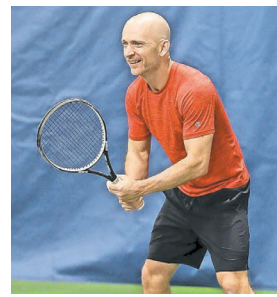


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## Robb Center celebrates grand opening

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### TIME TO VISIT

The game room is typically packed on any given afternoon and many of the classes are filled as Elder Services celebrates the grand opening of the Robb Center Thursday.

"It's great we are finally at this point," said Jane Burns, director of Elder Services.

The renovated center opened

Visit the center at 30 Whittier Ct., Andover, for a grand opening and open house on from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, for live performances and refreshments.

in April when construction was completed. Since then the center has been offering more programs and is back operating

fully, allowing drop-ins since the pandemic restrictions were lifted.

The senior center was closed in November 2019 to begin renovations, and programs were displaced. Programs continued mostly virtually since the pandemic took hold in the U.S. in early 2020.

The center has offered every class, teacher and group the

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Hellen Ann Knepper, left, of Andover, leads a group in the Senior Connections day program as they finish a crossword puzzle at the Robb Center in Andover. The center is now fully open after a major renovation.  
TIM JEAN/Staff photo

## 'That was Tuck'

Friends fondly recall former Andover football star after he succumbs to ALS

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ANDOVER — David Tucker played a mean brand of football in his glory days at Andover High School. If given the choice of running over or around a defender, there really was no choice — that guy was going down.

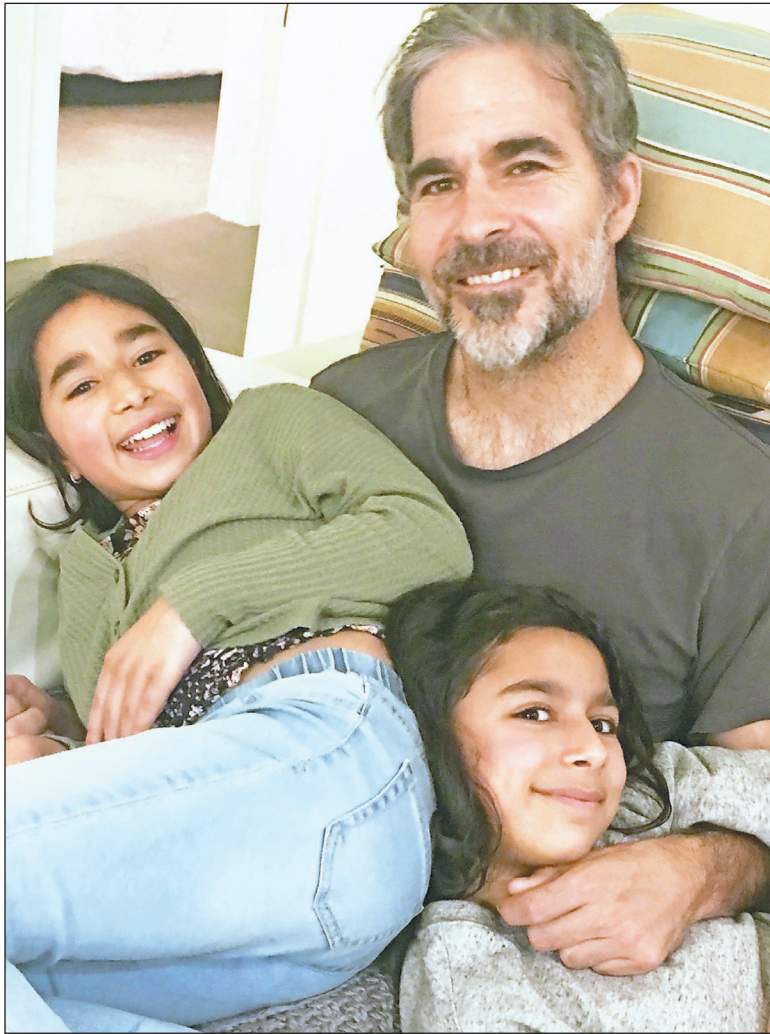
"He played the kind of football our grandfathers would've liked," said Pat Finn, the starting quarterback during Tucker's MVP reign in the late 1980s. "It wasn't fancy. It was hard for four quarters. He just ran over people. He never fumbled. And as a linebacker, it was the same way. He was a freight train."

Tucker, 50, died Sunday in northern California after a debilitating, two-plus year battle with ALS, a fatal disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. He leaves behind his wife, Sabine, two daughters, Secoya and Autumn, along with many other loved ones.

While he may have exhibited a mean style on the football field decades ago, his closest high school friends will tell you he was anything but unkind.

"Four of us — me, Tuck, Tommy DeBenedictis and Peter Reming — went to Mexico the summer before our senior year. We were checking out the sights in the

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Courtesy photo

David Tucker is shown here with his daughters Secoya and Autumn.

## Full-time AYS staff resigns

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
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ANDOVER — All full-time employees of Andover Youth Services submitted letters of resignation Thursday, according to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

The move by those four staff members comes days after a contentious meeting where Select Board members announced an investigation into the department. At the same gathering Neal Callahan, a program director with Andover Youth Services, said the town created a "toxic work environment" when former AYS director Bill Fahey was fired in May.

"When we were informed of Billy's firing by Jemma Lambert, the director of community services, and Jess Porter, the head of (human resources), we were told to remain silent about our opinion. Told to remember who signs our paychecks and encouraged not to take our jobs personally," he said at Monday's meeting.

Callahan, fellow Program Director Tony Lombardi, Outreach Worker Jaelyn Stackhouse and Assistant Director Glenn Willson are all resigning effective Sept. 2, Flanagan said.

Callahan alluded to health issues associated with the stress of the last few months without Fahey at Monday's meeting, according to Flanagan.

In a statement released Friday, however, town officials denied a toxic work environment resulted from Fahey's firing.

"No member of the staff or anyone else has suggested to any town official that AYS has been a 'toxic' or 'hostile' workplace — until this week," town officials wrote. "Instead, these allegations were first made after the Select Board stated during its meeting on Monday evening, August 16th that it supports an independent investigation into these employees' receipt of apparently unlawful payments from the Andover Youth

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## Simko leaving Andover town clerk position

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
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ANDOVER — Starting just weeks before the Columbia Gas disaster and the Democratic Primary Congressional recount in 2018, Andover's Town Clerk and Chief Strategy Officer Austin Simko has helped guide Andover through some of its toughest crises.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said Simko has always shown dedication — including pulling at least one all-nighter at Town Hall on the eve of the town

allowing outdoor dining during the pandemic to ensure every business had the correct paperwork.

Now, Simko is set to leave his position with the town in September. However, the Andover resident won't be far. He will be the chief operating officer for Doherty Insurance.

"I have truly loved the job and this work. I am embracing a new opportunity for the benefit of my family and my own professional growth," Simko said. "I am excited by the opportunity that allows me to remain in the community and

apply my passion for leadership in a new environment."

Simko was the first person in the combined town clerk and chief strategy officer position, Flanagan said.

Simko didn't have experience overseeing elections when he was first hired. Instead, he brought a well-rounded skill set and an ability to learn when he joined the town government, Flanagan said.

Since becoming town clerk, Simko has overseen nine elections and six Town Meetings, including multiple elections

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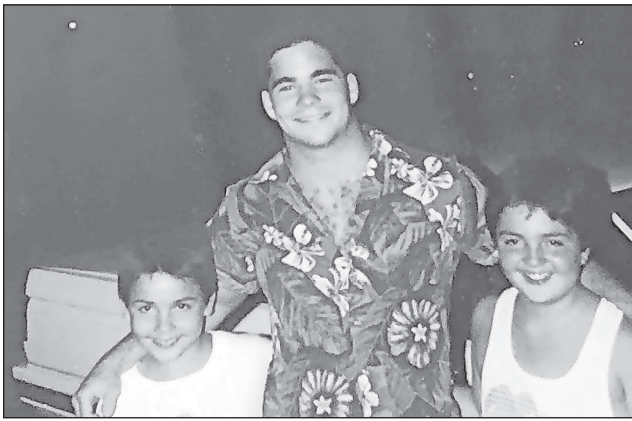
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city, walking around, and I'll never forget this," one of those friends, Brian Donnellan, recalled.

"A kid asked us for money," continued Donnellan, who is now a married father of two living in Topsfield and working as a pharmaceutical sales rep. "We sort of ignored it, but Tuck stops and pulls out two pesos for the kid. Next thing you know, other kids run to him. He gives each kid some money. He literally emptied his pockets. Next thing you know he's asking me to take a picture of him with kids. That was Tuck."

The son of successful businessman Mike Tucker and noted Massachusetts politician Susan Tucker, he went on from Andover High to play football at Denison University in Ohio and in a semi-pro league in Europe.

But what really defined



David Tucker, center, is surrounded by two boys from Manzanillo, Mexico, in the summer of 1989. Tucker and three of his Andover friends visited the country before entering their senior year at Andover High. Tucker posed with the two boys after giving them some money.

him, those closest to him would say, is his life after the football field.

Tucker joined the Peace Corps and served in Costa Rica, eventually meeting Sabine through the organization. They settled near San Francisco, where they had their daughters. For two years the family lived in Ecuador near the Amazon forests, with the goal

of connecting with nature and one another.

It was around Christmas of 2018 when Tucker first mentioned physical struggles. He was dragging a foot, his wife said. As more issues surfaced, he made an appointment with a neurologist.

By June of 2019 he heard the words he feared: He had ALS.

As his condition worsened, Tucker began flying across the country trying controversial treatments. While there were slight, short-term improvements, nothing stuck. The disease had progressed too much.

"I went down to see him when he flew to Westport, Connecticut, for treatments," said Reming, a 25-year Andover police officer. "It was February of 2020, just before COVID hit. He was able to feed himself, barely. He needed assistance. But he never complained. He was trying to make me feel good. It was typical Tuck."

While ALS crippled him of his bodily functions and he wasn't able to talk on the phone, Tucker was able to use eye-controlled technology to communicate by email. In this way, his friends learned that Tucker's mind was as alive and kind as ever.

"The way you wrote your message to me personifies everything I love about you ... precise, deep

and to the point, like your passes," Tucker told Finn in one of those messages last spring. "I think of you every day as the eye controlled tablet I am using makes errors all of the time, mostly the #9 (Finn's number at AHS) and #32 (Tucker's number). That combo didn't make too many errors our senior year!"

Recalling the correspondence Finn said, "We were so lucky to communicate with Tuck the last six months. The emails he sent were incredible, so uplifting. You'd think we were the one's suffering. I will cherish these notes forever."

Hunter Lochmann, another former Andover High football player who now is chief marketing officer for the NHL's Washington Capitals and NBA's Washington Wizards, said for him being able to communicate with Tucker these last few months has been life changing.

"As we all get older and

life seems a little more fragile, he was amazing telling us about the last part of his journey," Lochmann said. "I just heard about someone that lost their dad, who passed very quickly. Tuck afforded us the ability to say goodbye in an incredible way. I really believe it was one of his last gifts to us, to put us at ease."

Donnellan said looking back, Tucker's last 30 years really were much the same as his first 20.

"We had lived together on the Cape and in Arizona and I remembered we worked the typical summer jobs, but he also volunteered as a camp counselor for kids in need," Donnellan explained. "That's not normal. I give a huge amount of credit to his parents, Sue and Mike, for their altruistic lives. A lot of people walk through a door. Tuck ran through it. That's who he was."

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Foundation and other potentially serious violations of the public's trust."

The Select Board announced the investigation after it became public that Wilson, Stackhouse, Callahan, Lombardi and Fahey were given payments by the Andover Youth Foundation, according to text messages obtained through a public records request. Massachusetts public employees are not allowed to receive any gifts over \$50 from anyone or any organization for work they do as public employees.

The foundation gave Wilson, Stackhouse, Callahan and Lombardi each \$6,500 over the course of two years and Fahey received \$6,850, according to the messages.

A former state inspector general said the messages about payments raise ethical concerns, The Eagle-Tribune previously reported.

After the announcement of the investigation, union executive board members met with AYS staff members to offer support, wrote Theresa Peznola, union president for the Andover Independent Employees Association, in a statement Friday.

"That counseling included identifying their rights and responsibilities per the collective bargaining agreement, as well as what the union's role would be with respect to representation, including the specific limitations of that role. The AIEA cannot and does not provide legal advice, or legal



MADLINE HUGHES/Staff photo

In May Andover Youth Services staff helped Bill Fahey, the former director, pack his car with items from his office after being fired. Here, Fahey hugs Glenn Wilson, the assistant director, while Program Coordinator Neal Callahan, left, and Outreach Worker Jaelyn Stackhouse, right, wait for their turn. Wilson, Callahan and Stackhouse, along with Program Coordinator Tony Lombardi, have resigned effective Sept. 2.

services. We did offer support and resources that we could arrange via the Employee Assistance Program," she wrote.

Additionally, the AYS staff had not made any formal complaints of a toxic work environment to their union representatives, she wrote.

"There were no threats, no coercion, and no harassment of AYS staff by anyone that has been witnessed by, or reported to, the AIEA Executive Board," Peznola wrote.

Going forward, she and the union will help town officials develop plans for the future of the department.

"The AIEA respects the decision of the AYS full-time staff to resign, as we must allow people to make the decisions they believe are best for them, given the totality of the circumstances," she wrote.

Wilson, Stackhouse, Callahan and Lombardi have not responded to requests for comment since Fahey was

fired in May.

The resignations leave the town department in limbo as the summer programs officially ended Friday before the staff takes a summer sabbatical. Typically programs would resume early in September after school starts, but without full-time staff the future of those programs is unclear.

Lambert, the community services director who oversees AYS, had taken a hands-off approach to managing the department when Fahey was on leave and immediately after his firing, she previously said. The staff who had decades of combined experience with the town department were in charge of programming, she said.

With those staff members all resigning in the coming weeks, she reached out to Wilson, the 25-year assistant director, to set up a meeting "as soon as possible to obtain information that is essential to a transition, especially given the short notice provided by the group resignation," according to the statement.

"Within the next week, the Town will be announcing a community-led process that will help shape the next steps for Andover Youth Services," town officials wrote.

Town officials also said they will still follow through with an investigation of the department announced earlier this week.

Anyone with feedback for the future of AYS is encouraged to email [NextStepsForAYS@andoverma.us](mailto:NextStepsForAYS@andoverma.us).



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Jane Burns, director of Elder Services, talks about the cardio equipment now being used at the Robb Center in Andover.

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option to come back, and most have, Burns said. Some programs, like tap dance, will be back a little later this fall, she said.

The center is typically bustling with full classes and other programs. However, Elder Services will continue offerings on Zoom, which helped the town department connect with seniors who might typically

not be able to come to the center, Burns said.

Anyone who walks into the new Robb Center is greeted by the fireplace, which gives the lobby a welcoming feel, Burns said. It appears to be an open flame, but instead is an electric-powered steam illumination that looks like fire, she explained, placing her hand above the steam.

The lobby has gotten lots of use and is the go-to place for many seniors looking to chill out during heat waves,

she said.

"It was so awesome to see the waiting room and lobby full of people gathering again," she said about a recent scorching day.

Center staff and volunteers are still taking precautions because of the pandemic. Masks are placed around the center if someone decides to wear one. There's also a plexiglass buffer at the front desk.

"We can't wait to welcome everyone back," Burns said.



Card games such as bridge are back in full swing in the game room at the Robb Center in Andover.

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and Town Meetings in the midst of the pandemic.

As the town's chief strategy officer he's helped lead efforts to redevelop the Town Yard. Some of his last public meetings will be in early September when the Town Yard Selection Committee interviews the four finalists and makes a recommendation to the Select Board.

He's also worked with other volunteer groups, including the Town Governance Study Committee.

"I will miss working with my dedicated colleagues who bring a wide diversity

of talents to the multifaceted work of running a municipal government, as well as the appointed volunteer leaders who selflessly give their time and insights to advance the community in ways employees alone could never accomplish," Simko said.

He will also "miss working for a town manager who prioritizes the good of the community. In my experience, he has always made decisions with integrity for the benefit of Andover, often choosing what is personally harder for him over what would be easier and more convenient. Andrew believes that his job is to make our municipal government and our community better - and I've been proud

to serve with him," Simko said.

Now, town officials are currently soliciting applications to fill the position that will pay a salary of \$110,000 to \$135,000 annually, according to the posting. It will be a multi-step hiring process that includes a screening committee with other town employees, Flanagan said.

"I hope the next Town Clerk continues a tradition - begun long before my tenure - of integrity, professionalism, and competence," Simko said. "I am sure the next Town Clerk will enjoy working with wonderful colleagues and committed volunteers and serving a dynamic and thriving community."

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# School begins with new start times, mask mandate

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Students return to school Wednesday.

Students will be starting classes at new times this year because of changes made the School Committee in June. The changes move the middle and high school start times a half-hour later to 8:15 a.m. and 15 minutes later for elementary school students to 9 a.m.

“We are excited to welcome students and staff back to our schools in the coming weeks,” said Superintendent Magda Parvey, who is new to the district this year. “It is important for us to be together in person. Having a sense of community is essential for our children, and we are looking forward to the opportunity for students to be together and reconnect with their friends and teachers.”

Classrooms will look closer to pre-pandemic norms because desks will not have to be distanced, according to new policies put in place this year. A district-wide indoor mask mandate will be in effect



Andover's newest teachers attend orientation Monday gearing up for the new school year starting on Sept. 1. Courtesy photo

and was approved by the School Committee. A state-wide mask mandate was approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by a 9 to 1 vote

Tuesday, requiring students ages 5 and up, staff and educators in K-12 schools to wear masks indoors through Oct. 1.

The district's local mask

mandate to be in effect until November when school officials would revisit it to potentially relax it, they said.

“As I mentioned in my

letter to our families last week (August 16th), the work of reopening schools in a pandemic is complex, and this work must always keep the health and safety of our students and staff at the forefront,” Parvey said. “Our collective responsibility is to ensure a safe, in-person learning environment for all of our students this school year.”

Per the state mandate, after Oct. 1, middle and high schools will be allowed to ease the mandate, and even lift it entirely for vaccinated students and staff, if at least 80% are vaccinated. Unvaccinated students and staff will still be required to mask up in school.

Andover schools already meets that criteria because 90% of children aged 12 to 15 are vaccinated and residents aged 16 to 19 are more than 95% fully vaccinated, according to state data.

Overall, Andover school staff are looking forward to a new start to school. Parvey met new teachers at their training Monday, and said she was excited to

get to know the community better in the coming year.

“I have held office hours in the past month and will plan to attend the fall open houses at our schools to meet with our families and staff,” Parvey said. “I am appreciative for the warm welcome from the community and their commitment to providing the best opportunities for our students. I am looking forward to welcoming our students on the first day of school.”

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# 4 finalists in Town Yard project

## Selection committee close to recommending developer

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It's been a project years in the making, and next week Andover officials will have a recommendation on which developer should be awarded the multimillion dollar Town Yard redevelopment.

The Town Yard Selection Committee has whittled the applicant pool from nine to four developers still in the running. The committee plans to host in-person interviews with the remaining developers — Leggat McCall Properties, Minco Development, Procopio Companies and Trinity Financial — on September 1 and 2 before making the final decision at Thursday's meeting.

"Each proposal is pretty even," said Teresa Penzola, the town purchasing agent who is in charge of the bid process. "Each has something unique that will attract people, but each has something that could be worked on. That's why the committee choose to interview each (developer) to make this final decision."

Community space is an essential part of the redevelopment project as Andover residents helped design the proposal process for developers to submit their ideas by requesting environmentally friendly development,

ample community space and residential space to add to the downtown. The 3-acre old Town Yard parcel in the Historic Mill District currently is home to a few abandoned buildings since the town built a new Town Yard on Campanelli Drive in 2019.

Town officials built the new Town Yard away from the downtown to allow redevelopment and more residential apartments near the MBTA commuter rail stop.

One developer, Boston-based Leggat McCall Properties, planned an amphitheater and outdoor plaza which could accommodate a farmers market, food trucks or other pop-up events, according to its plan. The plan also includes 136 apartments that are studios up to two bedrooms and retail space.

Minco Development similarly plans for 136 apartments that range from one-bedroom to three. Residents of the building will also have a small dog park, according to the plans. The North Andover developer plans for a community building and a smaller outdoor plaza and more green space for the building's residents and other locals to use.

Procopio Companies also plans for 136 residential units. From the plans, it's unclear how many

bedrooms the apartments and condominiums would have. The Lynfield developer utilizes underground parking spaces to plan for three different mixed-use residential buildings — two apartment buildings and one condominium building. On the first floor of the condos would be retail and restaurant space, and the first floor of one apartment building would have more retail, according to the plans.

Trinity Financial's plan went above the town's proposal requirement of providing at least 15% of proposed housing units to be affordable.

The Boston-based developer planned for 90 units, including mostly affordable housing with only 16 units at market-rate. The remaining 74 apartments would be for people making under 80%, 60% or 30% of the area median income. For a family of four the median income is \$98,000 in Andover, according to most recent census data.

Trinity's plan also includes commercial space not yet defined — retail or restaurant — for some space in the two residential buildings. Plans also include an outdoor plaza that would be the community space and all of the buildings would feature some public art.

There would be a sound wall between the train station and the development that would feature a mural, according to the plans.

All four of the developers left in the process have built similar mixed-use and residential spaces, according to their proposals.

Trinity Financial is currently working with North Andover on the proposed Royal Crest redevelopment project that will include apartments, Merrimack College dormitories, restaurants, retail and a hotel on the 76-acre property. Trinity also worked on the nearly completed Ballardvale Fire Station and recently renovated Andover's Robb Senior Center.

All four will be presenting their plans to the selection committee on Sept. 1 and 2. The meeting will be public, however, there is no opportunity for public comment. The committee will make its decision on which firm to recommend to the Select Board, which will make the final decision on awarding the project later in September. Then the town manager's office will negotiate the sale to whichever developer is chosen.

For more information and to see the plans visit [andoverma.gov/181/Town-Yard-Redevelopment](http://andoverma.gov/181/Town-Yard-Redevelopment).

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## Violet Angeline (Lindstrom) Curtin, 95

May 30, 1926 - August 19, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — We lost our mom, Violet Angeline (Lindstrom) Curtin on Thursday, 8/19/21. She died at the age of 95 in her home in Andover, MA, surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 30, 1926, in Lake City, MN, a beautiful small town on Lake Pepin, which is 3 a mile wide section of the Mississippi River. Mom's four grandparents all immigrated from Sweden and Norway to Wisconsin, to an area just across the Mississippi River from Lake City.

After graduating from Abbott School of Nursing in Minneapolis in 1948, she worked as a registered nurse in the Chicago area at the Hines VA Hospital's burn unit. While working in Illinois, she met and fell in love with Tom Curtin; her future husband of 54 years. Together they had six children. In the mid-1960s the family moved from Broadview, Illinois to Andover, MA where Tom and Vi bought the local McDonald's restaurant and made Andover and New England their home.

We knew her as a kind and gentle soul. She valued family and was always willing to put others first. She enjoyed exploring New England with her family. She had many hobbies. She loved playing the piano, playing board games, hosting large family gatherings, spending time at the summer cottage in Wolfeboro, NH, and eating the 'occasional' bowl of popcorn. She loved swimming, golfing and was an avid tennis player who enjoyed playing in a tennis league until the age of 75. She loved spending time with her family and everyone's friends were always welcome at the house.

From the time she moved to Andover in the 1960s until her last decades, she was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church. Her faith was the foundation from which she lived her life. She taught Sunday school at Faith Lutheran,



loved the Bible study group and developed many close friendships over the years. In the late 1960s and early 1970s she volunteered as a nurse one day a week at St. Augustine's School where all six of her children graduated. She helped out at the restaurant whenever she was needed and was the loving glue in all of our lives.

She is survived by her children, Beth (Jim Bysheim) of Anchorage, AK, Mike (Allyson Rollenhagen) of Merrimack, MA, Judy of Andover, MA, Mark (Barbara Curtin) of Andover, MA, Bob (Kris Curtin) of Lakeville, MN; five grandchildren: Lara Curtin, John Curtin, Nicholas Curtin (Camila Curtin), Sophie Curtin, Elizabeth Curtin and one great-granddaughter, Evie Curtin. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil Gustav Lindstrom and Belinda Marie (Skrief) Lindstrom, her husband, Thomas Hilary Curtin, her son Thomas John Curtin, her grandson Noah Alexander Curtin, her best friend and sister Mae Anna (Lindstrom) Guest, and her sister's daughter Louise Anne (Guest) Barrows.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A church service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Andover on Monday, August 23rd at 11 a.m., followed by burial at West Parish Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon immediately following.

## Janice A. McCarthy, 58

March 23, 1963 - August 15, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — Janice McCarthy, age 58, of Andover, formerly of Stoneham, died on Sunday August 15 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital of pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Malden on March 23, 1963 and was the daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Coye) Busted. She is survived by her mother Dorothy and her brother Robert Busted Jr., of Boca Raton, FL.

Janice was a woman of uncommon strength and compassion. She was an emotional bedrock for her three children through good times and bad, and a sympathetic ear to everyone she knew.

She turned her own personal tragedy into an opportunity to help others. For well over a decade, she worked throughout the country bringing mental health resources to police officers as well as supporting families who had lost a family member to suicide.

Her children will choose to remember her getting after it on a long run, reading a good book in her favorite chair, and watching the Red Sox with her dog Bailey.

She was the beloved wife of the late Paul McCarthy. She



was the loving mother of Paul McCarthy and his wife, Shirley of Chicago, IL, Shannon McCarthy and her husband, Daniel of Boston, and Christopher McCarthy of Andover.

Funeral Services were held on Friday August 20 at St. Patrick Church in Stoneham. Arrangements in care of the McDonald-Finnegan Funeral Home, 322 Main St., Stoneham.

The family wishes memorial contributions be made to Great Dog Rescue of New England.

## All those years ago

### Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago—  
August 26, 1921

Headlines read "Week of Many Accidents-- Automobiles wrecked on Reading Road, but no loss of Life, Miraculous escape of small boy run over by machine on Main Street." Three people were injured when two automobiles were in collision on the Reading Road when one driver attempted to pass a truck going toward Andover and collided with a car proceeding toward Reading. Another car also suffered mishap on the Reading Road. Mr. John Nugent stopped his machine and while putting on his overcoat, an electric car driven by Motorman Ward struck the automobile

throwing Mr. Nugent's wife and child to the road. Mrs. Nugent suffered injuries to her back. The motorman claimed that the brakes on the car wouldn't work. Another two cars came together where Argilla Road runs off Andover Street near the residence of Miss Mary Alice Abbot. One of the automobiles was badly smashed but no one was injured. The last accident of the week was when Thomas Friend reported to the police that while driving up Main Street near the Tyer Rubber factory, two children about two and five years old ran into the road in front of his car. One of the children stumbled and fell and the car passed over him before it could be brought to a stop. As soon as Mr. Friend could get out of his car the child was up

and on the run. He pursued the child and carried him to Dr. Daly who pronounced the child had not suffered so much as a scratch. The child was the son of John Deyermund of Shawshen Road.

The fire department horses are being used by the Board of Public Works for the construction work now under way on Summer Street. This is in accordance with a plan for saving money in this department suggested by the chairman of the finance committee at the annual March meeting. The horses are driven by William Rea and Ralph Baker.

75 Years Ago—  
August 29, 1946

Andover's town ballot next March will give the voters an opportunity to decide whether women teachers should be paid at the same rate as men teachers. A 1945 law provided that "subject to local opinion, women teachers, subject employed in the same grades and doing the same type of work with the same preparation and training as men teachers shall be paid at the same rate as men teaches." Since very few cities and towns voted on this option, the 1946 legislature passed a law which requires that this question be placed on the ballot.

The builder at the new development up on South Main Street near Ann's Cottage entered a complain that some of his shingles were stolen last Monday evening.

50 Years Ago—  
September 2, 1971

Gerald Silverman, a veteran of 11 years in Andover's junior high school environment, moves up this year to the position of assistant principal at Andover High School. In

his new post he and Principal Philip Wormwood will be sharing responsibilities for development of the high school program and the overall administration of the school.

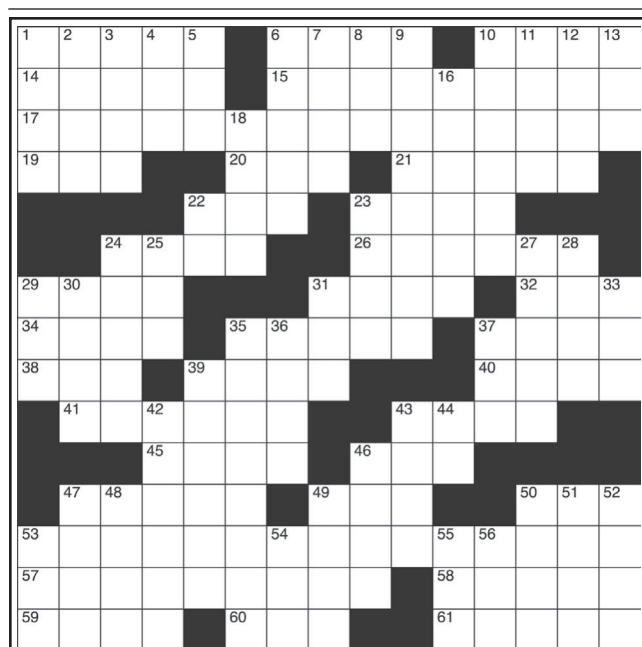
The town's tree department workers would hardly be sympathetic to any women's liberation proponents after their female fantasies of Saturday. First, they were called into action to wrestle with the problems left in the wake of tropical storm Doria, whose wrath was somewhat tempered in this area, but still required attention. Then as they proceeded to clean up Doria's damage, darned if they didn't disturb another lady, a queen and her hive, ensconced on a broken limb on Whittier street.

Jeff Towne, Bob Burrow, Steve Fabiani and Glenn Verrette emerged as the top performers for the Andover Babe Ruth baseball team during the recently completed 1971 season.

25 Years Ago—  
August 29, 1996

The H. Krinsky and Son barns and garage on Park Street came down Tuesday, signaling the end of an era in downtown Andover. Morris Krinsky died in February at the age of 79. His father, Hyman Krinsky first opened the junkyard on the site in 1926. Prior to that the property had been the home of the Tuttle and Morrison Wagon and Carriage Shop.

Phillips Academy is working on cutting four lanes on Main Street down to two. Over the years there have been several pedestrian-car accidents in front of PA. Cars speed up in front of the school because the four lanes drop down to two right after the academy property.



Solution in Classified Section

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8/26/21

## Time to seek help on toilet training?

### Family Matters

Dr. Larry Larsen



personal help?

**Dear Doctor,**  
Any tips on potty training? We are still working with a three-year-old. All our friends with children in his age range have trained boys. Should we be seeking profes-

— Frustrated

**Dear Frustrated,**  
No. Chasing a professional is probably not indicated just yet. Your son is not atypical with respect to age. Here are some "tips."  
Take a deep breath and relax.

Your state of mind is very important. In a calm way, approach potty training with a unhurried, helpful style. You do not have to compete with your friends.

Freud missed one factor in his thinking that potty training caused various compulsive and resistant behaviors. Children vary in their reaction to learning control of bathroom functions. Keep your approach casual.

Observe when BM's in particular are likely to happen. Often it is around bath time or being stimulated in warm water. Time it as best you can.

Make the potty time as pleasant as possible. Try a child size seat or potty. Have a book around and do some reading or story telling. It should be an informal and pleasant time. There is a charming

children's book called "Everybody Poops." I recommend it.

When the event happens, reinforce with low profile approval and comments. Too much will not work. Dancing around the potty and yelling "wow" is not advised.

Be patient. He will eventually learn and succumb to the basics of civilization.

*Dr. Larry Larsen is an Andover psychologist. If you would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at [lrryllrsn@CS.com](mailto:lrryllrsn@CS.com).*



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# Opinion

## Formula for education funding favors the wealthy

Massachusetts lawmakers made big changes to the state's education funding formula two years ago, shoring up spending for special education, low-income students and English language learners. But key aspects of the mechanism for carving up state money remain out of kilter. Schools in wealthier communities end up with a disproportionate share of new state education dollars.

A report last week by two business groups brings the discrepancy into focus and calls on lawmakers to revisit the formula. Their report suggests three ways to prevent wealthier districts from automatically getting a bump in aid, to the detriment of others. As their analysis makes clear, lawmakers need to revisit this nearly 30-year-old formula, again, this time to ensure the state's dollars are spread fairly.

The report revisited an analysis first issued in September 2020. The pool of education funds it examines is a significant portion of local school budgets; Andover is due \$11.8 million this school year. But it is especially critical for cities with even larger enrollments and larger low-income populations, such as Haverhill, in line for nearly \$70 million, according to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

But even though the Chapter 70 money seeks to "make up the difference between what an adequate education costs and what a local community can afford," according to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Alliance for Business Education, the allocation of new state education funds tilts in favor of wealthier districts. Efforts to increase education funding two years ago actually boosted state aid in some categories at a faster rate for wealthier districts, "at the expense of accelerating investments in lower wealth communities," the groups found.

"This is state money that could otherwise be used to accelerate increases in funding to higher needs districts that do not have the capacity to fully fund their schools," the director of the business alliance, Ed Lambert, and president of the Greater Boston chamber, James Rooney, wrote in the initial report, issued last September. "It is funding that could be used to close yawning gaps in opportunity and achievement for high needs and low income students, gaps that have likely widened by the recent school closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic."

How the state's arcane formula for education funding actually favors wealthier districts isn't always obvious.

For example, the groups find, the Chapter 70 formula assures no school district gets less education aid from the state from one budget year to the next — even if it enrolls fewer students. Of \$5.5 billion the state will spend on local education this year, about \$398 million is guaranteed because of that provision.

But that money is not evenly spread on a per-student basis. Of nearly 250 districts benefitting from that provision, the additional state funding amounts to \$322 per student in the wealthiest districts, while it amounts to \$100 per pupil in the least-wealthy districts. The result, then, is to drive state education dollars unequally toward higher-income communities.

The business groups call on lawmakers to phase out this provision of Chapter 70 funding. They also call for the elimination for another provision that promises a minimum number of dollars per student regardless of the financial conditions of a particular district. They also call upon lawmakers to raise the threshold for maximum local contributions to local school districts. Finally, they call for an analysis of any new state education aid to weigh outcomes and "determine if inequitable impacts follow, and provide recommendations to revise the proposal so the state funding is distributed equitably."

Wading into the nuances of the state's education funding formula is a messy business, both in terms of its complexity and in the politics of pitting school districts and communities against each other. Giving more to some inherently means taking from others.

Still, the state must ensure that in divvying the funds needed for basic education, it is not rewarding the well-off districts at the expense of those at the other end of the income spectrum. It's important for lawmakers to revisit the formula to ensure the state's approach is balanced.

## WEB QUESTION

Will the new school year be better for students and their teachers than the last?

Even students who are corona-conscientious must have been somewhat disappointed to learn they will have to wear masks when classes resume next week. That said, they'll at least get to return to the classroom in person.

Do you think students and teachers will have a more productive year in 2021-22 than they did a year ago, when classes began with remote instruction, only for in-person learning to be phased in — with conditions — as the year went on?

**HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL:** Of course they will. Students and teachers may be masked, but

they'll be in class, in school. As the year progresses, and more people are vaccinated, hopefully those masks can go away too.

**TOUGH START:** If this year is going to be any better than the last, masks will have to go quickly. They're a distraction from learning and teaching, especially in the younger grades. And I'm not

optimistic about the delta variant.

**Last week's question** Should Massachusetts allow individual consumers to buy and sell fireworks?

The state remains the only holdout in the U.S. where sky-rockets, sparklers and spinners cannot be legally sold to consumers — even though cities and towns are allowed

to hire professionals for pyrotechnics demonstrations.

Now, a group of fireworks advocates is pushing for a ballot question to repeal the state's decades-old fireworks ban? Should it be reversed?

**ROCKETS' RED GLARE:** Yes, the over-protective laws of Massachusetts should be relaxed to bring the state into line with every other state in the

U.S. It's high time this state allowed commercial fireworks sales. **(22 votes)**

**DANGEROUS NUISANCE:** People so desperate to shoot off fireworks can easily drive elsewhere to find them. Nothing has changed to make fireworks less dangerous, or less of a nuisance for neighbors to put up with them. **(30 votes)**

## Andover Story

### When golf came to Andover

**Tom Adams**

Andover Center for History and Culture

*In the summer of 2011, Doug Mitchell wrote an Andover Story about Andover's first golf course. This week's column retells Doug's story and is dedicated to his memory.*

The game of golf has graced the world for centuries.

Most historians believe the modern game of golf originated in 15th century Scotland, yet the game's ancient origins are unclear and much debated.

Golf's history has even been traced back to ancient Rome, according to some.

The first written record was the banning of the game by King James II in 1457 amid concerns people were not focusing enough on their archery practice. King James IV lifted the ban 45 years later.

Two Scotsmen, John Reid and Robert Lockhart, are widely acknowledged for bringing golf to the American shores.

On Feb. 22, 1888, Reid invited friends to a cow pasture near his Yonkers, New York, home to play an improvised three-hole



Photo courtesy Phillips Academy archive  
**A view of Andover's first golf club, on the edge of Phillips Academy's Rabbit Pond.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Andover should reexamine mission of youth services department

**Editor, Townsman:**

In reading the slew of letters to the editor as a result of the firing for cause of the former director of Andover Youth Services, I see that many who defend the former director do not live in Andover or even in Massachusetts. I am reminded of the comment made by absolute monarch King Louis XIV of France that put him, indelibly, in the world's history books: "L'etat c'est moi."

Because that is what it sounds like has happened over the years to Andover Youth Services — a town services function that was established in the mid 1990s by Andover's elected officials with the noble intention of providing a recreational outlet, not psychological counseling or mental health services (as some residents may think), for Andover youth.

The town's elected leaders hoped back then that some form of additional recreational services for Andover youth could help stem the tide of growing drug use, especially after the town experienced tragic suicides and attempted suicides by several youth.

With the recent revelation that the former youth services director was working with the head of a non-profit to use funds they raise for youth services as a secret slush fund to put money, under the table, into the pockets of the former director and members of his staff, anyone can see the Select Board lost control over the past two decades of what Andover Youth Services should be all about and how it should, and should not, be run as a recreational outlet for Andover youth.

So before the town rushes

into a high-falutin search, with a search committee cast of thousands, to find a replacement for the previous director of Andover Youth Services, the Select Board, the officials who bear the most responsibility over the past 20 years for allowing Andover Youth Services to take on the trappings of an evangelical operation, needs to thoroughly revisit its purpose, mission and specific objectives. The Select Board must reexamine what Andover Youth Services should be all about in 2022 and beyond, before hiring anyone to run it.

Until we decide as a town on the purpose, mission and specific services and functions we want an Andover Youth Services activity to provide to the children and youth in town, it is premature to hire someone even on an interim basis to run it.

The town should not be looking to hire a person for a job when it is ambiguous what the job is all about.

**BOB POKRESS**  
Andover

### Require masks at the Senior Center

**Editor, Townsman:**

As concerns over the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus continue to grow, the town

of Andover should consider requiring masks to be worn by all persons at the Robb Center, Andover's senior center.

Andover's seniors are among the town's most vulnerable residents. Even vaccinated individuals can develop breakthrough cases of COVID-19, and seniors are more likely to have compromised immune systems that result in vaccination not being feasible or optimally effective.

Even if vaccination could guarantee protection, because of privacy concerns, Robb Center staff cannot ask if individuals are vaccinated. They can only recommend that unvaccinated individuals wear masks.

Although the commonwealth of Massachusetts is leaving mask mandates to communities, such a requirement at the Robb Center would be in keeping with current guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Requiring masks for all participants, visitors and staff at the center, regardless of vaccination status, would be an appropriate and responsible action by the town.

**VIRGINIA MCLEOD**  
Andover

### Price of town mismanagement is growing

**Editor, Townsman:**

As an Andover taxpayer, I am offended by the recent behavior of the town government. I don't appreciate my taxes paying for the many non-disclosure agreements that the town manager has insisted upon, nor the for-profit private investigators he hires, the completely redacted "investigative" reports and now the squelching of public comment at Select Board meetings.

I pay taxes to have an open, transparent, participatory democracy, not some sham Democratic Republic of Andover. I do not mind paying my taxes in support of my community, but that money is instead being used for cover-ups and political games.

The lack of transparency is compounded by the Select Board not following its own policies for running public meetings, e.g. Aug. 12 and Aug. 16, and by the actual misinformation provided to the public during Select Board meetings, e.g. by lawyers at the Aug. 2 meeting.

It is certainly inconvenient to run public meetings when the public that attends actually cares about town governance. The good news is that public attendance is up - way up. The bad news is that the Select Board can't seem to follow its own policies for listening to public input, and as a result, the folks attending are not very happy.

Dozens of forced resignations at senior levels, untold numbers of non-disclosure agreements (since the town refuses answer how many) to maintain silence, and pending litigation against the town that is likely the tip of the iceberg for the liability that Andover faces, means the town has already paid a heavy price for the current mismanagement of its business. You can expect it will get worse.

The Select Board hasn't taken its responsibilities seriously, has not corrected the serious management deficiencies over the past several years, and hasn't performed its oversight duties.

As a result, one and all should resign. Get out of the way, and we will find others who are willing to shoulder the responsibilities and do what is needed for Andover's future.

**STEVE WALTHER**  
Andover

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ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF

Andover student receives UPS scholarship

Olivia Pardo of Andover received the 2021 James E. Casey Scholarship from the UPS Foundation. It's part of the company's scholarship foundation that awards money to the children of UPSers and eligible dependents in recognition of outstanding academic performance and distinguished achievement in high school. Prado will use the money — \$2,500 a year — to attend Loyola University Chicago where she plans to major in applied mathematics. "Math has always been something I was interested in, throughout high school and middle school it was something I was very strong in," she said.

Andover artist in Boston show

The Guild of Boston Artists chose a painting by Andover's William Gotha for its 2021 New England Regional Juried Exhibition. The exhibit will be held from August 28 through September 25 at the Guild's Presidential Gallery at 162 Newbury Street, Boston. The painting, "Transitions", is one of 41 pieces of art selected from 348 pieces submitted.

Andover Recreation department hiring for after school care

The Andover Recreation Division is again offering the extended-day program

for children in Grades K-5 at all five elementary schools. The Kid Care Program runs Monday-Friday, 3:15-6:00 p.m.

The department is hiring for a variety of positions, and people can work as many as five days per week or as little as two.

For more information visit [andoverma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=502](http://andoverma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=502).

Andona calendar artwork contest

All Andover artists under 18 years old are eligible to submit a piece of artwork to be featured in the 2022 Andona calendar.

Twenty-four winners will be selected by an anonymous committee. A thumbnail version of runners-up will be published in the group section of the 2022 Andona calendar. Artwork will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, September 10.

Drop off completed artwork in the bin located at the Memorial Hall Library Children's Room or mail completed artwork to Andona, PO Box 256, Andover, MA 01810. All entries must be accompanied by the submission form located at [Andona.org](http://Andona.org). Winners will be selected the week of September 13, 2021.

Calendars will be available for purchase at Andona's Clown Town at the Park on Bartlet and Chestnut Streets on Oct. 8 and 9. Andona's first fall Clown Town will be filled with all the typical games and rides, plus some new fall treats.

Please visit [andona.org/artwork-contest](http://andona.org/artwork-contest) for full contest rules and to print a copy of the children's artwork submission form.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Children that reside in Andover and are up to age 18 years are invited to participate. The purpose of the artwork event is to provide children the opportunity to express their thoughts, memories and experiences with Andona or Andona's Clown Town.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Colorful, original hand drawn artwork (no photographs or digital artwork, please) fulfilling one of the following themes:

What is your favorite game, ride or memory from Andona's Clown Town?

How has Andona supported you, your club, team or organization?

ENTRY SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Drop off completed artwork in the bin located at the Memorial Hall Library Children's Room along with this completed entry form, or mail completed artwork with this completed entry form to Andona, PO Box 256, Andover, MA 01810. **Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021.**

GOLF

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course. The players were so enthused that they soon moved to a larger pasture.

Later that same year, Reid went on to form America's first golf club, the St. Andrews Golf Club in Yonkers, and he became widely regarded as the "father of American golf."

Closer to home, few knew that Rabbit's Pond on the Phillips Academy campus would anchor the first golf course in Andover.

The land between the pond and Morton Street was the site of a course first laid out in the mid 1890s. The Andover Townsman reported in October 1896, "The interest in golf has taken such a hold in town that a club has been organized and the course and greens on the Hill will be kept in first-class condition for play."

An early golf course architect, Alexander Findley, designed the nine-hole course. In October 1898, a small group of dedicated enthusiasts formed a club.

As reported: "The Andover Golf Club was organized last Friday evening, with a membership

of 50. The course is very good for a natural one, but the advisory committee thought it best to make a few improvements on the greens, and for this purpose have hired a professional golf player to superintend this work. The membership fee will be \$5 for gentlemen and \$3 for ladies."

Claude Fueess, former Phillips Academy headmaster, recalled: "At various periods in the last 30 years other sports have enjoyed temporary favor. A golf club, organized in the '90s, provided recreation for teachers and townspeople as well as students, and a small clubhouse was erected overlooking Rabbit's Pond, where the members could gather on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The course, however, was not particularly interesting, and the players, when they had attained some proficiency, preferred to seek longer holes and deeper sand-traps at Myopia or Brookline. In 1908 the links were given up, and golf enthusiasts in the school have now no solace except in practicing mashie shot on the academy lawns."

The town would have to wait 16 years, until 1925, for golf to return.

Andover Country Club was the dream of William M. Wood, visionary head of the American Woolen Company. Built on the site of the Chandler Farm, it opened to great fanfare in October 1925.

The 18-hole USGA championship course design complements the natural contour of the land. Famed course architect Donald Ross directed the final layout of the course.

Indian Ridge Country Club was founded in 1964 by the Demoulas family, owners of the Market Basket grocery chain. Designed by golf architect Geoffrey S. Cornish, it became Andover's third golf course.

In 1969, the club hosted the Indian Ridge Hospital Open Invitational, an official PGA Tour event, benefiting the Children's Hospital of Boston. The winner's purse was \$8,020.

Golf has found a welcome mat in Andover for well over a century. From its beginnings on the grounds of Phillips Academy to a pair of challenging country clubs, in Andover, hometown golf continues to endure.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Essex Probate and Family Court  
36 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
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Docket No. ES21P2331EA  
Estate of:  
Donna Ann Lingley  
Date of Death:  
03/19/2021  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
To all interested persons:  
Lawrence E. Lingley of Amesbury, MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Lawrence E. Lingley of Amesbury, MA, be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/13/2021.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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WITNESS, Jennifer M.R. Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 16, 2021  
Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate  
AT - 8/26/21

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## Exchange Club names scholarship recipients

STAFF REPORTS

The Exchange Club of Lawrence and the Andovers gave out \$21,000 in scholarships earlier this month to 25 local students. Each scholarship recipient was also inducted into the Exchange Club of Lawrence and the Andover's Collegiate Division.

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## One Wish Project opens Andover office

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
mhughes@andovertownsmam.com

The Andover nonprofit organization known for helping children celebrate their birthdays continues to grow and spread cheer.

Hannah Finn, the founder of One Wish Project, recently opened a new office in Andover to help grow her mission of helping children in homeless shelters celebrate birthdays. The nonprofit expanded to working with a Boston homeless shelter and local foster families over the past year.

Finn started the One Wish Project because birthdays were special in her family and she wanted other children to experience the same joy. When she was 14-years-old in 2017, Hannah baked a cake and bought toys for a 9-year-old child who was living at the Lazarus House shelter in Lawrence. The One Wish Project was born. Now, Finn and a group of about 100 volunteers bake cakes, gather birthday decorations and bring toys to about 350 children across



COURTESY PHOTO

Hannah Finn stands in the new One Wish Project office in Andover in the toy area where volunteers gather presents for children's birthdays.

the Merrimack Valley and in Boston who are living in shelters or in foster care, she said.

The Andover space is One Wish Project's second office. The first in Lawrence is more of a "warehouse for toys" provided by the Lawrence YMCA.

The new office space will allow Finn to have a place to get work done — applying for grants, meeting with sponsors and hosting toy drives, she said. She's been working on grants and getting corporate sponsors, especially because of the recent expansion, she said. Finn recently began working with the

Department of Children and Families (DCF) offices in Lawrence and Haverhill to provide birthdays for children in foster care.

Working with foster families is particularly special because, the children "know someone out there is thinking about them on their birthday, even if their parent might not be there," Finn said.

Finn has been able to grow her organization while attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst. As she enters her sophomore year, she keeps the One Wish Project running with the help of her family and a

network of volunteers.

She still hopes to expand, because there is such a need for children in these circumstances, she said.

"It's such a special mission and a lot of people think about homeless people and the things they need, but they don't necessarily think about the kids and their birthdays, which is special," Finn said.

She hopes in the future the Andover office will be a place children can come to pick out their own birthday presents.

For more information on One Wish Project and to get involved visit onewishproject.us.

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Meredith Monaco, left, an engineer with Raytheon, stands with one of the students she works with, Mirabella Ortiz, during her company's school supplies giveaway at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence on Friday, Aug. 13.

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## Raytheon volunteers hand out school supplies

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
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Raytheon Technologies employees gave out more than 150 backpacks to local students at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.

The company gave out backpacks filled with notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks and sticky notes. Everyone was also given popsicles as an added treat to cool off during the scorching afternoon on Friday, Aug. 13.

This is part of a years-long partnership between Raytheon and the club that includes the annual school supplies drive and various sponsorships of activities at the club.

"I lead a STEM program for girls called GIRL Lab at the club. Since the pandemic, we have continued to operate the program

virtually. It feels good to finally be here in person and provide these kids with the resources and supplies they need to go back to school," said Meredith Monaco, an engineer with Raytheon who volunteers at the club.

**Volunteers from Raytheon Technologies gave out more than 150 backpacks to local students at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence on Friday, Aug. 13.**

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# Sports

## THE WARRIORS ARE BACK

Plenty of excitement as Andover High sports teams kick off preseason practice

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

While the end of the summer is always bittersweet, there is one major silver lining.

High school sports are back.

Andover High's fall sports teams have officially kicked off preseason practices, and there is plenty reason to be excited about the Golden Warrior squads that will soon open game action.

Football was the first to hit the field, returning to the fall after being banished to Fall 2 by the COVID-19 pandemic last school year. The Golden Warrior gritters opening practice on Aug. 20.

The football team returns lots of talent, led by All-Scholastic running back **Lincoln Beal** (703 rushing yards, 412 receiving yards in Fall 2) and All-MVC quarterback **Scotty Brown** (730 yards, 5 TDs passing; 449 yards, 10 TDs rushing.)

The football team is set to kick off the regular season on Sept. 10, hosting Shrewsbury. That's also the opener for cheerleading.

Cross country, field hockey, golf, boys and girls soccer and cheerleading where all scheduled to kick off practice on Aug. 23.

**Maureen Noone's** field hockey squad would have been a favorite for a state title last fall, had the postseason not been cancelled due to COVID, finishing 6-0.

The Golden Warriors lost lots of talent, but return stars like star defender **Emma Reilly** (6 goals, 10 assists last year) and forward **Lily Farnham**. They kick off game action on Sept. 11, hosting Cohasset.

The Andover girls soccer team returns one of the state's top defenders in **Ashley Sheldon**, along with forward **Sophie Azzi** and midfielder **Lauren Adams**. They play their first game on Sept. 7 at Lowell.

Fresh off a breakthrough baseball season, **Jackson Brown** could play a key role as goalie



After losing out on a shot at a state title last year due to COVID, star defender Emma Reilly and the rest of the Andover High field hockey team are ready for a big fall in 2021. TIM JEAN/Staff photo

for the Andover boys soccer team. It host Lowell in its opener on Sept. 7.

The golf team returns star **Nick Ventura**, who helped lead the Golden Warriors to the team title at the MVC Golf Day last fall. They open against Central Catholic on Sept. 8 at Renaissance.

Boys cross country's **DJ Walsh** is coming off an impressive spring track season, when he helped the Golden Warriors 4x800 team take third at All-States. **Matt Serrano** added a sixth in the 2-mile at MVCs in the spring.

Girls cross country stalwart **Molly Kiley** was second in the 2-mile at MVCs and fourth at Division 1s in spring track. **Leila Boudries** was sixth in the

mile at MVCs.

Both cross country teams open the regular season by hosting Lawrence on Sept. 8.

Rounding out the Andover varsity teams are volleyball and girls swimming, which both were set to open practice on Aug. 25.

The swim team should be right back in the state championship hunt, let by the likes of All-Scholastics **Charlotte Moulson**. Their first meet is Sept. 9 at Notre Dame Academy.

The volleyball team opens play on Sept. 10 at Acton-Boxboro.

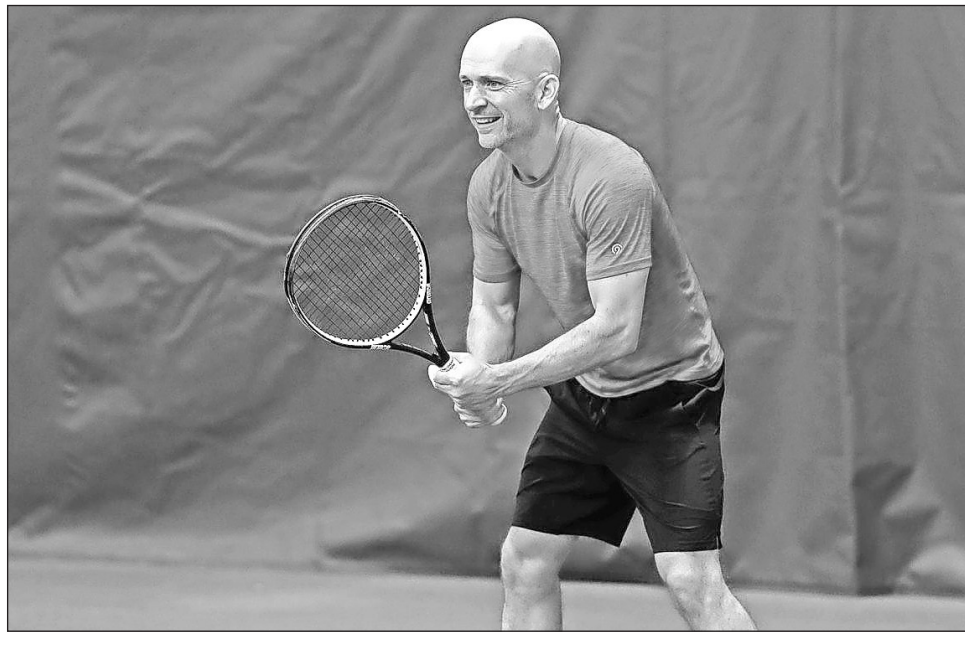
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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo  
There isn't any snow behind Scotty Brown this football preseason. After being banished to Fall 2 last season due to COVID, the football team is back where it belongs in the fall.



Spark Fitness & Tennis' mixed 40-and-over team, captained by Salisbury's Adam Molda, earned a trip to the national club championship in Arizona.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Adam Molda, the owner and founder of Andover's Spark Fitness and Tennis Club, has dedicated his life to tennis. He has turned Spark into one of the top tennis clubs in New England.

## Andover tennis club producing lots of talent, national qualifiers

By KYLE GAUDETTE  
Staff Writer

Adam Molda has built a tennis mecca.

The 48-year-old is the owner and founder of Spark Fitness and Tennis Club in Andover, which has rapidly grown into one of the top — if not the top — tennis clubs in all of New England.

"We offer tennis for all ages," said Molda. "Everyone is welcome to come and play."

In the tennis world, Molda's name is a popular one.

He was named the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) New England Pro of the Year in 2015. He was also the recipient of the 2016 New England Joseph Dietz Award — given to the tennis professional who has done the most for New



Adam Molda

for Merrimack College (Class of 1996). "It's obviously my passion. It encompasses my entire life, but it's such a great sport. And recently, it's really helped people get through the pandemic time that we're in."

"You can play tennis when you're young, but you can play well into your 70s and 80s, too. It's one of those few sports you can play for life."

Over the course of the past month, Molda has watched as a handful of doubles teams competing under the Spark Fitness banner have won New

England championships in their respective divisions and qualified for the upcoming National Championship in Arizona in November. Molda even captained Spark's mixed 40-and-over team to a New England championship himself.

And Spark Fitness is no stranger to success. Two years ago, the club sent its mixed 18-and-over and its mixed 40-and-over divisions to Nationals as well.

But make no mistake, the journey to get there is far from easy.

Spark is a member of a local league that includes clubs from all over Eastern Massachusetts. During this year's regular season, Molda's doubles teams in the mixed 40-and-over division went undefeated in league play to qualify for the New

England championship. The top division winners in the leagues from across the Northeast states then meet for the New England championship, and impressively Molda's team went undefeated again to claim the New England title and qualify for Nationals.

"This team is a very talented team, but talent alone doesn't get you to Nationals," said Molda. "A lot of the top teams in New England try to do this, but because it's so difficult they don't always get there. We have a very close-knit group that's very supportive and positive."

of our women popped her calf. But she stayed out there, and her and her teammate came back to win.

"It says a lot when you have someone willing to play through something like that and persevere."

Molda's team wasn't the only one that experienced success at New England's.

Spark's 55-and-older 8.0 men's team, captained by Haverhill's Leonard Licari and Robert Benoit, as well as their 55-and-older 7.0 team, captained by Andover's Al Uluatam, also won New England titles and qualified for Nationals. The number beside each division represents the combined tennis rating of the competitors that make up each team.

The higher the number, the more skilled the

division is. Spark has the most championships of any New England club participating in USTA competition this summer.

"It's been really fun to watch," said Molda. "Everyone's just been competing so hard. I'm really proud of them."

New England is one of 17 regions across the U.S. that produce division winners who will meet at Nationals in November. Each teams will play four matches, with the top four teams in each division moving on to play in a four-team tournament to decide who will be crowned national champions.

"I think we have a good chance to finish in the top four," said Molda. "Then anything goes when you're in a four-team tournament."



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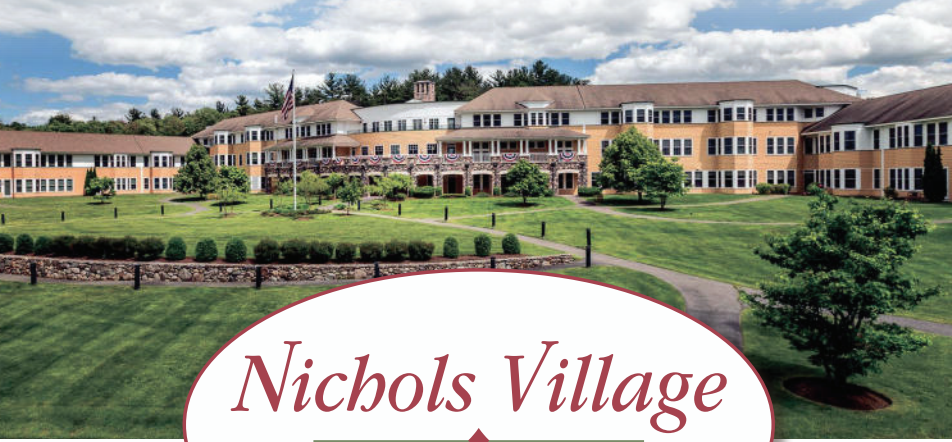
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