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# Students set to return full time to Andover High

Parents can also choose fully remote learning

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

Andover High will reopen 17, school officials said.

whether their children will Andover school officials said attend classes at the school they would not seek a waiver five days per week or instead to allow students to continue do remote learning from hybrid learning. During the home the rest of the school pandemic, most Andover district is sending a survey to program — a mix of days parents asking about their in classrooms and remote choice between classroom learning. and remote learning, and

also their opinions on other school issues, said Superintendent Claudia Bach.

When the state ordered to students for full-time that students must return classroom learning on May to classrooms full time by May 17 or choose full-time Parents will decide remote learning instead, year, officials said. The school students used the hybrid

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# Andover educators protest for contracts

Negotiations between union, School Committee ongoing

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

more than 100 Andover edu- contracts since August. cators clad in red fanned out downtown holding signs with tants in negotiation with a short message: "Fair con- the School Committee on tract now."

between the Andover Educa- Andover Education Association Association and district tion, said the rest of the union officials. The association's five wanted to provide support for bargaining groups — teach- them. ers, instructional assistants,

occupational and physical therapists, secretaries, and licensed practical nurses On Tuesday afternoon have been working without

With instructional assis-Wednesday evening, Mat-It's been a tumultuous year thew Bach, president of the

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# Nguyen pushes for hate crime reform

Andover Rep. seeks to clarify hate crime laws

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

Rep. Tram Nguyen aims to the definition of what constireform hate crime laws in the tutes a hate crime — lowerstate, including changes that ing the current high bar that would add gender and immi- Nguyen says makes it diffigration status as protected cult to prosecute hate crimes

Nguyen, D-Andover, part- penalties based on the severnered with Attorney General ity of the crime. Maura Healey and state Sen.

Adam Hinds, D-Pittsfield, on the bill that would consolidate two existing laws into one. A bill proposed by state The new law would clarify and establish proportional

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# **ANDOVER TURNS 375**

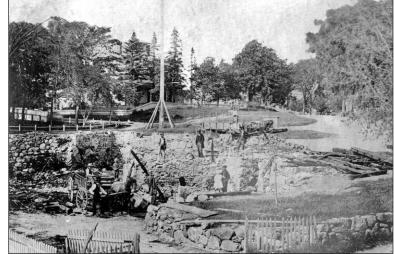


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The former site of the Abbot Furniture Store with glimpses of Elm, High and Main streets in the background, and the entrance to Central and Essex streets in the foreground.



Between 1835 and 1865 Andover residents hosted two stops on the Underground Railroad – the secret network that hid people as they escaped slavery. William Poor and his family hosted one of the stops at his wagon shop, pictured, in what is now known as Shawsheen Village.

# Town celebrates anniversary with 'thrives' theme

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

With the pandemic ebbing, there's a lot of party planning happening in Andover — anniversary party planning, that is. May 6 marks the 375th anniversary of the town's founding.

The town's 375th Committee came together earlier this year to plan a year-long celebration that kicks off this week as the town marks its founding. The pandemic put plans on hold last year, and many event dates are not set. However, "We are hoping to start the formal events in August and if we keep easing off of restrictions, which looks likely," said Paul MacKay, chair of the 375th Committee.

The theme: "Andover Thrives

"It's neat and appropriate as we emerge from the COVID crisis and people are getting

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#### More inside on Andover's 75th anniversary

Andover has come far from it's rural start. Page 2

■ Free Christian Church turning 175 this year. Page 2.

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# Celebrating 100 years of Shawsheen Village

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

One hundred years ago Andover saw some of its largest growth because of the redevelopment now known as Shawsheen Village.

The town's population grew by about 20% that decade, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"It was one of the largest development projects in Andover's history," said Angela McBrien, collections manager for the Andover

Center for History and Culture. The center had prepared a yearlong celebration of the area, formerly known as Fry Village, with an exhibit, tours and events. The with disruption of the pandemic, the center shifted to offering an online exhibit and walking tours of Shawsheen Village, which have

been very popular, McBrien said. The village area had been



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William Wood built Shawsheen Village to have the look and feel of Boston, including the Post Office building.

settled because the Shawsheen River had provided power for mula flaxseed mill in the mid-1800s tiple mills in Andover, dating back to the Revolutionary War when a gunpowder mill was built. Then

Smith & Dove Manufacturing built during the Industrial Revolution. In 1906, businessman William

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## SHAWSHEEN

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Wood started buying property in Andover's Fry Village with the intention of moving his company's headquarters from Boston to Andover.

Wood was the son of a Portuguese immigrant who started working at age 11 as an office boy in a mill. As a teenager, he changed his last name to Wood, to sound more Anglo-Saxon, to avoid the bias and xenophobia immigrants faced, because of his Anglo-Saxon name, according to Andover records. In his 30s he moved to Lawerence to work for the American Woolen Company, working his way up to management and marrying the owner's daughter and becoming the president of the company.

The then-president of American Woolen Company had grand ideas of how he would structure the company's headquarters and a

"The purpose of the village was to bring the headquarters from Boston to Shawsheen, so (Wood) had to compete with the Boston feel because that's where

his employees were moving from," McBrien said.

The old Post Office Building that sits at the corner of Poor Street and Route 28 was built specifically to bring the city look into town, McBrien said. He also built the Balmoral Spa, a town garage, a dance hall and other amenities in Shawsheen to keep employ-

ees engaged, she said. He also built the train station that allowed mill workers transportation from Lawerence into Andover because, unlike other mills at the time, Wood didn't and gain more opportunities want his workers living near top management, McBrien said.

> Wood constructed many of the homes in the village for his middle and upper management. He even moved 30 historic homes to ensure he could build the village he wanted while keeping the historic homes, McBrien said.

"If you walk around Shawsheen they (the houses) are all pretty much the same," McBrien said.

While the American Woolen Company headquarters moved again in the late 1920s after Wood stepped down as president of the company, Shawsheen Village remains.

## **ANNIVERSARY**

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back together. It embodies community spirit and our returning," MacKay said. The events kick off this

week as 375 signs are placed in residents' yards across the town, signifying the anniversary, MacKay said.

"We want to built on that community spirit and enthusiasm," he said.

Later this year will be multiple large events and many smaller events held through next May. The 11-person committee has been working to include local organizations, businesses and schools in the festivities so that the entire town is celebrating the anniversary, he said.

"Andover cherishes its history but it's been a leader in so much in the course of time," MacKay said. "So what 'Andover Thrives at 375' means is we will continue to thrive for another 375 years. It's been a tough year-and-ahalf since the pandemic

struck, but we will beat anything that comes our way. It's the spirit of the people in this town."

In August there will be a "Field of Dreams" night where the movie is shown and the town honors its Little League and sports history, MacKay said. Then in September, there will be the Andover Thrives Community Day filled with family activities and food.

On New Year's Eve, there will be a First Night event to "ring out the old era and bring in the new," MacKay

Then a grand finale event with a parade and a light show will be held next May as the year of celebration comes to a close, he said.

The committee will be asking for volunteers and sponsors for events throughout the year to ensure a packed calendar.

"We will be detailing more of the events as time passes, as we get a little further on we will be able to nail down dates and be more specific about the events," MacKay said.

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# Andover: Through the years and by the numbers

1646: Andover is founded.

**1776:** The first mill was built in Andover. It was early in the Revolutionary War and people needed gunpowder. Andover's Samuel Phillips, Jr. built the mill. Post-war they manufactured paper.

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1778: Samuel Phillips Jr. opened Phillips Academy as an all-boys school

2,863: The first recorded population of Andover in 1790.

**1835:** Brothers John Smith and Peter Smith, along with friend John Dove, form Smith & Dove Manufacturing and opened the first flax processing mill in Andover's Frye Village, now known as Shawsheen Village.

6,945: The population in 1850. Andover was growing, adding 30% more residents that decade.

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1855: Andover and North Andover spilt over a conflict on where to hold Town Meeting. Residents voted 404 to 101 to spilt the towns in 1854, which was accepted by the state in April 1855.

4,765: The number of Andover residents after the two towns spilt, according to the 1860 census.

**599:** The number of Andover men who

served in the Civil War between 1861 and 1865. 53 soldiers from Andover died in the war. 1873: Memorial Hall Library was built.

**1887:** The Andover Townsman was founded.

**1920:** Shawsheen Village was built by William Wood when he moved his American Woolen Company to Andover.

1973: Phillips Academy Andover merged with the all-girls Abbot Academy, becoming

9,969: the town's population grew about 20% during the decade Shawsheen Village was being built.

**36,395:** Andover's current population. - By Madeline Hughes. Information provided by The Andover Center for History

and Culture and U.S. Census Bureau

# 'God blessed their cause'

Free Christian Church celebrates 175 years

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

Two hundred vears after the first settlers came to Andover, abolitionists established a new church that wasn't affiliated with any particular Christian denomination.

"They held prayer meetings and acted boldly to help escaped slaves," said Jon Paul, the senior pastor of Free Christian Church, at Sunday's anniversary event marking the 175th anniversary of the church's founding. "God blessed were committed to "biblical future work," Paul said.

Last weekend, more than outdoor celebration of the church's anniversary.

town, including John Smith, work.' owner of the Smith and Dove flax seed mill. They acy inspires our current and demic regulations, he said. but we still carry it."



COURTESY PHOTO

People flock to an event in 1907 for the laving of the Free Christian Church cornerstone in downtown Andover.

their cause, including this justice" and said everyone should be free, Paul said.

The church has seen a

drop in attendance over the the downtown of Andover He said the church's past year because of the pan- for the foreseeable future," 100 people came to the founding principles are that demic, Paul said. The church he said. "people in their everyday schedule has, however, lives and work can live out expanded to three services have this noble legacy of The church was founded their faith. They can make a week because people are abolition and we carry those in 1846 by business people in an impact and do good returning to services, even issues about justice with us while the church is at about today," Paul said. The mis-"We hope our historic leg- 30% capacity because of pan- sion "looks different today,

The church had been growing before the COVID-19 crisis.

Over the past two decades, the number of people in the church's congregation has more than doubled, Paul said. The church recently bought a neighboring property that has an apartment building. The church is renovating the apartments for people to use.

The purchase of the property will also allow the church to expand within the next decade to have a ministry center in that area, Paul said.

"It ensures that we are in

'We are so honored to

# THE LAST FARM

# Andover down to one farm on town's 375th anniversary

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

It's just Dargoonian Farm

"At one point there were over 200 farms (in Andover) and it's down to one," said Michael Saccone, the Blanchard Road property's current owner.

The farm is one of the last vestiges of Andover's rural

Saccone bought the Andover property in March 2018 from Tom and Dena Dargoonian, descendants of the original owners.

The farm was founded in records.

The Asoian, Loosigian, company. Sarkisian and Colombosian

stayed in the family for three bought it.

Since the purchase, he and to have the farm become an he said. agricultural teaching center.

the farm profitable, they said.



MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo

For three years now, Sac- Christina (left) runs and manages Dargoonian Farm, which her cone and his daughter Chris- father Michael Sarcone bought in 2018. They are standing in tina Saccone, have run the the middle of a plot of land where they usually plant mums struggling farm as the town for a fall harvest. They have yet to decide if it is financially

around them continues to feasible to plant the mums this year. Michael was able to pur- growing them this summer 1929 by the Dargoonian fam- chase the farm because he'd either, she said. ily in West Andover. They been successful as the founder were among the many Arme- and owner of MDR Construc- growing seasons: spring when nian refugees who settled tion, based in Tewksbury. they mostly sell hanging bas- for industrial development at in Andover to start farming Over the past few years, kets with a variety of flow- that time, which gave farmers

"How do we keep it a farm developed, according to town not sustainable for anyone," Michael said. "And we haven't The Dargoonian Farm found a solution yet."

Christina went to college for They've looked into growing biochemistry and worked in a people who bred and sold ani- development is geared toward other crops — even marijuana lab before becoming a farmer. mals in town. - but cannot find a finan- She's used her knowledge to business.

She realized that poinset- up." tias were not profitable, so

Now the farm is down to two of planning for Andover.

after fleeing the Armenian he's used personal money ers, and fall, when they sell lucrative opportunities to sell Genocide, according to town to keep the farm afloat while mums, Christina said. They their land. running the construction may discontinue the mums, too.

families also owned and man- and not donate \$150,000 (of profit show "it's a lifestyle Materazzo said. aged farms in Andover that our own money a year) to choice, not a business, and evaporating," she said.

alpacas and items made from pany's newest buildings. alpaca fur. They are the last

"We are really fortunate cially feasible solution to turn learn about the soil and farm-here with roughly three acres have been about 65,000 square ing and is taking a look at the of land," Tom said. "It's sad to feet of redevelopment in the see the old farmsteads break downtown, he said. The town

> they stopped growing them. town since they were chil- redevelop the 3.4-acre Old Then they realized the veg- dren about 60 years ago and Town Yard in the historic mill etable soil wasn't yielding recall the farmlands that district near the train station good results, so they are not have since been developed.

Jen had horses growing up, which started her love of animals and eventually lead to them owning alpacas.

Their own neighbors have enjoyed seeing the alpacas roaming in the pasture and named a few over the years, Jen said. One man even made a point to tell them he stopped on his way home from work every day to see them because "It was peaceful for him," Tom said.

There are fewer and fewer opportunities to see any kind of livestock in town now, Jen said.

"You don't see it in this town anymore. Who has animals?" She asked.

With the introduction of the Interstate Highway System in the 1950s and 1960s, Andover began rapidly developing as a suburb of Boston, explained Paul Materazzo, the director

The town rezoned to allow

"It was not just I-93 but also I-495 that gave Andover great The hard work and little access to the highways,

The defense contractor have since been sold and keep it a farm because that's that's why these farms are Raytheon Technologies and the pharmaceutical com-Similarly, on the other pany Pfizer are two examples side of town, Jen and Tom of the large industrial busi-He said they would love to Boshar are winding down nesses that have grown their generations before Saccone turn it into an educational the alpaca business that they campuses on either side of and community center where ran out of their home on Holt I-93. This past year one of the people can learn about how Road. At one time, they had most important aspects of the his daughter have attempted their food gets to the table. a herd of up to 15 alpacas. Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was to partner with local schools Currently, that seems unlikely, They bred, showed and sold developed in one of the com-

> The next phase of Andover's the downtown, he said.

In the past few years there is currently soliciting appli-He and Jen had lived in cations from developers to into a "family-friendly mixed-

use" area, he said. About 100 acres of land are included in that mixed-use zoning in the historic mill district, Materazzo said. There's been some development like Oak and Iron Brewing Company, but many landowners are waiting to see what the town yard project yields, he said.

"Being at the heart of the downtown, the town yard was a great place to start redevelopment," Materazzo said.



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LOCAL

# West Elementary School tradition continues

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Two authors virtually visited West Elementary School last Wednesday to continue the annual tradition of the Writers and Readers Conference.

"The authors were super engaging and funny," said Principal Jennifer Hunt. "The kids loved it and had a wonderful day."

As part of the 26th annual event, authors Dan Gutman and Ralph Fletcher virtually visited students to teach them about writing books.

Gutman, of New York City, is best known for his "My Weird School" series. Kindergarten, first and second graders have all read his "My Weird School: Miss Daisv is Crazy," and third, fourth and fifth graders read "The Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project."

Every student had read Fletcher's "Twilight Comes Twice." The New Hampshire-based author told stories of his craft and gave advice about writing books.



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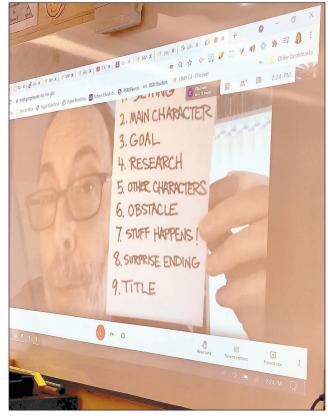
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Author Dan Gutman of New York City teaches students at West Elementary the different aspects of writing a story, via Zoom.



Author Dan Gutman, of New York City, Zooms into a class at **West Elementary** for the annual Writers and Readers

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Conference.



The Field of Honor is a dramatic, emotion filled display of full-size, 3' x 5' U.S. flags, each purchased in honor of a veteran, active or reserve duty military individual, first responder, healthcare worker, or very important person.

A field of 500 flags will be on display Saturday, May 22nd through Sunday, June 13th at the North Andover Town Common, culminating with Flag Day Ceremonies on Saturday, June 12th. The Exchange Club of Lawrence and the Andovers is hosting this event.

Sponsors are welcome to take their flags & poles on Sunday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

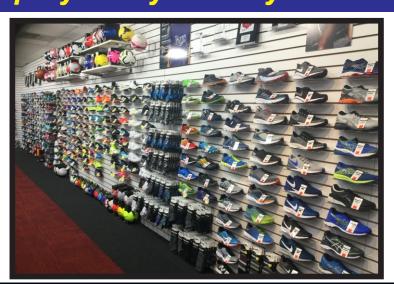
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# )pinion

# Adjust Bay State's seat belt law

Nearly three-dozen states give police authority to stop a driver who can be seen not wearing a seat belt. Massachusetts is not one of them.

While the state may not have the deadliest roads in America — far from it, in fact — nearly half of the fatalities that do occur involve someone not wearing a seat belt. It's plain that better enforcement, enabled by a law allowing officers to stop and ticket violators, would improve seat belt use and roadway safety.

Lawmakers have an opportunity to do that, making Massachusetts the 36th state to adopt a primary seat belt law, as part of an expansive roadway safety bill filed by Gov. Charlie Baker. Every idea Baker floats may not be a winner; we're not sold, for instance, on his call for traffic light cameras. But a provision like the seat belt law, which stands to have an immediate effect on road deaths, warrants serious consideration.

Seat belt use in Massachusetts, measured by observation, is an abysmal 82%, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That puts the state sixth from the bottom.

Baker, who unveiled his plan last week, says he's concerned about what happens when people start commuting to their jobs again. As it is, about the same number of people died on Massachusetts roads during a pandemic year last year as did during 2019, according to State House News Service, or nearly one per day. This despite a significant reduction in traffic. "With more

drivers returning to the roads, we need to build on these efforts to keep people safe," said Baker.

Seat belt use in Massachusetts, measured by observation, is an abysmal 82%, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That puts the state sixth from the bottom. (New Hampshire, which has no adult seat belt law, is dead last at 71%.) The national average for observed seatbelt use is 91%.

Meanwhile, a large portion of the people killed on Massachusetts roadways were not wearing restraints. Of the 200 or so killed in crashes in 2019, nearly half were known not to have been wearing seatbelts, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The actual number is likely higher, since seatbelt use was undetermined in 1 in 5 cases

Roadway deaths in Massachusetts the same year (4.8 per 100,000 people) were fewest per capita of any state and bested only by Washington, D.C.'s 3.3 per 100,000 people. No state, territory or district improved upon the 0.51 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Massachusetts that year. Strictly in relative terms, the state's roads are as safe as any in the country.

But a death a day is a senseless toll, particularly when an easy adjustment with an almost immediate impact is so readily available -- a click away, one might say. Lawmakers can and should make our roads safer. Key to doing that is a straightforward change to the state's seatbelt law.

## WEB QUESTION

Should the state give big subsidies to movie producers? Massachusetts gives one of the heftiest subsidies of any state to producers of films, TV shows and commercials. Subsidies equal to 25% of production costs can be sold. transferred or cashed in by a studio, up to five years after the film credit is granted.

Critics say that price, which works out to be about \$100,000 for every job created, isn't worth it, and the money only helps a handful of big studios. But the film tax credit has fierce defenders, including in the state House, who recently voted to make it permanent.

What do you think?

SAVE OUR MONEY: Hollywood doesn't need our tax dollars, and besides, it's not bringing Massachusetts much glamor. Mark Wahlberg's whole "Ted" franchise, about the foulmouthed teddy bear, is just one example of the kind of publicity that doesn't do our state any favors.

KEEP THE SPOTLIGHT: It may cost a lot, but the film industry spends a lot. Besides, there's plenty more pride than embarrassment to be had when the cameras come here.

Last week's question Is it getting any easier to book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination?

The state last week broadened the criteria of those eligible to get the vaccine to include anyone age 16 and older, regardless of health status. But as health officials urge patience in booking a vaccine visit, others are reporting a slowdown in demand for appointments.

Are you still waiting in line?

INFUSED WITH FRUSTRATION: I'm still trying to make an appointment, and I'm still bouncing from one website to the next. When will this ever end? (0 votes)

MADE MY APPOINTMENT: It might've been difficult for people to do at first, but at this point I've got either my first or second appointment, and I'm counting the days until my rendezvous with a shot of Pfizer, Moderna or the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. (8 votes)

**PROTECTED**: All my shots are in the past, and when this spring weather gets raw, I don't mind asking for a table inside a local restaurant. (25 votes)

STILL WARY: The pandemic has been terrible, but I'm still concerned about the potential side effects of these new vaccines. I have yet to make my appointment. (6 votes)

# Remembering Don Robb educator, guru and caretaker

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#### **Tom Adams**

Andover Center for History & Culture

It is rare that one encounters someone purely benevolent. Don Robb was that ingratiating someone you'd want to meet a second time. Today, May 6, 2021 marks

the 375th anniversary of Andover. Given his astonishing contributions, it seems fitting that Andover Stories be dedicated to Don Robb during this entire anniversary year.

In 1975, Don, his wife Vicky and their family settled in Andover. Over the ensuing 44 years, Don became a familiar face on the town scene.

Joining the Andover School Committee, Don spent a decade helping manage the complexities of our school system. The town offices became his second home. He joined the town Finance Committee, the Cultural Council and the Andover Sister Towns Association.

He was a trustee of the Spring Grove Cemetery and member of the town's Revenue and Expenditure Task

Don defined the word bipartisan. He just wanted to do the right thing.

Little meant more to Don than to improving the lives of Andover's senior community. He served as chairman of the Elder Services Task Force and was an impassioned advocate for the renovation and expansion of the senior center.

The new Robb Center will be dedicated this month to both Vicky and Don. Staff has returned, and plans to open to the public first by appointment are underway.

Vicky was an expert swimmer and longtime coach. Over several summers, she managed the lifeguards at Pomp's Pond. One summer her lifeguards received a Red Cross citation from President Ronald Reagan for their rescuing of a drowning swimmer.

For Don, a 17-year romance with the Andover Historical Society began in 2000. He served on its finance committee, its board and as its president.

A founding member of the sustainable funding team, he helped successfully transform its fundraising

methodology.

Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Center for History and Culture, recalled that, "Don contributed his amazing knowledge in many ways, presenting at Andover Neighborhood Programs and too many others to recall."

He frequently presented to Andover 101 and 102 attendees, and he was the keynote speaker at a memorable Spring for History breakfast.

In 2017, he was honored for his work supporting the redevelopment of Andover's historic mill district. He is also a past Andover Cares honoree and Virginia Cole Award winner.

Don extensively researched the history of his Shawsheen neighborhood and how the planned corporate community came to be. He gained a nearencyclopedic knowledge about the American Woolen Co., William M. Wood and his 63-acre Arden estate built in 1847 by mill owner John Dove.

Don and the historical society hosted many walking tours. Don was the tour guide extraordinaire and was lovingly dubbed the "Shawsheen Guru."

He became a close friend

of Mrs. Rosalyn Wood, widow of William M. Wood's grandson, Cornelius, and a generous benefactor to worthy local causes.

Mrs. Wood graciously opened the doors of the beautifully renovated barn on the grounds of Arden to the historical society. Don on center stage with Mrs. Wood was the highlight of an amazing evening fundraiser.

The Andover Stories column has Don's fingerprints on it, too.

He wrote the column's very first story in 2010. He noted that telling stories celebrating our town's culture is our "mission."

Telling those interesting stories about our culture's journey through the past 375 years remains our mission today.

Don's presence on the town scene lifted both the quality of life and Andover's spirit. His life of service to the town benefits citizens today and prepares for generations yet to come. A tall order, but to Don Robb, it was just doing the right thing.

Sadly, Don passed away in 2019. While he is sorely missed by the town he so deeply loved, Andover is a far better place for Don Robb passing through.

#### Letters to the Editor

#### Town needs more comprehensive plan for pension liabilities

Editor, Townsman:

proposed plan to fund our employee pension system. Article 6 of the upcoming

Town Meeting warrant seeks authorization to borrow \$175 million to add to the pension fund. Repayment of the loan will come partly from new financial and taxes and partly from exist- educational sense ing taxes.

Our pension liability is an actuarial estimate of how For example, the assumed on June 15. return on our pension fund \$25 million.

First, the plan appears buildings. to contain no provisions to a \$175 million debt should sense. prompt us to impose new over so many years.

not address the funding of of at least three). the other post employment efits, not just pensions.

taxes for the full \$175 mil- approve the project. lion loan, although the pro-

future town administration both inadequate buildings to is difficult to offer groups new taxes.

I believe we need a more I recently reviewed the wise, in a few years, we may be looking at another big bailout for retiree benefits.

**ANDREW ROUSE** 

# West/Shawsheen proposal makes

Chief among these is that ited in the current outdated learn, work and play.

avoid large pension fund defi is that the investment in these. June 5 and June 15. icits in the future. I believe new schools makes financial

In addition to the numerous West teachers fiscal constraints, probably structural and educational through new bylaws. Pension deficiencies of the current need plentiful, debt should never again be schools, both are expensive flexible space allowed to grow unchecked to maintain and use energy much less efficiently than a Editor, Townsman: Second, the plan also does modern building (by a factor

health care costs. As of 2018, ity recognized these problems tunate to be able to teach Before executing any plan of the costs of constructwe should address all the ing a new West Elementary and definitely outweigh the Shawsheen. debt related to retiree ben- and Shawsheen Preschool challenges. -- approximately \$38 million

posed plan says that only a new construction, Andover students come to fruition. portion of the \$175M loan will lose the \$38 million in is to be paid for with new state funding. We then will one rectangular classroom taxes. This loophole allows a be required to continue to use with about 25 students. It

any time by imposing more face increasing maintenance focus together. and energy costs.

> expectation that construc- tively in one space. tion costs will continually

fully fund the pension sys- construction of a new West is currently estimated at students. tem. Whenever the actu- Elementary and Shawsheen approximately \$50 million and arial assumptions change, Preschool at Town Meeting would have to be fully funded deal of time focusing on the town's liability changes. on June 5 and at the ballot box by the town at whatever con- Universal Design for Learn-

investments changed last the new schools will allow schools will positively impact all students based on scienyear, and our pension liabil- for the type of learning expe- property values, will help tific research about how we ity immediately increased by riences which our students attract new business to learn. need to thrive in the mod- Andover, and will enhance

Our space consists of

to deviate from the plan at educate our students and will private spaces to work and When engaging with stu-

In addition, any future dents in small literature or comprehensive plan. Other-building project, whether at math groups, it is almost West El or other Andover required that other groups schools, likely will fall com- whisper and tone down pletely on the shoulders of their enthusiasm to allow all Andover taxpayers, with the groups to function produc-

We also strive to accommodate all students in an By way of example, a reno- inclusion model but need vation simply to bring West El smaller and quieter breakup to current building code, out rooms to enhance rewithout addressing any of teaching opportunities, **Andover Editor, Townsman:** the educational or enrollment utilize alternative teaching There are many reasons issues there or the numer- methods, and allow for true much money is needed to for Andover voters to support ous problems at Shawsheen, collaborative growth among

Andover has spent a great struction costs are at the time. ing, a framework to improve Moreover, these new teaching and learning for

I admire what my col-I found the proposed plan ern world, opportunities for Andover's reputation as a leagues and students have deficient in a number of which are extremely lim- great place for people to live, achieved over the years despite the limitations of an I hope your readers join me outdated building, but we Another important reason in voting "Yes to WESP" on need plentiful and flexible space in order to encour-JOEL BLUMSTEIN age and facilitate multiple Andover means of engagement and learning for our students, and offer various ways to express what is learned.

In addition teaching at West, I spent many memorable years in this same I have been a fifth-grade structure as a former stuteacher at West Elementary dent, always hoping to Fortunately, the Massachu- for 16 years. It has been my return to West and rejoin benefits, which are mainly setts School Building Author- dream job, and I am so for- our unmatched community.

I have spent more than the unpaid OPEB liability and will provide Andover and learn with my amazing half of my life in this treahad reached \$145 million. with a grant for about 25% students every day. The joys sured building, but it is and rewards are numerous time for a new West and

I am excited to see what Teaching at West is my I can accomplish and how Third, Article 6 seeks of the \$151 million construc- passion, however, the state many more students I can authorization to use new tion cost -- if Andover voters of the building is a consis-positively impact when tent hurdle in making all of given updated and appro-If voters do not approve the my ideas and plans for my priate space for 21st century learning.

> **ALIA MOHAMMED Grade 5 Teacher West Elementary**

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#### ■ POLICE LOG

Monday, April 26

Arrest: Jonathan Gilberto Tavernas, 27, of rity, Lowell Street, 9:41 a.m. Lawrence, arrested on warrants, Minuteman Road, 4:58 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 Suspicious persons: Two people in a car at  $\,$  rants, North Main Street, 11:22 p.m. the high school were asked to leave, Shawsheen Road, 1:53 a.m.

Wednesday, April 28

Unemployment fraud: Bannister Road, 8:55

handled by Department of Homeland Secu-

Thursday, April 29

Arrest: April Andrea Chandler, 39, of Derry, New Hampshire, arrested on `war-

Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1

Harassment: A man harassed a cashier, River Road, 9:49 p.m.

Arrest: Arthur Zeiniutsich, 34, of Boston, Threat: Bomb threat at local business arrested on warrants, Murray Way, 12:26 p.m.

#### ■ ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Marching band collects bottles

Marching Band is collecting andoverma.us. bottles and cans that can be redeemed in the state of Massachusetts for money on Sat- for Town Meeting urday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at West Middle School. on May 7

Proceeds benefit the marching band.

#### **Senior Center** seeks tech tutors

volunteers of any age that new voters. are interested in teaching

interested should reach Vehicles may also register out to Kelly MacKay, at 978- to vote online by visiting: The Andover High School 623-8372 or kelly.mackay@ www.RegisterToVoteMA.

# Voter registration

The last day to register to vote before Town Meeting is May 17. The Board of Registrars will hold extended hours on May 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Andover Elder Services at the Town Offices, 36 is looking for technology Bartlet Street, Andover, for tutors. They are accepting the purpose of registering

Residents with a license seniors about technology, or identification issued

specifically iPads. Those by the Registry of Motor

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### Peter C. Jeton, 66

November 20, 1954 - April 29, 2021

CUMBERLAND FORESIDE, ME — Beloved father of Eric and Hannah and husband of Nancy Kepes Jeton. Devoted son of Mary Jeton and the late Francis Jeton. Brother to Anne, Stephen, Marc, and Matthew. A friend and trusted mentor to a circle that spanned the globe.

A graduate of the Choate School and Dartmouth College, Peter grew up in the Middle East and Africa. After completing a master's in African History from Boston University he joined the Bank of Boston as a route to return to Africa. He joined the bank's office in Lagos, Nigeria and from there worked in Austra- for Catholic organizations. and after leaving the bank, coastal Maine. he lived in Andover where he served on the boards of of music, unwavering fan of the Pike School and A Better the Texas Rangers, wine en-Chance of Andover, the old-thusiast, and generous friend, branch of the national non- sense of humor, and appreciaprofit that has been providing tion of the many ways in which education opportunities for we are alike and those ways young people of color for over that we are different, Peter's 50 years. After leaving the presence will never be forgotbank he spent time working in ten. private equity and went on to become the first CEO of Catho-time support and encouragelic Investment Services, a non- ment of the program, Peter profit asset management com- asked that memorial donapany dedicated to providing tions be made to A Better



Peter C. Jeton

tween overseas appointments Nancy moved from Andover to

In keeping with his longstrong financial foundations Chance of Andover (www.AB-CAndover.org/donate).

# Susan Francis Miller, 78

March 21, 1943 - April 15, 2021

loway, NJ and until recently Welsh Rarebit. She was also Westminster, loving mother, well loved by her family, work

Susan was born on March 21, 1943 in Andover where her as an inclusive, generous, she was raised by her parents thoughtful "straight talker" Norman L. Miller and Frances who always lovingly let them S. Miller. She graduated from know where she stood, but Andover High School in 1961 who was funny and could and attended Boston Univer- laugh at herself. She was a sity's Sargent College where kind and special soul who she was in the school's first helped shape them into the group of Occupational Therapersons they have become. py graduates in 1965, earning and earned her Occupational G. Weir and her husband Jef-

PHS Therapist Director, Head six great-grandchildren. of Ancillary Services and pro-She remained in Westminster "Sweet and Colorful Dreams" in with her son and his family did to us when we went to bed in New Jersey for the last 18 at night.

There, friends and neighbors adopted her nickname flowers, contributions in memof "Bompa." She spent much ory of Susan can be made ondren and grandchildren who Parenthood. To contribute onreveled in visiting with her, line go to PlannedParenthood. swimming, catching their first org. Press the donate button, playing Uno, learning crafts follow instructions.

months.

ALLOWAY, NJ — On April from their "Bompa", a life-long 15, Susan Francis Miller of Alteacher at heart, and eating grandmother, great grand- mates, neighbors and friends mother, passed away at the who often joined in her gath-

The children remember

Susan is survived by her a B.S. degree. She later served son, Norman C. Francis and several internships in Mas- his wife Amy K. Francis of Alsachusetts and Connecticut loway, NJ, her daughter, Sarah women. Therapy national registration. frey A. Weir of Middletown, Early in her career she MD, her daughter, Rebecca S. worked at the Bethesda Naval F. O' Neill and her husband Hospital in MD and St. Eliza- Steven S. O'Neill of Middlebeth's hospital in the District town, Md.; her brother, Peter of Columbia and rose to the S. Miller and his wife Frances added onto other criminal reported to Stop AAPI Hate, S. Miller of Torrington, Public Health Service. In 1996 her nephew, Robert S. Miller she transferred to the Medical of Hartford, CT, Katherine S. times of the crime because of Islanders, and its partner Center for Federal Prisoners Kriss of Delmar, NY, her cousin Springfield, Missouri as a ins, Helen Robinton Wright Staff Occupational Therapist and John Robinton of Andoand promoted to Commander. ver, her 10 grandchildren, She transferred again in1999 Addison, Charlie, Cassie, AJ, to the Federal Medical Center, Lillian, Clayton, Alice, Jessica, Fort Devens Prison and was Laura and Aly, as well as her

So, with heavy hearts moted to Captain. She retired we all remember in 2010 and remained in her "Bompa, Sue, Susie, Susan" for beloved Wyman Pond neigh- her kind-hearted love, caring, borhood in Westminster, MA. and friendship and wish her for 20 years prior to moving on her journey as she always

No memorial services are planned at this time. In lieu of of her time there with chil- line via or by check to Planned fish, skiing on Mt. Wachusett, then press Specific Giving and

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## Beatrice Helen Pattullo, 89

OBITUARIES/FROM PAGE ONE

August 10, 1931 - April 28, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — Beatrice Helen Pattullo, 89, of Andover, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at the Mary Immaculate Nursing and Restorative Center in Lawrence. She was born In Lawrence, Mass., August 10, 1931, to the late Lucien and Beatrice (Fortin) Marsan. Beatrice attended Sa-

cred Heart High School and worked in a local Lawrence bakery where she met her husband of 50 years Hector Pattullo. They were married in 1950 and moved to Andover to start a family. Bea worked for the Andover Schools and then as a bank teller at First was active in the senior center her husband and family.

and his partner Marty. She Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA. also has four grandchildren, Donny, Merinda, Erika, and Christopher; and six greatgrandchildren. Her husband Hector passed away in 2001. She is also predeceased by her brother Lucien Marsan; and



Essex Bank In Andover. Bea sister Rita (Marsan) Couture. ARRANGEMENTS: Family and lia, Japan, and France. In be- Upon his retirement, he and in Andover. She tirelessly sup- friends are invited to calling hours ported her husband and sons on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from in their careers in the Andover 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Conte An intrepid traveler, lover | Police Department and An- Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, dover Fire Department. She Andover, MA. Service and burial enjoyed quilting, sewing, and will be private. For online condopainting. She enjoyed many lences please visit www.contefuest remaining public school his warmth, curious intellect, trips to the White Mountains neralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, and to York Beach Maine with memorial contributions may be made to: Mary Immaculate Restor-Beatrice leaves behind her ative and Nursing, 172 Lawrence four sons Donald and his wife Street, Lawrence, MA 01841, mi-Sharron, David, Brian and his hacs.org or to: Merrimack Valley partner Raymond and Clifford Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street,





State Rep. Tram Nguyen speaks to the hundreds of people who gathered for a rally in Shawsheen Square in Andover for the Asian American community to show solidarity after the murders in Atlanta this past March. Eight people were murdered by a white man, six were Asian and all but one were

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Conn., charges if a person dem- a California-based center for sexual orientation, gender, times more than men. gender identity, or disability," according to Nguyen's bill.

will report these issues."

ecuting a hate crime. That reported there in six years. has been added into Nguyen's of crime because of those tracking data in March 2020. characteristics.

Healey said.

momentum.

A few weeks later, the were Asian women at three these laws," she said. massage parlors — helped issue of hate crimes. Since violence as a society." then, Nguyen says more than

support. the wake of the Georgia mur- by the Board of Education." ders highlighted stories from that combines those two laws founding of our country." already on the books into one cohesive, clear law would tributed to this report.

hopefully allow for more prosecutions.

Nearly 3,800 incidents ranging from verbal harass-Hate crime charges are ment to murder — have been onstrated bias against vic- Asian Americans and Pacific their "race, color, religion, groups, since March 2020. national origin, ethnicity, Nationally, Asian women caste, immigration status, have reported hate crimes 2.3

Many of those encounters don't rise to the legal defi-"We are seeing an under- nition of a hate crime. Still, reporting and an under police in several major cities prosecution," Nguyen said, reported a sharp uptick in adding that she hopes the bill Asian-targeted hate crimes will signal to "the community between 2019 and 2020, that they are seen and we are according to data collected taking them more seriously, by the Center for the Study so we are hoping more people of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Current hate crime Bernardino. New York City laws don't specifically pro- went from three incidents to tect immigrant communities 27; Los Angeles from seven or include gender-based bias to 15; and Denver had three as a possible reason for pros- incidents in 2020 — the first

In Massachusetts, there legislation because she says were 96 of those such inciin recent years people have dents, according to Stop AAPI been targeted as victims Hate. The group only started

Nguyen said her proposed "Hate crimes are on the bill also clarifies that a perrise. This bill will strengthen son does not solely have to our existing laws and give commit the crime because of our office more tools to bet- bias. As the law stands now, ter protect victims and hold the person who commits the perpetrators accountable," crime has to more outwardly state the bias was the sole Even with support from reason for committing the Healey at the beginning, crime, which "I don't think it took a few weeks for we will ever have someone Nguyen's legislation to gain outrightly admit that," she said.

"We cannot have laws on March murders of eight peo- the books that are vague, ple in Georgia — six of whom that's why we need to rework

"This bill won't be the bill her legislation gain momen- to end all hate crimes" she tum as discussion around said. "We need a multifaceted those murders raised the approach to address hate and

She has also introduced 30 co-sponsors have signed on legislation that would allow to her bill because of public schools to teach a "racially and culturally inclusive cur-Two Andover rallies held in riculum frameworks designed

"The good news about Asian Americans who didn't this is there are a few pendreport instances of racial bias ing education bills similar to to the police, either because mine," she said. "And I look they didn't think it rose to a forward to collaborating with criminal level or they didn't my colleges on this issue think they would be taken because all students would seriously. Nguyen said benefit from a more comher proposed hate crime law prehensive education on the

The Associated Press con-



More than 100 Andover educators gathered downtown to protest for contracts.

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unity," he said.

with one session before, as been announced. with most things, the COVID-

an adjustment for inflation. of the pandemic. "Basically we are looking to

contract negotiations to class schedules, we believe work out an agreement — a any initiative this significant memorandum of understand- should include a process of ing — for working during the widespread participation pandemic. However, those from many stakeholders negotiations were halted in including parents and stu-November when the district dents, and should not be announced they were dead- done by a select group at locked after more than 40 a bargaining table," Scully hours of negotiations.

The School Committee held 
The educators also want alone and additional sessions mittee Chair, in a statement. more diverse." The committee also offered school, Scully said.

that is fair to teachers and filled and we want those posirespectful and reflective of tions filled." the needs of Andover students and parents," Scully tants are fighting for the wrote. "We remain hopeful highest wage hike because we can reach an agreement they are the lowest-paid prior to the end of this fiscal staff, Bach said. He declined year, which would allow the to say what exact wages they district to provide retroactive wanted because they were pay increases to teachers for being discussed at Wednes their hard work during the day night's negotiation ses-2020/21 school year."

Since March 2021, teachers have held multiple rallies and protested outside polling locations during town "We wanted to make sure elections. Bach said there's they had solidarity and been one more negotiation session for teachers and two Contract negotiations for instructional assistants, began in February of 2020, but no other sessions have

Bach cites multiple stick-19 pandemic got in the way. ing points for the union in the 'Then we proposed a negotiation, including nonone-year extension of the monetary aspects to the concontract, but the School tracts. Teachers at the high Committee wasn't willing school seek to move back to to offer any compensation," a block schedule instead of Bach said, explaining the seven classes a day, which employees were asking for happened this year because

"While the administration keep up with inflation, or not is open to hearing ways to fall too far behind inflation." improve all aspects of school The teachers postponed programming, including

more than 20 negotiating to have a clause written in sessions with the teachers about diversity and inclusion.

"We are asking for eviwith the association's other dence of hiring retention groups over the past year for and support for a diverse the contracts and an agree- workforce," Bach said. "It's ment about teaching during an important priority to our the pandemic, wrote Shan- members and our students non Scully, the School Com- who are becoming more and

"The (instructional assissix dates to the teachers last tants) are the most diverse June and August to negotiate unit of our union and the a three-year contract, how-retention is not good," he ever, the association declined said. "There's a lot of turnand waited until resuming over in the (instructional assistants) ranks. We've had "We continue to negotiate somewhere between 30-40 in good faith and in a way positions that haven't been

sion, he said.

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Several weeks ago, it was unlikely the high school would return to fulltime classroom learning caused by pandemic distancing rules. Those rules spaced 3 feet apart in classrooms and students wear-6 feet apart when not wearing masks.

overcrowded for years, and school officials said most classrooms can hold observed. That leaves a person learning, the officials say.

built and renovated years ago for 1,400 (students) and we have over 1,700 students now. Some (students) will be remote (learners), but we do expect more students to come back," at the elementary and middle school levels more students chose full-time classroom learning than remote.

asked state education offithe building. The state officials said. made a variety of recomfurniture and desks to create classroom space, local officials said.

"It was a very polite and positive and proactive visit," classrooms.

"We are now anticipating ... following social distance the spirits of everyone."

protocol, we may be able to have more students in the classrooms than we thought (possible)," Bach said. "The hope is that will alleviate Andover officials said the number of students in the field house, Collins Center or Dunn Gym.'

The high school is placbecause of space problems ing student desks in the field house, Collins Center and Dunn Gym to house include: students' desks children who do not fit into classrooms, Bach said. She said the school district is ing masks while at their seeking volunteers and desks; and students staying to hire people to monitor students in those overflow areas. The district has had Andover High has been difficulty finding enough people to fill such positions, she said.

"Parents have said in the only 15 students when past they want to help and social distancing rules are make this happen, so this is a way we are reaching lack of classroom space if out to our parents to say all or most students choose this is a way to help," Bach to return to full-time in- said. "I thought there would be a bigger response when we were bringing children "The high school ... was back. But we aren't getting the great response we wanted."

Transportation is also an issue. Currently, the school district is not busing students to Andover High because that is not required Bach said, explaining that by law. High school students are left to walk, be driven or drive to school.

Careful bus scheduling of children in grades below high school has left a "hand-Because of the high ful of buses to devote to school space issue, Andover high school students," Bach said. Parents will be asked cials for help deciding how about transportation in the to bring students back to survey being sent to them,

Andover High Principal mendations about moving Caitlin Brown is hosting information sessions with parents to discuss school issues.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Bach Bach said. "They came in said. "We've brought back with their tape measures our elementary and middle and looked at the size of the (students) and they are thrilled and we are making progress. ... It's really raised

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# ALL THROUGH THE YEARS

#### Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago - May 6, 1921

A new store has been opened on Haverhill street in Shawsheen village, called the "Handy Shop." Beside selling groceries, ice cream, and tonic there will be an opportunity for free dancing every evening after half-past seven.

The use of tarvia on the Andover highways increases from year to year--a wise procedure on the part of those in control. It is not very long ago that certain sections of the my family on chicken and town were sprinkled with water at a daily expense, plus a nightly discomfort, with consequent assessment upon the abutters who were only the partial beneficiaries. The modern highway and its method of construction is opening itself to the use of many materials never thought of a generation ago.

Mrs. Barron of Haggetts Pond road was thrown from her carriage on Friday when her horse became frightened at a passing tractor. She was badly bruised, and her shoulder hurt, and one wrist fractured.

A new photoplayer which is now being installed at the Colonial theatre will be ready for use on Wednesday, and those who attend the theatre on that day will hear something special in the line of music as well as seeing an entertaining pro-

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Boston, Melrose, Malden, or Reading. Marland School, 106 Main street enrolling Kindergarten ages 2 ½ to 6 for 1946-1947. The annual meeting of

the Garden Club was held Tuesday, May 7, at the Log Cabin in the Bird Sanctuary, opening with a plant sale. State University Exten-

sion courses will be given at a summer school opening in Punchard High School on Monday, June 24, 1946 for all veterans of World War II, both from Andover and surrounding towns.

50 Years Ago - May 13, 1971 A photo shows "Special course in water works training taken by Andover

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DPW employees Kenneth Newcomb, John Fairburn, Robert Volker, Theodore Surette, William Douty, Francis Bailey, and Raymond Connor." Director Robert E. McQuade assigned the men to the Lowell Technological Institute to gain knowledge which will be put to use when the new water treatment plant is placed in operation.

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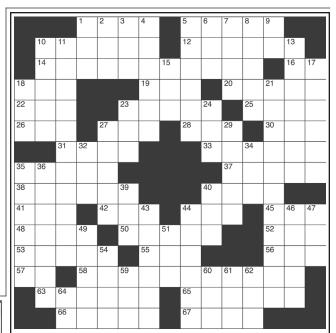
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Large, flightless birds
- 5. Lifts and moves heavy objects 10. Hyundai sedan 12. Wear away by erosion
- 14. Arranged alphabetically
- 16. Top prosecutor
- -de-sac: Short dead-end street
- 19. Digital audiotape 20. Linguistics pioneer
- 22. Singer DiFranco
- 23. Arms of the sea 25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory 27. You get one at the beach 28. U.S. founding father
- 30. W. Australia indigenous people
- 31. Amounts of time
- 33. Put on the shelf 35. Russian dynasty member
- 37. City along the Elbe River

#### 1. Midway between northeast

- and east
- 3. One from Utah
- 4. A way to move
- 5. Playing cards
- 7. Long river in western Asia
- 10. Steam bath room
- 13. Food
- 15. Swiss river
- 17. Fleet
- 18. Taxi
- 23. More (Spanish)
- 24. High schoolers' test 27. Large heavily built goat antelope

#### 38. A peninsula between the Red Sea

Solution in Classified Section

- and the Persian Gulf
- 41. \_\_ King Cole, musician
- 42. Company that rings receipts
- 45. Basics
- 50. Indicates silence 52. Moved quickly on foot
- 55. A place to crash 56. Many subconsciousses
- 66. Dull brown fabrics

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 2. Partner to cheese
- 6. Baseball stat
- 8. Grandmothers
- 9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
- 11. One who kills

- 21. Working class

- 40. Actor Damon
- 44. Scatter
- 48. Part of a door
- 53. Monetary units
- 57. Group of countries 58. About line of latitude
- 63. Female follower of Bacchus 65. A dentist can treat it
- 67. Int'l nonprofit
- 29. Murdered in his bathtub
  - 32. Tease good-naturedly 34. Morsel
- 35. Cause persistent resentment 36. A radioactive element
- 39. Perform in a play
- 40. Witty remark: Bon 43. A great place to kayak
- 44. Conclude by reasoning
- 46. In an unfavorable way
- 47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
- 49. Machine for making paper 51. Feline
- 54. Yugo's hatchback 59 Check
- 60. Press against lightly 61. Wind-pollinated plants
- 62. compoop 64. Commercial

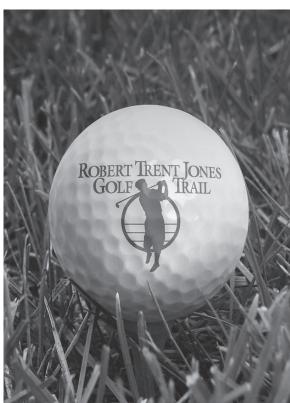
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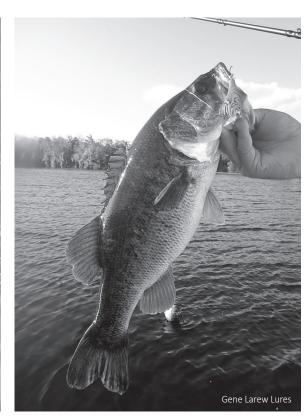




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Courtesy photos

Kalli Archambault, who played high school hockey for Andover High, is a winner of the Andover Hockey Association scholarship.

# Andover Hockey names scholarship winners

ANDOVER -- Three graduating seniors are winners of the Andover Hockey Association's scholarships.

The organization recently announced that Andover High School seniors Kelsey Dennehy and Kalli Archambault, and Central Catholic High School senior Elizabeth Smith, will receive scholarships.

Dennehy, an Andover Hockey member from learn-to-skate classes through high school, played left wing and center for the Andover High School girls varsity team. An avid reader whose favorite class is English, she plans to study media at Indiana

University.

Archambault, a member of the program from the U-10 level through high school, played center for the Andover High School team. Having enjoyed studying biology, she plans to attend Fairfield University in Connecticut to study nursing.

Smith, also an Andover Hockey Association member from the earliest initiation clinics through its high school half-season teams, played goalie for Central Catholic. Smith, whose favorite subject is English, plans to study business at Fordham University or Virginia

A statement by the youth

program's directors said the winners "epitomize the mission of the Andover Hockey Association in terms of their commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship and community service."

We are grateful that their families chose the Andover Hockey Association for their youth hockey experience, and wish them luck and success as they embark on their next adventures in life," it

The organization recently celebrated its 50th anniversary season. This is the second year it has awarded scholarships to players and former players who are graduating high school.



Kelsev Dennehv, right, is a winner of the Andover Hockev Association scholarship. She's pictured with her sister



Elizabeth Smith, who played high school hockey for Central Catholic, is a winner of the Andover Hockey Association scholarship.

# Support growing now for permanent film tax credit

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse reporter

to the film industry is so politically program is a good investment. popular on Beacon Hill that sup-

old, is designed to lure producers those jobs will go away." of movies, TV shows, documen-Massachusetts.

ting it expire in two years will hurt awarded. the state's small but thriving movie industry.

happen could jeopardize jobs and state's 6.25% sales tax. economic growth.

said. "We need to keep the momen- credits for major Hollywood hits like local economic activity spurred on tum going and keep attracting films "The Town" and "Godzilla: King of by film production. to the state."

Film productions hire local set electricians and others, Ferrante productions, according to the latest newspapers and websites. Email

in hotels, restaurants and at local Revenue. businesses.

BOSTON — One of the most gendies are a giveaway to Hollywood by Baker, have met resistance from erous tax credits given by any state studio bosses, supporters say the lawmakers and municipal leaders.

port is now growing to make it create a motion picture industry, several that the Legislature should but they've also created thousands consider modifying or repealing A bipartisan proposal tacked onto of jobs and helped support local altogether. the \$47 billion state budget, which businesses," said Steve Crawford, was unanimously approved by the a spokesman for the Massachusetts Commission, which included state House of Representatives this week, Production Coalition, which repre- officials, lawmakers and fiscal would eliminate a Jan. 1, 2023, expi-sents the industry. "If those credits experts, noted the economic benration date on the subsidy. The pro- are allowed to sunset, the movie efits of job creation and spending in gram, which is more than a decade studios will go somewhere else and the state, but it questioned whether

The program offers a subsidy cost to the state of the subsidy taries and commercials to film in equal to 25% of production costs about \$100,000 per job created. including set construction, wages, The tax credit would essentially security, food and other expenses. erous in the country. become permanent if the measure There's no cap on the tax credits, is approved by the Senate and sur- which can be sold, transferred to half a dozen large companies is a vives Gov. Charlie Baker's veto pen. another studio or even cashed in by strong indication that it is not rel-Supporters of the program tout its production studios. The credits may evant," the panel wrote. "While its economic benefit and argue that let- be used up to five years after being low cost suggests it might be easily

a film or commercial must exceed meaningful incentive to the rela-Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, \$50,000 within a year. Studios can tively large businesses that claim D-Gloucester, said allowing that to also get an exemption from the it.'

"We're building an industry," she more than \$550 million in film tax factor other fiscal impacts, such as

the Monsters." In 2019, the state awarded more Massachusetts Statehouse for workers, boat captains, carpenters, than \$77 million in credits to 179 North of Boston Media Group's

Proposals to repeal the program, Despite criticism that the subsi-including one filed several years ago

Earlier this year, a state panel "The film tax credits have helped flagged the tax credit as one of

The Tax Expenditure Review those are justified by the estimated

The credit is one of the most gen-

"The use of this credit by less than justified, we conclude the average To qualify, production costs for tax credit is too small to provide a

Supporters of the program say Since 2006, the state has doled out those cost-per-job estimates don't

Christian M. Wade covers the said. Cast and crew spend money data from the state Department of him at cwade@cnhinews.com.

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# Sports

# FROM THE PITCH TO THE GRIDIRON

# Fall 2 gave soccer star Previte a chance to live out football dream

Staff Writer

The idea of playing football had been lingering in Anthony Previte's mind for years — about seven years to be exact.

"(Andover varsity foot-



Anthony **Previte** 

ball) coach (EJ) Perry was my fifth grade teacher," remembered Previte. "He always said I should play football."

There was one problem.

Previte was busy in the fall as a star soccer player. As a senior for Andover High in the fall, he earned All-Eastern Mass. honors, and as a junior led the Golden Warriors on a surprise run to the Division 1 North semifinals.

Everything changed, through, when COVID-19 forced Massachusetts high school football to move its season to Fall 2 — February through April.

Having already completed his soccer season in the real fall, Previte saw his chance to take on the gridiron, and made the most of his shot.

"When the (football) season got moved to the spring, the opportunity became realistic and I took it up," said Previte. "Playing football was an amazing experience. The team was very inclusive and made me feel at home right away. It's a very physically tough sport, but I still had a lot of fun at practice and games and was able to make a lot of new friendships."

Despite his lack of experience, Previte won a varsity job at defensive back. He made an interception in the Golden Warriors' win over Lowell, and finished the season with 13 tackles.

"I had played football casually for fun, but I had ball game," he said. "This was my first real football



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Anthony Previte wraps up North Andover quarterback Will Schimmoeller. A soccer star, Previte tried out football in Fall 2, and was a key contributor at defensive back.

experience. I ended up loving the sport, so anytime I was on the field was fun.

"After wins the energy and celebrations the team had were cool to be a part of. It was my first year, but our senior night was a never played an actual foot- really nice moment I got to from my family and friends

of the group making new friendships and memories all along the way."

Previte said everyone supported his temporary move from the pitch to the gridiron.

"I had a ton of support share with my family. Other and most of them were trythan that I loved being part ing to talk me into it," he

said. "I didn't really know what to expect when I first joined. My coaches and teammates were with me every step of the way and got me comfortable with the sport very quickly. I plays had to be memorized and how intense football can actually get!"



Andover's Anthony Previte, left, excelled in football in Fall 2, but is best known as a soccer star. Here, he battled a Lawrence player.

The 6-foot, 170-pound Previte made a seasonhigh three tackles in wins over Lawrence and North Andover. He also knocked down three passes for the

"The biggest challenges were adjusting to the new sport and overcoming the nerves," he said. "Another challenge was the mental aspect of the game. There was a lot of pressure to overcome and a large amount of memorization that is overlooked when just watching the game.

"After the first or second week I felt like I was getting forward for Andover High the hang of the game as I got out on the field more. By then I finally felt like I knew where to be and what to do as well as being ready to hit.

"Getting an interception was an incredible feeling and something I'll never forget. Nothing had quite prepared me for it and before I knew it I was being tackled for the first time down field."

With his extensive soccer background, Previte also settled in as Andover's kickwas surprised by how many off specialist, averaging 47.3 yards per kick, including a stellar six touchbacks.

He was also the team's

top punter, averaging 34.8 yards a kick, nailing three kicks inside the 20-yard line. His longest kick was a 60-yarder against Central

"Knowing I kicked a good ball, a kickoff into the end zone or a long punt always made me happy," he said. "Defensive back was also very fun to play and pretty instinctive. After a couple weeks of practice I felt ready to go and contribute to the team.'

How important were his experience in soccer — or in hockey, where he was a top on the football field?

"Soccer and hockey are very different sports than football," he said. "But they did get me physically prepared for the sport. I was conditioned from all the running in soccer, and the hitting in hockey is similar.

"However, playing football was a very new experience that was much more intense and even chaotic at times. All in all football was awesome and I love all three sports."

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# Jim Rice's grandson emerges as Div. 1 football prospect

By David Willis Staff Writer

Whitter Tech football star Colby Laursen-Rice is dreaming big on the



Laursen-Rice

The 6-foot-6, 270-pound offensive/ defensive lineman has already drawn atten-

football field.

tion from

Division 1

college football programs. He'll look to lock down a scholarship in the fall, with a postgraduate season at prep power Milford

Academy (N.Y.) Laursen-Rice's ability to dream big is due, in a major way, to the man who walked him onto the field at Whittier's senior day - his grandfather, longtime Andover resident, Boston Red Sox legend and MLB Hall of Famer

"My grandfather and I have a great relationship," said Laursen-Rice, a Methuen resident. "He's such an inspiration to me, for what he accomplished on and off the field. When we had senior day this season, my grandfather was supposed to be on NESN (for Red Sox pre-andpostgame) that day. He moved his schedule around so he could walk me onto the field. I told him how much that means to me."

Laursen-Rice, who recently wrapped up his Fall 2 season, said football was a lifeline after the isolation of COVID-19, and Whittier initially canceling its Fall 2 season.

"I was very depressed without football," he said. "It was a size, and has great feet. They very dark time. Time felt like it was going by slowly. I didn't size. You can't teach size and feel like I had a reason to get out of bed without football. I



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Whittier's Colby Laursen-Rice rushes the passer during practice earlier this week. The grandson of Red Sox legend Jim Rice, Laursen-Rice is a Division 1 college football prospect. Rice lives in Andover.

had to start going to therapy. Football is something I need to get out all my emotions. Having it back has been amazing."

Whittier coach Kevin Bradley believes Laursen-Rice has what it takes to play big time college football.

"Colby is just scratching the surface of his abilities, said Bradley. "He has the size, but what college coaches have been mentioning is his speed. He's very quick for his love how he can run at his quickness, and he has that."

#### HALL OF FAME FAMILY Laursen-Rice is still amazed

at the reaction his grandfather —who has lived in Andover since his historic playing career — draws from Red Sox fans.

'Whenever we go out to eat. at least one or two people will ask him for an autograph and picture," said Laursen-Rice. "People admire him so much. The stories I hear the most is when he saved the kid who was hit by a foul ball.

That's really contagious stuff. "My grandmother has told

me stories about what my

grandfather dealt with, that

he faced racism and people

who didn't want him to make money. My grandfather had to fight for everything. That he was able to prosper through that is really inspiring to me."

Laursen-Rice was raised by his mother, Jessica Laursen, who chose to hyphenate his name. His father, Chauncey Rice, recently reentered his life after struggling with legal issues.

"I owe my mother everything," said Laurent-Rice. "She raised me, and got me through some very tough times. She made me the per-

son I am today. "My grandfather and I have a strong relationship. I can call him any time, and he'll pick up the phone as long as he isn't on TV. I can go to his house for holidays, dinners and church services. He's always supported me in football."

#### **FOOTBALL LIFE**

Laursen-Rice began playing football at 6-years-old, just finished his third season as a starting offensive lineman for Whittier. He began playing defensive line this year.

"Being able to go out there and hit someone is a great way to take out anger," said Laursen-Rice, who also plays



Red Sox legend Jim Rice (left),

with his grandson, Whittier Tech football star Colby Laursen-Rice at Whittier senior day.

baseball for the Wildcats. "When I was young, I had some anger issues. I used football as a way to get that out of me. Football is something I need in my life. I feel like it's the reason God gave me this body and athletic

"When our season was canceled, I had no hope at all. I thought there was no way we would start halfway though the (Fall 2) season. But the sun came out, the snow melted, and it was like the Miracle of 2021."

Laursen-Rice's college search was derailed by COVID-19, but Bradley believes he'll have no issues earning a scholarship after a season at Milford Academy, which has produced stars like NFL All-Pro running back

LeSean McCoy. "Colleges have been all over him," said Bradley. "Boston College has shown interest. His arms are very long, which colleges like. He loves to drive block players down the field, and he can really pressure QBs. If he keeps working, you'll be reading about him on Saturdays."

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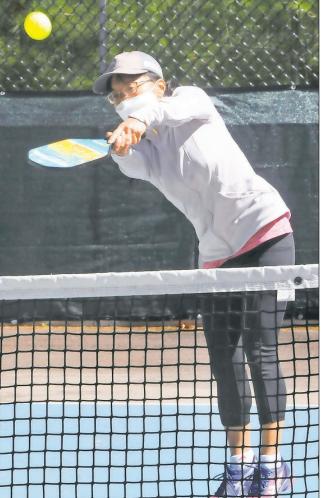
## Andover tournament returns

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More than 30 players from four states gathered in Recreation Park Sunday for the 2021 Andover Pickleball Classic.

The game is similar to tennis but is played with wooden paddles and a Wiffle-type ball on badminton-sized courts.

The 2020 tournament was cancelled due to the pandemic. Enthusiasm for the allages sport has grown in Andover in recent years, with this year's tournament drawing players in their late teens all the way up to



Ginko Isobe, of Bedford, returns a volley during the 2021 Andover Pickleball Classic at Andover's Recreation Park.



About twenty participants from all across the Merrimack Valley warm up before the start of an adult Pickleball Tournament at Andover's Recreation Park.



Robert Theroux, of Hudson, New Hampshire, returns a volley during the 2021 Andover Pickleball Classic.



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