

MINIS,  
MARTINIS  
AND  
MONEY.  
PAGE A10



RESIDENTS  
ASKED TO  
PITCH TOWN  
PROJECTS.  
PAGE A2



ANDOVER HIGH QB  
ENJOYS BIRTHDAY  
WITH A WIN OVER  
TEWKSBURY.

PAGE A9

OUR 132<sup>ND</sup> YEAR

# Andover Townsman

Issue No. 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

\$1.00

## Multiple Andover soccer fields vandalized

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
mhughes@andovertownsman.com

Tires have torn through multiple soccer fields in Andover over the past few weeks.

Last week, Chris Price, president of the Andover Soccer Association, came across multiple circles of tire tracks through the Deyermund Athletic Fields when he went to mark the fields

after the storm. On Oct. 19 similar vandalism of soccer fields at High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School was reported, according to the police department. "In both circumstances

there was a vehicle that drove onto the field and did donuts and tore up the fields," said Lt. Edward Guy, spokesperson for Andover Police. However, neither act of

vandalism seems to be connected, he said. The department is investigating both incidents, including reviewing video footage for the Wood Hill vandalism, he said. There is also a potential

suspect in the Deyermund investigation, Guy said. "Seeing this senseless property damage is disheartening," Price said. "Given the

See **FIELDS**, Page A3



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Dressed as the Grim Reaper, Godzilla and the Hulk, Aiden Schneider, left, Ari Kontalis, center, and his brother Peri Kontalis, all 8, had fun trick-or-treating in Andover for Halloween. **More photos, page A3.**

## Halloween dreams

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Andover's streets filled with witches, ghouls and Ted Lassos on Sunday night, all eager to score treats after last year's festivities had to remain small due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Neighbors got in on the fun as well, dressing up to answer doors and share sweets as kids made the rounds.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Dressed as a zombie, a ghost and the Grim Reaper, Liam Livermore, left, Leo Sassin and Shane Flanagan, all 10, went trick-or-treating in Andover on Sunday.

## 'There's no playbook'

Pandemic disruption to school causing anxiety, behavioral issues for students

BY MADELINE HUGHES  
mhughes@andovertownsman.com

A Lawrence teacher was assaulted when trying to break up a fight at the high school.

A Hunking School student in Haverhill waved a hot dog around his groin sticking it in the face of a girl and saying, "I know you want to suck it," while being cheered on by other students.

Since students returned to classrooms after more than a year of disruption and trauma caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have faced growing

behavioral issues ranging from disengagement in activities to physical and sexual violence. The pandemic and being away from school exacerbated issues schools were already confronting pre-pandemic. For some, schools were where students got their most consistent support systems, their only meals, medical and mental health resources and where they got much of their socialization.

"Our member schools have been grappling with lots of unknowns over the past two years," said Tara Bennett,

See **ISSUES**, Page A2

## State leaders vow to tackle youth mental health crisis

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — The state's political leaders are weighing how to expand services for youth as medical experts warn of a 'tsunami' of mental health issues in the wake of the pandemic.

While children were spared the worst health effects of the COVID-19 outbreak over the past year, their mental health was a much different story.

Lockdowns, school closings and restrictions on social gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus, coupled with a lack of access to in-person services, exacerbated a mental health treatment gap for children, medical experts say. Low-income and minority children were disproportionately affected.

Schools have found themselves on the frontlines of

See **CRISIS**, Page A2

### INDEX

- Classified.....A7
- Crossword.....A7
- Editorial.....A4
- Obituaries.....A6
- Police Log.....A6
- Sports.....A9



## New congressional maps split communities, reunite others

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — For more than a decade Andover has been divided between two congressional districts, which has created confusion for voters and political candidates in the town and logistical challenges for local election officials.

But that would change under proposed

congressional maps rolled out by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Redistricting on Monday, which would unite the town under the 6th Congressional District now represented by Seth Moulton.

Under the plan, which must be approved by the Legislature and Gov. Charlie Baker, the state's nine-member delegation to the House

of Representatives will remain that size for at least another decade.

While Massachusetts won't see a net change in its representation in Congress, based on the 2020 population count, the boundaries of congressional districts will need to shift to adjust for the state's 7.4% growth over the past decade.

Some communities will be reunited under the plan

rolled out by the redistricting committee, while others will be split between congressional districts.

Tewksbury, which has been part of the 6th Congressional District for the past decade, will be largely absorbed by the 3rd Congressional District leaving several precincts in the 6th District, under the redistricting plans. The 3rd District is

currently represented by Lori Trahan.

Tewksbury Town Clerk Denise Graffeo, who oversees the town's elections, said the changes will mean voter confusion and logistical challenges in future elections.

"It will pin us into a situation where in any given voting precinct we will have

See **MAPS**, Page A5

**Land & Sea REAL ESTATE INC.**  
KALOGIANIS & SPANEAS

Demetrius Spaneas, CCIM  
President - Commercial Broker  
617.999.6269 | ds@landandsearealestate.com  
1 Main Street | Andover  
LandAndSeaRealEstate.com

**Rare Retail Leasing Opportunity in Downtown Andover**

A variety of different sized spaces now available.

**CALL FOR DETAILS**  
978.475.0000

**RED HOT!**

Take advantage of historically high home prices!  
Your house has **NEVER** been worth **MORE!**

**CALL NOW!**  
978.804.0811

THE Peggy PATENAUDE Team

12 BARTLET ST | ANDOVER | MA | 01810 | 978.804.0811

# Residents asked to pitch town projects

By MADELINE HUGHES  
mhughes@andovertownsmen.com

For those who've always wanted to request the town add some amenity, Andover officials are dedicating \$20,000 of the budget to resident-requested projects. Residents have until Dec. 1 to suggest the town complete a one-time project that can

cost up to \$10,000. A group of town employees from a variety of departments who would not typically be involved in the budget process then will choose the resident-requested capital improvement projects. "We have a really high level of engagement in town, and this is a way to get even more people involved in the

budget process," said Assistant Town Manager Patrick Lawlor. Lawlor said the town is seeking input from anyone for any project that could improve town-owned land, facilities or the schools. He will be visiting middle school classes in the coming weeks to explain the town budget process and ask them to kick

in their ideas as well. "If there is a bike rack or flowers planted somewhere they want, now's their time to get involved with the process," he said. "\$20,000 isn't a lot, but we can leverage it with funds from other departments," Lawlor said, describing that there could be collaboration between town departments'

budgets and the resident requested projects. Other projects not funded this year might make it to next year's budget as well, he said. This is hopefully the first step in creating a growing program, Lawlor said. "The more submissions and interest in this we have, the more opportunities we have to fund this in the future," he said.

Already there's been requests to add new items to Memorial Hall Library's "Library of things" that allows people to check out tools and other items besides books, he said. There's also been a request to bring wifi to public parks, he added. For more information or make requests visit [andoverma.gov/engage/cip](http://andoverma.gov/engage/cip).

## ISSUES

Continued from Page A1

director of communications for the Massachusetts School Administrators Association. "There's no playbook for what we are dealing with the pandemic, and now coming back to school you are dealing with lots of unknowns from their home lives — that's pre-k to 12."

Many of the behavioral issues stem from an increase in anxiety and depression, which has been on the rise for years, said Dr. David Rainen, a psychologist at Merrimack Valley Psychological Associates.

"This is the first time in our lives (collectively as a society) we've had to wonder if things will be OK," Rainen said.

Anxiety typically manifests in either fight or flight responses, Rainen said, which can range from irritability and actual physical fighting to being avoidant.

Lawrence Public Schools was already dealing with the largest number of reportable acts of violence pre-pandemic, with 195 students disciplined for such violence in the 2018-2019 school year, according to state data. Now, two months into the school year, officials have reported 78 students facing discipline and there have been 26 fights at the high school, said Christopher Markuns, spokesman for Lawrence Public Schools.

Officials from Haverhill wouldn't provide an exact number of violent incidents this year, however, fights reported at the high school have gotten the attention of parents after incidents were recorded and shared on social media.

"It is fair to say that the numbers are up this year across all of our schools and in schools across the nation," said Haverhill Superintendent Margaret Marotta in an email.

The Department of Children and Families has also conducted two investigations into sexual harassment at Haverhill schools, including the hotdog incident, said Andrea Grossman, spokesperson for DCF.

Officials from Andover, North Andover and Methuen schools did not respond to request for comment about student disciplinary incidents.

To immediately respond to the violence, Lawrence and Haverhill have added more security guards and resource officers to the schools.

However, one former teacher who went to a rally led by students in opposition to the violence in their schools, pushed back on the idea of adding police as the



Several police vehicles sit parked outside of Lawrence High School on Friday. Police officers have had more of a presence in schools recently because of fighting at the school.



Students gather in a circle as an English teacher discusses some social issues they feel are impacting them at Lawrence High School on Friday.

best way to address mental health issues. When adding more police in schools "students assume they are in the wrong even when they are not and they feel a lot of anxiety," said Sarah Booth, a former Lawrence teacher.

Across the Merrimack Valley, including in Lawrence and Haverhill, districts are trying to instill wellness routines that can preemptively address mental health issues before they get to a crisis point.

"If we don't provide students with proper services, they won't achieve the academic success they deserve. We have to invest in student well-being to make them successful," said John Crocker, Methuen's director of school mental health and behavioral services.

### Transition years are the hardest

Despite the pandemic, Salem, New Hampshire students were in classrooms every day last year, only having some go remote occasionally for outbreaks of illness — a choice Salem officials now say they're reaping the benefits of.

"We haven't seen the issues other schools have, and that I believe is in part to us being here everyday. As hard as it was, it was a huge benefit to our kids," said Tracy Collyer, assistant superintendent for academics and support.

However, the youngest students in pre-K and kindergarten — especially those who did not attend school last year — are having a harder time transitioning, she said. She explained their social skills were not at the level of pre-pandemic students because they hadn't had much contact with peers because of the pandemic.

Similarly, the transition from middle to high school has hit Lawrence freshmen

and sophomores hardest, said Markuns. They were in seventh and eighth grade, respectively, when schools went completely remote at the beginning of the school year.

In these first few months the vast majority of the recorded incidents — 93% of incidents this year — are from ninth and tenth graders, Markuns said. Both of those grades are adjusting to the high school because last year the district was fully remote until May of 2021 when state officials forced schools to offer an in-person option. However, only about 24 current tenth graders went to school in the remaining weeks of last year, Markuns said.

Despite these compounding crises, the mental health issues facing students are all treatable, Rainen said, but it will take work. There will also be more work needed in some areas over others because of pre-pandemic disparities, he said.

"The pandemic certainly highlighted the disparity of communities where, like Andover, there are more resources; those kids will likely rebound quicker," Rainen said.

### Building out supports

Districts have each received federal funds from pandemic spending bills. Each is using some of the funds for mental health supports.

In Lawrence, money has gone to mental health training and hiring six additional school adjustment counselors, behavior interventionists and special education support, Markuns said.

The district is also creating a Restorative Justice Center to give students who are facing in-school suspension or who need other social-emotional supports a place to go, Markuns said. The center will have a school culture

specialist, counselor and social worker for students to turn to, he said.

Similarly, Andover works with the RENEW — Rehabilitation for Empowerment, Natural Supports, Education, & Work — program that offers support for students with emotional and behavioral challenges, said Nicole Kieser, spokesperson for Andover schools. Nurses, social workers and administrators are all able to work with high school students, she explained.

Pre-pandemic, mental health had already been a focus for Methuen schools, implementing mental health screenings, individual and group therapy sessions to help students struggling. Crocker, who is also the founder and director of the Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium, is working to implement those ideas across the state and also working to find new solutions, he said.

"We are open-sourced," he said.

"Schools need to orient to the social-emotional needs of our students. Schools are in a unique position to do screenings" and get students other support, Crocker said. Explaining that the school partnering with local organizations can work in tandem to help as many people as possible.

Also, parents play a large role in mental health support. If their child is having an off day, and exhibiting any symptoms the best thing to do is ask about it, Ranien said.

"If we all play a little bit of detective with the people we love we can find out if it's just a bad day or something more," Ranien said.

### Creating lasting supports

Crocker is working with North Andover state Rep. Linda Dean Campbell on a bill that would allow school mental health counselors to conduct their clinical work in schools to become a licensed therapist, provided the counselor has the proper coursework and a licensed therapist oversees their work.

The bill does not change the requirements to become a counselor, it instead provides schools the option to be a training ground that many already are, she explained. Also, having licensed therapists in the schools working with children would allow for schools to bill Medicaid and other insurances, which would provide more funding to schools to conduct these services, she said.

"It (the mental health crisis) is something the (pandemic) laid bare, and because it was laid bare we can put an emphasis on fixing a broken system," Campbell said.

The good thing is, "everything that we are witnessing is treatable," Rainen said. "Kids are resilient and if we play to that strength and show that we can get out of this, they will realize it too."

Reporters Mike Labella and Jill Harmacinski contributed to this report.

## CRISIS

Continued from Page A1

the problem, which has been manifested in a rise of violence. In Lawrence, the high school has reported several fights among students in the past week, which some officials have linked to anxiety and tension among students returning to in-person classes.

"There's no question that we're facing a youth mental health crisis," said Dr. Michael Yogman, a pediatrician at Cambridge Hospital and assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. "The situation in Lawrence is not isolated — it's happening all across the country."

Yogman, who chairs a youth mental health task force at the Massachusetts chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said many people underestimated the emotional impact of the transition back from remote to in-class learning. "They've lost their social skills because they've been locked down and isolated for the past year and a half," he said.

Earlier this week, a coalition of health groups including the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry issued a dire warning that the youth mental health crisis has become a "national emergency."

"We are caring for young people with soaring rates of depression, anxiety, trauma, loneliness and suicidality that will have lasting impacts on them, their families, their communities, and all of our futures," the coalition said in a statement. "We cannot sit idly by."

The declaration calls on state and federal leaders to fund and improve mental health care for children with more screening, diagnosing and treatment.

On Beacon Hill, policymakers are considering a number of legislative proposals aimed at dealing with the problem.

Gov. Charlie Baker wants to divert a portion of \$4.8 billion in federal pandemic relief the state has received to substance abuse treatment and behavioral health services.

Baker said the state has devoted "significant" money and resources to communities like Lawrence to deal with child mental health issues, but said a major challenge for the state is a lack of counselors and other behavioral health workers. "The biggest challenge we face in mental health services — and pediatric mental health services in particular — is a human capital problem," he told reporters at a Monday briefing. "We're going to have to invest to grow that human capital."

Senate President Karen Spilka, D-Ashland, said this week that the issue is at the top of her agenda, and she expects a "mental health reform bill" to emerge from the Senate before the end of the year.

Earlier this week, the House rolled out a plan to spend \$3.65 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funds and surplus revenue that would divert \$250 million specifically for behavioral health programs. The money would be focused on initiatives such as student loan reimbursement and training.

Recent studies support claims that mental health issues are growing among children even as the pandemic subsides.

More than 20% of teen hospitalizations between Jan. 1 and March 31 were for psychiatric emergencies, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2020, the percentage of emergency department visits for mental health emergencies rose by 24% for children between the ages of 5 and 11 and 31% for those 12 to 17, compared with 2019, federal data shows.

Nationally, there were 50% more suicide attempt-related hospital visits among girls aged 12 to 17 in early 2021 than in early 2019, the federal agency said.

Meanwhile, a shortage of staffing and beds in mental health units means young people often end up "boarding" in emergency rooms while waiting for services.

As of last Friday, there were at least 172 pediatric patients awaiting beds in psychiatric facilities across Massachusetts, according to state health data.

Massachusetts isn't the only state wrestling with a backlog of psychiatric patients looking for treatment.

In New Hampshire, state officials plan to spend \$15.1 million in federal relief funds to buy a private psychiatric hospital and expand mental health services for the youth.

Gov. Chris Sununu, who proposed purchasing the hospital, said the move will help ease a mental health crisis by providing more beds for youth seeking treatment. As of Monday about two dozen individuals were waiting for beds in psychiatric facilities, according to state public health data.

Sununu signed an executive order in May directing the state Department of Health and Human Services to improve access to mental health services and add more beds at state-run psychiatric facilities to reduce the number of patients being held involuntarily in emergency rooms while they await placement.

The order followed a New Hampshire Supreme Court ruling that chided the Sununu administration for boarding psychiatric patients awaiting beds.

Danna Mauch, president and CEO of Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, credits the state for taking a number of steps to help deal with the staffing and bed shortages by increasing reimbursement rates for providers, loan forgiveness and scholarship programs to expand the behavioral health workforce.

"But the one thing that you can instantly do is create licensed personnel," she said. "Even with the incentives, it still takes a number of years to train and license a certified professional in the field."

Mauch said resolving the issues underpinning the crisis will require an aggressive and prolonged investment by the state and federal governments.

"It's taken us years to get to this point, and it will take time to fix it," she said.

Lawmakers are considering a number of proposals to address shortages, low reimbursement rates and other mental health care issues, all of which are inching along through the legislative process.

Rep. Paul Tucker, D-Salem, a member of the Legislature's Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery, said he is "shocked" at how difficult it is to find treatment beds for young people seeking psychiatric care.

He said lawmakers understand the urgency of expanding youth mental health services.

"We need to be doing everything we can or the situation will get worse," he said.

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

**Steeplechase BUILDERS**  
Inc.

"The Pursuit of Excellence"

Residential Design  
Custom Homes  
Additions  
Renovations  
Home Maintenance

(978) 688-5036

[www.steeplechasebuilders.com](http://www.steeplechasebuilders.com)

Please recycle  
this newspaper.

**FERRIS TREE SERVICE inc.**  
ANDOVER, MA

A Supporter of Run for our Troops 5K Run/Walk

Family Owned and Operated Since 1971

**Tree Removal, Pruning and Stump Grinding**

Call For A Free Estimate  
**978-685-8789**  
[www.ferristreeservice.com](http://www.ferristreeservice.com)

**Andover Townsman**  
Established 1887

ISSN 1524-1432  
USPS 025-440

Published Thursdays by North of Boston Media Group

33 Chestnut St.  
Andover, MA  
978-475-7000

E-mail: [townsman@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsman@andovertownsmen.com)  
Web: [andovertownsmen.com](http://andovertownsmen.com)

Periodical postage paid at Andover, MA, and additional mailing office.  
Postmaster: Send address changes to Andover Townsman,  
100 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845  
Subscription - One year, \$52; two years \$90  
College subscription - One college year, \$35

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES**  
Advertising copy must be in the office by Monday at 5 p.m.  
Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.  
No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

# HALLOWEEN FUN, ANDOVER STYLE



Lily Barber, 4, dressed as a witch, and her brother Christopher, 7, dressed as a Harlem Globetrotter basketball player, go trick-or-treating Sunday in Andover.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Hunter Slye, 13, left, James Skowronek, 11, center, and Garrett Dodge, 12, go trick-or-treating in downtown Andover on Sunday.



Allison Longley and her husband, Thomas, McQuade, who are new to Andover, welcomed children to their home for Halloween candy while dressed as a pineapple drink and coconut drink.



COURTESY PHOTO

Police as asking for help to find who vandalized the Deyermund Athletic Fields earlier this week.

## FIELDS

Continued from Page A1

extent of the damage and the time of year, it may ultimately impact the ability for Andover youth to play soccer on these fields during the spring season."

"Being from Georgia, I enjoy mudding as much as the next person, but there are plenty of nearby trails and parks dedicated to off-roading," Price said. "We are fortunate to have a community that can support high quality fields for our youth, and we all need to be respectful of the investments made for so many to enjoy."

Both acts of vandalism seemed to happen

*"In both circumstances there was a vehicle that drove onto the field and did donuts and tore up the fields."*

Lt. Edward Guy, spokesperson for Andover Police

overnight, Guy said. The police are asking anyone with information to help close the investigations, he said.

The Andover Police Department can be reached at 978-623-3500.

## ANDOVER BRIEFLY

### Veterans Day ceremony

At 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11 the town will host its Veterans Day memorial service at the Ballardvale Green. For questions and more information contact Director of Veterans Services Mark Comeiro, mark.comeiro@andoverma.us.

reservations are required. The program costs a "pay what you like" donation. To sign up or get more information visit [andoverhistoryandculture.org](http://andoverhistoryandculture.org).

### Vacancy on Open Space Task Force

Andover residents interested in conservation are being asked to volunteer for the Open Space Task Force after a recent vacancy opened up. For more information to apply and find other vacancies on town boards visit [andoverma.gov/volunteer](http://andoverma.gov/volunteer).

The board's first meeting with the finalists is Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library. The board will also conduct site visits to nearby developments on Saturday.

The board will possibly vote on which developer at a meeting scheduled for Wed. Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library.

### Ironstone gala Saturday

It's Back to the Future for everyone supporting Ironstone Farm this year by attending the charity's gala at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at Andover Country Club. People can buy either in-person or virtual tickets to attend the event.

The gala is Ironstone Farm's major fundraiser of the year, supporting the non-profit programs in Andover that provide therapy and educational programs for children with special needs, returning veterans and others.

This year's gala honors Diane Lindsay Tower of Andover Animal Hospital and her family, and the RAY-VETS, local members of the Raytheon Employee Veterans Network, for the work they've done to continue the six-decade tradition of Ironstone Farm, while preparing it for the future. For tickets visit [www.ironstonefarm.org/gala](http://www.ironstonefarm.org/gala), or call 978-475-4056 Ext. 107.

### Town Yard selection process

The Select Board will hold two special meetings to meet with the final two developers for the Town Yard project.

Follow us on:



### Ballardvale Walking Tour

Join The Andover Center for History and Culture on a walking tour through Ballardvale at 1 p.m. Nov. 7. On the tour, discover the industrial and social history to the neighborhood referred to as the "Vale." Tours are a "pay what you like" donation and registration is required. Tours are rain or shine. To sign up or get more information visit [andoverhistoryandculture.org](http://andoverhistoryandculture.org).

### Shawsheen: The original live, work, play development

Andover Center for History and Culture Curator Angela McBrien is giving a talk about the center's newest exhibit about the Shawsheen Village at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. The exhibit on display called "Shawsheen: A Village Transformed" looks back at how William Wood created the Shawsheen neighborhood for his employees at the American Woolen Company. Space is limited and

Please recycle this newspaper.

## ESTATE PLANS

Protect Your Family  
Protect Your Assets  
Protect Yourself

Childrens' Trusts  
Revocable Trusts  
Medicaid Plans

PROBATE COURT  
FAMILY WILL ISSUES

ATTORNEY  
PETER J. CARUSO  
(978) 475-2200

68 MAIN ST., ANDOVER, MA  
pcarusos@carusoandcaruso.com

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Haverhill

# GREEK FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021

FRIDAY  
11AM-9PM

SATURDAY  
11AM-1AM

SUNDAY  
11AM-3PM

PORK SOUVLAKI  
CHICKEN SOUVLAKI  
PASTICHIO  
SPANAKOPITA  
DOLMADES  
GREEK SALAD

BAKLAVA  
FINIKIA  
KOURAMBIETHES  
KOULOURIA  
LOUKOUMADES

LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY NIGHT  
BY FOTIA-LIVE

FREE ENTRY-PARKING  
HOMEMADE GREEK FOOD AND PASTRIES

DJ-RAFFLES TAKE OUT AVAILABLE  
154-156 WINTER STREET HAVERHILL, MA 978-373-3311

## HELPING YOU ACHIEVE FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE

Do you have thoughts or questions about your personal finances?  
Do you know where to begin or what your next steps are?  
Let's talk and see how I can help.

Christine Routhier Burke, CFP®, CFBS  
978.475.8710 • One Dundee Park, Suite 1, Andover, MA

Christine Burke is a registered representative of and offers securities and investment advisory services through MML Investors Services, LLC, Member SPIC (www.spic.org). Supervisory office: 101 Federal Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02110 Tel: 617-439-4389. CRN202211-274452



## Please give a helping hand with your donation.



Established 1924

Since 1924, friends of the Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund have been helping families in need have happy holidays. Please help again by supporting this year's Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund. **The need in our community is as great as ever.**

Contribute to the **The Eagle-Tribune** Santa Fund at:  
[www.eagletribune.com/santafund](http://www.eagletribune.com/santafund)

Or mail this coupon with your donation to **The Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund 100 Turnpike St, North Andover, MA 01845**

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make your check payable to Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Published Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: **The Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund, 100 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845**

\* Please limit messages to no more than 20 words

# Opinion

## Time to open patient records from state institutions

Lawmakers are considering a bill that would unseal all public records after 90 years that were kept on individuals with mental or physical disabilities and who lived in places like the Fernald School and other state institutions. Currently those records are sealed under health privacy laws, or heavily redacted if they are released.

The issue isn't meant to invade the privacy of individuals, but to shine a light on how the state treated people under its care and under what conditions. Opening these records of an earlier generation can benefit medical researchers, academic studies and the survivors of people once held under the state's care. Passage of this legislation into law would shine a light on the actions of the past to inform our present and future.

Rep. Sean Garballey, one of the lawmakers who filed the legislation, said people researching their ancestry would no longer have to go to court to prove they are next of kin to gain access to records.

Alex Green, who teaches at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, told State House News Service, "This has a particularly big impact on populations who have been overlooked and whose stories deserve to be told, including the disabled, women and people of color."

Sen. Michael Barrett, who filed the Senate version of the bill, said there is a need to retain some privacy for individuals, "but there also needs to be research and truth telling," he told the news service.

Anyone who has seen the once-banned documentary "Titicut Follies," by Frederick Wiseman, would understand how treatment in state hospitals and state schools warrants scrutiny. That 1967 film showed the often-abusive treatment of patient-inmates at the Bridgewater State Hospital, who were forced to strip naked publicly, and force-fed and bullied by staff.

Although the state of Massachusetts got a court to block release of the film, it finally got its first public screening on PBS in the early 1990s, helping spur reforms in treatment and conditions for many people in state institutions.

Opening these records of an earlier generation can benefit medical researchers, academic studies and the survivors of people once held under the state's care. Passage of this legislation into law would shine a light on the actions of the past to inform our present and future.

## WEB QUESTION

Since returning to classrooms fulltime for the year, many schools have reported an uptick in behavioral issues from students.

Problems range from disengaged students to kids getting into fights.

Lockdowns, school closings and restrictions on social gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus, coupled with a lack of access to in-person services, exacerbated a mental health treatment gap for children, medical experts say. Low-income and minority children were disproportionately affected.

Are you experiencing more behavior issues in your local schools?

**ABSOLUTELY**, I've definitely noticed more anxiety, troubles and discipline issues.

**SOME**, It seems like somewhat of an uptick.

**NO**, It seems about like normal.

■■■■  
**Last week's question:** How would you rather vote?

The Select Board recently approved new voting precincts for residents that more evenly distributes voters between various polling places.

Once the precincts are solidified and submitted to the state, town officials will send out updated polling location information to voters. The new precincts will be in place for the town election in March.

Would you rather vote in one central location, or in polling places around town?

**ONE PLACE, PLEASE:** Keeping all town voting in one location makes things easier for everyone. (12 votes)

**CLOSER TO HOME:** I'd rather vote at distributed polling places, preferably walkable from my home. (29 votes)

## LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

Mail to: 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810

E-mail: townsmen@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.



Frank Serio Sr. with his homemade canoes.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## ANDOVER STORIES

# Discovering Serio's Grove, Part I

Tom Adams

### Andover Center for History and Culture

The path of Andover's 375-year history winds through the most curious of places. Today's frantic pace of living too often leaves little time to wonder how a cluster of buildings, an historic home, or a scenic forest grove standing along the banks of a river once played their role in Andover's everyday life.

Our story this week recalls one such place, Serio's Grove, and the family that made their patch of earth one of local lore. The story begins with Frank Serio, Sr. and his wife, Teresa, moving from Malden to just "off Lowell Junction Road" in 1932. A craftsman with the Boston & Maine railroad, it was here they chose to raise their family.

Their new homestead was what may be kindly termed as "rustic" — inside and out! The house had no electricity, no indoor plumbing and no telephone. Its curb appeal was a kitchen sink with a pump to draw water from their two wells. On their property sat an out-house, a chicken coop, an ice house an apple orchard and a terraced garden. Beyond all this luxury and "high-living," their hidden treasure was the nearby Shawsheen River.

In an oral history recorded by town historian Gail Ralston, Frank, Jr. recalled his youth on the river. Life along the Shawsheen presented its share of fun and challenges. He recalled his father walking to the Ballardvale train station commuting to his work in Somerville. In fair weather he walked down River Street; come winter, wearing snow shoes, he cut across Pole Hill to the train station.

At the time of their move the property was mostly open land, nothing like the forest that has grown up during the intervening 90-years. Modern conveniences arrived more slowly to those living in the far out-reaches of Ballardvale. Major improvements to

the Serio property began in earnest in 1935. Utility poles were installed bringing power to their house and outbuildings. Frank, Jr.'s brother Joe got a car two years later and two years later still, the Serio's got their first telephone — a four-party line, no less. It wasn't until 1962 that their home had an official postal address.

Even the turtle's pace of modern progress, couldn't dampen Frank, Sr.'s initiative nor his spirit. Canoeing, fishing, family picnics and camping made the Shawsheen an increasing popular destination. Frank, Sr. saw an opportunity and began building and renting canoes. His canoe shed became widely known as the Miami Boat House, named after one of his canoes. A family attraction, the Serios added picnic tables, a kid's playground, a dance floor and campgrounds — even a refreshment stand selling hot dogs and soda.

Other boating, camping and entertainment sites along the river's coves and inlets, including the popular "Shawsheen Grove" in Ballardvale, became the "go to" destination through the 1930s. Crowds came from as far away as Boston with many arriving by train onto a special siding. With crowds, however, comes trouble. Business gradually declined. Tastes gradually changed. According to town historian Billy Corleone, "The River's heyday was in the 20s and 30s." After three decades as "The Grove's" caretaker, the Serios finally moved away in 1968.

Most visible traces of Serio's Grove, save the remnants of a diving board, are long gone. In recent years, the town purchased the property and won the Conservation Commission's commitment to develop a picnic and camping area. Today, it is a gorgeous vista open to the public with a pavilion, picnic tables and fire pits built by Boy Scouts from our town.

Part two of this article is the backstory of a decades-old collaboration, beginning with Frank Serio, Sr., to preserve the environment of Serio's Grove, nature's enduring gift to Andover.



Frank and Theresa Serio.



The Serio family diving board.

COURTESY OF GAIL RALSTON

## READER ACCESS

### EDITORIAL SERVICES

To reach the newsroom with a news tip or request, please call the appropriate person:

**EDITOR ALEXANDRA NICOLAS** for comments on overall editorial content and quality; 978-946-2000, anicolas@andovertownsmen.com

**REPORTER JUDY WAKEFIELD** at 978-691-8726, or jwakefield@andovertownsmen.com

**REPORTER MADELINE HUGHES** at 978-691-8733, or mhughes@andovertownsmen.com

**SPORTS WRITER DAVE WILLIS** at 978-946-2473; dwillis@andovertownsmen.com.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

To subscribe to the newspaper or to report delivery problems: Call the Circulation Department direct at 800-836-7800

### ADVERTISING

Account Executive  
**David Schultz** at 978-946-2152 or dschultz@andovertownsmen.com

To place a classified advertisement: Call the Classified Department at 978-946-2300.

## Andover Townsman

Established 1887

John Celestino • Publisher  
Jim Falzone • General Manager  
Alexandra Nicolas • Editor

Published Thursdays by  
North of Boston Media Group  
33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810  
978-475-7000  
E-mail anicolas@andovertownsmen.com  
www.andovertownsmen.com

**MAPS**

Continued from Page A1

two separate ballots for state or federal elections," Graffeo said. "Not only is that confusing, it's logistically challenging, and will come with an added cost."

Bedford would be split up between the 5th and 6th Congressional districts under the plan, with a sliver of the community of about 14,000 being merged into the 5th District, currently represented by Katherine Clark. Like Tewksbury, the town has been within the 6th Congressional District for the past 10 years.

In other proposed changes to the 3rd Congressional District, a portion of Westminster would move to the 2nd Congressional District but Winchendon would be moved into the 3rd District.

The 3rd Congressional District would also absorb Maynard and several precincts in Sudbury from the 5th Congressional District.

Lawmakers currently representing the 3rd and 6th Congressional districts had little to say about the reconfigured maps, which could come up for a vote in the state Legislature as early as next week.

A Moulton spokesman said the congressman "is looking forward to continuing his service to the 39 communities that make up the 6th Congressional District."

State Rep. Mike Moran, who co-chaired the Redistricting Committee, told reporters at a briefing on Monday the proposed congressional maps "leave no stone unturned and show an accurate and fair representation of the Census numbers that we received."

The proposed maps would also reconfigure the 7th Congressional District

— the state's only minority majority district which includes Boston, Chelsea and Everett — in part to accommodate a sizable increase in the minority population.

The U.S. Constitution requires states to redraw congressional districts every decade to account for changes in population. Massachusetts lost a congressional district in the 2011 redistricting process after its population declined.

The population in Massachusetts increased from about 6.5 million in 2010 to just over 7 million last year, making it the 15th most populous state in the nation.

Most of that growth came in the eastern part of the state, notably in the North of Boston region.

Last week, the Legislature approved new maps for the House and Senate districts that included major changes to some legislative seats aimed at ensuring more minority representation in certain regions. The governor is currently reviewing the newly reconfigured legislative districts.

Redistricting committee members are soliciting feedback from elected officials and the public about the reconfigured congressional boundaries and Governor's Council districts until Nov. 9 and will vote on the proposed maps shortly after.

The primary role of the eight-member Governor's Council, which is chaired by the lieutenant governor, is to vote on judicial nominations and approve commutations or pardons of prisoners. Council members serve two-year terms and are paid about \$36,000 a year.

The redistricting changes, if approved, will go into effect in January 2023.

**MBTA makes changes to service for people with disabilities**

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston-area transit system's service for people with disabilities is dropping its current ride booking software in response to complaints of poor service and reverting to its previous software provider, officials said.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has stopped using Uber-owned Routematch for The Ride, ending a deal that was meant to improve door-to-door transportation service for people with disabilities, The Boston Globe reported Monday.

"The MBTA is confident that this transition will result in improved customer service and more reliable paratransit

service for riders," spokesperson Lisa Battiston said in an email.

The Ride started using Routematch a little more than a year ago, but some passengers reported being left stranded, increased delays, and 30-minute hold times to reach customer

service. A Routematch spokesperson said by email that the MBTA and the company agreed that stopping the use of the software was in passengers' best interest.

Carl Minkovitz, 77, of Revere, uses a wheelchair and said a recent scheduled

ride arrived five hours late. Deidre Campbell, 66, of Malden, also uses a wheelchair and said there needs to be better communication with riders and between dispatchers and drivers.

"The past year has been really unacceptable, totally unacceptable," she said.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

**This survey is about your anticipated shopping habits for the next 12 months. Please take a few minutes to start and complete the online survey at: [pulsepoll.com/northofboston/](https://pulsepoll.com/northofboston/)**

**Everyone completing the survey will be entered to win \$5,000**

Follow us on: @andovertownsman

Please recycle this newspaper.

**MD'S HOME REPAIR**

- Remodeling
- Repairs
- Painting

Small jobs to big jobs. Insured. Free Estimates. References. Call MIKE 603-890-1122

**NORTH of BOSTON MEDIA GROUP**

**Serving Tripe on Saturdays**

**ORZO TRATTORIA** *The Finest Italian Cuisine in the Merrimack Valley*

**Daily Specials - Lunch & Dinner in addition to our menu items.**  
Take-out and Catering Available  
Gift Certificates Available!

1085 Osgood Street (Rte 125) • North Andover  
978-686-6921 • [www.orzorestaurant.com](http://www.orzorestaurant.com)

**LAZARUS HOUSE MINISTRIES**  
OPENING DOORS OUT OF POVERTY

Lazarus House Ministries invites you to the...

**38TH ANNUAL Sharing Our Bounty Gala and Auction**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021  
THE ARTISTRY OF OUR COMMUNITY

**EMCEE**  
Kate Merrill

- Cocktail Reception
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Gourmet Dinner
- Dancing

**Missing the Gala? Bid From Home!**

**Bid on Dozens of Great Items!**  
Bidding Opens November 9th

[www.sharingourbounty.org](http://www.sharingourbounty.org)

**FOOD and CLOTHING DRIVE**

**Saturday, November 20th, 2021 • 9am - Noon**  
**The Eagle-Tribune parking lot**  
100 Turnpike St. North Andover, MA

**All food donations will be given to Bread and Roses in Lawrence, MA.**  
Fighting Hunger & Hardship For 40 Years

**Any non-perishable unexpired food items will be accepted.**  
Bread and Roses has a critical need for the following items:

Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Shelf-Stable Fruit Cups, Applesauce, Tomato/Spaghetti Sauce, Vegetable Cooking Spray, Cranberry Sauce, Pasta, Rice Products, Saltine Crackers, Oatmeal, Mac & Cheese Mix, Cereal - Low Sugar/High Fiber, Shelf-Stable Milk, Dry Milk, Canned Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Canned Soup or Beef Stew, Canned or Dry Beans/Peas, Peanut Butter, Chicken and Beef Broth, Ranch Salad Dressing, Splenda/Sweet N Low, Silverware, Paper Products, Ziploc Bags - All Sizes, Detergent Pods, Hand Sanitizer

Founded in 1980, Bread & Roses provides nearly 65,000 meals per year to area residents including emergency food, clothing and hygiene products.

**& warm Project and FUZZY**

**Critical Clothing Needs:**  
Men, women and children's warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, and baby clothes.  
**All items must be new.**  
*No coats, sweaters, or jackets are being collected at this time.*  
**All clothing donations will be given to the Lazarus House.**  
Lazarus House provides food and shelter to struggling residents of the Merrimack Valley region, since first opening as an emergency homeless shelter in 1983

**The Eagle-Tribune**



# Cannabis finding its way in tight labor market

By COLIN A. YOUNG  
State House News Service

Some businesses have trimmed their hours, changed the way they serve customers, or hiked wages and sweetened benefits to entice applicants as the pandemic-influenced job market reshapes itself.

Marijuana businesses are among those keeping a “now hiring” sign in the window, but for different reasons than the restaurants, hotels and retailers scrambling to get back to pre-pandemic staffing levels. The challenges that cannabis companies face in hiring differ, too — too many applications in some cases, striving to meet diversity and local job commitments, and overcoming the stigma of what for decades was an illegal industry.

Five years after voters legalized marijuana here, the Bay State’s cannabis industry has been steadily growing as cultivators, manufacturers, retailers, testing labs, delivery services and others get established and begin to stretch out in the newly legal space.

“With all the opportunity for transferable skills, I think someone could come in not knowing anything about cannabis and really find where they fit into this huge milieu of the growing industry and then grow right in there,” Sieh Samura, co-owner and CEO of the now-hiring Yamba Market in Central Square, said. “We are seeing people able to move up and move into new positions quickly. We see people actually leaving one job for a better job perhaps because they have cannabis experience now from their time at one store and now this store says, ‘hey, we really like what we’ve seen you do over there.’ Stores are actually fighting for some of the same people here.”

Even with a pandemic that forced a two-month freeze on non-medical sales, the marijuana workforce here has maintained its sharp trajectory. The Massachusetts nonmedical cannabis workforce has grown from 5,846 licensed and active “agents” as of the Cannabis Control Commission’s mid-September 2019 meeting to 9,607 active agents at the time of its mid-September 2020 meeting, about 64 percent growth. As of its mid-September 2021 meeting, the workforce had grown another 65 percent to 15,869 active agents.

Massachusetts is not alone. As legalization efforts have spread across the country, so too have job opportunities. Last month, the Washington Post reported that the American legal cannabis sector more than doubled its 2019

“We are seeing people able to move up and move into new positions quickly. We see people actually leaving one job for a better job perhaps because they have cannabis experience now from their time at one store. Stores are actually fighting for some of the same people here.”

Sieh Samura, co-owner and CEO of the now-hiring Yamba Market in Central Square

growth with nearly 80,000 jobs added in 2020.

The estimated 321,000 people working in the marijuana industry around the country now outnumber dentists, paramedics and electrical engineers, the Post said.

Here and elsewhere, some of the newest cannabis industry employees were working jobs in food service or other high-stress posts before or during the pandemic. For many who make the jump, the culture of the cannabis industry can seem like “a little bit of a retreat from the nastiness out there,” Samura said.

“I get this a tremendous amount of the time. People have been toiling sometimes for less than they feel like they were worth, in positions and industries that might have changed and got a little nasty during the pandemic,” he said. Samura added, “It makes sense that they would say, ‘where could I be a little more fulfilled, perhaps a little safer, maybe a little happier?’ ... and the cannabis industry just historically is — people are motivated to change society for the better, they tend to be a little more optimistic. You know, they smoke weed.”

### Hiring commitments

As Massachusetts marijuana companies get themselves established, staffing up is not just as simple as taking out a help wanted ad and then picking among the resumes and applications that come in. The state and municipalities have requirements meant to ensure diversity and inclusion in the newly legal industry, a goal that many of the operators striving to meet it support.

“In the licensing phase, you go through this phase where you make a lot of commitments to the town, you make a lot of commitments to the state and they all stem from what the communities and the state and CCC want,” Wes Ritchie, who along with Ture Turnbull is co-founder and co-CEO of Tree House Craft Cannabis, said. “It’s that phase now where Ture and I are focused on implementing those promises and I think some operators care about implementing them, some don’t. We like to think of ourselves as quality and the quality of the operation

we’re putting together is sort of on display — are you going to meet your values or are you not?”

Companies seeking marijuana business licenses must submit diversity plans that show how the business will promote and measure equity among women, minorities, veterans, people with disabilities, and people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

In guidance it provides for prospective applicants, the CCC offered an example of what a diversity plan could look like: “The applicant plans to have a staff comprised of 60% women, 50% people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, 25% veterans, 10% persons with disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ people.”

And the host community agreements that marijuana companies are required to enter into with municipalities can also include a provision requiring the company to make jobs available to residents of the municipality. The CCC advises that while local residency “may be one of several positive factors in recruitment, it should not prevent the [business] from hiring the most qualified candidates or hinder compliance with Massachusetts Anti-Discrimination and Employment Laws.” For Tree House’s first retail location in Dracut, the goal is to have 50 percent of employees be Dracut residents.

Ritchie and Turnbull plan to open that store in the coming weeks, but they said they have maintained a focus on diversity and equity in hiring throughout the years-long licensing phase. Ritchie said that 80 percent of the company’s leadership team fits into at least one of the five categories that the CCC specifically requires companies to pay attention to.

“When Wes and I created this company, we brought our values with it from day one and so our hiring has been happening for the last three years ... our general contractor is a female-owned company, our security firm is vets-owned,” Turnbull said. “When we look out to the communities, we think that diversity makes us stronger. We don’t see this just as a state regulation. It’s something we take pride in.”

And as a LGBT-owned

business, Tree House Craft Cannabis wants to be able to show that it is possible to both be successful in the cannabis world, have a diverse workforce and open up new opportunities for others.

“You see it across industries where you can’t be it if you can’t see it, and a lot of the folks at the top of these companies are not always diverse in the way the CCC requires,” Ritchie said. “I think that really modeling that behavior ourselves, especially as an LGBT-owned company, is really important. We want people to be able to see themselves in this industry and it’s hard when it’s a new industry and there aren’t a lot of people who look like you.”

Overcoming stigma Even though it has been five years since a majority of voters approved the legalization and normalization of marijuana, operators said there is still a stigma associated with their industry that holds some people back from pursuing job opportunities in a field that was illegal for decades — and remains so at the federal level.

“We were speaking to this one woman and was nervous to get out of her car because she had never really been to a dispensary and so she had to work up the courage to come,” Turnbull said. “If the state was out in front educating people about this industry, I think that would be greatly helpful to us.”

Samura, a veteran of the Iraq War, said he is very interested in hiring other veterans but repeatedly finds that other veterans are hesitant or are worried that working in the marijuana industry could affect their federal benefits.

“There is a tremendous stigma, especially for veterans and soldiers, but the thing is this industry is here for their benefit, too,” he said. Samura added, “Many of them have been discouraged from interacting with cannabis, and that’s a struggle I’m always having as a veteran, trying to support other veterans in an industry that we have not really been encouraged to interact with at all.”

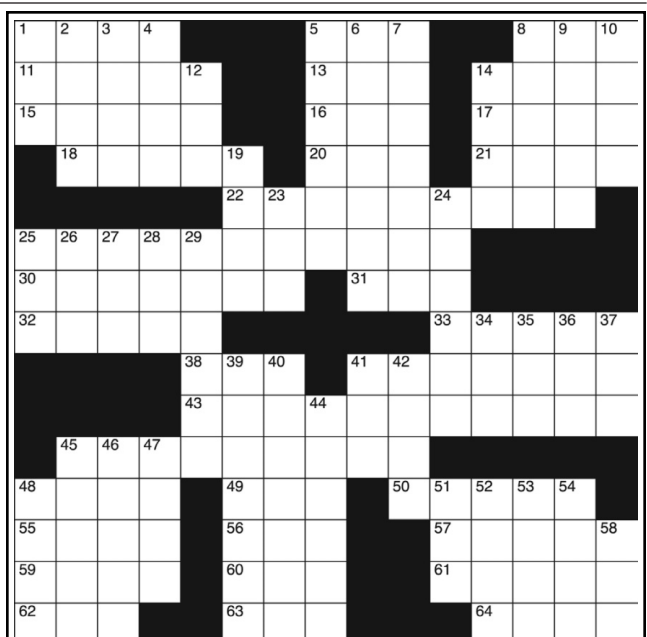
As he prepares to open Yamba Market and his wife, Leah, prepares to open Yamba Boutique, Samura said he is also keenly aware of the fact that many of the people involved in the illicit cannabis industry have not been able to shift into the licensed side of things.

As someone who was active in the illicit market for years and has made the jump to the legal world, Samura said he hopes he can show people that the transition is possible and

“encourage folks from the unlicensed side to come into this business.”

“It is painful because I’m just one store owner right now and I am very familiar with all of the damage of cannabis prohibition out here and all of the people

who really want to be part of changing it,” he said. “It’s one of the tougher parts for me; how do I get more people into this space away from unlicensed business and into licensed? That’s one of the challenges I face every day.”



Solution in Classified Section

### CLUES ACROSS

- Taxis
- Mega energy unit (abbr.)
- Single-strand break
- Combinations of countries
- Cutting tool
- Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- Actress Lathan
- Chatter incessantly
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Simple shoe
- Woman (French)
- Abnormal rattling sound
- Able to change
- Future butterfly
- Used in cooking and medicine
- A street for nightmares
- French modernist painter

### CLUES DOWN

- Dan Rather’s old network
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- \_\_\_ fide (Latin)
- Sign of healing
- Warm-blooded vertebrate
- Model
- Of or relating to plants
- Plant of the heath family
- Where to weigh something
- Internal structure
- \_\_\_ Paulo, city
- South Slavic person
- A way to record
- Have already done
- As much as one can hold
- Auburn legend Newton
- Comedienne Gasteroy
- Beloved dog Rin Tin \_\_\_
- Midway between east and southeast

- Dishonors
- Integrated data processing
- Frameworks
- Apply new materials
- Where merch is displayed
- American figure skater Lipinski
- Cycles per second
- Oohed and \_\_\_
- Dark olive black
- Peyton’s little brother
- Plant in the bean family
- A wife: \_\_\_ covert
- Born of
- Arranges balls on the pool table
- Title of Italian monk
- Tooth caregiver
- American feminist poet

11/4/21

## REAL ESTATE

Continued from Page A6

- 11 Villa St Unit 406:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 407:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 501:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 503:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 504:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 506:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 507:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 508:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 11 Villa St Unit 505:** Vila Properties LLC to 32 Vila LLC, \$6,100,000
- 625 W Lowell Ave Unit 4:** Ronald Pitochelli to Rafinel Castillo, \$173,000
- 70 W Meadow Rd Unit 23:** Juan A. Gomez to K Matthew Klueber, \$300,000
- 12 W Parish Ridge Rd:** Theresa and William Dunn to Sarah Powell, \$449,000
- 333 Washington St Unit 333:** Teresa C. Cabrera to Shanelle Bonilla, \$195,000
- 96 Winter St:** 92 Winter St LLC to Elm Tet LLC, \$660,000

### LAWRENCE

- 543 Andover St Unit 3:** Millwood Realty LLC to Hossiri and Leislle Good-Solo, \$365,000
- 41-43 Brookfield St:** Oval RE Assets Corp to Carmen I. Ovalles, \$531,250
- 130 Byron Ave:** Maria Hernandez to Lourdes Baez-Vazquez and Alondra M. Santana, \$350,000
- 17 Camden St:** Francisco A.

- Ramos-Taveras to Juan C. Barrios-Rodriguez and Elda O. Arreaga-Chavez, \$405,000
- 100-102 Chester St:** Franklin Bautista and Yohanael I. Ramos-Silverio to Aleida Marilis-Herrera and Mathevis J. Almonte, \$714,000
- 29 Kingston St:** Carmen Nunez-Difo to Yissel A. DeDuran and Fernando Duran-Reyes, \$425,000
- 304-306 Lawrence St:** Elmer O. Pineda to Jesus R. Melendez-Sotelo and Crismeldy E. DelaRosa, \$640,000
- 67 S Bowdoin St:** Lberthiaume T 2020 and Patricia L. Lynch to 67 South Bowdoin T and Patricia L. Lynch, \$100,000
- 20 Thomas Rd:** Placido J. Laudani and Nancy I. Iacono to Steven M. Iacono, \$400,000
- 275-277 Water St:** Michael R. and Elaine M. Hanson to A G&J RT and Jose A. Estrella, \$475,000

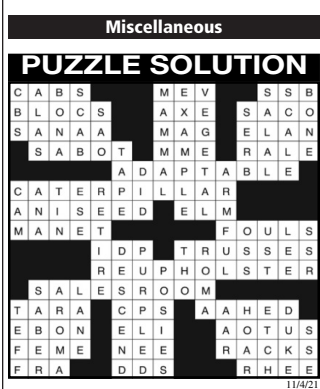
### METHUEN

- 27 Christopher Dr Unit 27:** Utkarsh Patel to Maroun and Mirna Bechara, \$315,000
- 19 Cox Ln:** David A. Pappalardo to Simone and Rebecca Andronaco, \$475,000
- 8 Dexter St:** John N. and Jane E. Terranova to Marisol Zamora, \$541,000
- 46 Green St:** Bryan and Richard B. Gamby to Jose Vasquez, \$400,000
- 28 Hampstead St:** Dany E. and Joelle D. Karam to Eian Pierre-El-Hachem and Patricia El-Hachem, \$710,000
- 3 Henley St:** Roger P. and Yvette M. Gagne to Corey and Frances Ellis, \$350,000
- 311 Lowell St:** John Vargas to

- Kamal Azzi, \$299,000
- 20 Norgate Rd:** Aziz Chabchab to Junior Lopez, \$415,000
- 21 Oak St Unit D:** Leslie Holland to Linda Hayek-Saab, \$269,900
- 60 Oakhill Dr:** Christopher and Patricia A. Marchese to Jordany Gregorio, \$465,000
- 143 Old Ferry Dr:** Shaun P. and Olga A. Gehring to Styven Pena-Medina and Dayliana Espinal, \$705,000
- 1 Riverview Blvd Unit 6-202:** Robert C. and Carolyn M. Pollard to Laurin Knight, \$270,000
- 23 Sea St:** Jeffrey R. and Cheryl A. Barraclough to Reannon L. Webb, \$425,000
- 42 Sherwood Dr Unit 42:** Steven and Pamela D. Perretti to Brian T. Barcelo, \$635,000
- 66 Sherwood Dr Unit 66:** Lejin Huang and Hong Guo to Philip and Patricia Grant, \$710,000
- 2 Weybossett St:** Stephen P. and Pamela A. Carney to Donna and Lawrence Hovor, \$450,000

### NORTH ANDOVER

- 195 Amberville Rd:** Neha Patel and Chetan Dodhia to Vinayak K. Nairi and Shradha V. Gaonkar,



- \$881,000
- 83 Beverly St Unit 83:** Robert and Shannon T. Phillips to Deonte F. Dunn, \$325,000
- 97 Bradford St:** Evan and Elena Falaras to Odilia A. Castro, \$718,000
- Chestnut St:** Massachusetts Electric Co to Trustees Of Reservations, \$75,000
- 14 Inglewood St:** Mary Mccomish to Mary A. Afarian, \$499,000
- 148 Main St Unit K424:** Eugenia Hatch and Anastasia Paris to Anthony Takis and Vanessa L. Mapanao, \$295,000
- 11 Stacy Dr:** Beresford Andrew C Est and Mary V. Campagna to Constance J. Thober and Richard Clark, \$420,000
- 2604 Tupelo Cir Unit 2604:** Ronald M. and Tomeka Kinsey to Steven R. and Lisa J. Nadeau, \$595,000

### Jobs-Trade/Industrial



North of Boston Media Group has a great opportunity for a Press Operator.

North of Boston Media Group  
100 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845

## NOW HIRING A: PRESS OPERATOR

Full-time. Prepare and operate multi-unit offset web press to print daily newspapers and periodicals. Applicants should have proven mechanical aptitude and the ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Basic math and clerical abilities required. Some heavy lifting involved.

Compensation package includes a competitive base salary, a comprehensive benefits package offered to all full-time (30+ hours) employees, and opportunities for advancement.

Send resume to: Ssolomon@northofboston.com



www.NOBMG.com





# Sports



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover High girls swim team celebrate after winning the Merrimack Valley Conference championship on Sunday. Charlotte Moulson earned three victories to lead the Golden Warriors.

## ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

# Girls swimming, cross country's Kiley win MVC titles



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Molly Kiley, here in an earlier photo, earned a dominant individual victory at the MVC Championship on Saturday. The Golden Warriors placed second as a team.

### Girls Swimming

The regular season might have been up-and-down for the perennial juggernaut Andover High girls swim team, but the Golden Warriors opened the post-season right back where they always are — on top.

Charlotte Moulson won the 200 freestyle (1:58.00) and 500 freestyle (5:16.48) and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay (3:48.19) and the third place 200 freestyle relay as Andover High surged to the team title at the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet on Sunday. Andover finished with a score of 689, well ahead of No. 2 Central Catholic (627).

Adding Andover's other individual title was Amelia Barron. She won the 100 butterfly (1:00.91) and took second in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.96). Claire Neilly added a second in the 200 IM (2:17.56) and was fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.02). Maya Flatley added a third in the 100 freestyle (55.78). Barron, Flatley and Neilly also joined Moulson on the winning 400 freestyle relay. Alexandra Zetea joined Flatley, Barron and Moulson on the 200 freestyle relay.

### Girls Cross Country

Molly Kiley dominated the field, blazing to victory with a time of 18:27 over Tewksbury's rain-soaked 3.1-mile course — 42 seconds better than the overall No. 2 finisher — as Andover placed second as a team at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Saturday. The Golden Warriors (78) were close behind powerhouse North Andover (52).

Next in for the Golden Warriors were Leila Boudries (14th, 20:26), Claire

Demersseman (20th, 20:53), Annika Kapadia (21st, 21:04) and Abby Redington (22nd, 21:15).

### Girls Soccer: Beating rivals

After battling to a 0-0 tie the first time they met, Andover got a second half goal from Michaela Buckley on an assist from Schwinn Clanton to nip rival North Andover, 1-0 last Thursday. Ainsley Napolitano made five saves for the shutout.

Lauren Adams, Arianna Schwinn Clanton, Morgan Shirley and Samantha Jenney each scored a goal, sending Andover to a 4-0 win over Lowell on Saturday. Ainsley Napolitano made two saves for her second straight shutout.

Katie Ambrose and Michaela Buckley each scored two goals and Andover rolled past Haverhill 6-2 on Sunday. Samantha Jenney and Lindsey Balfour each added a goal for the Golden Warriors, who improved to 11-4-3 with the win.

### Field Hockey: Beucler scores three

Olivia Beucler scored a hat trick, leading Andover to a 5-0 win over North Andover last Tuesday. Bella DiFiore and Emma Reilly each added a goal and Adelaide Weeden needed to make just one save for the shutout.

### Girls Volleyball: Siple, Warriors rebound

Behind Ava Siple's 17 service points, 22 assists and seven digs, Andover topped Reading 3-0 in Saturday. Sophia Pierce added five kills and seven digs and Marissa Kobelski had eight kills for

the Golden Warriors, who improved to 14-6 with the win.

Despite 10 service points, five kills and seven digs for Sophia Miele, Andover lost to MVC champion and state title favorite Haverhill 3-0 last Thursday. Adrie Waldinger added seven service points and two blocks and Olivia Foster had six kills for the Warriors.

Ava Siple notched team-bests in assists (28) and digs (9) and Olivia Foster added 10 kills, six digs and a team-high 12 service points, but Andover fell to North Andover 3-1 last Tuesday. Marissa Kobelski chipped in with 10 kills.

### Boys Cross Country: Serrano takes fourth

Matt Serrano placed a team-best fourth overall in 16:28 to help Andover placed third as a team at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Saturday. Fellow Golden Warrior Colin Kinn was right behind in fifth (16:32), DJ Walsh was ninth (16:44) and Ian Cox was 26th (17:15). The Golden Warriors finished with a score of 79, not far behind winner and perennial power Lowell (50).

### Boys Soccer:

#### Sylvester on fire

Owen Chanthaboun and Aidan Magner each scored a goal as Andover topped Tewksbury 2-1 on Friday. Gannon Sylvester made seven saves for the victory.

Gannon Sylvester made nine saves as Andover played rival North Andover to a 0-0 tie on Saturday.

# Birthday boy Brown leads Andover to win over Tewksbury

DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Andover High quarterback Scotty Brown certainly made his 17th birthday a special one.

The birthday boy completed 16 of 23 passes for a season-high 230 yards and a touchdown to lead the Golden Warriors to a come-from-behind 20-13 win over MVC Division 2 power Tewksbury on Friday night. "Scotty played an absolutely exceptional game on his birthday," said Andover head coach EJ Perry. "It was his best game in a while. He

played tremendous." Brown gave Andover a 7-0 lead in the second quarter when he connected with his favorite target, junior classmate Lincoln Beal on a 15-yard touchdown. But Tewksbury scored twice before halftime to make it 13-7 Indians at the break.

The Golden Warriors were able to answer in the fourth quarter. Beal opened the final quarter with a 4-yard touchdown to make it 14-13 Andover, then he broke a 70-yard score to ice the win.

Beal finished with 94 rushing yards and caught eight passes for 137 receiving yards. He has now

*"Scotty played an absolutely exceptional game on his birthday. It was his best game in a while. He played tremendous."*

Andover head coach EJ Perry

rushed for 763 yards on 108 carries and caught 36 passes for 661 receiving yards. With a month left of the season, Beal is on pace to pass 1,000 yards rushing and receiving. If he does accomplish that feat, it's believed he would be the first player in Merrimack Valley Conference history to top 1,000 yards in both categories. He has a combined 12 touchdowns. Brown also topped 1,000

passing yards for the first time in his career on Friday. Brown has now completed 73 of 137 passes for 1,116 yards this fall.

Perry said Liam Finn excelled at center, while recent JV call-up Stephen Medeiros excelled on both the offensive and defensive

line. "Our defense shut them out in the second half, so that's big," said Perry. "Now we wait for the tournament seedings. We're excited to start the playoffs."

Andover was waiting for the MIAA to announce its tournament pairings on Monday.

### Andover 20, Tewksbury 13

Tewksbury (6-2): 0 13 0 0 — 13  
Andover (5-3): 0 7 0 13 — 20  
Second Quarter  
And — Lincoln Beal 15 pass from Scotty Brown (Luis Gunera kick).  
Fourth Quarter  
And — Brown 4 run (Luis Gunera kick)  
And — Beal 70 run (pass failed)  
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS  
RUSHING: Andover (26-124) — Lincoln Beal 9-94, Scotty Brown 16-26, Patrick Layman 1-4  
PASSING: Andover — Brown 16-23, 230  
RECEIVING: Andover — Lincoln Beal 8-137, Chris Dessin 4-10, Brett Mondejar 3-45, Chris Capachietti 1-8

♻️ Please recycle this newspaper.



Andover quarterback Scotty Brown, here making a play against North Andover, led the Golden Warriors to a big victory over Tewksbury on Friday. He also topped 1,000 yards passing for the season.  
CARL RUSSO/  
Staff Photo

## ANDOVER BOYS TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

Andover High School Field House

5th GRADE - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

6th GRADE - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

7th GRADE - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

8th GRADE - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

### ADDITIONAL TRYOUT DATE

Monday, November 8th

5th and 6th GRADE - 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

7th and 8th GRADE - 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM

Questions call Joe Iarrobino at 978-474-0523

Register at

andovertourtravelbasketball.com

# Andover rallies around minis



By MADELINE HUGHES  
mhughes@andovertownsmen.com

Lifting Spirits Miniature Horse Therapy raised \$26,000 at its inaugural "Minis and Martinis" fundraiser.

"I'm thrilled with the turnout for our first annual Minis and Martinis fundraiser," said Toni Hadad, founder of Lifting Spirits. "The outstanding list of sponsors and more than 120 guests have made it possible for us to increase our therapy visits by more than 30 for next season."

The money raised will pay for more therapy visits, expanded programs and the medical care for horses who have various complications due to their dwarfism. The programs include an anti-bullying campaign called 'Say WHOA to Bullying,' which teaches children not to make fun of people, using miniature horses as an example.

"It will also allow us to grow our program offerings, continue providing top notch vet care for the dwarf minis, and to look to expand our rescue herd," she said. "We can't wait to start planning for next year's event!"



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Lillian Montalto, left, and Lifting Spirits founder Toni Hadad attended the "Minis and Martinis" fundraiser. Montalto's real estate business was one of the sponsors for the event that raised \$26,000 for the for the Andover-based nonprofit that provides elders, veterans, children and others with horse therapy.

COURTESY PHOTO  
Andover Animal Hospital veterinarians, Dr. Mechela Carnevale, left, and Dr. Michaella Abugov, with Peaches, a mini therapy horse at the inaugural "Minis and Martinis" fundraiser.



***If you're thinking of selling and need a complimentary staging consultation, a handyman or repairs, give me a call. My team is pleased to work in conjunction with Project Home Again when helping our clients with cleanouts and household goods donations.***

***I have a full-time, full-service team with all the professionals you'll need to get everything done for you!***

The Carroll Group at **RE/MAX** Partners



NOBODY IN THE WORLD SELLS MORE REAL ESTATE THAN RE/MAX.

AGENT SPOTLIGHT - RE/MAX PARTNERS

## Sandra Monroe, REALTOR®

Sandra "Sam" Monroe is a native of the Merrimack Valley and has been a Realtor in the Carroll Group at Remax Partners for 18 years. She has helped countless buyers and sellers achieve their goals and especially enjoys working with first timers entering the market. She is also a familiar face in North Andover, where she has had a successful business for 43 years. Sam currently resides in Andover and enjoys traveling abroad. She is also licensed in N.H.

SALE PENDING  
MULTIPLE OFFERS



**513 LOWELL STREET  
ANDOVER  
\$634,900**

NEW LISTING



**17 WEST KNOLL ROAD,  
ANDOVER  
\$999,900**

NEW LISTING  
OPEN SUNDAY 12-3



**27 CYR DRIVE,  
LAWRENCE  
\$399,900**

SOLD



**347 WOOD LANE,  
NORTH ANDOVER  
\$452,000**

SOLD



**40 BROWN STREET,  
ANDOVER  
\$525,000**

SALE PENDING



**40 FERNVIEW AVE #8  
NORTH ANDOVER  
\$199,900**

Tom Carroll 978-502-8347 • tcarroll@AndoverHomeSales.com

**McInnis Law Offices**  
Concentrating in the areas of Estate Tax and Business Planning. Probate Administration and Elder Law  
Please call today for our Estate Planning Questionnaire  
**(978) 686-6112**  
807 Turnpike Street  
North Andover, MA 01845

**ANDOVER CHIMNEYS**  
ALL TYPES OF MASONRY  
Brick, Block, Stone, Cement - Repair Specialist  
**CHIMNEY . . .**  
Cleaning • Repairing • Rebuilding • Silencing • Pointing  
Cap Installation / Est. 1971  
FREE ESTIMATES - FIND US IN THE YELLOW PAGES  
**978-683-5139 ANYTIME**

Call (978) 946-2000  
to Advertise Your Message