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## ADAPTING WHILE IN CRISIS

### As coronavirus cases increase, Andover responds

By SEAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The Covid-19 pandemic has killed more than 80,000 people worldwide, with nearly a million and half confirmed cases of the virus. Nationally, the number of confirmed cases is predicted to make an unprecedented jump in the next week.

Closer to home, as days turn into weeks, people are taking different approaches to the situation: Some have locked down completely. Others, especially younger kids, impatient or just stir crazy, are pushing

the boundaries laid out by state and local officials, by congregating in groups.

In response, police say they will break up groups of people not following social distancing protocols in the community's parking lots and fields, according to a message on the town's website this week.

In Andover, 36 people have been diagnosed with COVID-19, more than doubling the number from the previous week. Nearly one-quarter of Andover's firefighters are under quarantine after one firefighter tested positive for the virus.

Andover public schools have

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A contest asking Andover residents to demonstrate community pride was announced on the town's website recently, while the federal government is offering incentives for small businesses.

And the silence residents have grown accustomed to has been replaced in certain neighborhoods with the rattling of street-paving construction equipment.

Here's a closer look at developments in Andover:

Thirty-six residents have been diagnosed with the virus, according to information on the town's website at the Townsman's Tuesday press

time. That number increased from a total of 15 cases the previous week. In Massachusetts, the number of confirmed cases is approaching 14,000, while the number of recorded COVID-19 deaths has reached 260 statewide.

An Andover firefighter has been diagnosed with the virus, while another 10 firefighters who came in contact with that person are under quarantine. Several of the 10 have tested negative for the virus, with no one else testing positive, according to Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield.

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### Students begin online learning

By SEAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

On a typical weekday in April, it's not uncommon for students to be a bit antsy, with most of the school year in the rear view mirror and the finish line of summer in sight.

But in April of this year, three weeks into a government-imposed shutdown of schools — and life outdoors as we know it — many students are antsy to return to the classroom.

On Monday, Andover public schools answered the call in the only way legally possible: Through online learning. The school district launched a more aggressive phase of educating that includes enhanced, two-way online communication, geared toward the 21st century student, while ensuring each child has the proper tools to reach their goals.

On March 30, Jeffrey Riley, state commissioner of the

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover public schools workers and volunteers dodged raindrops while handing out free Chromebooks at Andover High School. More than 250 computers were handed out at three locations.

### Firefighters hit hard by pandemic

By BILL KIRK  
Staff Writer

Eleven Andover firefighters — or 23 percent of the department — are under quarantine due to possible exposure to the coronavirus, fire Chief Michael Mansfield said.

After one firefighter tested positive for the virus and was quarantined in late March, another 10 he had come into contact with were also advised to isolate, Mansfield said.

"This guy had worked with people on a couple of different shifts," Mansfield said. "He was in close contact with people as a result of performing normal duties in the fire station and responding to incidents."

The firefighter who tested positive is suffering from "severe, persistent headaches that are somewhat debilitating."

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SEAN MURPHY/Staff photo

Ready to greet Andover public school students and their families with breakfast and lunch supplies are, from left, Debbie Hockman, Jacqui Sleeper and Dorothy Panarese. Andover food services will continue distributing the bags outside three area schools for the remainder of the school year.

### No school? No problem for meals program

Breakfast, lunch delivered to students

By SEAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

Andover public schools feed about 3,000 students in 10 schools each day — when they're open.

On March 13, as the coronavirus began to take hold, the district ordered the closure of all 10 of its schools, but the nutrition program providing the meals that students rely on didn't miss a beat.

"Since March 16, we've been preparing bagged breakfasts and lunches out of our production kitchen at Andover

High School," said Gail Koutroubas, director of Andover Food Services.

Each bag contains cereal, a muffin, a bagel, juice, milk, fruit and two sandwiches, with carrots, chips and celery. Meals are being distributed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the main entrances of Andover High, Doherty Middle and West Elementary schools. Starting April 10, a hot meal will be added to the menu once a week.

"Feeding our students during this time can be the one constant in their daily routine, so the goal is for our students to have access to quality food

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### Temple Emanuel embraces high-tech worship

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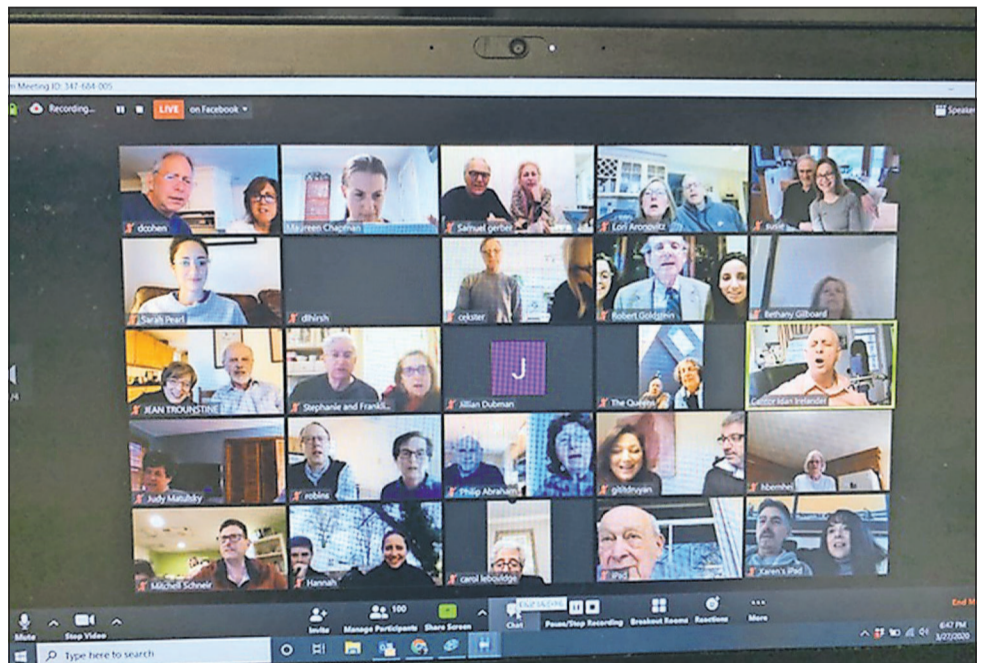
Temple Emanuel is continuing the Jewish tradition of lighting candles in an unlikely way.

"Everyone lights their candles together on Zoom and there is something very powerful about that," said Rabbi Robert Goldstein. "It's bringing light into our dark world. And while we can't be physically together, we can be spiritually together."

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the temple is holding all of its services through Zoom, a widely-used video conferencing software program. Temple services are also being shown on Andover community TV.

Goldstein said that while the format has changed, the temple's schedule is largely the same as it used to be. Cantor Idan Irelander holds a daily song session from Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on

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A Temple Emanuel service is held over Zoom.

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# ANDOVER

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Andover residents can get doctor's orders over the phone to test for COVID-19. Those who feel they need testing can get a risk assessment by calling 978-946-8409. If a doctor's order is issued, they can get drive-through testing at screening tents outside Lawrence General Hospital between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and outside Holy Family Hospital in Haverhill between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering the Paycheck Protection Program as a direct incentive for businesses to keep workers on the payroll. The

administration will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks.

The town has extended the real estate and property tax bill deadline from May 1 until June 1. Residents can pay bills online, by mail or in person at the secure drop box in front of Andover town offices.

Residents were encouraged recently to decorate their homes with outdoor holiday lights and patriotic or Andover-themed decorations to show support for the health and service professionals who keep Andover safe. Participants had a chance to win cash gift cards supporting local businesses.

Schools remain closed to on-site classes until May 4,

but the district unveiled a new phase of online learning this week. The program enables teachers to share clear learning targets with students, which include activities, projects and readings, with links to online videos and simulations. To accommodate every student, Chromebooks and free internet access were provided to families who made a request.

Supermarkets continue to experience shortages of items like bread, ground beef and paper products. Customers are being forced to navigate long lines, as restrictions are placed on the number of shoppers allowed in stores at one time.

Stop & Shop has teamed up with the transportation company Uber to provide

half-price rides for people 60 and older. The rides are being offered to and from the store weekdays between 6 and 7:30 a.m. Those hours provide older customers with a less-crowded shopping environment to better enable social distancing.

West Elementary and Doherty Middle schools join Andover High School as breakfast and lunch pick-up locations for students. Meals are available at those three schools Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Beginning Monday, April 13, the food drop-off service previously offered to families at 18 other locations around town will be discontinued. More information can be found at [www.aps1.net](http://www.aps1.net).

The 2020 street paving season is underway. Daily construction begins at 7 a.m. and runs as late as 7 p.m., with full and partial street closures. Street listings and an interactive map can be viewed at [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov).

A message on the town's website urges residents to avoid popular parks and walking trails which are increasingly more crowded. All town playgrounds, including those at public schools, remain closed.

"We have heard many reports of children crowding parks unattended," said Select Board member Dan Koh. "This puts everyone at risk and we are asking residents to respect social distancing at this time."

According to the town

website, social distancing protocols must be followed, and continued overcrowding will lead to additional closures.

One of the groups in Andover hit hardest by the coronavirus is one of the most essential to the town's safety: The Fire Department. Despite 11 members of his force being affected by the virus, Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said the department is managing to do its job.

"The rest of the personnel have really stepped up and filled the vacant shifts as needed," Mansfield said. "As we work our way through this and we get to the other side of the quarantine process, it'll get a little bit easier."



Passing a Chromebook to a parent while wearing a protective mask and gloves is Stephen Chinosi of Andover public schools.



Workers and volunteers passed out free Chromebooks to families of Andover High, West Middle and West Elementary school students recently. Families from all 10 Andover public schools were eligible to receive free computers.

# STUDENTS

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Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, released a series of recommendations to the families of public school students, in response to COVID-19.

Those recommendations include cutting the school day in half, reinforcing skills taught earlier this school year and in some cases, particularly for high school students, continuing with new material — all through enhanced online learning.

Riley acknowledged the fact that educational experiences may vary due to inaccessibility of the essential tools required in the digital era — a home computer and an internet connection — so the Andover Dchool Department decided to even the playing field.

"We put out a call to the

school community and offered a free Chromebook at no charge to anyone who didn't have a device or perhaps had multiple children at home," said Paul Puzanghera, chief information officer for the town of Andover. "No student in Andover will be without internet and a device to do the work."

In all, 165 families called to request a device, including seven requests for internet access. Recently, 250 computers were distributed by teachers and officials over a two-day period at three school pick-up locations. Free internet access arrived courtesy of donated Wi-Fi hotspots and pre-paid mobile cards.

When it comes to connecting with students through technology, Andover public schools have been ahead of the curve.

On March 13, the district closed all 10 of

its schools due to the coronavirus outbreak, immediately shifting to a virtual learning environment. The district provided online resources to help kids study on their own.

"That weekend there were a team of teachers already producing little TV shows for their kids on prerecorded video," said Stephen Chinosi, director of strategic information for Andover schools.

In what would later be dubbed "phase one," the district set up an at-home learning activities webpage to keep students connected to the school community during the announced two-week closure.

"The state has asked that we try to keep learning alive," Superintendent Sheldon Berman said at the time.

Since then, the district has gone a long way to ensure learning is not only alive, but thriving.

With Gov. Charlie Baker's announcement extending in-school closures through May 4 came the implementation of phase two — the enhanced, teacher-directed and student self-directed digital learning experience recommended by the state



Andover public schools workers and volunteers pass out free Chromebooks to parents so students can continue learning from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

— and the free technology to access it. Projects include activities that encourage student engagement in readings, projects and links to videos and simulations.

"We're behaving as if these kids are going to need to have access to the devices through the middle of June in order to facilitate

their learning through the end of the school year," said Puzanghera. "We're fortunate because we made an investment in a large number of devices over the last three years, and typically the kids use them in the classroom."

Chinosi believes the experiences of today could pay

big dividends in the future.

"If we're really brave now, this may give us opportunities moving forward to serve kids in ways we never might have," he said. "We're giving teachers the ability to say, 'Hey, I'm home, I have a video camera, what can I do for kids? Let me get to work.'"

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Mansfield said.

The other 10 firefighters are not showing any signs of having the virus, the chief said.

Andover is just the latest town whose firefighters have been hit with quarantines as a result of the

coronavirus. Until early last week, Methuen had 10 firefighters out, while Salem, New Hampshire, had as many as nine firefighters on quarantine last month. In the case of Methuen and Salem, the departments have been restored to nearly full strength.

The high numbers come even as the peak of the coronavirus wave isn't expected to hit either state for another week or two. But the early wave of quarantines have taught the departments valuable lessons on readiness.

"It's been a learning curve for everybody," Methuen Deputy Fire Chief Scott Sullivan said.

Andover firefighters union President Eric Teichert said last week that he had been notified Monday, March 30, that a firefighter

had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The firefighters that man had worked with during the previous week were all told of the situation.

Mansfield said they have since been quarantined and are not expected back into service until April 12 or 13 at the earliest, "providing there are no other issues."

He said the department, which has 68 firefighters, has been able to back-fill the vacancies with overtime. In some cases, firefighters are working consecutive shifts, he said.

"Some don't mind working on consecutive shifts but at some point, it will become a safety issue," he said. "We're OK now, but if we have to quarantine any additional staff, we have plans in place to deal with that."

Those plans include mutual aid with other Merrimack Valley fire departments, he said.

"The chiefs have had discussions on how to handle it," he said. "At the moment, we still have the capability to execute our mission."

Mansfield said he has been working closely with union leadership on "procedural changes," such as checking the temperature of firefighters when they start and finish their shifts and making sure those who come in for overtime details do not enter the main station.

"It's a very restrictive environment," he said, adding that the union has

extremely cooperative and helpful.

Meanwhile, a cleaning company spent two days scouring the central station on Main Street, doing what they called a "deep clean" which included scrubbing common areas and "fogging" other parts of the station to decontaminate surfaces.

"It's an extensive process," Mansfield said.

In Methuen, fire Chief Tim Sheehy said the department went through a bit of a scare but seems to have come through it without any major problems.

He said that earlier in March, four firefighters — two each on separate calls — were exposed to patients who later tested positive for the virus.

They were wearing gloves but not masks and so they were exposed, Sheehy said. All four were quarantined from the date of the contact with the patients who tested positive.

Two of them had symptoms for a couple of days but all have since been cleared to return to work.

Another six firefighters were quarantined based on contact they had with people outside of work.

Two of them still have symptoms while the rest have been cleared to return, according to Sullivan.

"We are almost back to full strength," Sullivan said. "We've been taking on stringent cleaning of all the fire stations and all the equipment."

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# All Those Years Ago

**Susan McKelliget**

## Andover Center for History and Culture

The following items were taken from past editions of the Townsman:

**100 years ago — April 16, 1920**

The only chance to register before the presidential primary will be at the Town House tonight from 7 to 10 o'clock. Persons of foreign birth are notified to bring their naturalization papers.

West Parish residents are glad to see the repairs on the cemetery arch going forward again. It is proving a long, tedious job, but the improved looks of the arch will well repay all labor put in.

The Committee for Better Moving Pictures has made arrangements to make Thursday a special day every week at the Colonial Theatre. As soon as the films desired by the committee are booked, the exact date of opening will be announced. Manager Resnik is in hearty cooperation with the plan and will spare no effort to carry out the wishes of the committee. It may not be possible to obtain the latest pictures, but a wholesome and worthwhile program will be arranged.

**75 years ago — April 12, 1945**

From today's editorial (President Roosevelt died

on this date): When all the debits and credits of the Roosevelt administration have been added up and brought into balance, when time places the doings of the past 12 years in their proper perspective, it would be pretty safe to say that Franklin D. Roosevelt will go down in history as one of the nation's great presidents.

The Andover School Committee is going to save heat, and it means some changes for students and the public. Tuesday evening a new set of rules was prescribed in order to cut down on fuel consumption, several of them dealing with the running of the boilers. Of principal interest to parents will be the request that children be dressed as warmly as possible, since classrooms will not be as warm as in the past.

Several appointments and reappointments were made Tuesday evening at the School Committee meeting. The pay of substitute teachers was raised from \$5 to \$6 per day.

**50 years ago — April 16, 1970**

A photo shows three occupants of an apartment building at 55 High St. looking on at the damage to their building early last Friday morning. The building was destroyed as flames got a rapid start. All of the residents of the building were able to find living quarters

elsewhere, although many personal belongings were lost in the fire.

A photo shows a portrait of Abraham Marland, one of America's pioneer industrialists, presented to the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum in North Andover this past week. Thomas Leavitt, director of the museum, is shown examining the portrait.

**25 years ago — April 20, 1995**

People curious about what School Committee members want from the next superintendent of schools may find some answers in the questions members asked the original five finalists. Last week, William Jutras was eliminated from consideration, leaving R. Lloyd Jaeger, John Krewer, Dick Neal and Dennis Pope in the superintendent sweepstakes.

In a meeting where finding a seat was no problem, residents voted 168-74 to form Andover's first historic district in Ballardvale. Voters also approved rabies vaccinations for cats, caps on new and rebuilt chimneys, and spending \$100,000 for traffic emitters. Defeated were bids that would have changed the leash law to allow dogs to be under voice control, installed an irrigation system at Ballardvale Green, and record Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings.

# Local TV programming offers exercises for senior citizens

During the coronavirus crisis, senior citizens can join in on exercise sessions without leaving their homes.

They can tune in each day at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to Andover TV (Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon Channel 47) for an exercise routine for older adults. The routine is offered by Andover Elder Services.

Here is the schedule:

**SUNDAY**  
Gentle yoga, fitness for adults over 60

**MONDAY**  
Sit & Get Fit, Tai Chi (24 Posture Chan Style)

**TUESDAY**  
Men & Women in Motion, Yoga Healthy Back

**WEDNESDAY**

Yoga, Hip Mobility, Healthy Bones & Balance

**THURSDAY**  
Strength Training, Yoga Stress Relief

**FRIDAY**  
Tai Chi (24 Posture Chan), Yoga for Beginners

**SATURDAY**  
Healthy Bones & Balance, Men & Women in Motion

## MEALS

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each day," Koutroubas said. For parents unable to fill the void at home, the program has been a lifesaver.

"I have an elderly parent I have to take care of, so I'm running back and forth between the two houses," said Han Nvu, the mother of three Andover public school students. "I just pick the meals up, give them to my kids in the morning and go to see my parents without worrying."

Two refrigerated trucks have also been delivering breakfast and lunch bags to families at 18 stops across



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Handing out bags filled with breakfast and lunch food is Taylor Pirog of Andover public schools.

Andover three days a week. Starting April 10, meals will only be available for pick up at the three school locations. The school district intends to provide the breakfast and lunch bags for the duration of the school year. For more information about the program, go to www.aps1.net.

## TEMPLE

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Zoom. Goldstein holds the Friday Sabbath Eve Service over the internet as well. The rabbi said the new format is attracting more worshipers because this time of self-quarantining has people craving a sense of community.

"Attendance via Zoom is actually much higher than we get in person," Goldstein said. "There are so many demands on people's time, and now you can just sort of click in and be part of the service."

He said houses of worship have a special role to play in times of crisis like this when people are dying for seemingly needless reasons, leaving worshipers to ask their God why.

"I think that in times of crisis — and this is an experience that none of us has had in our lifetime — that we really kind of crave a sense of community," he said. "What is religion about whether it is a church, synagogue or mosque? We are the vehicles through which



COURTESY PHOTO

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel.

we have a community." Goldstein said now that those vehicles have changed, people appreciate the things they no longer have.

"People are getting sick and dying," he said. "Times

like this make us think more clearly and now that we are home 24/7, we realize the importance of these human connections."

"We need to find the light," he said, "in this very dark time."

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# Former Valley St. Augustine priest cleared in sex abuse claim Joins Andover priest in returning to duties

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer

The Rev. William Waters, a member of the Catholic Order of St. Augustine, has been exonerated of an allegation of sexual abuse, according to a statement from the leader of Augustinian priests in the eastern United States.

The Rev. Peter Gori, also a member of that order, was exonerated of similar claims recently and has returned to ministry. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, announced recently that Gori has returned as pastor of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Waters and Gori were placed on leave last April after a man now in his 40s accused both priests of sexually abusing him in the 1980s. Both the Archdiocese of Boston and the Order of St. Augustine said the accusation against Gori was thoroughly investigated and determined to be unsubstantiated.

Waters served as pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Lawrence and Methuen for many years before being transferred to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a few years ago.

"I am overjoyed to announce that Father Peter and Father Waters have been totally exonerated and restored to full ministry," the Rev. Michael DiGregorio, OSA, prior provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, wrote in a letter to the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Augustinian order hired an independent firm to investigate the allegations against both priests and concluded there was "no evidence of any kind to support the allegations of sexual abuse," according to DiGregorio.

Both O'Malley and the Most Rev. Nelson Perez, archbishop of Philadelphia, accepted the Augustinian order's recommendation that Gori and Waters resume serving as pastors of their respective parishes.

Several people interviewed by The Eagle-Tribune said they were pleased with the reinstatement of Gori and Waters — and did not believe the accusations against them.

"Terrific," is how Edward "Hoppy" Curran, retired veterans' services director for Methuen, greeted the news. Curran has known Waters for more than 40 years and



The Rev. William Waters offers a prayer at a firefighter memorial service in Lawrence in 2014.

FILE PHOTO

said he has often traveled with him.

"It's unfortunate he had to go through this," Curran said, noting Waters was on leave for a year while the investigation was conducted. Waters was the victim of a "false accusation," he said.

"A lot of people were praying for him," Curran said.

"Both of them are gentlemen," Thomas Gradzewicz of Methuen said of Waters and Gori.

Gradzewicz and his wife, Fran, are longtime parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel, which was established by the consolidation

of St. Augustine Church, 128 Ames St., Lawrence and St. Theresa Church, 22 Plymouth St., Methuen.

"I didn't believe the stories," said Fran Landry of Salem, New Hampshire, a former parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel. "I felt really bad," she said, when the accusations were made public and both priests were placed on leave. They are both excellent priests.

"We are happy to have Father Peter back," said Katie Scanlon LeBlanc, youth minister at St. Augustine Church in Andover. "It's been a year, and a long one for him,"

## OBITUARIES

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### Leona R. (Beaulieu) Maguire, 90

January 23, 1930 - March 30, 2020

ANDOVER, MA — Leona R. (Beaulieu) Maguire, a resident of Andover since 1957 and beloved wife of the late Robert E. Maguire, passed away at the Meadows Health Center in North Andover on Monday, March 30, 2020. She was 90 years old.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on January 23, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Leon and Albertine (Roy) Beaulieu. She was valedictorian of her class at Our Lady of Pity High School and later graduated from Burdett College. Mrs. Maguire then worked as Executive Assistant to senior leadership of Addison Wesley, the publishing house, before returning home to raise her four children.

Mrs. Maguire, known to friends and family as Lee, was a talented classical pianist who passed down her musical savvy and appreciation to her children and her grandchildren. She was creative in other ways, too. Sewing, home decorating, and gardening were just a few of her skills, and she was an excellent cook and baker. All of this long before cooking shows, Pinterest, and Etsy became the norm. She loved going to art museums, the Boston Symphony, and the theater. For her children, she led Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and badge activities,

was active in school PTAs, and was particularly proud to be a CCD teacher for Andover's St. Augustine Parish (third grade was her specialty). Later in life she was a dedicated volunteer at Holy Family Hospital, where for many years she worked in the nursery and in the hospital library.

Lee was an avid reader and enjoyed staying informed about current affairs, which she enjoyed discussing with her family and arguing about with her husband, Bob. She had a dry sense of humor that she kept close to her vest, and her wit was sharp. She particularly enjoyed humorous exchanges with the wonderful staff at the Meadows Health Center and the Woodlands Inn, who took such great care of her.

She and Bob hosted many family gatherings through the years and together they im-



parted the value of a strong and loving family to the next generations. One of her favorite places was her vacation home in Kennebunk, Maine, where she and Bob would host their extended family, including the granddogs. It was in Kennebunk where she taught all her granddaughters how to make a first-class Maine blueberry pie (nothing but the native blueberries of Maine were worthy ingredients).

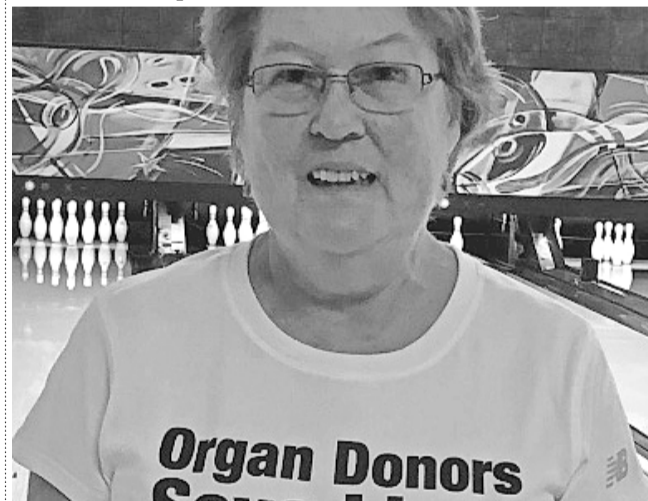
She and Bob were always a team and her ability to carry on after his death showed her remarkable strength and determination. Lee was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be dearly missed.

Lee is survived by her loving children: Lynne and her husband, Will Miller, of New York, NY; Steven and his wife, Amy Hunter Maguire, of Winchester; Judith and her husband, Stephen Kenneally, of Andover; and David and his wife, Jill Maguire, of Redmond, Washington. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Katherine Miller and her husband, George McAleese, and Laura and Emily Miller; Allison and Caroline Maguire; Eve and Joanna Kenneally; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of Bert Lyons, Beatrice McInnis, and the late Carmelle Bransfield.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service and gathering in honor of Lee will be held in the future and the family will publish this date when known. Until then, in lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be sent to Lazarus House (<http://lazarushouse.org/donate/>).

### Joanne M. Mellady, 67

April 8, 1952 - March 30, 2020



WASHINGTON NH — Joanne M. Mellady (Smith), 67, died March 30, 2020 from Covid 19 virus. She was predeceased by her husband, Steven Mellady.

Joanne was born in Lynn to the late Ronald P. Smith and Margaret L. (Cant) Smith and grew up in Lynnfield.

In 1989, Joanne was diagnosed with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency which is a genetic disorder that can result in serious lung disease ([alpha1.org](http://alpha1.org)). She continued to work for the next 15 years while fighting the disease until she was completely dependent on oxygen.

In 2007, Joanne received a double lung transplant at the extraordinary Cleveland Clinic. From that point until two weeks ago, there was no stopping her. She had her bucket list made while she was attached to her oxygen supply, and she went through it checking off every item: skiing, hang gliding, roller skating, and traveling in her RV

all over the country to see the sites and visit all the people she knew and many whom she met through the Alpha1 community. She also supported the Alpha 1 and Donate Life communities and advocated for research for a cure.

Joanne leaves her loving family: brother Fred R. Smith and his wife Diane Kozwicz of Nottingham, NH; sister, Jean E. Sinofsky and her husband Edward of Dennis, MA; sister, Joyce L. Smith of Andover, MA; nephew Andrew Smith of Andover; niece, Allison J. Liokumovich and her husband Igor of New York, NY; her dog, Oscar; and hundreds of friends.

Joanne was one of a kind, had a heart of gold, a positive attitude and a zest for life. She was an inspiration to others, an adventurer, and the best friend anyone could have.

In lieu of flowers a donation to [alpha1.org](http://alpha1.org) would be appreciated by Joanne and her family.

## REAL ESTATE SALES

**260 Beacon St.:** James B. Schwab to Sanjay Handa, \$499,900  
**3 Colonial Drive, Unit 3-B:** Christopher Salvo to Jennifer A. Inman, \$190,000  
**158 Woburn St.:** Arndt 2017 T. and Karine F. Matacchiera to Nicole V. and Eugene C. Giroux, \$588,000

# Raytheon merger is complete

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE  
Staff Writer

The merger between defense contractor Raytheon and aircraft electronics manufacturer United Technologies Corp. is complete.

The deal became official Friday of last week.

The merged companies are now called Raytheon Technologies Corporation and the new conglomerate is trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the

ticker symbol "RTX."

In a statement, Greg Hayes, the new CEO of Raytheon Technologies said, "Raytheon Technologies brings together two companies with combined strengths and capabilities that make us uniquely equipped to support our customers and partners during this unprecedented time. We will also play our part in the war on the COVID-19 pandemic, including doing everything we can to keep our employees around the

globe safe and well."

Recently, seven Raytheon employees working in Massachusetts have contracted the coronavirus. According to Raytheon's public relations manager Jonathan Murphy, one employee at the company's Andover facility, five employees at the Woburn site and a business partner at Raytheon's Tewksbury office contracted the virus.

The company is required to stay open because it is a national defense contractor.

Now that the merger is complete, the locally based headquarters of Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems is set to relocate to Tucson, Arizona.

The Integrated Defense Systems division is now based in Tewksbury, with a plant located down the street in Andover where about 4,000 people are employed.

Officials say the relocation of the Integrated Defense Systems division is not likely to result in layoffs.

# Carcasses under river ice a mystery Dead animal also seen on riverbank in Andover

By MIKE LABELLA  
Staff Writer

Rocky Morrison of the Clean River Project has seen a lot of things wash up on the banks of the Merrimack River between Lowell and Haverhill, including syringes, personal hygiene products and even dead wildlife such as beavers and ducks.

He's never heard of the carcass of a dead cow ending up on riverbanks, however — never mind as many as four at the same time.

"One of my employees saw the carcasses on the banks upstream of Lowell's wastewater plant about a month ago," Morrison said recently. "He reported it to police in Lowell and two officers showed up to take a report."

Lowell police spokesman Capt. James Hodgdon confirmed that on Feb. 22 his department received a report about an animal carcasses spotted along the riverbanks. "Officers who went there said it appeared to be a

deceased animal under the frozen ice, but there was nothing they could do," he said. "They really could not tell what kind of an animal it was."

He said his officers returned at a later point but the carcass was gone.

"That's the last of what we know," he said.

Clean River Project employee Kevin Gingrass, 23, of North Andover said he and his brother were at their father's house in Lowell on Feb. 22 when they decided to walk along the river at a public park.

"We saw some tires, a few bicycles and some carpets, and then we saw what looked like the carcass of a cow under the ice," he said. "There was still some fur left with black-and-white spots, so it really did look like a cow. We kept walking and saw two or three more, also under the ice, and that's when we reported it to police."

"Even my brother said they looked like cows," Gingrass said.



Clean River Project founder Rocky Morrison lowers a boom into the Merrimack River as part of an effort to collect debris from bends in the waterway.

FILE PHOTO

Employees and volunteers of the Clean River Project have been removing trash and other debris from the banks of the river from Chelmsford to Haverhill for the past 15 years. They routinely remove junk from the river itself, including cars, tires, bicycles, shopping carts, bed frames and television sets.

"We also come across dead animals such as beavers, rats, ducks, deer and other wildlife," Morrison said. "But this is the first time in 15 years we've heard about

cows." Morrison searched the river on a recent afternoon himself and said he found an animal carcass resting against a tree on the riverbank about 100 feet downstream from Andover's water intake pipe.

"It looked like a small cow or a deer, but I have no contract with Andover to remove anything," he said, adding that he did nothing with the body.

Morrison said he planned to continue searching the river for other carcasses.

## POLICE LOG

The following information was taken from logs on file at the Andover Police Department:

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

**Arrest:** Angela Fazio, 36, of Methuen, breaking and entering in the daytime, assault and battery on a person over the age of 60, Carmel Road, 11:11 a.m.  
**Scam reported:** Tiffany Lane, 2:36 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**Fraudulent transaction:** Resident reports theft from account, Swan Lane, 2:46 p.m.  
**Construction halted:** Police order resident to stop work in his backyard, Main Street,

9:49 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**Debris in road:** North Main Street, 9:34 a.m.  
**Larceny:** River Road, 1:23 p.m.  
**Illegal dumping:** Doughnuts left on road, reportedly by resident who wanted to feed ducks, Westminster Road, 2:13 p.m.  
**Skateboarders cause problem:** Three boys told to leave Phillips Academy campus, Morton Street, 6:52 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

**Break-in:** Main Street, 9:04 a.m.  
**Motor vehicle crash:** No injuries, River Road, 3:23 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**Road flooded:** Central Street, 7:40 a.m.  
**Fallen tree and utility poles:**

Live wires on the ground, National Grid crew repairing damage, Boston Road, 2:04 p.m.

**Fallen tree:** Woodland Road, 2:13 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**Four tires stolen from car:** Windows also broken, Balmoral Street, 8:13 a.m.

**Youths cause disturbance:** Driving cars fast, parents pick up their children after being contacted by police, Pumps Pond, 5:49 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**Car crashes into tree:** State Police investigate, Andover Bypass, 7:01 a.m.

**Injured raccoon put down:** Animal control officer removes animal, Webster Street, 12:45 p.m.

**Unwanted guest removed:** River Road, 8:13 p.m.



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**Matthew Evan Goldstein**

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# In the Clutches of the Grippe



**Gail Ralston**

Andover Historical Society

*EDITOR'S NOTE: As the coronavirus crisis continues, Andover Historical Society members who regularly provide columns to the Townsman turn their focus to the 1918 worldwide flu pandemic and its effects close to home. This is the second installment of a two-part series that began in last week's Townsman.*

The months of September and October 1918 brought the Spanish Flu epidemic to Andover. But finally, on October 25, due to the declining number of cases, the epidemic ban was removed, and church services were again held, with schools and the library opening shortly thereafter.

As reported in the Townsman, "Even though there has not been illness in all families, everybody has been living under such tension that it is hoped now the spirit of good health, sunshine and happiness may take the place of the depressing spirit of sickness."

Vigilance continued, however, to be the primary advice. Helping to "kill" the influenza, outdoor treatment was offered at a military camp known as the Emery Hill Base Hospital established in Lawrence. Andover's military body, Company H, was called to serve at the hospital, though Andover did not find it necessary to use any of the wards. Though the condition may have seemed chaotic at times, military discipline was applied to caring for the sick. Tents for patients were arranged in "streets,"

## A look back at the 1918 flu pandemic's impact on Andover – Part 2

and adjacent homes were pressed into service for supply storage.

A "perfect system" for sterilizing masks being used was described: "The mask is thrown from the outside of the house through a slit in the wall. It lands in a large kettle of boiling water, then it travels through two more boiling processes until it reaches an electrically heated oven in which it dries in a short time and is ready for use again."

Back in Andover, "sunshine and happiness" did not return quickly to those families who had lost loved ones. The most notable death from influenza-related pneumonia was Irene Wood Sutcliffe, daughter of textile magnate William Wood. With her husband away on active duty, Mrs. Sutcliffe had been staying with her parents. It is said that her death was but one in a series of losses that sent Mr. Wood down a path of unrelenting depression.

The public was also jarred when influenza returned in December. Between 100 and 120 cases and two deaths were reported over a two-week period. Public venues were closed for several days. Public Safety Committee members again went into action, giving help to those in need and issuing a call for "old linens," a needed item that had been used up in the last wave.

Board of Health Chair Dr. Charles Abbott expressed hope that the coming winter snows would be good germ-killers. And that apparently was what finally put an end to the epidemic of 1918.

Of course, the threat of influenza never left completely. December of 1943 saw an epidemic of minor diseases, including the flu,



Courtesy photo

### The Emery Hill Base Hospital in Lawrence.

with an increase in cases over the previous year. Whooping cough, however, appeared to be the greater threat that year.

In more recent years, Andover has continued to be vigilant and at the forefront of Public Health concerns addressing the yearly arrival of the flu. Joanne Belanger, assistant director of public health, remembers coming to Andover in the 1980s and working with nurse Mary Hamilton on the flu clinics offered even then. Public awareness of the dangers was ratcheted up during the 2009-2010 season with the arrival of the H1N1 pandemic.

Today, the flu clinic program continues to grow, now being broken down into several categories, including family clinics, "over 18" clinics and "high dose" clinics offered to residents over 65. And though some communities do not routinely provide vaccines for school children, Belanger is most proud of the support the town provides to "keeping the children healthy." To that end, the department goes into the schools once a year to inoculate students.

Belanger noted that offering the flu vaccine is one of the top 10 milestones in the Public Health Department – "it's what we do," she says. And Andover is certainly healthier for this!

# Pandemic could be final blow for beloved bookstore

Andover Bookstore owner fears crisis could kill business

By SEAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The coronavirus is threatening to write the final chapter in the storied history of Andover Bookstore, America's oldest independent bookstore.

In response, the downtown Main Street landmark is turning to modern technology, recently launching a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$125,000 in hopes of keeping the business alive.

"A lot depends on the GoFundMe, but this one is dicey," said store owner John Hugo. "I feel for everyone in the country going through this, but we've gone through it twice."

Hugo is referring to the Merrimack Valley gas crisis in 2018, when a series of fires and explosions led to widespread business closures and hundreds of millions of dollars in losses to the area community.

"In that three-month period when all the restaurants were closed, we were only closed for three or four days, but at least we were able to do some orders and some business," said Hugo. "Since March 16, we've got zero revenue — there's nothing coming in at all."

Hugo said recently-approved federal loans and grants are great, but no one knows how they work or when they will come, making



SEAN MURPHY/Staff photo

The electronic "open" light in the window of Andover Bookstore is turned off, as COVID-19 has pulled the plug on this and many businesses in Andover.

it difficult to retain even minimal staff at the store.

"If we can get open again, we can start to do a few hundred dollars a day in sales. We can process online orders and deal with a third-party vendor to dropship for us," Hugo said. "You can't do any of it without the store being open."

Hugo said he is trying to stay hopeful, but a harsh bottom line is looming: Without financial support from the community and sufficient government funding, an extended closure will close the book on the iconic business.

"The store's not going to make it," he said. "I wish there was a rosier way to put it."

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# Opinion

## Spanish flu and history repeating

Inside the pages of a 102-year-old newspaper, between an advertisement for cream caramels for sale at the P. Simeone and Co. drugstore on Main Street and an exhortation to buy Fighting Fourth Liberty Bonds, is advice eerily relevant today.

“It is especially necessary at this time that any persons caring for the sick should be supplied with masks,” John N. Cole, chairman of the town’s Public Safety Committee, says in a notice placed in *The Andover Townsman*. He suggests eating on paper plates that “must be burned as soon as they are used,” before acknowledging that, yes, it may be difficult to find those masks locally.

That was early October 1918. The town was deep into efforts to arrest the spread of influenza. As Gail Ralston detailed nearly a century later in a column for the Andover Center for History and Culture, the Board of Health had already moved to close the schools by that point, as well as the town’s movie house and public library.

Illness was spreading everywhere -- not just Andover. On Sept. 21, 11 nurses at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport had been reported sick from what was would become known as the Spanish flu. Three days later, one of them, Zelda Saunders, died. It was the same day the city closed its schools. “This is Newburyport, slow to respond to the pandemic, suddenly realizing the magnitude of the crisis,” wrote Bethany Groff Dorau, regional manager for Historic New England, in a recent column. “This feels, to me, like today.”

As with influenza 102 years ago, COVID-19 caught one community after the next ill-prepared for rapid outbreak of infectious disease. Now, it seems, we must reeducate ourselves about the importance of public health and investing in parts of our government that might seem superfluous until real crisis is upon us.

To this point, the coronavirus and the disease it causes are nowhere near as devastating as the 1918-19 flu, which killed between 50 million and 100 million people worldwide, depending upon the estimate. Forecasts for the coronavirus are all over the map, but as of now the global death toll is well over 75,000.

The basic response to both have been much the same, however, in terms of containment, tracking the spread of disease and interrupting its transmission from individual to individual.

“The lessons we learned from 1918 are ones we are relearning a century later,” Dr. Howard Koh, former state health commissioner in Massachusetts and assistant secretary for health and human services during the Obama administration, recently told reporter Terry Date. Koh, of Andover, pointed to the importance of social distancing during the 1918-19 flu outbreak and how early action was shown to reduce the overall number of deaths from one location to the next.

The pandemic of a century ago also illustrates the importance of quarantining the sick. The flu’s vast spread then was attributed to the movement of soldiers and sailors deploying to fight World War I, and of crowded tenements and the close quarters of places like the textile mills of Lawrence.

Then, as now, the efforts of doctors, nurses and others involved in treating the sick were absolutely essential -- as were efforts to protect them from themselves becoming sick. Not only must our communities be ready, our hospitals must have adequate supplies of protective equipment, a now-painful reality in the context of COVID-19.

The world of the coronavirus is a starkly different one than it was a century ago. Our planet is home to 6 billion more people, never mind the vast differences of technology, industry and society.

Still, there’s more to be gained in comparing today’s conditions to those of 1918-19 pandemic than a mere thought exercise.

The pages of history illustrate the need to act quickly and decisively, to quarantine the sick, to protect our health care workers, and to keep our distance in order to stop the spread of disease.

## Of Plagues and Pandemics

**Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein**

Temple Emanuel of Andover



For many Christians and Jews, this is one of the holiest weeks of the year. Jews are in the midst of Passover, a week-long celebration of their ancient ancestors’ liberation from Egyptian slavery. On Friday and Sunday, Christians will observe the death and resurrection of the founder of their 2,000-year-old faith.

On the first two nights of Passover a seder is held — a dinner rich with rituals and traditional foods. Families gather around the table (although this year, most likely through

the magic of Zoom!) and retell the dramatic epic of the pharaoh’s unwillingness to free the Israelite slaves. The Egyptian king’s own stubbornness led to the 10 plagues, causing his people needless pain and agony. The plagues included the Nile River turning to blood, frogs covering the land, an extended period of darkness, cattle disease and finally the harshest, the killing of the Egyptians’ firstborn sons.

At the seder, when the story of the Israelites’ redemption from slavery is told, at the mention of each of the 10 plagues the participants take a drop of wine from their full cup, acknowledging the suffering of the Egyptian people. In the end, the plagues softened the pharaoh’s heart, but his initial willfulness caused great misery.

During these last weeks, some have speculated

that the coronavirus is a 21st century version of an ancient plague. That reasoning is flawed. The 10 plagues of old were punishment for a king who believed he had the right to enslave another nation. While the coronavirus has led to untold suffering among innocent people around the globe, it is not divine retribution for some shameful contemporary sin.

Still, in recent days I have seen many signs of the Divine Hand at work.

Holiness is revealed each day in the selflessness of the doctors who, when they took the Hippocratic Oath, swore “to help the sick according to my ability and judgment.” There is something sacred in the work of nurses, technicians and hospital staff who put their own well being and that of their families at risk, because that is what they are called to do.

And there are so many others whose altruism eases our own distress and fear, like the first-responders, the cashiers at grocery stores and pharmacies, the men and women who deliver the goods we order from the safety of our homes. There is holiness in their work too.

The Covid-19 pandemic is frightening — devastating for many, an experience that will change our lives forever. But we will survive with our faith intact so long as we look for that spark of virtue and righteousness in the many acts of humanity and self-sacrifice demonstrated by so many. It is in the work of their hands and the fruits of their labor that holiness and hope can always be found.

*Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein of Temple Emanuel of Andover occasionally submits columns to the Townsman.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Lack of equipment for front-line medical staffers is ‘atrocious’

Editor, Townsman:

My husband is an emergency medicine physician and on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is 71 years old.

When I “signed up” to be his wife, I knew there would be many holidays we would not spend together. I knew there would be many nights he would not be in our bed. I knew there would be many family gatherings and rites of passage he would miss, along with the wonderful times that accompany them. I realize life doles out things we do not expect or anticipate — however, what I did not bargain for or ever think is that he would be on the front line of a worldwide pandemic without the proper equipment to do his job!

I think this is an atrocity and a colossal failing of our national government. Health care workers get up every morning (or evening), head to their jobs and put their lives on the line to heal, care and save people’s lives. There is no viable or acceptable reason in the world they do not have what they need to do their jobs! This is the United States. We surely can make the masks and gowns that are needed and do so quickly. My husband and I have some third world medicine experience, so I have seen first hand the limited resources of other countries. Through these experiences, I always thought how fortunate we were to have the ingenuity,

resources and the country that we do. I am beginning to rethink this.

Every morning when he leaves we give each other a virtual hug and every evening he comes home we have a “Clorox hour.” I pray he wakes up well the next morning. In the event that is not the case, I wonder if he will make it through this.

Our health care workers need the equipment to do their jobs and stay safe so they can care for others, and they need it now! We, as a country, have the ingenuity and resources to make that happen.

**SALLY GELLO-SILVERS**  
Andover

### ‘Elect a clown, expect a circus’

Editor, Townsman:

Almost the entire world is immersed in a war against a micro-organism acting as a leviathan threatening the lives and livelihoods of millions of people. During these critical times, we look to our local, state and national leaders for guidance and accurate information in order to form a unified effort to defend ourselves and preserve our most sacred ways of living.

Among the leaders whom I saw on television or read about in the newspaper, only one stands out as acting incompatibly with fact, uncaring about the truth, while having the gall to politicize the virus as a Democrat hoax. Only one leader seems to have been obfuscating and blundering the facts out of concern for his own political legacy and electability. Only one leader continues to demonize the press, while at the

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same time relies on it to dispense accurate information. Only one leader chose to hoard serious timely information concerning China’s battle with coronavirus and the urgent measures we needed to put in place to avoid mass infections and a downturn in the economy. I believe my neighbor summed up this situation nicely: “Elect a clown, expect a circus.”

**WILLIAM KOLBE**  
Andover

### Solar warrant article deserves support

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing to support the solar bylaw warrant article for Andover’s annual Town Meeting coming this spring (hopefully).

We are strong proponents of solar. We have had roof-mounted panels since 2014 and produce 85% of our electrical energy needs with these panels. We recognize that not every homeowner has the ideal exposure to have roof-mounted panels. Thus, a ground-mounted system may be appropriate for them. This article provides

reasonable guidelines for these ground-mounted projects and also for any larger projects in town that might be proposed.

We have heard arguments that such regulations might discourage solar projects, but we don’t believe that is the case. Think of all the building permits issued in town. Building codes don’t seem to deter building. They are regulations to assure good construction practices. The proposed solar bylaws create a pathway for safe and appropriate use of our land, and preserve the character of neighborhoods. Also, a written bylaw can help prevent egregious projects that could pit neighbor against neighbor, a situation that could reduce or eliminate support for solar projects in our community.

Much of the hard work is done in the town of Andover by our volunteer boards. This well-thought-out bylaw can streamline Planning Board decision-making and help prevent controversy and wasted time in their meetings.

**ROSEMARY HALLORAN**  
**AND ALAN HARRIS**  
Andover

## WEB QUESTION

Life in downtown Andover has slowed to a crawl with most businesses closed and few people out and about, due to steps taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, repaving work that is badly needed because of gas line repairs over the past 18 months is proceeding around the downtown area. Is this the right time for this work?

**GOOD OPPORTUNITY:** As long as workers operating the heavy machines keep the proper distance from one another and take all the right steps to prevent spread of COVID-19, what’s the issue? With so little traffic, from cars or pedestrians, this is a great time to repave the streets.

**BAD TIMING:** Trade groups have called on the governor to

stop all non-emergency construction because it’s impossible to make sure workers are properly distanced at all times. This repaving, though sorely needed by the town, is not exactly an emergency. The work should be delayed — along with everything else.

### Last week’s question

If six feet of separation are the best weapon to stop the coronavirus from spreading, not everyone seems to be fighting this deadly disease together. From random strangers who invade the personal space of others in the grocery store to clutches of teenagers magnetically attracted to one another, you needn’t look far for people who aren’t practicing safe “social distancing.” What’s the

best approach to keep these people apart?

**TICKETS AND FINES:** It’s time for police to enforce the governor’s emergency order, just as they write tickets to jaywalkers and, as of this week, drivers using their cell phones and mobile devices. Nothing else will get these folks to pay attention. **(22 votes)**

**BACK OFF:** Tickets and fines are a bit much. Most close talkers and teenagers aren’t malicious, they’re just social and uninformed. People need reminders — over and over and over. **(13 votes)**

**SOCIAL SHAMING:** Don’t fine or remind them, scorn them. Don’t be shy. This is a public health emergency, after all, and their behavior is ultimately dangerous — to others if not themselves. **(12 votes)**

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# TownsBeat



Courtesy photo

Andover Food Services workers Taylor Pirog, left, as Wonder Woman, and Nathan Langevin, as Captain America, hold up food bags to be given to students.



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School cafeteria manager Nathan Langevin, dressed as Captain America, takes the wheel as he and Taylor Pirog of Andover Food Services head out for a food drop-off.



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Delivering meals and smiles to Andover students are Kenny Laskey, left, and Alana Soucy.

## Comedy in the face of COVID-19

The coronavirus is serious business, afflicting both young and old. Recently, the Andover school district found a way to deliver nutrition to its home-bound students with an added helping of humor.

A team of five school officials distributing free meals to students in the district had been arriving in superhero costumes, trying to bring a positive light to what has become a grim reality for so many. However, to cut down on the risk of potential exposure to the virus, the drop-off program will end as of April 10. Students must now head to three school locations to receive their meals.

"The students really looked forward to seeing which superhero will be distributing meals," said Gail Koutroubas, director of Andover Food Services. "We just think having students pick up their meals at the schools would be safer for both the kids and the staff."



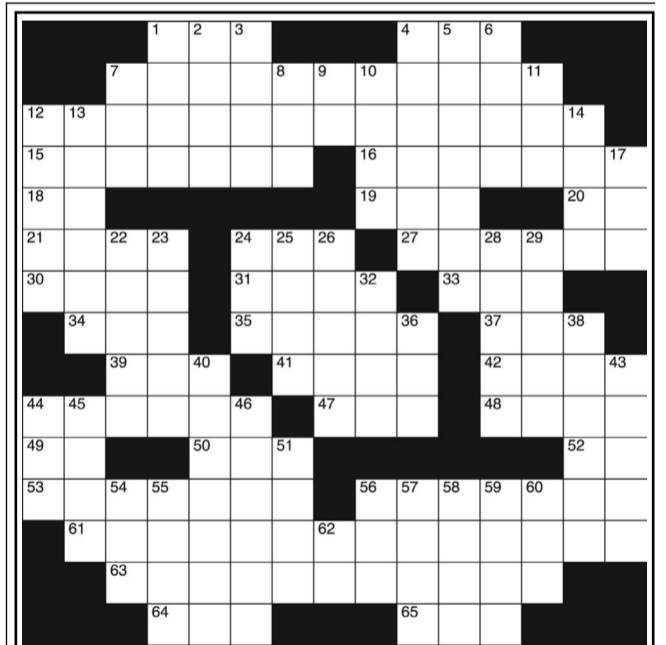
A sandwich, fruit and beverages are among the food items being distributed by school cafeteria manager Nathan Langevin, one of several costume-wearing Andover public school officials.

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Handing a food bag to a student is Nathan Langevin, playing Mickey Mouse. Langevin, school cafeteria manager, was one of five school officials delivering free breakfast and lunch bags to drop off locations around town.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Germanic mythological god
4. Cash machine
7. Improvement
12. What voters want
15. Sheepish
16. Placed at powerful level
18. Measure of illumination
19. Trent Reznor's band
20. Commercial
21. Amounts of time
24. English broadcaster
27. Rolls of tobacco
30. Position
31. Expresses pleasure
33. Corporate exec (abbr.)
34. Body part
35. Bleated
37. Businessman

### CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector
2. Primordial matter
3. Get up
4. Uncoordinated
5. Ill-fated cruise ship
6. Work hard
7. Drivers' speed
8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
9. Healthcare pro
10. Egyptian Sun god
11. Expresses the negative
12. Some are three-legged
13. Clothing manufacturer
14. Close by
17. Tooth caregiver
22. Housing material
23. Flows through
24. Founder of Babism
25. Honorific title
26. A type of letter
28. Seize and hold firmly

### Solution in Classified Section

39. Beats per minute
41. Defunct Italian monetary unit
42. Broken branch
44. Put in advance
47. Arrest
48. Prefix indicating adjacent to
49. Artificial intelligence
50. Disfigure
52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)
53. Not in any place
56. Predict
61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another
63. Philosophy of the principles of things
64. US gov't office (abbr.)
65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)
29. Artery
32. Body fluids
36. Press against lightly
38. An island in the Pacific
40. A reminder of past events
43. Austrian spa town
44. Peter's last name
45. Something a mob might do
46. Of the bones of the feet
51. "Amazing Stories" writer
54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)
55. Used to have (Scottish)
56. A way to cook
57. Japanese port city
58. Type of precipitation
59. Engrave
60. Female sibling
62. Expresses emotion

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# Melmark quarantines students and staff 8 days after coronavirus exposure

## Company has group homes in Andover, Dracut

By GENEVIEVE DINATALE  
Staff Writer

Eight staff members at Melmark New England's Dracut locations were quarantined for eight days with students after one of the staff members at the residence tested positive for the coronavirus.

Melmark New England is a school for those with autism and other "neurobehavioral challenges." In addition to its Dracut locations, the school has educational programs in Andover as well.

On March 25, it became known that a staff member at one of the Dracut residences contracted the coronavirus. According to the school, the staff member tested positive after working a shift and unknowingly exposed all of the students and 13 staff members to the virus. The school came up with a scenario where the staff would quarantine with the students

for eight days. Eight of the 13 staff members agreed to the quarantine scenario.

According to a statement from the school, they only quarantined for eight days because "since the initial contact exposure there were eight days left to the quarantine period."

During the quarantine, the lead shift manager checked the health of the staff and the students every two hours.

"Our staff is certainly trained in managing our children during illness, but this is a very different situation and we have become a quasi-medical facility to ensure the safety of our children," said Rita Gardner, the president and CEO of Melmark New England.

Garner added that during the quarantine, the students' parents dropped off food, arts and crafts and decorated the door with "thank you" signs for the staff for staying with their children.



This is the Melmark residence in Dracut where the staff and students quarantined. Parents of the students decorated the building with signs and balloons.

"I have been in the field for almost 40 years and the commitment from our staff in the face of this pandemic has been incredible," she said.

When the quarantine ended and everyone was cleared, the parents stood outside the school building holding thank you signs at a

socially safe distance from each other.

"The families were standing on the front lawn in tears," Gardner said.



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Melmark staff members who remained in quarantine with students are, back row, left to right, Luis Zamarano, Jessica Sewenyana, Nerlande Bernadel, Jamie Bridge and Michelle Kitchen; and front, left to right, Monique Crooper, Marissa Arduca and Emily Okraska.



Jean DeMasi, a Melmark parent, shows her support as the quarantine ends.

### CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY COLUMN

#### Archdiocese of Boston opens online giving to parishes

BOSTON — The desire to take care of each other during the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 and the inability to join together at local Catholic churches for Masses has inspired a grass roots movement for parishioners to rally around their local parishes.

"90 Days Now - For Your Parish" is a newly launched three-month campaign led by a member of the laity to help support parishes while churches are temporarily closed but the need for parish services continues.

The Archdiocese of Boston is supporting the movement by creating an easy-to-use, online payment mechanism allowing donors to make a gift directly to the parish of their choice. This 90-day program offers support now by providing a way to make a daily commitment in addition to regular weekly donations. To donate, visit online at bostoncatholic.org and click on the "donate" button near the top of the page.

You can donate by making weekly payments, monthly payments or a one-time donation.

This initiative is especially helpful for parishes that do not currently have the ability to accept online donations.

Parishioners who give online using the "90 Days Now - For Your Parish" link should know that the funds they give will go directly into their parish's savings account and will be promptly available for their parish's needs.

#### Warning issued about virus testing scam

The coronavirus outbreak has been big business for scammers, according to the Better Business Bureau. First it was fake masks, then fake government grants, and now it's fake COVID-19 tests.

In the past several days, BBB Scam Tracker (BBB.org/ScamTracker) has received numerous reports of phony text messages claiming to be from a government agency.

This is how the scam works: Someone gets a text message that looks like it comes from the federal government. Current reports say scammers are impersonating the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, but they are unlikely to stop there. The message tells you that you must take a "mandatory online COVID-19 test" and has a link to a website. But in reality there is no online test for coronavirus.

The BBB has also received reports of texts urging recipients to complete the census or fill out an online application in order to receive their stimulus check.

No matter what the message says, don't click on it. These texts are looking for

personal information. They also can download malware to your device, which opens you up to risk for identity theft.

For more consumer tips regarding COVID-19, see BBB.org/Coronavirus.

#### NECC launches student fund

Many Northern Essex Community College students are living paycheck to paycheck with limited resources, and the COVID-19 pandemic has made it even more challenging for them to continue their education, according to the school.

Recognizing how difficult this is, Northern Essex has created the NECC Student Emergency Fund to help at-risk students stay in college. Shortly after the fund was announced, the college had received more than \$4,000 in donations.

The fund is intended to cover the purchase of laptop computers and internet access for online learning, tuition assistance and other needs connected with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our students are driven, smart, curious and unique," said Allison Dolan-Wilson, vice president of institutional advancement. "But they are also vulnerable."

Northern Essex is conducting remote learning and has not yet determined when students will be allowed to return to the Lawrence and Haverhill campuses.

According to Dolan-Wilson, more than half of the Northern Essex student body is Pell Grant eligible, meaning their families have a total income of \$50,000 or less.

"Our students need us now more than ever," she said. "We need to support their desire to continue their education."

Students who would like to apply for funding can fill out a form created by NECC Student Affairs. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate each request and do their best to find resources to support the need from existing funds, as well as the NECC Student Emergency Fund.

If you would like help NECC students, please contribute at necc.mass.edu/giving, or email Allison Dolan Wilson at adolanwilson@necc.mass.edu.

For more information on applying for funds, contact Despina Lambropoulos at dlambropoulos@necc.mass.edu.

#### Massachusetts Bar Examination rescheduled

BOSTON — The Supreme Judicial Court and the Board of Bar Examiners have rescheduled the July 2020 Massachusetts bar examination to Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Boston.

The Board of Bar Examiners, in consultation with the Supreme Judicial Court, will continue to closely monitor public health and safety guidelines, including

prohibitions against large gatherings, related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the event that limitations on large gatherings continue to interfere with the administration of the Massachusetts bar examination on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, alternative means for testing of applicants for Massachusetts bar admission will be devised and announced.

The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners is established by state law to evaluate the qualifications of persons seeking admission to the bar in Massachusetts.

#### Problems registering for unemployment benefits?

State Rep. Andy Vargas, D-Haverhill, said he was recently notified of delays in unemployment applications due to incorrect employer identification information.

Vargas is reminding people who are signing up for unemployment to use the name of their employer, exactly as it appears on their W2 tax filing information.

#### Soup's On event cancelled

The Neighbors in Need organization has cancelled its "Soup's On" event scheduled for May 1.

But the need remains, and the organization continues to feed the hungry in the community, and help families in need of diapers and formula.

Officials say they are thankful for their small staff and group of dedicated volunteers as these quiet heroes are meeting the most vulnerable members of the

community "where they are," distributing food with the Neighbors in Need van in parking lots across the area, and delivering directly to the homes of high-risk clients.

If you are able, please donate at eventbrite.com/e/neighbors-in-need-soups-on-2020-tickets-96993972583 or mail a check to: Neighbors in Need, PO Box 447, Lawrence, MA 01842.

#### Legal aid services still available

Northeast Legal Aid and Northeast Justice Center continues to deliver free legal services to low-income individuals in northeastern Massachusetts.

Northeast Legal Aid has offices in Lawrence, Lynn and Lowell. Although the program's offices are now open by appointment only, and all members of the organization's staff are working remotely, they remain committed to serving the low-income and elderly residents of northeastern Massachusetts.

Anyone facing a civil (non-criminal) legal crisis can apply for legal services online at northeastlegalaid.org or by calling 978-458-1465.

Most events in legal matters have been postponed, with most courts only open for emergency matters. Visit northeastlegalaid.org or northeastjusticecenter.org and navigate to the COVID 19 section for up-to-date information on court closures and legal rights at this time. In addition, the program's legal units are providing the following services:

Housing: All three Lawyer for the Day programs in Housing Court remain open. These program were converted to "remote access," as eviction cases continue to be filed and housing security is of paramount importance to clients at this time.

Family law: The program continues to offer representation in abuse prevention order (restraining order) cases and are available to provide counsel and advice on questions about custody and visitation during the current health crisis.

Immigration: The Northeast Justice Center is offering consults to immigrant survivors of domestic violence, victims of other serious crimes, unaccompanied minors and others who have fled their home countries due to persecution.

If you are an immigrant victim of other serious crimes, are an unaccompanied minor or have fled your country of origin due to persecution, please call or text Justice For Our Neighbors at 617-794-7024 or send email to jfonlawlowclinic@gmail.com. The Justice Center will also be available to assist people who are detained and whose age or medical condition puts them at increased risk of harm by COVID-19.

#### Military family relief fund launched

BOSTON — The nonprofit Military Friends Foundation is launching the "COVID-19 Massachusetts Military Family Relief Fund" and pledging \$100,000 to support the effort.

Through a collaboration with the state's Department of Veterans Services and

Massachusetts National Guard, the fund will give immediate financial support to Massachusetts military families and families of fallen service members.

State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, D-Methuen, chair of the Committee of Veteran and Federal Affairs, said she is supporting the fund.

"Once again, the Military Friends Foundation, an outstanding organization, is front and center to provide needed support for those who protect us," she said. "We are very thankful for their generosity and help as we face this crisis together."

The fund will initially provide grants for essential financial help so families may quickly purchase groceries, health supplies and other necessities in their own communities. It will also provide funds to secure personal protective equipment (PPE) for service members. The fund will serve military families across the state by bringing support directly to them.

The fund is seeking support from the public to raise an additional \$100,000 to help meet these critical needs, and 100 percent of donations will go to provide relief to those left vulnerable by the pandemic.

The fund is open to active military, National Guard, reserves and families of fallen service members who live in Massachusetts. To apply or donate, visit militaryfriends.org under COVID-19 MA Military Relief Fund. Donations can also be sent to: COVID-19 MA Military Relief Fund c/o Military Friends Foundation, 6 Beacon St. Suite 200, Boston, MA 02108.

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**TOWN OF ANDOVER PUBLIC HEARING**

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Theresa Pezola Purchasing Agent

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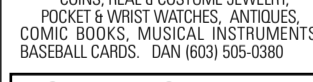
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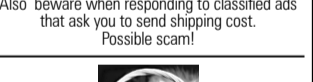
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# Sports

## CROSSING THE BORDER

### Andover's Manty delivers impressive season in Canada's BCHL

By DAVID WILLIS  
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#### WHAT IS THE BCHL?

The British Columbia Hockey League is a Junior-A league, the second highest classification in Canadian junior hockey.

The BCHL was founded in 1961, and featured 17 teams in four divisions, all based in British Columbia. Andover's Thomas Manty plays for the Merritt Centennials, one of the league's founding members.

Over 200 BCHL alums have played in the NHL, including Boston Bruins Stanley Cup champ Mark Recchi, fellow Hall of Famers Brett Hull and Paul Kariya and Bruins announcer Barry Pederson.



Courtesy photo

Andover's Thomas Manty looks to make a play for the BCHL's Merritt Centennials this winter. The former Central Catholic and Phillips Academy star won the team's Rookie of the Year award.

Andover's Thomas Manty led Central Catholic hockey to a Super 8 title game, and became a top goal-scorer for Phillips Academy.

But he knew he was stepping into a whole new world when he took his hockey career to Canada this winter, as a member of the Merritt Centennials of the British Columbia Hockey League.

"Adjusting to the overall play was a big challenge," said Manty. "The BCHL is much faster and more physical and skilled than prep hockey. So completely adjusting took me some time. Junior hockey is essentially pro hockey without the pay, so getting used to the lifestyle of just hockey takes some time."

After a few early bumps, the forward proved he could more than hold his own in the BCHL, a Canadian Junior-A league.

Manty tallied 12 goals and added 22 assists for the Centennials this winter. He won Merritt's Rookie of the Year award, and was named one of the BCHL's Players of the Week on Feb. 18.

"I'm very happy with my season," said Manty, who is now back at home in Andover. "I'd say I exceeded my expectations. I knew I wasn't going to dominate the league in my first season. I was lucky to play as much as I did as a rookie."

"Through the first half, I was on a roller coaster of highs and low. After coming home for the Christmas break, I got to recharge the batteries and finished my last 20 games on a high note with 16 points."

A former Central Catholic standout — he scored 11 goals for the 2016-17 Super 8 finalist Raiders — Manty then played two seasons (2017-19) at Phillips Academy, scoring 34 goals, giving him 52 in five high

school seasons.

During his senior year at Phillips, Manty began to explore his next hockey home.

"I started talking to BCHL teams during the Christmas break of the 2018-2019 season," he said. "I was lined up to go to the Salmon Arm Silverbacks going into May. Then, the same day they called to tell me it wasn't going to work there, the new head coach of Merritt emailed me asking if I had any interest in joining the team."

Manty joined the Centennials, who are based in Merritt, British Columbia, a town (population 7,139) considerably smaller than his lifelong home of Andover (population 36,500).

"It's important to find ways to get your mind off the game when you are away from the rink," said Manty. "That took some getting used to, being in a small town like Merritt. And Merritt has the smallest rink in the league. The size is similar to the Lawrence Valley Forum."

Manty scored his first goal in Merritt's third game, but his favorite was a game-winner against the team that let him go, the Silverbacks.

"My dad happened to be at the game, because he was visiting for the weekend," said Manty, whose father is Andover High assistant coach and former interim head coach Scott Manty. "I scored a top shelf, one-timer on the power play. I earned the second star of the game award. There was nothing more I could have asked for than to have my father see it all!"

Manty finished the season third on the Centennials in points (34), good for 18th among BCHL rookies. His biggest night was a two-goal, three-assist performance in a win over the Alberni Valley Bulldogs in the third to last game of the season.

Manty now plans to play one more year in the BCHL, to bolster his college hockey prospects.

"The BCHL is definitely helpful (with recruiting),"



Courtesy photo/Dave Arnold

Former Phillips Academy and Central Catholic star Thomas Manty of Andover delivered a stellar year for the BCHL's Merritt Centennials this winter.

he said. "Every night you're playing against top talent who are committed

to Division 1 schools. And there's always people in the stands or watching from

the live stream."

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## 10 questions with Andover wrestling coach Mike Bolduc

*Editor's Note: With high school sports postponed indefinitely, we're checking in with athletes and coaches from the Andover sports community about how they are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.*

When Mike Bolduc took over the Andover High wrestling program

five years ago, many believed it wouldn't be long before the program rose to the upper level of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Well, five years later, that prophecy proved accurate.

This winter, under Bolduc's watchful eye, the Golden Warriors were a terrific 21-3 and captured the MVC Division 2 title.

Building winners is nothing new for Bolduc. He formerly coached at Salem, N.H., for five years, leading the Blue Devils to two undefeated seasons and the 2003 New England title, an accomplishment he didn't get to witness because he left the team, as a sergeant major in the army reserves, in mid-season to train units for the Afghanistan War.

Bolduc took the time to answer questions about how he's doing during the coronavirus outbreak:

**Name:** Mike Bolduc

**Current job/school:** Management Analyst for the Department of Defense; Andover High wrestling coach

**1. How has the shutdown of sports affected you personally?**

I am truly a sports enthusiast, but right now family and work are my primary concerns. So in short, the

#### US VS. THE VIRUS

10 Questions with people from the world of sports

shutdown of sports has not affected me personally. On a positive note, family time has significantly increased.

**2. Who do you know who is more affected than yourself to having no sports?**

Tough question but I'll go with my first thought. Coach Alan Hibino and the Andover girls basketball team were definitely affected more than me and the wrestling program. Knowing how hard they worked and the competitiveness of that team, I believe the coaches and players would have loved to play that final game.

**3. Under normal circumstances, what would you be doing right now?**

Right now, I would be enjoying the spring sports season, college and high school. My son Benjamin plays lacrosse for the United States Coast Guard Academy and my son Michael is a senior at Austin Prep and plays tennis. I am really going to miss watching them play.

**4. What were your goals coming into the spring and how have they changed?**

Unrelated to sports. I was very excited to finalize a trip to Graceland and Nashville. My son Michael and I are both Elvis fans and it is very disappointing to know our trip during April vacation will be cancelled.

**5. Which sport do you miss the most?**

I will miss the NCAA D1 Wrestling Championships the most. ESPN has done a nice job improving its



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Mike Bolduc led Andover wrestling to a historic season. Watching wrestling is helping him deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

coverage, specifically semi-finals and finals. Outside of wrestling, college basketball is second on my list.

**6. Which player on your team do you feel is most affected by the suspension of sports?**

I know multiple athletes this affects due to spring sport tryouts but the first two names that come to mind are Jonathan Davila and Connor Sheehan. Jonathan and Connor were already back on the mat working out at Smitty's Barn.

**7. With no NBA, NHL or March Madness, how are you getting your sports fix these days?**

Primarily I've jumped on my computer and watched an enormous amount of classic international and college wrestling matches. In addition, I am watching re-runs and classic games on all the sports channels. Most recently I watched the 2018 and the 2019 McDonalds All-American game and the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Finals.

**8. To support local restaurants, which restaurant have you ordered takeout from or would like to?**

My family has not resorted to takeout yet. My wife Jackie is a phenomenal cook and most nights has prepared home cooked meals for the four of us. The boys did go out and picked up a tray from Tripoli's pizza.

**9. What's your go-to movie or show to stream?**

I recently watched Hack-saw Ridge, Lone Survivor,

Saving Private Ryan, and 13 Hours so I guess my "go-to movie" needs to be war related. My quick fix is definitely "The Office," season's 1-7.

**10. If there has been a positive thing to come out of the virus, what is it?**

It has given me time to reflect on the present. In addition, I've seen a lot of good people who've given their time to help those in varying hardships. It's very inspiring.

# Market Basket orders new social distancing rules

## Andover, Valley stores limit number of customers

By PAUL TENNANT  
Staff Writer

Market Basket is increasing its efforts to protect shoppers and employees from coronavirus infection. The company is limiting the number of people allowed inside each supermarket at a time. This will depend on the size of the store, Market Basket executives said.

"We have been constantly refining our operations focused on the health and safety of our customers and associates," said Joseph Schmidt, operations supervisor. "These changes reflect the wide range of input we have received on a daily basis, from our customers and our associates and from the governors and public

health experts who describe the next several weeks as critical for the health of the residents in our region. It is important that our customers have a pleasant, safe and healthy experience in our stores."

A single entrance and exit will be designated for customers at every store. Each customer will be greeted by an employee who will clean and sanitize a carriage for them.

"Our hard-working associates are committed to helping our customers during this challenging time," Schmidt said. "We firmly believe that with this newly refined approach we can make the grocery store experience better for all."

Schmidt said the supermarket chain has expanded its disinfection campaign

to fight the coronavirus. Surfaces that get lots of touching, including cash registers, counter tops, register belts, baskets, shopping carriages, payment devices, touch pads, desks, door and drawer handles, phones and computers, are sanitized frequently, he said.

Market Basket operates 80 supermarkets in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Area stores are located in Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, North Andover and Haverhill as well as in Salem and Plaistow, New Hampshire.



Customers line up outside a Market Basket store.

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