



Community briefing

al Society is seeking volunteers and the Historical Commission Memorial Library into a museum moves into the new building location. Volunteers are needed to perform tasks, including exhibit photography, oral history tape transcription. There is an immediate need for training to help the museum obtain volunteers. To volunteer, call Sharon Garde

— Sally Heaney

LINGTON

TOWN OFFICIALS — Assistant Fire and Lieutenant Steven Yetman died in a car crash last Monday as the town's fire chief. Callahan replaces Foran, who retired Oct. 31.

— Alexander Reid

CONCORD

PROTECTION ACT ADOPTED — Voters passed a 1.5 percent surcharge to protect the Community Preservation Act. The town's first national fast-food Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Thursday off Ayer Road, near the town center. Townsend developers Stefano and his partners are operating the shops, which will be open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Collectively have 29 full- and part-time jobs, Catalano said.

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SELECTMEN — Selectmen at Monday

residents doing fall cleanups. The center, which is located at the Spindler DPW Complex, 166 Chestnut St., is open daily from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The center will be open on Sundays through Nov. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. for the disposal of leaves and grass clippings only. The center closes for the season on Nov. 28 and will reopen in April.

— Caroline Louise Cole

READING

FUMES AFFECT STUDENTS, TEACHER — Seven students and a teacher at the Wood End Elementary were treated at a local hospital last Tuesday when fumes from roof work at the new school left them feeling dizzy. Superintendent of Schools Patrick Schettini said roofing contractors were repairing a leak, and fumes from the adhesive seeped into two classrooms and an office. No one was seriously injured. Schettini said future roof repairs would be done when school is not in session.

— Christine McConville

SHIRLEY

MEETING WITH HABITAT — Representatives of Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts Inc. will meet with selectmen at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 to discuss possible affordable-housing projects, Town Administrator Kyle Keady said. The group is spearheading support for an affordable single-family house that will be built off Shirley Street in Ayer.

— Davis Bushnell

STONEHAM

ELECTION RESULTS — The polls at Colonial Park Elementary School reflected the closeness of the nation's presidential race this past Tuesday. During a mock schoolwide election, the students were tied in their choice for the president. Both George W. Bush and John F. Kerry received 116 votes from the students, who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. Their parents, however, heavily favored Kerry, the Democratic candidate. In Stoneham's "real election," Kerry earned 6,921 votes to Bush's 4,725.

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