A new pet boarding facility has opened in Tyngsborough. Best Friends Pet Hotel offers overnight standard and luxury suites for dogs, as well as doggy day camp, dog training, and grooming services. But cats aren’t left out — Kitty City offers boarding for felines, complete
with natural lighting for sunbathing, as well as a giant fish tank and bird feeder viewing areas. Luxury suites include “Pet Chatz,” so that pet parents can Facetime their furry friends and give out treats through a mobile app. The pet hotel is located at 2 Technology Drive. Visit www.bestfriends-petcare.com.

The Concert Singers of Greater Lynn will begin rehearsals for its spring concerts on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn, 101 Forest Road, Swampscott. The following Tuesdays — Jan. 15 and 22 — also will be open rehearsals, where prospective members can try out the music and considering joining. The May 2019 season’s theme will be “Back to Broadway,” including medleys from five Broadway shows. Potential members must sign up by Jan. 22. Membership dues are $20 for the semester. For more information, contact chorus member Peggy Oleson at 781-639-4558 or music director William Sano at 978-744-4787.

A professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell recently received a national award for her research in the field of criminology. Jill Portnoy, an assistant professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, was presented the Early Career Award from the American Society of Criminology. The award recognizes individuals who offer significant contributions to research on criminology. Portnoy researched the biological and social factors that can explain and predict aggressive, impulsive, and risky behavior.

A program that helps overdose patients link to long-term recovery programs recently expanded to North Shore Medical Center. Bridgewell will make 10 recovery coaches available at Union Hospital in Lynn and Salem Hospital who understand addiction firsthand. Coaches respond immediately to the hospital to develop relationships with the patients and begin discussion options for treatment. The growth of the program follows the success of a similar 24/7 emergency response program in 2017 at Union Hospital.

Puddingstone Place, a program that works to improve the quality of life for people with autism and other developmental disabilities, recently opened its third location in Danvers. The programming was developed by Dr. Howard C. Shane of Boston Children’s Hospital. Communication, behavior, and occupational therapy services are offered at the center, at home, or in conjunction with school staff. The center opened locations in Wellesley and Middleborough earlier this year. Visit www.puddingstoneplace.com.
Middlesex Community College will launch its new technical theatre certificate program at the start of the spring 2019 semester. The 18-credit certificate is designed to prepare students for backstage employment in performance and entertainment. It includes music technology, computer-aided design, electric circuitry, sound and lighting design, costume construction, and safety. The spring semester begins on Jan. 22 on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. Visit middlesex.mass.edu/registration.

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