



Two promoted at Oxford PD

The Oxford Police Department announces the promotions of Sergeant Michael Gifford to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Ryan Kasik to the rank of Sergeant.

Earlier this year Chief Michael Daniels held an assessment center

promotional process. This process consisted of a written examination, with a passing score of 70 or above candidates moved on to the assessment portion which consisted of several scenarios.

"Lt. Gifford and Sergeant Kasik have dedicated their lives to our

great community and represent the culture that the Oxford Police Department stands for. We wish them well in these next chapters of their career, and we thank the citizens of Oxford for your continued support of our police department," he said.

Oxford's Lowes Pond Dam Project Moves Forward

BY JANET STOICA

About three years ago Town Manager Jennifer Callahan held a public forum for town residents regarding the Lowes Pond Dam structure. The event was well-attended and also included state engineering representatives, local residents, and other town parties.

attendees expressed support for the project and were excited for Oxford to collaborate with the respective state agencies to move forward with the project," said Callahan. State and town officials continued to advance design and construction documents and secure all necessary permits and approvals.

The state recently announced it



At that time, the state had identified significant structural deficiencies requiring major upgrades to protect residents and businesses downstream. After extensive research, it was confirmed that the privately-owned dam had been abandoned for decades with no identifiable responsible owner of record. Oxford was selected to be the first community to participate in a state-funded pilot program to help municipalities repair abandoned dams.

"An overwhelming majority of

expects to bid for construction in the coming summer weeks. The state's estimated project cost is \$4 million with an 8-12 month construction timeline.

According to the town manager's report, the scope of work includes reconstructing the dam spillway's 42 foot span, widening the spillway another 28 feet (total length of 70 feet), building a new

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Town of Auburn's Farmer's Market and Entertainment Schedules

BY JANET STOICA

According to the town's Recreation and Cultural Director, Kristen Pappas' bulletin, Auburn's ongoing Summer and Concert schedules include the following activity and concerts:

Every Thursday at the town's Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., a Farmer's Market will be held through Thursday, August 29. Outdoor live concerts will also be held the same date with a start time of 6:00 p.m.

Remaining programs include Thursday, August 1, with Below

Deck (yacht rock band) who will play tunes from artists like Christopher Cross, Toto, Kenny Loggins, Hall & Oates, and many more. Sure to be a hit with all audience members.

Thursday, August 8, will feature the Aquanett Band who will entertain with 80's rock and metal featuring songs from Bruce Springsteen to Heart to Lionel Richie and Huey Lewis & the News.

August 15's lineup will be Outriggers, a classic rock band, who hail themselves as "New England's Premier Cover Band." Their show include songs from the Zac Brown Band, Styx, Elvis Presley, Kansas, Eddie Money, and Garth Brooks.

August 22's band will be Dock 10 who specialize in music from the 70's and 80's and according

to their Facebook page are "a 7-piece family band playing all of your favorites from the 70's and 80's with more recent hits sprinkled in to add a little twist!"

The season closes out on August 29 with Petty Larceny a Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute band. Some of his songs include "I Won't Back Down," "Free Fallin'" and "Don't Do Me Like That."

Mark your calendars for a few leisurely Thursday evenings to check out all the goodness and freshness of locally-grown produce before setting up your chair or blanket to gather with other concert-goers and enjoy a free and friendly evening outdoors with great music and good fun.



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Six potential candidates for Auburn police recruits

About half way into July, in the heat of the summer, at 7:30 a.m. nine hopefuls descended upon Lemansky Park track with dreams of becoming an Auburn

and now hope to hire two. There were 136 individuals who took, passed and made the civil service list received notification of current openings and intent to hire.



Police Officer.

Recently the Civil Service list was called to fill an open position at the APD. After calling the list we learned of a pending retirement

Twenty-two picked up applications. Nine returned complete applications and were moved on to the next portion of the hiring process, the physical fitness test. Appli-

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reinforced concrete support wall, and constructing a new riverfront embankment.

Another major highlight of the project is that it would facilitate public access and enhance passive

accessible pathways to avoid visitors walking along Huguenot Road.

Once completed the site would remain a public open space for the community to enjoy and Oxford will maintain it as part of its existing dam infrastructure.

“The long-term benefits of the Lowes Dam Project are significant.



recreational use at the dam and in the immediate project area. Two new parking areas are part of the project as is a new pedestrian bridge which spans the modified spillway channel. The bridge connects the eastern and western parking areas along 6-foot-wide

Particularly in the face of climate change, the newly constructed dam will improve the safety and quality of life for local residents and businesses well into the next century. It's a win-win project in addressing an inherited Industrial Era problem,” concluded Callahan.

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cants that pass this test can expect to move on during selection.

Under the direction of Detective Sgt. Lamoreaux, who is both a Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) physical training instructor and lead staff instructor at the Fitchburg State University Police

Academy, along with Officers Ryan and Walker, also MPTC PT Instructors, these nine candidates were given the MPTC fitness test to ensure they would pass come time for the entrance physical.

Although all nine gave their best efforts, three fell short leaving six

possible candidates. The department is optimistic that of the six, there are two incredible future officers in the group.

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Revolutionary War Reenactments Returns to Old Sturbridge Village

Old Sturbridge Village is set to host Redcoats and Rebels, one of New England's largest Revolutionary War reenactments, on Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4. The highly anticipated event promises a weekend of historical immersion, featuring nearly 600 costumed reenactors from across the region portraying both soldiers and civilians from the Revolutionary War era.

Throughout the weekend, guests will have the chance to witness dramatic reenactments of historic battles and skirmishes between Colonial and British troops, complete with cannon and musket demonstrations and cavalry displays. The event will also feature live fife and drum music and special presentations that bring the Revolutionary War to life.

On Saturday, August 3, the day will begin with morning drills, marching, and a cavalry demonstration followed by an afternoon battle at 3:00 p.m. The day will conclude with cannon and musket demonstrations, as well as fife and drum musical performances. On Saturday, the Village will be open extended hours until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 4, will feature an

afternoon battle at 2:00 p.m. Reenactment groups from across New England, including Providence, RI; Sturbridge, MA; and Boston, MA, will participate in the battles,



showcasing authentic tactics and formations used during the Revolutionary War.

In addition to the reenactments, visitors can explore authentic Revolutionary War camps and engage with costumed historians to learn about everyday life in early New England. Reenactors will demonstrate traditional cooking methods, baking, and the crafting of everyday items such as soap, brooms and muskets, offering a detailed look into the past.

"Redcoats and Rebels brings the

Revolutionary War to life in a way that engages all the senses," said Jim Donahue, President & CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. "This event offers a rare opportunity to experience history up close, from the intensity of the battle to the quiet moments of camp life. We invite everyone to join us next month and connect with history in a way that is both powerful and unforgettable."

Donahue added, "We also extend our gratitude to the family-owned American manufacturer Dexter-Russell, for their continued sponsorship of Redcoats and Rebels. Their generous support is vital in bringing this exciting event to life."

Due to the event's popularity, visitors are asked to purchase tickets online and in advance. The event will happen rain or shine. To reserve a ticket, inquire about participating in the event or for more information, please visit <https://www.osv.org/event/redcoats-rebels/>.

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Blackstone Heritage Corridor Seeks Nominations for John H. Chafee Heritage Awards

The John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) is seeking nominations for the John H. Chafee Heritage Awards, which honor individuals or groups that have worked



on projects, programs, and institutions that promote cultural heritage, the preservation of natural areas, and/or those who strive to enrich the quality of life in the Blackstone

River Valley.

BHC established the award to honor the late Senator John H. Chafee and recognize citizens and organizations whose work in the Blackstone Valley embodies Chafee's vision and ideas. Recipients include community leaders, preservation heroes, business

partners, environmental advocates, and students whose achievements resulted in public benefit.

To nominate someone for the award, submit a nomination form citing their accomplishments. There is a separate category for students. Find the form at BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org/

john-h-chafee-heritage-awards. Nominations must be received by September 15, 2024, and can be mailed to the BHC office at 670 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA, 01588, or emailed to Devon Kurtz at dkurtz@blackstone-heritagecorridor.org.

Small Stones Festival of the Arts call for submissions

The 2025 Small Stones Festival of the Arts is scheduled for January 25, 2025 through February 2, 2025, when it will return to its wonderful new location, the Brigham Hill Community Barn, 37 Wheeler Road, North Grafton, thanks to the courtesy of Community Harvest Project. This year's

an independent panel of distinguished jurors. Once they are announced, the selections can be read about on the Festival's website, www.smallstonesfestival.org.

Art work exhibited at the Festival will be selected from approximately 500 submissions and will include 144 fine art paintings (including

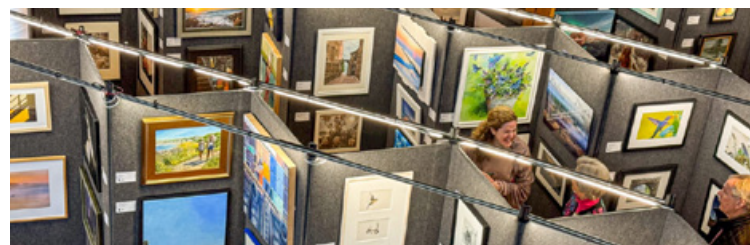
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submission fee of \$10 per entry. A maximum of five entries per artist. Up to two may be selected for in-person exhibition by our jurors. You must submit a high-quality

photo of your work, suitable for inclusion in the catalog.

For more information on registering and submitting your work, visit smallstones2025.artcall.org



Art Call for the Festival will open from September 15 through October 15, 2024.

The Festival is a collaboration of the Worcester County Camera Club and the Blackstone Valley Art Association, now in its seventh year. It exhibits fine art painting and fine art photography.

Work chosen for the juried in-person exhibition as well as prize winning entries will be selected by

drawing, sketches, ink and other 2D productions) and fine art photographs (including film based, digital, infrared and alternative processes). There are strict restrictions on the size of work that can be exhibited. Works chosen for the exhibition will be published in the annual hard-bound catalog. All submissions will appear in the Web Gallery.

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SPORTS

First Time For Everything

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY.
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

As a field hockey and basketball player Sutton's Katerina Quill was not only looking for something to do during her free time in the spring, but she also wanted to try something totally out of the ordinary. Eventually she settled on giving tennis a try.

"I was just looking for something to do in the spring, but I wanted it to be something that I had never done before," Quill said. "I had some friends who played tennis and figured that it would be a nice relaxing sport, but soon found it was very physical as well

as mental."

Despite not being what she originally thought the sport would be she did find that she enjoyed playing the sport and decided to stick with it. Here entire life she played sports that were team oriented the then freshman found that she was more at ease playing an individual sport and definitely like the change of pace on the tennis courts.

Although the sport was not what she had thought it was when she signed up, she eventually overcame the mental aspect of the game and it did become a calming sport for her to take part in. However, that relaxing atmosphere would take time. As a freshman she not

only made the varsity team for the Suzie's, but she was the team's third singles starter.

"That first year I had absolutely no knowledge what so ever of the sport of tennis," she recalled. "I couldn't tell you what I was expecting as I didn't know the game."

Having taken part in field hockey for years Quill noted that the sport entailed a lot of physicality and movement on the field while always communicating; it was all based around team unity. Tennis, she quickly found out was much more strategic.

Playing third singles as a freshman she found that she was not able to win a lot of her matches.

"Losing a majority of my matches that year was very discouraging, but it just made me want to work harder," she said. "While I only had a few wins, I found that a lot of my losses were my fault due to mistakes that I was making allowing my opponents to get points."

Knowing that she didn't have a strong game, Quill began working continuously on her strokes, hits and serves; things were a challenge to the newcomer, but she continued to work on her game while improving.

Playing basketball and field hockey had given her the speed and agility to allow her to get to the net quicker and with precision. Improvement continue to come with the more that she played the



game and although she liked playing singles, she was moved into the first doubles tandem during her second season, where she has played the past two seasons along side Laura Sullivan.

Sullivan was a year older than Quill and had previously played the sport, so she was a big influence on Quill's ascension though the sport.

"Playing doubles, I immediately found that I really loved it much more than playing singles," Quill said. "Having a partner instead of being on the court all alone was so much better and while it was a totally different game I was enjoying it. We seemed to work well together, pushed each other, and knew not to get down as we'd get the next one."

Sutton girls tennis coach Mike Zagame believes that Quill doesn't try to do too much but seems to be in the right spot all the time.

"She's a very consistent and detail-oriented player, which helps her considerably when she's playing in the doubles format," the Coach said. "Over the years her confidence has increased and although she is a very quiet individual, she definitely lets her game do her talking."

Zagame went on to say that Quill has a powerful shot that allows her to take calculated risks and her ground strokes and serves have become phenomenal this past season.

When she returns back to school later in the year, she will be a senior taking part in her final seasons with Sutton and although that is something all high school students look forward to, Quill will

be without her partner for the past two years and is unsure of what the future holds for her on the tennis courts.

"With Laura graduating I'm not sure where I will be playing next year. I'm hoping that I return to doubles, but I will be open to wherever the Coach puts me," the rising senior said. "I'd prefer doubles as that's where I've played the last two years and I've gotten used to it."

Quill may be hoping to returning to doubles, but her Coach is unsure of what the new season will bring.

"With her senior partner gone, there will be an opening on the first doubles team," Zagame said. "I am not sure what I am going to do – do I keep her here or move her up to singles?"

Having such a dilemma will leave Zagame scratching his head over the next nine months before the girls all return next spring. One thought that has crossed his mind is that Quill has a younger sister, who as a freshman this year played second doubles – could she be a fit with her older sister? The Sutton Coach will not know until next spring when the team reassembles and then and only then will he know what he has and who may or may not mesh.

In the meantime, Quill knows that she will continue to work on her basics during the off-season while also train on different aspects of playing singles or doubles once they return for the season next spring. Singles or doubles, she believes that she be ready for whatever the coach eventually decides is best for the team.

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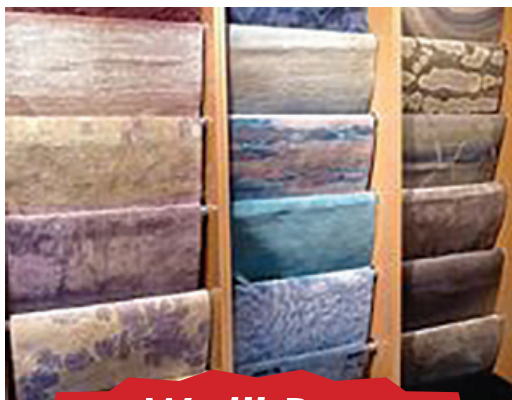
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Auburn's Receives AA+ Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's Police Body Cameras Now in Use

BY JANET STOICA

AA+ bond ratings are considered very low risk according to financial market reviewer, Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). The town and its management have proven that they are considered financially sound, have adequate cash reserves and revenues to pay debt, and also have a low risk of default. A distinctive economic rating that Auburn should be very proud of. The long-term debt rating applies to Auburn's \$2.495 million general obligation 2024 municipal-purpose bonds. The AA+ long-term rating has also been affirmed on the town's existing debt.

According to S&P, bond proceeds will permanently finance \$1.656 million in bond-anticipation notes outstanding and provide new money for various capital projects. Auburn has produced surplus financial results over the past decade with a focus on increasing its available reserves, bringing it to 40%

of expenditures as of fiscal 2023, well above its state peers for the current rating level and in line with National peers.

The long-term rating further reflects Auburn's primarily residential local economy (76% of assessed value), with a strong commercial component that officials have been hoping to bolster, given the town's favorable location outside of Worcester, by taking steps to equalize its commercial and residential property tax rates, well-embedded financial policies and practices along with formal debt management and investment and reserve policies along with five-year capital planning. The town typically completes long-term financial forecasting and has consistent positive financial performance supported by property taxes (61% of general fund revenue) and intergovernmental state aid along with local receipts outperforming conservative budget assumptions. Along with improving reserve levels, Auburn also maintains \$8

million in excess levy capacity that provides flexibility to raise additional revenue if needed within the statewide tax limitations. S&P also stated that the rating reflects Auburn's stable tax base, which in turn supports the town's robust financial position and debt burden.

Town Manager Edward Kazanovicz also stated that the town's police officers are now "officially up and running with their body camera program since May recording interactions with the public day and night. The onset of this program was implemented entirely by the efforts of Deputy Chief R.S. Mills. His efforts resulted in a \$93,000 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and is the single-highest grant awarded to the Auburn Police Department and has brought the town an added layer of protection."

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Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School awarded over \$800,000

Grant to provide training and placement for unemployed and under-employed of Central Massachusetts

Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner and Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Coordinator Marci Komssi are pleased to share that Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has been awarded the Career Technical Initiative Implementation Grant by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development for the second time.

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has received \$893,480.00 as part of the grant to provide training and placement to prepare unemployed or underemployed individuals for positions in Auto Collision, Building Maintenance, Sheet Metal, Advanced Manufacturing, Culinary Arts, Heating Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC). Grant employer partners include All Points HVAC, ckSmithSuperior, General Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Dexter, FLEXcon, A&M Tool & Design, Kinefac Corporation, Package Steel Systems, Inc., RPM Heating and Air Conditioning, Primetals Technologies, Menkiti Group, DCU Center/ASM Global, BAPS, Long Subaru, Woody's Auto

Body, Fuller's Collision Center, Pine Ridge Country Club, Niche Hospitality Group, The Overlook, UMass Memorial Health.

Grant funds will cover the total cost for students, including classroom time, textbooks, and certifications. In addition to training, the grant also allows Bay Path to offer support services such as career readiness lessons and post-employment follow-ups.

Regarding the grant, Superintendent Kyle Brenner stated, "Bay Path is truly grateful to be a recipient of this round of funding, as it will allow us to expand our successful CTI programming, in turn providing more valuable skills training opportunities to meet our community's demand for a skilled workforce."

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Worcester County participants must be 18 or older, unemployed, or underemployed (annual income is less than \$51,600, gross). Most recent high school graduates qualify as underemployed.

Prospective students must go through an application and acceptance process. To apply, contact Mass Hire Career Centers in Southbridge and Worcester.

The application and interview process must be completed before the start of class in September. Seats are limited to 12 per program.

Bay Path will recruit, assess, and screen participants aligned with the program requirements, in partnership with Mass Hire Career Centers in Southbridge and Worcester.

As a result of the support from the Healey-Driscoll Administration, \$13.4 million was allocated to the Career Technical Initiative in the Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget to support the ongoing economic recovery and growth objectives of the Commonwealth of Massachu-

setts. These strategic investments are part of the ongoing effort by the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet to scale effective career pathway programs that better

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Food trucks will be on hand for snacks and dinner purchases.

Held on the first Tuesday in August every year since 1984, National Night Out was designed to promote neighborhood safety. The event originally began with people leaving porch lights on and sitting

outside their properties – hence, the name.

National Night Out was first established by the National Association of Town Watch. It is usually organized by block watchers,



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LIVING WITH LUKE

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Luke Visits Armsby Farm

BY AMY PALUMBO-LECLAIRE

Two things came to mind during my first visit to Armsby Farm, Sutton. First, I wanted to find a natural based body lotion for my skin. Second, I thought about my pup. Oh, how Luke would love it here! “BAA!” The goats welcomed me with blatant enthusiasm. Their calls echoed a time of innocence and childhood storybooks. Wide eyed and curious, a few stretched their necks from the edge of the pen. Others, unimpressed, chewed on hay.

“BAA!”
Check out our lotions!
“BAAAAA!”
We have unscented!
“BAA!”
We are milked two times per day by hand!

Twelve years ago, if you told Misha Brigham, a former banker from the Czech Republic, that she’d be milking, bottling and freezing the milk of seven healthy goats, she’d have told you, you’re crazy. Yet here she is in the small town of Sutton living a dream built on devotion, hard work, and unconditional love for goats who, ahem, expect to be milked in the same order. Misha and her husband, Justin, brought home seven two-week old female goats

during the spring of 2022 with a vision to, first, care for goats and, next, create something more. The goats were a birthday present to Misha. Little did she know that she was about to receive a gift even greater.

The couple bottle-fed the goats immediately so that they would easily transition from mother’s teat to bottle nipple. Two years later (late January/early February 2024), Misha found herself camping out (for five days) in the barn to await the births of



Malcolm eyes Luke

goats she had come to know and love. She facilitated the births of sixteen healthy goats. “I kept visiting the barn to see when it was going to happen. I couldn’t wait and it seemed as though they knew I was supposed to be there. One goat had a kid unexpectedly and it caused chaos. Goats like their routine to stay the same. Every single birth was a different experience. Each of the goats

did it differently and had her own little things that worked to deliver healthy babies. The experience was stressful, joyful and overwhelming. I wouldn’t have it any other way,” she shared. “To witness a living thing being born was indescribable.”

The day had come for Luke to visit the goats of Armsby Farm. He couldn’t believe his nose.

“It smells like a goat was here!” Nose planted to the ground, and with Misha’s permission, he pranced into the barn on a mission to greet new friends. “BAA! BAA!” He sensed Misha’s acceptance for him and nestled beside her. “Go ahead, Luke. Come on up.” She tapped on the counter of the kids’ wooden pen. “I can watch them up close?” He rested his front paws on the wood and reveled in the sight of so many goats. “You remind me of a dog with a long neck. Your eyes are so big!” He twitched his nose and smiled with the charm of an entitled pedigree golden retriever.

“BAA!” The goats responded with cautious approval. Misha went on to share a story that’s become a folktale, told and retold to Armsby Farm clients who take home a piece of Misha’s goat-love—sold in a two-ounce, four-ounce, or eight-ounce pump bottle.

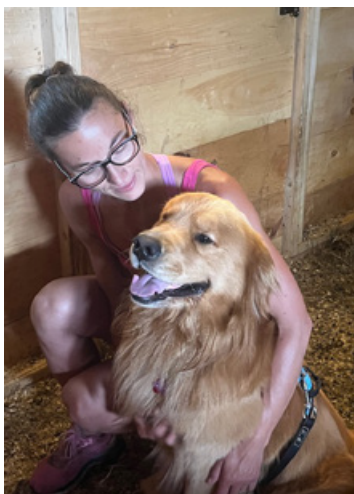
“I’ve never done anything like this before,” Misha admitted. “It was something unbelievable. I had so many emotions and cried a bit. The goats and I take morning strolls through the meadow each morning before being milked. They are trained to stay together and stay by my side.”

Luke listened with a leonine grin and looked up at Mother Goat. “But how about play time? Do your kids like to play?” A natural animal-person; Misha scooped up a goat and set her down outside of the pen to greet a rambunctious Luke. “BAA!! Who let the dog out? I’m not comfortable! I’m not comfortable!”

The freed goat darted and hid between Misha’s legs as though



Above, Luke faces a goat. Below, Luke warms up to Misha.



auditioning for a Scooby Doo episode. Luke respected the kid’s wishes with a hyper air of charm. “Don’t let my big head fool you. I’m afraid of my own shadow at times. See ya!” Then he galloped out of the barn and romped up the meadow hill, alongside the fence border.

“The girls are a handful, aren’t they?” Malcolm, the bearded stud of Armsby Farm, stood tall and wise at the top of the hill where he eyed Luke. Despite some early “reluctance” to do his job, he

became a proud father of sixteen goat kids (Misha ending up keeping four babies). Intoxicated by the farm; Luke lied on his back and rolled around foolishly, as though to brand the meadow with a lotion titled Luke’s Scent.

“Luke, please!” I scolded my pup. Good behavior on the grounds of the Billy Goat of my childhood seemed reasonable. Luke snapped to a seated position. “Can I have a sleep-over?” A piece of straw hung like a pipe from the corner of his mouth.

We decided to lock Luke up in his own pen quarters while I took more notes about the lavish Armsby Farm. “Am I in a time-out? The hay in this prison cell smells soooo good!” He sniffed and smiled and sniffed some more. “Any chance I could get a glass of water?” Misha grabbed a bucket, filled it with water, and

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Over the past few months, the number of homes for sale has increased. This is good news when you move because it means you'll have more options as you search for your next home. But it also means buyers have more

to choose from, so if your house doesn't stand out – it may take a bit longer to sell. Available inventory is made up of new listings (homes that were just put up for sale) and active listings (homes that were already on the market but haven't sold yet). And if you look at data from Realtor.com you would see a good portion of the recent growth is from active listings that are sticking around.

Think of the homes on the market like loaves of bread for sale in a bakery. When a fresh batch of bread is put out, everyone wants the newest and hottest one. But if a loaf sits there too long, it starts to get stale, and fewer people want to buy it. The same goes for homes. New listings are the freshest and most sought-after. But if a home isn't priced correctly, doesn't show well, or it doesn't have an effective sales or marketing strategy behind it, it can sit on the market and become less appealing to buyers over time.

A REALTOR will help your house stand out and sell quickly. Timing is important to you. You want to get this done, fast. By leaning on a pro, they'll make sure your listing is fresh and doesn't stick

around long enough to go stale. As the National Association of Realtors (NAR) explains: "Home sellers without an agent are nearly twice as likely to say they didn't accept an offer for at least three months; 53 percent of sellers who used an agent say they accepted an offer within a month of listing their home."

Your agent will factor the recent inventory growth into their plan and create a customized selling strategy for your house. The supply of homes for sale can vary a lot by area. So they'll do things like share their valuable insights into what's happening with supply in your market, help you price your home correctly, and create a marketing plan that gets your home noticed. Don't let your listing get stale, reach out to a REALTOR or real estate professional today to make sure your listing is fresh and appeals to buyers from the start. It makes a big difference. If you want your house to sell fast, you need to work with a REALTOR at The Marzeotti Group. Connect with a local agent, so you've got someone who understands the current market trends and how to build a strategy around those factors, so your house is set up to sell quickly.



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

the community."

A sense of gratitude for the circle of life came over me during the drive home from Armsby Farm. I thought about the goats, first being loved and bottle fed, then growing to become nurtured mothers who provide rich milk for the well-being of others. Where would we be without a Mother's Love? Meanwhile, Luke popped his head out of his travel crate, grinned, and watched the cars go by. I couldn't help but imagine the bumper sticker of Luke's car, should he learn how to drive.

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LUKE

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set it down. Luke's eyes bloomed. "That water bowl is so big!"

We chatted some more about Misha's lotions and soaps, and she shared with me her love for the creative process of concocting lotions that are as lustrous as they are varied. She sells lavender, pink mimosa, hickory and suede, coconut paradise, sage and lemongrass, and clover and aloe, among several others. Misha and Justin, additionally, plan on progressing to a small farm operation; growing vegetables, seasonal items, and eggs. "We hope to add to the already thriving farms in

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Abram's Rock

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

This story is from our upcoming book, *Ghosts of King Philip's War* due out on July 22, 2024. The book is filled with legends, ghost stories, and

haunted places from the war and subsequent skirmishes that took place years after the last treaty was signed. If you are looking for a nice small hike with a lot of history and perhaps a ghost, Abram's Rock is the perfect place to visit.

At the outset of King Philip's War, several tribes chose to remain neutral for various reasons. Most of the converted, or praying Indians sided with the English. Members of the warring tribes often dissented and pledged their allegiance to the

colonies much like the Tories of the American Revolution pledged their allegiance to the throne instead of fighting for independence from the mother country. This is the legend of one of those dissenters during King Philip's War called Abram by the English.

Abram was a renegade Christian praying Indian who deserted the Wampanoags during the conflict in favor of siding with the English. Abram became very close friends with the English, so much so, that there were rumors circulating among the Wampanoag that he even had an English girlfriend. This made Philip, whose real name was Metacom, very angry as Abram knew much of Philip's plans and strategies regarding the proposed annihilation of the enemy. Philip sought to take Abram back and sent a search party out to find him.

In the meantime, Abram had found a towering rock he used as a hiding place and lookout. The west side of the large boulder had a natural room formed by other large boulders. This was where he lived in seclusion for several months until he was found and captured. Philip, being merciful at the time, gave him a chance to live. Abram was given the choice of leaping from the massive formation three times or instant death. Abram chose to take a chance and leap

from the rock. Some historians argue Abram voluntarily performed the act as a testament of his loyalty to Philip.

Tradition says he successfully completed the first and second leaps unscathed, but the third one became his demise. Legend has it that his ghost can be seen leaping from the rock, then appearing again at the top for another leap. The third time the ghost attempts to leap, he vanishes. Perhaps he is still trying to complete the task he failed. Sometimes a dark silhouette, alleged to be the ghost of Abram, is seen at the top of the rock looking down as if contemplating whether to leap or not off the precipice. The shade then suddenly vanishes into thin air.

Whether a hike out to the rock reveals a ghost or not should not deter one from soaking up the history and atmosphere of the place.

Abram's Rock is in Village Park behind the Swansea, Massachusetts Town Hall and Library complex at 81 Main St. The trail leading to the rock is easy and there are signs to follow. One trail heads straight toward the site while another takes hikers past the cemetery in a more circular route that is both pleasant and scenic. The natural room formation is still there and is called "Abram's Bedroom" as that is where he allegedly lived during his months of hiding.



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THE CAR DOCTOR

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Yearly oil changes are a must even if vehicle is seldom driven

Q. I have about 1,000 miles on my 2005 Corvette since the last oil change two years ago. Do I need to get oil change for the upcoming car show season and driving season? Also, we flushed the coolant and added fresh Dex-Cool-antifreeze three years ago, is that okay and should it be

changed?

A. I am a big believer in yearly oil changes even when a car only goes limited miles. Oil does not deteriorate sitting but short drives can contaminate oil. One alternative to low mileage oil changes is periodic oil analysis.

Having a lab check an oil sample will tell you about the overall oil quality and contamination. As for the coolant, generally Dex-Cool is a coolant with a lifespan of five years.

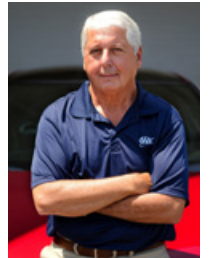
Q. A vague haze seems to accumulate on the inside of our windshields. On days of temperature change and humidity the inside windshield fogs. Fortunately, the defroster clears it efficiently. We are wondering why this happens. A few wipes with SprayWay glass cleaner will clean it off until the next episode. This recent time that I changed my cabin filter I was advised that many times the filter is changed and sprayed with a scent. I did not scent my filter. Might this spray be the cause?

A. As you pointed out, it is the temperature change that causes the issue. SprayWay and some people say shaving cream, works in the car just like it does to some extent on a bathroom mirror, it helps prevent the moisture/steam build up or adhesion of moisture. Opening the windows slightly to adjust the temperature can help, as well as adjustment of the heater/air conditioner temperature. But realistically it is just like fog on the road, moisture and temperature are the culprits. As for the filter, no I do not think that is the issue.

Q. I have read about things exploding inside cars in hot weather, such as spray paint, hand sanitizer, and even soda cans. Is this real or another urban myth? Also, how hot can it get in a car on a 90 degree day?

A. One 90-degree day I left a thermometer in a car just to see how hot it would get. At the peak heat of the day about 2:30 the car reached about 135 degrees. The TV show MythBusters, busted the soda can myth stating it took over 300 degrees for the can to burst. Most spray paint cans warn against storing at over 120 degrees. Hand sanitizer contains alcohol and is flammable but will take temperatures higher than the interior of a car on a hot day to spontaneously combust. My advice combustible materials should never be stored in a vehicle. And most importantly never leave a child or pet in a hot car, heatstroke can happen in just a few minutes on a very hot day.

Q. At about 27,000 miles my wife was told by the dealer that her 2018 Subaru Legacy required rear brakes at a cost of about \$700. I always thought that the front brakes wore out before the rear ones. I also thought that there is a law that requires the installer to return the old parts to the owner if requested.



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529 plans offer benefits in all markets

A new school year will soon begin. And if you have young children, that means it's one year closer to the day when they head off to college or some other post-secondary education or training. You might be preparing for that day with a 529 education savings plan — but should you be concerned if you need to start taking withdrawals to pay for education expenses when the financial markets are volatile?



BY DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

Long-term investment vehicles based on the financial markets, like a 529 plan, will always fluctuate in value. If you've had a 529 plan for many years, you've probably invested money when the market has been up, down and flat. In fact, during down periods, it's often a good time to invest, because your dollars buy more shares than they could when prices are up. Your hope is that,

over the years, your 529 plan will gain enough to overcome the short-term declines in value.

In any case, you'll want to keep in mind the key benefit of 529 plans: Earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free when the money is used for qualified education expenses for college and some trade school programs. And your state may give you an income tax deduction or a credit for your 529 plan contributions. In some states, a 529 plan can be used for K-12 schooling as well.

You have another incentive to keep your 529 plan intact despite temporary drops in value. Specifically, if you withdraw money and don't use it for eligible education expenses, your withdrawal may be subject to a 10% penalty, in addition to state and federal income taxes. That could be a high price to pay for a move that may not be in your best interest. After all, if you were to move your 529 plan money into a minimal-risk asset, such as some type of cash vehicle, you could sacrifice some of the growth potential you might need to meet the high costs of higher education.

Many 529 plans offer invest-

ment portfolios that gradually become more risk averse as the beneficiary gets closer to college age. A financial advisor can discuss the investment options with you.

While this investment feature doesn't guarantee you'll have complete immunity from financial market volatility, it can help reduce its impact when you need access to the money.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: Just because you've planned to access your 529 plan when your child reaches 18, or whatever age they begin their post-secondary education, you're not required to take money out at that point. You can keep your 529 plan intact until you feel more comfortable making withdrawals, though you'll need to consider how this decision will affect your ability to help pay for your child's education.

The financial markets will always be in some type of flux, but don't let these movements deter you from sticking with a 529 plan — it's still one of the best investments you can make in your child's future.

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A. Generally, you are correct, the front brakes do about 70 percent of the braking which is why they wear out faster. Still some cars will wear out rear brakes quicker than others. Some Honda Accords from 10 years ago were wearing out rear brake in as little as 20,000 miles. Regarding the returning of old parts. In Massachusetts where I live, you have the right to your old parts back if you request them. If the repair shop must return the old parts to the parts manufacturer or another entity under a warranty arrangement or core charge, then you have the

right to inspect the parts before they are returned.

Q. I have been having this issue with my car lately and no one has a clear answer for it. And one of my neighbors told me to reach out to you about this issue. It is a 2018 Honda CRV LX AWD making horn sound only after using A/C and turning off the engine. My Honda dealer said there is a hole in the radiator, and it is causing this sound, but I do not see any coolant leaking, engine overheating and coolant level is stable. The A/C works fine, dealer claims that AC compressor is fine, and wants to charge me \$1430 for replacing the radiator, and I feel like it would not resolve the issue. Please help me find a solution.

A. I agree that it is not the radiator for all the issues you stated. I believe it is the air conditioner expansion valve that is causing the noise. The part is \$100 and about 1.5 hours to replace it plus a refrigerant recovery and recharge. Still, it should be checked just to make sure it is not some other odd, part failure. In case it comes up I believe the AC compressor on that vehicle has a warranty extension from 3 years to 10 years-no mileage limitations due to premature failure.

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Right to Shelter Program Costing MA Taxpayers \$1.4 billion with an additional \$1 billion this fiscal year due to Immigration Influx

State Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) and State Rep. Paul Frost (R-Auburn) have been appointed to the Special Commission on Emergency Housing Assistance Program by the Senate Minority and House Minority Leaders. The Special Commission on Emergency Housing Assistance Programs, pursuant to section 23 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024, will “study and make recommendations on: (i) the sustainability, efficiency, and effectiveness of the emergency housing assistance program; (ii) how to best support and ensure the long-term sufficiency of those seeking shelter; and (iii) creating a regional based response to sup-

port families in need of shelter.” “Despite raising concerns then about this crisis, the legislative leaders have failed to act. Not only did they fail to include a residency requirement, they failed to establish prioritization for the hardworking, taxpaying families of Massachusetts.” Sen. Fattman said. “This Commission has the opportunity to make course corrections and bring an innovative approach to the housing crisis we are seeing across the Commonwealth, both from the influx of migrant families and the costs of living increases for Massachusetts families. We have been charged with making recommendations and to mine focus on an off-ramp

from this influx because it is not fiscally sustainable.” Rep. Frost commented, “This commission needs to look long and hard at some of the solutions we have offered. Nothing will improve until we stop the influx of those coming from out of state and becoming eligible for the Emergency Shelter Program the day they arrive in Massachusetts. It is unsustainable and out of control. The incentive for groups at the U.S. border to continue to

send migrant families to our state needs to be ended by a residency requirement. The waiting list also needs to prioritize long-standing residents of our state who need this program versus those here for a day.” “I look forward to working with the other members of this commission to come up with realistic solutions and for frank conversations about this problem, which is going to cost a billion dollars and more if nothing is

done,” Rep. Frost continued. The first meeting of the Commission took place on Thursday, July 18 when all members of the Commission were sworn in. More meetings will be scheduled throughout the rest of the year. Sen. Fattman and Rep. Frost look forward to continuing these conversations and seeking solutions that benefit Massachusetts families and residents

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