

## OBA dedicates Gateway Park to Army Nurse Dorothy M. Taft Barre

BY ROD LEE

Membership in the Oxford Business Association may be dramatically lower than it was when the organization was formed in 1966, but the OBA's impact on community life is no less profound—in 2023.

A prime example of this occurred on July 16th, a warm Wednesday morning, when Dan Prouty, Ron Rheault and colleagues of theirs took a moment to turn over to the town a formerly blighted, narrow piece of land they had purchased and redeveloped.

"It didn't cost the town anything," Mr. Prouty pointed out.

Situated on Sutton Avenue just east of Oxford Center, what had unofficially been called "Gateway Park" is now dedicated to "Lt. Dorothy M. Taft Barre," in honor of Dorothy's "selfless commitment, bravery and service in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps" in England, Belgium and France during World War II.



Oxford Town Manager Jen Callahan greets Dorothy M. Taft Barre before dedication of a gateway park on Sutton Ave. in Ms. Barre's honor. The Oxford Business Association purchased and developed the property.

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Tom Hansen and Ted Goulet are the "TNT guys" with Cruise Planners; they discussed their franchise at Panera Bread in Webster on June 12th.

## 'TNT guys' having a blast as a Cruise Planners franchise

BY ROD LEE

Michelle Fee is living proof that such a thing as the urge to travel—the so-called "travel bug"—exists.

Ted Goulet and Tom Hansen are too.

Ms. Fee was a mother of young children when she launched Cruise Planners in 1994, joined in that initiative by industry veterans Lynn Korn and Marvin Davis, both of whom have since retired. Michelle Fee remains CEO of the organization, which is based in Coral Springs, Florida.

Talking about their own experience during a conversation that took place at Panera Bread in Webster on June 12th, Mr. Goulet



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## GATEWAY PARK

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Born in Oxford on July 17, 1918, Dorothy was in nursing school when Hitler declared war on the United States shortly after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, according to a booklet the OBA published, "Our Greatest Generation: Oxford Goes to War." After graduating from Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston, she joined the military on July 3, 1943, as a registered nurse. She and her fellow nurses underwent basic training at Fort Devens and by January of 1944 were in Liverpool, England.

The 16th General Hospital to which Dorothy's unit was assigned was moved to a bivouac area near Enghein les Bains, France, and then in October of 1944 to Liege, Belgium.

Set up in tents in Jupille, Belgium, the hospital was hit by a V-1

twice and then bombed and strafed. Despite this, the hospital cared for hundreds of injured soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge, also called "the Ardennes Battle."

The facility functioned as a general hospital in Chalons-sur-Marne, France until late September 1945 when it was moved to Marseilles. The unit left Marseilles on November 3rd and arrived in New York on November 19th, 1945.

After the war, Dorothy married Clarence Barre, who was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. Mr. Barre saw combat duty in Normand, France, and Bastogne, Belgium.

Dorothy was present for the dedication ceremony on July 16th, on the eve of her 105th birthday. She was beaming in gratitude of having the park christened in her honor. A large crowd was in attendance for the event, including Town Manager Jennifer Callahan and John B. Eul

Jr. who is vice chair of the Board of Selectmen.

"This is a truly great project," Ms. Callahan said. "A lot of sweat equity went into it and a lot of local resources. I have worked tirelessly to improve the beautification of the town. My hats are off to the Oxford Business Association for this beautiful commemorative park."

Mr. Eul reminded the crowd that U.S. military personnel from The Greatest Generation were not a "Band of Brothers" but a "Band of Brothers and Sisters."

Waiting for the event to begin, Ms. Barre said "my grandfather bought a big house near here, opposite Dunkin' Donuts, when he came back from the Civil War. I lived there, once."

True to form with all of the initiatives it undertakes, the Oxford Business Association successfully transformed the barren parcel into a nicely-landscaped showpiece.



Above, Dan Prouty of the Oxford Business Association, attired in a blue shirt, speaks to a large crowd at the dedication of a gateway park to Dottie Barre.

Right, the plaque that recognizes Ms. Barre's contributions as a U.S. Army nurse during World War II.



There is even a "Little Free Library" inside the handsome wood-beam pavilion that serves as a centerpiece of the park, where visitors can take and place books.

The OBA project was made possible by a lead grant from the Smolenski-Millette Charitable Trust and by the contributions of a host of donors and workers:

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Mr. Prouty noted that Roger Bacon, retired from the Oxford Public Schools system, "reminded us of Dottie" in suggesting that the Gateway Park be dedicated to Ms. Barre. "He recommended her," Mr. Prouty said. "She was my mother's classmate in high school."

A businessman, Mr. Prouty has lived in Charlton for more than forty years, "but Oxford is my hometown," he said.

He noted that he not afraid to ask for help in bringing to fruition community-betterment projects like the park.

The community, in turn, is not remiss about doing its part.

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# Xpressly Yours ... a letter from the editor

## A beginning for The Pewter Pot; an ending for an editor

Application of the old adage “the neighborhood isn’t what it used to be” is of course not limited to the place of residence my wife and I have known for more than thirty years.

Change inevitably alters the look and feel of locales that were thought to be familiar and so not subject to any particular upheaval or transformation.

Time proves otherwise, as it has in my hometown of Endicott, New York, as it has in Grafton Hill where home was Cohasset Street in the mid-1980s (upon first arriving in Massachusetts), and as it has in the little corner of the town of Northbridge known as Linwood.

The standing joke around these parts is that Linwood doesn’t even really exist. This, because often when reference is made to the zip code 01525, be it at the Registry, upon ordering computer equipment online (for instance), or in offering an address to a visitor who is depending on GPS to find you, the message comes back “not recognized.” In such cases, the solution is to use 01534 or 01588.

This has been a longstanding problem, which explains why many occupants of Linwood switched from post office boxes in 01525 to street delivery of their mail using 01588—given the chance.

The headache of being associated with a neighborhood that was virtually an indistinguishable sliver of “the whole” was eliminated, for these citizens.

The Linwood of 2023 bears some of the hallmark features by which it was known in 1988; notably, the railroad tracks that run behind the building on Providence Road (Rt. 122), a one-story structure that used to house Friendly Discount Liquors and then a Salvation Army store. Now it is a Dollar General, with space to one side still available for lease.

The Linwood Laundromat remains where it has been but Brenda McAuliffe’s popular convenience store, the Cellar Sooper, is gone.

Brian Snay’s restaurant is now Grille 122.

Paul Menard’s service station, operated after his death by his brother Dennis, is now a maintenance garage for Don Menard’s



BY ROD LEE



Where there’s a ribbon cutting, there is Jeannie Hebert, here shown officiating at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of The Pewter Pot on Linwood Ave.

Foxy Travel business.

A hair salon next to Foxy has been turned into a pet-care operation.

The China Pacific on Linwood Avenue has held onto its spot but has suffered for customers, post-Covid 19.

Hank Nydam is still doing business at Nydam Oil; and Peterson Oil, next door, is doing the same.

The Linwood Mill, which once housed the Lavoie family’s furniture business, is now residential.

And the outbuilding in front of the Linwood Mill, which has hosted several businesses over the years, is now home to The Pewter Pot.

Recently, a ribbon-cutting

ceremony was held for The Pewter Pot, which the owners describe as “a good old-fashioned Primitive Country Store” with an accent on “Amish furniture obtained from Pennsylvania Dutch country, crafts, handmade personal items (candles, soaps, home décor, natural dog treats), antiques and collectibles.”

There is every indication that The Pewter Pot, because of its impressive array of merchandise, tastefully arranged on two floors, will last, and that is the hope.

“I love the store,” Jeannie Hebert, president and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, told me. “I have purchased several items for my home

and for gifts. It is a great addition to the Valley that offers unique, high-quality, well-made products, many from Amish companies. I highly recommend The Pewter Pot. I dare anyone to leave without a purchase!”

As I end my writing and editing career with the Xpress newspapers—this is my farewell column—there will be ample

opportunity to keep an eye on goings-on in Linwood.

And at The Pewter Pot, the official address for which is 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville—not Linwood.

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## CRUISE PLANNERS

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said he was in a shop in Key West when an American Express sign caught his eye. “That’s what drew me in,” he said. Of what happened next, Mr. Goulet says “we took eleven months to look into it and said ‘maybe this is something we can do.’”

Both had jobs in the corporate world, prior to obtaining a Cruise Planners franchise, approximately ten years ago.

Cruise Planners is different than other such operations for a few reasons. For one thing, it is home-based. “We are the No. 1 home-based travel agency for twenty-seven years running, and one of the Top 10 to buy (as a franchise) according to Forbes,” Mr. Goulet said.

He noted that “the vast majority of travel agents are not storefronts anymore.”

Also, Cruise Planners is dedicated to providing its clientele with “unforgettable, stress-free and affordable vacations that exceed their every expectation,” the company says on its website.

With that, Cruise Planners is devoted to offering franchise owners like Mr. Goulet and Mr. Hansen the chance to be their own boss and have “a rewarding and fulfilling business that is built on enriching people’s lives” and making customers’ dreams “a reality.”

Cruise Planners has even coined a word for the state of mind it tries to create. It’s called “Cruisitude.”

A married couple with two daughters and three grandsons, Mr. Goulet and Mr. Hansen call themselves the “TNT guys” and they love their work, especially when it comes to establishing a rapport with their clientele.



*Clockwise from above: A Miniature Eiffel Tower in Prague, the Hubbard glacier and a view of houses from the canal in Amsterdam are all richly rewarding images left from trips Mr. Hansen and Mr. Goulet have been able to take as owners of a Cruise Planners business.*

“We’re old-fashioned, we like to meet our customers,” Mr. Hansen says.

As one of numerous Cruise Planners franchisees, they say “we are not well-traveled but we have travelled.” Indeed, they have been around the world, so to speak, and are ardent advocates for the cruising life.

“Cruising is a great value, you get all the destinations,” they say. “We are connected with every cruise line. We do more business

on land than on water. We specialize in custom itineraries. Italy, France, Ireland, those are huge.”

As an example of the lengths they go to in taking care of their customers, when “the world shut down” because of Covid-19, they stayed busy with “re-bookings,” they said. “One of our clients got stuck in Australia. We worked to get her the hell out of there. You won’t get that kind of service online. When our clients travel we are available 24/7.”



Popular destinations with customers of the TNT guys are “Europe—it’s hot. Alaska, Tom’s favorite (‘it was life-changing for me’), the Grand Canyon, D.C., Mexico, the Dominican Republic and always the Caribbean. We are hosting a river cruise in the fall for twenty-one, twenty-two people,” Mr. Goulet said.

Mr. Goulet and Mr. Hansen gain great satisfaction in sharing many

of the trips they offer with their customers.

“Not yet,” they say, of taking an African safari. Morocco, “I’ve only seen it as we cruise past,” Mr. Goulet says. Australia and New Zealand are on the wish list.

They tell people “try the Azores.” Hawaii and Iceland are “very popular.”

A benefit of purchasing cruising packages from them, they say, is “we don’t charge fees. We are paid by the vendors.”

They love that they have “100% operational control” of their business. It keeps them busy, planning for and participating in bridal shows, travel shows and putting together cruise packages; but, they note “it has come back tenfold” in the gratification they feel in putting smiles on customers’ faces.

“Customer service, it’s always there,” Mr. Hansen says. “We stay up to date with changes, we’ve given it our due diligence, which is why we have repeat customers.

Hand-written thank you cards” are a staple of their approach to their vocation.

For more about the “completely personalized vacations” Mr. Goulet and Mr. Hansen offer as travel advisors and franchise owners with Cruise Planners, visit [tntguystavel.com](http://tntguystavel.com).

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# Summer smiles and tasting classes at Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

BY JANET STOICA

It's sure to be a bountiful summer filled with great happenings at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library in Webster. Firstly, we have to give a big shout out to Sondra Murphy, Webster's wonderful Library Director, who has recently returned from welcoming her second child, Orion, into the literati world. Cheers, Sondra!

Secondly, let's get on with the recent events waiting for library patrons to enjoy!

Director Murphy applied for and received two recent grants. The first grant received, in the amount of \$9,000, was for the appealing outdoor garden filled with beautiful flowers and healthy vegetables for the volunteers who are spending time weeding, fertilizing, and watering the plants and nutritious root vegetables and herbs. The funds received from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries are designated as a Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries Grant. She initially received permission to pursue the grant funds from the town and also the Library Trustees. The funds enabled the purchase of materials for the building of the raised 50-foot-long by 10-foot-wide garden bed (Thank

You, Webster Highway Dept.) including the soil, wood chips, seedlings, watering hoses, and garden ornaments such as the Corten Steel garden frog, rabbit, bird, and additional metal decorations. Corten, or weathered steel, eliminates the need for painting and once exposed to the elements develops a seasoned rust-like appearance. Vegetables planted include tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, radishes, garlic, carrots, lettuce, pumpkins, and Japanese herbs and vegetables such as eggplant, mizuna (similar to arugula but with a mild peppery flavor), shiso (a member of the mint family with a taste similar to cinnamon and clove), and indigo (non-edible and used as a blue dye). Flower varieties consist of zinnias and calendula.

"We hope to have an instructor from the Assawaga Organic Farm of Woodstock CT come in to educate our patrons on the Japanese herbs as well as the indigo dye. Additionally, we'll be offering four tasting classes for children and adults using produce from our garden as well as from local growers," said Director Murphy.

Mark your calendars for the following Tasting Classes: Tuesday, August 22-Salsa Workshop. A favorite chip dip! Thursday, August

31-Pesto Workshop using basil, nuts, a variety of cheeses, and olive oil; Thursday, September 7-Quickles. Quick pickles in a plain style or with onions; and Thursday, September 21-Pizza making featuring margherita pizza. Children's classes begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. and Adult classes are held at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

"We're excited to be using our garden's produce and our goal was to grow a little of everything to be used in our workshops," said Ms. Murphy. "We're also looking forward to harvesting small pumpkins for our children and one large pumpkin that we're hoping might be entered into a local agricultural fair in the fall. We also want children and adults to know that they are welcome to stop by at our main desk if they'd like to volunteer for helping with the garden and jobs will be assigned to them. Open garden hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m."

The second grant that was awarded to the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library was from the Janet Malser Trust in the amount of \$15,000. The library wanted to purchase a Charlie Cart which is a mobile kitchen demonstration cart. The cart's purpose is to promote and support food literacy programs

for children and adults. It's brightly colored and measures five-feet long and two-feet wide with a built-in induction stove top, convection oven, Vitamix blender, sink, mixing bowls, measuring cups, and most importantly, includes learning curriculum. The programs will be overseen by library staff and local chefs who will visit one or two times monthly throughout the fall and winter months. The staff is also looking forward to working with Bill Sabine of Andy's Neighborhood Canteen who will sponsor a pasta and wine-tasting class.

The Summer Reading Program has also begun! This program is open to all from children to teens to adults. There will be fun raffles and prizes for the number of hours spent reading books. A great and enriching experience for all ages. Some of the youth prizes include season passes to Memorial Beach, a ride to school in a police cruiser or a fire engine, and a backyard party basket that includes a Slip and Slide, an inflatable basketball hoop, and a bubble machine. Teen prizes include gift cards to Taco Bell and Fortnite video games. Adult prizes are a Rose Room gift basket as well as a \$100 Blackstone Valley Cinema movie package. Stop in and get the details on the Reading



Library Director Sondra Murphy and Programming Coordinator Randa Cox at the Pumpkin Patch.

Program, you just can't lose for reading!

Additionally, the library always looks forward to donations of current books and novels (no textbooks or magazines please), CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles. So clear out your bookshelves and racks and hop on down to the library to donate.

Attention business owners and generous individuals: The library is now seeking sponsors who can fund the garden and its food literacy programs on an annual basis. Current estimated costs are \$1,000-2,000 annually. Sponsors will have a plaque placed at the garden showing their sponsorship. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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# Webster's Lake Street construction and other town projects

BY JANET STOICA

It began many months ago and feels like it won't ever be finished for many more months to come. The never-ending construction, reconstruction, and rebuilding of one of the main travel arteries in town seems like Webster's own version of Boston's Big Dig. The utility company opens up deep road canyons to install new gas piping, neatly covers the ravine up, and asphalts over it. Two weeks later, the same area is excavated again and recovered.

The road has been scarred, beaten, and rolled over by backhoes, heavy dump trucks, trailers, and thousands of passenger vehicles in the never-ending saga of placement of new water and utility piping. Poor Mother Earth! All this for the convenience of us who need water, sewer, and utilities! As one of the main thoroughfares for the municipality, townies cannot help but use the maligned street even though it's a ride on the worst roadway they've ever experienced. Your teeth jangle, your vehicle's contents shake, rattle, and roll, and expletives galore escape your

lips as you navigate the feisty and ugly tarmac of bumps, lumps, and dips. We should consider ourselves "lucky" to be allowed to use the street after its daily divoting and during its beauty treatment.

Its reconstruction has been a necessary evil. According to Webster's Water & Sewer Superintendent, Tom Cutler, the project should be wrapping up soon. "It's a combo-project of replacing old water pipes and gas lines that began in 2021," he said. When Superintendent Cutler joined the town's water and sewer department in July 2021, the project had already begun. According to the town website the project is part of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and will replace 4,300 linear feet of 12- and 16-inch cast iron water piping with new ductile iron pipe from South Main Street to Emerald Avenue including replacement of hydrants, valves, service connections, trench repair, and appurtenant work. The fall should see the project's completion along with road repaving. "We'll have to go through a 90-day settlement of road trenches and then repaving should begin," said Mr. Cutler.

Other town projects include work on the Bigelow Road and Memorial Beach wells for PFA's (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance "PFAS") including estimated construction costs; water main work on North Main Street; and aeration work at the wastewater treatment plant. "We're being proactive and hope to avoid government mandates. We're in good shape with our PFAs limits as Webster began its

action last year," stated Mr. Cutler, "and with rule changes this year, we hope to get PFA funding."

Another consideration that concerns our Superintendent is the residual sludge at our treatment plant. The sludge is transported to a special incinerator in Woonsocket RI but the facility is aging. Many area communities are equally as dependent with the one facility for their sludge so if Woonsocket goes

down, we're in trouble, as other similar plants aren't accepting new customers.

Fie to the first jackhammer that touches the new Lake Street roadway once it's had a new and final coat of asphalt. You can hear the groans from here to Boston "Isn't it nice that they've decided to rip open newly-paved Lake Street again?"

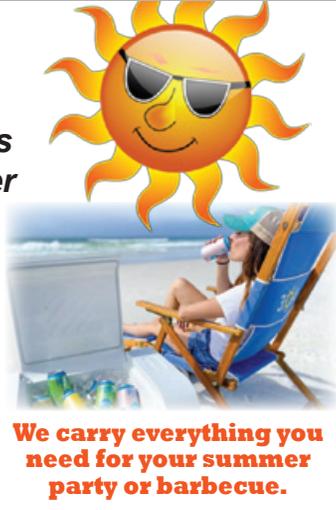
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# A nation of immigrants: Antonia Muscetta, a true-blue American

BY JANET STOICA

*This is the sixth in a series of articles about local immigrants and their lives in the United States, why they came, how they lived, and what their outlook is about this country.*

If you ever want to meet a truly patriotic immigrant who has been a U.S. citizen for quite a few years since emigrating from Italy then you have to meet Mrs. Antonia (Cannistra) Muscetta. Her remarkable level of patriotism is simply amazing.

Originally from Messina, Italy, known as the door of the island of Sicily, the town is of great historical importance with its huge Santa

Maria Cathedral and the gigantic clock on the bell tower. The city was originally founded by the Greeks in the 8th century BC and is also a popular Mediterranean cruise stop. Its harbor is shaped like a sickle and the island is also known for its tropical fruits like mangoes, bananas, papayas, and avocados. "From Messina, you can see Calabria on the mainland about two miles away," said Mrs. Muscetta.

Antonia's parents left Italy with their five daughters when she was 10 years old. She was their fourth child. Her parents wanted a better life for their family. They initially settled in Montreal, Quebec, Canada where Antonia learned

the French language. Montreal favors the French language more than English. When Antonia was 16 years of age, her dad decided that America was the land of better opportunity so they moved to the Bronx borough of New York, the Little Italy section. Her three older sisters were now married and one decided to remain in Montreal with another moving to Florida.

Antonia's dad had been well-trained in Italy. His trade was that of a carpenter and master cabinet-maker designing and making ornate cabinetry. "He made his own cabinet designs carving them intricately by hand," said Antonia with pride. "His work was beautiful." Once in America, however, Mr.

Cannistra realized that he needed a job that provided a steady income with good benefits so applied for the position of U.S. Mail carrier and worked his way up to supervisor, by merit, until his retirement. He also took on a second job working for the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority and the subway system.

Antonia began her high school studies but soon realized that her family needed the extra income so she took a job to bring in extra money. She also went to night school to learn English and to study for her U.S. citizenship exam. It was in night school where she met her husband Giorgio Muscetta. "Both my husband and I passed our citizenship exams and became U.S. citizens.

Soon after, when I was 18, we were married and had two children," she said. When their daughter, Angela, and her husband moved to the Grafton MA area so did Antonia and her husband. After Antonia's husband passed away and her daughter's family moved to Oxford, Antonia was able to find a home nearby. Recently, however, she lost her dear daughter Angela to cancer but Antonia continues to play a large role in Angela's family by being there for Angela's two sons who are adults now. Antonia and Giorgio's other daughter, Geraldine, lives in a facility for physically and mentally-challenged individuals. "Our girls always meant so much to us," said Antonia.

"This is such a great country and we were very lucky to come here. This is truly the best country in the world," she proudly said, "and when I hear people talking badly about America, it upsets me very much. It makes me want to tell them to go somewhere else and then see how that other country



Originally from Messina, Italy, Antonia Muscetta is proud to call America home.

Scenic America, and picturesque and historic Grafton, are two reasons why Antonia Muscetta loves her adopted country.

compares to America. When our National Anthem plays, I always tear up. I'm so proud to be an American. This country is a real land of opportunity. That's why everyone wants to come here! If you are a hard worker, you can be whatever you want to be. This country is the greatest. It's so important to be free. It's the good, the bad, and the ugly. That's how our history is and you can't change it. I think of how if it weren't for the American soldiers in World War II and their bravery, Italy and all of Europe would be speaking German now. They freed us from the Germans. Even though I was born in Italy, America is my home. When I see the American flag, it's my flag now. It's the best flag in the world."

Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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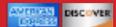
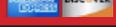


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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (intention), Amen.

If you pray three times a day, three consecutive days, you will receive your intention, no matter how impossible it may seem. Praise and Thanksgiving please the Heart of God. **Believer**

# Samuel Slater Experience adds Thursday hours, August Adventures

Samuel Slater Experience is now open on Thursdays! The museum began special new hours on July 13th and is now open Monday-Wednesday by appointment, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4:00 p.m.

With Thursdays added, Samuel Slater Experience is now poised for Highland Street Foundation's August Adventures, which will provide access and opportunities to new and old partners highlighting the geographical and cultural diversity of the Massachusetts arts and culture community.

Visit Samuel Slater Experience for free on Saturday, August 19th. Tours take about an hour and a half. Due to the large number of anticipated participants, only ten people will be allowed per time slot.

Email [admin@samuel Slater Experience.org](mailto:admin@samuel Slater Experience.org) or call 50-461-2955.

The Samuel Slater Experience comprises more than twenty

unique, immersive exhibits that make the history of the American Industrial Revolution and its people come alive.

First off, during the Orientation,



visitors learn about the beginnings of a mill economy, with examples of the spinning and weaving tools that predate the American Industrial Revolution.

Other exhibits as visitors make their way through the museum include "Meet young Samuel Slater in Belper, England;" "Samuel

Slater's Shipboard Immersive Theater Experience;" "Slater arrives in NYC—was that a rat I just saw?"; "Slater settles in Rhode Island;" "Master of Industry—Samuel

Slater's office;" "A tough life—mill worker's bedroom and kitchen;" "Waterwheel and Slater's Mill;" "Create your own textile;" "Mill workers' working life and community life;" "Why this Place? Webster 1820 to 1900;" "Town of Webster Streetscape;" "The Trolley Car 4D Experience;" "Maanexit Hotel;" "Mannexit Hotel Speakeasy;" "The Liberty Theater interior;" "Webster Times interior;" "Make your own Webster Times newspaper;" "Racicot Bros. general store;" "Dugan's drug store;" and "Webster Then and Now."

To make a donation in support of one of the region's coolest happening place this summer, go to [samuel Slater Experience.org](http://samuel Slater Experience.org).

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# Gregory's in Douglas known for pizza, and much more

BY ROD LEE

A fixture in downtown Douglas since its founding in 2000, Gregory's Restaurant & Pizzeria is a busy operation. Gregory's is open for lunch and dinner with a varied menu

that includes not only pizza but salads, sandwiches, beer, wine, chicken wings, buffalo wings, chicken tenders, fried calamari, steak grinders, wraps, calzones and a number of parmesan dishes.

Gregory's also serves breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Gregory's, which is owned by Gregory Pantos, is part of an industry with sales exceeding \$45 billion in the U.S. in 2021. More

than 800,000 people work in pizza shops across the country.

One of the things patrons of Gregory's like best is the attention paid to children. Crayons and paper are available, as are booster seats.

Check out Gregory's full menu at [www.gregorys-restaurant.com](http://www.gregorys-restaurant.com).

### ENTERTAINMENT IS A FIXTURE AT POINT BREEZE

Summer is an especially event-

ful time of year at Point Breeze Restaurant on Webster Lake. In addition to the seafood-oriented menu, which can be enjoyed in the dining room or at the edge of the water, there is the entertainment, which has been a staple at Point Breeze almost from its founding as a private men's sailing club in the late 1800s. Tuesdays are Open Mic Night, Wednesdays are karaoke and



Right, Mark Morgan begins his day in the kitchen at Gregory's Restaurant & Pizzeria in Douglas.

Below, Point Breeze Restaurant, on Webster Lake.

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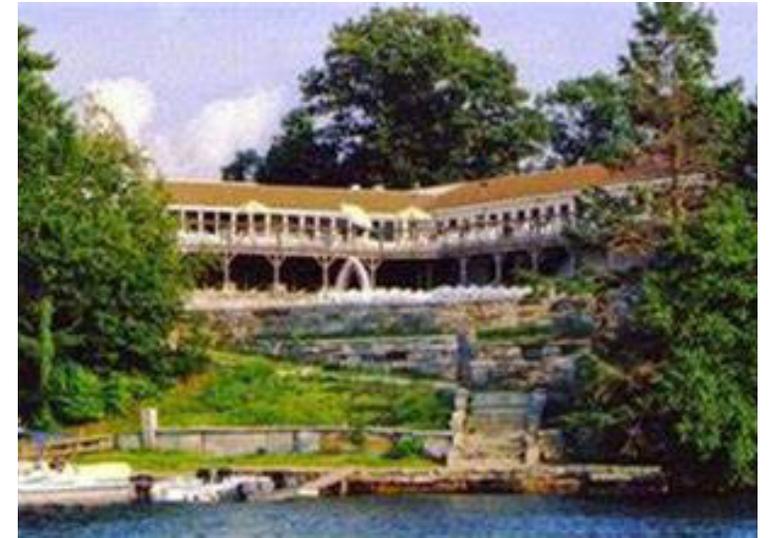
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there is live music on Thursdays and Fridays. At the turn of the century in the early 1900s, Point Breeze became a destination for weekend exhibitions and entertainment and in the Roaring 20s a favorite location for summertime weddings. Point Breeze is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Go to [www.point-breezeonwebsterlake.com](http://www.point-breezeonwebsterlake.com) for more details.

### TO-GO COCKTAILS' FUTURE HANGS IN BALANCE

Lawmakers have extended a COVID-era bill that allows to-go cocktails through March of 2024, but the Massachusetts Restaurant Association (MRA) is pushing for the feature to be made permanent.

One thing legislators are watching as they weigh voting yes or no is how sales of to-go cocktails do in coming months, and what kind of regulatory practices restaurants are willing to put in place to assure a manageable situation.

Jessica Muradian, who is director of government affairs for the organization, said the MRA will continue to advocate for making to-go cocktails a lasting ingredient for restaurant patrons.

Takeout has become that, and to-go cocktails should too, she says.

Contact Rod Lee at [rodlee.1963@gmail.com](mailto:rodlee.1963@gmail.com) or 774-232-2999.

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# Happenings!

*NOTE: Community bulletin board-type items are welcome for inclusion in the Happenings! section of the Xpress newspapers. Please allow enough lead time for publication. Email your calendar or event notice to news@theyankeeexpress.com.*

## THROUGH JULY 31

• Summer at the Beach, paintings and drawings by Laura Burnett, will be on display and for sale in the café gallery at Book-lovers' Gourmet, 72 E. Main St., Webster. The show consists of things that you can do, or that you may see while at the beach. Ms. Burnett lives with her family in Woodstock,



"Centuries of the Soldier," featuring re-enactors, will be presented at the American Heritage Museum in Hudson August 12th and 13th.

Connecticut. She is a self-taught painter and crafter who has been drawing from a young age. "I love what I do, when I make a piece for anyone I love to see the joy that it brings to them," she says. "My inspiration

comes from people and places I have been to and from drawings and doodles I have done."

## THROUGH OCTOBER 1

• Daniels Farmstead in Blackstone is open for its 13th season of Farmers' Markets, every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Email info@danielsfarmstead.org for further details or visit the Daniels Farmstead Foundation website at www.danielsfarmstead.org.

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

• Blackstone Valley Day at Polar Park will feature a game between the Worcester Red Sox and the Rochester Red Wings. Game time is 6:45 p.m. with Friday Night Fireworks to follow. Admission is \$27 for members of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and \$37 for future members. www.blackstonevalley.org.

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

• Northbridge Author Rod Lee will talk about and sign copies of his new novel "Gil Christopher," a reflection on aging, at Book-lovers' Gourmet, 72 E. Main St., Webster, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
• Fitz and the Tantrums perform at Indian Ranch, 200 Gore Road, Webster, 1:00 p.m. <https://indianranch.boxofficeticketsales.com>.

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

• Yachtley Crew performs at Indian Ranch, 200 Gore Road, Webster, 1:00 p.m. <https://indianranch.boxofficeticketsales.com>.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

• The Millbury Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by 4EverFab at the Millbury Senior Center. Showtime is 6:00 p.m.  
• Valley Cast's Free Summer Concert Series continues on the Dennis H. Rice Community

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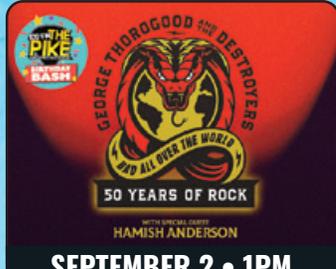
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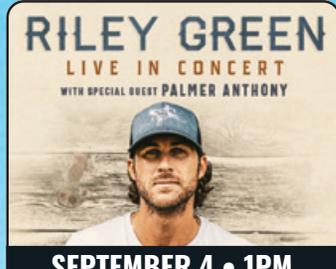
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Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a performance by Country Wild Heart Band. On a Roll food truck will be on the premises. In the event of rain, the show will move indoors to the Singh Performance Center.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

• ABBA The Concert-ABBA Tribute takes the stage at Indian Ranch, 200 Gore Road, Webster, 7:00 p.m. <https://indianranch.boxofficeticketsales.com>.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

• The New England Country Music Club will host the Rhode Island Rednecks at the Uxbridge Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. with live music and dancing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. [www.facebook.com/NECountryMusicClub](http://www.facebook.com/NECountryMusicClub) for further info.

Dylan Scott performs at Indian Ranch, 200 Gore Road, Webster, 1:00 p.m. <https://indianranch.boxofficeticketsales.com>.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

• "Of Farms and Factories:" Tour a history farm and homestead in beautiful Sutton at Waters Farm, 53 Waters Road, at 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, this walkabout

will show the important role local farmers have played in the evolution of industry in New England. The program is being presented in collaboration with Waters Farm Preservation Inc.

• The Millbury Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by DJ and the Preachers at the Town Common. Showtime is 6:00 p.m.

• Valley Cast's Free Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On a Roll food truck will be on the premises. In the event of rain, the show will move indoors to the Singh Performance Center.

### AUGUST 12 & 13

• The American Heritage Museum, 568 Main St., Hudson, presents "Centuries of the Soldier," a timeline living history exhibition from as early as the Revolutionary War, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. [www.americanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.americanheritagemuseum.org) or call 978-562-9182.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

• Commemorate the Blackstone Valley's involvement in World War II by attending an informative and interactive afternoon of history presented by the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park and Valley-CAST from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 30-70 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. The program is being offered in partnership with Open Sky Community Services. The event is free and open to all.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

• The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual Steamers at Sunset event will be held at The Barn at Blissful Meadows Golf Club, 801 Chocolog Road, Uxbridge, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register or for more information about this signature event, email Liz O'Neil at [loneil@blackstonevalley.org](mailto:loneil@blackstonevalley.org) or Kristen Kearnan at [kkearnan@blackstonevalley.org](mailto:kkearnan@blackstonevalley.org).

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

• A "Hoppin' Hoedown Concert & Luncheon" will be held at Plummer Place at the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Roger Tincknell will entertain with a variety of early Country & Western songs from such greats as Jimmy Rodgers, Hank Williams, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers along with traditional cowboy songs and yodeling. The event will also feature 50s and 60s rockabilly, western swing and popular country pop tunes by such artists as Johnny Cash, Ray Price, Bob Wills, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard and Glen Campbell. A themed lunch will be served. Cost is \$10 per ticket with a limit of two tickets per person. Sign up in the main office. This event is supported in part by a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

• "Adaptive Reuse in Manchaug:" This program is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Manchaug Mills, 9 Main St., Sutton, and it will show how the creative adaptation of an old industrial complex can take shape. At-



ABBA The Concert-A Tribute Band takes the stage at Indian Ranch in Webster on August 14th.

tendees will meet local historian Christine Watkins who will discuss the opportunities and challenges of working in a restored mill space. The program is being presented by the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in partnership with Deb Dunleavy of Manchaug Mills Inc.

• The Millbury Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Dan Gable & the Abletones at the Asa Waters Mansion. Showtime is 6:00 p.m.

• Valley Cast's Free Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Clafin Hill Summer Winds on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On a Roll food truck will be on the premises. In the event of rain, the show will move indoors to the Singh Performance Center.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

• The Whitin Community Center will host "Cars in the Park," 60 Main St., Whitinsville.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

• The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is planning a trip to The Theatre by the Sea to see the show "Jersey Boys." There will be a sit-down lunch at Bravo by the Sea with meal choices of haddock, chicken or pasta. Bus pickups will be at the Millbury Park and Ride in Millbury and at the Dollar General in Whitinsville. The cost including driver gratuity is \$150. Call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more details about this trip and a five-day trip in September to Penn Dutch to see the brand new show "Daniel" at Sight and Sound Theatre.

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**HAPPENINGS!**

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An Alzheimer's Association Lunch & Learn Program is being offered at Plummer Place at the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, at 11:30 a.m. The topic is "Effective Communication Strategies." Space is limited. Sign up in the main office.

- The Millbury Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Belit at the Town Common. Showtime is 6:00 p.m.
- Valley Cast's Free Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Dynamite Rhythm on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On a Roll food truck will be on the premises. In the event of rain, the show will move indoors to the Singh Performance Center.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

- The 2nd Annual Parking Lot Craft Fair sponsored by the Auburn Historical Society & Museum will be held at 41 South St., Auburn, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Vendors are welcome. Contact Helen at auburnmuseum@verizon.net to reserve a space for \$15.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

- The Art of Bow Making will be offered at Plummer Place at the Northbridge Senior Center from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. This class will demonstrate how to make bows for use in your home and/or for packages. Space is limited. Sign up in the main office.
- Valley Cast's Free Summer Concert Series continues with The Eagles Experience on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On a Roll food truck will be on the premises. In the event of rain, the show will move indoors to the Singh Performance Center.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- The Sutton Historical Society welcomes Andrew Noone, author of "Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy," at the First Congregational Church, 307 Boston Road, Sutton, at 7:00 p.m. Go to [www.suttonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.suttonhistoricalsociety.org) for further info.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- A Scam Alert Program presented by the Worcester County DA's office will be held at Plummer Place at the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, at 12:45 p.m. Kevin Donohue returns to help attendees recognize and learn about what scams are out there. Sign up in the main office. Light refreshments will be served.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- Bethel Lutheran Church/Grace Ministries will host a Community Yard Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn. Rent a table for just \$25. Contact Jackie Walsh at 508-769-0879 for jackmae@



*The Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band performs in Whitinsville on August 10th as part of Valley Cast's Summer Concert Series.*

charter.net to register for this event. This organization is under the umbrella of the Auburn Historical Society and has just completed a year-long fundraising project to restore the Green Dome, which sat atop the 1935 original Auburn High School building. When the seventy-two year-old building was demolished, the Green Dome was able to be removed and saved. It had fallen into disrepair as it passed from several town departments, the Historical Commission and the Town Manager's office. It now sits on Auburn HS property where it has been restored and renovated, thanks to a dedicated "Save the Dome" Committee.

**SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**

- The American Heritage Museum, 568 Main St., Hudson, presents "World War I/Early Aviation Weekend," showcasing the original 1917 Nieuport 28—America's first and oldest fighter aircraft, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [www.americanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.americanheritagemuseum.org) or call 978-562-9182.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- The UMass Cancer Walk and Run, celebrating twenty-five years of the community's commitment to cancer research, will take place at Polar Park in Worcester. Go to [umasscancerwalk.org](http://umasscancerwalk.org) or email [cancerwalk@umassmed.edu](mailto:cancerwalk@umassmed.edu) for further details.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- The Greenway Challenge takes place in the Blackstone Valley and around the region.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- The 7th Annual New England Electrical & Alarm Expo takes place from 1:30 to 7:30

p.m. at Twin River Casino, 100 Twin River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island. The Exhibitor Show Floor opens at 3:30 p.m. More than 400 manufacturers will be represented. Visit [neeae.com](http://neeae.com) for further details.

**OCTOBER 7 & 8**

- The American Heritage Museum, 568 Main St., Hudson, presents "Battle for the

Airfield WW II Re-Enactment Weekend," with over 350 re-enactors from branches of the Allied and Axis military participating in encampments and battles, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days. [www.americanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.americanheritagemuseum.org) or call 978-562-9182.

**OCTOBER 9-23**

- The Friends of the Simon Fairfield Public Library in Douglas's fourth annual online auction begins. Donations for the event will be accepted through September 14th at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the library's capital campaign to renovate the building and make it handicapped accessible. The Friends are also accepting sponsorships from community members or businesses.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- The Sutton Historical Society welcomes Mark Savoio of the Thompson Historical Society for the presentation "The Mass 15th of the Civil War and Wilder Holbrook,

Sutton," at the First Congregational Church, 307 Boston Road, at 7:00 p.m. Go to [www.suttonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.suttonhistoricalsociety.org) for further info.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

- The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce's 45th Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club on Armsby Road in Sutton from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Do you know a business or individual deserving of recognition, or a business that is celebrating a milestone anniversary? Submit your nomination to Liz O'Neil at [loneil@blackstonevalley.org](mailto:loneil@blackstonevalley.org).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

- The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce's Home & Community Expo will be held at the Northbridge High School Field House on Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration will occur late summer, early fall.

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"Music and Art Weekend" will occur at the Village July 29-30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate our skilled artisans and musicians through special demonstrations and performances. You may find inspiration for your next craft project!

"Redcoats & Rebels" will be the featured attraction August 5-6 from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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ary War re-enactors. Visitors can not only explore our exhibits and galleries and talk to our costumed

historians about everyday life in New England, they can also witness re-created skirmishes and battles, and hear fife and drum music.

"Textile Weekend" is set for August 12 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Have you ever wondered how we know what was made and worn by individuals in the 1830s? During "Textile Weekend, Behind the Scenes and Seams," we are highlighting original clothing and textile-related objects from the museum's permanent collection while creating new copies for side-by-side comparisons and a closer look at how we know what we know about the past.



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## Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy welcomes Dr. Sarah E. Grant

Professors and students of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy welcome Dr. Sarah Esi Grant, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN of Charlton as full-time faculty for the 2023-2024 academic year. Dr. Grant joined the Practical Nursing Academy as adjunct faculty in January 2020.

Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said, "We welcome Dr. Grant to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy as full-time faculty. We are excited to work together towards the Academy's nursing accreditation and the PN Class of 2023."

Dr. Grant obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice (2023), Master of Business Administration (2020) and Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Healthcare Setting (2020) from the Grand Canyon University.

"My nursing academic journey began with a Practical Nursing

Certificate in 2007 from Massachusetts Bay Community College," said Dr. Grant. "Becoming an LPN expanded her world view and provided her not only with the knowledge, inspiration, and discipline to seek academic progression but also to have a challenging and meaningful professional life. She looks back at her academic progression with gratitude. She completed her Associate degree in nursing at Quinsigamond Community College in 2015 and obtained her license as a Registered Nurse. She then completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Grand Canyon University in 2017. As an



undergraduate, her clinical affiliations included Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Milford Hospital in Milford, Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, and in the Worcester Public School System. Her previous employment includes Hospice of Western & Central MA as an RN Case Manager, Wingate at Worcester as Nurse Supervisor, and Parson Hills Nursing as Staff Nurse.

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## Author will talk about A Life Worth Saving at Booklovers' Gourmet

Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 E. Main St., Webster, is hosting a book release for "A Life Worth Saving" by local author Corrine James on Saturday, August 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

This is a story of one who was lost but now has been found. A story of redemption, new life in Christ, and a heavenly Father that was ever present and ever pursuing His wayward daughter. A Father that would never leave nor forsake her.

"This is a story of everlasting love, forgiveness, and grace," Ms. James says. "The Lord began calling me to write my story, my testimony, about fifteen years ago. I remember questioning 'Lord, why me?' The Lord began to show me pieces of my life, pieces that were hidden deep within. There was a testimony inside that He wanted me to share, that I needed to share.

"Out of that calling, A Life Worth Saving was birthed. It's



Author Corrine James.

about redeeming love, restored relationships, and freedom that only comes through Christ. It's about my journey toward Christ, one that has taken me from sadness to joy, hopelessness to redeemed, confusion to truth, and fear to faith.

## The Last Green Valley offers a program on bats

The Last Green Valley presents a special summertime program, "Night Flyers—Bats!" on July 29th, an all ages program at the Lyon Preserve, Wyndham Land Trust, Wrights Crossing Road in Pomfret, Connecticut.

An Acorn Adventure for families

will run from 5:30 to 6:30 with the TLGV Adventure to follow from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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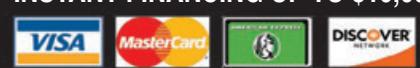
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SPORTS

# Kyra Krasinskis brings youth and skill to Oxford High softball

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Usually, it takes a few years for an athlete to grace the field of their particular high school sport, but that was not the case for Oxford's Kyra Krasinskis. As an eighth grader she was the Pirates' number one pitcher for Coach Jamie Hetherman and as a freshman she was named a captain for the team.

Krasinskis got the position as an eighth grader when the squad's number top pitcher didn't play that season, but the young pitcher went out and did her job getting Oxford into the post-season.

"She got us into the playoffs as an eighth grader pitching varsity ball that's all you could ask of her," the Oxford coach said. "We lost to Blackstone-Millville in the first round, but Krya helped the team get to that point."

This past season as a freshman captain, the Pirates had their top pitcher back, so Krasinskis only

pitched a handful of times for Oxford, while playing the remainder of the games at either short or third base.

"The girl who didn't play last year came back to the team for her senior year. She's a great pitcher so we went with her," Hetherman said. "I usually like to only go with one pitcher throughout the year, so she got the majority of the starts. Krya got a few starts and one game in relief but will be back to pitching next spring."

This past season Oxford went 13-7, earning itself a 24 seed in the Division 5 State Tournament where the Pirates made it to the Round of 16 before getting knocked out.

As a young girl her father had her try out for the town softball league along with some other sports to find out in what she was interested. After participating in basketball and dance, she came to the conclusion that they enjoyed softball much more. Krasinskis now also plays field hockey for the high school as well as softball.

"That first year was a little scary,"

Krasinskis said. "As an eighth grader I wasn't expected to make the team never mind become the number one pitcher going up against juniors and seniors."

Coming into her freshman season with Oxford and being named a captain put even more pressure on the young athlete.

"To be named a captain as a freshman definitely feels really good, it was not expected," she said. "Some of the older girls seemed a little upset as that honor is usually given to them, but if Coach Hetherman thought that I deserved it then I've got to believe in his decision."

Having the team's ace back in the fold this season Krasinskis was fine with playing the infield while only getting a chance to pitch here and there, but in the long run the now sophomore would much rather be in the circle.

"I'd rather be pitching as it puts all the pressure on my shoulders," she said. "I then have to go out and give it my best, but I always have my team behind me to bail me out if needed."

During her freshman campaign Krasinskis suffered a left leg injury and found herself on the bench for six or seven games. Although she was at every game to cheer her team on she said she would have much rather been on the field, especially against the good teams to help her team out.

As her healing process got closer to allowing her back onto the field the young athlete was pessimistic about being able to come back and play at a top level.

"I really didn't think that I'd be the same when I came back, would

my mindset be the same? When I did come back I was really rough around the edges, but I knew that I was a captain and still had a job to do to keep this team rolling," she said "Coaches Hetherman and

be a little stronger than the other girls when it came to hitting," she said. "As a five hitter you typically have power and I believe that I hit around .500 this past season."

In addition to Krasinskis only being a sophomore, the Oxford softball team seems to be on the younger side and will only have two seniors on the roster come next spring, but that leaves the future wide open.

"We had some hard losses this past year, but with a lot of freshman and sophomores getting that experience we should me much better next year," Krasinskis said. "I'm looking for this team to go further than the Round of 16 over the next three years. We're a young team with a lot to prove."

As for herself, Krasinskis wants to improve her game over that time while helping the team grow and improve. She would also very much like to get more people involved in coming to their games to support them.

"Softball is one of the lower sports at Oxford High School," she said. "I'd like to change that and get people to come and cheer us on as we get better and hopefully go further."

Although it is still years away, Krasinskis would love to eventually play softball on the collegiate level. In the meantime, she is taking pitching and hitting classes to not only increase her chances of playing after high school, but also to help her Pirate teammates over the next three seasons.



Kyra Krasinskis has been a stalwart with the Oxford High School softball team since the eighth grade.

Gomes were great and helped me progress through things. They were the ones that picked me up and made me feel comfortable on the field when I returned after my injury."

As she grew up playing softball for the town Krasinskis eventually turned to a travel team and this past October she moved up to the Marucci Patriots, another travel team that would provide higher potential for the young softball player's career.

As the team's number five hitter in the lineup Krasinskis believes in her hitting ability.

"Growing up I always seemed to

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# Sin and Flesh Brook a horrific reminder of King Philip's War

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

There are many relics of King Philip's War, a conflict that has been proclaimed to be the most brutal and bloodiest war ever fought on American soil. The war was not only fought between soldiers from either side, villages and settlements were attacked and burned, killing women and children as well. The object of the war was, from both sides, to completely eradicate the other from the land.

Fort Barton in Tiverton, Rhode Island offers a 2.3 mile loop where hikers can explore an important parcel of history and take in some of the most stunning views the state has to offer. The trail is not hard to navigate being mostly flat and if you hear the sound of gunfire, do not be alarmed. What you hear is not a ghostly battle being replayed, but instead, the noise from a nearby firing range. If you see some indigenous people attacking a person dressed in very old minister clothing, that is not a reenactment. You have just witnessed the ghosts of Sin And Flesh Brook reliving the moment that gave the waterway its rather

macabre name. Sin & Flesh Brook runs southwesterly from the area near Fish Road and Route 24, terminating at Nanaquaket Pond. The best place to see it and perhaps the ghosts is by hiking on the trails in Fort Barton Woods.

On March 28, 1676, at the height of King Philip's War, Quaker minister Zoeth Howland mounted his steed and left his Dartmouth, Massachusetts home to travel to Newport, Rhode Island for a meeting. Traveling alone during this period in time was dangerous due to the raiding native parties traveling through the woods in small bands. Howland felt the Lord would protect him as he and his steed meandered along the small trail that would take him to his destination. He had covered fifteen of the thirty-mile trip when he tragically became a casualty of the war. When he reached the path in Tiverton, six hostile Indians ambushed him.

The Quaker preacher was tortured and killed. His mutilated body was found in an unnamed stream still running red with his blood. The stream became known as "Sinning Flesh River" in remem-

brance of the horrific event. Over the years, the name evolved to Sin and Flesh Brook.

People may now travel the paths along the river and the fort with ease of danger but Zoeth, still trying to get to his meeting, makes his way among the leaves and brush along the banks of the watercourse. People claim to have heard ethereal screams from the direction of the river and have claimed to even see the river run red with blood. Zoeth has made an appearance to more than one hiker on the trail that still traverses the area where he was killed. The ghastly event has played itself out, sometimes in front of astonished witnesses and other times when no one is there to witness it, just as there was no one when Howland met his fate. The trail loop is worth a visit whether you are looking for scenery or paranormal activity. Thanks to six Indians and a Quaker minister, Fort Barton is one of the places that harbors ghosts from King Philip's War.

Sin and Flesh Brook is located on the eastern side of Tiverton. Follow directions above. Just past Nannaquaket Road will be Bridgeport Road. Take left onto Bridge-

port Road and then right onto Old Main Road. The brook crosses under the road at its starting point where the little pond on the right is. The trail leads to Fort Barton,

the small ruins of a Revolutionary War fort, as it snakes back and forth over the river.



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## LIVING WITH LUKE

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# Luke Valentino, a bashful pup gone spunky

BY AMY PALUMBO-LECLAIRE

**L**uke Valentino has grown so much in the past year and a half. Puppies are cute, but they are also a tremendous amount of work. Directly proportional to the energy expended on a puppy seems the reward of a full-grown dog who understands how to live with us. Luke has learned that we can't cater to his every whim. He has a toy box. He has a bone. He has a life!

Luke came into my life in March of 2022. He was the darker-hued of three other Golden males, the one nestled in the warmth of his brother, the guy uninterested in me or a new home for that matter. Of the Seven Dwarfs, Luke was Bashful. "That's Luke," I said to myself. "I'll take the one in the back," I said aloud, fighting to ignore Happy,



who sat staring at me with a heart-breakingly small smile. "I'll be your forever friend." My heart had already settled on Luke a few days back. He caught my eye in a picture sent me by his breeder. He seemed to look into my eyes as though to say, "My name is Luke Valentino. I'm not Lincoln, but you'll love me just the same, and I'll love you back." He looked like a Luke. He was Luke! Fate had brought us together.

Do we ever love our new pets in the same way we do those we've lost? I don't believe so. Rather, I think we love them differently or perhaps individually. I loved Lincoln for his athletic, robust spirit. He was up for a new adventure on the ball field. He was my partner in crime; with me to share in my love for people and life. He was a dog who viewed the world with

rose-colored glasses until his last day. He didn't focus on the pain of his tumor, but on being together. Why complain when we can play? He seemed to understand that our journey is paved with highs and low—and that it helps to focus on the highs. He was my dog.

What about Luke?

Bashful dashed like a bunny into the comfort of his plush crate on his first day home. He cried for me at three a.m. with a miniature puppy howl. "Arooooooo! Help! Help! I somehow pooped on myself!" He was careful to explore only sections of our home at a time and tackled the deck stairs with trepidation and a shrill bark. "I know I'm supposed to walk down the stairs but it's easier for you. Your legs are bigger!" Weeks turned into months and little Luke grew into his big, boxy head. In the process, he began to trust us. He may have been the most docile puppy I've owned, the only one I could trust to be alone on the front steps, but he was developing confidence and attitude. The mane of his chest puffed out

he makes the big, clunky transition from floor to chest. Then he tucks his big head against one of our chests. Luke's coat is soft and extremely thick. Snuggling with him is like hugging a brand new, expensive teddy bear. He'll gaze up at the television and tilt his head in curiosity to the sight of a dog on film. Occasionally, he'll find himself hooked on a scene. "There's a dog who looks like me! Now he's walking on the grass like me! Hey, there's a car. I ride in cars, too! A person is swimming. I know how to swim, too!" I'm not particularly fond of watching television. Unless Luke is beside me.

## HE TRAVELS LIKE A CHAMP

I used to travel everywhere with Lincoln, but rides were not easy. He was a backseat pacer, and far more high-strung than Luke. In some ways, I created the monster in the backseat. I acclimated him to Dunkin' Donuts drive-throughs and tossed him one too many donut holes. He came to attach car rides with indulgence. Luke, on the other hand, lays down patiently in his travel dog crate



(highly recommended) and will sleep through long rides. He'll pop his head out of the sunroof upon arrival. "We're here already?" Luke has already been to Vermont, New Hampshire, and numerous central MA destinations. He's sat beside me in cafes, restaurants, and bookstores. He's not a Service Dog and I've never claimed him to be. "I'm a columnist. He's working" is what I say, instead, when questioned. I write lots of stories about Luke. I need to be with him, my companion and muse.

## HE AIMS TO PLEASE

Admittedly, food rewards have been a central part of this equation. Still, nothing warms my heart more than the expression on Luke's face when he has made a good choice and knows it. "Hi Momma! I really, really wanted to chase after that shaggy mutt but you've worked so hard to help me stay in the yard. How about putting something in my dish so I'll remember to do it again? Aren't we a great team?" I've learned that consistency matters the most when it comes to training a dog. Luke's consequent behavior is no exception (barring a few erratic bunny chases; every dog needs to chase a bunny now and then).

## HE'S ONE OF A KIND

Luke Valentino is unique. He doesn't like the game of fetch like most dogs. Instead, he prefers Tease and Chase, a game involving a stuffed animal pushed into our butts (a subtle nudge) to initiate an intense game of chase that goes on



with unathletic slides and raucous unfairness. Luke positions himself to win every time, finding the perfect angle around the coffee table to prevent us from grabbing the stuffed lamb from his mouth. He's also a colossal sore loser. Should we find a means to take the lamb back and run with it, he'll whine like an NFL player handed a bad call. "THAT'S MY LAMB!!! GIVE IT BACK!" He's even adopted a clever tactic in grabbing a second stuffed animal to make us jealous, so that we'll drop the lamb. "I like the beaver better anyway." Often, I find myself losing patience with his tantrums. "Let Luke win, please!"

Luke may win a game of Tease and Chase, but when it comes to finding the right "next dog" my family has scored big. Whether snuggling, playing, or traveling with us, Luke has added so much joy to our lives. I never thought I'd find a dog I'd love as much as I did Lincoln. Then came Luke Valentino. I couldn't be happier.

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like a lion's—and so did our love for a bashful pup gone spunky. There's so much to celebrate about Luke. Where to begin?

## HE'S A SNUGLER

A dog is therapeutic, scientifically, and remarkably so. Research shows that petting a dog lowers the stress hormone, cortisol. Moreover, the social interaction between people and their dogs increases oxytocin, a feel-good hormone, the same one which bonds a mother to her baby. More simply put, snuggling feels good. "Do you want to snuggle, Luke?" My grown pup is more a thinker than a jumper. He'll look up at me or my husband at the edge of the couch as though to say, "I was thinking of snuggling with you, but I don't want to bother you." We scoop him up and



REAL ESTATE

# Your needs matter more than today's mortgage rates

BY MARK MARZEOTTI

If you're thinking about selling your house right now, chances are it's because something in your life has changed. And, while things like mortgage rates are a key part of your decision on what you'll buy next, it's important to not lose sight of the reason you want to make a change in the first place.



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

It's true mortgage rates have climbed from the record lows we saw in recent years, and that has an impact on affordability. With rates where they are right now, some homeowners are deciding they'll wait to sell because they don't want to move and have a higher mortgage rate on their next home.

But your lifestyle and your changing needs should matter more. Here are a few of the most common reasons people choose to sell today. Any one of these may be more important than keeping your current mortgage rate.

**RELOCATION.**

Some of the things that can motivate a move to a new area include changing jobs, a desire to be closer to friends and loved ones, wanting to live in a dream location, or just looking for a change in scenery. For example, if you live in suburbia and just landed your dream job in NYC,

you may be thinking about selling your current home and moving to the city for work.

**UPGRADING.**

Many homeowners decide to sell to move into a larger home. This is especially common when there's a need for more room to entertain, a home office or gym, or additional bedrooms to accommodate a growing number of loved ones. For example, if you're living in a condo and decide it's time to seek out a home with more space, or if your household is growing, it may be time to find a home that better fits those needs.

**DOWNSIZING.**

With inflation driving up everyday expenses, homeowners may also decide to sell to reduce maintenance and costs. Or, they may sell because someone's moved out of the home recently and there's now more space than needed. It could also be that they've recently retired or are ready for a change. For example, you've just kicked off your retirement and you want to move to somewhere you can enjoy the warm weather and have less house to maintain. Your new lifestyle may be better suited for a different home.

**CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIP STATUS.**

Divorce, separation, or marriage are other common reasons individuals sell to buy different homes. For example, if you've recently separated, it may be difficult to still live under one roof. Selling and downsizing may be better options.

**HEALTH CONCERNS.**

If a homeowner faces mobility challenges or health issues that require specific living arrangements or modifications, they might sell their current home to find one that works better for them. For example, you may be looking to sell your home and use the proceeds to help pay for a unit in an assisted-living facility.

With higher mortgage rates, there are some affordability challenges right now – but your needs and your lifestyle matter too. If you're ready to sell your house so you can make a move, connect with The Marzeotti Group or a REALTOR. That way you have an expert on your side to help you navigate the process and find a home that can deliver on what you're looking for.

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**Smart ways to invest in bonds**

Most investors are aware of the different types of stocks: big-company, small-company, technology, international and so on. And it may be a good idea to own a mix of these stocks as part of your overall investment portfolio. But



BY DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

the importance of diversification applies to bonds, too — so, how should you go about achieving it? To begin with, individual bonds fall into three main types: municipal, corporate and government. Within these categories, you'll find differences in the bonds being issued. For example, government bonds include conventional, fixed-rate Treasury bonds as well as inflation-protected ones, along with bonds issued by government agencies, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (or Fannie Mae). Corporate bonds are differentiated from each other by several factors, but one important one is the interest rate they pay, which is largely determined by the credit quality of the issuer. (The higher the rating grade — AAA, AA and so on — the lower

the interest rate; higher-rated bonds pose less risk to investors and therefore pay less interest.)

Municipal bonds, too, are far from uniform. These bonds are issued by state and local governments to build or improve infrastructure, such as airports, highways, hospitals and schools. Generally, municipal bonds are exempt from federal tax and often state and local taxes, too. However, because of this tax benefit, municipal bonds typically pay lower interest rates than many corporate bonds.

How can you use various types of bonds to build a diversified bond portfolio? One method is to invest in mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds. By owning a mix of corporate, government and municipal bond funds, you can gain exposure to much of the bond world. Be aware, though, that bond funds, like bonds themselves, vary widely in some respects. To illustrate: Some investors may choose a low-risk, low return approach by investing in a bond fund that only owns Treasury securities, while other investors might strive for higher returns — and accept greater risk — by investing in a higher-yield, but riskier bond fund.

But you can also diversify your bond holdings by owning a group of individual bonds with different

maturities: short-, intermediate- and long-term. This type of diversification can help protect you against the effects of interest-rate movements, which are a driving force behind the value of your bonds — that is, the amount you could sell them for if you chose to sell them before they matured. When market interest rates rise, the price of your existing, lower-paying bonds will fall, and when rates drop, your bonds will be worth more.

But by building a “ladder” of bonds with varying maturities, you can take advantage of different interest-rate environments. When market rates are rising, you can reinvest your maturing, shorter-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And when market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds working for you. (Generally, though not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.)

A bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances. But if it's appropriate for your needs, it could be a valuable tool in diversifying your bond holdings. And while diversification — in either stocks or bonds — can't always guarantee success or avoid losses, it remains a core principle of successful investing.

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# Today's vehicles handle better but a soft ride is elusive

**Q.** I have suffered with chronic pain since 2006. I am writing to ask if you know of any vehicles with an extremely smooth ride. I have tried Buick, Cadillac, Mercedes, Lexus, and most of the well-



BY JOHN PAUL

known makes and models that used to be known for their ride. I can actually feel the vibrations from asphalt line patches made to the road. Mercedes had an option called Active Body Control that also seems to be what I am seeking but they are extremely rare. Lexus has an option called active power stabilizer suspension system, but I have yet to find any used vehicle with this option. Do you have any recommendations for a new or pre-owned vehicle under \$60,000 that has that true "riding on a cloud" feel? It is also important that it has very comfortable seats.

**A.** Today vehicles handle better than ever. The combination of larger, wider tires and better suspension systems make even SUVs handle almost like a sports car. But what is missing is the floaty, soft ride of cars of the last decade. The active suspension helps but still it is as much about the handling as the soft ride. If I were looking, it would be for a Toyota Avalon, Lexus ES, Lexus LS, Genesis G90, Lincoln Continental. I would stay away from any car that had touring or sport suspension. These cars will handle better but ride firmer.

**Q.** I have a 2021 Toyota RAV4 hybrid, with only 10,100 miles on it, and it is still under warranty. My radio all of a sudden will have no sound for about 20 seconds after driving about 1/4 mile when first start-

ing the car from being parked overnight. If the car has sat all day at work, it will do the same thing. The sound does come back on after the 20 seconds wait or if I push the power button off and on. Any recalls or service bulletins?

**A.** I checked for technical service bulletins in the AllData database and found several software updates for the audio system. Although they do not exactly fit the issue you are having with your vehicle, in my opinion they are close enough to have the audio software update performed.

**Q.** My Toyota Corolla has 110,000 miles on it, and I have been keeping up with regular maintenance. What should I be on the lookout for as far high mileage maintenance goes?

**A.** Keep doing exactly what you are doing. Check fluid levels regularly, have the oil and filter changed based on the type of driving you do. Check the cooling system for proper operation and overall condition. Carefully inspect drive belts, coolant hoses brakes and suspension. Periodically have a technician put the car on a lift and inspect for premature rust and look for drive-line fluid leaks. With a little care your car should last many more miles.

**Q.** I recently was changing the cabin air filter and the engine air filter on my car. I purchased name brand not factory filters. The cabin filter was a perfect match, the engine filter was close but not perfect. I ended up returning the air filter and went to the dealer and purchased the factory filter. Any thoughts on this, should I have used the aftermarket filter?

**A.** I recently found the same thing on one of our cars. I was replacing the air filter and the aftermarket one was close, and I am sure would

have worked, but I did not like the fit. I purchased the factory filter online and even with shipping was cheaper than the aftermarket filter from the auto parts store. When possible, I prefer to use factory filters and belts, I find the fitment better overall.

**Q.** With all the talk of electric vehicles from vehicle manufacturers who seem to not be able to make a profit, only some cars with really long range batteries to poor charging infrastructure and non-working charging stations, do you think electric cars are still the way to go?

**A.** I believe that electric cars are one of the choices, and not perfect for everyone. Currently this is the "golden-age" of the automobile. You can buy an electric car, hybrid, plug in hybrid or a gasoline car and even a diesel. The

future will offer more choices on incredibly low emissions vehicles, with hydrogen powered electric cars and even hydrogen used as fuel. Toyota recently introduced a hydrogen internal combustion engine. Locally an old friend of mine just received a patent for an engine design that promises high efficiency, low emissions and can burn any fuel. To learn more about the Kimat Engine go

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