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North Andover sets voter registration deadline to Feb. 10

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CARL RUSSO Staff photo The Merrimack Valley YMCA Community Impact Report annual meeting and volunteer awards was held Thursday night on January 14th. Volunteer award recipients, front row from left, Lawrence Branch, David Louis of North Andover; Merrimack Valley Board of Directors, John Fouhy of North Andover; Merrimack Valley Board of Trustees, Robert Baker of Swampscott; Andover/North Andover Branch, Yin Lu of North Andover and Camping Services Branch, John Farrington of Atkinson. Back row, Michael Mancuso, Chairman of YMCA Board of Trustees and Gary Morelli, President & CEO of the YMCA made presentations. Missing from the photo is volunteer recipient Mike Solomon, Methuen Branch Board of Managers. 1/14/2016

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NORTH ANDOVER — Residents have until Feb. 10 to register to vote if they want to participate in the upcoming Massachusetts Presidential Primary, according to Town Clerk Joyce Bradshaw.

Feb. 10 will also be the deadline for registered voters who wish to change their party enrollment to either another party or "unenrolled," commonly referred to as independent.

Town Hall, temporarily located at 1600 Osgood St. Suite 2043, will open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 for residents who wish to change their party registration status or register to vote for the first time.

The presidential primary will take place on March 1. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 978-688-9501.

Valentine's dance at Methuen Senior Activity Center

METHUEN — The Methuen Senior Activity Center will hold a Valentine's Day Dance next week.

The dance will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the center, 77 Lowell St. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome to attend. The event is sponsored by students of the Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen.

Tickets on sale, donations sought for Knights of Columbus "Irish Knight"

METHUEN — Tickets are on sale for the Saint Monica's Knights of Columbus Council 14725's seventh annual "Irish Knight" in March.

The event features a corned beef and cabbage meal along with entertainment from John Connors and the Irish Express. Irish-themed attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$30 per person. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 19. The Saint Monica's Knights of Columbus said they expect a "sell-out crowd" of around 180 people.

For those unable to attend, donations are welcome to contribute to the Knights' charitable community work. Donations can be monetary or in the form of gift items for the Irish Knight raffle, and all donors will be announced at the event.

Checks can be made payable to Saint Monica Council 14725. Donations or gift cards can be mailed to Eric M. Alaimo, Saint Monica Knights of Columbus Council 14725, 254 Merrimack St., Methuen, MA 01844.

For more information, email the Knights at saintmonicaknights@verizon.net.

NECC holds info session for prospective personal care attendants

LAWRENCE — An information session for individuals interested in becoming personal care attendants (PCAs) for the elderly and disabled, will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 10-11:30 a.m. at NECC Riverwalk. This is mandatory for anyone interested in enrolling in a free, pilot PCA Fundamentals program offered at Northern Essex Community College.

The 25-hour PCA training program classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., March 28 through April 13. This grant-funded program trains individuals in direct care skills used to help the elderly and disabled populations live independently.

Individuals interested in attending the information session must register in advance by contacting Dianne (Dee) Lahaye at dlahaye@necc.mass.edu or 978-659-1222.

This program is ideal for those interested in learning the basic skills and knowledge to enter this in-demand, fast growing field which also serves as a gateway to other health care professions. The current pay for PCAs is \$13.68 an hour and work can be part time or full time.

The PCA program reviews the roles and responsibilities of the PCA, consumer rights, confidentiality and ethics, communication, best practices for infection control and reducing worker injury, basic first aid and CPR, life skills, resume writing and interview preparation.

Interested individuals must attend an information session and be eligible to work in the United States to enroll. Participants must attend all training days.

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