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Essex Street rail crossing gates continue to malfunction

Keolis claims to have fixed problem

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After several reports of incidents and near-accidents at the Essex Street railway crossing, a change has been made to the intersection to protect motorists passing through.

On Nov. 21 Andover

resident Stephanie Cross was coming home from her Tuesday yoga class when she stopped at the intersection. The first in a line of cars waiting to cross, she'd been at the intersection hundreds of times as an Andover resident.

According to Cross, a train came through the intersection, and once it had passed through the crossing gates went up. She began to cross the intersection, but when

she got to the second track the crossing gates began to come down. The second gate was a half barrier and allowed Cross to still pass through.

She looked in her rear-view mirror, and 30 seconds later the Boston train came through the crossing.

"It was a bit traumatizing," Cross said. "It was terrifying. You should not be on the tracks, you feel very, very unsafe. You feel very

vulnerable. We are talking about large moving objects here. These trains are big things that can inflict a lot of damage to people."

According to a Keolis spokesman, the company had investigated the gates upon receiving multiple reports of an issue, but the gates were functioning correctly, they said. It appeared that motorists seemed to be experiencing confusion with the timing

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Last year, the Essex Street train crossing gate went down and landed on a bus as it was crossing the intersection. Keolis claims it recently made a fix to the intersection so that this would no longer happen in the future.

File photo

Arctic freeze



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A message board at the Andover train station warns commuters of the very cold weather expected this week. See more photos and story on page 14.

Landry won't re-bid for seat

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Board of Selectman Bob Landry announced last Thursday that he will not be seeking re-election.

Landry's current term with the board ends in March. Landry and Selectman Dan Kowalski's terms are both coming to an end this spring, and neither are running for re-election.

Current chairwoman of the Andover High School Facilities Study Committee and former chairwoman of the School Committee, Annie Gilbert, has tossed her hat into the ring to be elected to the board. Chris Huntress, a local landscape architect who has worked with the town on a number of projects, also announced that he is running for a seat on the board.

While with the board, Landry spearheaded efforts for the Other Post Employment Benefits Reform Plan. Landry also pushed hard to control the cost of collective bargaining agreements, and was outspoken about his concerns for fiscal sustainability, the unfunded liabilities of Andover, health insurance reform, and pension reform.

He was also a supporter of the new town yard, the Historic Mill District and expanding Old Town Hall to a community center for seniors. Landry helped find funding for new lights at the baseball fields at Deyermont Park.

In more recent months, Landry became particularly

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Bob Landry

Andover High is old, renovation will be costly

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The Andover High School renovation project is beginning to pick up steam. A public forum was held by the Andover High School Facility Study Committee on Dec. 13 to review the project and examine some building options from HMFH, the architecture firm that was hired earlier this fall hired to do a feasibility study.

It isn't the only school renovation or rebuild project the town has undertaken. Only a few weeks ago, it was announced that West Elementary School was accepted into a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) program that will pay for 40

"The one thing that we do know and can say is that any option that we come up with that solves all the problems confronting AHS will cost more than the community can spend."

Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the AHS facility study committee

percent of that project. In the wake of tax increases and several other costly projects the town has undertaken and plans to carry out, many townspeople have voiced

concern over the high school renovation project and what it will mean for the average taxpayer.

In particular, seniors on fixed incomes in Andover have voiced concern over being "pushed out" of town by significant tax increases and town spending.

Chairwoman of the Andover High School Facility Study Committee, Annie Gilbert, addressed this issue at the Dec. 13 forum.

"I want to provide a little bit more context to what we're facing," Gilbert said. "I think a number of people in the community are wondering why we're suddenly finding ourselves with multiple schools that need major

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Architect outlines challenges, options for renovating AHS

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The architecture firm HMFH recently presented the town with some options and issues to consider when planning for rebuilding the high school.

Between wetlands, the "sledding hill," and existing buildings, roads, and fields, the Andover High School property has significant limitations and challenges for renovation. Buildings can't be built on wetlands, and building on the sledding hill by the

high school is an expensive but considerable option.

"Every square inch of this site has something going on," said Julia Nugent, an HMFH architect, at the Dec. 13 forum. The forum focused on where an addition could be built — details of the renovation have yet to be mapped out.

Nugent laid out a total of seven options for the AHS Facility Study Committee, School Committee, and town to consider. One key question the forum posed

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Voters to decide fate of N. Reading water deal

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The fate of the North Reading Water deal lies in the hands of the people of Andover.

With just over three weeks until the Jan. 29 Special Town Meeting, the first article on the warrant addresses the North Reading Water Agreement. It's a partnership Andover has been negotiating for some time now.

"If the special legislation to allow the towns to enter into a 99-year agreement is voted by Town Meeting and approved by the Legislature

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this will represent one of the most financially beneficial agreements in Andover's history," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "Conservative projections indicate that the savings to Andover ratepayers is approximately \$50 million over 30 years and more than \$500 million over 99 years. I fully support the article as it will prevent a 22 percent increase in water rates in the fiscal year 2020, the year in which North Reading was planning to become a customer of the

MWRA." The North Reading Water deal was the one of the primary issues that spurred selectmen to hold the Special Town Meeting, which has now grown to include 14 articles.

Currently, North Reading is Andover's largest water customer. Andover has supplied water to the neighboring town for decades. If approved, the article will allow the two towns to submit a Home Rule Petition to the state. If the state accepts the petition, the two towns will be permitted to enter into an agreement for up to 99 years.

"You cannot go into an agreement that long without a Home Rule Petition,"

according to Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia. "That is really the crux of the article. This is just to allow for us to go into those negotiations."

He added: "It is a win win for both towns. If we have them as our largest customer, it stabilizes our water rates for many, many years to come, which is terrific."

Andover needs a majority town meeting vote to pass the article.

North Reading townspeople voted in favor of the agreement on Oct. 2.

Between 20 and 30 percent of Andover's water revenue, or about \$1.5 million annually, is generated by North Reading. The agreement between

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of the gates. However, in December, Keolis re-wired the crossing to keep the gates down while a train makes a stop and unloads passengers. Previously, the train engineer had the ability to raise the gates up to allow motorists to pass through the intersection while a train unloaded and loaded passengers.

Now, the gates will stay down during this process.

During rush hour, this means motorists waiting at the intersection may be waiting a few minutes longer because that is when the most people are getting on and off the trains. Daytime stops may be a little shorter as a result.

Keolis will also be performing what they call a "safety blitz" in the near future. The company will work with transit police, local police and the Federal Railroad Administration to pass out literature and educate the community about railroad crossing safety and laws.

"If someone is in doubt they should call the number listed at the crossing," said a Keolis spokesman. "All crossings have a blue sign and it has a phone number to call as well as an identification number for that crossing and dispatchers can go to examine it as soon as possible."

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LANDRY

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involved in trying to get the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School accessibility ramp back on track, and has spoken out against the zoning changes being proposed for the Dascomb Road project.

"It has been an honor to represent Andover's residents for the last three years," Landry wrote in an email on Dec. 28 to his followers. "I believe I fulfilled my campaign promises to deliver transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility to Andover's taxpayers. I am grateful to my supporters who made generous campaign donations, wrote letters to the newspaper, posted supportive comments on social media and/or spoke out at public meetings."

Landry would not comment on his reasons for deciding not to run for reelection, but is expected to make a statement in the near future. Landry also declined to comment on his plans for the future.

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Pros and cons of changing the date of local elections

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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An article has been submitted for Special Town Meeting to change the date of town elections.

Bob Pokress of 3 Cherrywood Circle and others penned the article which, if approved, will allow a Home Rule Petition to be filed with the state to seek special legislation. If passed, the special legislation would allow the town hold elections on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the same statutory date during which state and federal elections are held.

The article only needs a majority vote to be passed.

Pokress and others behind the article see three major benefits to moving the date of town elections. First, it is believed that more voters will turn out if town elections are in sync with state and federal elections. Second, electing town officials in November allows them six months of experience with the town budget to prepare them for annual town meeting, versus the four week turnaround currently in place. Lastly, Pokress's article alleges that changing the date of

town elections would save taxpayers between \$20,000 and \$22,000.

"Getting truly representative votes at our local elections is the most important benefit," Pokress said. "It's the difference between insiders determining the outcome of local elections versus the broad voters in town."

According to Pokress, it is an issue that townspeople have been talking for decades.

"Every single person I approached, and I approached hundreds of people to get signatures on the petition to submit the article, said of course this makes sense," Pokress said.

Pokress also pointed to the short time newly elected selectmen and school committee members have between being sworn in and their election. He pointed to the fact that two seats on the selectmen are going to turn over only weeks before town meeting, which will mean that

two new selectmen to the board will vote on topics they had no hand in deliberating on over the past several months.

Electing officials in November would give them the entire budget season to fully participate in discussing the town budget and other issues.

Pokress was spurred to submit the article after reading a letter to the editor in the Andover Townsman months ago that mentioned bringing the issue to a town meeting vote. When Pokress couldn't get in contact with the author of the letter himself, he decided to submit his own article to address the issue at the next town meeting.

Paul Salafia, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said there are positives and negatives to the idea of changing the date of the election.

"There are some benefits, but there are certainly some drawbacks," he said. "The positives are obvious because when you put elections in the middle of budget season and upcoming town meetings (as they are now), it stretches the workload very, very thin for the selectmen. I remember a couple years ago while I was

chairman and I was up for reelection, I didn't have a minute to spare. You wonder if that serves the town well if you have so much to do while you're trying to get elected."

How the terms of currently elected officials might be impacted by changing the date of town elections is one concern that has yet to be addressed.

"What do you do with the existing elected officials if you pass that?" Salafia asked. "If you shorten their term or elongate their term how does that happen? I have no idea what you would do."

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty said the charter would have to be changed.

"I think obviously it is the choice of the voters," said Doherty. "But our charter states that our town elections would be held in the spring and that has been traditional for perhaps hundreds of years. I understand Mr. Pokress's argument that people tend to think of elections in the fall, but an awful lot of people in town think of town elections in the spring. I can see both arguments. I personally don't have any issue with it in the spring, but if someone told me they were going to be in the fall I would have no problem with

that either. If the voters feel there is a compelling reason to change it, they will."

According to Town Clerk Larry Murphy, it's hard to know how a change in the date of town elections might impact Andover without seeing the final piece of legislation. Murphy said that no other towns have changed their town elections from spring to fall.

"The devil is in the details," Murphy said. If elections were held on the same day as state elections in the fall, it would possibly require two separate sections and ballots, something other town clerks have told Murphy is a challenging operation.

"It certainly could save the town money," Murphy said. "Tewksbury had a Special Charter Commission in 2011. One of the things they looked at was whether or not to move their elections to the fall to coincide with state elections. They did not come out with that as a recommendation, but their report does not tell us why."

"There is not a lot of experience to fall back on with this," Murphy added. "I don't want to take a position on it just yet."

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Andover and North Reading has lowered water rates for Andover residents far below that of nearby Merrimack Valley communities.

In fact, without North

Reading as a customer, town officials have stated that Andover water rates would rise 20 to 25 percent.

If the deal is approved, North Reading will also pay for one-third of Andover's water maintenance as long as the agreement is in effect.

Andover is expected to make a return on

investment of hundreds of millions of dollars if the 99-year agreement is passed.

The deal doesn't come without a price for Andover, however. Between \$2 million and \$2.5 million will need to be paid by the town of Andover for infrastructure changes, such as pipes, gauges, and valves, to improve the current

connection to North Reading's water system.

Andover will also be paying \$953,000 to North Reading over 10 years to partially compensate for the \$2.4 million North Reading paid to join the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

North Reading will lose the sum paid to the MWRA once

the final decision is made to stick with Andover's water. However, should Andover citizens fail to approve the North Reading Water article at Special Town Meeting, North Reading will return to seeking its water supply through the MWRA.

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AHS

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renovations or even replacement all at once. How did we get to this place?"

According to Gilbert, it was because of baby boomers like herself that a number of schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s to accommodate for the population growth after WWII. Six out of Andover's 10 schools were built mid-century, Gilbert said.

Andover High was built in the 1960s.

"This is not unique to Andover," Gilbert said. "As a result there are many towns coming to grips with servicing multiple schools that are coming to the end of their productive life. The state building program has become a very competitive process and the School Committee had some tough choices to make in terms of how to prioritize West Elementary, the high school, and coming down the pike I think Doherty Middle is something the district will be talking about."

Gilbert made it clear during her presentation — Andover has maintained their schools well over time, but over time several of those schools have become worn out and out of date. It is well known that Andover High is overcrowded, teachers and students alike agree that the school is not big enough to house the current student population comfortably.

According to state standards, the school is two-thirds the recommended size for the number of students enrolled today. Of



File photo

A heavy rainstorm in June 2015 revealed a massive leak between the facade and the Collins Center structure. The high school was built in the 1960s.

classrooms, 80 percent are smaller than state guidelines.

The school also needs to update systems like the building's ventilation and new boilers, to address code deficiencies, and improve the safety design of the school. There are no fire sprinklers in the original classroom building, Dunn gym, or the Collins Center.

At the time the school was built, fire sprinklers were not mandatory, and so the building has been "grandfathered" in. However, if \$6 million or more is spent on renovating the school, the

town will be forced to bring the school up to code fully — a very expensive proposition.

The main office at Andover High is also on the second floor, far from the entryway where a desk has been set up for people to sign in and out. Today, schools have a vestibule visitors can enter to check in after which they are allowed into the building. This allows for a system that monitors everyone who enters and leaves the school.

Further, the layout of the school would make it very difficult for emergency response vehicles to reach

the school should there be an emergency during student drop off or pick up times.

A major goal of the AHS Facility Study Committee is for the renovation to provide an environment more conducive to learning. For instance, many classrooms at Andover High have poor acoustics, and this is something the committee hopes to address.

The committee has also been examining the possibility of adding a preschool to the renovation project, as the Shawsheen Preschool facility is the most expensive building the town is currently

running because of it's out of date and inefficient systems and structure.

"The one thing that we do know and can say is that any option that we come up with that solves all the problems confronting AHS will cost more than the community can spend," Gilbert said. "Funding this project in totality will be probably impossible. The funding we have available will likely be sufficient for some but not all of the ideas that come forward. That is true of every single building project."

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was whether the town ought to build a standalone building to address overcrowding. A standalone building would

allow the town to bypass paying to bring the existing Andover High building up to code, which would be costly and require opening ceilings and walls to install fire sprinklers.

The town could also put funds for the project toward just updating the existing Andover High systems and bringing it up to code, without addressing the significant overcrowding issue.

Lastly, the town could both address the needs of the existing systems at Andover High, bring it up to coding, and add an addition to alleviate overcrowding.

"The challenge is that in order to address overcrowding and a shortage of space in the existing building, we will need to bring the entire building up to code," Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the AHS Facility Study Committee, wrote in an email. "This is important to do, but would add cost to the project."

The AHS Facility Study Committee is also examining the potential for lockers to be taken out of the school to make more space. The committee has found that students at AHS today do not feel a need for lockers because their laptops allow them to carry smaller, lighter backpacks.

According to Gilbert, the project is anticipated to take approximately three years, maybe a little more or less depending on the scope of the renovation. Whatever the town decides to do however, the construction of the project will be phased and planned to accommodate for students and teachers to continue to use the building along the way.

No budget has been discussed or decided upon yet, but estimates for funding are expected to be brought forward in January as the various options are vetted and deliberated over. Members

of the AHS Facility Study Committee are working with Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, and members of the Finance Committee, to assess

how varying options for the renovation or addition may impact the taxpayers of Andover and the town's debt structure.

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Three Andover nonprofits in the running for \$100,000

STAFF REPORT

Three Andover nonprofits received welcome news in their email inboxes this month: invitations to apply for one of 100 grants of \$100,000 each to be awarded by Cummings Foundation. They are among 223 groups selected after a thorough review of a record-breaking 597 Letters of Inquiry submitted earlier this year for the Foundation's \$100K for 100 program.

The Andover-based organizations in contention for

this significant funding are Andover Committee for A Better Chance, Challenge Unlimited, Inc., and Creative Living, Inc.

Each grant proposal was carefully reviewed by two members of a six-person committee made up of outside volunteer professionals, according to Joyce Vyriotes, deputy director of Cummings Foundation. The scores were then combined and averaged. The nonprofits with the highest average scores are now advancing to the next and

final stage of the application process.

"We are most grateful for the significant time and thought that the committee members dedicated to the evaluation process," said Vyriotes. "They, along with more than 50 other volunteers who will make determinations about the full applications, bring diverse, valuable experiences and insights to the decision-making process."

Full applications for these sought-after grants are due by Feb. 15 and the recipients

will be announced in mid-May with the Grant Winner Celebration to be held in early June.

First offered in 2012, \$100K for 100 annually awards multi-year grants of \$100,000 each to 100 nonprofits that are based in and serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. The foundation's website offers a complete list of the 560 grant winners since the program began.

Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$200 million in Greater Boston

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Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was

established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings. It is one of the three largest private foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. It has distributed more than \$70 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University — its largest commitment to date. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Andover-based Blink security camera company bought by Amazon

ASSOCIATED PRESS AND STAFF REPORT

Amazon has bought an Andover-based company that makes internet-connected doorbells and security cameras.

Blink, located at 100 Burt Road, announced on its website Friday, Dec. 22 it was being acquired by the

Seattle e-commerce giant. Terms of the deal haven't been disclosed.

The move could help Amazon compete in the fast-growing home security camera market and against similar devices made by Nest, a subsidiary of Google parent company Alphabet.

Amazon unveiled its own Cloud Cam security camera

in the fall. It also launched a new Amazon Key service for people in some U.S. cities to allow a door to be unlocked when they're not home so packages can be left inside.

Blink tells customers "nothing changes for now" as it continues to sell its own recently launched products under the Amazon

umbrella.

According to its web site, "Blink was introduced to the world through a successful Kickstarter campaign. With nearly 7,000 enthusiastic backers and over \$1 million in pledges, Blink was one of the top crowdfunding technology campaigns at the time."

Further, the web site

reports: "Blink was launched officially at the start of January 2016. We shipped over 250,000 units by the end of the year and achieved profitability later in 2016."

Blink is sold 100 percent online with no traditional brick-and-mortar retail sales.

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Scholarship opportunity for high school seniors

UNICO Merrimack Valley, the local chapter of the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States, is now accepting applications from area high school seniors for the opportunity to receive one of five \$2,500 scholarship grants.

Founded in 1947, UNICO is the Italian word for "unique" or "one of a kind." In later years, UNICO has become an acronym for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity. Members of the organization engage in charitable works, support higher education, perform patriotic deeds, and retain a connection to their Italian heritage. Since its inception in 1990, the Merrimack Valley chapter has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving area students and has donated more than \$800,000 to local charities.

Candidates shall be of Italian heritage, seek to pursue their education at a four-year

college or university, and shall have demonstrated strong achievement in academic studies and extracurricular activities. Prospective applicants should visit unicomerrimackvalley.org to access, complete and submit the scholarship application as well as to review applicable instructions and information. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, March 15.

BNI Merrimack Valley networking meetings

BNI Merrimack Valley chapter meets on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club in Andover at 260 North Main St. The group's mission is to help members increase their business through a structured, positive, and professional referral marketing program that enables them to develop long-term, meaningful relationships with quality business professionals. The philosophy of this organization is built upon the idea of "Givers Gain": If I give you business you'll give me business and we'll

both benefit as a result. BNI allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. For more information call Edna Peters at 1-800-783-6127 or email epeters@partnersadvantage.com.

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 for a complete schedule.

Merrimack Valley networking meetings

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BY BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The curator of the U.S. Naval Academy Museum wasn't exactly sure what would be found: records indicated five display boxes long used to exhibit captured British flags from the War of 1812 actually concealed more banners underneath.

But not until all 61 banners were painstakingly removed in December for a conservation effort did curator Charles Swift, who is also the museum's managing director, actually see what was

hidden. And he was gratified to learn that conservationists had uncovered dozens of other flags — many captured by the Navy in other conflicts of the 19th century.

The 46 newly discovered flags — including banners from battles in Asia and from the Spanish-American War — had originally been put on display in 1913. But seven years later, they were covered up by the 15 flags from the War of 1812 — and sealed up for nearly a century.

No one alive had seen the flags long hidden from view.

"More importantly than just seeing them was seeing the colors," said Swift. "It is what struck me immediately. It was sort of dark, but you could see the colors — the vibrant colors — of them

having not been in light for 100 years, and so it was exciting."

The flags, covered up by the other flags in boxes with large plate-glass lids, speak to an earlier era of U.S. intervention overseas. They include one taken from a Chinese pirate fort off Macau dating to 1854 and another captured in military action in Korea in 1871, according to Swift. There were even some replicas of Revolutionary War-era flags among them.

He said no one had attempted to open the boxes for so long until it came time for needed conservation in 2017.

"It was mostly the recognition that after 100 years, these things really needed

to be taken down, because hanging like this places stresses on the flags," said Swift. "It can tear them. They can be damaged. So, they're getting a well-deserved vacation."

In 1849, then-President James K. Polk designated the academy in Annapolis, Maryland, as the repository of flags captured in battle by the Navy. The museum is now home to about 800 flags and trusted with their conservation, Swift said. About 250 of them are trophy flags — or those flags that have been captured in battle. The museum also houses seafaring instruments, naval uniforms, medals, photographs, art and items recalling past naval expeditions and explorations.

"We are ultimately stewards of these objects that tell important stories," said Swift, whose museum boasts more than 100,000 visitors a year.

Amelia Fowler, a well-known flag preserver who restored the original Star-Spangled Banner in 1914, was contracted in 1912 to conserve the academy's collection of trophy flags. She worked with dozens of other women in the museum's Mahan Hall, using a patented stitching pattern to help preserve fabric. All told, they stitched up enough flags to cover two football fields, Swift said.

Camille Myers Breeze is working on a new conservation process for the flags as director of an independent

conservation studio, Museum Textile Services, based in Andover. She said Fowler's work has enabled her crew to handle the flags without risk of damage.

"For us to conserve a collection of flags like this that's historical — not only for its use, but for how it has been preserved and how it has been installed here for 100 years for Naval Academy students and visitors to appreciate and learn from," she said. "It's really our favorite kind of project."

Swift said funding for the conservation, about \$40,000, came from the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, which is tasked with preserving and protecting artifacts, art and documents of that military branch.

Former Andover man makes a name for himself in the world of music

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Scroll down on the site of a Nashville recording studio that is used by country music superstars Blake Shelton and Kelly Clarkson and you'll find a hip hop songwriter and singer who grew up in Andover as he is recording songs in the same studio.

Nashville-based hip-hop recording artist, Brian Thompson, better known by his stage name, Stealing Oceans, released a new single, "Blueprint," in October. The track is the first release off Stealing Oceans' forthcoming short album or EP, Let The Kids Play, which will be available in early 2018.

Thompson's lyrics are about his struggle

with alcohol abuse and depression.

He speaks candidly about his difficult teen years in Andover and how music helped him get through the tough time.

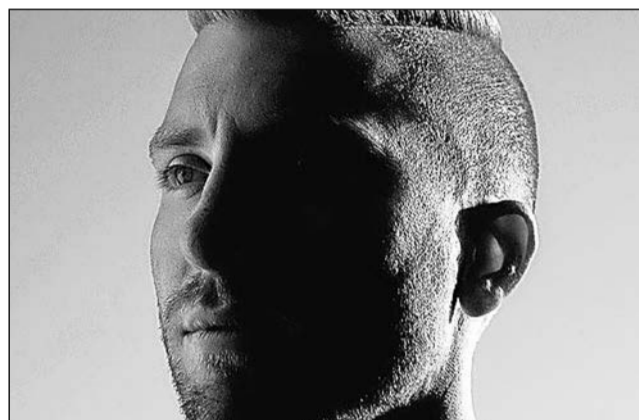
"Like so many young people do, there was a period of time where I had personal struggles and didn't make the best decisions. Because of music and the help of family and friends, I was able to overcome my inner battles and was inspired to change. I haven't had a drink in over two years and I remind myself every day to be grateful and give back as much as I can. I've made it my mission to spread positivity and be an encouraging influence in one way or another; performing at schools and speaking to students about drug and alcohol abuse or

throwing charity events to raise funds and awareness for Lyme disease and cystic fibrosis. I am grateful to do what I love for a living and to have a platform to make a difference in people's lives," Thompson says in a press release about his soon-to-be-out EP.

In a February, 2011 Townsman story, Thompson says his early teen years in Andover were troublesome, with alcohol and drugs his companions by the time he got to Andover High School.

"Then my parents pulled the plug. It was either be homeless or go to a prep school," Thompson said in the Townsman story.

After two years at Andover High, he left to attend Hyde School in Bath, Maine, where he successfully graduated,



Courtesy Photo

Andover native Brian Thompson, better known by his stage name Stealing Oceans, released a new single, "Blueprint," in October.

and used his turbulent teen years to write song lyrics.

Thompson successfully beat his demons and fell in love with music along the way. Today, he is sober,

preferring to sing hip hop songs, play acoustic guitar and write song lyrics.

His band, Stealing Oceans, is made up of four of Thompson's close friends. Together,

they are on a mission to spread the new album's motto — to stay youthful, be grateful, and always love.

Over the last year, Thompson has split his time between Nashville and Los Angeles to write songs for Let The Kids Play.

A versatile musician and known for his high-energy shows, Thompson and his band were nominated for "Best Live Act" three years in a row at the Nashville Industry Music Awards.

Stealing Oceans was recently signed to a management deal with Starstruck Entertainment and nearly seven years after talking publicly about his personal struggles in Andover, he said he was proud to call Andover his hometown.

Andover Trails Committee seeks volunteers in new year

BY KELSEY BODE
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The Andover Trails Committee is ready to take on 2018, and they're looking for volunteers.

The organization has created five new subgroups, each with its own charge. One group will focus on the Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) by helping to maintain and promote Andover's BCT trails.

The second group will cover trail maintenance and projects of all sizes. The third group will cultivate the Andover Trails Committee's social media, email, website

and more.

The fourth group will plan hikes and events to engage the community. Lastly, the fifth group will promote and maintain neighborhood trails.

Townspeople are encouraged to join one or more of the subgroups.

Those interested in applying to join a subgroup can go to the Andover Trail Committee's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AndoverTrailsCommittee/ or email committee member David Bunting at dbunting@andovertrails.org.

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Town warns residents of carbon monoxide dangers

BY KELSEY BODE
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The Andover Health Division and Andover Fire Rescue are warning residents to educate themselves on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Annually, about 430 people die from carbon monoxide poisoning and 50,000 visit the emergency room from exposure to the invisible, odorless, tasteless, poisonous gas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure include headaches, nausea, dizziness, confusion, fainting, unconsciousness, and can be fatal.

Carbon monoxide has no smell, is colorless, has no taste, and is poisonous. The gas is created anytime fuel is burned, like gas, oil, kerosene, wood, and charcoal. Leaks should be reported to the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbors' phone, outside and away from the leak.

The Massachusetts

Department of Fire services has a list of precautions they recommend people take to protect themselves from carbon monoxide poisoning.

"We stress the importance of these safety tips every year because carbon monoxide poisoning is completely preventable," said Thomas Carbone, Andover Director of Public Health. "Please, carefully consider these tips and make sure that your homes and businesses are equipped with properly functioning CO detectors to prevent tragedy this season."

The Massachusetts Department of Fire recommends that people have a qualified service technician inspect appliances annually. It is recommended that people inspect vent pipes, flues, and chimneys for any leaks or blockages and clear snow from furnaces and dryer exhaust vents.

The Massachusetts Department of Fire services also warns people to be cautious when shoveling vehicles out that the tail pipe and undercarriage is free of snow before the

"All residents absolutely must take these precautions seriously to avoid becoming a victim of this deadly gas."

Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield

engine is turned on, and that vehicles should not be left running inside a garage even with an open door.

People should also store charcoal grills and gasoline powered engines including generators, chain saws, blowers, weed trimmers, mowers, or snowblowers outside, facing away from windows and doors.

"All residents absolutely must take these precautions seriously to avoid becoming a victim of this deadly gas," said Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. "Please call the fire department if you have any questions about how to obtain an alarm or to make sure they are functioning properly."

It is advised that a gas oven should never be used to heat a home.

It is recommended that carbon monoxide alarms be installed on every level of a home, but not in a garage or near a stove, a fireplace, windows, doors, very hot places, very cold places, or very damp areas, or "dead air spaces" like corners and ceiling peaks.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed near bedrooms, however, and replaced every five to seven years. Back up batteries should be examined after a long power outage.

Furnaces, water heaters, chimneys, wood stoves, grills, camping stoves, gas ovens, gas snow removal, and yard equipment machines can all generate carbon monoxide.

To learn more about carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services website at www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-fire-services.

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Baker eyes changes to local zoning to fix housing crunch

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Rising property values and construction that cannot keep pace with a growing population are conspiring to crunch

the state's housing supply, edging many first-time homebuyers out of the market.

Gov. Charlie Baker wants to boost the housing stock as part of an ambitious plan to add at least 35,000

new homes over the next eight years through a mix of policies and incentives aimed at making way for multifamily and affordable housing.

But the first-term Republican is also taking aim at restrictive local zoning, which many says is at the root of the state's housing shortage.

Baker said he plans to push legislation to make it easier for cities and towns to change zoning rules to increase the density of development and reduce parking requirements. Both generally need a two-thirds majority of a city council or town meeting. He wants a simple majority.

"We look forward to working with the Legislature and partnering with cities and towns to deliver much needed housing to regions across Massachusetts, while respecting our long-standing home rule tradition," Baker said in a statement unveiling the proposal.

Paul Yorkis, president of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, said the plan shows "bold leadership" in an area that previous governors have been reluctant to get involved with.

"This is a very positive step on the part of the Baker administration,"

said Yorkis, a Medway developer. "We are facing a major housing crisis."

But the plan, which hinges on legislative approval, also requires approval by referendum or local boards on whether to keep the requirement for a supermajority vote.

On the North Shore and Merrimack Valley, most communities fall short of the minimum, according to the state Department of Housing and Community Development. Statewide only about 50 communities have reached the 10 percent threshold.

Jim Wilde, executive director of the Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership, said communities often set restrictive zoning as a way to block multifamily and affordable housing projects.

As objections, he said, local boards often cite "myths" such as school overcrowding or an increased burden on police, fire and other municipal services.

He supports Baker's plan and said the state needs to do even more.

"Because cities and towns are never going to do this on their own," he said. "And if we don't solve it soon, we're going to lose even more people who can't afford to live here."

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OBITUARIES

Beverly (Knoll) Schmitt

November 10, 1929 - December 25, 2017

ANDOVER- Beverly (Knoll) Schmitt, born in Hartford, Conn. on November 10, 1929, Beverly passed away peacefully on December 25, 2017 at the age of 88. The daughter of the late Beatrice (Schadee) and Charles Henry Knoll, Beverly was a resident of Atria Marland Place in Andover, former resident of North Andover, MA, and a longtime resident of Glen Cove, New York. As a young girl, Beverly always had a passion for art and would draw while listening to her favorite radio shows. Beverly attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston, Mass.



Beverly started her career as an art director in New York City. She met her future husband, Charlie through mutual family friends. Upon Charlie's return from serving in Korea in the U.S. Army, Beverly and Charlie married and lived in Brooklyn, New York before moving to Long Island. Beverly did pastel portraits and also taught watercolor classes. Setting up a home art studio, Beverly taught art for over 50 years with students from ages 7 to over 80. Married to an avid sailor, Beverly's watercolors often captured scenes of boats on Long Island Sound as well as their trips to her native New England.

With her husband, Charlie, Beverly created a business called "Garden Guests." Charlie carved the pieces while Beverly painted the trompe l'oeil figures of jungle animals, pets, and children. Many of the pieces were used in prize-winning designs in Nassau County's Arts Forum. A past president of the Aquarelle Society on Long Island, Beverly was also a member of the Manhasset Art Association for many years.

Beverly was predeceased by her beloved husband of 61 years, Charles W. Schmitt. She leaves her son, Gary Schmitt and wife, Alison Schmitt of Glen Cove, N.Y.; daughter, Laurel Book and husband, Gary Book of West Hempstead, N.Y., and daugh-

ter, Carol Van Doren and husband, Edward Van Doren of Andover, MA. She also leaves her grandchildren, Diana Corvelle, Emily Corvelle, Molly Van Doren, Benjamin Van Doren, Jay Ackerman, Brian Ackerman, Joseph P. Schmitt, and Elizabeth Schmitt; and great-granddaughter, Victoria Schmitt. She leaves her cousins, David Ritchie and Wendell Ritchie. She was also sister to the late Joyce Knoll, sister-in-law to the late Joseph W. Schmitt, grandmother to the late Charles G. Schmitt, and mother-in-law to the late Dianna Schmitt and Douglas Corvelle. Beverly was also mom to her two beloved senior cats from the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Lily and Lovey. Lovey most recently joined the family after being rescued from St. John, USVI following the hurricanes.

ARRANGEMENTS: A celebration of Beverly's life will be held on January 13th at 11 a.m. at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main Street, Andover. A period of visitation will be held prior to the service at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Beverly's memory to the MSPCA Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844 or Bread & Roses, 58 Newbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01840. For more information or to send online condolences, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Mary E. (Kane) Murphy

March 1, 1945 - January 1, 2018

ANDOVER - Mrs. Mary E. (Kane) Murphy joined the Peace Corps on her 65th birthday, along with her husband Gerald in Philadelphia on March 1, 2010.

Mary Evelyn (Kane) Murphy, age 72, was born on March 1, 1945 in Lowell, Massachusetts, to Daniel Patrick and Evelyn (Nichols) Kane. She was predeceased by her siblings; Daniel P. Kane of Westfield, Joseph R. Kane of Dracut and Martha (Kane) Thorburn of Lowell.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gerald J. Murphy of Andover; son, Joshua Patrick Murphy of Johannesburg, South Africa and son Ethan Kane Murphy of Hartford, Vermont and sister, Margaret (Kane) Dinneen of Lowell.

Mary graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing and Lowell State College with a BSN, which she completed in three years. A Registered Nurse since 1965, she worked in area hospitals, Mass General Hospital and a twenty five year career at the Bedford VA Hospital where she retired as a Nurse Manager. After retirement from the VA, she continued working in locally area nursing homes and as an instructor for Nursing Assistants. She volunteered at the Andover Senior Center. She was a strong advocate for patients' rights and worked tirelessly in that end. She was most proud of her



work as a Peace Corps volunteer working as a Health Educator in Morocco for twenty six months from 2010-2012. She continued her patient advocacy in Morocco sometimes at the distress of local officials.

Her Memorial Service will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Friday, January 5, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Visitation will be prior to the service, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Interment will be privately held. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Thomas Gustin

December 17, 1954 - December 24, 2017

FALMOUTH- Thomas R. Gustin, passed away at age 63 on December 24, 2017 after a brief illness.

He was born in Canton, Ohio to Mary and James Gustin. He resided in Waquoit, Mass. Cape Cod. Graduate of Perry High School and The Ohio State University. Tom worked at IBM for 35 years. Married to Susan for 37 and had three children. His life was a living example of how to live with passion and love. He was generous, kind and loved and admired by many. He will be forever remembered by the love of his life, Susan, their amazing children, James of Utah, Katie Espinola (Keith - husband and friend) of Massachusetts, Michael of Massachusetts; and his cherished grandchildren, Hailey, Conor, and Tyler



Espinola. He is also survived by siblings, Michael (Linda) Gustin, Marlane (Bill) Harris, Linda (Leon) DeBaer, and David (Beth) Gustin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and James Gustin.

A celebration of Tom's life will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, January 6 at Chapman Cole & Gleason in Mashpee. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's name to JimmyFund.org, Wounded WarriorProject.org, or FalmouthServiceCenter.org. For online guestbook and directions please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

A funeral service will be held at Chapman Cole and Gleason Funeral Home, 74 Algonquin Avenue, Mashpee, MA, United States.

POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, DEC. 26

A River Road vehicle was towed at 1:30 p.m. for being operated without insurance and a revoked license.

At 2:34 p.m. an unregistered vehicle was towed from Union Street.

A Lincoln Circle woman reported that she lost her ID at 2:55 p.m.

An elderly man was taken to Lawrence General Hospital after a report at 3:12 p.m. that he had been rolling in the snow and drinking beer on Andover Street.

A man reported a strong sewage smell outside his Homestead Circle home at 7:34 p.m. The Water Department was contacted.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

A hit-and-run crash was reported on Brookside Drive at 12:40 p.m.

Anthony Measamom, 22, 104 Hancock St. 2, Lawrence, was charged with an outstanding warrant on Fiske Street at 3:39 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

At 8:57 a.m. an elevator was reported as having been vandalized on Stevens Street the night before. Reportedly there was damage to the door and loss of power to the elevator.

Bryan Dumont, 42, of 331 Merrimack St., Methuen, was charged with two outstanding warrants, impeding operation of a motor vehicle, and driving with a revoked license for a conviction of operating under the influence. Dumont was stopped by police on Lowell Street at 9:51 a.m. One vehicle was towed.

A crash between three motor vehicles was reported at 11:07 a.m. on North Main Street. One man was transported to the hospital and two vehicles were towed.

An item from a Pheasant Run woman's safe was reported stolen at 2:58 p.m.

A crash between two motor vehicles was reported to police at 4:28 p.m. on River Road. One person reported back pain from the incident.

Florencio Cuevas, 60, of 30 Railroad St., Apt. 243, Andover, was charged with an outstanding warrant. Cuevas was stopped by police on North Main Street at 10:40 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

A hit-and-run crash was reported on Poor Street at 2:19 p.m.

A crash resulting in injuries was reported on Red Spring Road at 5:38 p.m. Two vehicles were towed.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

A crash resulting in injuries was reported on Lowell Street at 3:21 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

A two-car crash resulting in injury was reported on Dascomb Road at 12:39 p.m. Both vehicles were towed.

At 3:42 p.m. an attempted theft of \$314 worth of items on Railroad Street was reported to police.

A crash between two vehicles resulted in injuries on Haverhill Street at 6:03 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

A hit-and-run crash was reported on River Road at 9:34 a.m. The caller who reported the incident told police that a heavily damaged, small, red SUV was parked in their driveway and did not belong to them. A pole was also damaged in the incident. One vehicle was towed.

A front desk worker on River Road reported at 2:30 p.m. an assault and office destruction by a guest.

A crash hit-and-run was reported at 4:30 p.m. on Memorial Circle.

A hypodermic needle was reported on the road on William Street in front of the caller's home at 6:13 p.m. An officer retrieved the needle and disposed of it.

Jenna Taylor, 29, of 96 Orchard St., Lynn, was charged with an outstanding warrant. Taylor was approached by police on River Road at 6:23 p.m.

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Lyons may have an opponent

STAFF REPORT

ANDOVER — A Boston legal aid attorney has said she is "seriously considering" a run against Republican state Rep. Jim Lyons of Andover.

Tram T. Nguyen, 31, of Andover has never held elected office, but said she became interested in politics through the advocacy work she's been doing in the city for the last four years. Nguyen works as an attorney for Greater Boston Legal Services, a nonprofit that provides free legal assistance and representation to low-income families to help them secure basic needs like housing and job protection.

"I believe my work ethic, passion and commitment to public service has been clear through my experience," said Nguyen, a Democrat. "This is not something that I just decided to do now ... this is my commitment to public service that started right after college, and even during college when I did a lot of volunteer work, so I'm hoping that will resonate with the people."

A graduate of Methuen Public Schools, Nguyen grew up in the Merrimack Valley after moving to the United States from Vietnam with her family in the early 1990s as political refugees. She earned her bachelor's degree from Tufts University, where she originally planned a pre-med track before deciding to go into law.

Nguyen worked for the Census Bureau in 2010, which she called "my introduction into advocacy ... getting people involved and civically engaged."

After graduating from Northeastern School of Law in 2013, Nguyen went on to work for Greater Boston Legal Services as a legal aid attorney. She said she works to secure protection for "the poorest of the poor" from domestic violence, eviction, wage theft, employment issues and immigration issues.

"We come from humble beginnings," Nguyen said of her own family. "I have first-hand knowledge of the struggles they faced and that's why I'm committed to making sure all workers make a living wage, have adequate job protection and can battle wage theft and exploitation."

Though she would not confirm she has officially decided to run, Nguyen said she is focused on building a campaign platform and learning about the issues facing residents of the 18th District, which includes parts of Andover, North Andover, Boxford and Tewksbury.

Some of her primary concerns for the district were ensuring fair funding for public schools and working to "create opportunities for home ownership, to make sure the community is welcoming to new residents as well as sustainable to people who have been there for a long time."

Despite having never



Jim Lyons



Tram T. Nguyen

held elected office, Nguyen said she was more interested in running for a state seat than a position on the local Board of Selectmen or School Committee because she has experience in the Statehouse, where she has testified

about bills that would benefit her legal clients.

"I also think that I will bring a much needed, fresh perspective to the Statehouse," she said. "For one, I am a legal aid attorney who has had exposure to many different issues that people in Massachusetts have faced, so I have an understanding of the issues. ... I really, truly believe that my dedication to the people has been apparent, and I think people will see that and that is the perspective that will benefit the Statehouse in the long run."

Lyons, a staunch Republican who has held the 18th Essex District seat since 2010, is running for his fifth term on Beacon Hill. He said he is "looking forward" to the election cycle, and said he does not know Nguyen.

"Our message is one that we need balance on Beacon Hill. ... The Democrats' message is one of taking care of their own ... and we now have seen what one-party rule creates, which is corruption," Lyons said, referring to the current investigation into Senate President Stan Rosenberg's husband, Bryon Hefner, who has been accused of sexual assault.

Lyons also expressed concern over spending, noting that Democrats in the Statehouse have voted to continue to increase spending on MassHealth, rejected proposals to increase aid to cities and towns, and "refuse to take on the major issues that are impacting the opioid epidemic" by voting against authorizing police to detain "people who are held on civil retainers."

"The last thing we want to do is put more Democrats on Beacon Hill. We'll continue to fight to protect the taxpayers," Lyons said.

When asked if she had concerns about her opponent's record while in office, Nguyen deflected the question, insisting her "main concern right now is putting my campaign together."

"This is very early on in the process," she said.

Lyons said he plans to continue to spread the same message he has since he took office.

"We're looking forward to this election cycle, to continue to bring the message that we've been bringing to the people for our entire career, which is one of protecting the taxpayer," Lyons said.

National Grid seeks increase for gas bills

BY CHRISTIAN WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — National Grid customers could be digging deeper into their pockets to pay for upgrades to the utility's aging natural gas system.

The utility's gas distribution companies, Colonial Gas and Boston Gas, are seeking approval from the state Department of Public Utilities to raise about \$87.3 million by hiking rates an average of 7 percent for residential users and 23 percent for commercial.

National Grid serves more than 900,000 gas customers in Massachusetts, including tens of thousands North of Boston.

The proposed rate hikes follow a 34 percent increase in the utility's winter electricity rates, which went into effect Nov. 1. That only covers the cost of power, which National Grid doesn't control and is not allowed to profit from under state law.

The company argues in

filings that the rate increases for gas are necessary to "upgrade an 11,000-mile gas distribution network, improve service quality, respond to industry safety and regulatory expectations, and modernize operations."

Upgrades include hiring an additional 300 workers to modernize its distribution system, replace more than 300 gas main pipelines, and repair 3,600 gas leaks a year.

"Moving natural gas to our customers' homes and businesses requires constant investment — everything from pipes and meters to the skilled employees who maintain and improve our systems," Cordi O'Hara, president of National Grid in Massachusetts, said in a statement.

"An update to our rates will allow us to continue making these critical investments for our customers," she added.

National Grid's gas distribution rates haven't increased since 2010, according to the

company. In the meantime, according to the statement, the company has faced increases in property taxes and equipment costs.

Last year, the company spent more than \$500 million to upgrade its natural gas distribution system. It plans to spend an average of \$658 million a year over the next three years on system upgrades.

Under the proposed rate increases, residential customers would see annual bills increase from \$25.75 to \$80.17 on average, depending on how much gas someone uses and whether it's for heat, hot water or other uses, according to the utility's filings with the state. Commercial and industrial users would see increases of 17 to 23 percent.

Attorney General Maura Healey, who has opposed rate increases proposed by other utilities, has intervened in the review process. Her office has the authority to seek lower rates or restrictions

aimed at shielding the state's energy consumers from hefty increases.

Utilities are increasingly seeking increases to pay for projects to modernize aging infrastructure.

Eversource received approval from state regulators in November to raise electricity rates by nearly \$220 million over five years, including a \$37 million increase in the first year. It has 1.4 million customers in the state.

The utility said it plans to use the money to upgrade its system, reduce outages and invest in a network of electrical vehicle charging locations.

On Wednesday, Healey said she was appealing the DPU's decision to grant the Eversource rate increases, specifically its approval of a 10 percent shareholder return. She described it as one of the highest rates allowed by a state regulator in the last five years. The new rates are set to go into effect on Jan. 1.

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We believe the articles are beneficial to the Town and its residents as they promote senior housing opportunities, produce less traffic than standalone commercial developments, provide more greenspace, and provide more amenities.

Article 1 asks to allow senior housing (55+) within the ID2 zoning district and identifies the process for proposing senior housing. For this to pass, 2/3 of residents at the Special Town Meeting must vote yes.

If this article passes, it allows projects within the ID2 zoning district to propose senior housing (55+) at Town Meeting before proceeding with the Planning Board Special Permit process. This extra layer, requiring resident support at Town Meeting allows for residents to determine where senior housing opportunities make sense and where it doesn't. This article, by itself, does not allow senior housing as all projects proposing senior housing within the ID2 zoning district require their own project-specific approvals by Town Meeting (see Article 2).

If Article 1 receives a YES VOTE, then we move onto Article 2 which asks residents to add a 55+ housing component to the Dascomb Road Project specifically. This Article could allow future developers to add 55+ housing to an ID2 zone, however, approval of this article does not automatically allow age restricted housing. A developer would need approval from Andover residents at Town Meeting.

If Article 1 receives a NO VOTE, The Dascomb Road Project continues under the current ID2 zoning for commercial and retail uses.

Article 2 is specific to the Dascomb Road Project itself. This would allow a Planned Development onsite at 146 Dascomb Road only — meaning senior housing (55+) opportunities will be included to enhance the commercial and retail at 146 Dascomb Road.

If Article 2 receives a YES VOTE, we will create a mixed-use development that features everything included in the revised PUD—55+ housing, less traffic than a standalone commercial development, a community center, a boutique hotel, more greenspace, trolley service, and more!

If Article 2 receives a NO VOTE, The Dascomb Road Project continues under the current ID2 zoning for commercial and retail uses.

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Opinion

Pot at your doorstep a bridge too far

All kinds of things can be delivered directly to your door — dinner, groceries, dry cleaning and, of course, this newspaper. Never mind the whole world of things the internet has put within reach, if not instantly then within a few days.

And, soon enough in Massachusetts, there will be marijuana — lots and lots of it, potentially. Up to \$3,000 worth can be legally delivered at a time, per rules prescribed last week by the state's Cannabis Control Commission.

When nearly 54 percent of voters last year agreed to the sale and use of recreational marijuana, could they possibly have been thinking of the cannabis version of the Wells Fargo Wagon a-coming to bring pounds of weed? Doubtlessly not. Regardless, marijuana delivery is now rolled into myriad opportunities for this new industry to spread.

It makes leaders of more than 100 cities and towns that have slapped bans or moratoriums on retail marijuana sales in the aftermath of the vote seem prescient — that is, if they had the foresight to ban rolling marijuana sales as well as the more likely over-the-counter exchanges.

Supporters of legalized marijuana have advocated both for marijuana delivery and against local restrictions on its sale. As for the cannabis cafes also allowed under the new law and the committee's rules, Jim Borghesani, head of the Marijuana Policy Project, has called concerns about them unfounded.

"It's no different than a bar or restaurant that serves alcohol," he told Statehouse reporter Christian Wade, describing the pot cafes potentially coming to a corner near you. "I think there will be a lot of interest in it from many communities."

It remains unclear if those cafes will allow smoking, especially considering limits already in place on tobacco smoking, or if they will be limited to marijuana only in edible forms. Either way, it's hard to imagine much enthusiasm for a local pot cafe outside of the state's urban centers.

Deliveries are a different thing altogether. They'll give pot users a convenience not now available to most drinkers — doorstep service.

The committee has offered some limitations on pot deliveries. Service will only be available during business hours, for example, and drivers must check for ID to verify that recipients are at least 21 years old.

Still, we're supposed to take comfort that these rules will ensure marijuana stays out of the hands of children.

The passage and implementation of legal marijuana in Massachusetts has been a farce from the beginning, as if Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong got together on an episode of "The West Wing."

The voter-approved referendum was so legally messy, it required the intervention of lawmakers, who couldn't touch things without resisting the urge to jack up taxes on legal marijuana sales. After its approval, cities and towns wrote local rules for sale and distribution amid a fog of legal uncertainties. More than 100 communities chose to either ban it locally, or at least delay its sale with a temporary moratorium.

Now, as the state focuses on the more granular aspects of regulation, its Cannabis Control Commission seems intent on rushing past the legalization of this drug — still on the federal government's watch list of banned substances, mind you — and into the realm of legitimizing it. Which is exactly what happens when the weed delivery driver — will they have lights atop of their cars, like the pizza people? — turn up at your door.

It's not too late to stub out this idea. The proposed rules will be subjected to months of hearings in this interminable process. Marijuana possession was legal last year, but we're not due to see legal sales for another six months.

That said, it seems unlikely that this is going away given the way legal weed has rolled — figuratively and now, it seems, literally.

WEB QUESTION

Editor's note: Due to an editing glitch, the question about New Year's Eve published in the paper was never posted online. Also, the results of the election question below have been updated with new numbers.

This week's question:

The Essex Street train crossing gate has been a source of safety concern for local residents for some time. Due to a timing glitch, the crossing gate indicating an oncoming train sometimes goes up when a train is coming then abruptly drops again as the train gets closer. **Are you afraid to go through the Essex Street train crossing intersection?**

Yes. It's too hairy. Someone's going to get killed.

No. You just have to be safe and look both ways.

Last week's (and the week before) question:

The town election is in March. When new people come to town, many scratch their heads, wondering why the town election is in March. Why isn't it in November, when turnout would be much higher? Instead, turnout for town elections is dismally low. As a result, special interest groups tend to get their own candidates elected, which is bad for town government. **Do you think the town should change the date of the town election?**

Yes. Turnout is so low because nobody knows when the election is. **64 votes.**

No. This is the customary time for elections. Why change something that's been working so well for so many years? **33 votes.**

Francois Henuset gives a party: The power of giving back

Andover Stories

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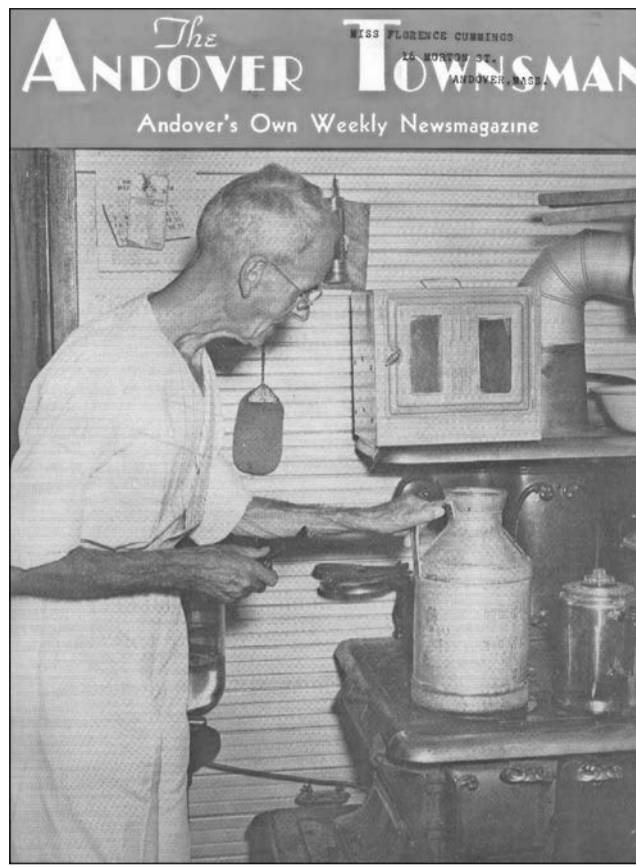
A West Andover man gave a party the other day.

It wasn't the usual sort of party, however, but one entailing a story that should make every resident of Andover proud of this town and of the people who reside here.

The whole thing started back in 1937, when a little one-room shanty out on Wood Hill Road burned down. It had been the home of Francois Henuset, 60 years old and lately a resident in a state hospital, who eked out a living with a small garden and a similar pension.

The cottage had been Henuset's only home for perhaps two years, and when it was destroyed, the Andover Red Cross saw that it had a job to do. Temporary shelter was improvised from what had been a chicken coop. Ingenuity and hard work turned it into a comfortable dwelling, and work was immediately started on a more substantial shelter. Henuset, though an old man, and lately an invalid, promised the Red Cross that he would turn his farm into something they would be proud to have helped in starting.

Ever since then, he has held an open house once a year for the people who helped him in his distress and to demonstrate to his friends how worthwhile was



Francois Henuset in his kitchen (Townsmen reprint).

the assistance they gave him.

How well he has kept his promise was demonstrated recently. The house itself is warm, well-furnished, immaculate. In the back stands a low shed, with a small windmill on top, by means of which he makes his own electricity. A well to the north furnishes plenty of water. Facing the road are several apple trees, and beside it, a fairly large melon patch with fruit weighing down the vines. Grapes, hops, several kinds of herbs,

tomatoes, gourds, are other products of the farm.

Two summer houses, complete with hand-fashioned trellises and benches, and indicated by neat gravel paths, stand on the grounds, and a pig pen, with two plump young hogs within, and chicken coop housing a brace of geese and several hens, complete the buildings.

Practically everything on his premises, except the cottage and household furnishings, was made by Mr. Henuset himself. Though he

gets his water supply from a small well, he has constructed an ingenious shower bath. He has even built a small pool at one end of his flower garden, and a family of frogs in it are a great help in keeping his place free of insects.

No hermit, however, is Francois Henuset. He comes down to Haggett's Pond Road quite often to visit his neighbors there, and do a few odd jobs for them. In turn, they drive him to Lawrence or Andover center to do his small shopping, though he walks the whole distance himself when the spirit moves him. His large stock of magazines help keep him in touch with the world.

Once a steward at a large Boston club, he has no difficulty in making his guests comfortable at his annual thank you party. His large garden provides them with ample refreshment, and the improvements he has made, with plenty of conversation. And limited though his resources are, he has a stimulating philosophy, and a refreshing outlook on the affairs of the world — a philosophy of giving that people everywhere would be better for following.

"You can say 'thank you' again and again," he reminds his guests, "And still, it may come only from the lips. The real way to prove your gratitude is to give something back to your benefactors."

Perhaps he gives us, unknowingly, much more than he receives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

on Jan. 29 to vote 'yes' for the Dascomb Road Project to include 55-plus Housing.

CLAUDIA BACH
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Andover

Elm Street project disruptive to neighborhood

Editor, Townsman:

There has been much written about the assisted living project underway on Elm Street in Andover. For the butters like my family and me, there is frustration and mistrust on multiple levels toward the developer, and more importantly, toward our town leadership. The questions raised by myself and many others in the neighborhood are ones that all taxpayers in Andover that elect our town officials should be asking, and are ones that should be considered when the next project goes before the Planning Board for approval.

While I'm not writing this to revisit the board's decision to approve the special permit, it is instructive to visit the developer's website, Capital Senior Living, and compare the location of the community being built at 139 Elm St. with other communities built in the Northeast in similar (or smaller) size towns. Anyone curious can visit <http://www.capitalsenior.com/find/>, select communities such as Milford, Massachusetts; Summit, New Jersey; Oneonta, New York; and Williamsville, New York, and enter those addresses into Google Earth. The communities in these towns are all located adjacent to major roadways and have other large, commercial developments nearby. Does the CSL community belong on Elm Street in Andover? That question is moot at this point thanks to the Planning Board, but Google Earth pictures are worth a thousand words.

With construction

underway as of this fall, more relevant questions are raised. First, why was communication with the neighborhood at the outset of the construction non-existent? If you read the article in the Townsman last week you get the impression the town was pro-active in establishing a communications channel through the town website. That would be an incorrect impression. After multiple requests for information back in October regarding road detours, potential bus stop modifications, and blasting details, the response I received from the town was that there is "no by-law that requires the town to provide updates to residents of a private project." I was instead told to contact municipal services for information on the roadwork, contact the police department regarding detours, and the fire department regarding the blasting. Really? A \$36 million building is being constructed in a residential neighborhood after the Planning Board approved the special permit, and there is no bylaw requiring the town to communicate to its taxpayers? Town leadership should have taken ownership over communication from the beginning. Period.

Regarding the blasting that has been ongoing since October, last week's article correctly stated the developer in 2015 was not anticipating blasting for the site. Anyone that has surveyed the lot would have seen significant amounts of ledge, so one has to assume the Planning Board knew blasting was likely.

Blasting commenced in October, once per day, and while it is difficult to explain the magnitude of the blast, the glasses in our kitchen cabinet shake during certain blasts (and our home is relatively new). On Oct. 26, the neighbors received a letter from the construction firm Dellbrook, stating that rock operations were "anticipated

to be complete next week." We are now entering January and blasting is continuing on a daily basis. The response I received on Dec. 27 from the blasting company was that blasting could be complete by the end of January, "depending upon where we find the rock."

While residents are being told the work is in compliance with the law, there is an interesting online resource on construction vibration (<http://vibrationdamage.com/constdam.htm>) that states vibration standards used by builders "estimate damage probabilities for a group of structures from a single blasting event, not the probabilities of multiple events damaging a single structure." We're likely to record over 50 blasting events for this project, possibly more. Is there a point where the town can put a stop to the blasting, or will the town let the blasting continue indefinitely? Has the town approached Dellbrook to understand why blasting is continuing beyond the date noted in the Oct. 26 letter? Has the town approached CSL to understand why they told the residents while they were "selling" the project that blasting was not anticipated? Furthermore, given that the cumulative effect of the blasting may not be visible for some time, what will the recourse be for residents that find damage months or years from now?

It is not too late for town leadership to meet with the neighbors, address these and other open questions, and establish more transparent communication channels. I am hopeful someone will step up and lead this. Moving forward, our elected and appointed town officials need to use this project as an opportunity to learn and improve the support of, and communication with the taxpayers of Andover.

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Creative Living hosts holiday party

Creative Living Inc., a school for people with disabilities, held a holiday party at Faith Lutheran Church on Dec. 13, 2017.

Family and friends gathered for an evening of fun and a visit from Santa Claus.

Creative Living is located at 368 So. Main St.



Cynthia Madden of Andover and her daughter, Beth, have their picture taken with Santa. The Maddens have worn their matching Christmas sweaters during the holiday season for the past 30 years.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos



Mark Stanganelli poses with his parents, Jerry and Beverly, after receiving his Christmas present. The family lives in Methuen.



Jimmy Bonanno of Andover is happy to shake Santa's hand after receiving his Christmas gift. Creative Living of Andover enhances the lives of young adults and adults with developmental disabilities through life skills plus social, educational, recreational and respite programs. Since 1995, the organization has hosted a monthly Social Club, during which friends, old and new, come together to socialize, share a meal, and have fun for an evening.



David Rutkowski of Andover holds up a Christmas present he received, a disco light ball, as Ray J. DiFiore, left, of Methuen and William Flynn of Andover look on.



Cynthia Carr of Andover can't wait to open her Christmas present from Santa.

After debilitating hip and knee pain, Michael Diodati is feeling like himself again. When he could no longer walk or tend to his construction business, much less his vintage car hobby, he had his knee replaced. Then, a year later, his hip. "The second time, I was a part of a new program. I attended a pre-surgical Joints in Motion class and knew what to expect every step of the way. These days, my joints and my MG are running like new."



To view Michael's full journey and take an online pain assessment, visit lawrencegeneral.org/joints. Lawrence General. Boston-quality care, close to home.



MIRACLES

MBTA, state push for on-time rail service

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

BOSTON — Three years after MBTA service problems were exposed by the harsh winter of 2015, the transit authority's systems are being put to the test again with another week of frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall in the forecast.

Transit officials are advising riders to prepare for potential delays this week as the cold snap continues. In recent days, MBTA users have faced a blend of satisfactory service combined with sometimes lengthy delays and cancellations as the area copes with a string of below-freezing days and riders deal with late arrivals and missed appointments.

A "huge amount of work" is going into attempts to minimize disruptions for passengers, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said Tuesday.

"If we're running five or ten minutes late, that's way better than 2015, when service was shut down for days and even weeks at a time," Pollack said on WBUR's "Radio Boston." "But because of the cold weather, we just want to make sure our customers plan for that kind of eventuality, because there's just a big difference, given this temperature, between standing and waiting for your train for five minutes and standing and waiting for your train for 20 minutes."

Gov. Charlie Baker said extreme cold can be "almost more dangerous and difficult than snow" in some respects.

"Rails break, and when rails break, that creates all kinds of issues for riders," Baker said Tuesday, according to a WHDH broadcast.

There have been eight broken rails on exterior portions of T lines during the recent cold spell, Pollack said, and seven were repaired without service disruptions.

TownsBeat

Charlie Chaplin films to show at Rogers Center for the Arts

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Charlie Chaplin's iconic "Little Tramp" character remains famous around the world more than a century after he first skidded onto the silver screen. Soon, the character comes to the Rogers Center at Merrimack College.

The family-friendly program features silent films made in Chaplin's early career that first made "Little Tramp" famous.

Chaplin's best short comedies will be shown on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. Live music for the movies will be provided by silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis and admission is free.

These film showings are part of the college's Tambakos Film Series, and will include several comedies made during Chaplin's "mutual" period of 1916 and 1917. The two-reel films (each about 20 minutes long) are fast-paced, full of sight gags, and widely regarded as Chaplin's most popular short comedies.

The films show Chaplin in full command of his character and many were re-issued and re-released to theaters throughout the silent period, even when Chaplin had moved on to make feature films.

The program is family friendly and suitable for all



Courtesy image

Charlie Chaplin causes mayhem on wheels in 'The Rink' (1916), a classic silent comedy to be screened with live music on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College.

ages. Newcomers to "silent film with live music" are especially encouraged to attend and rediscover this unique art form.

"Seeing Chaplin on the big screen, with live music, and

with an audience, is one of the great treats of the cinema," Rapsis said in a press release.

Rapsis said presenting vintage cinema is important, and the Rogers aims to

show silent film as they were meant to be seen - in restored prints, on a large screen, with live music, and with an audience.

"All those elements are important parts of the silent

film experience," said Rapsis, who will accompany the movies. "Recreate those conditions, and classics of early Hollywood, such as Chaplin's early comedies, leap back to life in ways that audiences

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Charlie Chaplin's best short comedies
- **Where:** Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way on the campus of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover
- **When:** Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.
- **Cost:** free
- **More info:** Rogers box office (978) 837-5355

still find entertaining."

Rapsis performs on a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra, creating a traditional "movie score" sound. He improvises the complete score in real time during the screening of each film.

"Creating a movie score on the fly is kind of a high-wire act, but it can often make for more excitement than if everything is planned out in advance," Rapsis said.

Other upcoming films in the Rogers Center's silent film series include:

- Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.: "Metropolis" (1927); German director Fritz Lang's amazing epic about a futuristic society where an educated elite enjoys life in a glittering city, all supported by colonies of workers forced to live deep underground. A film that set new standards for visual design and changed movies forever.

Second annual holiday concert performed for local seniors

By SERENA LI
Special to the Townsman

Young and adult musicians from the Chinese community performed two holiday concerts at the Andover Senior Center and Marland Place last month, marking the second year in a row the group performed for local seniors.

In all, more than 100 people attended the two concerts, held Dec. 8 and 16.

The CAAA (Chinese American Association of the Andovers) helped contact the senior centers to arrange for the performances. More than 50 performers played a variety of instruments, including the violin, piano, trombone, ukulele, erhu, cello, flute and saxophone. There were also instrument duets and trios, and small bands and vocal groups.

One performer, James Xiao, played "Ballade pour Adeline" by Paul de Senneville. One woman in the audience noted that the song put her into tears. There were many other moving performances, such as one by Jennie Wang, who



Courtesy Photos

Larry Liu and his brother Alex Liu perform "Christmas Celebrations."

played and sang a song she had written herself about her travel experiences in Europe.

One musical family also came to perform. Katherine Song and David Song played the cello and the piano, while their mother Ying Zhao and grandmother Xianhua Sun

were part of the Chinese School of Andover's Choral Group.

"It's fun that our three generations were able to all perform together and bring joy to the community!" Xianhua said after the show.

At the end of both concerts,

all the performers gathered to sing Christmas carols, accompanied by the piano and violins. They sang some classic songs, such as Joy to the World, Deck the Halls and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Many of the audience members sang along.



The Lian Yan Vocal Group sings "What a Wonderful World."



Robert Zhu, John Weng, Brian Bu and William Chen perform "Minuet 1" and "Let it Snow".

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

JAN. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 AND 29

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 8 a.m., North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St. Anyone who struggles with food is welcome; 781-641-2303.

JAN. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 AND 30

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 4:30 p.m., Saint Michael Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover. Anyone who struggles with food is encouraged to join; 781-641-2303.

THROUGH JAN. 5

COAT DRIVE, American Training, 6 Campanelli Drive. American Training is collecting coats and jackets for men, women and children as part of the annual Vanway Coat Drive; the hope is to collect 300 items to give to people in need so that they can stay warm all winter long; items can be dropped off at American Training's Andover location during business hours; call 978-685-2151, ext. 6822 to arrange for the items to be picked up; www.americantraininginc.com/coatdrive2017.

THROUGH JAN. 7

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SCAVENGER HUNT, Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Find the scavenger hunt list at the Little Free Library to start exploring all that 2018 has to offer; the list includes 15 common

resolutions, turned into a call to action; take one and find what's in store; this activity is suitable for all ages and is best completed in groups of two or more; stop by anytime for this free, ongoing program; registration is not required; a parking lot is located across the street from the property; 978-356-4351, ext. 3202, email kbibeau@thetrustees.org, www.thetrustees.org.

JAN. 7, 14, 21 AND 28

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Anyone who struggles with food is encouraged to join; 781-641-2303.

BEGINNING JAN. 8

WINTER CLASSES, Creative Arts, 25 Woburn St., Reading. Offerings include theater, music and art for families with babies, toddlers, kids, 'twens, teens and older, now six days a week; other courses include Creative Music for Tots and Creative Art for tots, both for parent and child together; for students ages 6 and up, there's musical theater, drum circle, art and group music classes, including guitar, ukulele and Suzuki method; February and April vacation programs include theater, art and music; 781-942-9600, www.weteachercreativearts.org.

JAN. 8 AND 15

IPSWICH RIVER COMMUNITY CHORUS OPEN REHEARSALS, 7 p.m., Aldersgate United

Methodist Church, 235 Park St., North Reading. Auditions are not necessary; previous experience with four-part choral pieces is helpful, but not required; practice CDs will be available to help new members learn the notes; rehearsals are on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; 978-587-1274, www.northreadingchorale.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

ANNUAL MAYORS & TOWN MANAGERS BREAKFAST FORUM, 7:15 to 9:15 a.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito will be the featured speaker; other local officials expected to attend include Amesbury Mayor Ken Gray, Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini, Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, Lowell City Manager Kevin Murphy, Methuen Mayor-Elect James Jajuga, Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday and North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor; a full hot breakfast buffet is included; \$30 for members, \$50 for nonmembers; registration is required; 978-686-0900, email office@merrimackvalleychamber.com, www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

THE NEWCOMERS CLUB TO PERFORM, 8 p.m., Crossroads Music Series, 190 Academy Road, North Andover. The harmony-

focused folk rock group was founded by Geoff Lynn and John Roach in the fall of 2013; band members include Roach on vocals/guitar, Lynn on vocals/banjo/harp, Sam Bowers on vocals, Mike Gannon on electric guitar, Alex Schwartz on bass, and Mike Vecchione on drums; tickets are \$20; if the show is not sold out, tickets will be available at the door, cash only; doors open at 7:30 p.m.; www.crossroadsmusicseries.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

OWL PROWL, 7 to 9 p.m., Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. This guided hike will begin in the parking lot across the street from the property; walk through the grounds in search of screech owls and great horned owls; flashlights are strongly encouraged; this activity will be held rain, snow or moonshine; dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes; \$9 for Trustees members, \$15 for nonmembers, \$15 for children under 12; space is limited and preregistration is required; https://www.facebook.com/stevens-coolidgeplace/, email kbibeau@thetrustees.org, www.thetrustees.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

FEED THE BIRDS STORY TIME, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Children and their

caregivers are invited to spend the morning exploring the world of birds through stories and a hands-on activity; this program will take place inside and outside, so participants should dress for the weather; recommended for ages 2 to 5, but babies in backpacks are welcome; peanut butter will not be used for the bird feeders; free for adults and Trustees members' children, \$5 for nonmembers' children; space is limited and preregistration is required; a parking lot is located across the street from the property; https://www.facebook.com/stevens-coolidgeplace/, email kbibeau@thetrustees.org, www.thetrustees.org.

"DIFFERENT TYPES OF DEMENTIA," 2 and 6 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Alicia Seaver, a certified memory impairment specialist and director of memory care at Bridges by EPOCH, will discuss the different forms of dementia, including dementia with Lewy bodies, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, as well as recommended care techniques; hosted by Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, each presentation is free and open to all; registration is requested; 978-775-1070.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR, noon to 3 p.m., Smith Center, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Representatives from more than 100 summer programs

for middle and high school students will be present to talk with interested students and their families; admission is free and registration is not required; sponsored by the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA); www.pspaandover.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Join Paul Wayne for a sing-a-long; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

JAN. 23 AND FEB. 6

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS, 10 a.m., Blanchard House and Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains and give in to that irresistible urge to look behind the "staff only" and "no entry" signs; tour the attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about the items in rarely seen collections; admission is free, but registration is required; http://andoverhistorical.org/behind-the-scenes.

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Calling crafters for Crafts in the Park

Applications are now being accepted for Andover's popular annual Crafts in the Park fair.

This will be the 43rd year for Crafts in the Park and will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Crafts in the Park is a fundraiser sponsored by Christ Church Andover. Proceeds from the fair are used to support the church's mission and outreach to the local community, including Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Academy, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, Lazarus House, and the Merrimack Valley Project. The church also sponsors The Christ Church Children's Center preschool program, the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a diverse and enriching music program



The Mill City Jazz Band performs at the 42nd annual Crafts in the Park event at The Park in Andover last May.

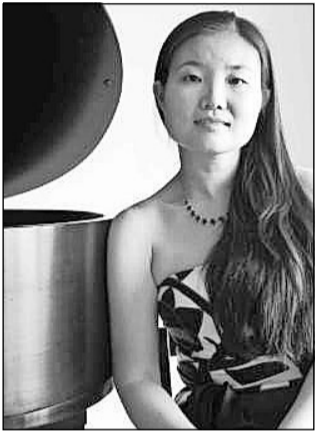
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with scheduled events open to the public. Amateur and professional crafts people are invited to apply to display and sell their original craftwork. The online application needs to be filed immediately to be included

in the initial jury process. All application submissions, due Jan. 31, require digital photographs of the craft, a website address, if available, and photographs of the crafts' display. Notification of participation will be confirmed by Feb. 28. Send the \$100 booth fee which includes a \$25 non-refundable jury fee and a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Andover Crafts in The Park, P.O. Box 685, Andover, MA 01810. A refund, less the \$25 jury fee, will be sent to crafters not accepted in this year's show. No additional sales commissions are charged beyond the booth fee. Food vendors require additional permits from the town of Andover.

For more information, email jury@craftsinthepark.com or visit craftsinthepark.com.

Famed pianist to give concert at Cochran Chapel



Courtesy photo

World-renowned pianist and Phillips Academy graduate Mana Tokuno returns to Andover on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., for a free performance in the Cochran Chapel.

STAFF REPORT

An internationally known, Japanese pianist, who once taught at Phillips Academy, returns to play works by Beethoven and Chopin when she performs there later this month.

Pianist Mana Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations and her brilliant virtuosity. She comes to Andover on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The free performance will take place in the Cochran Chapel.

Tokuno was the first-prize winner of the prestigious Competition Internationale, and also received the Leo

Sirota Award for Piano Solo Performance at the Corpus Christi International Competition as well as the Special Award for Schubert Interpretation at the International Competition Valsesia Musica in Varallo, Italy.

Other prizes include the Dosei-Kai Prize for Distinction in Performance, and the Silver Medal in the Chubu Chopin Competition in Nagoya, Japan, and she was selected in two consecutive seasons from a worldwide pool of applicants to perform in master classes by Daniel Barenboim and Leon Fleischer at Carnegie Hall.

Known for her ability to bring a vast array of styles

to life, Tokuno has performed at Carnegie (Weill) Hall and CAMI Hall in New York as well as at Symphony Hall and Jordan Hall in Boston. She was also invited to give a solo recital as part of a Chopin Festival at the Polish Consulate in New York. In addition to solo and chamber performances in Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Romania, she has appeared at many venues in her native Japan and in numerous recitals and chamber concerts in the United States.

Tokuno's principal teachers were Midori Tanabe at the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, where she was an

honors graduate, and Victor Rosenbaum at the New England Conservatory in Boston where she received the Master of Music degree with academic honors and was selected to perform with the NEC Orchestra at the Commencement Concert. She also holds a graduate diploma in Collaborative Piano from New England Conservatory.

Now a highly regarded teacher herself, Tokuno was formerly on the faculty of Phillips Academy and has been on the faculty of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School in Boston since 2008, and the Cremona International Music Academy since 2011.

Her debut solo CD "Beethoven Sonatas & Bagatelles" was released on GiNOTE RECORDS® in October 2009 and is available worldwide at iTunes, Amazon.com, and CD Baby. You can also listen on iTunes to Tokuno playing "Tokuno Tocata," the piece written for her Carnegie Hall Recital in April 2010 by a Boston composer, Thomas Oboe Lee, as well as the master class with Leon Fleischer on Schubert's Sonata in A major, D. 959 at Carnegie Hall Weill Institute Webpage.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (978) 749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JAN. 25

SILENT FILM SERIES WITH LIVE MUSIC, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. A program of Charlie Chaplin's best short comedies will be screened; musical accompaniment for the movie will be performed live by silent film composer Jeff Rapsis; the show is part of the Tambakos Film Series, which aims

to recapture the magic of early Hollywood by presenting silent films as they were intended to be shown: in restored prints, in a theater on a big screen, with live music, and with an audience; free admission; 978-837-5355.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium, 430 Osgood St. Titled "A Voice from Heaven," the concert will include John Rutter's Requiem, Felix Mendelssohn's "Grant us Thy Peace" and Psalm 42, and Mack Wilberg's "Peace Like a River";

a professional orchestra and soloists will accompany the chorus; www.andoverchoral-society.org.

WARD WINTER FUN DAY, noon to 3 p.m., Ward Reservation, 65 Prospect Road. This community-favorite event is hosted by The Trustees, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee and Friends of North Andover Trails; enjoy a variety of guided hikes throughout the property, as well as refreshments by a roaring fire; set off on a hike to Boston Hill (3 miles) at 12:30 p.m. or to the Judy Trail (3 miles) at 1 p.m.; periodic guided hikes will go around Holt Hill and the bog (1 mile); \$9 for Trustees members' cars, \$15 for nonmembers' cars; parking is available at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, in Andover; follow signs to the activities; carpooling is recommended as parking is limited; registration is not necessary; https://www.facebook.com/stevenscoolidgeplace/, email kbibeau@thetrustees.org, www.thetrustees.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

"BENEFITS OF EARLY DETECTION," 2 and 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Early detection allows for medical and non-medical intervention that may delay the symptoms or slow the progression of dementia; Alicia Seaver, a certified memory impairment specialist and director of memory care at Bridges by EPOCH, will discuss the signs and risk factors that may suggest it's time for a screening; hosted by Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, each presentation is free and open to all; registration is requested; 978-775-1070.

THROUGH JAN. 31

"(LARGELY) SMALL WORKS" EXHIBIT, Alpers Gallery, Chestnut Street. The exhibit features more than 100 pieces by 22 artists; 978-760-1829, email alpers.gallery@gmail.com, www.alpersfineartonline.com.

February THURSDAY, FEB. 15

SILENT FILM SERIES WITH LIVE MUSIC, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. "Metropolis" (1927) will be shown; musical accompaniment for the movie will be performed live by silent film composer Jeff Rapsis; the show is part of the Tambakos Film Series, which aims to recapture the

magic of early Hollywood by presenting silent films as they were intended to be shown: in restored prints, in a theater on a big screen, with live music, and with an audience; free admission; 978-837-5355.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

MEMORY CAFÉ, 1 p.m., Center at Punched, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Roman Music Therapy Services, based in Wakefield, will offer a Drum Circle as a form of music therapy; Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

May SUNDAY, MAY 6

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St. The chorus will perform "Songs of World War I," to commemorate America's entrance into the First World War; the concert, which will feature a professional orchestra and soloists, is presented in partnership with the Andover Historical Society; www.andoverchoral-society.org.

ONGOING

MEMORY CAFÉ, fourth Monday of the month, Center at Punched, 30 Whittier Court. Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover and in its 81st year, has 150 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire. The club and its members, ranging from beginners to professionals, have been garnering recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades; the club, which meets almost every Wednesday evening,

holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public; www.mvcamerclub.org.

BALLROOM DANCING, Sundays, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Relief's In Function Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence, on the North Andover line. Come Alive After Five has been running this dance for singles and couples for more than 30 years; live bands are featured along with bar service and door prizes; \$13 admission fee includes dessert and coffee at 8:30 p.m.; 781-451-7872.

ANDOVER CHRONICLERS, see what's in store. Past shows can be viewed on Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon Channel 47 Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Friday at 6:30 p.m. The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all volunteer group. For more information, call the Center at Punched at 978-623-8321. New members welcome. No prior experience needed. Email andvehron2@gmail.com for more information. Past shows may also be accessed at http://andovervt.org/sites/default/files/videos/saa_20160801.mp4.

FA (FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS), Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Education Center, 45 Essex St.; and Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central Ave. The free, 12-step program is open to anyone who struggles with their weight and/or food; members include men and women who have lost more than 200 lbs., those who turned to bulimia, over-exercising and obsessive dieting, and those who had no weight to lose, but were obsessed with food and/or their weight; all are welcome to share their stories, from newcomers interested in learning more to people who have maintained steady, healthy weights for decades; www.foodaddicts.org.

FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP MEETING, Sundays, 5 p.m., North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 244 Lowell St. Hosted by the Mosaic Christian Movement, everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fellowship and a relaxed worship service; registration is requested; email aaronkrue@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE'S VAN, will be in the Penguin Park parking lot on Burnham Road from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Donations of gently used baby gear and in season children's clothing will be collected. All donations will go to children in the Merrimack Valley and

North Shore. At this time, there is an urgent need for infant clothing (0 to 3 months) and infant car seats under five years old. For a complete list of acceptable donations, visit www.communitygiving-tree.org.

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, now welcoming singers ages 6 to 18; the informal auditions are quick and simple; prepared pieces are not required; www.treblechorusne.org, tcnemanager@treblechorusne.org.

PALMERS RESTAURANT, live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

SPECTRUM CHILDREN'S CHORUS, rehearses on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Andover North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St. The mission of the church's multicultural chorus is to reflect on the diversity of the world, widen students' perspectives, and instill cross cultural understandings and harmonization through music and dancing; all children are welcome; registration, auditioning and rehearsal dates are available at www.spectrum-childrenschorus.org, email spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com, 978-269-4198.

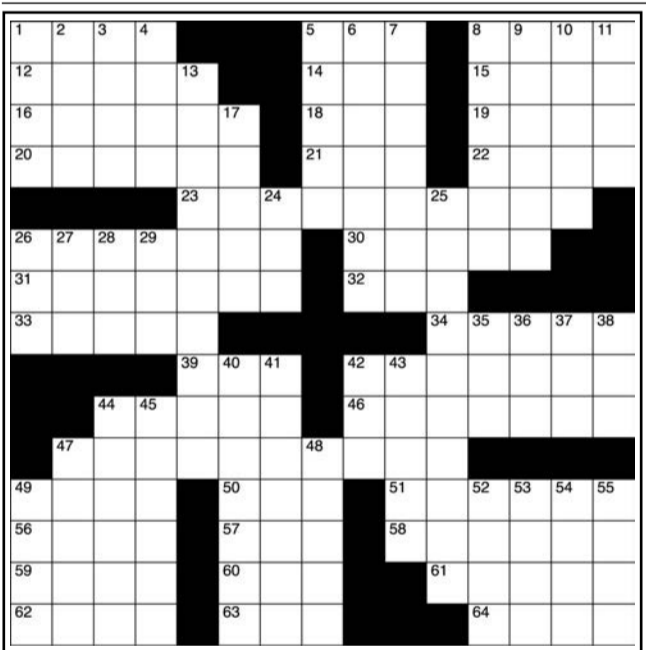
KARMA, live band music, Thursday through Saturday; 209 N. Main St. (Shawsheen Plaza); 978-809-3075, www.karmaandover.com.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, free admission to the gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave.; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 7 Chapel Ave.; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.

ALPERS FINE ART, located at 96 Main St.; 978-760-1829, www.alpersfineartonline.com.

THE NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS, holding auditions for all parts, South Church, 41 Central St. The 30-voice SATB choral group, based in Andover, performs three concerts during the season, in December, March and May; rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7:15 to 9:45 p.m.; auditions consist of voice quality and placement, vocal range placement, sight reading ability, and aural recognition; a solo piece is not required; singers should have choral experience and sight reading ability; www.newenglandclassical.org.



CLUES ACROSS

- Make ale
- Residue
- Female parent
- Succulent plants
- OJ's judge
- Czech river
- Embarrassing predicament
- NHL legend Bobby
- Sunfish
- One who acclaims
- On the __: running away
- Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
- The Golden State
- Merry make
- Siberian nomads
- Pock-marked
- Baleen whale
- Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

- Crush
- Razorbill genus
- "Full House" actress Loughlin
- Bluish green
- Garlic mayonnaise
- Attacks repeatedly
- Secretion
- Special instance
- A handsome one loved by Aphrodite
- Tree genus in the mahogany family
- Israeli city
- Formed a theory
- Remove
- Type of light
- Repeats
- Certified public accountant
- River in eastern France
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Special __: military group

Solution in Classified Section

- Treasure
- Tanzanian shilling
- Changed
- Intestinal pouches
- Walked in a celebratory way
- South American mountain chain
- Jai __ sport
- Consumed
- Firm
- Pubs
- Leafy drink
- Cured
- Northern wind of France
- Tax collector
- Respite from the sun
- American spy Aldrich
- Central Standard Time
- Myanmar ethnic group

- Ribonucleic acid
- Not even
- Power transmission belt
- Doctor of Education
- Type of nerve
- Types of tops
- Large primate
- Flooded, low-lying land
- Gritty
- Gets up
- Stake
- Not the most
- Swedish rock group
- Expresses pleasure
- Expression of boredom
- Queen of Sparta
- Where Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation

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■ 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:

Townie Trips: Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323 to schedule transportation.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs. This service is free

and confidential.

Monday Movie Matinee: Free movies are shown Mondays at 1 p.m., with popcorn and sodas available for purchase.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

What's for Lunch: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing

things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

Council on Aging board meetings: The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month,

September through June, 1:30 to 3 p.m. This group is open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

Brown Bag: Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at Punchard, are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single

person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or fuel assistance. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at

Memorial Hall Library.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at 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.andoversenior-center.org. For details, call 978-623-8320.

■ MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

New programs for tweens

The Children's Room has three fun craft programs for fourth- and fifth-graders.

Kids can make perler bead creations on Monday, Jan. 8; design a snow globe on Tuesday, Jan. 16; and create jewel-tipped snowflakes on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Each session will run from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required.

Visit www.mhl.org/calendar to register or for more information.

Join Night Readers

The Night Readers Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. to discuss "The War that Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.

Geared toward ages 9 to 12, and their favorite adult, the meeting will include light refreshments and a new book preview.

Participants should reserve and read the book ahead of time.

Register the name of the child attending at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Legomania, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up who love to build with Legos. Each child will build on their own base and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children's Room. Online registration is required.

Pajama Party, Tuesdays, Jan. 16, 23 and 30, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute sessions will include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film. Designed for ages 3 to 5 and their adult caregiver. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Junior Friends of MHL, Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24 and 31, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. This weekly program is open to children, ages 8 to 11, who love the library and working with others. The group plans projects for younger children and does small projects to help the library. Email kbelczyk@mhl.org or call 978-623-8440 to get involved or for details.

Kids Coloring Craze, Thursday, Jan. 18, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students in grades three to five who are crazy about coloring may stop by for

some coloring fun. Plenty of coloring pages will be available as well as colored pencils, markers and gel pens. Online registration is required.

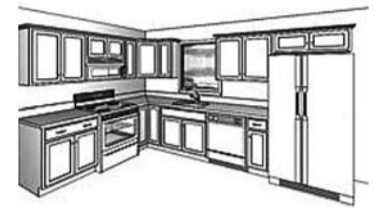
Green Art Workshop: Winter Wonderland-Scapes, Sunday, Jan. 21, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Create a one-of-a-kind haiku book or painting of a winter scene using found text, images and natural watercolors. Open to ages 8 and up and a favorite adult. Space is limited to 10 adult/child pairs. Online registration is required.

Around the World in 30 Minutes, Friday, Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m. Infants to age 5 and their adult caregivers can 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. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.



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Townspeople



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Jeff Rask and his son Karl, 12, drink a toast at the 33rd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast at the Andover Country Club on Saturday morning.

Christian Men's Christmas Eve breakfast celebrates 33 years

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

There were faithful young boys sitting alongside the octogenarians representing several denominations as the annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast, hosted by the Andover Service Club, was once again held during the holy season.

Organizers said some 200 men gathered in song, prayer, fellowship, and shared a hearty breakfast

at Andover Country Club on Christmas Eve "Eve" morning, Saturday, Dec. 23. This was the 33rd annual breakfast event for the club. Always held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 was a Sunday this year, so the event was moved up a day.

"The breakfast was again a great gathering of Christian men spanning generations and representing nearly a dozen Christian denominations. Year after year, the feeling of brotherhood prevails as our group

celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Young boys and octogenarians alike delight in the fellowship, singing of carols, hearing an inspirational sermon all while enjoying the great food, fabulous service and ambiance of the Andover Country Club," said Jim Hackett of the Service Club.

The club's partner, Neighbors in Need, was re-supplied with diapers and other infant products thanks to the generous donations of attendees.



Frank Nigh, left, asks the crowd a trivia question about the Bible during the 33rd annual Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast.



Dylan Paige, 6, yucks it up.



Ben Minott, 5, left, and Joshua Depeiza, 6, enjoy some bacon.



Wearing a very festive hat, David Rosenberg makes his way through the buffet line.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store.

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Durrani offers another opportunity to design your life

Join Jennessa Durrani, Andover resident, entrepreneur, business owner and busy mother, for a two-hour interactive workshop on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Durrani will help attendees set their sights on living a life by design. Attendees will be asked to consider: Are you living a life by your own conscious design? Has everything been placed just right to give you the balance, space and time needed to help you flourish? Would you say you are thriving, or surviving?

The evening will include fun exercises and guided meditation with the goal of leaving with a clear view of how the future should look — what should be avoided — and what should be added.

Registration is recommended as space is limited. Reserve a seat at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

'Bag It' screening

"Bag It" will be shown in Memorial Hall on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. The film follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he tries to make sense of people's dependence on plastic bags.

The average American uses about 500 plastic bags each year, for about 12 minutes each. This single-use mentality has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean more than twice the size of Texas.

Although his quest starts out small, Berrier soon learns that the problem extends past landfills to oceans, rivers and ultimately human health.

A discussion will follow the 78-minute documentary.

The screening is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Planning for the future

Mathew Fabiani, a certified financial planner and chartered retirement planning counselor, will present an informative 45-minute discussion on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room. Topics will include savings

strategies, long-term care planning and retirement. Bring questions or come to listen and learn.

Fabiani is a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. He grew up in Andover and has provided financial advice, education and wealth management to individuals, families, and private businesses for nearly 10 years.

Registration is requested as space is limited. Visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to register.

N. American birds of prey to visit MHL

Hawks, falcons and owls will swoop into the library, accompanied by Jim Parks, of Wingmasters, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.

Wingmasters is an educational organization dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of North American birds of prey.

Parks' program will explain predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world.

Because many birds of prey are declining in number, the presentation will also feature one or more of the endangered raptors that Wingmasters care for, and explain why these species face an uncertain future.

Sponsored by the Friends of MHL, this program is recommended for children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Calling all parents, tweens and teens

Cheryl Todisco, Andover health teacher and YA librarian, will facilitate a discussion of "Posted" by John David Anderson on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parents and teens/tweens are invited to read and discuss the book.

This program is sponsored by Parent to Parent Andover and Memorial Hall Library.

Book sale planned

The Friends' Winter Book Sale will open with a Preview Night on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission to the Preview

Night is \$20 per person and free for current Friends' members.

The sale will continue on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, shoppers will be able to fill a bag for \$5 to \$7. DVDs and CDs will be four for \$1, and teachers can collect unsold books for their classrooms after 3 p.m.

Other events at the library include:

Career Networking Group, Thursdays, Jan. 4 and 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove 1. Join this free group to expand your network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated by Arleen Bradley, a certified career coach.

MHL's Thursday Movie, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. A free movie will be shown in the Activity Room.

For this month's selection, visit www.mhl.org/movies.

Adult Board Games, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. Play board games with other adults. Bring one from home or choose one from the library's collection.

Conversational English, Mondays, Jan. 8, 22 and 29, 10

a.m. to noon. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members are welcome. Call Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

Tech @ MHL: Tech Drop-In, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the Teen Room. Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles and other e-readers. Bring chargers, usernames and passwords.

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club, Thursday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Tech @ MHL: ebook Drop-In, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Learn how to download free ebooks and digital audiobooks through OverDrive. Bring a charged tablet, e-reader, library card and app store/Amazon log-in information.

All events take place at the library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

Lawrence General Hospital praised at annual meeting

STAFF REPORT

ANDOVER — Secretary Mary Lou Sudders of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services praised Lawrence General for being an “extraordinary gem” in the broader Massachusetts health care system.

Sudders was the keynote speaker at the hospital’s annual luncheon last month held at the Andover Country Club. LGH’s commitment to providing compassionate, high-quality care for the whole family was praised.

“If you live in Andover, Lawrence and the surrounding communities — unless there is some extraordinarily complicated medical condition that warrants the need to be in an academic medical center — you have a stellar institution right here,” Scudders said.

The event also included remarks by former Andover School Committeewoman Debra Rahmin Silberstein, Esq., who is now chair of the Lawrence General Board of Trustees, and Dianne J. Anderson, RN, Lawrence General president and CEO.

Anderson reported on Lawrence General’s many



Mary Lou Sudders, secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, spoke recently in Andover.

Courtesy photo

achievements over the past year, most notably the opening of the Santagati Center for surgery, a leading-edge facility that supports highly complex surgical procedures

named in honor of Richard and Marilyn Santagati of Andover.

Other milestones include the opening of a second building in the Andover Medical

Center complex and a new satellite location in Methuen for laboratory services and imaging — both part of a broader strategy to bring services closer to the people

served by the hospital.

Lawrence General also earned an “A” in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, a national non-profit health care ratings

organization, recognizing the hospital’s deep commitment to keeping patients safe. These and many other subjects were discussed at the meeting.

Lawrence General Hospital is a regional, independent, nonprofit hospital. Serving more than 110,000 local residents, it offers more than 600 local providers, including primary care and many specialties, delivering caring and personalized treatment.

A designated Level III Trauma Center, Lawrence General has one of the busiest Emergency Departments in Massachusetts, offers a broad range of specialty surgeries in its new Santagati Center for surgery, and leads the region in cardiac care with its highly accredited cardiovascular center. It has clinical affiliations with Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. It offers services from its main campus in Lawrence, as well as from locations in Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Salem, New Hampshire.

For more information, visit www.lawrencegeneral.org.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago—Jan. 4, 1918

The Colonial Theatre, Essex Street, under the management of Samuel Resnick, is to be opened in the near future. The manager of this theatre has planned an absolutely new system and new features, with a thoroughly respectable line of photo-plays which will be in accord with the aesthetic tastes of the Andover people.

An electric car bound from Wilson’s Corner to Elm Square crashed into a Boston & Reading prepayment car bound for Lawrence at the switch in Elm Square, Andover, Tuesday evening at 5:45 p.m. The motor-man of the prepayment car jumped and escaped injury. The front vestibule of both cars and the tenders were damaged to some extent.

The Rockport fish market of Reading will open a branch fish market in Andover about the 15th of the month. The location will be in the Post-office building, Essex Street, and will occupy the corner room

towards the Square.

75 Years Ago—Jan. 14, 1943

The question of religious education in the public schools, which caused a great deal of discussion last summer, when it was first brought before the school committee by the Andover Minister’s Association, will highlight the annual meetings of at least two local churches during the coming week. The plan...would call for the assignment of certain periods each week in which children of the different faiths could be taught religion under the supervision of their respective churches.

In one of the most thought provoking lectures heard here in some time, Fulton Oursler, well-known author and editor, told a large gathering of November club members Monday afternoon that the last war did not end in a permanent peace because the warring interests at home made it absurd to look for cooperation and harmony between nations that had just laid down their arms.

News of young Andover sounds a good deal like news of old Andover this week. At least School street residents may have thought

so yesterday when they looked out their windows to behold a team of horses towing a Phillips Academy hockey squad of about 20 youngsters down to the railroad station to embark for a game with the M.I.T Fresh.

50 Years Ago — Jan. 4, 1968

Twenty inches of snow blankets Andover. The town’s new snow loader was a real work saver this week when it came time to remove the mountain of snow pushed back by plows in the wake of the year’s first snow storm. The DPW does not have a tally on the number of truckloads of snow hauled away from downtown streets, but it is piling up to be a mountain that could last ‘til spring. The snow is dumped on an embankment between High Street and Burnham Road.

Dr. Louis Galbiati, chairman of the School Committee for the past two years, announced to fellow committee members on Tuesday that he does not plan to try for a second term.

Stephen J. Newcombe, 21, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Lukas, live at 28 Riverina Road, was commissioned an Army second lieutenant on completion of the Ordnance Officer

Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., November 30.

25 Years Ago —Jan. 7, 1993

An Andover family of three was killed Sunday when the tour bus they were in crashed and burned near Cancun, Mexico. Sung J. “SJ” Chen, 53, his wife, Yu Ling “Eileen” Chen, 45, and their child Ahn Ahn Chen, 6, a student at Sanborn School, all of 36 Algonquin Ave., were killed when the bus skidded off a rain slicked road and slammed into a power line.

Andover High School’s Eric Danis flies in for a layup against a frustrated New Bedford defensive line as the Golden Warriors chalk up another victory last Saturday, upping their record to 5-1 at that time.

Andover High School students had an unexpected extra day of winter vacation Monday, when the school was closed due to an electrical problem. Damage from a fire in the school’s air conditioning units shut down the school’s intercom system, one of the buildings’ two elevators, and lighting in several areas including 18 classrooms and some stairwells.

The benefits of delaying retirement

John Spoto

Financially Speaking



For many Americans, the concept of a traditional retirement, 30 or more years of leisure after a productive career, is neither realistic nor appealing. Increased life expectancy, better health, and the desire to remain active and productive into their 70s, 80s and even 90s are prompting them to re-examine the concept of retirement.

For some, financial realities play the central role in the decision to continue working. The effects of the most recent financial crisis on retirement savings and expectations for lower future investment returns are encouraging those of all economic levels to reconsider whether their nest eggs can support 30 or more years of withdrawals to cover retirement spending.

According to Wharton professor Olivia Mitchell, this trend toward working longer is a return to the realities of the early 1900s before the advent of Social Security and what we now consider the “old-fashioned” plans that pay monthly benefits for life. Back then, people worked for as long as they were physically able.

“Sitting around and doing nothing was an alien concept,” says Mitchell. Now, due to factors including the shift away from those pension plans, concerns regarding the viability of Social Security and the realization that retirement can last decades, the historical trend toward retiring earlier began to reverse itself starting in the 1990s.

However, to conclude that people are delaying retirement solely for economic reasons would be ignoring the influence of other important considerations. A survey of wealthy individuals conducted by Barclays Capital suggested that many of those who could otherwise afford to retire without financial worries are choosing to work for as long as they can. They view interesting work as a means to stay engaged, challenged and productive, and contribute to society.

The financial benefits of working longer should not be overlooked and cannot be overestimated. It is one of the most important factors for achieving retirement security because it impacts an individual’s finances in many ways, such as:

■ Savings on health care costs. Employer subsidized

health insurance is one of the primary reasons many people stay in the workforce.

■ Increased retirement benefits. For those eligible to receive a monthly pension annuity, additional years of service may increase the monthly lifetime benefit.

■ Larger nest egg and fewer withdrawals. Employees who participate in 401(k) type plans can make additional tax-deferred contributions and allow their investments to grow for a longer period. Also, fewer years of withdrawals means your nest egg will last longer.

■ Larger Social Security benefits. For each year you delay taking Social Security benefits after your full retirement age (and up to age 70), you will increase the benefit you receive by about 8 percent. It is nearly impossible to find a safe investment that yields such an outstanding return.

These larger checks will improve your (and your spouse’s) retirement security, especially in old age when you may need it most.

For many, economic well-being is only part of the argument for working longer. Studies on healthy aging conducted by researchers at leading universities and think tanks support the notion that working later in life offers physical, psychological and emotional benefits to older people. The reasons are simple. First, interesting work requires that individuals utilize their social skills and cognitive abilities which help them retain them longer. Second, a person’s desire to work, contribute their talents and be appreciated allows them to maintain a sense of purpose. In other words, it is a great reason to get up in the morning.

This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended to provide specific advice on individual financial, tax, or legal matters. Please consult the appropriate professional concerning your specific situation before making any decisions.

John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533 or visit www.sentryfinancialplanning.com.

TOWN BRIEFS

Get involved with the Andover Trails Committee

The Andover Trails Committee is making it easier than ever for people to join in the fun.

Five new sub-groups have been created, each with its own purpose, for people to participate in. Members of the Bay Circuit Trail help maintain and promote Andover’s section of this amazing 200-mile walking trail. The Trail Maintenance and Projects group takes care of everything great and small. Those involved with the Communications group handle the website, social media, email and more. Volunteers with the Hikes & Events group show all that nature has to offer. And the Community Paths group is in charge of maintaining and promoting the neighborhood trails.

Sign up for one or more of the groups at www.andovertrails.org. Volunteers will hear from the leader of the group, or groups, they’ve joined sometime in January.

Special Town Meeting planned

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 29, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, Shawshen Road. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for non-registered voters is Friday, Jan. 19. The Town Clerk’s office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

for voter registration.

The Finance Committee Report and warrant will be mailed to each household in town by Monday, Jan. 22.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communications, as specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act. To make arrangements, call Candace Hall, ADA coordinator, at 978-623-8500 as soon as possible.

All Town Meeting attendees must be checked into the meeting through the entrance lobby of the auditorium. Voters must check-in at their precinct table. Residents may visit the town website at www.andoverma.gov, on the Town Clerk’s page, to search for their precinct. To avoid delays at check-in, it is recommended that voters know their precinct before arriving at the Town Meeting.

Call the Town Clerk’s office at 978-623-8230 if there are any questions.

Residents will soon receive the 2018 Town Census

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

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census in January should call the Town Clerk’s office at 978-623-8230.

All registered voters must return the census or risk removal from the voter rolls, per state law. Non-registered voters are also required to

return the annual census. This information is commonly used to verify a person’s residency for public school admission, military benefits, and in-state tuition reductions.

Residents cannot register to vote using the census form. To check to see if you are registered to vote, and to find information on how to register to vote, visit www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. To register to vote online, go to www.registertovotema.com. A license or ID issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles is needed to apply online.

Dog license renewal notices have been mailed

Dog license renewal notices were mailed to residents in early December.

The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$13 with proof from a veterinarian. Intact dogs are \$14. All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination. The town’s renewal notice will indicate the information on file regarding rabies vaccination expiration and gender. Supplemental documentation from a veterinarian will be required if the information is not current.

Residents may now renew their dog’s registration at the Town Clerk’s office, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Renewals will also be accepted through the mail by mailing a check, made payable to the Town of Andover, along with the required documentation, to the Town Clerk’s office, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810.

Renewals received after

Wednesday, Feb. 28, will be assessed a cumulative administrative fee of \$5 per month.

For more information, call the Town Clerk’s office at 978-623-8230 or email townclerk@andoverma.gov.

Andover Community Trust seeks support for recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents’ recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford. Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community.

Andover Community Trust’s recycling program is easy to implement and entirely free. Simply encourage colleagues, friends and family to drop off their used name-brand toner (Brother, Canon, HP and Lexmark) and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, HP and Lexmark) at 2 Dundee Park, Suite B02A.

Businesses can register as official “Business Supporters” of Andover Community Trust. FundingFactory provides Business Supporters everything they need for free, including prepaid shipping labels and/or boxes. The volume and value of business-related toner cartridges can give a tremendous boost to Andover Community Trust’s fundraising balance. Business owners can go to www.fundingfactory.com/register/support.aspx for more information.



According to AccuWeather.com, "a major storm is forecast to spin up just off the coast for the second half of the week."



Morning commuters bundled up from the cold board the MBTA train at the Andover station.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Forecast: Cold and snowy followed by more cold

STAFF REPORT

As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather in New England, wait five minutes.

Unfortunately, in this case it means the air is just going to get colder while a combination of factors may bring a big snowstorm to the region midweek.

According to AccuWeather.com, "a major storm is forecast to spin up just off the coast for the second half of the week."

The storm, according to AccuWeather, "will brew over the western part of the Atlantic Ocean, within several hundred miles of the United States coast later Wednesday and Wednesday night.

"How close to the coast the storm tracks will determine how far west and how much snow falls," said AccuWeather Long-Range Meteorologist Max Vido.



Morning commuters bundled up from the cold wait for the MBTA train to come to a stop while snow flies off its roof at the Andover station.

AccuWeather meteorologists believe the storm will rapidly strengthen as Arctic air remains in place. The strengthening storm will kick up strong winds and cause heavy seas along much of the

Atlantic coast. If it doesn't snow, there will still be strong winds and continuing cold air through the weekend.

Winds alone may be strong enough to cause airline delays at

the major hubs in the Northeast from Washington, D.C., to Philadelphia, New York City and Boston during the latter part of this week.

Information for this article was taken from AccuWeather.com.

"Because of the magnitude of the cold air, it is not a question of rain or snow for most areas from the Carolinas to Maine, but rather how much, if any snow will fall from the storm," Vido said.



A morning commuter bundled up from the cold walks toward the platform for the MBTA train at the Andover station.



An exhaust pipe blows smoke in Andover as locals brave frigid single-digit temperatures in the Merrimack Valley on Dec. 28.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:45 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by Andover MCB, LLC for a Special Permit for Major Non-Residential Project under Section 9.4.8. of the Andover Zoning Bylaw. The application is to construct a 16,000 +/- s.f. accessory employee amenities building and for the Planning Board to allow construction of a future three-story, 52,000 +/- s.f. office building that was previously permitted by this Board, on property owned by Andover MCB, LLC, located at 20 New England Business Center Drive, Andover, MA, being more specifically identified as Assessors Map 142 Lot 2D.

The application may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Austin Simko, Chairman
AT - 1/4, 1/11/18

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for furnishing the following will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The time received will be stamped on each bid and for a consistency of time, the time stamp clock in the Purchasing Office will be the determining time.

ITEM
IFB No. 019/01-18/185
High Plain School Athletic Field Accessibility Project
BID OPENING
January 26, 2018
3:00 PM
Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at www.andoverma.gov/bids.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested parties on January 10, 2018, @ 10:00 AM. Meet at the Main Entrance to the High Plain Elementary School, 333 High Plain Rd., Andover, MA, 01810.

A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid will be required.

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Thomas P. Watkins
Purchasing Agent
AT - 1/4/18



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Sports

REMEMBERING 2017

Taking a look back at the year in Andover High sports

By DAVID WILLIS
dwillis@eagletribune.com

When the ball dropped on 2017, so ended my 10th year covering high school sports for the Andover Townsman.

That's right, it has been a decade since I took the reins of the Townsman sports section from Rick Harrison, the now-retired local legend, in 2007.

When I started at the Townsman, Mike Pierce was starring at quarterback for the Golden Warriors, Tucker Mullin was dazzling in hockey and Christina Muccio was an inspirational star on the track. And that's just a few of the standouts from my first year on the job.

Since then, every season has been special, and 2017 was certainly no different.

So, with the confetti of the New Years parties cleaned up, and the leftovers being polished off, lets take a look back at some of the best memories from 2017 in Andover High sports.

Superstar seasons

She is now starring at Merrimack College, but it was just a year ago that Alyssa Casey was a superstar for Andover High.

After missing her junior season due to injury, Casey bounced right back last winter. She finished the year averaging 21.0 points and 7.8 rebounds a game. She finished her career with 1,197 points and 621 rebounds in only three seasons.

Right next to her was fellow star senior Jillian Webber. She averaged 16.1 points, 8.5 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game last winter.

Just a sophomore, it seems like Mac Lee has done it all for the Andover golf team. Just 13-years-old, Lee was runner-up for conference MVP and won 12 matches from the No. 1 spot this fall. He also won 11 NEPGA Junior tournaments (ages 12-13) over the summer.

Devin Connell is heading to run track for Duke University for a reason. In the spring, he set the Andover High record in the 800 (1:53.96) after he broke a 52-year-old Golden Warrior school record in the 1,000 (2:30.57) in the winter. Track teammate Matt McDermott delivered a monster spring in the shot put. He placed 10th at New Balance Nationals (156-6) and took gold at MVCs (150-1) and Andover Boosters (149-4).

For Andover girls track, Kassie Brink upset the field for the Division 1 title in the triple jump and Hannah Lansberry starred in the 400.

Josh Gruenberg vaulted himself into the ace role for the Andover baseball team in the spring. The lefty led Warriors in wins (6-1), ERA (1.23) and innings pitched (45.2). Cedric Gillette did it all while Dan Gemmill, who lost his senior football season to injury, came



Staff file photos

Mia Galat's dominance helped lead Andover swimming to another state title this fall.



Hanna Medwar scored a goal to help lead Andover field hockey to the Division 1 state title.

back for baseball and hit .382 with 13 RBIs and 11 runs.

Everyone knew Max Beati as a football player. In fact, he recently committed to play football at Brown. But last winter was a huge season on the court for the Golden Warriors. The towering 6-8, 300 pounder averaged 11.9 points and 11.0 rebounds.

Worth the wait

Nick Dellatto spent the first three years of his high school career behind E.J. Perry IV, one of the most prolific QBs in Massachusetts history. But given his chance this fall, Dellatto made the most of it.

The senior stepped in to throw for 2,117 yards and 19 touchdowns. That despite missing a game with an ankle injury he played through on Thanksgiving.

Maddie Mucher delivered her best season on the soccer field as a senior. She led Andover in goals (10) and assists (7), earning her

second All-MVC honors. Team-mate Maddie Rhodes also starred on defense.

In boys soccer, Eoin Stack spend most of his career as a backup. But he delivered in his year in the spotlight. He scored a hat trick in a win over Lawrence, and was named All-MVC.

Goals, and stopping them

Michael Biddle will play lacrosse at UMass Amherst this spring, and he ended his Andover career on a high note in 2017. The four-year letterman tallied 37 goals last fall. On the defensive end, Ryan Puglisi and Tom Mapstone were stalwarts.

Andover boys hockey fell just short of its first trip to the elite Super 8 tournament last winter, and advanced to the Division 1 North final. Caeden Dillman (15 goals) and Michael Reilly (14 goals) led the Warriors.

But no one was more crucial to the hockey team's success than



Nothing was getting past Zach Laramie last winter, leading Andover to the Division 1 North title game. He was one of the major highlights of 2017.

goalie Zach Laramie. The then-senior finished with a 1.38 goals-against average and seven shutouts.

Speaking of star goalies, on the girls side Sean D'Urso finished last winter with a 1.85 goals-against average.

Another year, another title

It never gets old for Marilyn Fitzgerald and the Andover girls swim team, which took home another title this past fall.

The Warriors won 10 out of 12 events and easily cruised to the program's fourth consecutive state championship and 15th in the last 19 years with a total score of 488.5.

Mia Galat, who would go on to be named Massachusetts Division 1 Swimmer of the Year, won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly and swam on the 400 freestyle relay to lead the way.

"I'm just so proud of my team. I couldn't have imagined doing it with anyone else," said senior star Sophia Ju.

Back on top

The Andover field hockey team left nothing to doubt, surging past Longmeadow 2-0 to earn the MIAA Division 1 state title. Hanna Medwar and Julia Carzo each scored a goal in the title game, while the Warriors did not allow a single shot on goal. They finished the season 22-0-1.

The win marked the field hockey program's third state title (2010, 2011).

"We wanted this so bad, and we work so well together. We're such a family," said Emma Farnham. "We just wanted it more than ever. All our hard work paid off."

The girls volleyball team nearly added a third title to the fall, before falling in the Division 1 semifinals. All-Scholastic Alexis Mancha logging 265 assists, 220 digs, 177 kills and 58 aces for the season. Sarah Shattuck was also an All-Scholastic.

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Fraiser, girls hockey shock unbeaten Methuen/Tewksbury

GIRLS HOCKEY

Sophomore Laren Fraiser scored her first varsity goal and Emily Wagner dazzled on defense while adding two assists as Andover handed Methuen/Tewksbury its first loss of the season, 3-0 on Saturday. Goalie Sean D'Urso made 15 saves for the shutout.

Emma Gilmartin and Emily Wagner each scored a goal as Andover beat Matignon 2-0 last Wednesday. Sean D'Urso needed to make just eight saves for the shutout.

Despite an Allison Wright goal, Andover lost to Braintree 3-1 last Thursday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bramanti's effort for naught

Andover was not going to give up its Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic championship without a fight.

The No. 4 Warriors calmly chipped away at a 12-point halftime deficit, and thanks to a massive performance from junior Gia Bramanti (career-high 28 points) sent their semifinal matchup with top-seeded Bishop Guertin into overtime.

But the two-time defending New Hampshire champion Cardinals converted in the extra frame, and came away with the 56-53 last Thursday.

"Credit to Bishop Guertin, they came out really well in that first half," said Andover coach Alan Hibino. "What we said at the half is that you can't make up a 12-point deficit in one possession. So it starts one possession at a time. Next thing you know the Warriors are fighting right back in it."

Andover trailed 54-50 with nine seconds left in OT when Bramanti nailed her fourth 3-pointer of the game with 0.7 seconds left. The Warriors were able to get the foul, but after two made BG free throws they didn't have the time to put up a last-second shot.

Taylor Landry added 13 points for Andover.

Gia Bramanti scored a team-high 16 points, but Andover fell to Cape Ann foe Pentucket in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic third place game on Saturday.

Sarah Sullivan, Shea Krekorian and Taylor Landry each had seven points. The Warriors had to play without Landry, their junior point guard, who fouled out midway through the fourth quarter.

"Andover played really well. They were doing everything that we couldn't figure out," said Pentucket coach John McNamara.

Taylor Landry and Gia Bramanti each scored 15 points and defending champion Andover

rolled over North Andover 65-34 in the first round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last Wednesday. Caroline McDonald added 12 points and Tatum Shaw had eight points for the winners.

"We really wanted this one," said McDonald, Andover's lone senior and sole captain. "There's nothing like playing in the Christmas Tournament."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Gillette drains eight 3's

Cedric Gillette rained in eight 3-pointers and had a game-high 29 points to lead Andover past Londonderry, 76-72, in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic consolation round on Friday. His eight three's were one behind Methuen's Michael Gorman's tournament record of nine in a single game.

Gillette scored 14 of his points in the fourth quarter to fuel an Andover comeback. Trailing 56-47 heading into the final frame, he drained three of his long balls in the final eight minutes as the Warriors outscored the Lancers 29-16 in the final frame.

Emmitt Kim dropped 23 points for Andover, and Kyle Rocker had 11.

Andover's Emmett Kim scored 17 first half points and finished with a game-high 27 points to lead the Golden Warriors to a 71-61 victory over feisty North

Andover in the Commonwealth Classic fifth place game on Saturday.

Sophomore Kyle Rocker chipped in with 21 points for the Golden Warriors, while Cedric Gillette had 11 points including three 3-pointers.

Andover's Stephen Shaw scored a team-high 11 points as the Golden Warriors fell to eventual champion St. John's Prep 63-42 in the first round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last Wednesday.

SWIMMING

Grover on fire

Zach Grover won the 200 medley relay (2:02.05) and the 100 backstroke (56.77) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay as Andover beat Acton-Boxboro 100-85 last Thursday. William Qian won the 100 butterfly and Richard Li took the 500 freestyle for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Schuwerk scores

Matt Schuwerk scored a goal as Andover played Waltham to a 1-1 tie on Saturday.

TRACK

Andover splits

The Andover girls beat Methuen 75-25 last Wednesday. The Golden Warrior boys fell to Methuen 66-33 last Wednesday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Andover at Chelmsford, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Andover at Central Catholic, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Chelmsford at Andover, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Central Catholic at Andover, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 10
Andover at Westford Academy, 5:50 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Central Catholic at Andover, 5:50 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Saturday, Jan. 13
Andover at Central Catholic, 7 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Thursday, Jan. 11
Lawrence at Andover, 4 p.m.

BOYS SKIING

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Andover at Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
Andover at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SKIING

Monday, Jan. 8
Andover at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Andover at Georgetown, 3:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 10
Andover at Haverhill, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Andover at Woburn, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Andover at St. John's Prep, 4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Haverhill at Andover, 3:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 11
Andover at Tewksbury, 7 p.m.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	COLD	COLD				
Snow, 2-4" total	Colder	Windy and frigid	Not as cold	Not as cold	Snow and sleet	Snow or flurries
High: 28° Low: 10°	High: 14° Low: -2°	High: 6° Low: -9°	High: 18° Low: 15°	High: 36° Low: 27°	High: 36° Low: 13°	High: 27° Low: 13°

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■ SEE WHAT'S IN STORE AT BOOMERVENTURE

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 offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Exercise and Wellness
Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m., by advance

appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing, healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day before to hold a spot.

Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter: Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical

way; \$5. All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8320 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

■ ON CAMPUS

Scott Bullwinkel Campbell, Grant Dolan Hespeler and Ji Won Won earned bachelor's degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst this past September.

Daniela Friedman, a freshman at Chapel Hill — Chauncy Hall School in Waltham, has been named to the high honor roll for the fall 2017 trimester.

Conservation Commission volunteers sought

The Andover Conservation Commission seeks volunteers to help with the Retelle Reservation Interpretive Project. The goal is to create a self-guided tour of the property to highlight its history, flora and fauna, and wildlife relationships through numbered stations, QR codes and descriptive panels.

The commission is seeking volunteers with skills in graphic design and art to

create maps and interpretive panels; mapping and GIS; historical research; naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna and their interrelationships; and QR coding.

The project is the initiative of Kevin Porter, the commission's vice chairman and overseer coordinator; and Willow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

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