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## Local doctor's death shocks community Orthodontist Jeffrey Leonard was popular with local families

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer



Dr. Jeffrey Leonard of Andover

The unexpected death of Dr. Jeffrey Leonard, a prominent orthodontist and strong supporter of the town's youth hockey program, has jolted the community.

Leonard died at his Andover home Nov. 23. He was 49.

"He was a really special guy," said state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, who

Conte Funeral Home. Finegold, whose children

noted that hundreds of people waited in the cold Friday afternoon and evening of last week to offer their condolences to Leonard's family at the

were treated by Leonard, said other orthodontists are pitching in to make sure his patients receive the care they need. Despite her grief, Leonard's wife, Angel, insisted that his patients receive a "continuation of care," Finegold said.

"It's what makes a good community a great community," he said.

Timothy Bennett, vice president of member relations for the Andover Hockey

Association, a youth organization in which Leonard's sons Dylan and Matthew played, expressed gratitude for the doctor's professional skill and dedication to the hockey program.

"Jeff was a constant presence at the rink, supporting his sons on the ice and off it," Bennett wrote in an email. "Personally not only did we see him often at the rink but he was also my sons' See LEONARD, Page 3

## Free full-day kindergarten likely to happen

### Superintendent says he expects town officials to OK program

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer

It's likely that beginning next September, parents will be able to enroll their children in full-day kindergarten at no extra cost.

Superintendent Sheldon Berman and School Committee member Shannon Scully told selectmen this week that an increase in state aid money will cover the cost of providing full-day kindergarten without tuition.

Berman said he is optimistic the town's leaders will approve the plan.

Andover schools already offer half-day kindergarten free of charge. If parents want to send their child for a full day, they now have to pay \$3,575 per year.

At the Monday night meeting with selectmen, Berman pointed out that several years ago, Andover charged \$4,650 for full-day kindergarten – the second-highest cost in the state.

Scully said the district is legally obligated to provide half-day kindergarten.

There has been an increase in enrollment in full-day kindergarten, Berman said. During the 2013-2014 school year, 74.6% of eligible children attended kindergarten for the entire school day, he said.

For the current year, he said, that number has climbed to 92.9%.

Although the School Committee has not taken a formal vote on the matter, Berman See PROGRAM, Page 2

## Santa wows 'em in Andover



JOSEPH PREZIOSO PHOTOS

Santa waves to children from atop Ladder 2 during the annual holiday parade in downtown Andover.

## Holiday happenings

Santa made an early appearance in Andover — and locals were happy to see him.

St. Nick drew excited reactions from residents young and old when he dropped into town Sunday for the annual Andover Firefighters Santa Parade on Main Street.

People lined the streets to see Santa and a variety of performers usher in the holiday season.

Children were especially excited to see the man from the North Pole, and they look forward to his return Christmas Eve.

— Bill Cantwell



Sydney Magliozzi, left, 5, and Matthew Casey, 6, wave to Santa as he passes by during the parade.

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## Columbia Gas finishes inspecting thousands of abandoned lines

### Andover town manager: Time to 'put Sept. 13 behind us'

By BILL KIRK  
Staff Writer

An announcement that Columbia Gas has finished inspecting the last of nearly 5,000 abandoned gas service lines throughout the Merrimack Valley has been greeted with a mix of relief and trepidation by local officials.

The announcement came last week. Inspections were required after Columbia Gas finished replacing the destroyed gas system following the Sept. 13, 2018, gas disaster, which led to one death, mass evacuations, and millions of dollars in losses for hundreds of small- and medium-sized businesses.

The gas company installed 43.5 miles of new gas main lines and replaced 5,086 service lines — which are gas pipes that run from the street to homes and businesses, providing fuel for cooking, heating or hot water heaters.

The work went on for four months.

Once the work was finished

and street repaving began, however, more problems cropped up.

In September, Columbia Gas was ordered by the Department of Public Utilities to inspect 700 abandoned gas lines in Andover, North Andover and Lawrence. The DPU ordered the company See GAS LINES, Page 2

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## Andona lights up the holidays

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Holiday decorating with an Andona touch happens Dec. 21, as the local school, library

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hosts its fifth annual "Shine the Light" FUNdraiser.

"Shine the Light on Andover" raises money and is a community-building event that takes place annually on the winter solstice, Dec. 21.

"The luminaries are a beautiful and festive way to decorate front steps or walkways, and many neighborhoods have made it an annual tradition that includes See LIGHTS, Page 2



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Campbell Allardi, 13, uses a staple gun to mount tea lights in paper bags to large letters spelling "Love & Kindness" as part of the Andona organization's efforts last year.

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# Andona helps school, library programs

Andona's mission is to support the young people of Andover. Money raised goes directly to school programs, school clubs, library and children's programs.

— Grants awarded in the 2019-2020 year:

- Andover High School Field Hockey Boosters: \$500
- AHS Women's Swim and Dive: \$500
- Lifting Spirits Miniature Therapy Horses "Just Say Whoa to Bullying": \$800
- AHS Challenge Day: \$1,000
- Parent 2 Parent: \$500
- AHS Varsity Cheerleading Program: \$500
- West Middle School: \$2,000
- AHS Archery Club: \$500
- AHS Men's Swim & Dive Program: \$500
- AHS Girls Volleyball Program: \$500
- Shawsheen Preschool: \$1,000
- AHS Drama Guild: \$750
- AHS Girls Soccer Program: \$500
- Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley: \$500
- Doherty Middle School: \$2,000
- Wood Hill Middle School: \$4,500
- AHS Boys Soccer Program: \$500
- Andover Youth Foundation: \$2,500
- TOTAL TO DATE: \$19,550**
- Grants awarded in 2018/2019:
  - Sanborn Elementary: \$1,400
  - AHS Field Hockey Program: \$500
  - AHS Football Program: \$500
  - AHS Girls Soccer Program: \$500
  - AHS Varsity Cheerleading Program: \$500

- ANA YMCA Synchro: \$500
- Parent 2 Parent: \$500
- Andover Public Schools: \$500
- AHS Men's Swim and Dive Program: \$500
- AHS Archery Club: \$500
- My Own Voice: \$1,000
- Andover Vocal Music Association: \$500
- West Middle School: \$1,500
- South Elementary: \$1,500
- AHS Marching Band: \$1,500
- Wood Hill Middle School: \$2,000
- AHS Cross Country Program: \$500
- Essex Art Center: \$500
- A Better Chance: \$500
- AHS Softball Team Program: \$500
- AHS Ultimate Frisbee: \$1,000
- K-12 Capstone Program: \$1,350
- AHS Baseball Program: \$500
- Friends of Memorial Hall Library: \$1,400
- Bancroft Elementary School: \$1,500
- Andover Entrepreneurship Forum: \$500
- Doherty Middle School: \$2,000
- AHS Drama Guild: \$500
- West Elementary School: \$1,500
- High Plain Elementary: \$1,500
- Challenge Me Inc. (Destination Imagination): \$1,000
- AHS Senior Safari: \$1,500
- Shawsheen Preschool: \$1,000
- TOTAL 2018-2019: \$31,150**
- Grants awarded in 2017/2018:
  - Andover Public Schools: \$1,500
  - AHS Field Hockey Program: \$500

- Doherty Middle School: \$1,500
- AHS Girls Soccer Program: \$500
- AHS Boys Swim & Dive Program: \$500
- AHS Varsity Cheerleading Program: \$500
- AHS Drama Guild: \$500
- Andover Vocal Music Association: \$1,000
- My Own Voice: \$500
- Parent to Parent: \$500
- West Middle School: \$1,500
- Andover Historical Society: \$1,500
- AHS Women's Swim & Dive Program: \$1,500
- South Elementary School: \$1,500
- Shawsheen Preschool: \$500
- A Better Chance: \$500
- Aaron's Presents: \$500
- AHS Girl's Basketball Program: \$500
- AHS Girl's Hockey Program: \$500
- AHS Senior Safari: \$1,500
- Essex Art Center: \$500
- Andover High School: \$3,000
- AHS Garden Project: \$500
- AHS Girls Lacrosse Program: \$500
- AHS Ultimate Frisbee: \$1,000
- Wood Hill Middle School: \$2,000
- AHS Baseball Program: \$500
- High Plain Elementary: \$1,500
- West Elementary: \$1,500
- Memorial Hall Library: \$1,400
- Challenge Me, Inc. (Destination Imagination): \$1,000
- Bancroft Elementary School: \$1,500
- TOTAL 2017-2018: \$32,400**
- Grants awarded in 2016/2017:
  - Doherty Middle School: \$1,500

- My Own Voice Choir: \$500
- AHS Field Hockey Program: \$500
- AHS Cheerleading Program: \$500
- Shawsheen School: \$500
- Bancroft Elementary School: \$1,250
- Andover Vocal Music Association: \$1,000
- Anover Youth Center: \$550
- AHS Swim and Dive Program: \$500
- AHS Art Club: \$500
- AHS Sustainable Garden Project: \$500
- West Middle School: \$1,500
- A Better Chance Andover: \$530
- Essex Art Center: \$500
- Aaron's Presents: \$250
- AHS Girls Basketball Program: \$500
- AHS Girls Hockey Program: \$500
- South Elementary: \$1,250
- Wood Hill Middle School: \$1,500
- AHS Ultimate Frisbee: \$1,000
- AHS Girl's Lacrosse Program: \$500
- AHS Senior Safari: \$1,500
- West Elementary: \$1,250
- AHS Baseball Program: \$500
- AHS: Gymnastics: \$500
- Challenge Me, Inc. (Destination Imagination): \$500
- High Plain Elementary: \$1,250
- Sanborn School: \$1,250
- AHS Softball: \$750
- Memorial Hall Library: \$1,300
- Andover Rugby Union: \$500
- Green Schools of Andover: \$500
- TOTAL 2016-2017: \$25,630**

## LIGHTS

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neighborhood strolls and gatherings to view the displays," said Renee Poor, Shine the Light Committee chair.

The luminary kits cost \$20 and include 10 bags and tea lights, a book containing coupons from local sponsors, and an entry into a raffle featuring a variety of prizes.

"This year we switched to battery-operated tea lights in our kits which increased our costs but enables everyone to safely take part," Poor said.

Again this year, Andona is partnering with the Andover Youth Center to help it shine this holiday season.

"Participants may choose to purchase a second kit for the Youth Center to help them 'Shine the Light' while increasing their odds in the raffle," said Linda Haskell, Andona president. "Andona sincerely appreciates the generosity of all those who have supported this event and our Andover youth."

To learn more about the event or to purchase a kit, visit [www.andona.org](http://www.andona.org). Kits will also be available for sale at the Holiday Happenings event in downtown Andover on Dec. 13.

Andona is a non-profit organization run by volunteers dedicated to raising money to support young people in Andover. Andona's roots, dating back to 1952, are embedded in the idea of giving back to the community. The name Andona is a combination of the word "Andover" and the latin word "Dona," which means "to give."

Andona hosts two fundraising events annually — Shine the Light on the Winter Solstice and Clowntown the third weekend in May. Money raised from these events goes to Andover youth programs.

Since the organization's founding, the women of Andona have raised more than \$1 million for Andover families. To learn more, join or donate, visit [www.andona.org](http://www.andona.org).



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Utility workers dig to locate gas pipes to a home on School Street in Andover before they reconnect it to the main gas line after last year's gas disaster.

## GAS LINES

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to cap the abandoned lines or face \$1 million in penalties for each line left uncapped. Columbia Gas representatives

said 188 "required some form of remediation."

A gas leak in late September of this year triggered another round of inspections and orders from the DPU to inspect and cap another 2,200 lines, of which 688 required some form

of remediation, the gas company said Tuesday.

Finally, Columbia Gas began the voluntary verification of a final set of approximately 2,000 former service lines, not required by the DPU, "out of an abundance of caution," the company said.

"The final set was completed this month and 53 required some form of remediation," according to a Columbia Gas release.

Columbia Gas president and COO Mark Kempic took responsibility for the shoddy work that led to the problems this fall.

"We acknowledge that some of last fall's work was not completed in accordance with federal and state regulations and CMA protocols and we take full responsibility," Kempic said in a press release. "Since last September's gas event, we have been working to identify ways to enhance our operational and safety procedures across our Massachusetts footprint to proactively identify and mitigate issues as we work to rebuild customer and public confidence in our company."

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said he was looking forward to getting the town's roads paved.

"We can move on with what we need to do to make neighborhoods whole again," he said. "We should have a clear path to completing our paving and road restoration work over the course of the



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Gas system work is done in downtown Andover off of Main Street and Punchard Avenue after last year's natural gas disaster.

next three years and finally put September 13th behind us."

He added, however, that the town and its residents have "no toleration for any additional delays or inconveniences."

Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera said he was happy that this phase of the work has been finished.

"I'm glad this is over and thank them for doing it," he said. But, he added, now that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has weighed in, "I'm looking forward to the work of the DPU in reviewing this whole disaster."

When the NTSB investigation was completed, it opened the door for the state to launch its own investigation of the gas company's work before, during and after the September 2018 disaster.

That investigation is ongoing.

According to a statement from the DPU, the agency "can confirm that Columbia Gas has completed, as ordered by DPU, the verification of approximately 700 former service lines that involved sleeved mains, as well as approximately 2,200 former service lines that involved non-sleeved mains."

"Sleeved mains" refers to new, plastic lines that were inserted into old, cast iron lines.

"DPU will continue to closely monitor all of Columbia Gas' work to ensure that they follow all state and



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

A utility worker compacts the fill around a new gas line installed on Locke Street in Andover.

federal requirements as well as their own company policies," the statement said.

After the late September gas leak that led to another round of evacuations and business closures, the DPU placed a moratorium on all work being done by Columbia Gas.

That moratorium, according to the DPU, is "ongoing. While this moratorium is for all of Columbia Gas' service territory, a few exceptions apply: Emergency work on its gas distribution system; ongoing work to address the previously identified issues with abandoned services and gate boxes in Merrimack Valley, including the repairs of Grade 1, 2, or 3 gas leaks in that area; and, work requested by Columbia and approved by the DPU. For example, the DPU anticipates approving work involving new customer service connections of heating supply for new and existing customers."

According to the DPU, Columbia Gas has at least one more deadline to meet.

By Dec. 2, Columbia Gas was "required to report to the DPU data on all noncompliant work and any patterns, correlations, and trends identified through the service line abandonment verification."

In a release, Kempic thanked the communities for their patience.

"We have appreciated the patience and cooperation of our customers and the communities over the last two months, which allowed us to complete this project ahead of schedule and in a safe manner," he said.

Company spokesman Scott Ferson added: "Columbia Gas remains committed to the long-term recovery of the Merrimack Valley and our customers in the area, and we will continue to look for ways to support these communities in the years ahead."

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said the board supports the

move. Three boards — selectmen, the School Committee and Finance Committee — are expected to review the proposal to provide full-day, tuition-free kindergarten soon.

Gov. Charlie Baker said at the beginning of this year that he intended to ask the Legislature for a substantial increase in financial assistance to education.

At that time, Andover School Committee members, including Scully, suggested eliminating tuition for full-day kindergarten was a possibility.

The School Committee voted unanimously in July to not charge tuition for lower-income Andover families who send their children to all-day kindergarten.

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# LEONARD

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orthodontist and provided them with an excellent standard of care. We would often chat after their appointments about hockey, kids and life in general. We will all miss him and extend our sincere condolences to Angel, his sons, his parents and his entire family.”

Leonard was a longtime sponsor of the Andover Hockey Association and its endeavors, including the annual Heseltine Thanksgiving Tournament, according to Bennett.

Leonard Orthodontics has offices in Andover, North Andover and Amesbury. The

practice was started in 1974 by Leonard’s father, Dr. Thomas Leonard. Jeffrey Leonard graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1988.

David DeFillippo, a former principal of Central Catholic, said Leonard was an outstanding student and was inducted into the National Honor Society. He played on Central’s first soccer team and was active in the school’s ski club. His soccer prowess earned him recognition as a Merrimack Valley Conference all-star, according to DeFillippo.

Leonard excelled in science and math and was “always focused on his future,” DeFillippo said. He also recalled Leonard’s “very outgoing

personality.”

Leonard received a bachelor’s degree from Fairfield University. He received his professional training at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. After completing his residency in orthodontics, he joined his father’s practice in 1998. Ten years later, he took charge of the business.

Besides his wife and sons, he is survived by his parents, Thomas and Lois Leonard; a sister, Suzanne; and a brother, Russell. He was the brother of the late Jonathan Leonard.

Jeffrey Leonard’s funeral Mass was celebrated last Saturday at St. Augustine Church.

## ANDOVER POLICE LOG

### MONDAY, NOV. 25

Man reports being bitten by dog: Haggetts Pond Road, 8:59 a.m.

Citation issued: For expired registration, failure to display current inspection sticker, South Main Street, 10:20 a.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Beacon Street, 12:01 p.m.

Citation issued: For failure to display current inspection sticker, Haverhill Street, 1:01 p.m.

Arrest: Keith Kwon Pearlstein, 43, 51 Osgood St., Methuen, driving after license suspension, subsequent offense, driving without or tampering with an interlock device, North Main Street, 1:46 p.m.

Telephone scam reported: Railroad Street, 3:28 p.m.

Jewelry stolen: White Oak Drive, 4:08 p.m.

Car broken into: Enfield Drive, 4:39 p.m.

Criminal complaint sought: For driving after license suspension, marked lanes violation, Gould Road, 4:48 p.m.

Citation issued: For running a red light, North Main Street, 11:58 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 26

Citation issued: For running a red light, River Road, 2:04 a.m.

Identity fraud reported: Stevens Street, 11:21 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Frontage Road, 12:44 p.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Jenkins Road, 1:28 p.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Salem Street, 2:04 p.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Jenkins Road, 2:30 p.m.

Two-car crash: No injuries, Lovejoy Road, 4:14 p.m.

Identity fraud reported: County Road, 4:33 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: With injury, Andover Bypass, 5:56 p.m.

Criminal complaint sought: For driving with revoked registration and insurance, Main Street, 6:42 p.m.

Citation issued: For unlicensed operation, North Main Street, 7:03 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, River Street, 2:50 a.m.

Hit-and-run crash: Crescent Drive, 7:18 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, North Main Street, 8:22 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, River Road, 12:13 p.m.

Arrests: John Demers, 41, of Orford, New Hampshire, possession of a Class A drug, fugitive from justice; Joseph Slack, 30, of East Thetford, Vermont, possession of a Class A drug, crack cocaine; Katrina Ballou, 31, of White River Junction, Vermont, possession of a Class A drug, driving after license suspension, marked lanes violation; Kostantina Ortiz, 35, of Fetford Center, Vermont, possession of a Class A drug, providing a false name during booking. River Road, 1:31 p.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Jenkins Road, 3:15 p.m.

Identity fraud reported: Wild Rose Drive, 3:18 p.m.

Citation issued: For speeding, Jenkins Road, 3:35 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Morton Street, 7:07 p.m.

Disorderly person, Main Street, 10:47 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Mailbox vandalized: Wild Rose Drive, 7:20 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Kensington Street, 7:31 a.m.

Hit-and-run crash: Wild Rose Drive, 9:46 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Railroad Street, 3:59 p.m.

Arrest: Joseph Aloysius Murray, 62, of 196 Elm St., driving under the influence of liquor, second offense, negligent operation, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation,

open container violation, Jenkins Road, 4:28 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Criminal complaint sought: For unlicensed operation, driving an unregistered vehicle, stop sign violation, both cars towed after two-vehicle crash, South Main Street, 9:54 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Salem Street, 10:11 a.m.

Assault: Haverhill Street, 10:46 a.m.

Threats reported: River Road, 11:05 a.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, North Main Street, noon

Unwanted guest removed: Powder Mill Square, 3:27 p.m.

Larceny: White Oak Drive, 4:44 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Citation issued: For no license in possession, routes 125 and 28, 12:03 a.m.

Citation issued: For no registration in possession, Beacon Street, 1:44 p.m.

Package stolen: Stinson Road, 2:35 p.m.

Two-car crash: No injuries, Elm Street, 2:46 p.m.

Two-car crash: No injuries, Railroad Street, 4:45 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Complaint sought: For driving a

vehicle with revoked registration and insurance, Lowell Street, 12:47 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, North Main Street, 7:28 p.m.

Criminal complaint sought: For leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, Lowell Street, 10:40 p.m.

Motor vehicle crash: No injuries, Elm Street, 11:25 p.m.



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State legislators want to make it possible for federal money to provide breakfast at school for low-income children across Massachusetts.

# Legislators push for breakfast in classrooms in Andover, statewide

## Law would allow for federal money to feed low-income kids

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Staff Writer

Breakfast is fuel for learning, according to nutrition advocates who say that Massachusetts should be doing a better job of delivering the first meal of the day to school children, particularly those from low-income families, who may otherwise skip it.

A proposal unanimously approved by the state House of Representatives last week would require high-poverty schools — where 60% or more of the students receive free or reduced lunch — to also provide kids with breakfast in the classroom when the school day begins. The plan now goes to the Senate for approval.

Several north-of-Boston communities -- including Salem, Haverhill and Lawrence -- now offer breakfast after the bell. Some get financial assistance from nonprofit anti-hunger groups for their programs. Massachusetts already

requires schools in high-poverty areas to offer breakfast. This plan would move the meal from the cafeteria before the bell to the classroom.

Supporters say serving breakfast “after the bell” helps to boost attendance, close achievement gaps and will allow the state to rope in more federal nutrition money.

“We cannot expect students to succeed if we don’t meet one of the most basic needs,” state Rep. Andy Vargas, D-Haverhill, a co-sponsor of the bill, said in a speech on the House floor last Wednesday. “The research shows that school breakfast increases academic scores, decreases absenteeism and improves behavior. Simply put, a hungry student cannot learn.”

Vargas said the legislation will allow the state to tap into grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for states that mandate breakfast.

Rep. Brad Hill, R-Ipswich,

said the requirements will ensure that students “never go to school hungry.”

“The fact that many of these children are coming to school and haven’t had breakfast is deplorable in today’s day and age,” he told fellow lawmakers. “This is a problem that affects all school districts. I’ve seen firsthand the food banks coming to our schools to ensure that our children are fed and that they are getting the nutrition they need.”

The new program would affect some 260,000 students in 600 schools, supporters say.

Students in high-poverty districts who don’t qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast under federal income guidelines would still be able to buy breakfast, under the proposal. The state would be required to cover additional costs for school districts.

Roughly 1 in 10 households in Massachusetts is food insecure, meaning they don’t have consistent,

reliable access to nutritious and affordable food, according to the group Feeding America. Data from the USDA show Massachusetts is among the top 25 states with the highest rates of food insecurity.

Food pantry operators say despite the state’s robust economy many low-income families struggle to make ends meet and often don’t have enough to feed their children.

“They’re paying rent, utilities, child care expenses, and in the case of grandparents, buying medicine. And there’s not a lot left over to buy food for all members in the household,” said Amy Pessia, executive director of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, which also provides food to local schools. “Often times parents will make food the last priority.”

Pessia said food insecurity can affect a child’s physical and mental health, academic achievement and future economic prosperity, all of which have broader societal effects.

“The reality is that children can’t take care of themselves,” she said. “So for the public health and well-being of everyone, we need to support them as much as possible.”

# All Those Years Ago

**Susan McKelliget**

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 years ago — Nov. 28, 1919

Finishing and covering wooden heels will be the latest addition to Andover industries. Machinery was installed in the Morrisson building, 42 Park St., on Wednesday afternoon, and the plant will be in operation the first of next week. Donald E. Kempton and George L. Culbert, recently foreman of the Slipper City Wood Heel Company of Haverhill, have formed a company known as the Kempton Wooden Heel Company.

Early Sunday morning a stone was thrown through the window of H.E. Miller’s shoe store on Main Street and two pairs of shoes were stolen. Miller, who lives in the building, heard the noise but the thieves escaped.

The usual distribution of turkeys for Thanksgiving took place among the employees of Bradlee Mills on Tuesday.

Late Wednesday night, Lawrence city government unanimously adopted an ordinance under which the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company agreed to restore the trolley service on Friday morning. The company withdrew the service in protest against the competition of jitney buses.

75 years ago — Nov. 30, 1944

The money raised for the sale of Christmas Seals is used throughout the country to fight tuberculosis. This year, with the return of military personnel from the war, the need is greater than ever and the generous response in Andover is most gratifying.

Police Chief George A. Dane has issued the annual warnings that all car owners must remove their cars from the streets from now until the end of winter. A check will be made by the police, and cars parked on streets at night will be towed to garages. This order is made necessary by indications that snow may come earlier this year than last year. Streets must be kept clear for plows.

The war has been increasing in fury, hasn’t it? Every week, more and more of our Andover boys are being killed, missing, wounded or taken as prisoners. For them, it’s the big drive for Berlin and for Tokyo. For us, it’s the big drive to provide the money for their big drive. Let’s do our

part in this Sixth War Loan.

50 years ago — Dec. 4, 1969  
Members of the Fire Department are training with the town’s new snorkel aerial ladder apparatus. The new equipment arrived in the past week and is at the West Andover station awaiting completion of the public safety center on North Main Street. A front-page photo shows Norman Auchterlonie operating the bucket, while Robert West handles the lower controls.

The downtown Christmas lighting display has been delayed by two electrical firms rejecting the job of stringing the lights at the last minute. Glenn Harvey, division manager for the Andover Chamber of Commerce, reported Wednesday that an electrician had been retained that morning and that hopefully the lights would be strung and working by the weekend.

The former Andover Playhouse on Essex Street, once known as the Colonial Theater, is being transformed into an office building by Danton Realty Trust, which acquired the property earlier this year. The interior of the building has been ripped apart to make way for the transformation.

The controversial location of a new water line through the Loosigian Farm

property has apparently been resolved. The new line to serve the new Raytheon building appears in a photo.

25 years ago — Nov. 23, 1994

An excerpt from an article by Jim Deyermond:

“Recently the Andover Patriotic Holiday Committee made a recommendation to the town manager that the old cannon located in Central Park be repaired. The cannon has been a fixture in the park for more than 50 years. During this time, the elements and an assorted number of vandals have taken a toll on this World War I memorial. The Greater Lawrence Technical School volunteered to do the work or repairing and refurbishing, and a wheelwright was located to rebuild the wooden and iron wheels. An inscription on the cannon barrel reads ‘Captured by the 37th Div. Oct. 31-Nov 2, 1918.’ The cannon was given to the town in 1932 by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. The cannon was the last remaining WWI German cannon held by the War Department. Upon its installation in the park, it was dedicated on Memorial Day 1932.”

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OBITUARIES

### Norman Martin, 84

April 2, 1935 - November 29, 2019

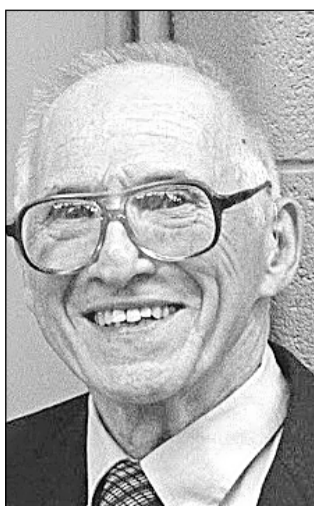
ANDOVER — Norman Martin died unexpectedly Friday, November 29, 2019 at Lawrence General Hospital. Born in Southbridge, to the late J. A. Leon & Rose Martin. Norman was a US Army Veteran and a graduate of Suffolk University in 1967 with a BS in business administration.

Norman was a machinist at Heald Machine Co. of Worcester, MA and Raytheon in Andover. He also was a Machine Shop Teacher and Department Chairman at Greater Lawrence Technical School for 32 years.

Norman was very active in a many organizations including being treasurer of local 1707 American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Boy Scout Troop 79, Order of the Arrow at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and a long-time active member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. Norman spent many hours helping and supporting the Poor Clare's Sisters of Andover as well.

Norman was a dedicated father attending band concerts and competitions, soccer games, and track meets for his children. He was the #1 fan of his grandchildren and avid geocacher and enjoyed camping and hiking.

During his retirement years he actively participated with the Senior Center Hike Group. He was a great Mr. Fixit and the "guy in the room with the best gadgets". Norman was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Cecile L. (Dumas) Martin and survived by four children: son, William and his wife Michele of Westford; three daughters, Suzanne Nathan of Mount Dora, FL, Jeanne Gensler and her husband, Timothy of Wheaton, IL, and Joanne Martin and Michael Martel of Acton; five grandchildren, Megan



Gensler of Glen Ellyn, IL, Peter Gensler of Wheaton, IL, Jeffrey Gensler of San Francisco, Calif., Catherine Gensler of Raleigh, NC, and Jennifer Martin of Westford. He also leaves his sister, Alice Golden of West Boylston, Mass., dear friend, Gloria Lucas of Tewksbury; a nephew, Charles Desourdy of West Boylston; two nieces: Sandra Desourdy of Fiskdale, Mass., and Joyce Gervais, of Oakham, Mass.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Tewksbury. Friends may call on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For online condolences please visit www.confeteralhomes.com In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Poor Clares OSC of Andover, 445 River Rd, Andover, MA 01810 or a charity of one's choice.**



### Paul L. Grant, 90

May 12, 1929 - November 21, 2019

BOXFORD, MA — Paul L. Grant, age 90, passed away on November 21, 2019. Born in Marion, Maine on May 12, 1929 to the late Charles and Cora (Conrad) Grant. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years Joyce M. (Pease) Grant.

Paul was a retired executive from Pellon-Freudenberg Co. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as an Ensign 1st Class. Paul volunteered in Westford as a Little League Baseball coach, with the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Order of the Arrow with the BSA. He was a member of both the Elks and Kiwanis clubs in Westford, and the American Legion in Boxford. He was a founding member of the Westford Apple Blossom Festival which is still a tradition today.

He is survived by his son Paul and wife PATTY Grant of Boxford and his daughter Pamela and husband Ret. Lt. Col. Thomas Cahill of Salisbury, Maryland. He also leaves his six favorite grandchildren; Alex, Sira, Molly, and Jordan Grant, Jessica Cahill-Crabtree and Timmy Cahill as well as



2 great grandchildren; Catie and Tyler Crabtree. Paul was predeceased by 9 siblings.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Paul's funeral will be held in the Burke Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, MA on Saturday November 30, 2019 at 11:00 am. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Main St., Westford, MA. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozzi.com.**

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

**131 Andover St.:** Paul R. and Marilyn S. Nolan to Alan L. Simao, \$499,000

**29 Glenwood Road:** Lydia F. Richardson LT and Lydia F. Richardson to Erik J. and Lisa G. Perkins, \$925,000

**2 Hearthstone Place:** Colleen Maloney-Benedix and Kevin Benedix to Matthew and Leandra Davis, \$904,000

**7 Ivana Drive, Unit 7:** Haggetts Pond Road RT and Diana Cormier to Peter F. and Kelley M. Quinlan, \$899,900

**1 Meadow View Lane:** Frank Y. and Inkyung Shin to Alex and Kristin Lau, \$910,000

**155 Osgood St.:** Theodore R. and Shannon E. Witman to Dean A. Christensen and Jane E. Olingy, \$650,000

**4205: Pulte Homes Of New Eng** to Susan J. Leblanc, \$196,600

**Riverside Woods Condo Unit 4106:** Pulte Homes Of New Eng to Sharon A. Berg, \$196,600

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**23 Topping Road:** Michael and Erin Cunningham to Nadine Collier, \$400,000

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Obituaries in the Andover Townsman are paid notices. To place an obituary, please visit andovertownsman.com/submitobit. Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions.

### Aram Bogosian, 92

August 9, 1927 - November 24, 2019

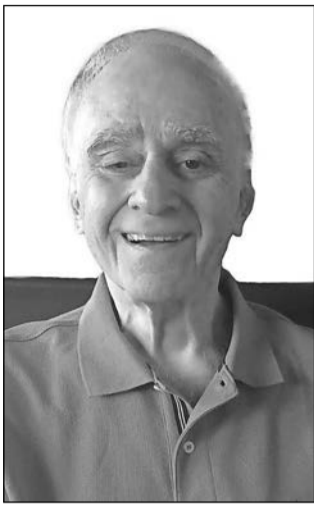


ANDOVER — Aram Bogosian, 92, of Andover died Sunday, November 24, 2019 peacefully at his home of 57 years. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Estelle (Aghoian).

He was born and raised in Methuen, the son of Khachig and Rose (Vartanian) Bogosian of Methuen. He was an Army veteran followed by a career as a cost accountant while attending night school. Aram was also a licensed real estate broker as his second job and was well known for his professionalism and well liked in the Merrimack Valley Community.

In his early years, Aram worked at the family's poultry farm. After graduating from Methuen High School, he attended Merrimack College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He met his wife, Estelle Aghoian, at church and they were married in 1955. His career spanned over 40 years employed by RCA, Raytheon Company and Sanders Associates where he retired in 1992. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a Corporal.

He loved being surrounded by his family and gardening with his wife. The fruits of their labors were enjoyed by family and friends for decades and will be remembered as prize winning vegetables. They frequently had family contests with his brothers, Paul and Michael Bogosian of Methuen. Each growing season would bring a new beginning of their everlasting love for each other and the enjoyment it produced with laughter and sharing.



He is survived by his daughter Cynthia Bogosian and her husband Dr. Bruce Patsner and his granddaughter, Jacqueline Mimmo of Boston, Massachusetts; his son, Brian Bogosian and his wife Lisa and his granddaughters, Ever and Lily of San Francisco, California. He is also survived



by his beloved brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Sheila Aghoian of North Andover, and Allen and Darlene Aghoian of Methuen and many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a visiting period on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 11:00- 12:00 PM (Noon) at the Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe, 1280 Boston Road Haverhill (Bradford), MA. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 PM (Noon) in the church. Burial will follow for immediate family at Elmwood Cemetery. Donations should be sent to The Armenian Church at Hye Pointe. Arrangements are under the direction of Cataudella Funeral Home, Methuen. For directions or to send condolences, please visit www.cataudellafh.com.**

### Dr. Jeffrey L. Leonard, 49

July 14, 1970 - November 23, 2019

ANDOVER — Dr. Jeffrey Leonard of Andover passed away suddenly surrounded by his wife and two sons at his home in Andover on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the age of 49. Jeff leaves behind his devoted wife, Angel and his two sons, Dylan and Matthew, who meant the world to him. Jeff was the loving and dedicated son of Dr. Thomas and Lois Leonard of Andover, and cherished brother to Suzanne and Russell. He is predeceased by his brother Jonathan. Jeff was born Lowell and raised in Andover and graduated from Central Catholic in 1988. He went on to receive his undergraduate degree from Fairfield University. Jeff received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine and Orthodontic Residency degrees from Tufts University. He was a member of the following Associations and Societies, American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontics, Massachusetts Dental Society, Massachusetts Association of Orthodontics, and Merrimack Valley Dental Society. Jeff was a well-known and respected orthodontist in the Merrimack Valley. Over the last 21 years he took great pride in providing the best possible care to his patients in North Andover, Andover, Amesbury, Lawrence and Wakefield. Although Jeff enjoyed sports and the outdoors, his first love was his



family. His greatest joy came from watching and supporting his boys play hockey. He was their biggest fan. Jeff also enjoyed laughing and spending time with his wife, his parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, staff and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to gather for visiting hours at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover on Friday, November 29 from 4-8 P.M.**

**Funeral mass at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street ANDOVER on Saturday, November 30 at 9:30 A.M. Interment to follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover, Ma.**

**In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Special Olympics of Massachusetts. www.specialolympicsma.org**

### Heidi Elizabeth Kolbe, 93

September 18, 1926 - December 3, 2019

ANDOVER — Heidi Elizabeth Kolbe passed away peacefully at Brooksby Village where she enjoyed the last years of her life surrounded by the most wonderful community of friends and family. Heidi was born in Basal, Switzerland on September 18, 1926 with her twin sister Hedy. At the age of six, she and her family crossed the Atlantic, arrived at Ellis Island, and soon thereafter established themselves in Hastings on Hudson, Conn. where her father worked as an estate gardener and her mother was a homemaker. Heidi later married the love of her life, William Andrew Kolbe Sr., a decorated war veteran who pursued an exemplary

career with the American Oil Company. Together they lovingly raised a family of three children in Cranford, New Jersey later moving to Portland, Maine and ultimately residing in Andover, Mass. Once their children moved on, Bill and Heidi lived in Dennis, Mass. and lastly in Sarasota, Florida. Heidi will always be remembered as a mother of boundless love and wisdom as well as a charismatic and caring friend who profoundly touched the hearts and souls of all who knew her. Heidi espoused a philosophy of always smiling even in the face of great adversity, and, searching for charitable means to lift the spirits of those in need.

### Harriet (Gaffny) Palmieri, 96

October 17, 1923 - December 2, 2019  
Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother

ANDOVER — Harriet (Gaffny) Palmieri, a longtime Andover resident and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and gifted teacher died peacefully December 2, 2019. Born on October 17, 1923, to Helen Mulry Gaffny and John Joseph Gaffny, Harriet graduated from Lawrence High School in 1941 and from Tufts University in 1945 where she majored in Mathematics.

Upon graduation she became a stewardess with Northeast Airlines until her marriage in 1951 to the love of her life, Edward Joseph Palmieri. Harriet demonstrated her love and devotion to her husband when he became a quadriplegic and she cared for him in their home in Andover, along with her four young children. She was always appreciative of her large and generous family who helped her through that difficult time. Before her husband's accident, Harriet had taught school briefly in Methuen at the Searles School and was the recipient of a federal grant to develop a program for gifted mathematics students. Her husband died and she returned to teach at the Kane and Frost Middle Schools in Lawrence. Upon retirement, she received an award for her devotion and commitment as an educator.

Harriet Palmieri was an avid bridge player and a member and past President of the Shawsheen Village Women's Club, a member of the Greater Lawrence Women's College Club, and a founding member, with her deceased sister Helen Gaffny Driscoll, of Far Corner's Women's Tuesday Golf League.

Harriet was the second generation in her family to graduate from Tufts. She was one of the first women to serve on the Tufts Jumbo Club and received a Jumbo Club Award from Tufts University as a three sport athlete, wife of a Tufts athlete, mother of four Tufts athletes and an active member and officer of Tufts athletics programs in 1982. In addition, she received Tufts' highest alumni award for Distinguished Service in 1987.



Harriet (Gaffny) Palmieri

Harriet will be dearly missed by her loving children: Elaine P. Cook and her husband Frederick A. Cook of East Grand Rapids, MI and Las Vegas, Nevada; Ann L. Palmieri of Andover, MA; James J. Palmieri and his wife, Patricia of Prescott Valley, AZ. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren: Amy R. Palmieri of Boston, MA; Christopher Palmieri and his wife, Nicole, of Malden, MA; Frederick A. Cook III of East Grand Rapids, MI; James E. Cook and his wife Kelli, of Grand Rapids, MI; and Thomas H. Cook of Dayton, OH; her great grandson, Samuel A. Cook of Grand Rapids and his brother-to-be in 2020. She is also survived by her sister Margaret A. O'Connell of Methuen and sister-in-law, Lorraine L. Gaffny of Hampton and Windham, NH.

In addition to her late husband, Harriet was predeceased by her beloved son, Edward J. Palmieri, Jr., her brothers Edward P. Gaffny and John J. Gaffny, her sisters Catherine E. Sheppard, Helen G. Driscoll, Anne G. Morrissey, and Theresa G. Murphy.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 11 AM. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours have been omitted. Interment will be held in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozzi.com.**

### Jeanne T. Danforth, 93

April 17, 1926 - November 21, 2019

YORK BEACH, MAINE — Jeanne T. Danforth, 93, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 21st, 2019. She was born April 17th, 1926 in Methuen, MA a daughter of the late Leo J. and Lucille (Monette) Bernardin. She was a personal typing and shorthand teacher for many years beginning at Pynchard High School and finally Andover High School before her retirement.

She had a lifelong passion for York Beach and spent her post retirement years volunteering at York Hospital doing office work such as typing and filing, as well as office organization.

She leaves her husband G. Arthur Danforth; two sons, G. Arthur Danforth III of North Andover, MA and Stephen J. Danforth and his wife Cynthia of Raymond, NH; two brothers, Leo J. Bernardin and his

wife Joan of Wisconsin and Peter Bernardin and his wife Barbara of California; a sister Annette Bernardin of Winterport, Maine; finally, she leaves three grandchildren, Jennifer (husband Eric) of North Carolina, Stephen of Salem, MA, and Stephanie of Andover, MA, and a great-granddaughter Cora Lynn of North Carolina. A daughter Susan E. Danforth of Portland, ME predeceased her.

Calling hours for family and friends will be held from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, December 7th in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Rd., York, Maine. A graveside service will be held at 12:30pm in the First Parish Cemetery, 180 York St., York, Maine. In lieu of flowers please donate to your local animal rescue league. Visit [www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com](http://www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com)



### Terry R. Crossfield, 81

August 26, 1938 - November 20, 2019

ANDOVER — Andover resident Terry R. Crossfield passed away Nov. 20 after a long illness. -He was 81 and survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy Ingalls Crossfield. An active member of the Andover Senior Center, Mr. Crossfield was involved for many years with the local access TV group which produces the show "There's Something about Andover." He was also an active member of the Senior Center's "Fix It Shop" helping seniors with minor repairs.

Mr. Crossfield was a graduate of the University of Baltimore and worked in pharmaceutical sales management retiring in 1995 from Alcon Laboratories. -He is survived by three children, -Catherine Duval of Concord, Mass., Warren T. Of North Andover and Brian P. Of Erie, CO., and a sister Carol Yagow of Roanoke, VA. Please send memorial gifts to your local American Lung Assoc. -In lieu of flowers.



**ARRANGEMENTS: Remembrance and VISITATION is scheduled for Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. in Andover 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 8.**

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# Alcohol sales fight takes detour to high court

## Merchants in Andover, statewide fear loss of business to convenience and food stores

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Liquor store owners are turning to the high court in Massachusetts to derail a possible ballot question reshaping the state's liquor license landscape and allowing Cumberland Farms and other food stores to sell beer and wine, a practice that's common in other states.

Represented by former Supreme Judicial Court Justice Robert Cordy, the Westborough-based Massachusetts Package Stores Association says Attorney General Maura Healey improperly certified the proposed initiative petition. They have appealed her decision to the SJC in an attempt to keep the question off the 2020 ballot.

The plaintiffs, including Sav-Mor Spirits, Julio's Liquors, and Greenwood Wine & Spirits, say the "Frankenstein-like ballot initiative" backed by the Westborough-based Cumberland Farms convenience store chain is impermissible because it contains four independent and unrelated questions, similar to the argument that last year sunk the attempt to put a surtax on income greater than \$1 million.

"Voters are immediately misled because the question addresses four independent questions of long-standing public policy, each unrelated to the other, except that they



FILE PHOTO

Owners of liquor stores in Massachusetts are concerned about a possible ballot question that could affect their sales.

all reference alcoholic beverages," the association wrote in a press release.

The release continues, "This 'logrolling,' including unrelated provisions in a single ballot question, appears to be an intentional effort by Cumberland Farms, owned by England based E.G. Group who controls over 7,000 convenience and gas stores worldwide."

The association's lawsuit hinges on the argument that the initiative petition combines "four distinct and unrelated questions" — whether beer and wine should be sold

at an unlimited number of establishments that sell food, whether any single company should be allowed to control an unlimited number of liquor licenses, whether all people buying beer or wine should be made to present identification, and whether some alcohol excise taxes should be diverted to fund the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Matt Durand, the lead petitioner for the question and the head of public policy for Cumberland Farms, said Healey's office "squarely addressed the issues raised

in the recent Package Store Association lawsuit" when it certified that the initiative met constitutional muster and could continue advancing towards the ballot.

"While the opponents' continued objections lack merit in our view, they are hardly a surprise. We fully anticipated that entrenched special interests would challenge this proposal at every step of the process, and that's exactly what they're doing with their lawsuit challenging the Attorney General's certification," Durand said.

"We are in the process of reviewing the specifics of the complaint, and will determine the appropriate response. For now, while the Package Store Association argues about process, we remain focused on the merits of our proposal as we complete the signature certification process."

To stay on track for the ballot, supporters of the proposed law must submit signatures from 80,239 registered voters by Dec. 4. Durand said the effort has gathered 130,000 signatures since August and has "already comfortably exceeded the constitutional threshold for certification by local election officials — with many more certifications still to go."

Under current law, Cumberland Farms and similar retailers can hold up to seven alcohol retail licenses this year and up to nine beginning next year.

The initiative, as described in the attorney general's summary, "would create a license allowing food stores to sell wine and beer for off-premises consumption, progressively increase and then eliminate the limit on the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages consumed off-premises that any one retailer could own or control."

The package stores said the ballot question is an attempt to go around the legislative process "by confusing voters

into giving this single company unprecedented control of the retail alcohol marketplace with a potential 200-store network."

"Establishing a virtual monopoly for Cumberland Farms is clearly the intended outcome," the association said.

The proposal would also "require food stores and other retailers selling alcohol for consumption off-premises to implement certain age-verification policies to prevent the sale of alcohol to customers under age 21," according to the attorney general's summary.

The package stores, who said they account for more than 19,000 jobs and \$90 million in state excise taxes, said the industry is banding together to fight the Cumberland Farms initiative because it "never should have gotten this far."

"The entire retail alcohol beverages industry in Massachusetts has been turned upside down by the Cumberland Farms Initiative," Benjamin Weiner of Sav-Mor Spirits said in a statement. "This appeal is a Strength in Unity moment for all locally owned retailers of beer, wine and spirits against a retail Goliath from the UK that is trying to dupe voters into giving them unparalleled control of the Massachusetts marketplace."

# Temple Emanu-El cantor named Global Justice Fellow

By MIKE LABELLA  
Staff Writer

HAVERHILL -- Cantor Vera Broekhuysen, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, has been named a Global Justice Fellow by the American Jewish World Service.

The AJWS Global Justice Fellowship is a "selective program designed to inspire, educate and train

key opinion leaders in the American Jewish community to become advocates in support of U.S. policies that will help improve the lives of people in the developing world,"



Vera Broekhuysen

according to the organization's website.

Broekhuysen and 13 other 2019-20 fellows will join the organization's pursuit of justice throughout the world, supporting local organizations in countries in the global south. The Fellowship focuses on the AJWS' initiative to support human rights in Guatemala, "ending violence and discrimination against women, youth and

indigenous people, and protecting the land and natural resources that farmers need to survive."

The fellowship includes a three-day training retreat in New York, followed by travel to Guatemala in late January or early February of 2020 to learn and advocate with Guatemalans directly affected by oppressive conditions there.

Discussing her upcoming travel Broekhuysen said, "This will not be easy or comfortable learning. We never enjoy becoming aware, personally or communally, of pain that

others experience. But I know that there's a lot of good that allies such as ourselves can do, which AJWS helps to facilitate, and I will bring opportunities for help and healing back to our community."

Broekhuysen was ordained by Hebrew College in June 2016, when she also earned her master of Jewish education.

Broekhuysen says she deeply values opportunities to pursue both spiritual enrichment and social justice in interfaith environments. She is a member and

former secretary of the New England Board of Cantors, a member of the Greater Haverhill Clergy Association, a founding member of the Merrimack Valley Interfaith Sanctuary Network, and a chavairah (fellow) of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights.

In 2018, she was honored at the Merrimack Valley Project's annual Ministry in Community Action Honoree dinner for her work in immigration justice in the Merrimack Valley. She lives in North Andover with her husband and two sons.

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# Opinion

## Cheers & Jeers for recent newsmakers

**JEERS** to making people wait.

About 50 parents turned up at the Andover School Committee meeting before Thanksgiving to voice their opinions — mostly displeasure — at the thought of changing the school day schedule.

Among the ideas under study is starting the town's elementary school day earlier, giving rest-needy teenagers more time in the morning to sleep. Bus schedules at the elementary level are tied to those of the high school, so the schedule of one must be coordinated with the other.

The proposed change reflects growing research into teens' sleep habits and the consequences of forcing them to rise early. But it's not exactly warmly received by parents of younger kids, who are reasonably worried about their elementary-age students standing at bus stops in the dark for much of the year.

The School Committee that Thursday night heard a presentation about Andover's schedule and its options, moving it up in the evening's agenda to accommodate a consultant's schedule. But, instead of hearing out the public's commentary at that point — which had clearly attracted most of the people in the room to the meeting — the School Committee waited until later in the evening, at the predetermined spot on the agenda, to hear the parents' feedback.

For the parents, the difference meant a wait of a couple of hours.

It's not uncommon for a public boards or commissions to shuffle an agenda to accommodate a crowd, especially when a single presentation or discussion turns what's usually a lightly attended meeting into a jam-packed room. The School Committee didn't do that, however. And it clearly wasn't fixated on its agenda that Thursday, either, in light of its willingness to accommodate the consultant.

Perhaps the committee members, who've been working on this issue for some time, weren't interested in deferring to parents who've come to this topic only recently. If that was the reason, the people deserve better from their School Committee.

Either way, parents shouldn't have been made to wait. One later complained about rude treatment by the committee.

It seems she was right.

■ ■ ■

**CHEERS** to what hopefully will be the last gas work in the area for a while.

Columbia Gas announced last week that it's finished inspecting 2,000 out-of-service lines that once connected homes, businesses and other buildings to the natural gas network in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

This came after inspections of some 2,900 lines ordered by the state Department of Public Utilities. Through it all, the company was looking for old lines that were properly capped in accordance with state regulations when it replaced 43 1/2 miles of new gas main lines and another 5,086 service lines following the September 2018 gas disaster.

The three rounds of inspections — two ordered by the state, one initiated by Columbia Gas itself — turned up some 929 lines that needed attention, staff writer Bill Kirk reported. That represents slightly less than 1 in 5 surveyed.

The need for inspections in the first place rankled many, pointing out yet another problem associated with the gas company since the Sept. 13, 2018 gas fires and explosions in the region.

A gas leak around the anniversary of the disaster, forcing the evacuation of a south Lawrence neighborhood, prompted state officials to require the utility to revisit its work.

With the inspections done, the communities should be able to look toward repairing and repaving the roads.

In Andover, where that process is expected to last three years, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan told Kirk the town and its residents will not tolerate further delays.

Let's hope Flanagan and the rest of us don't have to confront any.

And, like Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, we'll look forward to a report from state regulators about Columbia Gas' work leading up to the gas disaster, and its efforts since.

In the meantime, we can be thankful there's no more construction happening in the streets.

## 'Cap and invest' approach reduces pollution — and costs

**Chris Dempsey**

The state's transportation system is literally riddled with challenges: potholed roads, inadequate public transit service, soul-crushing traffic congestion and tailpipe pollution that both causes asthma and heart disease and is the state's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

To address these problems, Gov. Charlie Baker has been working with a bipartisan group of governors from nearby states to advance a regional, market based program known as the Transportation & Climate Initiative.

The initiative is based on a similar initiative that 11 states, including Massachusetts, put in place in 2009 called the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Most people have never heard of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, but it is one of the most consequential environmental policies the state has adopted in decades.

It works by requiring power plants to purchase emissions credits for the pollution they create. The number of credits available for sale across the participating states is capped to ensure total pollution is limited and declines over time.

Coal plants and other heavy polluters have to buy a lot of credits. Natural gas plants have to buy a moderate amount. Clean energy plants powered by solar and wind don't have to buy any at all.

The program works. Emissions from power plants in the region have fallen 90% faster than the rest of the country.

When the greenhouse gas initiative was being developed, opponents said it would raise electricity costs and hurt the economy.

As it turns out, they were wrong on both counts.

Since it was put in place, electricity prices in participating states have declined 5.7%, while they have risen 8.6% in the rest of the country.

The economies of the participating states have grown 31% faster than the rest of the country, according to the non-partisan Acadia Center.

What happened? One part of the story is that the price of natural gas declined. Perhaps more importantly, the greenhouse gas initiative helped the Massachusetts energy sector become more efficient.

Proceeds from the sale of credits fund programs such as the popular Mass Save that have provided consumers and businesses with billions of dollars in incentives to upgrade insulation, install new appliances or make other cost-saving energy-efficiency changes.

Programs like the greenhouse gas initiative have contributed to Massachusetts being named the most energy efficient state in the country for the ninth consecutive year. Lowering demand has helped drive down the cost that consumers pay for electricity.

Rather than work through

centralized government control, "cap and invest" systems like the greenhouse gas and transportation and climate initiatives use free market principles to reduce pollution more efficiently than alternative approaches.

And by increasing overall demand for carbon reducing technology and innovation, cap-and-invest systems also drive economic growth.

Ultimately, the Transportation & Climate Initiative is a program designed to put itself out of business as consumers gradually shift to electric vehicles.

That is why these programs are regularly supported by everyone from public health advocates to environmentalists to conservative economists.

In Massachusetts, the Transportation & Climate Initiative is supported by business groups such as the Massachusetts High Tech Council, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and environmental groups such as the Environmental League of Massachusetts and the Sierra Club.

Sometimes cap-and-invest programs are even preferred by the companies that are required to purchase the credits, because the approach lets industry players sort out how to reduce pollution, with government oversight but without government mandates.

While we work to ensure

the Transportation & Climate Initiative boosts the economy, opponents of the Transportation & Climate Initiative, some funded by the oil industry, have claimed it will raise gas prices. They were wrong about the greenhouse gas initiative, and voters should be skeptical of their claims about this program.

By making our transportation system more efficient, what consumers pay for transportation can and will decline, just as electricity costs have under the greenhouse gas initiative.

By advancing the Transportation & Climate Initiative in partnership with other governors, Baker is applying his bipartisan, innovative, results-driven governing approach to two of our most pressing challenges — fixing our transportation system and addressing tailpipe emissions that currently are the biggest source of pollution in Massachusetts.

*Chris Dempsey is director of Transportation for Massachusetts, a diverse coalition of more than 70 organizations with a stake in improving transportation in the state.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Signal needs change to end traffic jams

Editor, Townsman:

This is a complain about the traffic signal control outside the IRS and Mobile gas station on Route 133.

Route 133 is a very busy street and cars on Route 133 should have priority to pass through that traffic light. But we often have a long backup on Route 133 (westbound) especially during high-traffic hours. Many times, we notice that each green signal only allows one or two cars on Route 133 to pass through before it turns red again. As soon as an east-bound car on Route 133 stops for a left turn to go into the apartment area, the signal for the west bound through traffic instantly changes to red.

A similar situation also happens when cars try to exit from the apartment area (probably three out of five times). The results are a traffic jam on Route 133 westbound, with cars often backed up to Wild Rose Drive and sometimes as far as the animal hospital area.

The traffic signal should be adjusted to allow a certain green light period, such as 30 seconds or so for Route 133 westbound traffic. Turning/exiting traffic should only be

allowed to trigger their signals after that set time period, not instantly, so at least five to 10 through-traffic cars will pass through every green signal, instead of one or two cars as is the case now.

IRIS CHEN  
Andover

### Changing school start times makes no sense

Editor, Townsman:

Bill Kirk's article in a recent issue of The Eagle-Tribune cites the latest controversy that Superintendent Berman and School Committee Chair Scully have ignited with their push to delay the start time for when school begins for the middle schools and the high school at the expense of having the town's youngest children walk to school in the dark.

Parents of young children in our town are outraged, as they should be, because this is one more example of the educational-industrial complex pushing for a change that may benefit a few at the expense of the many. These are the same folks who, over several generations, have pushed, first, the "New Math" followed the last few years by the "New New Math" — all of which fail in educating kids to

be as proficient in mathematics compared to when kids were taught mathematics by "Old Math." I have taught mathematics at the university level and cannot understand the way in which my elementary-age grandkids are being taught to do basic problems in arithmetic and problem solving, so I am not surprised when they cannot understand what's going on, either.

But returning to what this school start time "flip," a fiasco in the making, will mean, Matt Bach, president of the local teachers union, is completely on target when he says there are far more important problems to address in educating children than wasting time and money on this proposed "flip." I'll toss out one indisputable need that the money to be spent to fund this schedule "flip" would be much better spent on: funding full-day kindergarten for all kindergarten-age children in town. To spend money to "flip" start times around while leaving full-day kindergarten unfunded would be a total failure of the School Committee to have their priorities screwed on properly.

When my generation was in high school and television was a major source of wasted time for my generation as

cellphones and social media have become for today's high-schoolers, delaying start time for us by an hour or so, as is being proposed here, would have meant one thing: We'd just be able to stay up an hour or so more to watch another hour of TV and be just as sleep-deprived as we had been under an earlier start-time schedule. Delaying start time for high-schoolers now will merely result in the same effect. Just as water always seeks the lowest level, high school-age kids will just stay up that much longer, hanging out with whatever on their cell phones and Internet tablets, feeling OK in doing so, because school starts later.

Common sense ought to prevail on this, but I have my doubts if Superintendent Berman continues to promote this scheme. If parents want high-schoolers to be less sleep deprived, do the social media equivalent of what most of my generation's parents did: Unplug the kids from their cell phones and social media at a same time. It will work, and the elementary-age kids in town won't be figuratively thrown under the bus as the sacrificial lambs for this hair-brained scheme.

BOB POKRESS  
Andover

## WEB QUESTION

The town recently hired a sustainability coordinator whose job is to find ways to make Andover more environmentally responsible. Town Manager Andrew Flanagan says he hopes Joyce Losick-Yang, who has a doctorate from MIT and formerly worked for the U.S. Department of Energy, can help Andover secure "Designated Green Community" status, among other things.

The position didn't have unanimous support on the Select Board, with member Alex Vispoli saying he felt other town employees already serve these functions, not to mention regional programs with similar aims. How do you think this position can be most effective?

**EFFICIENCY:** The town still has a ways to go to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings and vehicles — especially considering their ages — and also should focus on reducing emissions.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The town has participated in preparedness programs but still has much to do to plan for major storms and disasters.

**OUTSIDE MONEY:** The sustainability coordinator could more than make up her \$84,000 salary by connecting the town with grants and other programs, particularly if Andover attains "Designated Green Community" status.

**SOMEPLACE ELSE:** Making Andover "greener" should be everyone's responsibility. The town doesn't really need a dedicated sustainability coordinator.

### Last week's question

Thousands of runners and walkers who finish the Feather Five on York Street this Thursday will leave the Brickstone Square parking lot with the ultimate race prize — a Table Talk apple pie, suitable for their Thanksgiving table.

The thought of sweaty people awarded with pies — really, the thought of the Thanksgiving table — inspires this week's web question: Which pie is the best pie?

**APPLE:** The Feather Five folks have it right. Besides, nothing is more American than apple pie — at Thanksgiving or any day of the year. **(15 votes)**

**PUMPKIN:** Fall is New England at its best, and that means a more savory, seasonal pie. **(6 votes)**

**PECAN:** Fun to say and even more fun to eat. **(2 votes)**

**BOSTON CREAM:** This dessert, said to have originated at the Omni Parker House Hotel, is the sweet that has them all beat. **(2 votes)**

**SOMETHING ELSE:** Those pies might describe traditional Thanksgiving table, but they can't compare to lemon meringue, key lime, custard, coconut, chocolate creme, blueberry or whatever other pie is on your table. **(3 votes)**

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# Year-to-date opioid deaths in state down 6%

## Report: Fentanyl present in almost every overdose death studied

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The rate of deaths due to opioid overdoses is slowing in Massachusetts, but still nearly 1,500 people died of an overdose in the Bay State through the first nine months of this year, officials announced.

The 1,460 confirmed or suspected opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts between January and September represent a decrease of about 6% from the first three quarters of 2018, the equivalent of 99 fewer people dying, the Department of Public Health said.

DPH has confirmed 1,091 of the deaths were caused by an overdose of heroin, fentanyl, prescription painkillers or other opioids and estimated that another 332 to 407 deaths will eventually be confirmed as opioid

overdoses.

For the second time in two quarterly opioid data releases, DPH officials said that the prevalence of the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl has risen to “an all-time high” and is now present in almost every overdose death that’s screened for drugs.

“Today’s report affirms that our multi-pronged approach to the opioid epidemic is making a difference,” Gov. Charlie Baker said in a statement. “Although we’ve made progress, we must continue to focus our law enforcement efforts on getting fentanyl off of our streets and out of our neighborhoods.”

Of the 903 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2019 for which a toxicology screen was present, 838 of them — or 93 percent — tested

positive for the presence of fentanyl, which is deadly in small doses. Last year, fentanyl was found in 89 percent of opioid overdose deaths and was present in just 18 percent of opioid overdose deaths in the third quarter of 2014, DPH said.

Over the last five years, while fentanyl has been on the rise in Massachusetts, the rate of heroin or likely heroin found present in opioid-related overdoses has declined steadily, according to the findings. It was found in 24 percent of overdose deaths that had a toxicology screen in the second quarter of this year.

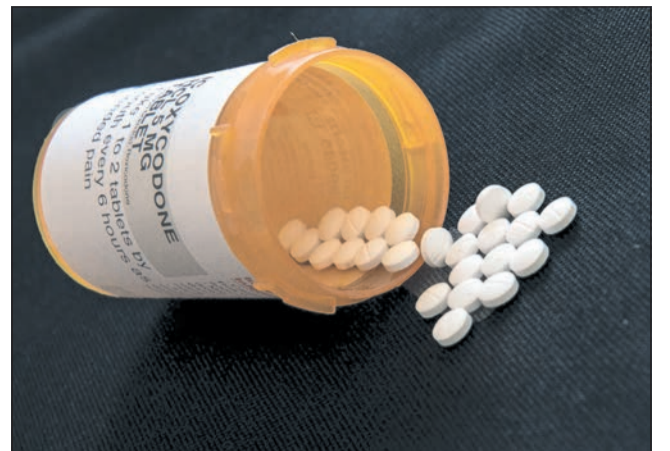
Men aged 25 through 34 continued to make up the greatest demographic share (24 percent) of all opioid-related incidents treated by emergency medical services in the first half of 2019, DPH

said. Men account for 74 percent of all fatal opioid-related overdoses in Massachusetts.

“Behind these quarterly data are real people and families in communities across the state whose lives are impacted by addiction,” Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said. “We remain invested in proven strategies across the spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery to help individuals struggling with addiction and support local community efforts.”

The current state budget directs \$246 million — or roughly 0.6 percent of the total state appropriation — toward addressing substance misuse prevention and treatment.

Despite the surge in the presence of fentanyl, public health officials have touted declines in the number of overdose deaths. Between



STAFF PHOTO

Oxycodone pills are among the drugs related to overdose deaths in Massachusetts.

2016 and 2018, total overdose deaths dropped by an estimated 3% and the rate of deaths per 100,000 people fell by 4% in that same time period, DPH said.

“The release of this latest data indicates that our public health-centered approach to the opioid epidemic is

working,” Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel said. “As we move forward, we will build on this success by continuing to focus on the widespread availability of naloxone, behavioral and medication treatments, and sustained recovery services.”

# State lawmakers want rules for electric scooters

## Would set rules for riding in Andover, elsewhere

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Staff Writer

Electric scooters are gliding around Massachusetts cities and towns — a cheap, environmentally friendly means of transportation — but the devices are technically illegal under state law.

Massachusetts requires that all motorized scooters — whether they be sitting

or standing, electric or gas powered — be equipped with brake lights and turning signals like mopeds.

Some communities, like Salem, have allowed high-tech companies such as Zagster, Lime and Bird to rent out scooters as part of pilot projects, but there are no statewide rules or guidelines.

Lawmakers are considering several proposals to legalize

e-scooters by setting rules for how and where they can be used in cities and towns that want them.

The proposals would limit locations of use, minimum ages for riders from 16 to 18, and speed limits from 12 to 15 mph. Some would require riders to wear helmets if under age 16, and require companies that own them to carry liability insurance and pay state

excise taxes on rides.

Local governments would be allowed to set their own rules.

Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem, said she supports giving people more micro-mobility options but wants statewide regulations to ensure the safety of riders and the general public.

“While the health of our economy and our environment depends on increasing the number of carbon-free transit options, I believe that we need to put in place smart regulations for electronic scooters that protect the safety of users and pedestrians alike,” she said. “Ultimately, we need to promote new technologies in a thoughtful and balanced way.”

Rep. Christina Minicucci, D-North Andover, said she is concerned about safety as the unregulated industry takes off. She wants to see rules for the use of e-scooters.

“You see people zipping around on these things, dodging traffic and riding in bike lanes without helmets,”

she said. “We need clearly defined rules of the road to ensure safety.”

Gov. Charlie Baker has proposed regulating e-scooters like regular bicycles as part of a wide-ranging road safety bill his administration rolled out earlier this year.

E-scooters, which are powered by electric motors, have become popular in major cities for short commutes and to connect to public transport networks.

Rental companies have tested them in several communities including Boston, Brookline and Salem as part of pilot projects that allow them to be used on local roadways.

Spin, a subsidiary of automobile giant Ford Motor Co., operates around 250 e-scooters in Salem with Zagster, the company that also operates that city’s bike-share program.

California-based Lime recently concluded a pilot project in Brookline where it deployed about 200 e-scooters.

Scott Mullen, Lime’s director of Northeast expansion, said the industry supports

statewide regulations and has been working with lawmakers on rules that “promote safety and greater transportation access without stifling innovation or consumer choice.”

He said e-scooters have the potential to “revolutionize mobility by empowering cities with greener, more efficient, and affordable transportation options.”

“This really has the potential to help reduce vehicle emissions and mitigate the state’s congestion crisis,” he said. “Anything that gets people out of their cars is a good thing.”

The GPS-equipped scooters can be rented through apps acting in the same way as bike-share programs. Riders pick them up, pay by the minute, then drop them off at their destination.

Most companies charge \$1 per ride, plus 15 cents for each minute of the trip.

Scooter sharing programs have popped up in at least 100 cities, and Americans took 38.5 million trips on them in 2018, according to the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

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# TownsBeat



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Members of the North Andover School of Dance perform to Disney songs during Andover's Santa Parade.

## Kicking off the holiday season



Girl Scouts march and toss candy along the Santa Parade route.

Andover's annual Santa Parade brought plenty of pageantry to the heart of the community — music, singing, dancing and eye-catching costumes.

Sunday's parade signaled the start of the town's holiday season.

Families gathered downtown to take in the sights and sounds and get into the holiday spirit.

## How to celebrate the holidays

Here's a look at local holiday activities:

**THURSDAY, DEC. 5**

**DECORATION TOUR:** The "Upstairs, Downstairs" tour will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Visitors will explore the festively decorated 200-year-old Amos Blanchard House, including the period rooms and the private "off-limit" areas. The tour will go through third-floor rooms where collection items are stored, and behind the closed doors of work and storage spaces.

The Blanchard House is not mobility accessible. The tour involves a considerable amount of standing, climbing stairs and moving through tight spaces. Registration is required but there is no

charge to participate. Visit [andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs](http://andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs). For further information call Marilyn Helmers at 978-475-2236.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** Local artists will showcase their talents from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Church in Andover. For sale will be handmade jewelry, pottery, quilted and sewn items, greeting cards, portraits, local honey, savory jams and other items.

**HOLIDAY LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC:** The Baroque Big Band will perform from 4 to 6 p.m. at West Parish Church on Reservation Road. The performance will feature Johann Sebastian Bach's Baroque masterpieces, specifically Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

**LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC:** The

Merrimack College Concert Band, Choir and Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Arts Center on campus. Tickets are \$8 to \$10. Call 978-837-5355 for more information.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

**TREE LIGHTING:** The public will gather at Ballard-Vale Green at 5 p.m. There will be carol singing and refreshments will be served as people gather to watch the community tree become illuminated.

**HOLIDAY BALL:** The Crystal Ballroom Holiday Ball is from 6 to 10 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. The evening starts with dance instruction by First Dance Studio from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by music by D.B.'s Orchestra. Black See **HOLIDAYS**, Page 10

## The A, B, C's of holiday events

### Local tree festival inspired by alphabet

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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The treasured collection of 50,000 items at Andover's Center for History & Culture easily has at least one item representing every letter of the alphabet.

That got curator Lauren Kosky-Stamm thinking and next thing she knew, the center's current exhibit was launched and Christmas tree decorators used an alphabet theme for the recently opened Festival of Trees.

"Tree decorators were inspired by our collection and the trees look beautiful. One example is the letter T, for a tea tree, decorated with ornaments related to tea and historical teapots on display around it," said Kosky-Stamm, director of programs and social media at the center.

"A to Z: An Alphabet Exhibition" is on display until Jan. 31, while "Festive Firs" is open until Jan. 4 and features 10 decorated trees.

Alphabet cards decorate the center, explaining which items represent letters of the alphabet. For example, S is for swizzle sticks, which were decorated drinks at Indian Ridge Country Club and the former Rolling



COURTESY PHOTOS

T is for tea — and this Christmas tree was inspired by tea.

Green Hotel; T is for the Tea Room sign that once hung at the Rose Cottage on Chestnut Street; and U is for a historical umbrella used by William Phillips Foster on his wedding trip in 1852.

"It's really a unique connection between the exhibit and the trees," Kosky-Stamm said.

Also, on Thursday, Dec. See **TREES**, Page 10

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Members of the Dance Infusion group perform at the parade.



Members of the Andover School of Ballet dance along the route.

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The Jazz Disciples band performs from atop a parade float.



Santa appears from around the corner atop Ladder 2.

# Let the holidays begin!

There were marching bands and dance troupes — big groups of entertainers who took the crowds by storm. They belted out tunes and danced in unison, getting the parade-watchers to join in on the sidelines. Other entertainers in the Santa Parade did individual performances, like the juggler who stopped repeatedly at the edge of the route to show off his skills. Andover's annual Santa Parade delighted parade-goers with a little bit of everything — and there is the promise of much more to come this holiday season.



Cub Scout Pack 77 makes its way along the route, with members carrying toy guns.



A juggler performs for parade-watchers.



Melissa Bacskai and her daughter Molly, both of Andover, look over items for sale during Small Business Saturday at Helen Thomas' Simply Smashing shop in Andover.



Denise McCarthy of Reading looks over silver necklaces during small business Saturday at Helen Thomas' Simply Smashing shop.

## Sales brisk sales on Small Business Saturday

Broken pipes flooded the Helen Thomas Simply Smashing store at 90 Main St. in October, forcing the popular store to close. It's still closed but there was no way owner Lisa Schiavone was missing out on the town's Small Business Saturday event last weekend. The store was set up in a pop-up store location on Post Office Avenue, and business was brisk.



Tali McCabe gift-wraps an item for a customer during Small Business Saturday at Helen Thomas' Simply Smashing shop in Andover.

### HOLIDAYS

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tie is optional. Tickets are available at the Center at Punchard or The Andover

Book Store for \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Tickets will also be available at the door.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE

**HUNT:** Santa will hide hundreds of candy canes in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets. Then from 6 to 7 p.m. residents are invited to bring a flashlight and a bag to collect candy. The cost is

\$5 per child and registration is required with the Recreation Department, which hosts the event. Call 978-623-8340 for more information.

FRIDAY, DEC.13

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:** Downtown will come alive from 4 to 8 p.m. with the Christmas tree lighting, musical entertainment, carnival rides, food trucks, horse-drawn carriage rides, photos with

Santa and a parade. Fireworks will finish off the festivities.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

**HANUKKAH:** Begins at sundown.

### TREES

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5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Andover Center for History

& Culture, 97 Main St., hosts "Upstairs, Downstairs" — a special tour through the 200-year-old Amos Blanchard House, which is decorated for the holidays.

"Visitors not only see the period rooms, but also get to tour the private 'off-limits' areas," Kosky-Stamm said. "We'll venture to third-floor rooms, where collection

items are stored, and go behind the closed doors of work spaces and storage spaces." The Blanchard House is not handicapped accessible,

and the tour involves a considerable amount of standing, climbing stairs and moving through tight spaces. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or

978-475-2236, or visit [andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs](http://andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs). Space is limited. The event is free, but registration is required.



# 2019 ANDOVER HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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Carnival Rides, Behind Old Town Hall, 20 Main Street  
Food Trucks, Main Street  
Holiday Shopping and Dining

**4 P.M. - 6 P.M.** Photos with Santa at Old Town Hall, 20 Main Street

**4 - 7:30 P.M.** Full Schedule Of Entertainment, Main Stage on 45 Main Street  
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Free Christian Church	Sunset Tappers

**7:30 P.M.** Parade from Old Town Hall, 20 Main Street to Town Office, 36 Bartlet Street for Tree Lighting

**7:45 P.M.** Fireworks at the Park at Chestnut and Bartlet Streets

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Local unified sports athletes gather with school officials as Andover High receives national recognition from the Special Olympics as a Unified Champion School.



Andover High Principal Philip Conrad tries to avoid being hit while running through a turkey shoot obstacle course.



Terry Keilty, vice president for programming at Special Olympics of Massachusetts, speaks during the rally.



Allison Regnant, center, of the Andover High School Marching Band Color Guard performs during the rally.

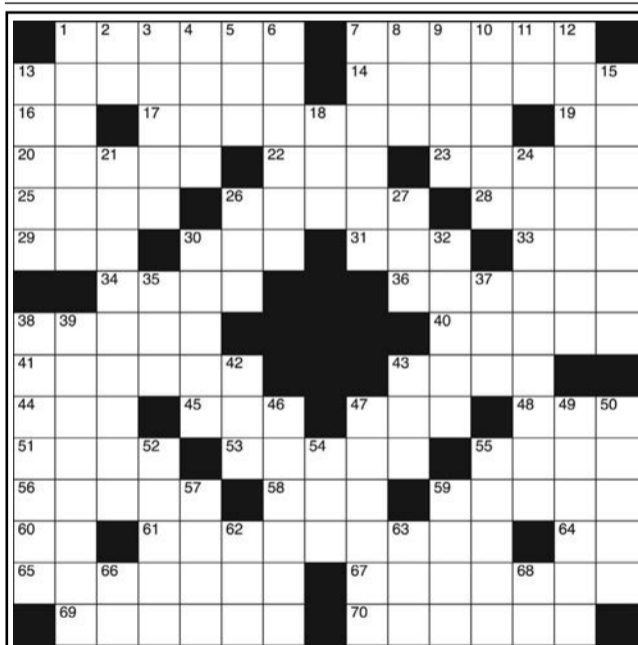
# Now that's the spirit!

Special Olympics leaders visited Andover High last week to thank the school for supporting student-athletes who face physical and mental challenges.

During a school spirit rally in Dunn Gymnasium at Andover High, the school

received national recognition from Special Olympics and was named a Unified Champion School.

The rally featured words of thanks from Special Olympics leaders, music from the school band and even a turkey shoot obstacle course.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Rope used as a lasso
- 7. Lomb's partner
- 13. North African nation
- 14. Rounds up cattle
- 16. Densest naturally occurring element
- 17. Home of the Brewers
- 19. Atomic #44
- 20. Vetches
- 22. Moved earth with a tool
- 23. Cavalry sword
- 25. Supplements with difficulty
- 26. Encouraged
- 28. Speech defect
- 29. Periodical (abbr.)
- 30. Very cold
- 31. \_\_\_ Paulo, city
- 33. Former OSS
- 34. Approves food
- 36. Cars need them
- 38. Sweden's dominant phone company

*Solution in Classified Section*

- 40. Long lock of a woman's hair
- 41. North American natives
- 43. Fly high
- 44. One type is fire
- 45. Nocturnal bird
- 47. More than one male
- 48. LOTR actor McKellen
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 55. Tennis star Kournikova
- 56. Pulitzer-winning composer
- 58. The opposite to pro
- 59. Safecrackers
- 60. Denotes past
- 61. Parrots
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 65. Reduce the importance of
- 67. Stiffly
- 69. In a sensible way
- 70. Signs

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Capital of Zambia
- 2. Article
- 3. Country star LeAnn
- 4. Egyptian goddess
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Showy but cheap
- 7. Belgian urban center
- 8. Short-winged diving seabird
- 9. Deploys
- 10. Ballplayers can legally do it
- 11. Centiliter
- 12. Contrary beliefs
- 13. Type of pole
- 15. Distinguish oneself
- 18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
- 21. One who monitors
- 24. Petty quarreling
- 26. Fiddler crabs
- 27. Touch lightly
- 30. American state
- 32. Pro wrestler Randy

- 35. Indicates spelling mistake
- 37. Macaws
- 38. Gradually narrowed
- 39. Installments
- 42. Female sheep
- 43. Politician
- 46. Servant
- 47. Said to facilitate concentration
- 49. California ballplayers
- 50. Once Toledo's tallest building
- 52. A type of pie
- 54. State of southwestern India
- 55. Principal member of Norse religion
- 57. Counterspy
- 59. Wellness practice
- 62. \_\_\_-de-sac: dead end street
- 63. Used to cook
- 66. Type of hospital
- 68. Direct message

12/5/19



Ethan Paulo, center, of the Andover High School Marching Band performs during the event.



Stephanie Hand, center, joins her fellow teachers in a flash mob dance.

# They're the champs

## Andover/North Andover YMCA wins national contest

Members and staff of the Andover/North Andover YMCA logged thousands of miles on Espresso bikes during October, beating other YMCAs from around the country to become the Y Madness Espresso Bike Champions. The national contest, which was sponsored by Espresso Bikes, started on Sept. 24. The goal was to ride as many miles as a team or YMCA as possible in a 24-hour period. Andover/North Andover YMCA members and staff rode every Tuesday, advancing through the Super 16, Electric 8, Fearsome 4, and then finally winning the championship on Oct. 27. During the final rounds, the

Y stayed open for 24 hours on Tuesdays so that dedicated riders could log miles on the bikes. "I am humbled by the drive and dedication of our members," said Cara Green, health and wellness director for the Andover/North Andover YMCA. "The sense of community has been overwhelming." In all, 300 riders from the Merrimack Valley YMCA participated in the contest, logging 8,129 miles and burning 250,612 calories in the process. MVYMYCA member and LIVESTRONG participant Liz Roos finished 22nd overall in the country, with a total of 387 miles. The Espresso Bike Y



PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

### The Andover/North Andover YMCA

Madness Challenge website (<https://espresso.com/YMadness2019>) has more information on total miles for the MVYMYCA and for individual riders.

The Y won the grand prize, which is a brand new Expresso Bike for the branch – and of course bragging rights as the No. 1 Y in the country.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### THROUGH DEC. 29

**Winterlights**, 5 to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays at Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover; with free parking and shuttle service from Franklin Elementary School, 2 Cypress Terrace. Immersive holiday light display illuminating the extensive gardens at this "country estate." All-weather outdoors event; cancellations will occur only in the event of a declared snow emergency; tickets of canceled nights may be redeemed at future dates. Tickets: members, \$12; nonmembers, \$17; children under 12, free; now available online at [thetrustees.org/winterlights](http://thetrustees.org/winterlights) or at the estate, Thursdays-Sundays. Shuttle tickets are good for 30 minutes.

#### THROUGH MARCH 30

**East Hampstead Union Christian Church Community Food and Animal Shelter Drive to benefit St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry**, Sandown Food Pantry, MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Salem Animal Rescue League, and Greater Derry Humane Society. Collection points at various businesses in Andover, Hampstead, Colby Corner, East Hampstead and Plaistow, including TD and People's United banks, Hampstead Dry Cleaners and Chiropractic Wellness Centre. Information: Fran Medeiros, 603-770-8547, [f.medeiros@comcast.net](mailto:f.medeiros@comcast.net), ehucc.org.  
**DEC. 8, 15, 22**

**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](http://oambi.org).  
**DEC. 9, 16, 23**

**Conversational English**, 10 a.m. to noon at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

#### DEC. 10, 17

**Andover Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Morse Conference room at Raytheon IDS**, Essex Building, 350 Lowell St., Andover. Need to improve your speaking, presentation, or leadership skills? Need to overcome your fear of public speaking? Guests are always welcome. Information: [andovertoastmastersclub-toastmasterclubs.org](http://andovertoastmastersclub-toastmasterclubs.org).

#### DEC. 17

**Reading with Annie**, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. For children able to read on their own. Sessions are 15 minutes long, and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register at [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar). (Registration for Dec. 3 is now open, and registration for Dec. 17 will open on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m. at [mhl.org](http://mhl.org).)

**Device Advice for Adults**, 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Bring your technology questions to the Reference Desk. Get help with the basics for iPads, cell phones, 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](http://mhl.org).

#### DEC. 11, 18

**Junior Friends of Memorial Hall Library**, for ages 8-11, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Volunteer program. Junior Friends work together to plan program for younger children and do other projects to help the library. Contact Miss Kate at 978-623-8440 or [kdugan@mhl.org](mailto:kdugan@mhl.org).

**Revive and Thrive – Dementia and Memory-Supportive Fitness Program**, 11 a.m. to noon, at Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Emily Kearns, PhD will facilitate this weekly program. Information: 978-604-0830.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club meeting**, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (socializing, 7 p.m.) at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Members hail from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, South-eastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire. The club holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips — including some overnights, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions; most are open to the public. Information: [mvcameraclub.org](http://mvcameraclub.org).

#### DEC. 5

**"Upstairs, Downstairs tour"**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Andover Center for History & Culture, 97 Main St. is a special tour through the holiday-decorated 200-year-old Amos Blanchard House (not mobility accessible), including not just the period rooms, but also through the private "off-limits" areas. The tour involves a considerable amount of standing, climbing stairs and moving through tight spaces. Call Marilyn Helmers at 978-475-2236 with any questions. Free; registration required. Information: 978-475-2236, [andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs](http://andoverhistoryandculture.org/upstairs-downstairs).

#### DEC. 5, 19

**Career Networking Group**, 10 to 11:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library Ground Level Alcove 1, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Expand your network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job search strategies. Facilitated

by certified career coach Arleen Bradley. Information: 978-623-8430, [rdesk@mhl.org](mailto:rdesk@mhl.org), [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar).

#### DEC. 7

**Hand-to-Hand Craft Fair**, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Local artists will offer jewelry, pottery, local honey, quilted/sewn items, greeting cards, portraits, handmade soaps, luxury jams, hand-knit items, antique tableware and more. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip.

#### DEC. 7, JAN. 25

**Legomania for ages 5 and up**, 2 to 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Share a story, then build with Legos and share the creation with the group. Sign up at [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar).

#### DEC. 9

**In-BE-Tweens: Make a gift for someone special**, for Grades 4 & 5, 4 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library Activity Room, 2 No. Main St., Andover. Register at [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar).

#### DEC. 10

**Dementia Dialogues**, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Alcove 2 on Level G, 2 N. Main St., Andover. A monthly discussion group for anyone and everyone wanting to discuss dementia, including caregivers/care partners and people living with dementia. Facilitated by Emily Kearns, PhD, MBA, RMT, who is committed to innovative programming and community education, so that individuals living with dementia may continue to live well in communities that support and celebrate them. Information: Emily Kearns, 978-604-0830; Reference Desk, 978-623-8430 or [rdesk@mhl.org](mailto:rdesk@mhl.org).

#### DEC. 11

**Northern Essex Community College free Robotics Program information session**, 4 p.m. at Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, Andover. The seven-week, 140-hour Robotics and  
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# Statewide vape ban to be lifted as new rules take shape

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Staff Writer

With tough new restrictions on flavored e-cigarettes and tobacco products taking shape, a statewide ban on nicotine vaping products could be lifted as early as next week.

The move follows Gov. Charlie Baker's approval of a bill that outlaws sales of flavored vaping products, including menthol and mint-flavored cigarettes, limits the nicotine content of vape pods and imposes a 75% excise tax on the wholesale price of e-cigarettes.

Baker signed the bill last week, following its earlier passage in the House of Representatives and Senate.

The new law specifically restricts sales of flavored vape and tobacco products to private smoking bars such

as cigar bars and hookah lounges, where they must be consumed on site.

Baker said the state will lift a temporary ban on nicotine vaping products on Dec. 11 — two weeks ahead of schedule — when the state Public Health Council is expected to approve new statewide regulations. He said the yet-to-be-released vaping rules will “ensure risks are known to consumers” and that “sellers are not skirting the new law and selling to kids.”

The changes won't affect marijuana-infused vaping products, which have been quarantined by state regulators. The Cannabis Control Commission took steps to keep the products off dispensary shelves following a judge's ruling that the Department of Public Health didn't have the authority to ban the sale of medical marijuana

vaping products.

Baker imposed the short-term ban on vape product sales on Sept. 24 in response to a rash of illnesses and deaths linked to vaping that has sickened 2,300 people and killed 47, including three people in Massachusetts.

The ban was challenged in court and a state judge ordered Baker to file an emergency order in order to keep the restrictions in place until Dec. 24.

Health officials have defended the temporary ban as necessary to protect the public. Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders told reporters at last Wednesday's bill signing that it was important to leave the blanket ban in place for another two weeks to “develop regulations that provide clarity and explicit guidance to local law enforcement

and boards of health, consumers and retailers.”

Last year, the state raised the legal age to buy e-cigarettes from 18 to 21, expanded the workplace smoking ban to include e-cigarettes, and barred pharmacies from selling them.

Public health advocates pushed for the latest rules amid concerns that a generation of teenagers is getting hooked on e-cigarettes with flavors such as bubblegum, mint and mango.

“Keeping flavored tobacco products off the shelves here is an epic win for our kids, because it helps protect future generations from starting on the path to a lifetime of tobacco addiction,” said Marc Hymovitz, Massachusetts director of government relations for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. “Coupling

this action with a price increase on e-cigarettes and improved access to cessation services sets Massachusetts apart with a comprehensive tobacco control program that proudly outpaces the rest of the nation.”

But vaping industry groups say the restrictions will actually jeopardize public health by driving nicotine users to unsafe, unregulated markets, if they don't send them back to smoking traditional cigarettes.

“They're either going to go to cross state lines, go to the black or gray markets, or turn back to cigarettes,” said Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association.

Even when the state allows vaping products to be sold again, the damage has already been done to small businesses owners that were

forced to close their retail operations, he said.

And consumers can head up to New Hampshire, Conley said, which still allows flavored vaping products and tobacco and where the products are taxed at a lower rate than Massachusetts.

“This change means little to nothing for Massachusetts vape shops and consumers, as the vast majority of adult ex-smokers who vape do not want to use tobacco flavors,” he said. “You'll see a limited number of stores attempt to reopen, but by and large the era of vape shops in Massachusetts is over because more than 90% of the liquids they sold are now illegal.”

Conley added that as the new rules go into effect adult vapers in Massachusetts “should do whatever it takes to remain smoke-free, including violating unjust laws.”

## CALENDAR

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**Automation Training Program** runs from Jan. 21 through March 13, 4 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, at GLTS. The grant-funded, noncredit program is free to qualified applicants and is designed for unemployed and underemployed individuals (ages 17 to 29) with a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. Information/registration: 978-556-3067, 978-722-7054.

DEC. 12

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Andover Town House, 20 Main St. The Red Cross is thanking those who come to give between now and Dec. 18 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. Walk-ins welcome; appointments recommended. Speed your way through the donation process with “Rapid Pass”; information at redcrossblood.org. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

DEC. 12, JAN. 9

**Writers Group**, 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2

N. Main St., Andover. Open to new members. For more information, email writers-groupmhl@gmail.com.

DEC. 12, 26; JAN. 16

**Toastmasters Ballardvale Club Meeting**, noon to 1 p.m. at OSRAM, 200 Ballardvale St., Wilmington, second and fourth Thursday of each month. Meet at visitors' desk in the lobby of Entrance 2. Free parking. Membership is open to individuals looking to improve their speaking, presentations and leadership skills, and to overcome their fear of public speaking. Guests are welcome. Information: Ellen Fan, 617-447-3505, ellen.fan@smith-nephew.com.

DEC. 12, JAN. 23

**Thinking Thursday**, for Ages 5 to 8, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Combines stories and science and a craft to bring home. Register at mhl.org/calendar. Space is limited.

DEC. 13

**Around the World**, 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St.,

Andover. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. Pick up a token in the Children's Room. Information: 978-623-8430, mhl.org.

DEC. 14, 28

**Dads and Donuts**, Ages 2 to 5 at 9:30 a.m. (new time), 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 donuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room. Information: 978-623-8440, mhl.org.

DEC. 15

**Phillips Academy Concert: A Celebration of Carols**, 4:30 p.m. in Phillips Academy's accessible Cochran Chapel, 2 Chapel Ave., Andover. Traditional Christmas readings and carols will be performed in addition to Benjamin Britten's “Ceremony of Carols” with guest harpist Caroline Mellott. Featured ensembles include the Fidelio Society, the Academy Chorus, Faculty and Staff Children's Choir and the Phillips Academy Handbell Choir. Free, open to all. Information: Phillips Academy Music

Department, 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

DEC. 17

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Saint Roberts Belarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. The Red Cross is thanking those who come to give between now and Dec. 18 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. Walk-ins welcome; appointments recommended. Speed your way through the donation process with “Rapid Pass”; information at redcrossblood.org. Appointments: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org.

**“Close Encounters,”** 7 to 8 p.m. at the Andover Center for History & Culture, 97 Main St. Join a small group of curious people, don curatorial gloves, and have a close encounter with collection treasures and stories from Andover's past, from shopkeepers, farmers, artists, teachers and homemakers. Stories of life, work, family, freedom and community. Cost: members, \$7; non-members, \$15. Registration required. Information: 978-475-2236, andoverhistoryandculture.org/close-encounters.

DEC. 20

**Musical Morning with Peter Sheridan**, 10 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. A children's musician for 20 years, Peter performs at many libraries, day care centers and schools. He plays guitar, accordion, harmonica and other instruments and uses puppets and books in his program. No registration needed.

DEC. 27-30

**YMCA Lifeguard Certification Courses**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at both the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, and the Lawrence YMCA, 40 Lawrence St. For more information, or to register, visit mvymca.org or contact Andover/North Andover YMCA Aquatics Director Dan Burke at dburke@mvymca.org or 978-685-3541, ext. 417, or Lawrence YMCA Aquatics Director Jessica Murray at jmurray@mvymca.org or 978-686-6190, ext. 326.

DEC. 29

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

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**Noon Year's Eve for ages 6-8**, 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Register at https://mhl.org/calendar. Information: mhl.org, 978-623-8440.

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Jenn Ezell and her son Benny, 5, slide together.

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Deacon Flanders, 5, leans to steer his way down the hill.



Hannah Ratner, 13, is bundled up against the cold while sledding.



Olivia Miksch, 6, rides down the hill.

## S-now problem! It's actually fun

While plows scraped Andover's roads and residents shoveled their walkways and driveways, some local people had fun with the first snow of the season.

A group of children used their time off from school this week to make good use of Mother Nature's early December storm.

While other people in the community toiled against the snow, the kids went sliding at Andover High School.



Kara Iturrino and her 5-year-old son, Lucas, stand on top of the hill.



Mamie Zhou, left, and her friend Mia Zhao, both 7, enjoy their downhill trip.

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# Season's first storm hits Andover, Valley

## 2-day event blankets region with snow

BY BREANNA EDELSTEIN  
Staff Writer

The first winter storm of the season delivered more than a foot of snow across the Merrimack Valley. Residents of Andover and the region were hit late Sunday and overnight into Monday morning, and again Monday night into Tuesday.

As the temperature lingered near freezing at 6 a.m. Monday after nearly 9 inches of snow had fallen, the storm was not over. “You’ll have on and off snow today, but it’ll be light. It won’t accumulate to much at all. Tonight,

another round of accumulating snow will come in,” a statement Monday from the National Weather said. “Additional snowfall over what has fallen already. ... Probably looking at another 3 to 6 inches.”

The weather service elaborated that wind and accumulating ice were not a concern with the storm.

The anticipation, however, was enough to shut down schools, town halls and courts across the region Monday. Cancellations were announced starting Sunday night, before snow began to fly.

The familiar scrape and beeping of snow plows



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

A plow clears a stretch of Route 125 in Andover during this week's storm.

could be heard before sunrise Monday in an effort to ready roads for commuters.

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**ITEM**  
IFB No. 018/11-19/185  
**GENERAL BIDS FOR Senior Center Renovations**  
**DCAMM Certification for General Building Construction and an Update Statement are required on this bid.**

**GENERAL BID OPENING**  
January 29, 2020  
11:00 AM

**FILED SUB-BID OPENING**  
January 8, 2020  
11:00 AM

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**A Pre-Bid Walk Through of the Senior Center will take place on December 11, 2019 @ 1:00 PM, at 30 Whittier Court, Andover, MA. It is strongly encouraged that prospective bidders attend.**

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Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town.

Theresa Peznola Adv: Central Register - December 4, 2019  
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Signed,  
Ron Abraham, Owner  
Elm Street Automotive  
AT - 11/21, 11/28, 12/05/2019

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Docket No. ES19P2956EA  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Estate of: Peter A Lacasse  
Date of Death: 09/03/2019  
Essex Probate and Family Court  
36 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
(978)744-1020

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by  
Peter M Lacasse, Sr of Providence RI

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:  
Peter M Lacasse, Sr of Providence RI

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/30/19.

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**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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WITNESS, Jennifer M.R. Ulick, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 26, 2019  
Pamela A Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate  
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# Sports

## Superstar freshman

### Record-setting Chokureva delivered dynamic start to career at Andover

BY DAVE DYER  
Staff Writer

Andover's Michaela Chokureva gets asked the question now and then, which is only natural when you're athletic, stand 5-foot-11 and you're only a freshman.

"I've never played basketball, but people ask me if I do," said Chokureva. "Swimming takes a lot of time."  
In fact, Chokureva hasn't engaged in any sport other than swimming, and ballet for a few years when she was younger.

A member of the Phoenix Swim Club for the last six years, it's been all swim all the time.

During the fall high school season, the 15-year-old Chokureva almost always worked out twice a day and sometimes three times, starting with a 5 a.m. Phoenix practice in Haverhill and ending with a 6:30-9:30 practice sandwiched between a 2:45-4:15 p.m. high school practice at Greater Lawrence.

When the high school season ends, as it did two weeks ago, the club season heats up and pretty much goes year-round, with only a break in August. It's enough to wear down some swimmers, and burn out others, but Chokureva thrives on the non-stop training.

"I love the sport of swimming, so practice seems fun to me," said Chokureva. "You're trying to get better every day, which I like, and you're there with all your friends going through the

#### MEET MICHAELA CHOKUREVA

**Age:** 15  
**School:** Andover High, freshman  
**Swim Club:** Phoenix Swim Club  
**Notable accomplishment:** Placed first in four events at Division 1 state meet, set state records in 50 freestyle (23.18) and 100 freestyle (50.09)  
**Family background:** Parents are from Honduras and Zimbabwe  
**Sibling swimmer:** Older brother Christen, 19, swam for Andover High  
**Academic:** Has all A's for first semester  
**Hobbies:** Enjoys baking



Michaela Chokureva

same thing."

And, of course, when you have her kind of goals, one has to love workouts, or at least their significance.

"Since I was younger, one of my main goals has been to get to the Olympics," said Chokureva. "I also want to go to a Division 1 college for swimming."

The odds of any young swim star making it to the Olympics are challenging, but Chokureva certainly served notice at the Division 1 state meet that she's serious about her quest.

In addition to anchoring the Warriors to the 400 and 200 freestyle relay titles, she set state records while winning both the 50 freestyle (23.18) and 100 freestyle (50.07) in All-American qualifying times.

"She is absolutely legit," said legendary former coach Marilyn Fitzgerald after watching her swim at the state meet. "For me, the key is when you make All-American times. That's very

difficult."

Chokureva won all of her freestyle races during the season except one, taking second to Reading's Molly Hamlin. She used that to her advantage at state.

"I don't like to lose, but I found that very motivating," said Chokureva. "It really made me want to work hard to swim better at state."

Chokureva did not face Hamlin at state because Reading is Division 2, but the Andover freshman had a winning time of close to two seconds faster than Hamlin (51.95). Her winning Division 1 time was a whopping four seconds faster than the runner-up.

Although she specialized in the freestyle at state, Chokureva says she likes all the strokes and she competed in every stroke during the regular season and never once finished lower than first.

"She (Chokureva) is just amazing," said Andover co-coach Patty Barrett, who believes her size is a big



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Andover freshman Michaela Chokureva, center, literally stands above her competition after her state-record victory in the 100 freestyle at the Division 1 state meet.



Andover High School freshman Michaela Chokureva receives a high-five from a teammate after one of her state record-smashing victories in the state Division 1 finals at the MIT pool in Cambridge.

advantage. "She is extremely strong, just a very strong young lady, and being tall helps her. When she dives in the water, she already has a lead on everyone."

Said Chokureva: "Swimming all the events gives you a nice variety. I'm not sure which ones I like best but I can work on something in

every stroke to get better. There is always something to work on."

And that's exactly what she'll do until the club season winds down next August. At that point, she'll welcome a break — but only briefly.

"You look forward to it (the break) but when it comes up almost don't know what to do and then you want to get

#### CHASING CONNIE

Michaela Chokureva is off to a great start as a freshman Andover swimmer, but she has a way to go to match former star Connie Brown, who graduated in 2003. Here are Connie Brown's accomplishments:

- Set 4 state records as a freshman in 1999: 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay, 100 butterfly (55.52) and 100 backstroke (56.23)
- Seven All-American citations as a freshman
- Finished Andover career with 22 All-American certificates
- Swam for University of Texas and received 12 All-American awards

back in the pool," she said.

It's that kind of dedication that gives you the impression that big things could be in store for the super freshman.

"She is definitely a great freshman and the great thing is there is still room for refinement," said Fitzgerald. "She can keep getting better."

Which, to her competition around the state, is a scary thing.

## Perfect finish

### Football rides rushing game to lopsided Thanksgiving win

BY DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

**NORTH ANDOVER** — Having suffered two straight Thanksgiving Day defeats, Andover entered last Thursday with a clear objective.

"This game meant everything," said quad-captain Kelvin Davila. "We were embarrassed last year. I had never won on Thanksgiving. So to win it like this feels so amazing."

Andover rode a dominant rushing attack to touchdowns on its first six possessions of the game, and rolled to a decisive 41-8 Turkey Day victory over North Andover at Walsh Stadium.

The Golden Warriors (8-4) not only snapped a two-game holiday losing streak, but took a 3-2 advantage over North Andover (6-5) in the young Thanksgiving rivalry.

"We wanted this one bad," said quad-captain Michael Slayton. "We haven't had much luck against North Andover recently. We look forward to this game all year. This is what we prepared for, and since we lost in the (North) tourney, this is the game we were focused on. We knew we could come here and dominate."

Facing driving rain, heavy winds and cool conditions, Andover kept the ball on the ground, with stellar results. The Warriors piled up 303 rushing yards, just off their season-high, led by a career-best 131 yards by freshman QB Scott Brown and three TDs for Josh "Bibi" Ramos.

"We ran a lot of outside zone reads and used a lot of motion," said Brown, who scored two touchdowns. "They were biting on Bibi,



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Andover captains, from left, Shamus Florio, Kelvin Davila, Michael Slayton and Matt Comeau hold the Johnson-Punchard Cup after beating North Andover.

so I was able to keep it up the middle and pick up yards. There were no nerves. I was ready."

Andover wasted no time flexing its muscle.

North Andover fumbled on the game's first play, which was recovered by Aneudy Moreno. Four plays later, Ramos plowed in for a 5-yard touchdown.

The Golden Warriors then forced a punt — which was blocked by linebacker Shamus Florio — and five plays into that drive Ramos sprinted in for a 16-yard score.

After another 3-and-out, and other Ramos TD run, the Golden Warriors erased any thought of a comeback thanks to a pair of turnovers.

First, freshman Lincoln Beal intercepted a pass, setting up a Brown 17-yard TD. Then, on the following kickoff, kicker Florio punched the ball out of the return man's hands, and the fumble was recovered by Victor Harrington. Brown then added another TD.

"This game was amazing," said Ramos, who had 86 rushing yards. "We knew what we could do.

We don't underestimate anyone, but we felt like we could dominate. The fact that Scotty can run so well really opens it up. So defenses don't know what to expect."

Defending Division 2 state champion North Andover, which lost in this year's North finals to Lincoln-Sudbury, avoided the shutout when, just before halftime, QB Will Schimmoeller found Matt Chicco for a 44-yard touchdown pass.

But Andover responded with a Beal 41-yard TD run to start the second half.

While the Andover offense was rolling, the defense also excelled, allowing just 153 yards of total offense, and only 29 after halftime.

"We knew the defense would make big stops," said Davila. "We sent a lot of blitzes, and that confused them. They had some fumbles, and that was key."

Florio (12 tackles), Slayton (8 tackles) and Moreno (7 tackles) led the defense. Jonathan Davila added an interception, and Seth Jablonski delivered the hit of the game, absolutely



Andover kicker Shamus Florio dives into the end zone for a 2-point conversion on a fake extra point.

demolishing a receiver over the middle to force an incomplete pass.

"We knew we were a better team than we were the last few years," said Slayton. "Our effort on defense was outstanding. We have a talented defense, and so much heart."

The win completes quite a turnaround for Andover, which won 6 of its last 7.

"I feel like it started in the first Methuen game (a 28-0 win) and we just kept getting better from there," said coach E.J. Perry. "We even had a great battle with St. John's in the play-off loss. Then, to come back and beat Everett, and beat a very good North Andover team, this team was on a mission, and they accomplished it."

#### Defense leads Andover's turnaround

After opening the fall 2-3, Andover went 6-1 the rest of the way, with its lone loss to St. John's Prep in the Division 1 North semifinals.

A major reason for that turnaround was the defense.

In its last seven games, Andover has allowed just 13.7 points per game. That's quite an improvement from



Andover running back Lincoln Beal picks up yardage. The freshman carried three times for 77 yards and a TD.

#### Andover 41, North Andover 8

**Andover (8-4):** .....13 21 7 0—41  
**North Andover (6-5):** ..... 0 8 0 0— 8

**First Quarter**  
A—Bibi Ramos 5 run (Shamus Florio kick) 10:22  
A—Ramos 16 run (kick failed), 2:55

**Second Quarter**  
A—Ramos 2 run (kick blocked), 11:24  
A—Scott Brown 17 run (Florio rush), 4:22  
A—Brown 4 run (Florio kick), 0:28  
NA—Matt Chicco 44 pass from Will Schimmoeller (Freddy Gabin rush), 0:12

**Third Quarter**  
A—Lincoln Beal 41 run (Florio kick), 7:22

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**  
**RUSHING: Andover (39-303)** — Scott Brown 17-131, Josh Ramos 16-86, Lincoln Beal 3-77, Michael Slayton 2-4, Seth Jablonski 1-5  
**PASSING: Andover** — Brown 5-6-0, 45 yards  
**RECEIVING: Andover** — Jackson McCarthy 4-34, Beal 1-11

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# Local Naval Academy student tells why he gives thanks

## Andover man talks to high-schoolers about academy



Anirudh Murali

Anirudh "Ani" Murali has plenty to be thankful for, and he spent part of the Thanksgiving season sharing that message. Murali, a U.S. Naval Academy midshipman from Andover, answered questions from local high school students and parents about the admission process to the academy. The midshipman first class, a senior at the academy, spoke at various local high schools and met with interested students in the three days leading up to his Thanksgiving break from the academy.

Programs. Students and parents interested in arranging one-on-one information sessions can contact Murali through his email address, animurali98@gmail.com. Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy is a four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen to be officers in the Navy. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the nation and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade

of Midshipmen, according to a press release about the program.

Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects like small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval

engineering and weapons, leadership, ethics and military law.

Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a taxpayer-funded bachelor of science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years as commissioned officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

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