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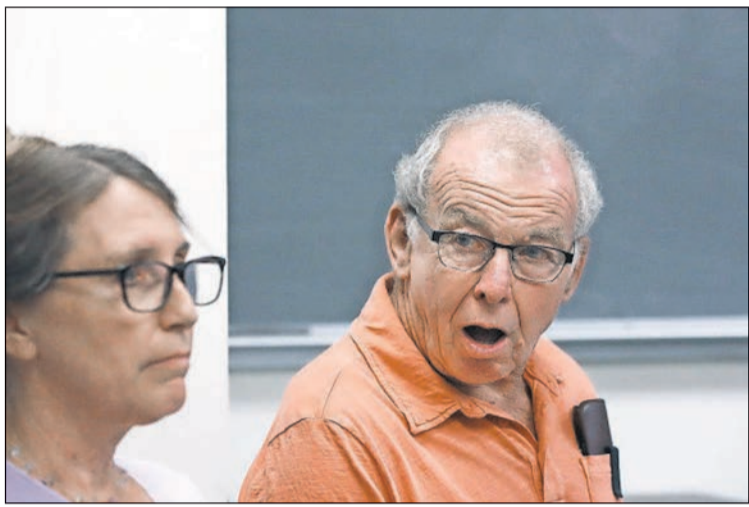
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## Dog accused of biting neighbors is euthanized by owner

Douglas Dukeshire looks over to his wife, Sandy, during a meeting at Town Hall on Monday as he reacts to the news that a dog accused of biting them and others has been euthanized.

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## Residents tell their stories at police hearing

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer

A dog that was accused of biting several Andover residents has been euthanized, police said.

Attorney James Krasnoo, who represented the dog's owner, Catherine Mazzuchi, presented a letter with the following message at a hearing Monday night:

"Kokomo Mazzuchi, neutered Siberian husky mix, was euthanized at River

Road Veterinary Hospital on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 at 3:45 p.m. by Dr. George Fountas, DVM."

The letter was signed by Fountas.

Police Chief Patrick O'Keefe was scheduled to hold the hearing to determine whether Kokomo was a danger to the community.

Mazzuchi did not attend the hearing. Krasnoo declined to speak to a reporter before leaving Town Hall.

Douglas and Sandra Dukeshire, of 2 Penni Lane were among eight people who attended what turned out to be a brief hearing. Both said they had been bitten by Kokomo.

"We begged them (Mazzuchi and her family) to get a muzzle," Sandra Dukeshire said.

Douglas Dukeshire said he was bitten by Kokomo "right in our driveway" in March 2018. Mazzuchi's daughter See **DOG**, Page 2

## Schools prepare to open



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Sarah Lane, a seventh-grade English and language arts teacher at West Middle School in Andover, gets some help from former student Michaela Buckley, 13, to set up her classroom for the coming school year.

## 2 new principals take over when classes start next week

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Nestled among thousands of kids on the first day of school in Andover next week will be two new principals and a new performing arts coordinator for the school system. West Elementary School and West Middle School has new principals this year. They are replacing

two longtime principals who retired last spring with 59 years of Andover school experience between them. Former West Middle Principal Becky Franks had 25 years on the job while former West Elementary Principal Liz Roos had 34 years of experience, according to school officials. They were among 24 faculty members in the School Department who retired at the end of

the last school year. Two experienced school leaders from outside the district are carrying on the leadership roles. Both are former teachers who went on to earn master's degrees and work in school administration. Andover's new performing arts coordinator is also from outside the district.

Here's a closer look at Andover's new principals

and performing arts coordinator:

**Tim Corkery** is the new West Middle School principal. He is an Andover native and former West Middle student, who worked as the principal of Nettle Middle School in Haverhill since 2014. Under Corkery's leadership, Nettle School's scholastic achievement improved tremendously. See **SCHOOL**, Page 2

## Mosquitoes with EEE found in Andover

### Officials urge residents to cover up, wear repellent

By BREANNA EDELSTEIN  
Staff writer

Two collections of mosquitoes in the Abbot Street area recently tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, or the EEE virus, town officials said.

A statement from the town said the mosquitoes tested were trapped on Aug. 13, and were of a species that is known to bite humans.

As a result of these positive tests, the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District placed a supplemental mosquito trap in the area, officials said. They said larvicide was also used.

Officials said the town's Board of Health planned to meet with a state entomologist to discuss the test results.

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## Nurses visit Sweden to talk about drug abuse

### Andover woman among group discussing prevention

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Three nursing directors and one regional school nurse consultant traveled to Sweden to present on "The Role of the School Nurse in Substance Use Prevention" at an international conference last month.

Knowing firsthand the impact school nurses have on students, the nurses combined their knowledge and experiences to generate a presentation that was widely received by those

from all over the world in attendance.

Of the four women, two brought representation from the Merrimack Valley — Rita Casper, director of nursing services from Andover public schools, and Shynyn Toulouse, regional school nurse consultant from Haverhill public schools.

"In the region and throughout the state, we have had a problem with an opioid epidemic," Toulouse said. "Typically these things can start in early

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## Columbia Gas says second phase of repairs 'substantially' completed

### Company president updates public, media

By BREANNA EDELSTEIN  
Staff writer

Columbia Gas' presence in Andover, North Andover and Lawrence over the past 11 months is seen in hundreds of kitchens and driveways, on sidewalks and behind detour signs blocking torn up roads.

As the Sept. 13 anniversary of the Merrimack Valley gas disaster nears, the company responsible for the explosive damage across three communities last year has "substantially" completed its second phase of repairs, company President Mark Kempic said while addressing the media last week.

Kempic said Columbia Gas workers have paved more than 150 driveways, sidewalks and private streets, as well as four state roads. There have been 870 projects involving poured concrete, according to the company's tally. More than 3,500 properties have been aesthetically improved with seeding, in addition to landscaping and greenery.

The company has also replaced heating and gas appliances for thousands of customers impacted by the disaster resulting from an over-pressurized gas line.

"This fulfills Columbia Gas' commitment to replace by Sept. 15, 2019, those affected appliances and equipment in customers' homes which were only repaired in fall of 2018," a statement released by Columbia Gas last week read.

Kempic made clear as he addressed the media that "while we've done a lot of work, we have a lot to do. We're here for the long term."

The Lawrence Customer Care Center for in-person support will remain open until September 2020. A customer care line, which is used to call in issues related to appliances installed or repaired through Columbia Gas, will be running until May 2020.

To help curb heating bills, through the end of 2019 the company is providing free

insulation to homes in the three communities impacted, Columbia Gas officials said.

"We're going to continue to work with the communities impacted, rebuilding trust in those communities," Kempic said.

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera said in a statement that "long after Columbia Gas has repaired the last house, we will still be here picking up the pieces to make our community whole again."

Twenty-one homes still need work, after hundreds were severely damaged last year.

Kempic said work at 10 of the sites is on hold because of birds that cannot be disturbed while they live in chimneys.

Rivera said he trusts Joe Albanese, chief recovery officer for the state, and Commodore Builders that Columbia Gas is being truthful about its progress.

"But, in the spirit of trust but verify, members of the Lawrence Health and Human services division

will be making house calls and phone calls to check the status of all those affected in phase two," Rivera's statement said.

Rivera has been outspoken that Columbia Gas should lose its license, which he reiterated last week.

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# NURSES

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childhood if they're experimenting with substances." At the conference, which included 170 school nurses from 24 countries, Toulouse discussed in the presentation the universal student screenings mandated in Gov. Charlie Baker's opioid legislation signed in 2016.

The bill requires schools to annually conduct verbal substance misuse screenings on all students in two grade levels. The first is conducted at the middle-school age — either seventh or eighth grade — and the second at the high school age.

Toulouse said the screenings, though different in some countries, are conducted internationally.

"The question is, 'How can you work on decreasing substance use disorders in our youth, and ultimately decreasing the amount of overdoses in our adult population?'" Toulouse said.

Doreen Crowe, director of nursing services from Wilmington public schools, was among the four that traveled to Sweden for the conference. She said the message given regarding the crucial role of school nurses in substance use prevention was widely received by those in attendance.

"School nurses are in a pivotal position to provide primary prevention to students," she said. "We are able to have conversations with our students that we normally wouldn't have, and we are in a really good



A local group that went to Sweden to talk about drug abuse prevention includes, from left, Cathy Riccio, director of nursing services from Newburyport public schools; Rita Casper, director of nursing services from Andover public schools; Doreen Crowe, director of nursing services from Wilmington public schools; and Shanyyn Toulouse, regional school nurse consultant from Haverhill public schools.

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position to talk with our students about substance abuse."

Crowe said the topic started to see a rise in overdose deaths. Specifically, a nurse from Australia

and a nurse from Scotland stuck in Crowe's memory, as they both had a number

of questions for the group and said they have seen an increase in overdose deaths in their countries.

Crowe credited Narcan, a drug which reverses overdoses and is accessible to the public, for the leveled-off opioid death rate across the state.

The Department of Public Health cited 2,100 opioid-related deaths in Massachusetts in 2016, the peak of the crisis which reverberated across the United States.

In 2018, the DPH estimated a 4% decrease in the rate of opioid-related deaths compared to 2016. In the first three months of 2019, the department said there are 135 confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths and estimated there will be an additional 325 to 400 deaths.

"We hope that we are making an effect," said Crowe, stressing the importance of intervening with children at an early age and informing them of the danger of substance use.

The group of four spent one week in Sweden for the conference, and their presentation topic stemmed from work they had all done on screening programs.

"Thinking internationally, we thought, 'What would be interesting to folks in other countries that would represent not only the U.S., but specifically work that school nurses have been doing in Massachusetts?'" she said.

Cathy Riccio, director of nursing services from Newburyport public schools, also traveled to the conference.

# MOSQUITOES

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Mosquito spraying from truck-based applicators was planned for targeted areas this week.

Local health officials urge residents to follow these safety steps: be aware of peak mosquito hours, from dusk to dawn; cover up with long-sleeves, pants and socks; and wear mosquito repellent with DEET,

permethrin, picaridin, IR3535 or lemon eucalyptus oil.

Many mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, so limiting the number of places around homes for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water is encouraged. Homeowners should check rain gutters and drains, empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the EEE virus is a rare cause of brain infections or encephalitis. Very few human cases are reported across the U.S. each year, but EEE can be fatal or leave victims with serious complications and neurological problems, the CDC reports.

The Andover EEE news follows similar findings in Pelham this week.

While no humans in Pelham have tested positive for the virus there, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services identified batches of mosquitoes in that tested positive for EEE, according to Pelham Town Administrator Brian McCarthy.

Town officials said they planned to spray town fields, parks and schools to reduce mosquitoes in the area, according to McCarthy.

Those infected with the virus appear to have flu-like symptoms, including fever, headache, weakness, and muscle and joint pains, according to health officials.

Health officials say symptoms show up four to 10 days after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito.



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

During a hearing in Town Hall, Attorney James Krasnoo of Andover, representing the owner of a dog accused of biting several Andover residents, reads a letter from a veterinarian stating the dog has been euthanized.

# DOG

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Julia was walking Kokomo when "he blindsided me. He grabbed my arm and shook me violently," Douglas said.

The attack drew blood from his left arm, he said.

"He should have had stitches," Sandra said. A month after her husband was attacked, Sandra was bit on the left thigh by Kokomo, she said. On that occasion, Catherine

Mazzuchi was walking the dog, Sandra said. That bite bruised but did not break her skin, she said.

Lt. Edward Guy, spokesman for the Police Department, said Kokomo bit people over "an extended period of time." Guy said from 4 Penni Lane, and her family recently moved to North Andover.

"It was the family's decision" to euthanize Kokomo, Guy said. "It's unfortunate," he said.

The people who said they were bitten by Kokomo shared that sentiment.

"They're probably hurting," Brenda Sullivan, of 1 Penni Lane said of Catherine Mazzuchi and her family. Sullivan reported Kokomo bit her on the wrist about a year and a half ago, according to a police report.

"I don't want to be too harsh on them," Douglas Dukeshire said.

Sandra Dukeshire said Kokomo was a victim of its owner's "irresponsibility."

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"As a former student at West Middle, it feels great to be home," Corkery said in a press release. "I look forward to being a part of the community again."

Prior to his career as an educator, Corkery was a officer in the Navy and spent almost 25 years as a Navy pilot. Toward the end of his naval career, he served as the executive officer of the Naval ROTC program and was an associate professor at the University of Arizona.

A former social studies teacher, Corkery received a bachelor's degree in political science from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He also has two master's degrees, one from the U.S. Naval War College in national security and the

other from the University of Arizona in educational leadership.

Jennifer Hunt is the new principal at West Elementary School. Formerly the principal of Clarke Elementary in Swampscott for the past five years, she was chosen for the Andover position because of her deep understanding of student learning, school officials said.

"Inclusivity and diversity are large parts of my educational philosophy and I know these are important tenets of the West Elementary community," Hunt said in a press release.

A former Northborough elementary school teacher for 13 years — in grades one and two as well as reading and literacy — Hunt said she looks forward to becoming an integral part the

Andover school community. Hunt received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Worcester State University and a master's degree in school administration from American International College in Springfield.

Sean Walsh is the new visual and performing arts program coordinator for Andover students in kindergarten through grade 12. He comes from the Malden school district.

Walsh was the interim director of humanities in Malden public schools, where he oversaw the world languages, social studies, English language arts, and music and art departments for kindergarten through grade 12.

Walsh has worked at Malden High School as the English lead teacher and was a drama teacher for 13 years.

He has built a successful and state-recognized theater program, and partnered with many universities and community groups.

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Mark Kempic, president of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, speaks last week during a press conference at the company's Lawrence location.

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**GAS**

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“Coming up on the anniversary of the Columbia Gas disaster, our hope is that claims will be paid, and that neither Columbia Gas nor class action attorneys profit before the people and businesses affected are made whole. I continue to advocate for Columbia Gas to lose their license. It’s the only way I feel we can ensure the whole system statewide is safe,” he said.

Last week Kempic addressed new safety measures being implemented in Lawrence and across the state.

He said Columbia Gas is “in the process of installing pressurization protection devices on its low-pressure systems, accelerated the implementation of a Safety Management System,

and enhanced its emergency preparedness, mapping systems and damage prevention policies, among other safety-focused initiatives.”

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# Serving up good food and tunes at lunchtime

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The second Noon Tunes event will be held Aug. 23 on the steps of Old Town Hall.

As the summer winds down, people are encouraged to visit one of the many restaurants downtown and bring their lunches to the steps to enjoy free music.

Students and faculty from the Real School of Music will be performing from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be face painting offered for children by Fusion Learning Center Andover, and tables and chairs set up for dining.

Andover's Noon Tunes is a free, family-friendly event showcasing local music, arts, culture, nonprofits and more. Downtown Andover is rich with shopping, dining and service destinations for people to enjoy before or after the event, while seeing everything Andover has to offer.



Courtesy photo  
Kids enjoy coloring at the Noon Tunes event in June.

# Andover High junior travels to India to study dementia care

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Andover High School incoming junior Aparna Shanmugam is continuing her efforts in the battle against Alzheimer's disease and the search for a cure.

Over the summer, Shanmugam interned at SCARF in Chennai, India — a nonprofit, schizophrenia research foundation.

In an effort to learn more about how dementia care is provided in other countries, Shanmugam visited an old-age facility called Anandham at Ambattur, Chennai, where she played bingo and memory games with elders.

While in India, Shanmugam also gave a presentation to high school students about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, the prevalence of both, as well as diagnosis and areas of research being conducted to find a cure.

She also conducted a survey among the students to analyze the awareness of the two diseases in Indian high schools. Now, she is working with her friend and partner on the trip, Shrawan Gopal, from Washington, D.C., to go over the survey results and share them with their Indian mentors.

The two shadowed Dr. Nirupama, who gave them exposure to cognitive stimulation tests, used during the care giving cycle in India. They got to witness



Courtesy photos  
Aparna Shanmugam, second from left, and Shrawan Gopal, center, visit with people who run SCARF — a nonprofit schizophrenia research foundation in Chennai, India.

up-close the work Nirupama and the other doctors do with the dementia patients.

Shanmugam has done work on Alzheimer's since she was in the eighth grade. When a close friend's grandmother died of the neurodegenerative disorder, it sparked an interest in Shanmugam and she started to delve into research on the internet.

She discovered statistics about the disease that shocked her, and motivated her to take the initiative in the fight against Alzheimer's.

Since then, Shanmugam has been volunteering at



Aparna Shanmugam and Shrawan Gopal conduct a survey with high school students to analyze their awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Nevin's Nursing Home in Methuen, where she plays memory games, paints, and helps with food services for dementia patients. She also volunteers at Bridges by EPOCH, an assisted living facility in Andover.

With the help of two friends, Shanmugam formed the Alzheimer's Foundation America at Andover High, a teen chapter of the National Alzheimer's Foundation.

She is now working on a research paper in conjunction with Gopal, and has plans to submit the finished work to the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry.

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# TownsBeat



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Ethan Gervais, 8, waits patiently for a nibble on his fishing line.

## Something's fishy

An experienced angler from the state's wildlife program was fishing at Pomp's Pond this week, showing Andover kids how to bait and cast properly. The fishing educator provided the learn-to-fish instruction to 17 kids, ages 7 to 14. The program also provided fishing rods and bait. Parents were encouraged to stay and help bait the rods for novice anglers.



Ethan Gervais, center, 8, looks on as Niko Dimidis, left, 7, pulls a fish from the water.



Charlie Andelman, 7, rushes to the water's edge with his fishing pole.



MassWildlife fisheries technician Peter Rawinski helps Niko Dimidis, 7, with his casting technique.

■ See more photos, Page 10.



Luisa Fernandez, 8, of Andover fishes off the dock at Poms Pond.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAYS, AUG. 25, AND SEPT. 1

Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help. Information: 781-641-2303, oambi.org.

#### TUESDAY, AUG. 20

Girls Who Code Information Session, 5 to 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library Teen Room, 2 N.Main St., Andover. Learn

about MHL's Girls Who Code club and how to register. Open to girls and teens who identify as nonbinary in grades 6 through 12 and their parents/caregivers. Information: Anna Tschetter, 978-623-8432, atschetter@mhl.org

Device Advice for Adults, 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2N. Main St., Andover. Bring your technology questions to the Reference Desk. Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles and other e-readers. Bring

your chargers, usernames and passwords. If you're unable to attend, stop by the Reference Desk anytime for device assistance. Information: 978-623-8440, mhl.org.

#### TUESDAYS, AUG. 20 AND 27

Maker Morning @MHL for Adults, 10 to 11 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. on Tuesdays. Come and learn to use MHL's 3D printer, vinyl cutters, poster printer and more.

Meet at the Reference Desk. Register at [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar). Information: 978-623-8430, mhl.org.

Make It Take It Tuesdays for ages and up, with adult, 5:45-6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room. Information: 978-623-8440, mhl.org.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Tickets on sale for

Northern Essex Community College fundraiser EagleMania, to take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Collins Center, 100 Shawshen Road, Andover. Proceeds support the NECC Foundation Endowment. Cost: \$50. Tickets available by calling Lori Smerdon, 978-556-3789, or emailing [lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu](mailto:lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu), or going online at [mvars.info](http://mvars.info). More Information: [necc.mass.edu/engage/community-events/signature-event\\_eaglemaniaband](http://necc.mass.edu/engage/community-events/signature-event_eaglemaniaband).

#### SATURDAYS, AUG. 24, SEPT. 7 AND 21

Dads and Donuts, ages 2 to 5, at 10 a.m., at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. A story time for preschoolers and their families. After stories and a craft, share coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

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# Townspeople



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Annie the therapy dog trots over to meet with kids as they arrive at the library.



David Guschov, 6, of Andover reads and pats therapy dog Annie.

## Doggone library!

Most kids love dogs, but not all children love to read. So someone decided letting kids spent time with a dog when they are reading, even reading to the animal, was a good idea. It worked — and now it's happening at Memorial Hall Library in Andover. Annie the therapy dog often sits and listens to children read at the library. Annie's owner, Ann Hall of Andover, brings her pet to the library for the reading sessions. The program is for children who are able to read on their own or may need a bit of practice with their skills. Annie meets with each reader for 15 minutes. If you know a child who wants to read to Annie, check out the library's website — <https://mhl.org/> — for more information.



Katie Guschov (left), 11, and her sister Rachel, 9, both of Andover, pat Annie.



David Guschov, 6, of Andover reads and pats Annie the therapy dog at Memorial Hall Library.

## He's tops

### Andover lawyer recognized in 'Best Lawyers' guide

He's among the best. Andover lawyer D. Ethan Jeffery of the Boston-based law firm Murphy & King, P.C., has again been recognized in the 2020 edition of "Best Lawyers in America for Bankruptcy/Insolvency." Jeffery has been recognized by the publication for 10 consecutive years. Three additional shareholders at his firm also received recognition. "We are proud to have attorneys on our bankruptcy team honored by Best Lawyers for 2020," said Harold Murphy, co-founder and practice leader of Murphy & King's bankruptcy practice. "We work hard to ensure that our clients' needs are met by delivering prompt, practical legal advice." Murphy & King's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring group represents debtors, creditors and creditors' committees, estate fiduciaries, and investors in formal insolvency proceedings and out-of-court workouts throughout



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Attorney Ethan Jeffery of Andover

the U.S. The team also has extensive experience litigating complex adversary proceedings involving avoidance actions, lender liability and fiduciary responsibilities. Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Best Lawyers lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. Nearly 87,000 industry leading lawyers from around the world are eligible to vote, and almost 10 million evaluations were received on the legal abilities of lawyers based on their specific practice areas. Recognition is based entirely on peer review - lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a significant honor.

## EVENTS AT HAROLD PARKER

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For more information call 978-475-7972 or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/harold-parker-state-forest>.

Harold Parker State Forest campground is at 133 Jenkins Road, Andover.

### We Walk the Woods

Wednesday, Aug. 28; 10 a.m. to noon

Meet at Park Headquarters. Join the park interpreter and the Friends of Harold Parker for a slow-paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Each week participants hike to a different part of the forest in a series of 12 hikes.

It is recommended that hikers bring water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera. Park Headquarters is at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Appropriate for children 6 and older.

### Creature Catch

Friday, Aug. 30; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet at Frye Pond Beach in the campground at 133 Jenkins Road. Fish, frogs, snakes and salamanders — let's discover what lives in our tranquil New England ponds. Nets and buckets are provided. This activity can be wet and

muddy. It is recommend that participants bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and a camera. This is appropriate for all ages.

### Gone Fishin'

Saturdays, Aug. 24 and 31; 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Meet at Frye Pond Beach at 133 Jenkins Road. It's great family fun for everyone interested in learning the basics of pond fishing in New England.

Learn the different species of fish that live here and gain a new skill. Rods and bait are provided, or bring your own.

All ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Soapstone Quarry Hike

Sunday, Aug. 25; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Meet at Campground Nature Center at 133 Jenkins Road. For ages 6 and older. A moderate guided hike to the remnants of the Jenkins family blue soapstone quarry. This is a great way to learn about the park's history and resources while getting some exercise.

### Birding For Beginners

Sunday, Aug. 25; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Meet at Campground Nature Center at 133 Jenkins Road. Learn about the local bird population from our park interpreter while enjoying some amateur bird watching. Bring binoculars if you have them. Appropriate for children 6 and older.



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Annie the therapy dog takes a break.

# Quiet canine

Annie is a big hit wherever she goes — especially the library.

No, she can't read, but she enjoys being read to. Just ask any of the children who have spent time with her at Memorial Hall Library.

The friendly dog is a fixture of sorts at the library. Annie's owner, Ann Hall of Andover, brings her there as part of a program that allows children to read to the dog.

It puts the kids in a comfortable setting next to the quiet canine, and helps them focus as they read aloud to Annie.



David Guschov, 6, of Andover reads and pats Annie.



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Ashley Kendrigan

# AHS soccer star competes nationally

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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Twelve champion NPL teams from across the U.S. in the 16U age group qualified to play at the National Premier Leagues Finals, which were held in Colorado.

Sixteen-year-old Ashley Kendrigan, an Andover High student, has been playing soccer since elementary school — and it is paying off.

Ashley's team played teams from Washington, Texas, Mississippi and Pennsylvania. Playing five games in five days, her team lost the final match 1-0, giving up the only goal it surrendered in the tournament.

Ashley's team, NEFC 2003 NPL, recently competed in the New England Premiership NPL Playoff Championship and won the tournament. The team went on to compete nationally, and took second place.

This was Ashley's first time playing at the NPL finals.



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Garden Club members are, from left, Kathy Wilson, membership co-chair Liz Bell and Stephanie Segall.

# Garden Club welcomes 5 new members

By JESSICA VALERIANI  
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2018-2019 club year.

The Andover Garden Club has added more green thumbs.

The group welcomed five new members in the

Founded in 1927, the club is a charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design. It also helps to beautify Andover, and protect and

conserve natural resources.

The club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc. It provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of

municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region.

Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact Liz Bell at belles810@gmail.com or by phone at 978-475-3021.

# IT'S ALMOST TIME

Schools will open for the new year next week, but teachers are already in school. They are getting classrooms ready for the arrival of students — doing everything from decorating to adding educational items to help children have a positive experience.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos  
Former West Middle School student Abby Buckley, 15, of Andover hangs a sign outside a classroom.



ABOVE: With just days before school opens, teacher Colleen McCormick adds finishing touches to her classroom in Andover.

LEFT: Colleen McCormick, a seventh-grade English and language arts teacher at West Middle School, readies her classroom for the coming school year.



ABOVE: West Middle School teacher Colleen McCormick sets up her classroom.



LEFT: Seventh-grade English and language arts teacher Colleen McCormick makes items for her incoming students to use.



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# Sports



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E.J. Perry IV delivered a record-setting career at Andover High. After two seasons at Boston College, he has transferred to Brown University.

## A NEW HOME

### Andover's Perry thrilled for new opportunity with Brown football

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Andover's E.J. Perry IV is ready to embark on the next stage of his college football career.

After lots of thought and plenty of soul searching, the most prolific quarterback in Andover High history is set to become a Brown University Bear.

"This whole process has been a challenging one," said Perry. "I'm super excited to get the season going. Brown is a great school with a history of success in the Ivy League. The offense also fits my style of play. It's a great opportunity."

After two seasons as the backup quarterback for Boston College, Perry has officially transferred to Brown for the 2019 football season, he confirmed.

Perry, a junior, will be eligible to play immediately, because Brown plays in Division 1-AA (FCS). The Bears were scheduled to open preseason practice on Aug. 22 and play their first game on Sept. 21 at

Bryant University. "I looked around at a lot of difference places," said Perry. "After all the searching and hearing all the different pitches, I felt like Brown was the best opportunity. I'm going in full-speed ahead."

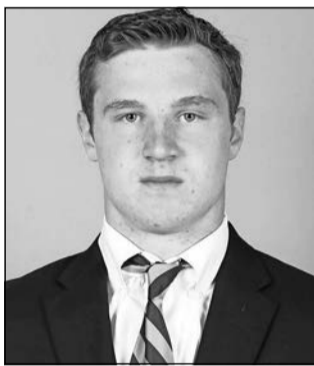
At Brown, Perry will be coached by a man fully aware of his record-setting ability and accomplishment — his uncle James Perry. Heading into his first season as Brown head coach, James has become known for his work with quarterbacks at previous coaching stops including Princeton, the University of Maryland and most recently Bryant.

"Playing for (James) wasn't the focus," said E.J. IV. "Finding the right fit was the focus. But I'm very excited to be coached by him. He is an unbelievable coach that has had great success in and out of the Ivy League. (James) was a quarterback himself, and he knows how to coach quarterbacks. It will be great to learn from him every day."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Record-setting former Andover quarterback E.J. Perry IV will play for Brown University this fall.



E.J. Perry IV

The decision to leave Boston College after two seasons was a challenging one for Perry.

Following his record-setting career at Andover High, Perry joined BC in 2017, spending two seasons as the primary backup to starter Anthony Brown.

After appearing in one game as a freshman, Perry played in five games last season, completing 27 of 39 passes for 277 yards and two touchdowns.

He threw for 98 yards against eventual Division 1-A National Champ Clemson.

"It was a very hard choice," Perry said of

leaving BC. "A lot went into it. I enjoyed my time at BC. I loved my teammates, and I'll be rooting for them."

Perry participated in the Eagles' annual spring game this year before making the decision to transfer.

"I entered the transfer portal and a lot of schools started reaching out to me," said Perry. "It was a much faster pace than recruiting in high school. I took some visits, then sat down with my parents and made a decision."

At Brown, Perry will once again have the opportunity to play in the fast-paced spread offense that he excelled in while playing

for his father — E.J. Perry III — at Andover High.

In his four-year varsity career at Andover (2013-16), Perry IV set the Eagle-Tribune area records for passing yards (8,754) and passing touchdowns (114) in a career. Both were second in state history.

As a senior, he set single-season Eagle-Tribune area records for passing yards (3,398) and touchdowns (47). He was twice Eagle-Tribune offensive MVP.

Once camp starts, Perry will enter a quarterback battle with incumbent Brown QB Michael McGovern.

Now a junior, McGovern

threw for 2,202 yards and eight touchdowns last fall for the 1-9 Bears.

"Just like at BC, I'm going in with the mindset to learn as much as I can and compete as much as I can," said Perry. "It's the same mentality I've always had. I want the chance to compete, and see where it goes from there."

"I feel like I'm in great shape. I've been throwing four days a week and lifting four days a week. I'm becoming a better football player every day, and I'm ready excited to go."

Contact David Willis at @DWillisET

### STARS REUNITE

When Andover's E.J. Perry IV joins Brown University football, he will reunite with a pair of fellow former Andover High stars also from the class of 2017, receiver Dan Gemmill and offensive lineman Max Beati.

In two varsity seasons together, Perry and Gemmill formed a dynamic duo, connecting on 78 passes for 1,451 yards and 21 touchdowns. Gemmill missed their senior season to injury.

Last fall for Brown, Gemmill caught four passes for 52 yards. The two have been training together this summer.

Beati, a 6-foot-8, 320-pounder, protected Perry's blindside as an offensive linemen for the Golden Warriors. The three also played basketball together.

"Both are very close friends of mine and we had great careers together at Andover," said Perry. "Dan and I have been throwing together, and he's bigger, faster and stronger than he was when we were at Andover."

## FALL SEASON BEGINS



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Members of the Andover High School football team work on conditioning during the first day of practice for the 2019 season. The football team opened practice last Thursday, while the rest of the Golden Warriors start this week.



Members of the Andover High School football team run through a drill last Thursday, the first day of practice for the season. The rest of the Golden Warriors start this week.

## Carpentiers tops in father-son golf

By MICHAEL MULDOON  
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Rob Carpentier was a three-sport athlete at Andover High. He was a star pitcher at UNH and was drafted in the 26th round by the New York Mets.

So he's had his share of sports highlights, but he says last Wednesday's Mass. Golf Association Father and Son championship would rank right up there.

He and his son, Robbie Carpentier, won the junior division with a 3-under 69 at the Country Club of Halifax. His other son, C.J., was the caddie.

There were 22 teams

entered.

"There is nothing better than doing something with your sons. Nothing better," said Carpentier.

Robbie said, "It was awesome. It sounds cheesy or corny but it's cool sharing a moment with him and my brother. I used to caddie for him all the time. To play along side of him was pretty cool."

Dad said Robbie was clearly the hero.

"He played phenomenal," said Rob, 51, a longtime youth baseball coach in town. "On the 10th hole, he hit a 25-foot putt for birdie. On the 11th hole, he hit a 30-footer for an eagle."

In the background you could hear Robbie shouting, "It was a 40-footer!"

Given the family's athletic success, you have to stick up for yourself.

Their cousins, the Batchelders of Newburyport and Governor's Academy, all seem headed for Division 1 college futures (Will Batchelder in basketball and his sisters Callie and C.C. in lacrosse).

The younger Carpentier is a recent Pingree grad. He was a two-time Salem News All-Star in golf and also shined in hockey (assistant captain) and baseball.

Dad said his son definitely carried the day.

C.J., meanwhile, carried the clubs.

He's entering his sophomore year at North Andover High and played some varsity for the Scarlet Knight hockey team and Super 8 champion baseball team.

Robbie loves his sport. He and Pingree classmate Brendan Willett do a podcast called The Booth Review.

Robbie is entering Penn State's highly-regarded golf management program, where numerous Merrimack Valley residents have excelled.

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Rob Carpentier and his son Robbie Carpentier of North Andover won the Mass. father-son golf title.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A t-storm in spots	Not as warm	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny; nice	Sunshine and nice	Partly sunny	A t-storm possible
<b>High: 88°</b> <b>Low: 63°</b>	<b>High: 79°</b> <b>Low: 59°</b>	<b>High: 77°</b> <b>Low: 59°</b>	<b>High: 70°</b> <b>Low: 56°</b>	<b>High: 70°</b> <b>Low: 59°</b>	<b>High: 74°</b> <b>Low: 62°</b>	<b>High: 81°</b> <b>Low: 67°</b>

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**MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Memorial Hall Library activities for adults in August:

**Maker Morning**

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., learn how to use the 3D printer, vinyl cutters, poster printer and other devices at the library.

Memorial Hall Library activities for adults in September:

**A Celebration of Song:**

**The Great American Songbook & Beyond**

On Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2:30 p.m., the Friends' Concert Series kicks off with Too Human, a jazz trio featuring Roger Bruno and Ellen Schwartz, and Keala Kaumehelewa on bass. Their

program includes jazz standards from the American Songbook and original songs. Former professional songwriters in Los Angeles, their songs have been covered by artists such as Cher, Pat Benatar, Teddy Pendergrass, Nancy Wilson and Ramsey Lewis. They've opened for Janis Ian, Livingston Taylor, Les Sampou and many others. Composers for independent films, their fresh and innovative arrangements appeal to a wide audience. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

**I Found My Village! Now What?**

Finding vital records for one's family in Poland is a critical

step in exploring our Polish ancestry, but can sometimes be confusing. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., after a brief overview of the Polish partitions and the history and geography of Poland, Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz will illustrate the use of church records, passenger manifests, naturalization records, and other documents from U.S. sources, to determine one's ancestral village accurately. She'll suggest resources and strategies to help you decipher misspelled place names, and discuss the next steps in your research: determining the parish and civil registry office using gazetteers, and obtaining birth, marriage and death records. Julie will rely heavily on online sources throughout her presentation, and show how you can trace your Polish ancestry without having to cross the ocean. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

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