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## State offers answers to ease vaccine confusion

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if they're lucky enough to find an appointment.

Starting March 1, 20 equity communities throughout the state — locally Lawrence, Haverhill and Methuen — that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 began being treated differently by the Baker-Polito Administration. Residents in those cities now receive perks See **VACCINE**, Page 2

With a million more Massachusetts residents eligible for COVID-19 vaccines now that age restrictions have been eased to allow those 65 and older to receive them, people are able to choose from a few options — that is,

Mass vaccination sites are set up at Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium and the DoubleTree Hotel in Danvers for those willing and able to travel. But for people looking to remain closer to home, scheduling can get sticky and became even stickier Monday.



The Andover vaccination site at the high school field house gave out 107 vaccines to elderly residents last month, Public Health Director Thomas Carbone said. MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo

## A COLORFUL CLASS



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Harper Messiner, 6, left, and her sister Vivian, 7, work side by side. More photos, Page 2.

### Children learn art lesson in Andover

It was time to break out the creativity at a Paint, Pottery & More Art Class at the Old Town Hall in Andover recently. Children learned several techniques as they painted ready-made pottery, participated in a mosaic decoration project, and worked on canvas with acrylics. The Andover Recreation Department class was supervised by Tricia Langeleh of Magic Brush Pottery and Fused Glass in Tewksbury.



Yuri Kuboyama, 10, carefully paints the face of a frog.

## Committee OKs plan for more students

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friends to our school," said Jason DiCarlo, principal of Sanborn Elementary.

The Andover School Committee unanimously approved a plan last Thursday to send kindergartners and first-graders back to school buildings four days a week.

The plan is for all five elementary school buildings — Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn, South and West — to operate Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The district will continue deep cleaning on Wednesdays, along with holding professional development.

The elementary school principals who presented about the plan that will increase those students' in-person class time by two days starting March 8.

Currently, students come in two days a week and are virtual three days, so the number of students in the building at a time is greatly

"We're really excited to bring back our youngest

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## Board moves ahead to replace Koh

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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leadership position on the board filled, the search to find a new select board member begins.

This Huntress is the new vice-chair of the Andover Select Board, replacing former member Dan Koh, who resigned from the board at the end of February to take a job as the chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Labor.

When presenting the board with a variety of options of how to fill the position, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said there's lots of attention on this particular seat and lots of interest.

Koh's position as vice chair was not scheduled to end until March 2022. Replacing Huntress as the board's clerk will be Selectmen Alex Vispoli.

The board voted to appoint a new board member to fill Koh's position. During that process, they will solicit applications

Now, with Koh's

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## Local nurse plays a small part in saving world

By JIM SULLIVAN  
Staff Writer

few weeks administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to the very people who make it at the Andover facility.

that can say, 'hey I gave some of that vaccine to people.'

She said she is glad she kept her license to do this work.

Although the 78-year-old began cutting back her hours a few years ago, she decided to renew her nursing license for another year in 2020.

"They have a sign at Pfizer that says, 'Science Will Win,'" she said.

"They are an incredible group of people," she said. "Every single person who I have met there has been unbelievable. The devotion

An occupational health nurse recently made a vow to herself that she'd do whatever she could to help put an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to some help from her employer, Fran Gerroir, who works at Occupational Health Connections in Methuen, has spent the past

"COVID has taken away so much from the entire world," Gerroir, who lives on Plum Island, said Tuesday. "I just want to be a small little speck

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Fran Gerroir, at left, and co-workers at the Pfizer plant in Andover, where they helped vaccinate employees. Courtesy photo



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## VACCINE

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from the state, including a liaison to act as a “boots on the ground” representative, assisting with bilingual messaging campaigns through Archipelago Strategies Group and Health Care for All. The goal primarily is to overcome vaccine hesitancy, according to COVID Command Center spokeswoman Kate Reilly.

So-called equity communities will also continue to receive vaccine doses from the state earmarked for local clinics, while local clinics in non-equity communities, such as Andover, had to close as of Monday unless they already had vaccines ordered from the state that had not yet been delivered. Andover was allowed to host one last clinic Wednesday after the March 1 deadline because it utilized previously approved doses.

Also, people in non-equity communities may still be able to go to a local clinic hosted by an organization like the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, which receives federal doses that are tracked independently from those supplied by the state.

The reason for the consolidation, according to the state, is to urge the bulk of the population to go to mass vaccination sites and to meet the needs of hard-hit communities.

“The doses allocated for our communities hardest hit by the pandemic are only available for residents in those communities,” Reilly said.

Want to know where to go for your vaccine? Here’s a primer. Keep in mind that all information is subject to change, sometimes daily, and the best bet is to visit [mass.gov/covidvaccine](http://mass.gov/covidvaccine) for the most current information.

### I live in an equity community. Will my local clinic stay open?

It depends on where the doses come from.

Vaccines arrive through two separate pools: state and federal. Community health center doses, like those dispensed through the Greater

Lawrence Family Health Center, are considered “federal doses.” Those are tracked separately from the 139,000 first “state doses” per week the Biden Administration has agreed to allocate to Massachusetts starting this week.

### Here’s an example of how things work in equity cities:

Lawrence is considering opening a city-run clinic at the Arlington School. If that happens, they would draw state doses for Lawrence residents only and be considered a local clinic. That clinic would still receive weekly vaccine doses from the state, and would be able to remain open as long as they administer 85% of the vaccine on hand and report their numbers to the state within 24 hours.

### I live outside an equity community. What are my options?

Travel to a MassVAX site, such as those at Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium or the DoubleTree Hotel in Danvers.

Consider getting vaccinated at a Community Health Center, such as those run by Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.

Look into getting vaccinated at a local pharmacy, which accounts for its doses differently than other vaccination sites do. Walgreen’s and CVS both participate in the Federal Pharmacy Retail Program, which according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shares a million doses weekly nationwide drawn from a pool only used by pharmacies.

Visit Lawrence General Hospital to take part in its new Regional Collaborative. Just announced last week, the state’s collaborative program is open to anyone in Massachusetts. Residents may come to Lawrence from anywhere in the state to receive a shot. The LGH collaborative will remain open as long as it continues to serve 750 patients daily at least five days a week and use 85% of the doses made available to the hospital. The LGH regional collaborative runs independently from any other efforts taking place in Lawrence.



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Hazel Thibault, 9, works on her frog.

## More fun with paint and pottery

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Henry Chang, 11, glues red gems to the eyes of a frog during the class.

## NURSE

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and the time they have put into this is amazing.”

Gerroir said she expects to finish administering the second round of the vaccine to Pfizer employees sometime this week.

“I would have to say, in my heart, that I want to get this vaccine out to whomever needs it, as soon as I can,” Gerroir said. “The people at Pfizer are so excited just

to be able to receive it. I am administering the second round right now and, when I am done, I hand them their card and say ‘enjoy your summer but don’t go crazy.’”

According to Gerroir, the employees at Pfizer know that simply being vaccinated doesn’t mean they can stop following social distancing guidelines and wearing protective face masks.

“Some of these people have been over there since the start of this whole thing,”

Gerroir said. “Some of them are working 16 hours a day and it just amazes me that they continue to be able to do this.”

She stressed that she is merely a team player in a very large game, but added that being a part of a mass vaccination program has left her very excited.

“I am so grateful that I have been able to do this,” she said. “You have absolutely, positively no idea how happy I am to be doing this. I’m going to miss not being able

to give this.”

Gerroir said she has reached out to local municipalities to let them know she is available on a volunteer basis when they do conduct vaccination clinics.

“I have my CORI form filled out and all of that stuff is taken care of but no one has called me back yet,” Gerroir said. “I’m just grateful that I have been able to help, just a little bit. If I can continue to help, I would continue to be grateful. This is something that I firmly believe in.”

## PLAN

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reduced to allow for adequate spacing. Each class has two cohorts coming in on differing days to maintain social distancing.

The elementary school principals prioritized bringing the youngest learners back to school for more in-person time because they are gaining critical literacy skills and building friendships — both of which are easier in person, the principals said. The youngest students are also most amenable to change, which

will be needed to accommodate everyone with health and safety guidelines, they maintained.

Lunch is still the biggest obstacle because students need to be separated by 6 feet when not wearing masks, according to state guidelines.

“Our young ones are smaller and more flexible and can sit where we tell them to and they are just so excited to be back in school,” said Michelle Costa, principal at Bancroft Elementary.

The youngest students especially exude “happiness and smiles” when back in school, said Jennifer Hunt, principal of West Elementary. “I was in a class today and they were beaming, and happy to be together.”

Desks will be moved closer to be separated by 3 feet

instead of the current 6 feet.

Committee members stressed this decision was easier because students have worn masks routinely, are washing their hands and keeping their distance.

“My kids are almost better at wearing their masks than me,” said committee member Lauren Conoscenti.

The principals are also asking that parents reconsider transportation and that students take the bus so parent drop-offs do not become more chaotic as more students come back to the building.

The state recently changed its guidelines to allow more students on buses without needing to reduce capacity as long as students wore masks. When the state removed that guideline it allowed them to bring back more students,

principals said.

During the public commentary portion of the meeting, two teachers — Diane Waddell, Sanborn’s music teacher and Elizabeth Wright, a math teacher at Doherty Middle School — did ask the committee to wait until teachers were vaccinated before extending the in-school time and reducing the space between students.

“We have not heard back any negative feedback from teachers in (kindergarten and first grade). ... My sense is they are supportive of the change,” said Tracey Spruce, a School Committee member.

Parents did ask that school officials keep moving ahead to allow more students back into classrooms. Currently, there is no set timeline for such a move.

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and interview applicants in a public meeting and then vote to approve whoever fills the vacancy. Applications are due March 12 and the board will interview them at the March 17 meeting.

To approve this process, the board had to change one of its previous policies that required vacancies within

100 days of a town election be filled with a special election on the same day. However, that is unfeasible currently due to the number of people already requesting early ballots for the March 23 election, Flanagan said.

“I don’t think anyone who drafted (the policy) assumed the complications of a pandemic and early voting,” Flanagan said. “And really anywhere from 50 to 40 days before an election it

would be impossible to add somebody to a ballot and then have early voting.”

The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment process. Members will vote on changing the policy at the next meeting, Flanagan said.

“I believe we could do a policy revision and have it not hold up our process for an appointment because while this is board policy, it is not law,” Chairwoman Annie Gilbert said.

A different special election to fill the position would take about 10 to 12 weeks to plan, said Town Clerk Austin Simko.

Board members agreed the appointment to the position would be more timely and cost-effective than having a special election. This is the same process that was used when the board had vacancies in 2010 and 2001, Flanagan said.

Both Huntress and Gilbert are seeking re-election unopposed for the March 23 election.

For more information on the application process visit [bit.ly/306SV69](http://bit.ly/306SV69).

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# Students help save area endangered species

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Pandas, orangutans, tigers, and elephants typically are some of the endangered animals people learn about.

However, a group of Andover students discovered last year that there are 29 different endangered species — ranging from turtles, mussels, insects and plants in their own hometown. Now they have embarked on a public awareness campaign to shed light on the species with the hope of helping to save the local environment.

“They were shocked because they learned about endangered species in school, but didn’t know they were here in their hometown,” said Stephanie Maze-Hsu, the team manager for the Destination Imagination team working on the project.

For the past two years, the students have been working with the Andover Conservation Commission to learn about the species and

find ways to raise awareness and preserve local habitats. This past year they created a video that will be shown in all Andover science classes. They also hosted a forum with the Conservation Commission recently that is available to watch through the town’s website.

“The more people know about endangered species the more likely they are to protect them,” said Bob Douglas, Andover’s director of conservation. “With your outreach, I’d like to think more people will learn about these wonderful critters and learn the best way to protect them.”

Helping educate everyone of all ages, especially young

people, is important, said Ben Meade, Andover’s conservation agent.

“You are inheriting the world from us. So the more you know about them and as threats to endangered species continue to be present or in some cases grow, it’s really good you and your generation are aware of them,” Meade said.

One of the most threatening activities to these species is the illegal ATV riders on reservation land, particularly at Lightning Tree Reservation. Motorized vehicles are prohibited at conservation land in Andover.

The students are working to place a sign in the area explaining the various



Courtesy photo

Students from one of Andover’s Destination Imagination teams are working on a project to raise awareness of local endangered species. They recently visited Lightning Tree Reservation with Conservation Commission members.

endangered species.

More information about the team’s work and Andover’s

endangered species can be found at [andoveranimaladvocates.com](http://andoveranimaladvocates.com).

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## Finegold and Campbell co-lead cyber committee

By BILL KIRK  
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Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, D-Methuen, said Monday that as co-chairs of the newly established Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, they will push for more laws to protect consumers from cybercrime.

Finegold and Campbell said the committee will focus on short-term issues, such as the state’s contract for scheduling vaccinations online, as well as longer-term issues related to cyber threats, e-commerce, data protection and privacy, broadband access, 5G telecommunications, and other technology concerns.

“Massachusetts must rise to the challenges of the 21st century, and I look forward to our committee’s urgent work,” said Finegold. “COVID-19 has not only upended current routines, but it will impact how we live for decades to come. The pandemic has accelerated work-from-home trends and forced the public and private sectors to upgrade core technological infrastructure.

“Residents in the Commonwealth now rely on online platforms in order to go to work, conduct business, pay bills, and connect with others. We need to look to the future and take proactive measures to ensure new technologies are safe, secure, efficient, equitable, and reliable.”

Campbell agreed, saying “the issues that our committee shall tackle are central to the professional and personal challenges we all face every day in our lives. There is a critical, most pressing need for much improved access to high-quality digital communication that is secure throughout Massachusetts. Good legislation could lead to better and equitable access to high speed internet access for our residents, enhance commerce and promote economic growth, and make many things we do, such as accessing the state’s current vaccination website, much easier.

“We must also address upgrades to cybersecurity, as we know malicious actors have the ability to cause mayhem by disrupting services in banking, business, public safety, utilities, clean water, health care, and a great many other things we generally take for granted.”

This session, the new committee will take up a large legislative portfolio on a variety of policy matters. Finegold and Campbell so far have co-sponsored bills that would create an office of data protection, cybersecurity, and privacy; create a cybercrime prevention program for school; expand access to new 5G services; require data brokers to disclose information about data collection practices; and, require large companies to provide customer service hotlines.



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# Opinion

## Democrats stumble on transparency issue

Transparency or not transparency? Don't ask. Yet again, a majority of members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives shot down an amendment to the Legislature's 2021-22 joint rules last week, after what was described as an hour of tense debate.

The amendment sponsored by Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven, D-Somerville, would have required committees to make all votes public; mandated a one-week notice for committee hearings and posting online of all members' recorded votes on committee roll calls and polls; and made public testimony on bills available to the public on request.

In the end, the House voted down the amendment, 36-122, because, well, it's just too hard and would take too much time to keep the public informed. A few Democrats and almost all the House Republicans voted for the transparency amendment.

Opponents to the measure said committee staff would face a huge burden if they had to post thousands of pages of public testimony. Second Assistant Majority Leader Sarah Peake said the measure was unnecessary because "we need to allow the chairmen to continue to have flexibility for what public testimony they release."

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, a Democrat and chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he faced a backlash when his committee posted testimony online about the policing reform bill, apparently because people who submitted testimony didn't know it would be made public.

But Ryan Daulton from the group Act on Mass, with which Uytterhoeven is aligned, noted, "It's shocking that many of the arguments against the amendment blamed constituents for our lack of understanding of how the Statehouse functions when that's precisely what we are asking for: to stop being shut out of the legislative process."

The Senate will now decide whether to accept the House changes, to offer further amendments or work out a compromise, most likely in private negotiations, according to State House News Service.

For the majority of Democrats in the House, transparency continues to be a very foggy concept.

## Breakfast among neighbors

There's a lot to be said for buying breakfast for a neighbor.

That's just what members of the Kindness Collaborative did — along with their sprawling network of supporters and volunteers — when they doubled down on a goal set by the Merrimack Valley YMCA to collect 2,021 boxes of breakfast cereal for its food pantry based at the Lawrence YMCA.

"That seemed like a big number for about five seconds," Melissa Marrama, a co-founder of the collaborative, told reporter Madeline Hughes.

The group and its helpers — schools, Scout troops, local businesses and residents pitched in — gathered more than 5,000 boxes. Marrama estimated that would cover breakfast for a couple hundred families for more than three months.

Beneficiaries of the Kindness Collaborative reach far beyond the Lawrence YMCA, of course. The group co-lead by Alex Bromberg, Darcie Nuttall and Carmen Frias-Interrante has helped local shelters and other organizations, mostly by organizing and focusing the good will of supporters on social media.

Their work couldn't be more timely, at least for the YMCA's food pantry.

The number of Americans considered "food insecure" has grown vastly amid the pandemic, which is to say far more households don't have sufficient resources to ensure everyone can lead a healthy lifestyle.

According to the group Feeding America, more than 50 million people — 17 million of whom are children — are now considered food insecure because of COVID-19. In our region, the rate of food insecurity last year was nearly 14%, according to the group, compared to 8% before the pandemic started.

The many, many boxes of Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Cheerios and other breakfast cereals may not be enough to solve that problem. But they certainly help ensure that more people in the Merrimack Valley will be starting off their days with a good meal.

## Sojourner Truth's quiet strength



Gail Ralston

### Andover Center for History and Culture

As we end Black History Month, let's pause to remember an incredible woman who once visited Andover.

Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in 1797 New York. Named Isabella Baumfree, Truth's early years endured a series of abusive owners and a forced marriage that produced five children.

When her fifth owner, John Dumont, refused to free "Belle" per an 1826 New York law, she walked away to freedom with her infant daughter, knowing she had the law on her side.

She found refuge with Quakers and settled in New York City where she became a domestic servant in the Von Wagener home.

Truth had a religious experience during her stay with the Von Wagener family, and she became a devout Christian. In 1843, claiming that "the Spirit calls me and I must go," she took the name Sojourner Truth.

She became a Methodist and made her way traveling and preaching about abolition. Truth gave her most famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" in 1854 at the Ohio Woman's Rights Convention.

In 1844 Truth joined an abolitionist commune at Northampton that also supported women's rights and



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Harriet Beecher Stowe's home in Andover as it appeared in 1853, the year she was visited by abolitionist Sojourner Truth whose account of escape from slavery in New York was a national phenomenon.

religious tolerance.

Though she was illiterate, it was there in 1850 that she produced a book, "Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave." It quickly became a bestseller. (The book had been dictated to a friend and published privately by William Lloyd Garrison. Sales at 25 cents per copy became an important part of her income.)

Garrison, editor of the radical abolitionist newspaper, The Liberator, had written an introduction for the first edition of Truth's narrative and encouraged her to seek out Harriet Beecher Stowe for comments that might further push book sales.

Thus, in the autumn of 1853, Truth journeyed to Andover where Stowe was living on the campus of the Theological Seminary. At the time, both women were well-known political activists who spoke out passionately against slavery.

Stowe was an international star. Truth was 56 and had been on the lecture circuit 10 years by the time she arrived in town.

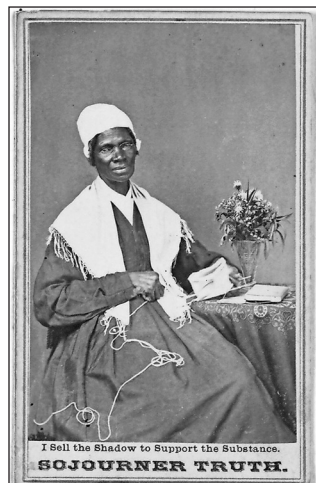
When Truth arrived

unexpectedly at Stowe's campus home, it is written that Stowe was so impressed by her personal presence and eloquence that Truth stayed for several days as a welcomed guest. Stowe willingly obliged her guest with an introduction to the second edition of her book, published in 1855.

Writing in 1863 about the visit, Stowe related: "... her conversation was so strong, simple, shrewd, and with such a droll flavoring of humor, Professor Stowe went to say of an evening, 'Come, I am dull and bored, can't you send Sojourner up here to talk a little?'"

Through the 1870s, Truth continued to travel the country. She met three presidents — Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson and Ulysses S. Grant.

Rallying for educational opportunities for blacks and raising funds for the Union during the Civil War, she also fought against discrimination in public transportation, becoming the first "freedom rider" when she desegregated the Washington, D.C., street cars.



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Abolitionist Sojourner Truth visited Andover in 1853 seeking a favorable review from Harriet Beecher Stowe for a reprinting of the narrative describing her escape from slavery.

After a lifetime of serving others, Sojourner Truth died on Nov. 18, 1883, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Nearly 100 years later, in 1981, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

In 2009, the National Congress of Black Women honored Sojourner Truth by making her the first African-American woman to have a memorial bust in the U.S. Capitol.

For all her accomplishments, Truth's legacy might simply be her ability to turn the unkind words of others against them.

Facing a heckler who told her he did not care for her anti-slavery talk anymore than he would for the bite of a flea, Truth retorted, "Perhaps not, but Lord willing I'll keep you scratching."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Spruce serves Andover's needs extraordinarily well

Editor, Townsman:

Regardless of our views on various topics, most of us would agree that education in the time of a pandemic has been elevated to the most important challenge facing our school district.

When faced with the important decision of how school should open last Fall, School Committee member Tracey Spruce synthesized the best available scientific data to arrive at a decision. Once the decision was made to open Andover's schools in a hybrid format, she threw her full support behind the district's school reopening plan, which resulted in an education model that kept teachers and students safe yet not isolated by virtual-only learning.

She was willing to acknowledge a fully remote start was not the best approach, and since then she has been supportive of ongoing, evidence-based efforts to bring more students back for more in-person learning.

Spruce is a leader who advocates for responsible investment in our schools. She works diligently with other town officials to collaborate and compromise on the annual school budget voted upon at Town Meeting.

She champions the issues that most concern us like educational equity, upgrading school facilities and improving district-wide literacy programming, as well as behind-the-scenes concerns like improving the annual school calendar and start times, negotiating union agreements and eliminating tuition for full-day kindergarten.

Spruce has served the needs of our community extraordinarily well as a key member of the School Committee with her willingness to listen and act upon input from constituents, like myself, who saw the fine arts suffer from underfunding each year; her efforts helped bring more funding to fine arts at the high school.

It is my sincere hope that members of the community enthusiastically support Tracey Spruce for her second term on the Andover School

Committee and that they join me in voting for her on March 23.

KAREN VIGURS-STACK  
Andover

### Unhealthy reverence for Trump on display at CPAC

Editor, Townsman:

The Conservative Political Action Conference held in the United States is the largest and most prominent assemblage of conservatives in the world. This mecca for conservatives and libertarians has typically provided a means to gauge the feelings of the conservative movement on a range of issues such as anti-tax, anti-abortion initiatives and for evaluating candidates for president.

Since President Ronald Regan, every GOP nominee has spoken at least once at CPAC to promote their perspectives and visions with the activist base of the party.

The 2021 CPAC portends a different narrative, one that fervently endorses the lie that the 2020 election was stolen and sets into motion a barrage

of legislation to constrict and obstruct voting.

The seven conference discussion titles, such as "Failed States (PA, GA, NV, oh my!)" and "Other Culprits: Why Judges and Media Refused to Look at the Evidence," are not designed as benign, educational promos for ways to protect elections but instead meant to allow right-wing extremists to perpetrate the "big lie" and solidify adulation and support for former President Donald Trump in his possible bid for the 2024 presidency.

Trump's golden statue highlighting the 2021 CPAC is a befitting idol representing conservatives' unhealthy obsession with Trump and their heinous abandon of commitments to principle and the foundations of democracy.

Conservatism, once seen as a high minded intellectual tradition, is now an altar to Trumpism shepherding its worshippers on a wicked path to indifference to truth and impunity to maladministration.

WILLIAM KOLBE  
Andover

## WEB QUESTION

Are we ready to go back out to eat?

As of Monday, for the first time since the pandemic began, restaurants in Massachusetts no longer must abide by capacity limits beyond the usual restrictions on their businesses. And within the next few weeks, barring a surge in COVID-19 infections, the state promises that restaurants will again be able to offer live music and host larger functions. Rules on masks and social distancing remain in place.

With the lifting of these limits — the head of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association called it "the best day our industry had since March 14, 2020" — are you ready to dine out?

**MORE THAN READY:** Declines in COVID-19 case numbers and more people getting vaccinations means dining out

is safer now than it has been in months. The restaurants need our support. What's stopping us?

**NOT JUST YET:** Health officials are still urging caution, at the national level if not Beacon Hill, and I'd prefer to give it another month or two before testing the safety of sitting in a restaurant, even 6 feet from other patrons.

### Last week's question

Just as local COVID-19 vaccine clinics were cropping up in cities and towns such as Andover, the state is shifting resources to mass-vaccination sites such as Fenway Park and the DoubleTree Hotel in Danvers. Where would you prefer to get your shot?

**LOCAL CLINIC:** Even if appointments are limited, a pop-up vaccine clinic at the High School field house can't be beat

in terms of convenience. I'd rather wait until I can get an opening there. (23 votes)

**FENWAY PARK:** You can't beat the symbolism of beating back COVID-19 by getting a vaccine at Fenway Park or Gillette Stadium. It could only get better if J.D. Martinez actually gave you the shot, and if they handed you a Fenway Frank afterward. (1 vote)

**DOCTOR'S OFFICE:** I don't trust anyone to give me a vaccine who isn't my doctor, or a nurse or a nurse practitioner working for my doctor. Even though it's probably not an option, I'd much rather go with the people I know. (9 votes)

**DOESN'T MATTER:** They could be giving out vaccines at Cumbies or Jordan's Furniture, for all I care, I just want the shot. (27 votes)

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# Influx of fake jobless claims continues

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

The state's pandemic-ravaged unemployment system is still under attack by fraudsters and criminal gangs who continue to file bogus claims.

Of more than 1.2 million new claims for traditional state unemployment benefits submitted between April 2020 and January, at least 261,000 were denied because they were deemed ineligible, according to the latest data from the state Department of Unemployment Assistance.

The fraud has been even more widespread in the federally backed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, which was created to cover jobless workers who don't qualify for traditional benefits, such as those who are self-employed.

More than 66% of the 946,000 claims filed under that program since April 2020 have been rejected because they were deemed ineligible, according to the state agency.

To date, the agency says it has lost about \$687,000 in payments to claims that were determined to be fraudulent or potentially fraudulent. The department has recovered more than \$252 million from jobless payments later deemed ineligible.

Overall, the agency said it has blocked more than \$19.2 billion worth of fraudulent payouts since April 2020.

Massachusetts and other states have been targeted by international gangs making large numbers of illegitimate claims using financial information stolen from commercial data breaches.

Meanwhile, state officials say they've become aware of recent "phishing" scams where unemployment recipients get text messages directing them to enter their login and password on a website that looks similar to the state's.

The Department of Unemployment Assistance, which oversees the program, has hired a forensic accounting company to investigate fraud and help recover

money. "DUA is working with state and federal law enforcement agencies, municipalities and dedicated constituent service personnel to address the national unemployment fraud scheme and recover fraudulent payments," a spokesperson for the state agency said in a statement.

But the agency said added layers of security may delay payments for some jobless workers.

The state also refers major fraud cases to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Gov. Charlie Baker has said the ongoing fraud makes it hard for people whose names have been illegally used if they lose their jobs. In those cases, legitimate claims are exposed to greater scrutiny, dragging out the process.

The state has paid out nearly \$16 billion in state and federal jobless claims since the coronavirus outbreak began last March, according to state data.

Overall, new claims for jobless benefits in Massachusetts are receding. Last week, there were 15,608 new claims for state unemployment benefits, a decline of 2,188 from the previous week, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Massachusetts' unemployment rate dropped to 7.4% in December, from its highest-in-the-nation mark of 16.1% in July.

To report fraud or get help with a claim, call the state's unemployment hotline at: (877) 626-6800.

Christian M. Wade covers the Massachusetts Statehouse for North of Boston Media Group's newspapers and websites. Email him at [cwade@cnhi.com](mailto:cwade@cnhi.com).

## Susan McKelliget

### Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago: Feb. 25, 1921

The newest thing in the new Shawsheen Village is the Shawsheen Manor, an up-to-date inn with fourteen rooms for permanent guests, a lounge, and dining-room designed to cater the residents of the house as well as to transients. The Manor is the old Smith house, completely renovated and refurbished for the purpose and will be formally opened tomorrow when William M. Wood will entertain two hundred invited guests. Monday night at dinner Shawsheen Manor will be actually open for business.

An alarm bell from Box 37 called the fire department to the house of Emery E. Trott of 46 Salem St. The fire apparently originated in a coal bin where ashes had been placed.

J. Everett Collins sang several solos at the banquet of the Master Builder's Association in Young's Hotel in Boston Wednesday evening.

The young people of the Grange will hold a baked bean supper and dance at the Grange Hall this

evening. Buckley's orchestra will furnish the music.

75 Years Ago: Feb. 28, 1946

The contest for selectman and assessor has been a strong one. Former Selectman Howell Shepard was the first entrant into the race, he having consented to run at the behest of some prominent citizens. Later, however, Chairman Sidney P. White of the Board of Public Works entered the field.

Something new in amateur nights will be staged in the form of a radio presentation at the community room, Ballardvale, Saturday at 8 p.m. John Ness and James Martin will present a duet, Richard Lawrence plans a solo number, Timothy Haggerty an old-time fiddler and Chris Murphy will give a specialty number while Arthur Ness will be the announcer.

We've mentioned it before and we'll mention it again right up to the day of the concert because the orchestra is something of which this town should be very proud. We know that if you are at the auditorium on the 10th, you will eagerly follow the orchestra's climb to fame thenceforward.

50 Years Ago: March 4, 1971

A stunning upset marked the annual

town election in Andover Monday as Dr. Francis E. Griggs, making his first try at political office topped the School Committee race and the ballot. Dr. Griggs, a professor at Merrimack College, defeated Mrs. Virginia Cole who was seeking re-election to another three-year term on the board.

Sgt. Hector G. Pattulo has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the police department by Town Manager J. Maynard Austin.

A veteran Andover automobile salesman, who was prominent in the Andover Boosters Club, died Monday while vacationing in Florida. Walter Pearson, 57, 8 Woodcliff Road, died after a short illness.

A Letter to the Citizens of Andover from Board of Selectmen Chairman Robert A. Watters says in part: "This year on May 6th, the Town of Andover will be celebrating the 325th Anniversary of its incorporation. What do you think would happen if by some strange power we were able to place in

out midst some of the early settlers and Indians of 1646? What do you think would be their reaction as they see 23,000 inhabitants of Andover instead of about 600, or when they see their favorite streams so polluted that even the fish have difficulty surviving, or when they first take a deep breath of what we now call fresh air, or when they try to criss-cross Main Street on a busy Saturday afternoon, or try to cross Interstate 93 to get to their favorite hunting areas? It is only conjecture, but I have a feeling many of them would thank us for the brief inspection trip and then dive back into the comparative safety of their primitive settlements."

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# VA offers vaccines to any eligible veteran

The VA Bedford Healthcare System opened COVID-19 vaccinations to all veterans enrolled in VA healthcare, regardless of age, starting last week.

Enrolled veterans may schedule an appointment to receive a Pfizer vaccine in the auditorium of the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, 200 Springs Road, Bedford, by calling 781-687-4000 weekdays.

Appointments are available daily, including weekends, from 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Veterans will automatically be scheduled for their second dose in three weeks while at the clinic.

Caregivers enrolled in VA's

Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Support are also eligible to receive the vaccine along with their veteran.

Veterans wanting to use the shuttle service between the local VA clinics and ENRM Veterans Hospital should reserve their seats before making their appointment. Visit [www.bedford.va.gov/visitors/BedShuttle.asp](http://www.bedford.va.gov/visitors/BedShuttle.asp) for details.

Veterans who are not enrolled or do not currently receive care at VA can visit VA's Eligibility page to check their eligibility and potentially start the enrollment process at [www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility](http://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility).

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

### ANDOVER

**2 Agawam Lane:** Richard and Leslie H. Trotta to Richard Trotta, \$300,000.

**7 Heritage Lane:** Perla and Scott Redfern to Jason and Nicole Kalil, \$1,173,000.

**1 Jenkins Road:** Kevin D. and Kristin M. Loucks to Antonio and Whitney R. Coppolino, \$930,000.

**1 Tanglewood Way:** Martins FT and J Christopher Martins to Debra A. Adams-Dumas and James J. Dumas, \$775,000.

**7 Walker Ave:** Michael W. and Nancy Hood to Abdelhamid Kadouri and Hala Chebab, \$490,000.

**90 Washington Park Drive, Unit 6:** Dennis J. Reidy and Maura Walsh to David Holloway, \$192,000.

### BOXFORD

**5 Bare Hill Road:** Dan and David Peterson to Jared and Rebecca Bashoum, \$570,000.

### HAVERHILL

**Broadway:** Laschi Brothers Inc to Sonny Valley LLC, \$2,000,000.

**30 Brown St:** Andrew R. Dipietro to Tina M. Dipietro, \$155,000.

**67 Crystal Lake Road:** James P. and Michael Rogers to 67 Crystal Lake Road RT and Linda L. Robbins, \$105,000.

**50 Germain Ave:** Mark L. Chase to Roudy Marcelin, \$530,000.

**22 Inland St:** Joseph J. Benson to Inland 2 2 LLC, \$352,000.

**177 Lake St:** Emerald REO LLC to Robert Lapierre, \$255,000.

**14 Marina Drive, Unit 57:** Debra Ann T and Stephen J. Doherty to Diana L. Cardona and Miguel A. Valentin, \$412,000.

**226-236 River St., Unit 5:** C Daniel Swift to Jacob A. Elwell, \$199,900.

**119 S Elm St., Unit 3:** Crystal E. Chabot to Tamara A. Nolan, \$124,000.

**132 S Pleasant St.:** Kimberly Battis to 132 South Pleasant T and Robert Landry, \$375,000.

**20 Studley St.:** Nancy J Ryan IRT and Katherine M. Oliver to Marcelo Pereira, \$430,000.

### LAWRENCE

**611 Common St.:** Wynn Management & Co LLC to 611 Common Street St LLC, \$1,200,000.

**4 Crestshire Drive:** Alan R. Bohne and Susan Larosa to Susan A. and Lisa A. Larosa, \$145,000.

**49 Dracut St.:** Chloe LLC to Amdey M. and Amaury M. Ferreira, \$400,000.

**76 Exeter St.:** Ramon Alberto to Miguel A. Fernandez, \$250,000.

**21-23 Gilbert St:** Martineau Clermont J Est and Florent J. Martineau to Oscar D. Sian-Matul, \$540,000.

**115 Hancock St., Unit 115:** Edna I. Fajardo to Enid Bonilla and Amanda Diaz, \$155,000.

**541 Haverhill St.:** 541 Haverhill Street LLC to Ujunwa Okwkaogu, \$765,000.

**33 Kendrick St.:** Jose L. Vargas to Gerson I. and Carolangel Zorrilla, \$420,000.

**53 Knox St.:** Eugenia Perez to Joyce Luyiga-Kabuye and Ronald K. Kabuye, \$330,000.

**428 Lowell St.:** Esteban B. and Crilix Jaquez to Rosa M. Marte-Morel and Wilson M. Duran-Marte, \$346,000.

**2 Moran Ct., Unit 2:** Rosalie Vazquez to Michael J. and Melissa A. Manick, \$278,000.

**482 Mount Vernon St.:** Dombay A. Toribio-Garcia and Estela Toribio

to Glendaly B. Pena-Soto, \$370,000.

**355-357 Water St.:** Gabriel Lopez to Carlos Rodriguez, \$442,900

### METHUEN

**82 Ayer St:** Brianna M. Wells and Jeannette A. Chevalier to Julia Sullivan and George E. Bell, \$453,000.

**18, 20 Ayers Village Road:** Laschi Brothers Inc to Sonny Valley LLC, \$2,000,000.

**22 Ayers Village Road:** Laschi RT and James M. Laschi to Sonny Valley LLC, \$500,000.

**138 Camden St.:** Jessica Balbi to Saul E. Reyes, \$533,000.

**50 Danbury Drive., Unit 23:** Nadia Abrahamian RET and Sarkis Abrahamian to Harry V. and Dianne T. Thu, \$151,000.

**207 East St.:** Stacie A. Libman to Laurence P. and Janice S. Siraco, \$425,000.

**29 Elmwood Road:** Carlos Rosso to Vanessa Nunez, \$305,000.

**6 Hastings Cir., Unit 6:** Neve Elaine M Est and Michael Scuderi to Gail E. Valente, \$235,000.

**1 Highwoods Drive:** Yahaida M. Rimola-Dejesus to Fausto Garcia, \$840,000.

**1 Joffre St.:** William and Lisa Hall to John L. and Jessica Busta, \$390,000.

**316 Oak St.:** Dennis M. Roddy to Domingo and Ivelisse Roldan, \$425,000.

**5 Stevens St.:** Michael J. and Melissa A. Manick to Diane T. Nampe and Mardochee Chery, \$451,000.

**67 W Ayer St.:** Ryan LT and James G. Ryan to Robin Slavin, \$505,000.

**Warren Ave., Lot 108 - 109:** V & Christine Nastasia FT and Victor R. Nastasia to Luis Cardenes, \$85,000.

**Warren Ave., Lot 104-107:** Antoinette R. Burke to Bernarda Cardenes and Stefanie Mejia, \$105,000.

**44 Woburn St.:** James and Patricia A. Deroche to Esmarilyn Contreras and Luis Genao, \$469,990.

**NORTH ANDOVER**  
**3 Harvest Drive., Unit 306:** Robert M. and Lindsey M. Riccio to Lindsey M. Riccio, \$110,000.

**445 Rea St.:** RDM Real Street LLC to Michaela J. and Terrence J. Landers, \$975,000.

### NORTH READING

**38 Main St., Unit 9:** Deborah J. Colucci to Jennifer Castillion, \$235,000.

**40 Main St., Unit 19:** Robert J. Bosy to Paul M. Donatelli, \$155,000.

**270 Main St., Unit 8:** Raj Parwani to Herculio Correa and Andrea Saunders-Correa, \$190,000.

**200 Martins Landing, Unit 404:** Martorella John G Est and Robin A. Reeves to George W. Barker, \$352,500.

**230 Martins Landing, Unit 4105:** Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC to Anthony V. and Gino A. Rizzo, \$356,795.

**230 Martins Landing, Unit 4212:** Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC to Gary and Brooke E. Yu, \$426,200.

**14 Porter Road:** J&Cindy Petit RET and Jonathan Petit to Mackenzie and Christopher Briere, \$572,000.

### SALISBURY

**192 N End Boulevard:** New Phase Const LLC to Solsbury Hill LLC, \$576,000.

**529 N End Boulevard:** Palmisano FT and Laura A. Graziano to 529 North End Blvd LLC, \$150,000.

**37 True Road:** Amanda K. Schiappa to 22 True Realty LLC, \$190,000.

## Ruth Abbey Fisk, 82

July 9, 1938 - February 24, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — Ruth Ellen Abbey Fisk, 82, died February 24 in Andover after many years of declining health. Born in Corry, Pennsylvania in 1938, she was raised by her beloved father Guy Abbey, a stone carver, and her maternal grandmother. She graduated high school at age 16, valedictorian of her class at Corry High School, and enrolled in the University of Illinois, where at 19 she met and married her husband Jim Fisk, an engineering student there. After Jim graduated in 1960, they left the Midwest and moved to Massachusetts, where they raised their four children and, except for a brief stint in New York, have lived ever since.

While their children were still young, Ruth's lifelong hunger for learning led her back to school, where she earned a B.A. and M.A. in French at Tufts University before shifting gears to nursing. In 1982, after completing her B.S., she earned her M.S. at Boston College on full academic scholarship. She launched her career at Boston Children's Hospital, where she was hired as the first ever nurse practitioner in pediatric cardiology. She later moved into home health administration and travelled the country as a site specialist for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations before retiring in 2008.

Ruth was incredibly resourceful, had a quick wit, conversed easily, loved black coffee served piping hot, and could make a terrific casserole out of anything. She was a voracious reader and kept several books going at any one time. She ran two miles ev-



ery night for more than three decades and competed in 5K races well into her 60s. An intrepid outdoorswoman and traveler, she hiked to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro and to Everest Base Camp, rock climbed in California's Joshua Tree National Park, and swam on coral reefs in the Galapagos. Always open-minded, she believed strongly in equal opportunities for women and was a proud member of the Majority Counsel of Emily's List, supporting democratic women running for public office.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jim; her children Jim and wife Julie, Gail and husband Sid Malone, Katie, and Roger and wife Corinna; grandchildren Meghan Fisk, Ben and Abby Malone, and Joe Goudreau; and great-grandchildren Nia, Avyanna, Christian and Liam Arias. She was predeceased by her son Jonathan, who died at birth. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local humane society in her name.

## John C. Harding, Jr., 78

February 27, 1943 - March 1, 2021

FRAMINGHAM, MA — John Cyril Harding, Jr. age 78, died, Monday, March 01, 2021 after a long illness.

Born in Norman, OK on February 27, 1943. Resided in Framingham for 42 years and previously resided in Hartford, Conn. and Andover, Mass.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Arline Frances (Lunny) Harding; their sons, Sean, Daniel, Paul and Bryan Harding; daughter-in-laws, Danielle (Blake) Harding and Angela (Danese) Harding; grandchildren, Faith (Kenney) Keefe, Erinn, Bridget, David, Daniel, Devin, Griffin, Nicholas, Shaylin, Olivia and Isla Harding; siblings Donald Harding and his wife Bonnie (Walker), Michael Harding, David Harding, Maryann Richards and her husband Dennis, Timothy, Kathy Dirinian and, Joseph Harding and his wife Norma (Lane).

John is preceded in death by his parents John Cyril, Sr. and Mary (Rush) Harding; sister, Mary Patricia Harding; sister-in-law Joan (McAree) Harding and parents-in-law Edward and Margaret (Creamer) Lunny.

John has a deep love of family and was a doting grandfather to 11 grandchildren. He has a long and successful career as an electronic design engineer, authorizing several



patents. A lifelong lover of music, John was a devoted participant in both the Saint Jeremiah's and Saint Bridget's choir in Framingham and a longtime cantor at St. Jeremiah's as well.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a time of visitation on Friday, March 5, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Norton Funeral Home, 53 Beech St. (Corner of Union Ave.) Framingham. A private funeral Mass at St. Bridget church will be celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation in his memory to be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

To leave a message of condolence and sign the online guest book, please visit [www.nortonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nortonfuneralhome.com)

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## ANDOVER BRIEFLY

### Andover resident releases book

Bill Pennington, a life-long resident of Andover, shares his exploits in his new memoir, "Blessed with Memories: It's been a Good Ride." In the book, he talks about his annual bike rides and being a coach for Boston Marathon runners. He also shares what it was like to be a stay-at-home dad.

"When you look back on your life and realize all the blessings, it helps get you through this really difficult time. Concentrate on the positive," Pennington said about his book. "I'm blessed with memories. It has been a good ride overall. I try to maintain

the positive. The coronavirus affects so many and makes life difficult for so many. Telling these stories are among the ways that have helped get me through it."

Pennington's book can be purchased directly from him or at [civinmediarelations.com](http://civinmediarelations.com). All proceeds go to his two favorite charities; Run for the Troops and Ironstone Farm.

### Vaccine information session

Andover Elder Services and the Andover Board of Health are hosting a virtual vaccine information session at 1 p.m., Friday, March 5.

Amy Ewing, Andover assistant director of public health, will discuss the

## Carol (Nardozza) Rosen, 70

June 21, 1950 - February 22, 2021

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother

ANDOVER, MA — Carol (Nardozza) Rosen, 70, of Andover, Mass., passed away peacefully the evening of Feb. 22 at Brigham and Women's Hospital with her loving husband of 47 years Barry and daughter, Lindsay (Rosen) Murray, by her side.

Proudly born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Carol was the daughter of the late John and Helen (Tootsie Stone) Nardozza. She was educated in Lawrence until moving to Andover, graduating AHS, class of '68. She attended University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she met the love of her life, Barry, and graduated with a degree in mathematics. She then received her M. Ed from Lesley University. She taught for 35 years at Lawrence High School, teaching thousands of students the joys of algebra and calculus. After her retirement from LHS, she became adjunct professor at Middlesex Community College teaching statistics.

Her love of the beach gave us the most memorable times, spending endless summers with family and friends filled with love and laughter at Seabrook Beach. She was recognized around Andover for her frequent walks with friends and her daily coffee dates at the Ultimate Perk. But her greatest joy of all was being "Mimi" to her 2 beautiful granddaughters, Brooklyn and Harleigh.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 47 years, Barry Rosen; the light of her life, daughter Lindsay, her husband Justin Murray, of Andover, and the greatest joys of her life, granddaughters Brooklyn (9) and Harleigh (5); sister Janet Nardozza of



Carol A. Rosen

Hampton, N.H. and niece Katie Stewart; brother John Nardozza, his wife Sheila, niece Jessica and nephew Joe of Chester, N.H.; brother in law Alan Rosen and his wife Annette Bongiorno, nephews Calvin and Casey of Ashland, Mass. She is also survived by two of the best friends she could ever ask for: her best friend and "sister" Marylou Grasso; husband Kevin Connors and nieces Emily and Gillian Connors of Andover; and cousin Gail Barry and husband Kevin of Hampstead, N.H.. She also leaves behind so many amazing family, friends, extended family and former students whom she adored.

A private ceremony will be held. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations to a GoFundMe account set up in her honor to help fund further research for the evolving treatment of breast cancer: [gofundme.com/f/CarolRosen](http://gofundme.com/f/CarolRosen). For additional information, please visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Kevin M. Ryan, 40

August 17, 1980 - February 28, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — Kevin M. Ryan, age 40, of Andover, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021. He was the cherished son of Charles D. Ryan of Hampton, N.H. and Janice M. (Storlazzi) Ryan of No. Andover, Mass.

In addition to his parents, Kevin is survived by his brother Sean Ryan and his wife Liz of Melrose; his nephew Max Ryan and niece Layla Ryan; aunts and uncle Mary Karalekas and her husband Peter of Kittery, Maine, and Judy Desmaris of Gloucester, Mass.



**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kevin's memory may be made to Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St. Lawrence, MA 01841. For the complete obituary or to leave a condolence, please visit [www.cataudellafh.com](http://www.cataudellafh.com).**

## POLICE LOG

### MONDAY, FEB. 22

**Fraud:** Bad check, Yardley Road, 1:54 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 23

**Arrest:** Tracy M. Josselyn, 32, of Boston, arrested on a warrant, Minuteman Road, 3:38 p.m.

**Traffic citation:** Speeding, River Road, 5:35 p.m.

**Arrest:** Stephanie Hutchins, 23, of Andover, resisting arrest, North Main Street, 11:38 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

**Fraud:** Woman withdrawing from a bank account that wasn't hers, North Main Street, 12:21 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 25

**Scam:** Bought gift cards, Haverhill Street, 7:53 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 26

**Request officer:** Helped

3-year-old out of locked car, Tech Drive, 4:17 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 27

**Arrest:** John Joseph O'Connor, 22, of Tewksbury, arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, Holly Terrace, 12:31 a.m.

**Animal control:** Woman called about "two coywolves in her backyard being aggressive." Officer gave advice, Wellington Circle, 8:54 a.m.

**Traffic citation:** Marked lanes violation, River Road, 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 28

**Harassment:** Phone calls, Andover Street, 10:24 a.m.

**Animal control:** Raccoon in trash can. Got out before police arrived at scene, Bateson Drive, 10:26 a.m.

**Arrest:** Alexander H. July, 21, of Salisbury, for disorderly conduct, 8:41 p.m.

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# Change — and the thinking behind it

## Family Matters

Larry Larsen



**Dear Doctor,**

We have had a recent evaluation on our eighth grade son. The school where the

evaluation was done recommended we find a “cognitive therapist.” What does this mean, and how do we find one?

**Asking**

**Dear Asking,**

This is a fine example of mystification through verbiage!

The word “cognitive” comes from a Latin root, which means to think. This is something our species does, at least most of the time. We also have the power of choice. We are able to create, and we are capable of actually altering our behavior.

Now think about it. The human brain, in most basic and simple terms, does three things. We think,

behave and feel. Fancier terms are used. We refer to them as affect, behavior and cognition.

If a youngster’s problem is behavior, then how a central thought may be governing that behavior is essential to change. Similarly, affect may be involved. Assuming feeling or affect are the main issue, changing thinking and behavior will help. You get the idea.

The image of a middle school boy about the age of your son is still clear in my memory. As he sat in my office, he pronounced with great gravity, “Dr. Larsen, I have decided to do stuff.” Indeed he did, and it changed his life.

As a technique, it is much less complicated than it sounds. It does require some relationship with a caring therapist. It may involve some things to try outside of the therapy hour, too.

If you want to know if a therapist understands cognitive therapy, just ask them.

*Dr. Larry Larsen is an Andover psychologist. If you would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at llrsn@comcast.net.*

## COVID-19

# Vaccine totals catch up with infections

By COLIN A. YOUNG  
State House News Service

As Massachusetts entered the second month of March to be shaded by the coronavirus pandemic, the number of people here who have been fully vaccinated was roughly equal to the number of people who have been infected with COVID-19 over the past year.

The equivalent of the population of Methuen — roughly 51,000 people — got their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine between Friday’s report from the Department of Public Health and Sunday’s update. As of Monday, there were 550,000 people fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, Gov. Charlie Baker said, compared to 550,302 total confirmed COVID-19 infections since the start of the pandemic.

With more than 1.2 million residents having received at least one vaccine dose, Massachusetts is again beginning to reopen its economy more widely and a third vaccine approved by federal officials over the weekend could help alleviate some of the tensions that come with the limited supply of doses.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization Saturday for the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was developed in part by a group at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. It joins the Moderna and Pfizer two-dose vaccines in the public health arsenal and states are expected to receive an initial batch of the doses this week.

“Our healthcare leaders and clinicians see the authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as a significant step forward in the effort to vaccinate residents of the commonwealth,” Valerie Fleishman, senior vice president and chief innovation officer at the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, said. “This vaccine has been shown to be highly effective in protecting against

COVID-19-related hospitalizations and deaths, and those who receive it should have every confidence that they are protected against serious illness due to COVID-19 and its variants.”

Johnson & Johnson is expected to deliver about 20 million doses of its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine to the federal government for distribution by the end of March. The New York Times reported Monday morning that Biden administration officials speaking on background said that the company will deliver 3.9 million shots this week but none next week.

Baker said last week the combination of Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine getting approval and the plans Pfizer and Moderna have to increase their production “could be a really big moment.”

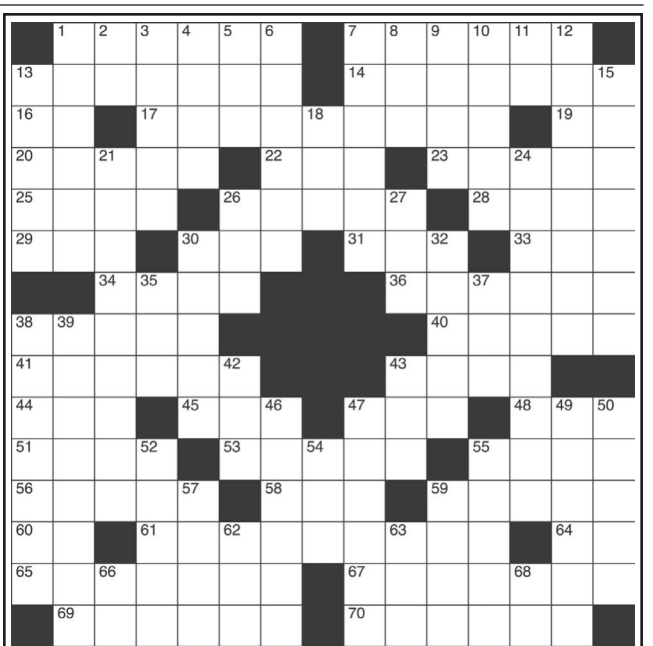
On Monday, Baker said the new vaccine “will certainly dramatically boost” the state’s vaccination efforts and “should mean a big increase” in the amount of vaccine available.

On Feb. 24, Baker estimated it would take about a month, barring an increase in vaccine supply, to get through the roughly 1 million people who at that time were becoming newly eligible to receive vaccines, including the large group of residents in the age 65 and older group.

Also on Monday, Baker said about 68 percent of residents 75 and older had been vaccinated. In the long-term care sector, 90 percent of residents and about 70 percent of staff had received vaccines, he said.

As of Monday morning, Massachusetts moved back to Step 2 of Phase III of the administration’s reopening plan, which means that occupancy limits broadly increase to 50 percent for most businesses and indoor performance venues and indoor recreational activities can reopen. Restaurants

no longer have a percent-based capacity restriction but must adhere to six-foot social distancing, limits of six people per table and 90-minute limits.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Large dung beetle
7. Representation of a plan
13. In a fervid way
14. The Book of Psalms
16. Morning
17. Exactly the same
19. About
20. Brown and basmati are two
22. Swiss river
23. Philippine island
25. Expressions of surprise
26. An ant
28. Common Japanese surname
29. Deoxyribonucleic acid
30. Car mechanics group
31. A person’s brother or sister
33. Ancient pharaoh
34. Quantitative fact
36. Vividly colored bird
38. Your home has one
40. Organic compound

### Solution in Classified Section

41. Section at the end of a book
43. Flat tableland with steep edges
44. Criticize
45. Split pulses
47. Brief trend
48. Cool!
51. Purposes
53. Brews
55. Skin condition
56. Pops
58. American air travel company
59. Minute bug
60. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
61. One who rides in your car
64. One of the Gospels
65. City in southern Spain
67. Inquisitive
69. Jean Paul \_\_, author
70. Pop singer Harry

### CLUES DOWN

1. An ape or monkey
2. Chemical element
3. Zodiac sign
4. Removes
5. Brew
6. Nickname
7. Architectural structures
8. Trigonometric function
9. Postmodern architectural building in Vienna
10. Henderson and Fitzgerald are two
11. Mountain (abbr.)
12. Landscaping practice
13. Capacitance unit
15. Redirect
18. Hat for women
21. In a way, dressed down
24. Granny
26. Feed
27. Endpoint
30. Indian instrument
32. Bleated

35. Cablegram (abbr.)
37. Root mean square (abbr.)
38. Jellyfishes
39. Individual TV installments
42. Talk
43. More (Spanish)
46. Leaseholder
47. Monetary units
49. Hostility
50. Work stations
52. Linguistics giant
54. Female sheep
55. Calendar month
57. Seasoning
59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey
62. Single Lens Reflex
63. A way to remove
66. Virginia
68. Old English

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# Incumbents dominate March 23 town election

By MADELINE HUGHES  
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race in February.

All candidates for the upcoming March 23 election are incumbents running unopposed.

Previously two incumbents — Tracey Spruce and Susan McCready — were running for School Committee against Shishan Wang.

Wang dropped out of the

The town election will be held in-person from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 at all local polling places. People can also submit mail-in ballots or absentee ballots before 8 p.m. on March 23 to Town Hall.

Anyone who wants to vote by mail must submit a new form to the Town Clerk, which can be found at bit.ly/3sEfAD4.

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# Insurers criticized for their coverage during pandemic

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Lawmakers are taking aim at insurance companies with a plan that forces them to cover COVID-19-related claims filed by businesses and eliminate “virus exclusions” in many policies.

A measure filed by Sen. Diana DiZogio, D-Methuen, and Rep. Dylan Fernandes, D-Falmouth, would mandate that any policy covering business interruption or the loss of use of property by a business extend to public health emergencies such as those arising from the pandemic.

The bill would also prohibit insurers from denying coverage to businesses for losses resulting from “viruses, bacteria or microorganisms.”

“It is unacceptable that our local mom-and-pop shops pay insurance claims to protect against incidents of this nature while not being

permitted to access much-needed funds,” DiZogio said. “Insurance companies have done just fine during this emergency — and are sitting on significant money, set aside to pay out claims like these, that our small businesses desperately need.”

Business owners have voiced frustration with insurers’ refusal to cover losses stemming from government-ordered closures. Some have sued their insurance companies seeking payouts.

Under the proposal, payouts for COVID-19 claims would still be subject to caps written into a policy limiting total losses or the timespan of a business interruption. The changes would only apply to policies written for businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

A similar proposal filed during the previous legislative session picked up more than 50 co-sponsors but ultimately failed to pass.

Such proposals are

strongly opposed by insurers who argue that forcing them to cover pandemic-related losses would bankrupt the industry.

“Business interruption insurance and other commercial policies are not designed to, nor did they contemplate coverage for, closures of businesses due to a global pandemic,” said Chris Stark, executive director of the Massachusetts Insurance Federation.

“Typically this coverage is for losses triggered by and associated with property damages, unless the policyholder expressly contracts for and pays for coverage for non-damage business interruptions policies,” he said.

The legislation, if approved, will have a “ripple effect” across the commercial insurance market, he said.

“Simply stated, extending coverage to risks that an insurer has not collected premiums for in order to save jobs may end up having the opposite effect in the insurance industry and beyond,” he said.

Nationwide, insurers could be on the hook for \$125 billion to \$380 billion per month if they are forced to cover pandemic-related business interruption claims, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

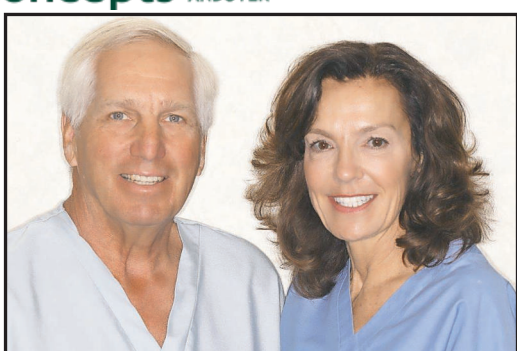
If virus and bacteria exclusions are removed from the claims, the industry faces \$50 billion to \$150 billion in monthly losses, the group says.

But Bob Luz, president of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, said many small business owners dutifully paid insurance premiums, in some cases for decades, on policies “that they expected would be paid out if incidents arose.”

“A lot of restaurants put their faith and trust into these policies, thinking they would be covered for a catastrophic event,” he said. “Instead they were burnt.”

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# 'We are going to be OK'

## Just days after fire, Corpus Christi parishioners gather for Mass

By JILL HARMACINSKI  
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LAWRENCE — Masked and socially distanced, Corpus Christi parishioners gathered Saturday afternoon just a short distance away from where they normally attend weekend Mass.

"What a difference a week makes. I am well. Thank God," noted parish pastor, the Rev. Francis Mawn, at the start of the 4 p.m. Mass in the Corpus Christi Parish Center at 34 Common St.

Five days earlier, on Monday night, a 4-alarm blaze gutted the rectory of the parish's beloved and historic Holy Rosary Church.

In the wake of the fire, Masses will be held in the parish center. While the fire was in the rectory, the church was left damaged by water.

The electrical fire caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage. Investigators determined the blaze ignited in a void in a first-floor ceiling in the rectory.

Mawn was alone in the rectory but escaped unharmed after the fire ignited around 6 p.m. Monday.

At Mass on Saturday, Mawn said he was fortunate the fire occurred at 6 p.m. and not 6 a.m.

"We are going to be OK," Mawn told the 30 or so parishioners who burst into applause and also offered their thanks Saturday afternoon.

At Mass, Mawn lightly remarked that he's wanted to downsize some of his belongings.

"God took care of it for me," he said.

Volunteers carried the altar and cross over to the parish center so Masses could continue.

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent - the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic Church.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, all who attended Mass had their temperature taken when entering the center Saturday. Chairs were placed six feet apart and parishioners all wore masks.

During Mass, Mawn spoke of Christian life and how "in a sense that is like climbing up a mountain." Some stay in place and never leave town to climb the mountain. Others start the climb and turn around while some go



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Rev. Francis Mawn, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church enters the parish center at the start of Mass. Around 40 people attended the first weekend Mass since Monday night's fire.

off and explore a cave, he explained.

Whatever the journey, "the spirit of God in them will never lead them astray," Mawn said.

Mawn also thanked Lawrence Fire Chief Brian Moriarty, Lawrence firefighters and the many mutual aid firefighters who came from surrounding cities and towns to fight Monday's fire.

"The fact that God protected our church is a wonderful thing," he said.

Mawn also offered his thanks for firefighters in the parish's weekly bulletin, which was handed out at Mass.

"On Monday night around 100 firefighters from Lawrence and area cities and towns spent hours battling a persistent four-alarm blaze in our rectory," he wrote, emphasizing they brought "this fire under control after hours and hours of hard work and eliminating the hotspots and preventing the fire" from spreading to the church.

"It all could have been much worse and we are extremely thankful no one was injured," Mawn wrote.

He also thanked the police officers and other first responders for their help Monday night.



Firefighters spent hours battling a stubborn blaze in the rectory of Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church.

"You are all the best. All of you never gave up fighting to win what could have been a seriously terrible battle," he wrote.

Holy Rosary Church was founded by Italian immigrants in 1904. In the 1960s, it embraced the first Cubans to arrive in Lawrence, and later other

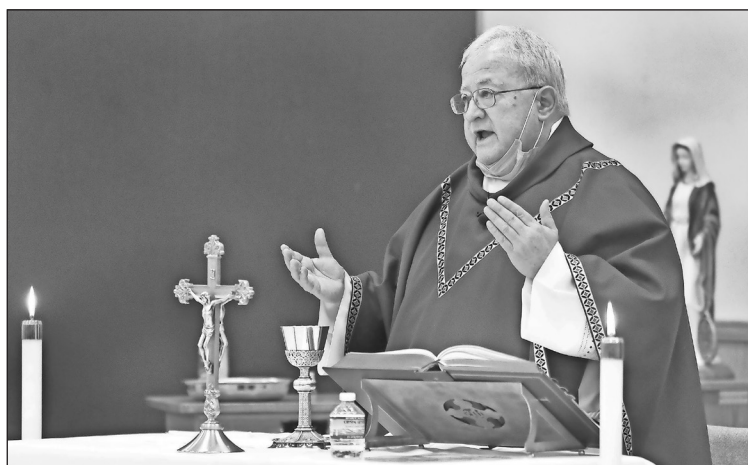
Hispanic communities, according to the church's website.

In November 2004, the Archdiocese of Boston established Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church by uniting Holy Trinity (Polish), St. Francis

(Lithuanian) and Sts. Peter and Paul (Portuguese).

The church is the backbone of the annual Feast of the Three Saints in Lawrence and beloved to many throughout the Merrimack Valley who have attended Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals and more there.

Parishioners, from left, Kevin and Rose Maria Redman, Ray and Kay DiFiore and their son Ray-J DiFiore, all of Methuen, attend Mass on Saturday.



Rev. Francis Mawn, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church prepares Holy Communion during the Mass.

## Lawrence Partnership thanks community leaders

When members of the Lawrence Partnership gathered Thursday morning to virtually honor several "rising stars" — former Mayor Daniel Rivera, insurance agent Julia Silverio and others — perhaps it was Silverio who generated a motto for the event.

"Si, se puede," she said, which, translated from Spanish, means "Yes, you can."

The partnership's annual meeting examined the unexpected turmoil caused by the pandemic — illustrated by keynote speaker Rawi Abdelal, professor at Harvard Business School who spoke of Lawrence being touched by racial and social inequity. The overall theme, however, was

resilience, a quality personified by Silverio, who received the organization's David Tibbetts Economic Impact Award.

Praised for her fierce loyalty to the city, Silverio, a member of the Lawrence Alliance for Education, was lauded by new Lawrence Partnership chairwoman Wendy Estrella as a trailblazer for others in the community.

"She's taught people what it means to do well and do good," Estrella said.

While accepting the award, the founder of the Silverio Insurance Agency issued a challenge to the city's young people.

"Persistence, determination and dedication pays

off," she said. "It might take time and be slow, but it pays off. I want to make sure that if that recognition is for me, (that) the younger generation of Latinos take advantage and say, 'Si, se puede.'"

Also honored Thursday were "rising stars" such as Joanna de Pena, founder of non-profit Top Notch Scholars, which helps young people network and gain confidence through career-related workshops.

Groundwork Lawrence's Community Engagement Director Eddie Rosa was honored for his efforts to redesign city parks, while small business owner Jorge Velez received an award for his work as the founder of Pentagon Studios and Locay.

Rosa, Velez and de Pena received Congressional citations from U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan, said Lawrence Partnership Executive Director Derek Mitchell.

With Mayor Kendrys Vasquez, Northern Essex Community College President Lane Glenn and representatives of groups including E for All, the Lawrence History Center, the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, and Beyond Soccer looking on, the Lawrence Partnership also honored former Mayor Daniel Rivera.

"If you leave it up to Danny, he will never tell you what he did. He'll always give the credit to someone else, which is an amazing sign of who he is," Socrates

de la Cruz, the partnership's new vice chairman said of his childhood friend Rivera before a video showed highlights of Rivera's achievements as mayor.

Mitchell closed the session by saying people like those honored Thursday are at the heart of Lawrence Partnership's mission.

"The people we honored are great representation of our community and what makes it so special," he said. "We continue to believe that people are our community's greatest asset."

"There's a lot of work ahead of us," he said of the effort needed to build back from the pandemic, "but we're starting from a strong foundation."

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 Terri Peznola  
 Purchasing Agent

AT - 3/4/21

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 Docket No. ES21P0346EA  
**Estate of:**  
 Carol Ruth Taylor  
**Also known as:**  
**Estate of:**  
 Carol R. Conneaney  
**Date of Death:**  
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**Robin A. Bergstrom of Plaistow, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
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**Robin A. Bergstrom of Plaistow, NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.  
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**WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.**  
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 Pamela Casey O'Brien  
 Register of Probate

AT - 3/4/21

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# Sports

## A WILD WINTER

It was a memorable, if COVID-shortened, winter season for the Golden Warriors

### David Willis

Just like that, perhaps the most bizarre winter sports season in Andover High history has come to a close.

A season that seems like it just started — the Golden Warriors didn't start games in mid-January — ended with plenty of success for the Blue and Gold.

It was winter that was without indoor track — a sport where the Golden Warriors are a powerhouse and consistently contend for state titles — and wrestling. But the majority of sports that moved forward did have memorable campaigns.

It's a true shame we won't be able to find out how the Andover boys basketball team would have done in the state tournament this winter. The Golden Warriors cruised through the regular season at 10-0, and suffered their only loss in the MVC Cup Division 1 final, to a Central Catholic team they had already beaten twice.

Leading the way for Andover this winter was towering 6-foot-9 big man Aidan Cammann. The center/forward averaged a stellar 15.0 points per game while dominating on the boards. He scored a season-high 28 points in a Jan. 19 win over Haverhill and added 22 points against rival North Andover.

Cammann was helped along the way by big games from the likes of Logan Satlow — who scored 18 points in a win over Central Catholic — and Zayn Aruri's 18 points in a victory over Billerica.

The young Golden Warriors may very well be back next year.

A season after losing out on the Division 1 state title game due to COVID-19, the



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

It was a huge season for Andover big man Aidan Cammann. He averaged 15.0 points a game for the one-loss Golden Warriors.

Andover girls basketball team was right back at it this winter. The Golden Warriors finished 9-3, with their only losses coming to archrival Central Catholic.

The Golden Warriors were paced by high-scoring guard Tatum Shaw. The Southern New Hampshire University recruit finished the winter

averaging 22.1 points per game, including 30-plus point performances against Central Catholic and Haverhill (twice).

When Shaw was out, Amelia Hanscom picked up the slack. She scored 19 points in a win over North Andover and 18 points in the MVC Cup semifinal win over

Chlemsford. Paige Gillette was also solid.

The Andover girls hockey team also delivered a strong winter. The Golden Warriors went 7-4, including two wins over 2019 Division 1 state champion and rival Methuen/Tewksbury, the second in the MVC Cup semis. Lauren Adams continued



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Lauren Adams was again one of the most dangerous scorers in the MVC/DCL this winter.

her road to reaching 100 career varsity goals with a strong season. The junior tallied eight goals, including a hat trick against Methuen/Tewksbury. Known for her playmaking ability, she had four assists in a win over Haverhill.

Also excelling were Lilly Reeves (6 goals) and goalie Lillian Jagger. It was another strong season under second-year head coach Tyler Vigue.

It was a rocky season for the Andover boys hockey team (1-5-1), but the Golden Warriors did score an MVC Cup semifinal 4-1 upset victory over Lowell. The Warriors were led by the likes of Steve Ingram, Timmy Kobelski and Anton Pace.

The Andover gymnastics team should be a force in the coming years, as long as freshmen Gabby Bresnick and Molly Foster return.

The Golden Warriors won the MVC Cup Division 1 title, beating North Andover in the title meet. Foster was second in the all-around, while Bresnick was third in the

all-around.

The Andover boys swim team didn't have much of a chance to shine, but they made the best of their time. David Blanch won the diving in the two meets that were reported, while freestylers Scott Kessell and Eric Xu were among those that also scored multiple wins. The ski team also competed.

Making life even more bizarre, the winter season will now be followed by "Fall II," meaning football, girls swimming, indoor track and cheer/spirit are suiting up for a season before the spring campaign.

It's tough to predict what will happen next, and if next winter will be a return to a traditional season with a normal schedule and fans. But the Golden Warriors were able to compete this winter, and in the end, that's the most important aspect.

Contact David Willis at @DWillisET or DWillis@eagletribune.com.

## Scenes from the Andover High winter sports season



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Rose Maclean celebrates a goal this winter.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Hannah Peck competes in a North Shore Ski League meet this winter.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Abby Mumane, right, celebrates with her teammates after scoring a goal during a victory over Methuen/Tewksbury this winter.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

It was a huge season for Andover girls basketball star Tatum Shaw. The senior averaged 22.1 points a game this winter.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Amelia Hanscom had a breakout season, especially stepping up when Tatum Shaw was out.

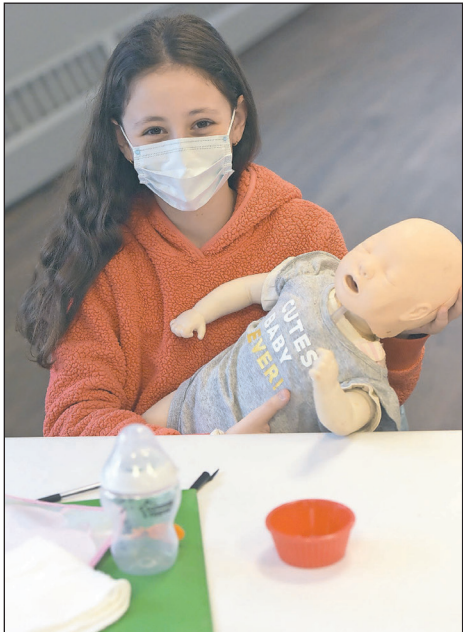


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Andover's Logan Satlow, left, and Jared Moses celebrate a victory over Central Catholic this winter.



Nina Bond, 12, of Andover, cradles her baby.



Brooke Salowe, 11, of Andover, participates in the class.



Maggie O'Handley, 12, of Andover, puts a bib on her baby.

# OH BABY!

## Andover girls learn babysitting basics

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Young people gathered at the Old Town Hall in Andover for a Child and Babysitting Safety program recently. The class, led by Greater Boston Safety Training, taught teens and young adults the necessities for successful babysitting.

While the CABS training covered vitals like feeding and diapering, it also included how to get started with a babysitting business and how to deal with parents and children, along with key safety and first-aid tips.



Stacey Sherman, right, asks questions about a video class members watched.



Brooke Salowe, 11, left, and Nina Bond, 12, watch a video.



Stacey Sherman, right, leads the program at the Old Town Hall in Andover.



Addison Renton, 11, left, and Anna McDuffee, 12, both of Andover, listen to their instructor.



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