truly amazing."

Gala guests bid on more than 75 items throughout the evening including a VIP State House tour and photo with Governor Baker, Celtics, Patriots and Bruins tickets, tickets to a live taping of "LIVE! With Kelly and Michael," and numerous hotel stays including an overnight stay for two at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montreal, Canada.

Although the night was full of bidding and mingling, Burns-Murtha said the real takeaway was the community's generosity that she said she is continually overwhelmed by.

"Knowing that all of those people wanted to contribute to our mission at the Lazarus House is and always will be moving," she said. "We are always, always so, so grateful to our community."



Robin Routhier, a board member at Lazarus House, and her husband Gerard, both of Andover, bid on the silent auction during the ministry's annual gala.



Joanne Colantone and Ron Bourque, from Salem, N.H., at the Lazarus House Ministry's annual Sharing Our Bounty dinner and auction at the Andover Country Club.



Tony and Anette DeVito from Andover, Claire Bishop, president of the Lazarus House board and Andover resident, and Bill Green enjoy a glass of wine during the silent auction portion of the ministry's gala.



Executive Director Bridget Shaheen speaks at the Lazarus House Ministry's annual Sharing Our Bounty dinner and auction at the Andover Country Club.

Police group donates \$5K to local teen with cancer

STAFF REPORT

The NEMLEC Police Foundation, Inc. donated a portion of its annual fundraising proceeds to Cops For Kids With Cancer, which in turn donated \$5,000 to the family of a 16-year-old boy from Andover who is fighting Leukemia.

On Oct. 30, representatives from the NEMLEC Foundation presented a check to Robert Faherty, chairman of Cops For Kids With Cancer and retired Superintendent-in-Chief of the Boston Police Department, at an event at the Andover Police Department.

The money will go toward helping Andover resident Michael Harris, 16, and his parents Caren and Daniel Harris. Daniel has also battled cancer.

"We are proud to be able to support worthy causes

like Cops For Kids With Cancer," Rich Raymond, president of the NEMLEC Foundation said. "We always like to seize the opportunity to make a positive impact in someone's life whenever possible."

In addition to the \$5,000 donation, the Andover Police Department provided gifts to the family and hosted a complimentary lunch for guests in attendance.

"It is an honor to be able to host this event to help one of our young residents who is battling cancer," Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe said. "This generous donation from the NEMLEC Foundation will help the family focus on recovering by lessening the financial burden associated with conquering this disease."

The NEMLEC Police Foundation exists to promote and pursue training, education,



A local teen battling cancer was the recipient of a \$5,000 donation during an event last week at the Public Safety Center on North Main Street. Attending the event, left to right, were: Lincoln Police Chief Kevin Kennedy, NEMLEC Foundation Director Sharon Crowley, NEMLEC Foundation President Rich Raymond, Caren Harris, Michael Harris, Daniel Harris, Chairman of the Board of Cops For Kids With Cancer Robert Faherty and Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe.

research, projects, and Northeastern Massachusetts programs that benefit sets. It receives gifts, municipal police agencies tributions, and grants from individual benefactors or

private organizations and distributes those gifts to benefit cities and towns in its membership. Cops For Kids With Cancer is a regular benefactor of the Foundation's yearly donations.

"We are very thankful for NEMLEC and appreciate their continued generosity and support," Faherty said. "Our hope is to always ensure young children, like this resident from Andover, receive the support they need during a difficult time in their lives."

Cops For Cancer came about in 2005, when retired Boston Police Captain John Dow and his wife, Joan, wanted to find a way to support children with cancer who were being treated at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dow, a cancer survivor himself, was sensitive to the needs of cancer patients and

had a particular empathy for children undergoing difficult treatments.

Soon after, the non-profit he founded, Cops For Kids With Cancer, began directing significant support to pediatric cancer patients at Massachusetts General Hospital. Cops For Kids With Cancer supports emergency assistance to families, events for patients and their families, and special "wishes" for teens, who are too old to be served by the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Captain Dow lost his battle with cancer in 2007, but his vision of supporting children and their families continues.

Former Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Robert Faherty served in the Boston Police Department from 1960 to 2000 and currently holds the role as the Chairman of the Board of Cops For Kids With Cancer.

Junior Football League cheer team receives bid to Nationals

On Nov. 7, the AJFL 8th grade travel cheerleading squad competed in the New England Cheer and Dance Championships in Boston.

The team placed third in their division and secured a bid to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championships, held in Disneyworld in Orlando this February.

The Championship will be nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2, and the girls will be competing against teams from around the country.

This year, under the leadership of Coach Jessica Reed, the squad found their way to three regional cheering competitions, placing in each one.

The team spends their weekends cheering for the AJFL 8th grade travel football teams and countless hours practicing for competitions during the week.

This is the first squad in the history of AJFL to have ever received an invitation to this national event.

"I am so proud of these girls. They always work so hard and are a very driven group of young ladies," said coach Jessica Reed. "I couldn't be more proud!"

The team will be spending much of their time between now and February polishing up their routines, but they will also be raising funds for this once in a lifetime

opportunity to compete at the National level.

The team is seeking sponsors willing to donate to help cover some expenses as they travel to the National Championship in Orlando. The team will be marching and seeking support in the annual Andover Santa parade on Sunday, Nov 29.

The team will also have a table of refreshments that same evening at the Andover Holiday Happenings event. In addition, the team has set up a page for contributions on GOFUNDME.COM. Please consider contributing to support this group of young ladies that will make Andover proud in Orlando.



The 8th grade cheerleading team, left to right, includes: Kate Lyons, Hannah Finn, Addie Baldwin, Karina Calhoun, Abigail Layman, Katherine Sargent, Lauren Moriarty, Devin Ford, Julia Bardetti, Emily Grady, Carly Dyer, Megan Paquette, Brooke Abouhamad and Maddie Francis. Not pictured are Brook Fleming and Kelly Carzo.

Caped soccer team wins 'Soccerween' tourney

STAFF REPORT

At the recent "Soccerween" soccer tournament in Lancaster, U-14 girls "Andover Fire" team dressed up in super-hero costumes for the tournament.

Every player wore the same uniform and also had flowing red capes worn in between games, coach Nigel Keenan of Andover wrote in an email. And the costumed team was very happy to win the U14 girls bracket, Keenan wrote.

"Soccerween is a fun costume-oriented soccer tournament

where all the teams, and coaches, dress up in a theme-oriented costume," he said. "One of the Andover Fire family's created and designed a Superhero costume in support of one of their teammates who cannot play soccer this fall."

"Every player wore the same uniform and each shirt had the same number on the back of their shirt in support of their friend and teammate. The flowing red capes were worn in between games, unless you were a coach who was flying all day."



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:
Celebrate Italy! Mondays through Nov. 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Take a virtual tour of Italy by exploring its language, culture and cuisine. Participants will learn how to communicate verbally and with gestures, and how to appreciate the best that Italy has to offer. Music, videos and movies will accompany the linguistic aspect of this class; \$16.

The Fix-It Shop: Monday, Dec. 21, 1 to 3 p.m. The handy team will do their best to fix small appliances, chairs, or lamps. The cost is \$4 plus parts for seniors (ID required); \$10 plus parts for non-seniors/nonresidents.

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Sports

Warriors swim and dive to championship

By MAC CERULLO
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BOSTON – The Andover swimming and diving team reached the top of the mountain once again, and if Sunday's showing at the Division 1 state championships was any indication, the Golden Warriors aren't coming down for a long, long time.

Andover's Julia Donahue and Victoria Ambrose, both freshmen, each won two individual state titles, and sophomore Sophia Ju won a title as well to help the Warriors run away with the meet. Andover had the team championship all but wrapped up within the first hour and eventually finished with 527 points, well ahead of second place Acton-Boxboro's 233.

"That's says a lot for our future for sure," said Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald about the performance of the underclassmen. "The biggest thing of all is the amount of time they were able to

drop, all of the kids, from last week to this week, and last week they swam faster than they thought they could, so it's an awesome feeling."

Even though it was only the third event of the meet, the crucial win for Andover came when Donahue set a new meet record in the 200-yard individual medley, winning by more than three seconds with a time of 2:06.43.

"That was insane," said Andover senior captain Nikole Rudis. "It was crazy, it was the coolest thing I've ever seen."

That win put Andover ahead by nearly 100 points, and from that point on the Golden Warriors just kept piling on. Ju followed that win with her championship in the 50-yard freestyle (24.74), and a couple of races later, Ambrose followed up her earlier win in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.74) by crushing the 500-yard freestyle (5:10.82), taking first place by more than 12 seconds.

Donahue went on to also



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff Photo

Andover's Rachel Landry, center, springs off the blocks to start the girl's 100 yard freestyle during the MIAA Division 1 Swimming and Diving Championship at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool.

win the 100-yard breaststroke (1:05.84), and in the final event she, Ambrose, Ju and junior Rachel Landry teamed up to win the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:36.06) and put a

big exclamation point on the day.

"It's unreal, I can't explain what's going through my mind right now, I'm just shaking, this is incredible," Ambrose

said afterwards.

In addition to the winners, junior Anna Carroll took second in the 100-yard butterfly (59.39), sophomore Grace Alwan took second in

the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.56) and junior Jenna Manning took third (1:01.49), Rudis took third in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.35), junior Rachel Landry took third in the 200-yard IM (2:11.21) and freshman Jordan Clements took third in the 100-yard breaststroke 1:08.19.

Andover wins state title

MIAA Division 1 State Swimming and Diving Championships

Girls Team Scores: 1. Andover 527, 2. Acton-Boxboro 233, 3. Newton North 217, 4. Chelmsford 201, 5. Brookline 197, 6. Haverhill 187, 17. Methuen-Tewksbury 4

Girls winners and top local finishers:
 200 medley relay: 1. Newton North 1:50.17#, 2. Andover (Melissa Zhang, Jordan Clements, Anna Carroll, Sophia Ju) 1:51.39, 3. Haverhill (Caitlin Broderick, Michaela Sliney, Callie Coady, Meaghan Driscoll) 1:55.02; 200 freestyle: 1. Victoria Ambrose (A) 1:53.74, 3. Nikole Rudis (A) 2:01.35; 200 IM: 1. Julia Donahue (A) 2:06.43#, 3. Rachel Landry (A) 2:11.21; 50 freestyle: 1. Ju (A) 24.74; Diving: 1. Michaela Sliney (H) 526.15; 100 butterfly: 1. Kyleigh Barao (New Bedford) 58.74, 2. Carroll (A) 59.39; 100 freestyle: 1. Madison Ford (Acton-Boxboro) 53.59; 500 freestyle: 1. Ambrose (A) 5:10.82, 3. Taylor Waligora (H) 5:23.68; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Acton-Boxboro 1:40.22#, 2. Andover (Zhang, Ambrose, Landry, Ju) 1:40.55; 100 backstroke: 1. Logan Gallagher (Newton North) 59.80, 2. Grace Alwan (A) 1:00.56, 3. Jenna Manning (A) 1:01.49; 100 breaststroke: 1. Donahue (A) 1:05.84, 3. Clements (A) 1:08.19; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Andover (Donahue, Ambrose, Ju, Landry) 3:36.06

Boys winners:
 200 freestyle: 1. Patrick Doyle (M) 1:53.37#, 2. Bryan Filardo (Woburn) 2:02.28; 100 butterfly: 1. Patrick Doyle (M) 55.04#, 2. John Magnuson (Braintree) 55.48
 # indicates meet record

Volleyball team spiked by Barnstable in state final

By HECTOR LONGO
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FITCHBURG — As much as Andover High's October win over Barnstable High energized the Warriors' program, it certainly angered the beast.

Saturday night, the state's premier volleyball program over the last 20 years exacted its revenge, sweeping the previously unbeaten Warriors, 3-0, in the Division 1 state title game.

"We don't want to lose our last one, that's our mantra," said Barnstable coach Tom Turco, whose program has now won 11 state titles in the last 13 years. "A regular season loss is just a loss. We had 10 more games to get better. When we lost to them (3-2, in Andover), we ripped that (game film) up and down. (The Barnstable girls) knew we had to get better. We lost one set after that. One. They were on a mission after that game."

Both teams finished the year at 23-1, a fact Warriors coach Jane Bergin could not have been more ecstatic about.

"I'm just so proud of our kids, getting here two years in a row," said Bergin, whose team lost to Newton North in the 2014 title game. "Nobody gave us a chance to get back here. Our girls played their hearts out and just had a great season."

Saturday night's title tilt was pretty much settled after one game.

Usually at this level, that is rare, but the opener was an epic that ran over a half hour with Barnstable pulling out the dramatic 31-29 decision.

"It was an eternity," said Bergin. "The kids fought so hard. They scrapped and they came so close to pulling it off. If we put that away it's a huge momentum change."

Talk about drama. Andover fell behind 19-13 and just wouldn't wilt.

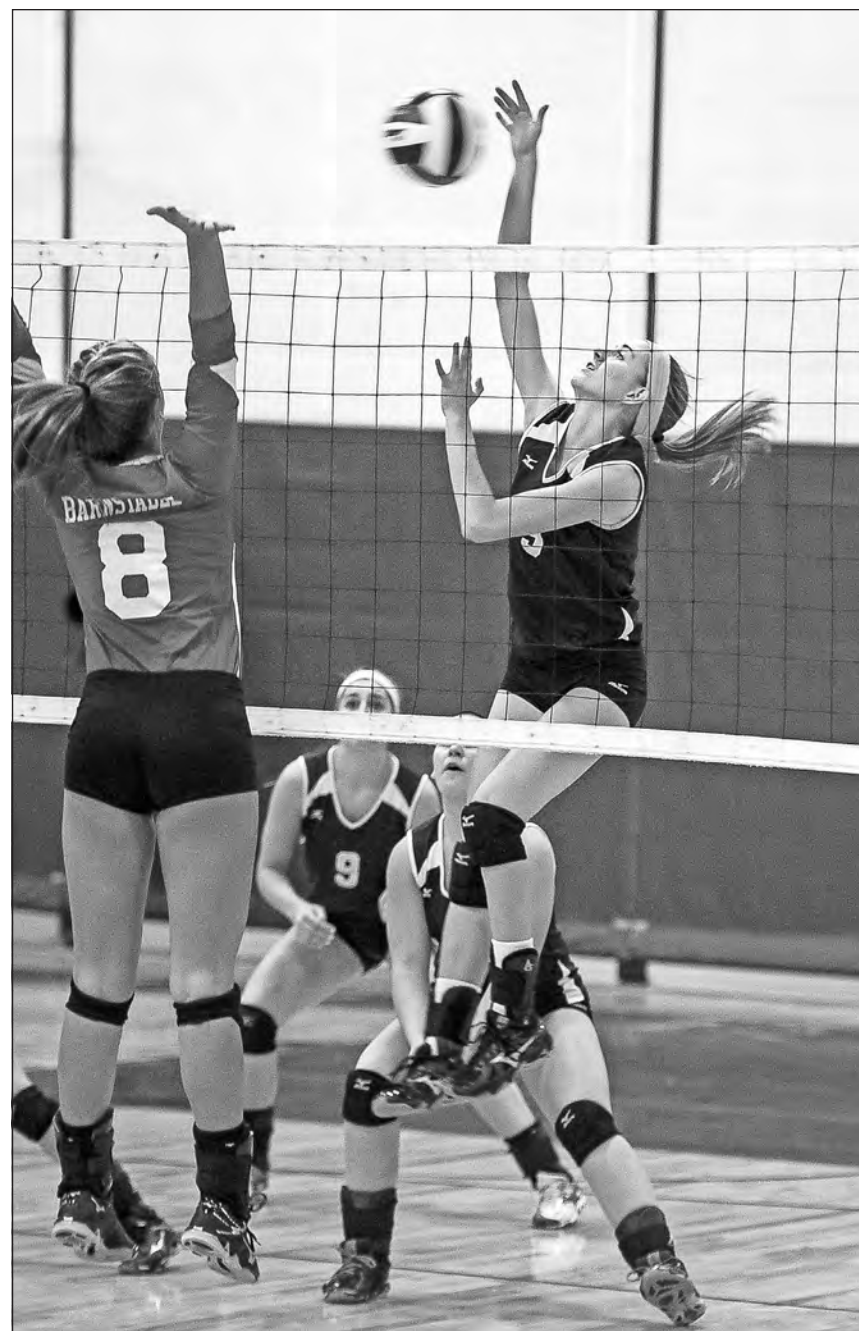
Senior Wyllie Boughton came alive up front with a pair of explosive kills to kick-start the rally. On the tri-captain's serve, Andover closed to 21-20 when the real fun began.

Her energy was infectious. And Colleen Mullins drilled a line-duster, then served a winner as the Warriors pulled even for the first time at 22-22.

"We knew (Mullins) was so versatile. She can go up the line, and then she showed she could go cross court, too," said Turco. "She hurt us."

Maddy Reppucci's rejection found the floor for the 23-22 lead. And Raider Madison Sollows traded kills with Andover's Julia McBride to give the Warriors the first of four game points they'd have.

Barnstable survived the rally of the night to side out



Andover's Colleen Mullins goes up at the net during the D1 State Championship game against Barnstable at Fitchburg High School.



Andover head coach Jane Bergin consoles captain Mackenzie Kennedy after the team lost to Barnstable in the three-set D1 State Championship game at Fitchburg High School on Saturday.

and tie, then took its first shot at game point, only to be denied by a Reppucci rocket.

Allie Morgenstern chipped in a kill, but for the second time the Warriors were denied, this one by Barnstable freshman Riley James, who did the same

thing seconds later, making it 27-27.

James, who combined with Sollows for over 30 kills on the night, proved to be the true difference-maker, finishing the Warriors off with two more hammer shots, 31-29.

"That was a showdown,

such a momentum game," added Turco.

Andover's emotions took a violent shot, one that the Warriors could not recover from. Really, to lose that game with an effort like that just didn't seem fair.

"That was a showdown, Andover never really

challenged again, falling 25-16 and 25-15.

"We looked to carry that win (against Barnstable) into this one. We liked our chances," said Bergin, who got heroic work on the floor from the likes of setter Mackenzie Kennedy and a host of

others. "Barnstable just made the crucial plays. We beat them at our place. You have to say we're closing the gap. I know these girls are disappointed, but it's been a great year. It's just a phenomenal group of student-athletes."



AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photos

Andover's Maddy Reppucci tips the ball over the net during the D1 State Championship bout.



Andover's Wyllie Boughton uses finesse to tip the ball over the net. Despite her smart, gutsy play, the Warriors lost the match.

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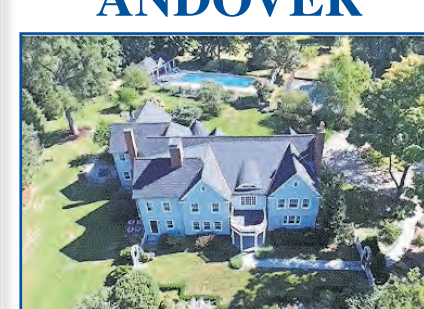

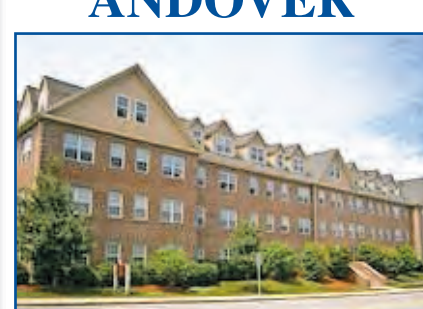





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