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## Town to conduct diversity and inclusion survey

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ANDOVER — As activists continue protesting in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of police, cities and towns are left to grapple with how their

own communities meet the issues surrounding racism.

In Andover, it was the resurgence of racist social media posts made by Andover High School students and a video that went viral showing an off-duty fire lieutenant caught on tape accusing a

19-year-old local Dominican woman of stealing mail from her own mailbox.

In response, both to the national protests and the local incidents, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan headed up an online community forum on "Race, Diversity and

Inclusion" last week, seeking public input on how best to proceed with addressing what many perceive to be systemic racism in town.

During the forum last Wednesday, Rick Pinderhughes, vice president of programs at the diversity and

inclusion training and consulting company at Visions, Inc., discussed a survey that his company has been hired to conduct in Andover to get a feel for the cultural inclusion — or lack thereof — locally.

"What we have recommended as an admissions

process for starting this journey is getting a sense from the community how Andover is already experiencing success with diversity and inclusion and where are the challenge points, the places where growth is needed,  
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## Back with a 'new normal' splash



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After biking around town, Calvin Paul cools off on the Slip 'n Slide behind the Cormier Youth Center. The center has reopened but activities are in small groups.

## Cormier Youth Center reopens with restrictions

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE  
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The Cormier Youth Center officially reopened earlier this month, but there are many rules in place at the popular gathering spot for youngsters.

"The first couple days were a little strange. We were wearing masks; we're 6 feet apart," said Executive Director Bill Fahey. "We are usually a high-five type, hug program where we can be engaged physically, but we just can't do that this summer."

Guidelines stipulate that youth  
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Protocol health questions are asked of parents to be sure their child isn't sick before being allowed inside the Andover Youth Center.

► School officials:

## Hybrid learning model proposed

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE  
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Public School officials are proposing a hybrid model of learning for all students in the upcoming school year.

In a report submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education detailing back-to-school plans, officials said it was impossible to hold an entirely in-person learning model that meets the state's safety guidelines at the high school level and suggested using a hybrid model for all

of the public schools. "The capacity of Andover High School is 1,400 students, however the current enrollment is 1,800 students," states the report authored by Sandra Trach, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, and Dr. Sara Stetson, assistant superintendent of student services.

The report was sent to DESE on July 31. "Due to a lack of space, Andover High School is unable to engage in an in-person learning model that  
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## Town officials remind drivers to slow down

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE  
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Town officials are making it a point to alert drivers on Main Street that the speed limit is 25 mph, especially since downtown restaurants have added substantial seating outside to allow for social distancing amid the pandemic.

"Outdoor dining has made reminding drivers about the speed limit all the more important," Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said.

When outdoor dining began around the end of June, the Police Department's safety division requested the placement of two electronic speed signs on Main Street.

One large sign reading, "No U Turns; drive with care; 25 mph zone," is placed outside the Public Safety Center. And at the intersection of Central, North Main and Elm streets, a smaller sign displays drivers' speed as they pass it.

"I think the speed limit  
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## Pfizer says it hopes COVID-19 vaccine ready by end of year

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE  
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Joined by Gov. Charlie Baker at a press conference last week, executives at the Pfizer company in Andover said they hope to have a COVID-19 vaccine ready by the end of the year.

They said they will seek federal regulatory approval for the vaccine as early as the fall, making it possible the vaccine will be ready by year's end.  
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Gov. Charlie Baker wears a "science will win" mask as he visits the Pfizer company in Andover Thursday.

COURTESY POOL PHOTO BY STUART CAHILL/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald

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**Sobhan “Soap” Namvar, head of the new Division of Collaborative Support Services**

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where there are literally concerns,” Pinderhughes said.

The survey, which Pinderhughes said he could begin in the next few weeks, would include an online component, as well as focus groups.

“This would involve constituent groups, people of color, groups of women, maybe groups by age, maybe groups by sectors in the town,” explained Pinderhughes.

“We would be asking folks, what information can you share with us about what ways in which the culture and the working of the town impact you?” he explained.

Sobhan “Soap” Namvar, head of the new Division of Collaborative Support Services, gave a presentation on the division’s goals. This new town division is part of the preexisting Office of Wellness and Recovery, as well as the newly formed diversity and inclusion office, called Andover DIVERSE, which stands for Diversity, Inclusion, Values, Respect, Support and Education. The town announced the creation of Andover DIVERSE on their website on July 9; Namvar was the only new hire for the division.

Namvar said the focus of Andover DIVERSE is to address the implicit

and explicit biases among residents.

“As we are going forward we have to have this agreement that we have a problem and we are part of the problem,” said Namvar.

The immediate plan for the Division of Collaborative Support Services is to form a committee composed of a wide range of residents with a special emphasis on recruiting those from minority groups.

“The focus is to steer the work and communicate. We really have to talk across departments, across different community members, individuals,” Namvar said.

“This committee is going to be action focused, this committee is going to truly be the voice of the community to the committee and also bringing the action that we have in the committee to play out in the community.”

Residents who electronically attending the forum asked questions, too.

One person asked what the town is planning to do to recruit more minority employees.

“Anytime we have a vacancy within our town organization we look to attract the most diverse candidate pool possible,” Flanagan said. “Sometimes it’s more difficult or we don’t have as diverse of a group for a specific position as we’d like.”

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can only take one program at a time in groups of 10. Before the pandemic hit, they could choose from 78 different programs and take one class one day, and a different class the next. That’s not doable anymore.

“You can’t (say), ‘I’m going to do a workout program on Monday, for example, then on Tuesday I’m going to do an art class.’ You have to sign up Monday for the entire program,” Fahey explained.

“So, for the workout program, you go Monday through Thursday,” he said. “It’s a group of 10 for an hour and a half. You go for all days, to meet the guidelines, you know.”

Parents are required to complete an online check-in that Fahey said takes about 15 minutes to complete. When they drop off their children, they have to fill out a questionnaire. Parents are asked if their child has a fever or doesn’t feel well, and if anyone in the home has been exposed to COVID-19.

“If it’s no, no, no, no, no, boom you’re welcome to come in and we ask them the same questions again,” Fahey said.

Program start times are staggered so people don’t all arrive and leave at the same time. And like most places, everyone is required to wear a mask and keep a socially safe distance.

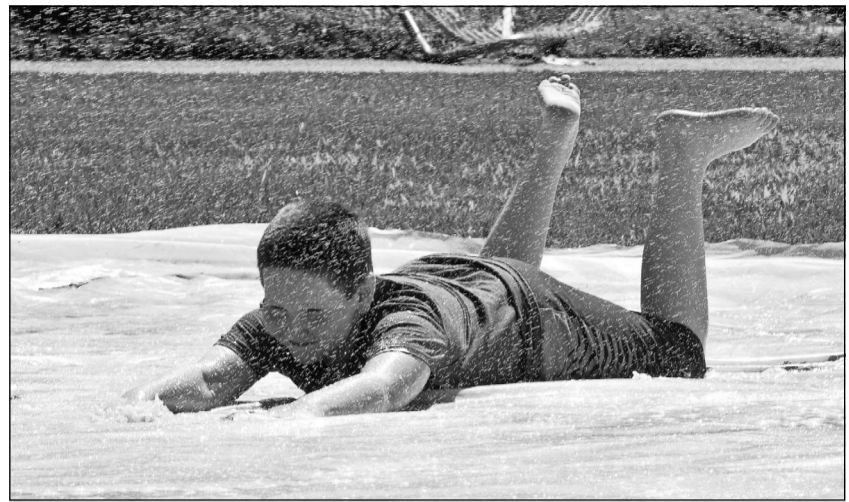
“They can’t just hang out at the same time in the art room or gym. They have to go directly to the programs,” Fahey said.

The Cormier Youth Center’s program offerings are available on its website: [www.andoveryouthservices.com/cyc-home.html](http://www.andoveryouthservices.com/cyc-home.html).



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

**A small group returns from a bike ride around town at the Cormier Youth Center in Andover. The center has reopened but activities are in small groups of 10 or less.**



**After biking around town, Colin Bouley takes a ride on the Slip ‘n Slide behind the Cormier Youth Center.**



**After hiking, Anna Zytkovicz cools off on the Slip ‘n Slide behind the Cormier Youth Center. The center has reopened but many activities are outside doing activities like hiking, biking, and kayaking.**

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signs are a good idea. I love that the restaurants now have outdoor dining and it makes the town really comfortable,” said Sally Conway of Shipman Road, who was sitting outside the Dunkin’ store on Main Street on Sunday morning.

Conway said she thinks

there’s nothing wrong with enforcing stricter speed restrictions downtown, given the circumstances.

“I don’t feel it’s a negative ... but I am not shopping down here,” she said concerning a potential shortage of parking. “There is off-street parking and there’s the municipal lot, so when we come into town, we park in those lots.”

Similarly, James Davies

of North Andover, who frequently, said he’s happy police have taken extra steps to protect those eating outside.

“Parking can be tight,” he said. “But if (people) are sitting outside, you’ve got to slow down.”

Flanagan said police are largely concerned with protecting pedestrians.

“The police aren’t setting

up speed traps. Enforcement is generally limited to making sure drivers let people cross at crosswalks,” he said.

“Overall, I think the state of downtown is very positive if we are measuring success by the number of people who have returned to support the downtown businesses. We just want to make it is a safe experience for everyone involved.”

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would meet DESE guidelines. Therefore, AHS will need to operate in a hybrid model,” the report continues.

Another concern expressed by officials for an entirely in-person model is the effect it would have on transportation. That’s because DESE’s safety requirements would decrease bus capacity and thereby force the school district to stagger arrival and dismissal times.

“APS currently buses PK-12 students and three in-town private schools, and uses 71 and 77 passenger buses,” the report states.

“Given the limited number of vehicles currently available to the district, current buses being fully maximized, and additional buses and drivers being unavailable, it will be

necessary to change transportation policies to reduce ridership and stagger school arrival/dismissal times or both for in-person and hybrid learning models.”

The district’s preferred hybrid model would reduce the capacity of all schools to 50%. That means that only 50% of students would be reporting to school at a time, while the other half would be taking classes online.

The content and core curriculum would be available to students through software called LMS (or Schoology), “which allows for ‘blended learning’ (online reading and writing, math solving, videos, interactive learning experiences, and other web tools).”

“Blended Learning” is what school officials call the teaching methodology for the hybrid model, which is effectively a schedule.

At the last School Committee meeting, Stetson presented three tentative

hybrid models that include five groups of students who would be attending classes online and in-person on alternating schedules.

In the hybrid models, students with special needs would be getting more in-person class time.

“Students who require intensive learning support and students with special needs will be provided additional in-person learning time within the hybrid model,” the report states. “For example, students for whom English is a second language, and/or have external barriers to learning and/or identified disabilities may need to attend school additional days each week in comparison to peers, in order to receive specialized instruction or social-emotional support.”

The School Committee is going to vote on the best fit hybrid model later this summer.



## Film-making course offered

Parents of young aspiring filmmakers can register their kids for a course that's being offered this month in Andover.

The Recreation Department is hosting a week-long "Intro to Filmmaking Course" offered by Filmmakers Collaborative.

The program takes place the week of Aug. 10 and is available to students ages 10 to 14.

Students will learn script-writing, storyboard sketching, character development and camera skills. They will also shoot, write and edit a film by the end of the week.

The classes are taught by filmmakers who use Adobe Premiere Pro, a professional editing software. The students' films will be eligible for submission to the Boston International Kids Film Festival, scheduled for November.

The film-making course will be from Aug. 8 to 14 and costs between \$375 and \$385. Registration is at [https://andoverrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs](https://andoverrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs).

## Real estate transaction law firm expands

Touchstone Closing, an Andover law firm specializing in real estate closings, recently opened a new location in Chatham to meet market demand.

The office will be an extension of a growing team focusing on real estate transactions in Greater Boston, Cape Cod and eastern Massachusetts, company officials said.

The new office is in downtown Chatham at 400 Main St., a short walk from the Chatham Bars Inn and near the Chatham Lighthouse.

"The Eastern Massachusetts real estate market has been growing, and even in light of the current pandemic, the market continues to thrive and add value to the local community," said Jack O'Donohue, managing partner of the company. "The firm is honored to be a part of the growth of the local economy, and we are excited to continue to serve the homeowners of Massachusetts."

Touchstone Closing utilizes the latest technology to simplify the closing process for both buyers and sellers while building strong relationships with real estate agents, local banks and top-producing

mortgage professionals. Touchstone Closing employs more than 30 full-time team members as part of the expansion, a comparatively large team by industry standards. The firm has also launched a successful podcast dedicated to the local real estate market and a more humorous and lighthearted Instagram TV Show and YouTube channel called "The Donut Digest," which rates local doughnut bakeries.

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## Elizabeth "Beth" H. Madden, 60

April 26, 1960 - July 28, 2020

ANDOVER, MA — The light of our lives went out Tuesday at 8:14pm at Boston Medical Center following a valiant fight to come home to us after suffering a major brain hemorrhage on Saturday morning. Beth leaves behind her loving family - Mom & Dad (Cynthia & Joe) with whom she lived with all her life, her loving brother (Chris) her favorite dancing partner, his wife (Serena) who she always called proudly her 'sister-in-law', and her two nieces Nichole and Tasha. Beth was predeceased by her little sister Amy in 1966. Beth was born in Heidelberg Germany during her father's tour of duty with the US Army. She spent her early schooling in Texas, Maryland, New York City, Virginia, and graduated from the Lawrence Vocational Technical School when her father's military career ended in 1975 and the family moved to Andover. Beth spent 38 years with American Training, a wonderful sheltered workshop here in Andover, enjoying all they had to offer including: offsite jobs, in-house cooking classes, Zumba dancing, bowling league, exercise classes, and art and crafts. Beth grew up with a core group of friends that met monthly at the Creative Living House in Andover for dinner and dancing - her favorite times! Beth also participated with this group in Special Olympics for many years as well as the Special Field Games of the Merrimack Valley. A special needs Mass for this group and their family members was held once a month with Father Jim Wenzel (Ret.) and more recently with Father Ray Dlugus at Merrimack College Austin Hall always followed



by a much beloved coffee hour and social time. Beth loved going to her beach house on the Cape every summer with her family. She especially enjoyed going out to eat to sample the local seafood, as well as watching the Freedom boat coming in from Nantucket at 5pm sharp on most evenings. Beth also loved her Boston sports teams and watched faithfully with her best friend in the world, her Dad. We will keep our princess close in our hearts always as a family and we trust that the good Lord has received his sweet little angel back into his flock.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Beth's services will be private at the funeral home at the request of the family.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family & friends are invited to attend Beth's graveside service on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 11:30 am at Spring Grove Road Cemetery in Andover. Arrangements for Beth are under the direction of Burke - Magliozzi Funeral Home 390 N. Main St. Andover. Online condolences may be shared at [www.burkemagliozzi.com](http://www.burkemagliozzi.com)

## Dorothy M. "Dossie" (Flavin) Rennie, 78

August 10, 1941 - March 13, 2020

ANDOVER — "Dossie" passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 13th, 2020. She was 78 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Doris (née; Lewin) Flavin. She attended the Chelsea Schools, and soon after married her high school sweetheart Russell A. Rennie. Dossie and Russ raised their own family, making their home on Spencer Ave. in Chelsea for over 30 years. Dossie also worked as a telephone response operator with 3M Alarm Company. After retirement Russ and Dossie enjoyed many years in Sumner, Maine. She was a member of the Sumner Women's Sewing and Quilting Club and enjoyed many hours helping neighbors and friends in the Sumner community. In her later years, she and Russ moved to Andover, with Nan, Marc, and Mike, where they enjoyed making new friends at the Center at Punchard Senior Center. In her lifetime "Dossie" enjoyed quilting, baking and a good game of Cribbage. She was widowed in 2017 after 58 years of marriage when Russ passed away peacefully at home with his family. She was the forever beloved mother of Timothy P. Rennie and his wife Carrie of Merrimack, Nanette (Rennie) Fournier and her husband R. Marc of Andover, Lorell A. (Rennie) Lawrence of Berwick, Maine, and Russell A. Rennie Jr. and his wife Karen of North Conway, N.H. Dossie was the cherished grandmother of Sarah, Megan, and Jacob



Lawrence, Michael Conte, and Abigail Fournier. She was the dear sister of Geraldine and her husband Alan Gopen in Texas, also sister to Barbara and Jack in California. She was also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Graveside services will be held on Saturday August 15th at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For those attending, a funeral procession will be assembling at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. A celebration of her life will immediately follow the cemetery services. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit [www.WelshFuneralHome.com](http://www.WelshFuneralHome.com) In lieu of flowers, donations in Dossie Rennie's memory may be made to Compass Hospice, 790 Turnpike Street, Suite 202, North Andover, MA 01845.

## Beverly F. Farnham, 88

January 22, 1932 - July 30, 2020

ANDOVER, MA — Mrs. Beverly F. (Tenney) Farnham, 88, of North Andover, passed away on July 30, 2020 peacefully at her home with her family at her side. She was born in Somerville and was a long time Andover resident. Mrs. Farnham retired as a registered nurse having worked at area hospitals and nursing facilities including Lawrence General Hospital and Phillips Academy. She is the devoted widow of Robert Farnham Sr. She is survived by three daughters: Christine and her husband Max Ward of Fremont, NH, Kathleen MacDonald of Tewksbury, Elizabeth Nawn of Las Vegas, NV, and four sons: Robert Farnham Jr. and his wife Glorianne of North Andover, Mark Farn-

ham and his wife Jayne of Andover, Paul Farnham and his wife Elizabeth of Kennebunkport, ME, and Glenn Farnham and his wife Julie of Andover. She was the fun and loving grandmother to 17 grandchildren. She has 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Mrs. Farnham's memory to one of her favorite causes, the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005 or online at [Heart.org](http://Heart.org)

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Farnham will be private and are under the direction of Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Online condolences may be shared at [www.burkemagliozzi.com](http://www.burkemagliozzi.com)

# ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## Susan McKelliget

### Andover Center for History & Culture

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

#### 100 years ago — Aug. 13, 1920

A 14-year-old boy from Lawrence, who was arrested Monday after he entered the home of assistant Postmaster Frank S. McDonald on Chestnut Street where the boy had taken \$40 in cash from a bureau, is wanted by the Lawrence, Haverhill and Methuen police on charges of breaking and entering residences and stores in those cities. Monday morning about 8 o'clock Mrs. McDonald was surprised to find a boy in her home. When she asked what he wanted, he said he thought it was a two-tenement house and he was looking for a party upstairs. Mrs. McDonald became suspicious and, locking the door, ordered the intruder to remain while she went

upstairs and investigated. She found that \$40 was missing from her bureau and went back to the ground floor found that the boy had disappeared. She notified her husband, who with others joined in a search and captured the boy on Summer Street.

Walter Seacole has sold his two-tenement house at the corner of North Main and Harding streets to Robert Franz of Marland village. The sale was made through the W.H. Higgins real estate agency.

#### 75 years ago — Aug. 9, 1945

Because of the events of the past few days, the Andover Council of Churches announced Thursday that when peace comes, a union service of thanksgiving will be held in Christ Church.

A tin can collection will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, starting at 1 p.m. and residents should have the cans on the curb by noon. It is hoped that the junior high school boys who assisted with the

collections previously will report to the parking area at the playstead by 12:30 p.m.

Police Officer David Gillespie, involved in an altercation in South Lawrence two weeks ago, submitted his resignation to selectmen on Wednesday. It was accepted by the board.

Plans are almost complete for the gala three-day carnival of the Andover Servicemen's Fund Association to be held at the playstead Aug. 23, 24 and 25. Tickets may be secured from Miss Birdsall in Mr. Winslow's office at the Town House or at the Shaw House on Main Street.

#### 50 years ago — Aug. 20, 1970

A photo caption reads "Andover is well represented at Camp Nokomis, a Y.M.C.A. camp on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. These senior campers are Sally Francis, Joyce Abugov, Donna Diotati, Karen Weber, Diane Hartman, Carolyn Ramsdell, Susie Beroz, Elizabeth Jacobs, Jane Caswell, Karen Escovitz to Corey M. Lazovich and Marissa E. Marchand, \$350,000

#### 43 Martingale Lane, Unit 43:

Susan R Wojtkun RET and Susan R. Wojtkun to Kathy M. Sendek, \$590,000

#### 354 N. Main St., Unit 354:

Halcyon RT and Carol Mcdonough to Jaja Commercial LLC, \$265,000

#### 66 Osgood St.: 66 Osgood Street RT and Christopher B. Cronin to Michael Mckinon, \$790,000

#### Riverside Woods Condo Unit

Caughey, Carol Christopher and Robin Stupack."

The Recreation Department is assisting with the work of turning the former Central Fire Station (then located behind Old Town Hall) into a drop-in center for the young people of the town. The Student Activities Committee is in charge of the program to make the old fire station into an attractive meeting place.

Andover police arrested three young people — one of them a juvenile — in the parking lot of the Internal Revenue Service headquarters on Lowell Street early Wednesday morning and charged them with breaking into automobiles of IRS employees.

It's only a few days now until the playgrounds and the formal program at Pomp's Pond end for the season. The highlight of the playground season came Wednesday when some 200 boys and girls were taken to Canobie Lake in five buses for an annual event.

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**4 Hillcrest Road:** Shereen

## POLICE LOG

### FRIDAY, JULY 24

**Motor Vehicle Arrest:** Thomas Fredo, 18, of Osgood Street was arrested for operating under the influence and for an unsafe lane change, North Main Street, 11:20 p.m.

**Car Accident:** A caller reported that someone hit her car as she was trying to leave the parking lot. No one was injured and neither car was towed, Lowell Street, 7:56 p.m.

**Service Request:** A caller states that there is a sink hole forming in the road directly across from the mailbox on 3 Orchard Street. According to the caller, the pot hole is 1-2 inches wide and appears "hollow inside." An officer went to the scene and noticed that a pothole has been forming. A barrel was placed on top of the pothole and the DPW was notified, Orchard Street, 8:01 p.m.

**Suspicious Activity:** A woman reported a suspicious note was left on her daughter's vehicle overnight, Summer Street, 11:05 a.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

**Crash Fatality:** Multiple callers reported a car crashed into a tree with unknown injuries. Elm Street was called out to tow the car with plates MA REG 143BP4. The crash reconnaissance team reported to the scene, officers will file, Dascomb Road, 11:18 p.m.

**Motor Vehicle Arrest:** Robert Farr, 60, of Colonial Drive was

arrested for an OUI and having an open container in his vehicle. He was arrested after his girlfriend called the police to report that he was intoxicated and had just headed out, she believed to the liquor store in North Reading by the CVS on Route 28. North Reading Police were notified and Farr was located in the Colonial Drive parking lot where he was arrested, Colonial Drive, 5:44 p.m.

**Animal Complaint:** There were multiple reports of a possible injured raccoon in the roadway. An officer responded to the scene and said the raccoon was breathing, but very lethargic. The raccoon was left in the bushes, Stinson Road, 1:55 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

**Illegal Dumping:** Chestnut Court, 5:02 p.m.

**Domestic:** Two officers responded to a domestic incident, Buttonwood Drive, 3:24 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 27

**Request Officer:** A caller reports that a woman approached him asking him to call the police because her car and purse were stolen. The woman said that the man she was with stole her car when she went in to buy gas. An officer reports that the male subject's mother owns the car and he left the woman behind after they purchased Class A drugs together. The woman said that the man has a crowbar in the car. NW

District, NH State Police, and Gilford, NH, Police were notified for officer safety, River Road, 10:36 p.m.

**Fraud/Bad Check:** A caller reports he received a check from PA unemployment that he never signed up for, Inwood Lane, 5:45 p.m.

**Mental Health:** A caller reports that someone came into her apartment, took her meds and left other meds for her, Railroad Street, 6:54 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 28

**Suspicious Activity:** An officer moved along a group of young people at Pumps Pond, Pumps Pond, 11:37 p.m.

**Suspicious Package:** A caller reports getting a small package of seeds. She was told to contact the Department of Agriculture, Penobscott Way, 9:42 p.m.

**Request Officer:** An Uber driver would like to document an argument he had with a passenger, South Main Street, 2:26 p.m.

**Suspicious Activity:** An employee is requesting police because he found a woman sleeping in his car. An officer sent the woman on her way, River Road, 1:20 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

**Suspicious Activity:** A caller reported a man on a bicycle going through a car in the parking lot, an officer reports that she said she was having a dream and it was no emergency, Balmoral Street, 4:13 a.m.

**Crash - Personal Injury:** A

caller reports a two-car crash, one person complained of shoulder pain, Lowell Street, 11:08 p.m.

**Service Request:** A caller reports a large tree leaning on the power lines above the roadway, officer confirmed. National Grid was notified, Rattlesnake Hill Road, 4:02 p.m.

**Disabled Motor Vehicle:** A caller reports a disabled motor vehicle with a missing tire in the middle of the road. An officer reports that a tow company is on scene to remove the vehicle, Stevens Street, 3:33 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

**Motor Vehicle Complaint:** A caller reports that a car with plate number 1FSK99/MA was all over the road and almost struck multiple vehicles. An officer reports that Elm Street is going to tow the vehicle and summons the owner, River Road, 4:34 p.m.

**Suspicious Activity:** A caller reports he thinks someone is in his home. He reports hearing a loud "thud." Officers responded to the scene and found nothing, Harvard Road, 6:09 p.m.

**Fraud/Bad Check:** A caller reports an unemployment scam, Gavin Circle, 8:56 a.m.

**Disorderly Person/Disturbance:** A caller reported a large gathering at the rear of the building with urination in the parking lot. Officer reports all is quiet around the complex, Shattuck Road, 1:46 a.m.

# Andover Inn, Samuel's close indefinitely

BY GENEVIEVE DINATALE  
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The Andover Inn at Phillips Academy has closed for the foreseeable future. Phillips Academy suspended operations of the inn and Samuel's restaurant March

23 in response to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a statement.

There are still no signs that the venues will reopen. "We are now realizing the devastating and long-lasting effect that the global pandemic is having on the

hospitality industry and many others," the statement reads.

"To mitigate the financial impact to the Andover Inn, to perform several necessary repairs, and to support Phillips Academy's need for space to meet its

educational mission during the pandemic, the hotel and restaurant will remain closed for the foreseeable future."

Inn officials said they will provide further updates if, or when, they become available.

# Commemorative Hiroshima vigil to be held Thursday

BY GENEVIEVE DINATALE  
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A nonprofit organization will hold a silent vigil to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, which took place Aug. 6, 1945.

The vigil will be held in front of the Old Town Hall from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6.

This event is being put on

by the Merrimack Valley People for Peace, an organization that advocates for peace, justice and environmental matters. Members of the group come from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, Reading, Lowell, Haverhill, Amesbury, Newbury, and Newburyport.

The only times nuclear bombs were utilized in human history were on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

during World War II. According to the Associated Press, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima killed 140,000 people in the city either upon the blast or in its aftermath.

The second nuclear attack, on Nagasaki, took place three days later on Aug. 9 killing another 70,000 people.

Japan then surrendered Aug. 15, bringing an end to the conflict that began with

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941.

According to a statement from the Merrimack Valley People for Peace, "Atomic weapons now are much stronger and numerous, so a continuing danger."

The vigil is open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring signs, practice social distancing and wear face masks to stop the spread of COVID-19.

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Reassurance, love essential for children during divorce

Family Matters

Larry Larsen



**Dear Doctor,**  
My husband and I are talking about getting a divorce. It will be amicable. We have two children — a boy, who is 11, and a girl, age 8. We want to make this as easy as possible for them and would appreciate any thoughts you may have on what to do.

Mom

**Dear Mom,**  
Divorce is a trauma for children, but it is made less so with some care on the part of the parents. You sound as if both of you wish to make it as free from trauma as possible. Start by sitting down together with your children. This, of course, will be when the places of residence and plans are made. Tell them of your decision. It is of great value

to do this together. Anticipate their concerns and how you will address them. Of greatest importance are issues having to do with co-parenting. They will be very concerned about seeing both parents and who will be with them. Plan on emotion. They will be looking to each of you for reassurance and expressions of love. Answer their questions, but think before

you do. Do it in language they understand. Plan on some "what if" questions. Then, the issues become long term. Rule No. 1 is to keep your personal divorce problems between you and

your erstwhile husband. Each of you should remember your roles as mother and father. There may be disagreements over rules and discipline. Talk them out. Trust one another. Parenting styles

do differ. As the years pass, there will be changes in how the children feel about being with one parent or another. Be aware. If the going gets rough, seek some professional help.

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# Opinion

## State should make call on school reopening

School superintendents must long for the mornings when they're pressed with the tough call of whether to cancel school for 4 inches of snow. The choice they face now — unfairly placed upon them and local school committees, it would seem — is far more convoluted with far more at stake.

To this point, state officials appear to be allowing school districts to chart their own course in deciding whether students will return to class this fall, whether they'll return on a limited basis, or whether all lessons will be offered virtually, as they were in the spring, as a precaution to prevent spread of COVID-19.

One appreciates the nod to local control. However, when the state has made every other command and control decision regarding what's appropriate in this public health crisis — whether and where people must wear masks, how many people may shop inside Market Basket at the same time, or how many days people must quarantine after traveling out of state — why would they relegate this one?

On this front, Gov. Charlie Baker and Education Commissioner Jeff Riley should lead more decisively. Certainly school officials have plenty of decisions to make about logistics. But the big question — will students get on buses to go to classes held inside schools buildings — needs to be settled now.

Districts in Massachusetts faced a deadline of last Friday to give the state three draft plans — for bringing all students back to school; resuming the remote teaching forced by COVID-19 closures earlier this year; or some blend of the two.

Listening to school leaders, teachers and parents hash out those plans was agonizing, though certainly not nearly as agonizing as the actual work of stitching together all of the details. From class configurations to cleaning schedules, nearly every aspect of running a school has been under scrutiny.

This messy work reveals the need for stronger guidance. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has issued scads of directives on topics such as what to do when a kid gets sick on the school bus. Missing is the answer to the burning question that districts are still struggling to answer: What's the best way forward?

Squeezing all the kids back into their schools is a non-starter. A scenario for every kid coming back requires as much magical thinking about dodging a bloom of coronavirus as it does personal protective equipment.

A more realistic question is whether to attempt a "hybrid" model, where students spend some time at school and some time learning at home. Or should schools just pick up where they left off in June, refining the remote learning that left much to be desired, with perhaps the most needy of students allowed to return to a physical building?

"We're trying to do the best we can in a difficult circumstance, so as to keep students safe and balance risk and education. And that's a fine balance," Andover Superintendent Sheldon Berman told the town's School Committee last Thursday night. Being in a classroom is arguably better for learning, he acknowledged. Not so much public health. "We can't do that right now. Logistically with this coronavirus ... that's not safe for our students," he said.

Not much has changed since the coronavirus forced the closure of all schools in the state in early March. We may have "flattened the curve" of COVID-19 cases, but as we've seen from the experiences of other states, it doesn't take much to undo the success of months spent keeping our distance from each other.

What's the best approach? There's too much at stake for local school committees to answer that question. Consider the consequences of failure — a COVID-19 outbreak that affects many more people than just the families in one particular district.

School leaders, teachers and parents have spent plenty of time thinking and planning, with plenty more to come. All of us would now benefit from some decisiveness and clarity from the top.

## Votes for Women: Suffragists: 'No longer a mere theory'

**Jennifer Scheer**

Andover Center for History & Culture

*NOTE: Today Andover Stories celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, on Aug. 18, 1920, giving women the right to vote. Although there were passionate views on both sides, once the amendment was adopted, the town of Andover rallied around the women and their contributions to local political life. Today we document two sides of the debate, as well as the final outcome of a long, hard fought battle.*

Should women vote?

This question was hotly debated long before the 19th Amendment was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920.

In 1869, the Andover Advertiser reported on a female suffrage convention in Hartford, Connecticut, where Henry Ward Beecher made an address. He said that "every



(ANDOVER CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE / Phillips Academy archive)

**Elizabeth Stuart Phelps was an Andover writer and vice president of the Massachusetts Suffrage Association.**

woman, as well as every man, has a right to develop to the full every power that God has given her. There is no virtuous thing that a man may do that a woman should not do if she is capable."

Women have now been voting in the U.S. for 100 years, and from this vantage point,

■ **Parts 2 and 3 on women's suffragism in Andover. Page 9.**

Beecher's argument might seem sufficient. But at the time that was far from the case.

In November 1913, the Andover Equal Suffrage League was formed, and five months later the Andover Townsman ran a series, under the headings of "Why They Should" and "Why They Should Not," featuring arguments on both sides of the suffrage debate.

There were eight initial cases in favor of giving women the vote, and they were far-ranging in their scope.

Some expanded on Beecher's reasoning: "It is in the line of progress — a natural step in the process of evolution." And, "Women already have full suffrage in nine states and the territory of Alaska, and results show that they exercise the right in the main wisely and to the benefit of the community."

Other points hearken back to Revolutionary doctrines: "In a democracy all persons not obviously disqualified should have a voice in the government and sex constitutes logically no disqualification. Many arguments against woman suffrage resolve themselves into arguments against democracy."

And more succinctly: "Many women are taxpayers and 'taxation without representation is tyranny.'"

The latter argument would become increasingly relevant just a few years later when the War Revenue Act of 1917 significantly lowered the income tax exemption to \$1,000 per year (about \$25,000 in today's dollars). As a result, nearly half a million wage-earning women would be affected, in addition to the 23,000 who had already been paying income tax under the existing law.

There was a viewpoint that today seems downright old-fashioned: "Women as homemakers and mothers need the

See **SUFFRAGE**, Page 9

## Students lose when canceled days are not made up

**Editor, Townsman:**

This is how I score the recent round of negotiation between three teacher unions and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Teacher unions, win. Students and parents, lose.

The unions demanded and DESE agreed to cut 10 days off the new school year, without any attempt to make up. The purpose is to allow teachers more time to prepare for school reopening.

Ten days may not sound like a lot, but it is cutting 5.56% off a 180-day school year. This translates into a drop of 50 structured instructional hours for elementary students and 55 for secondary students.

The COVID-19 pandemic short-circuited our school year last March. Schools scrambled to conduct classes remotely. Some schools eased into remote teaching rather quickly, but others took much longer.

Parents tried to homeschool their children, yet their efforts may have been futile for they were not trained to be teachers. Town authorities were certainly not refunding their tax dollars to compensate for their effort or for the hiring of tutors.

The educational outcome of last spring, if measured, is likely to be subpar. In other words, kids have much to catch up. Yet, they are getting 10 extra days off in the new school year.

Understandably teachers need extra time to plan and prepare given the pandemic. However, I wish the teachers' unions and DESE had come to a win-win solution, such as

delaying school opening for 10 days and making up for most of the days. (With the experience in remote learning, we do not need to schedule for snow days anymore.)

Of course, this means teachers will have to work a few extra days. But that can be left to the local school committee to offer compensation or compensation in-kind.

If we truly have our children's best interests at heart, all parties should come together to make this work.

It seems more negotiations are in the pipeline. Among the demands from the teachers' unions are: "cancel the requirement for fully in-person learning plans" and "cancel MCAS."

I look forward to reading win-win solutions on these topics.

**SHISHAN WANG**  
Andover

## Moran is Andover's steady advocate

**Editor, Townsman:**

I hope your readers join me in reelecting state Rep. Frank Moran to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

I have considered the two candidates for this office, and it is clear reelecting Frank is right for Andover. He is:

— The ranking Latino in the Statehouse;

— Former chairman of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus;

— Current chairman of the House Committee on Personnel and Administration;

— Well connected with Statehouse leadership; and

— Endorsed by Planned Parenthood and NARAL.

During his tenure, Moran has gone above and beyond for Andover.

When other precincts were represented by an individual

who did little to secure funding for Andover's needs, he went to bat for all of Andover. He secured funding for the current renovations at the Senior Center. He supported Andover's successful application to the School Building Authority for West Elementary School.

After hearing from Andover residents, he fought for the construction of a sound barrier where Interstates 93 and 495 meet, and he called for a study of noise impacts.

Year after year, he has pushed for education funding, and he co-sponsored the Student Opportunity Act.

Moran is humble and keeps a low profile, but he fights for Andover. Reelect him and he'll keep fighting.

I urge your readers to vote for Frank Moran in the Sept. 1 primary (act quickly if you plan to vote by mail, and use two stamps to return your ballot).

**TRACEY SPRUCE**  
Andover

## Rivera has the passion, intellect to represent a diverse district

**Editor, Townsman:**

I write in support of Dr. Marianela Rivera's candidacy for representative of the 17th Essex District — parts of Andover, Lawrence and Methuen.

I have worked with Rivera on strengthening public education, immigrants' rights and creating transparency in government. Regarding the latter, she is demanding that votes of legislators always be made public so that we know the position of our elected officials.

Her opponent, Rep. Frank Moran, supports the State House backroom dealings which only strengthen the

speaker of the house. This model rewards people for their loyalty — classic cronyism and favoritism at its best. It's the same process that occurs in totalitarian systems of governance.

Rivera served two terms on the Lawrence School Committee, where she was a tireless advocate for students and educators. She pushed the state-controlled Lawrence receiver, who had a stranglehold on the Lawrence Public Schools, to establish clear benchmarks for student success and measurements.

She is currently the coordinator for the Greater Lawrence Education Justice Alliance, and she is a physical therapist with the Peabody school district. In the former capacity, she has been the catalyst, bringing parents, teachers and students together to rally around the democratic principles of openness and clarity in our school district.

In addition to her public advocacy, Rivera volunteers by tutoring Lawrence students, on top of being a devoted and loving single mother.

Her humble roots hail from the socio-economically impoverished environment in Lawrence, yet she was able to ascend the proverbial ladder by obtaining a doctorate from Northeastern University.

She has the passion, leadership skills and intellect to unite the diverse population of the 17th Essex District toward improving the lives of every resident.

I urge readers to vote for Dr. Marianela Rivera in the Democratic Primary on Sept. 1.

**TOM MEYERS**  
Lawrence  
Retired, Andover High School

## WEB QUESTION

Is it safe to go back to school?

A 60-person task force spent weeks hammering out plans to send Andover children back to school in September under one of three possible premises — a return to class, remote learning or some hybrid thereof.

Setting aside the complicated logistics, many parents, teachers and school officials are concerned about the health risks associated with putting children on buses and sending them back in the middle of a pandemic. Others worry that students are getting lost without a physical connection to the classroom.

Which is the best course for Andover?

**TIME TO GO BACK:** Andover students and

teachers should be able to go back to class with the proper precautions — mask-wearing, social distancing, testing and quarantines when necessary. It won't be easy but classroom learning beats the alternatives.

**LITTLE OF BOTH:** It's impractical to bring everyone back, so let's find a plan that sends some kids back on some days. This limits exposure, thus protecting the health of teachers and students. It also preserves some of the benefits of in-class time.

**REMOTE LEARNING:** There's no safe way to send your kid to school, whether it's with every other kid in the district or only certain kids on certain days. Those plans aren't safe for teachers or really the

community. Remote learning may be limited but it is the safest option.

**Last week's question**

Are you ready to go back to the gym?

Area exercise centers are reopening as life returns to normal from the shutdowns triggered by COVID-19. The Merrimack Valley YMCA, for one, reopened earlier this month with a host of precautions for those looking to resume their workouts.

Everyone must get their temperature checked upon entering, and then wear a mask except when they're using exercise equipment. Capacity is limited to 40%, equipment is spaced 14 feet apart, and swimmers must reserve lanes in the pool

online.

How do you feel about picking up your workouts again?

**MORE THAN READY:** Being cooped up with the kids during the pandemic shutdown made me stir crazy. Gym operators such as the YMCA are doing a good job sanitizing equipment and keeping members safe. It's time to get up and get moving again. **(11 votes)**

**NOT SO FAST:** Sweating alongside the other gym regulars doesn't sound like a swell idea — even if they are 14 feet away. Gyms need patrons to come back to steady their businesses, but I think I'd rather go for a walk, run or bike ride outdoors. **(22 votes)**

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# Townspeople



Hikers stop at the Henderson dam in Baker's Meadow.

Photo by Craig Milligan



Photo by Megan Buczynski

Nobody home: A troop member holds a vacant turtle shell found in West Parish Meadow



Photo by Megan Buczynski

Matthew Buczynski, left, and Srinikil Velagapudi befriend a frog.



Photo by Craig Milligan

Hikers stop at the bridge to West Parish Meadow.

## Troop 76 hikes AVIS, pandemic style

By LUCAS BACCHI  
Senior Patrol Leader

an online troop meeting should contact the troop at [webmaster@andover-troop76.com](mailto:webmaster@andover-troop76.com).

Scouts from Troop 76 in Ballardvale participated in a socially distant hike through several AVIS reservations July 18.

Eight Scouts, along with adult leaders and families, hiked a 2.5-mile loop through the Indian Ridge, Baker's Meadow, Sakowich and West Parish Meadow reservations. The hikers were split into two groups to maximize safety, and all hikers wore masks and were required to stay 6 feet apart.

This was the first hike for several of the scouts who just joined the troop. They were able to practice skills such as orienting a map and identifying local plants and animals.

Scouts were also given the opportunity to travel the loop twice for a 5-mile hike, a completing a requirement for the Second Class rank or the Hiking merit badge. The loop passes through at least five Troop 76 Eagle Service Projects, including the bridge at West Parish Meadow.

The Andover Village Improvement Society owns and manages 30 miles of trails in 1,100 acres of reservations throughout Andover. AVIS reservations remain open to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak and locals are encouraged to hike as a safe activity.

Troop 76 is part of West Wind District, Spirit of Adventure Council, Scouts BSA. They normally meet Friday nights at 7 p.m. at the Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. They have continued to meet online during the pandemic.

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16. Greek goddess of discord	49. Payroll firm
17. For Red Sox MVP	50. Lower Normandy's largest city
18. It checks your speed	51. Binary compound of halogen
19. Made dirty	53. The Fighting Irish
24. The First State	54. Skilled, paid worker
25. Lodgings	56. Eyelashes
26. Spiritual leader	58. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Bradley Int'l Airport code	59. Large, stocky lizard
28. Native American people	60. Made poisonous
29. Sharp pain	63. Former US Secretary of State
30. Touch	64. Sticky substances
31. Slowly disappears	65. A type of gin
33. Indigenous Russian people	
34. Narrative poem	
38. Some are bad	
39. Small quill feathers	

**CLUES DOWN**

1. To return an echo	34. Even distribution of weight
2. Displace	35. "Arabian Nights" hero
3. Japanese religion	36. Compact mass of a substance
4. Predilections	37. Bachelor of Laws
5. Partial	38. Halfback
6. Poisonous plant	40. Some of it is ground
7. Road open	41. They play in the trenches
8. Atomic #81	42. Atomic #18
9. Accomplished American composer	44. Chinese Prefecture
10. Oh, God!	45. Fabrics
13. Potato state	46. Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
14. Most melancholic	47. In slow tempo
15. Supportive framework	48. Flood
20. Hollywood's Pacino	50. Long-necked bird
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22. Popular Grammys alternative	52. Artificial intelligence
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# VOTES FOR WOMEN



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A group celebrates passage of the 19th Amendment during one of Andover's July 4th horribles parades. The photo was taken by prolific photographer Charles Newman.

## A movement succeeds: 'God bless the women!'

Tom Adams

Andover Center for History & Culture

In the mid-1800s, woman suffragists stepped onto the American center stage — with both feet.

They sought to achieve what many Americans considered preposterous — allowing women the right to vote. The ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on Aug. 18, 1920 loudly dispelled that notion.

What the suffragists had long sought was now the law of the land.

The backstory behind this near century-long quest is how the women's suffrage movement evolved into an absolute force of nature. Their collective will, dogged persistence and galvanizing message ultimately made the 19th Amendment a reality.

Congress began to feel the pressure on the woman's suffrage front in the 1860s. The looming thought was that the emancipation of women at the ballot box wasn't a question of if but one of when. Full suffrage for women had been an ember smoldering in America's underbelly since its founding.

In 1797, New Jersey made history by recognizing the right of women to vote. New Jersey women voted in large numbers until 1807, when the state Assembly passed a law limiting suffrage to free white males.

As the century progressed toward its conclusion, six states and territories would grant the vote to women. This wave was pushed, pulled and otherwise cajoled by the women's suffrage movement.

The organization evolved primarily from small groups that met regularly. Group leaders came in with valuable experience, some gleaned from the abolitionist movement, others from

Civil War activities. Word of those meetings spread, interest grew, and meeting attendance snowballed.

The Seneca Falls Convention was the nation's first dedicated to women's rights. Emerging suffragist leaders Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were the primary organizers.

Advertised as "a convention to discuss the social, civil and religious conditions and rights of woman," it was held in Seneca Falls, New York, in July 1848. It attracted 300 attendees including the former slave, abolitionist and statesman Frederick Douglass.

Seneca Falls was not the first organized large gathering of suffragists, but many historians cite it as the one that launched the suffrage movement.

By the 1850s, women's rights activists started meeting more regularly. They held their first national women's rights convention in Worcester, Massachusetts, in October 1850. Among those suffragist luminaries present were former slave Sojourner Truth, a prominent leader and lecturer.

In 1869, Susan B. Anthony established the first united national women's suffrage organization. Anthony remained the very heart and soul of the movement. She once was quoted as saying, "Men, their rights and nothing more. Women their rights and nothing less."

She was an incomparable organizer, lending relevance, inspiration and boundless energy for over half a century. She died in 1906.

The first women's suffrage amendment was introduced in Congress in 1878. Over the next 40 years it was reintroduced to Congress regularly and failed repeatedly.

The movement, however, kept pressing forward. The passion, persistence

and leadership blossoming within the movement never diminished.

During the 70 years leading up to "V-Day" ("V" for vote) on Aug. 18, 1920, the work of the suffragists was relentless — their marches, demonstrations and presence were a near constant in the public's eye.

Though frequently met with fierce resistance, they fought on.

In Andover, a mere two months after women received the right to vote, the town reported a total registration of 3,516 — 1,553 of which were females.

A few weeks later, election turnout was a massive 91%.

Three days after that, a Townsman editorial praised the process: "The women may not have had training in voting, but they certainly exhibited a rare intuition in the manner in which they analyzed the ballot, promptly marked their preferences, and certainly from a Republican standpoint contributed so much to last Tuesday's verdict. God bless the women!"

## Anti-suffragists: 'Woman in strife'

Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History & Culture

Along with the passions of those advocating for women's suffrage were the equally passionate philosophies of citizens who opposed such an action.

The "anti" argument column in the Andover Townsman was headed many weeks, with an image adopted by the group to represent their position. Arguments presented certainly showed that the conservative thinking for which Andover was known continued well into the 20th century.

The Massachusetts opposition organization was called, "Massachusetts Association Opposed to Extending Suffrage to Women." The Townsman once noted "many of Andover's leading women are members," though they are never named.

The organization's position, read before the state Legislature, stated: "We do not desire the rights of men. Neither do we wish to perform their duties. We rejoice that we are not called upon for military service. We do not desire to serve on juries, and we value highly our exemption from political strife and controversy."

Subsequent arguments saw suffrage "as a backward step in the progress of civilization ... it tends to efface the natural differentiation of function."

One "anti" comment supported this "division of labor." This specialization advocated "training men as a producer, women as a buyer and domestic manager."

Many felt that "woman's suffrage would make women less womanly."

Anti-suffragists believed that their "inherent rights



An illustration that appeared with the arguments of anti-suffragists in the Andover Townsman. Andover Center for History & Culture / Andover Townsman archive

and privileges would suffer if the duty of voting were imposed."

They believed that the system including women's votes would "tend to a dissolution of the home" and that "leading to office-holding is incompatible with woman's proper discharge of her duties as wife and mother."

Alice Stone Blackwell, a prominent anti-suffragist, argues, "the whole movement is hysterical, it plays on the emotions, not on thought, and it has allied itself with socialism and feminism, the greatest danger that has ever assailed our civilization."

Henry Stimson, a Phillips Academy student, trustee and former U.S. secretary of war, wrote, "I am opposed to woman suffrage because I believe it would throw an additional strain upon the efficiency of popular government and make it less competent to grapple with the increasing problems of today."

Many "anti" columns repeated several themes. One was simply, "the majority of women in Massachusetts do not wish to vote." Another stated, "on matters of the gravest public questions relating to labor, women would inevitably attempt to decide such matters empirically or emotionally."

Yet another worry was that women's suffrage would see that "many of the qualities that differentiate a woman from a man will now

occupy a smaller relative place in her being."

Some even believed that suffrage would allow women the freedom to travel alone on public transportation. Arguments included, "traveling is not a natural right," "it will double the work of conductors;" and "men smoke and play cards in trains. Is there any reason to believe that women will behave better?"

As absurd as that last list may be, one opinion, expressed in a letter to the editor, is shared with the reminder that even though these words may be difficult to read, their honest beliefs were a part of the political climate and do provide insight into how far we've come in the last 100 years:

"In politics there is struggle, strife, contention, bitterness, heart burning, excitement, agitation; everything which is adverse to the true character of woman. Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, weak and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to wield. Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive; as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission."

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ballot to ensure the best environment for their children."

It should be noted that feminism and women's suffrage were two distinct movements at the time. In fact, an article in the Townsman states, "Being anti-suffrage by no means opposes one to far-reaching feministic conviction as to the individual development of woman. Some of the ablest workers for the cause of women that I have ever met in this country are anti-suffragists. ... On the other hand, being a suffragist by no means implies being a feminist. Being a suffragist may mean being only enough of a woman to keep up with only that part of the woman questions which concerns itself only with woman's political enfranchisement."

Finally, the pro side maintained that giving women the right to vote was important to protect individual rights ("Women in gainful occupations outside the home need the ballot for their own protection"); to fully represent the citizenry ("Men and women being unlike, the state needs the expression of their differing points of view"); and to better society overall ("All women need the development that comes with larger responsibility and a wider sphere of action; and whatever tends to develop the individual woman is ultimately for the good of the race").

It's easy to take our right to vote for granted, especially when the fight to make it happen occurred long before most of us were born.

Let us not forget all the reasons universal suffrage is an important principle to the individual and to society.



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# Sports

## LACROSSE CHAMPION

### Andover's Keil helps Boston Cannons to Major League Lacrosse title

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Lars Keil knew, from the moment he picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time as a junior on Andover High's inaugural varsity team, that he had found his sport.

"I thought, as a hockey player, that the transition to lacrosse would be easy," he remembered. "It was *not* easy, but it was awesome. I knew at 1 was in love."

More than two decades later, Keil celebrated a championship on lacrosse's biggest stage last weekend.

Keil is an assistant coach and the equipment manager for the Boston Cannons, who won the 2020 Major League Lacrosse Championship — known as the Steinfeld Trophy — on July 26 with a 13-10 victory over the Denver Outlaws at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

"It really was a dream come true," said Keil. "I've been following the Cannons since they started playing 20 years ago in Lowell. Winning a (MLL) title is a bucket list item for any coach. To have the chance to win a championship at the highest level is amazing."

The championship is the latest achievement in a lacrosse coaching journey that has included stops across New England and beyond.

Currently, in addition to his work with the Cannons, the 38-year-old Keil serves as director of operations for the Harvard University men's lacrosse team.

"I've moved around a lot in my coaching career," he said. "But I wouldn't change a thing. I absolutely love working for Harvard, and I love my work with the



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOSTON CANNONS

Andover's Lars Keil celebrates with the Steinfeld Trophy after his Boston Cannons won the Major League Lacrosse championship. Keil is an assistant coach.

Cannons. I'm very lucky and fortunate to have the opportunity to work in lacrosse."

#### PLAYING AND COACHING

Growing up in Andover (AHS class of 2000), Keil developed a fascination with lacrosse. But he could not play the sport until Andover High debuted its varsity team in 1999.

"I had no idea about lacrosse,"

he said, "but I wanted to run around and hit people. I absolutely loved it. And our coach (at Andover) Wayne Puglisi is still one of my closest friends. He has been an incredible role model for me through my entire lacrosse journey."

Keil, a midfielder/attackman, went on to play lacrosse at Springfield College (class of 2005). There, he made connections that helped

him earn his first coaching job, at Western Connecticut State after graduating.

"I fell even harder for lacrosse when I was in college," he said. "I knew I wanted to work with kids, so I studied physical education, and coaching lacrosse is physical education refined. My first seven or eight years of coaching were part-time. I would work four or five jobs during the year so I knew I would be free in the spring to coach lacrosse."

After stops including Bates, Endicott and a season with the Duke University women's team, Keil moved back to Andover and was hired by Harvard University in the fall of 2018.

"I can't say enough good about working for Harvard," he said. "My job is to make sure the coaches have as little to worry about as possible. I make sure the film is operating correctly. I work on nutrition and equipment and travel logistics. I can't stand on the sidelines and yell out strategy, but I'm not treated like someone who doesn't know anything about lacrosse."

#### JOINING CANNONS

When Sean Quirk was hired as Boston Cannons head coach prior to the 2016 season — following 18 years as head coach at Endicott College (243-95 record) — he contacted Keil, one of his former assistant coaches.

"I believe I was one of the first people he called," said Keil. "I had two separate stints as an assistant for him at Endicott. When he took the (Cannons) job he told me, 'You're in!'"

"For the first few years, when I wasn't living in New England, I would help out the Cannons when I could. Since 2019, I've held my current job. I have to be available

#### COACHING RESUME

Lars Keil's stops as a college lacrosse assistant coach.  
2018-20 Harvard University  
2016-17 Duke University (women)  
2015-16 Brown University  
2013-15 Endicott College  
2012-13 Pfeiffer University (head coach)  
2011-12 Bates College  
2009-11 Endicott College  
2006-07 Western Conn. State

#### STRING EXPERT

In addition to his coaching, Lars Keil has run his own business, Sidewalljedi Stringing and Consulting Services, since 2017. His clients, according to website "sidewalljedi.com," include athletes from youth to 2019 Division 1 National Champion Virginia and 2018 national champ Yale.

"I string lacrosse sticks, and every lacrosse athlete needs that," he said. "I work with professional players from the Cannons and all professional lacrosse leagues, and I work with Division 1, 2 and 3 college athletes, men and women."

for anything the coaches or players need. It can be stringing sticks, finding new pads or shorts, having snacks at halftime of games. Anything that helps them play awesome on game day is my responsibility. Then I can focus on coaching."

The Cannons certainly delivered in the title game, when they took home their second Steinfeld Trophy, and their first since 2011.

"Winning the title was something we had dreamed of," he said. "We found the right mix of guys, and we felt very fortunate about how it all worked out. The celebration was euphoric. We took pictures with the trophy, and the front office had an amazing dinner for us. It was wonderful."

## ANDOVER ARCHIVES: GOLDEN WARRIOR GIRLS LACROSSE

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

*Editor's Note: Throughout the summer, The Andover Townsman will take a look back at Andover High stars from the past 20 years through pictures. This week, we look at girls lacrosse:*

As lacrosse began to rise to prominence at the start of the 2000's, the Andover High girls emerged as one of Massachusetts' top programs. And many of those Golden Warriors went on to Division 1 college success.

Rachel Fox (AHS, 2007) scored 256 career goals for Andover, then won three Division 1 national championships as a key contributor for powerhouse Northwestern University.

Ally Fazio (AHS 2012) tallied 304 career points at Andover, then starred for the University of Connecticut. Her classmates, identical twins Kate and Anne

Farnham, both excelled for UMass.

Jordan Torres (AHS 2018) is a starter for Brown University, and Amanda Gallant (AHS 2003). Andover's first star, went on to play at Bryant University. And those are just a few.

John McVeigh was Andover's first girls lacrosse coach, and established a stellar program. Current Golden Warriors head coach Cat Gross (AHS 2009) was first a star for McVeigh, along with sisters Briana (AHS 2007) and baby sister Weezie (AHS 2014).

Andover native Jenn Russell played for Brooks, then moved on to the University of North Carolina, where she was a two-time first-team All-American. She led Team USA to gold at the 2013 Lacrosse World Cup and was the No. 2 pick in 2016 United Women's Lacrosse League Draft.



TIM JEAN/Staff file photo

John McVeigh, center, led Andover to terrific success as the Golden Warriors' first girls lacrosse coach.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Jenn Russell played for the University of North Carolina and Team USA.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Cat Gross was one of three sisters that starred for Andover High lacrosse. She is now the Golden Warriors' head coach.



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo

Jordan Torres was Andover's most recent superstar.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Amanda Gallant, here playing defense, was Andover High's first lacrosse star.



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo

Ally Fazio, right, was a star in lacrosse for Andover and UConn. She also won three basketball state titles.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Twin sisters Anne Farnham, middle, and Kate Farnham, right, both went on to college success after Andover High.



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Rachel Fox, left, was a force on the lacrosse field for Andover, then won three national titles in college.

#### SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

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We also want to hear ideas for stories on athletes or a big game that The Townsman should feature in its pages.



# Merrimack to open with 'record' number of students

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As colleges across the country and the state struggle to stay afloat in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Merrimack College officials are reporting "one of the largest incoming freshman classes in history," as well as "a record number of transfers."

The Augustinian college, with a campus that stretches from North Andover into Andover, has issued strict guidelines for its reopening, scheduled to start in phases Aug. 15 lasting to Aug. 23. Classes start Aug. 24.

"We are pleased that one of the largest freshman classes in our history has deposited, and they will be joining a record number of returning upperclass students who have decided to continue their educational progress and have reconfirmed their return to campus during COVID-19," said Jeff Doggett, executive vice president and chief financial and operating officer.

Recent reports indicate many colleges are struggling or in danger of shutting down. A New York University marketing professor's widely circulated comparison of college value and tuition suggested dozens of schools are vulnerable including the University of Massachusetts campuses in Boston and Dartmouth, as well as Brandeis University, Clark University in Worcester, Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley and Simmons University in Boston.

Merrimack College, which has been on a growth spurt since the arrival of President Christopher Hopey in 2010, appears to be immune to the financial woes facing many schools. Like other colleges and universities, however, Merrimack has implemented strict reopening guidelines it hopes will keep students and staff safe while still offering a semblance of the college experience.

"This fall will be like no



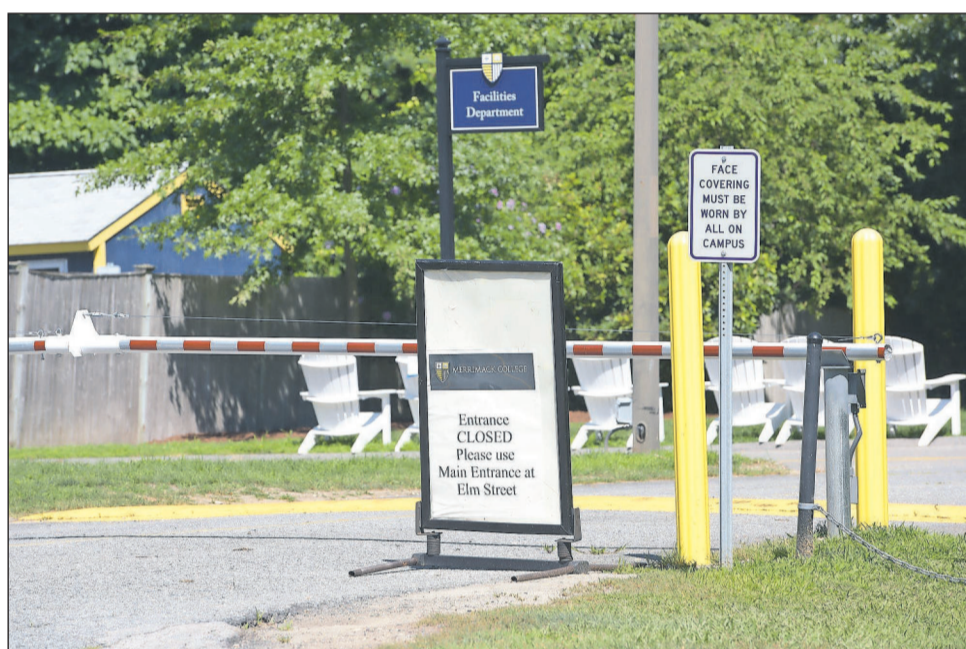
A giant tent in front of Merrimack College's Cushing Hall seen from Route 114 in North Andover. All entrances are now gated and staffed by campus security 24 hours a day, face coverings must be worn by all on campus and entry is limited. The school will open this fall with added security measures on the campus.

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other we have experienced," Hopey said in a statement emailed to The Eagle-Tribune. "Our success, and the success of our community and our students, will require that we approach our changing circumstances with open minds, patience and tolerance towards each other, and a disciplined mindset that involves trusting one another and valuing contributions from every member of our Merrimack community."

A 54-page "Return to Campus" handbook has been deemed as must summer reading for returning students and staff, as it details what to expect when they first step onto campus starting in two weeks.

In particular, Doggett said, the school has established COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocols "that will ensure every member of the college community will be tested once a week and properly quarantined, isolated or removed



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from campus in the event of a positive test."

He added that the college has "done much to de-densify classrooms, dining facilities, and residence halls;

create strong campus borders to control who comes on to campus and increase campus cleaning. ... Merrimack has also been innovative in its approach to find new

ways to teach classes, maintain student activities, and to keep students on campus with new outdoor hangout spaces, more on campus employment and new food

venues." Students were given three choices: take a year off with no penalties upon return; live on campus and take a hybrid of online and in-person classes; or, third, live at home or off-campus and take all classes online.

Doggett said students who choose to be on campus — either residential or commuter — will benefit from a "dual modality" approach to teaching and learning.

"The dual modality strategy ensures that students can come to class in person, or on occasion take the same class online, if necessary," he said.

Students choosing to take classes remotely will not be allowed on campus, reducing the possibility of transmitting the virus to those living on campus, he said.

Part of the planning includes what happens in case of a COVID-19 outbreak among staff and students. If that happens, according to the handbook, the college "reserves the right to evacuate the campus and send students home for a short or long period of remote learning to contain the outbreak."

If an individual is identified as having the disease, he or she would be sent to isolation rooms in a location separate from regular dormitories.

People who test positive but who live within 150 miles of the school would be sent home to quarantine until they are cleared to return.

Hopey said he thinks the school is ready to handle the return to school amid the crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic.

"These students have willingly taken on the special responsibility of looking out for their fellow community members by following college policies on face coverings, social distancing and testing," he said.

"As a Catholic Augustinian institution, we believe our community is well positioned to do what is necessary to make this a safe and successful campus."



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