

Hot on the Ice Cream Trail

BY PATTY ROY

Massachusetts has always had a tradition of eating lots of ice cream, year-round.

And why not, when we have always had plenty of the key ingredients – milk from dairy cows and ice cut from local ponds during cold winters. The ice was packed in sawdust and sent on ships around the world to warmer climates, according to Andrew Robichaud, an assistant professor of history at Boston University in his book-in-progress about the ice trade, tentatively titled “On Ice: America’s Nineteenth-Century Ice Age and the Making of Modern Life.”

Beginning around 1820 and for the following one hundred years, ice was treated as a crop, a short-lived product that was strategically cultivated and harvested.

Now, mixing history with tastiness, the state has developed the Massachusetts Ice Cream Trail, an initiative celebrating the history of making ice cream and encouraging native Bay Staters and visitors alike to sample the wares.

The map designates more than 100 places to stop for the cool and creamy treat. This is no light-hearted excursion – remember that Massachusetts dairy farms contribute more than \$61 million annually to the state’s economy. In fact, as a testimony to its earnestness, the trail was developed by the Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), and the Mas-

sachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT).

“We are excited to launch the Massachusetts Ice Cream Trail, a delicious route that highlights the incredible diversity of our dairy farms and ice cream shops,” said **Governor Maura Healey**. “Massachusetts has a vibrant agricultural sector that thrives thanks



to the hardworking farmers who diligently support our communities. This new tourism trail is designed to invite residents and visitors to experience our creative dessert offerings at traditional parlors, innovative shops, and local farm stands.”

You can feel good about eating locally produced ice cream, because the majority of local dairy farms are family owned, according to state resources.

“Small businesses are the heart of our state economy and contrib-

ute so much to the fabric of our communities,” said **Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao**. “We are excited the Massachusetts Ice Cream Trail celebrates our state’s dairy industry and showcases the businesses that deliver delicious treats and family-friendly activities for residents and visitors to Massachusetts.”

“With the creation of this ice cream trail, we now have a convenient guide to the ice cream shops and dairy farms in Massachusetts that are using locally-produced milk to serve up this summertime staple,” said **Ashley Randle, MDAR Commissioner and Chair of the Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board**, who is also a fifth generation dairy farmer.

For a copy of the Massachusetts Ice Cream Trail guide and to learn more, visit www.visitma.com/ice-cream-trail.

You’ll find local stops such as West End Creamery, 481 Purgatory Road, Whitinsville, (www.westendcreamery.com) Elmhurst Dairy Farms, 342 West Main Street, Millbury, Swirls & Scoops, 68 Worcester Street, Grafton and Whittier Farms, 90 Douglas Road, Sutton.

“As a representative of the Massachusetts Food Association on the Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board, we are very excited to see this ice cream trail go live,” said **Lynne Bohan, Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board member**. “This project furthers our goal of increasing the awareness and the consumption of Massachusetts sourced dairy products throughout the state.”

Shiver Me Timbers ... Bats in my Belfry

BY JANET STOICA
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Editor’s Note: Our reporter relates a terrifying run-in with a bat in her house and shares the thoughtful, compassionate and informative response she received from a local naturalist.

It was a beautiful morning in July as I sat reading peacefully in my living room. Suddenly my two tuxedo cats were racing back and forth from corner to corner in my kitchen with their eyes focused on the ceiling area. I briefly saw a black fluttering bird hovering near the ceiling. It flew quickly around the room. I thought Oh, the poor bird! How did it get into my house? I’ll have to hurry and open a window for it to fly out. As I ran to the kitchen to see how to rescue the innocent creature, I suddenly saw that it was definitely not a bird and besides it wasn’t making any bird noises. I was now dealing with a bat. My three-day nightmare had just begun.

I did not scream out, I did not think to get a broom or other long-handled device to swat it down, and I certainly did not call for help ... yet. I did, however, cover my head so the black & sinister thing wouldn’t land on my head and tangle up into my hair (a common fallacy that is not true but I

guess I was having one of those duck and cover reactions). It was every woman and cat for itself! It flew everywhere and finally into my bathroom where I saw it land on my freshly-washed window curtains. Quickly, I slammed the door and then started hyper-ventilating. What should I do? Who should I call? Where did it come from? What the ...

I called the local police station,



where the animal control officer is based, and learned that she was unavailable at the time. She would be notified of my dilemma and, hopefully, would contact me as quickly as possible. She phoned soon after and stated that she would arrive within the hour. After her entry into my bathroom closing the door behind her to search for the creature as it was nowhere to be seen, she exited and advised me that she could not find the vermin and left. I was advised to have my cats vaccinated for potential rabies. It was then that I phoned my former handyman, Danny, who visited with a high-powered flashlight, towels (for capturing the animal),

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and sturdy gloves. He went into the forbidden zone and, of course, clicked the door shut behind him. I sat in the kitchen and prayed for his hunting success. I could hear the toilet tank cover being clunked down, my linen cabinet door shutting closed, and my shower doors bumping shut. I mean, let's face it, all I needed was some deep sinister organ music like Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D minor (think Dracula movies of old) to add to the drama. My heart raced and terror filled my brain. Surely, Danny would find the crazy little creature. Danny soon opened the bathroom door and pronounced that he had looked everywhere possible and found absolutely nothing. He thought that maybe the pointy flying object had squeezed itself under the baseboard heating pipes and was

now resting comfortably under the bathroom floor. I was devastated that he hadn't found the creature.

About 6:00 p.m., a pest-control friend arrived after his workday was over. If anyone could locate this terrifying creature, it most definitely would be him. He entered the room and also exited after 10 minutes of futile searching. Zip, nada, nope, negatory, zilch. He thought batman had gone between the walls where there was a small opening. He advised me to continue to keep the door closed and to look for bat droppings on the floor the next morning. Oh great, just what I needed. Cleaning up Mr. Bat's poop sounded disgusting. I stuffed a towel under the door, fed my two kit-cats, and then proceeded to look up bat information on the internet. I learned that bats don't aim for your head, that it was probably more scared of me

than I was of it, and that I should pray that it doesn't have rabies. Also, since the animal control lady advised me that my two felines needed rabies shots, I knew I had to call the local vet. After phoning three area veterinarians who had no appointments available, I was off to Shrewsbury to the 24/7 vet emergency group on Route 9. An excellent facility with excellent staff that accommodated me quickly where I was in and out in one hour after spending \$500. My brother and sister duo, Mikey and Maria, were very quiet in their crates as I drove home. Maria had serenaded me the entire trip to Shrewsbury but now she was eerily quiet adding to my worries. (Today, both felines are in their usual great states.)

That night, about 8 p.m., Mr. Bat decided to cause another ruckus. I was watching TV and out of the corner of my eye I saw him fly. This

time he used his flying prowess and sonar to navigate the living room. I jumped out of my chair and opened the door to the front hall and then the door to the outside. I hoped with every fiber of my being that he would find his way out the front door. After 15 minutes of holding the outside door wide, I decided that my visitor must've flown the, er, coop. I closed and locked the doors and wished that he was gonzo forever. After much memory-jogging, I finally determined that the bat had gotten in when a window screen had tilted open on my sun porch and had been wide open all night. Then, when I opened my back door to go out, it must've flown into my home.

The next day I avoided the hallway like the plague. Never went near the doors. The next morning, however, as I grew braver, I opened the hall door and walked slowly into the hall. What was that!?

A little black lump on the rug. Was that the scary creature who had brought me so much grief? Well, yes it was. It was belly up. I slammed the door and quickly ran for my Tupperware and placed it over the poor thing. Of course, because I was still creeped out, I also placed a gallon paint can over the Tupperware just to be safe. Then I made a quick phone call to the animal control officer. The bat was picked up and was to be sent to the State lab for rabies testing. Four days later, the animal control officer phoned me to advise that the bat tested negative for rabies. What a great relief as I had prayed that it would be a negative result so I would not have to suffer the consequences of getting my own rabies

shot. Shiver me timbers! What a horrifying experience!

Dear Janet,
I recently read your article in the August 9th edition of the YankeeXpress [South] about your encounter with a bat in your home. ("Shiver Me Timbers ... Bats in my Belfry") I am quite sure, also, that it was the same bat that came to the veterinary diagnostic lab where I work before we submitted him to the state lab for testing (only the state lab can conduct this testing, but sometimes specimens will be delivered to us first). As most of us at my lab are animal lovers (many were veterinary technicians in former careers and one coworker actually studied bats in Borneo for her master's program), we were crestfallen over this little creature's sad end.

I understand where people's fears come from surrounding bats, as they are deeply misunderstood creatures. Superstition and folklore has made it so, just as some cultures around the world fear owls and other nocturnal creatures. What we misunderstand, we fear the most. Even though, for example, all warm-blooded mammals can contract rabies, less than 1% of bats actually carry it.

I'm glad that you addressed the misconception that bats get tangled in hair and you also pointed out that they are indeed frightened of humans and therefore try to

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avoid encounters with us. I was so sad, however, that you still described your 3-day situation as a “nightmare” and used the adjectives, “sinister,” “crazy,” and “terrifying” in reference to the bat in your home. As someone who contributes to a paper read by so many people, I think you have the influence to sway other’s opinions and you also have the opportunity to enlighten them with facts. You should be allowed, of course, to express your personal opinions on anything from bats to baseball, I just wish so much that your article had contained more facts about these amazing animals; the only mammals that fly and who play an integral role in the balance of our ecosystem by eating about 1/3 of their body weight in insects in one evening and being pollinators as well.

A couple of months ago, on a trail walk, I encountered an Eastern Red bat pup who’d been separated from her mother. She was laying smack dab in the middle of the path, trembling with her face under her wings and a small stick still clutched in her foot. It’s possible that she was just learning how to dangle from branches and picked a brittle one. This breed of bats hangs from branches by one

foot to imitate dead leaves. Their reddish brown fur aids in this. It was hard for me to find a wildlife rehabilitator to take her. Although there are rehabbers who specialize in bat care, many were already overwhelmed with a heavy patient load. Since most rehabbers are self-funded, they often can’t take in more animals even if they want to.

After following about a dozen referrals and making a dozen more phone calls, I finally found a lovely person about an hour away who could take this tiny friend. I loaded my shoebox in the car with relief.

She was a very gentle soul who told me that she believes each life holds value, no matter how small.

Ana, as we named her, who only weighed in at 7.6 grams, has now tripled in size and is starting to spread her wings on her own. She’ll be ready to migrate very soon, hopefully.

I just wanted to share this story with you because I don’t think too many people get to experience bats in this way — seeing their intricate and very delicate nature up close.

I have included a great website for you to look at if you feel called to. The Bat Conservation International organization was created by esteemed bat biologist, Merlin Tuttle. <https://www.batcon.org/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Warmly,
Gina Yacino

Annual Oxford Golf Tournament a Success



The members of the Oxford Police Department want to thank all of the supporters, players, those who made donations, sponsored holes, and those who volunteered their time to be a part of the annual Oxford Police golf tournament on August 15.

A special shout out to Officer Robbie ‘Pic’ Picard and his wife Michelle for putting this event together. The funds raised through this event all go back to the community from the police union, from families in need to college scholarships and everything in between. Officer Picard and Michelle spend countless hours throughout the year making this event possible. We also want to thank Pine Ridge golf course for allowing us to use their course every year and for providing great food and fun.

Most of all, thank you Oxford for supporting YOUR police department.

P.S the person pictured to the far right is not pro golfer Rory McIlroy, it’s Officer Shadis, just so there’s no confusion. (Facebook photo)

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Saturday, August 24
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, August 26
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, August 28
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 29
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, August 30
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Primary Day Polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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Oxford Public Schools 2024-25

AUGUST – 4 SCHOOL DAYS
Aug. 22 and 23 – new teachers report orientation

Aug. 26 – all staff reports Staff PD Day #1
Aug 27 Grades 1-12 start
Aug 28 Kindergarten starts

JANUARY – 20 SCHOOL DAYS
Jan 1 – no school
Jan. 17 – Staff PD day # 4 no school for students
Jan, 20 – Martin Luther King Day no school

SEPTEMBER – 19 SCHOOL DAYS
Sept. 2 Labor Day – no school
Sept. 3 Staff PD Day # 2 – no school for students
Sept 4 Preschool starts
Sept 17 and 19 schools Open House

FEBRUARY – 15 SCHOOL DAYS
Feb. 17 – 21 Winter break, no school

OCTOBER – 22 SCHOOL DAYS
Oct 14 Columbus Day – no school

MARCH - 21 SCHOOL DAYS
Mar. 5 and 6 – parent teacher conferences, evening

NOVEMBER – 16 SCHOOL DAYS
Nov. 5 Staff PD day #3 – no school for students
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day – no school for students
Nov. 25 and 26 – Parent teacher conferences half days
Nov. 27, 28, 29 – Thanksgiving break – no school

APRIL – 17 SCHOOL DAYS
Apr. 21 – 25 Spring break, no school

DECEMBER – 15 SCHOOL DAYS
Dec. 23 p 31 Holiday Break - no school

MAY- 21 SCHOOL DAYS
May 26 Memorial Day – no school

JUNE – 10 SCHOOL DAYS
June 6 High school graduation
June 13 – last day of school, half day for students only
June 16 – 23 Make-up days if needed to 185 days
June 19 – Juneteenth Holiday – no school



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Auchincloss to Give Keynote Speech at BVCC event

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The breakfast will be held at Galliford's Restaurant & Tavern, 2 Southwick Street, Mendon on Thursday, September 5 from 7:30 - 9:15 a.m. Tickets are \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. RSVP by August 29. Tickets may be purchased at www.blackstonevalley.org. Auchincloss is serving his



second term representing the Mass. Fourth Congressional District. He has an extensive relationship with and support for STEM careers, workforce training and the connection of work and learning in addition to his work on the committees for Transportation and Infrastructure and the Select Committee on Strategic Competition Between the United States and China. His areas of focus include healthcare, clean energy, gun violence and building a strong middle class.

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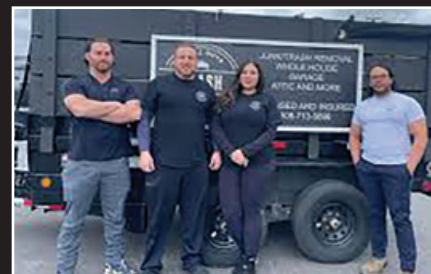
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Local Students Named to Dean's List at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester:

- Isabelle Rindone, a native of Douglas, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in

- 2025.
- Deryn Flynn, a native of Dudley, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts

- campus in 2025.
- Chloe Dexter, a native of Dudley, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical Health Studies (Physician Assistant Studies) degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2026.

- Sutton, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical Health Studies degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2027.

- Nicolly Meira, a native of Uxbridge, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2026.

- Kylie McLaughlin, a native of Uxbridge, Mass., is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2025.

- Nolan Holt, a native of Uxbridge, Mass., is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2028.

- Josephine Corridori, a native of Webster, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2025.

- Andy Nguyen, a native of Webster, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Medical and Molecular Biology degree and will

- Hannah Dion, a native of Dudley, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Echocardiography degree and will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2026.

- Taralyn Moore, a native of Millville, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Medical and Molecular Biology degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2027.

- Julianna Marcoux, a native of North Oxford, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree and will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

- Peyton Sharry, a native of Oxford, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

- Katherine Fields, a native of

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8/27 - Professional Development Day for Staff

8/28 - First Day of School for Students

8/30 - No School

9/2 - Labor Day- No School

OCTOBER

10/2 - Rosh Hashanah Begins

10/11 - Yom Kippur Begins

10/11 - Half Day-Professional Dev. for staff

10/14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School

NOVEMBER

11/5 - Full Professional Development Day

11/11 - Veterans Day Observed- No School

11/19 - Parent Teacher Conferences(Prek-8 Only)-Half Day for Students

11/19 - Full Day of School for High School Only

11/27-11/29 - Thanksgiving Recess

11/26/24 - End of Trimester 1

DECEMBER

12/25 - Hanukkah Begins

12/25 - Christmas

12/23 - 1/1 - Winter Recess

12/26 - Kwanzaa Begins

JANUARY

1/1 - New Year's Day - No School

1/17 - Half PD Day

1/20 - Martin Luther King Day - No School

FEBRUARY

2/17 - President's Day - No School

2/18 - 2/21 - February Vacation

MARCH

3/13 - End of Trimester 2

3/1 - Ramadan Begins

3/30 - Eid Al-Fitr

3/20 - Half PD

3/21 - Full PD

APRIL

4/12 - Passover Begins

4/18 - No School for Kindergarten ONLY-Screening

4/20 - Easter Sunday

4/21 - Patriots' Day - No School

4/22 - 4/25 - April Vacation

MAY

5/16 - Half PD

5/26 - Memorial Day - No School

5/30 - AHS Graduation

JUNE

6/16 - Half Day - Last Day for Students & Staff

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graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

- Emilia Pianka, a native of Webster, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical Health Studies (Physician Assistant Studies) degree and will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2026.

- Chibuchi Ike, a native of Webster, Mass., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

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SPORTS

Looking to Eventually Play in the Majors

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

The dream of playing professional baseball began at the tender age of 4 years old when Jeffrey Guzman started playing the sport that would change his life in the backyard with his father. The Oxford youngster had tried other sports and although he did like basketball, there was nothing like baseball – the sport just gave him a different feeling.

Basketball would reenter his life once again five years ago, but it was never going to take the place of baseball.

“I started playing basketball again for something else to do, but it was not going to replace baseball in my life,” Guzman said.

Around the age of 8 or 9 years, Guzman began playing AAU for Wolfpack Baseball out of Worcester and it was here that he not only realized that shortstop was the position that he wanted to play, but that he also had the talent to do so.

“I was born to be a shortstop; shortstop is a position that has leadership quality, you’re the guy

in the infield that needs to be vocal and communicate with the rest of the team,” he said. “When the Wolfpack coaches came up to me and told me that I had a lot of talent for a young kid, it gave me the motivation to keep working to be even better.”

Now playing in his sixth season with the Wolfpack, Guzman found AAU baseball to be completely different than high school ball. The ability to travel out of state and compete with more talented teams allowed him to see where he and his team fit in.

“In baseball you fail numerous times, but you just need to keep your head up and don’t allow your teammates to see you down,” Guzman said. “You just need to go out and do your best to help your team and it will eventually help you to improve.”

As an eighth grader Guzman was allowed to try out for the Oxford varsity squad and although

he didn’t make the team he was eventually called up from the junior varsity team to play for varsity at the end of the season.

“I always set my goals high. Varsity was definitely on my mind and I was full of nerves,” he said. “I was so nervous as an eighth grader going up against all those older kids, but I just went out and did my best with whatever happens, happens.”

Although shortstop is his position by choice, it took him some time to actually secure that position for the high school. When he first got called up as an eighth grader he found himself playing left field and the following season, his freshman campaign with the varsity, he was at second base, one step closer to shortstop. As an eighth grader I was blessed to have the opportunity.”

After working hard during the off-season to get bigger, stronger and quicker the freshman felt that he had himself a decent year with the Pirates only committing a handful of errors at his new position while putting up an overall good fielding percentage.

Taking what he learned while playing second base as a freshman, Guzman worked even harder after that year to get ready to help his team make a run at the tournament as well as hoping to secure “his” position with the team. When the team’s shortstop was moved to center field, the opportunity arose for Guzman to take control of the open middle infield position.

“I worked hard to get the position and once I did went out and played the best to my ability,” he said. “Playing shortstop boosted my confidence and showed that all my hard work paid off.”

Guzman showcased his ability

in the Division 4 State tournament when he made a diving play to keep Lynnfield, the number one seed in the tournament, scoreless and Oxford still in the game.

“He made an incredible double play to keep the game scoreless at the time and although we would eventually lose 2-0, it showed the talent he possesses,” Oxford Coach Pat Button said. “Lynnfield’s best player was up and hit a line drive up the middle that should have been an easy double and scored a run, instead Jeff snagged it and turned the double play to keep us in the game.”

Guzman recalls he was originally playing in the hole, but noticed the Lynnfield hitters were all hitting the ball up the middle and toward second base so he decided to shade closer to the middle of the infield and was able to make the play to keep the game in check.

“He is a year-round baseball player with baseball as his life,” Button said. “He’s a human vacuum out there at short.”

Despite the fact that Guzman will only be entering his junior year when school resumes in the fall, he plans on beginning the process of trying to get into college to play the sport he loves so much.

“It has been one of my goals to play college baseball,” he said. “I have been doing some showcases and plan on reaching out this upcoming year to some coaches and doing more showcases to get my name out there.”

Playing college baseball would mean a lot to the Oxford baseball player as it has been a goal of his since a young age, but it would also mean that he would be one step closer to his ultimate goal – playing Major League Baseball sometime in the near future.

“The kid is a stud and can defiantly play at the next level,” the Oxford Coach said. “Next year we plan on getting him to take part in more clinics to help him get there. He’s serious about playing baseball for as long as he can.”



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Vermont's Haunted Railroad Bridge

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

Sometime between 2 and 3 in the morning on Saturday September 5, 1887, Vermont's worst railroad disaster took place in Hartford, a few miles from White River Junction as the Vermont Central Railroad express train from Montreal jumped its tracks and plummeted onto the frozen White River below.

The train had been carrying a full load of passengers, many traveling from Boston to Montreal. The engine was towing a baggage and express car, a mail car, two ordinary passenger cars, the sleeper car; St. Albans from Springfield and the Pullman sleeper, Pilgrim out of Boston. Most of the riders were on their way to see the circus in Montreal.

The 650 foot long bridge spanned the White River at a height of 50 feet. At the time, subzero temperatures had formed a two-foot thick surface of ice on the river. As the train sped down the tracks, a broken rail about 200 feet from the viaduct caused the cars to slam into each other then pull apart breaking the coupling between the forward sleeper and the other cars. The engine, baggage and smoking cars

passed over the bridge safely but the other cars, striking the ties came to the end of the bridge and completely wiped out the heavy beams resting on the abutment sending cars and bridge toppling onto the frozen river below.

The coaches and bridge then exploded into flames before the stunned onlooker's eyes. 40 people died in the wreck and another 40 were badly injured or burned. The intense heat melted the ice in some places making rescue efforts all the more difficult. It is estimated that 50-60 people perished from the result of the wreck. According to legend, 13 year-old Joe McCabe was able to free himself from the burning twisted debris, but watched helplessly as his father burned in the inferno.

The inefficient wooden bridge was later replaced with a steel overpass making it much more sturdy and safer. In time, people passing by began to notice a little boy near the river below. Many thought nothing of it but, others noticed something was not quite right about the young man. His translucent appearance may have been enough to hint that he may not be of this world, but the fact that he is seen hovering above the water gives away his presence as



Hartford Railroad Bridge. Photo courtesy of Bob and Vickie Hughes

being ethereal. Countless witnesses have seen his apparition wandering the site below the bridge. Even paranormal investigators have had experiences with the ghost. There are a few more spirits that linger in the area as well. One is believed to be the conductor of the train who was also one of the casualties on that fateful night. Many claim his ghost meanders along the tracks making sure they are in perfect order as to avoid another deadly wreck. There are also claims of a ghostly locomo-

tive silently rolling over the bridge with no cars attached to it.

Why the spirit of the young man lingers in the spot is a mystery. Some say it is the place his ghost has returned to after he died due to the traumatic incident that he was part of, while others tend to think it is a residual entity moving about the scene of the wreck. He is seen a few feet above the water which would account for his being on the ice that was about that height in the winter according to paranormal investiga-

tor and dowser, Stephen Marshall who once actually felt the presence of spirit energy while dowsing at the scene. Either way, there are a few ghosts roaming about the White River. Take a trip to the bridge, but beware of the phantom train that might silently steam by, or the countenance that might be spied hovering above the rocky stream.

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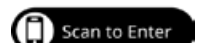
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LIVING WITH LUKE

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The Struggle of Luke's Loyalty

BY AMY PALUMBO-LECLAIRE

A dog's loyalty is boundless. A dog expresses joy in your presence, longing in your absence, and a smile to the mere thought of you. To the mere thought of you. Read that again. Nothing compares to a dog's unconditional love.

"OH MY GOSH. You're here again!" Luke greets me with a wiggle and a whimper every single morning, as though we've been estranged for years. "I've missed you so much, Momma. I have so much to tell you." His oversized stuffed lamb hangs from his mouth, and he often uses its dirty head to poke me in the hip, initiating a cruel game of Chase. The two of us race like fools around the house. I stop at the dining room corner and hide, spooking my pup on the other side of the house. Luke skids and slides then finally catches his footing before dashing away. The lamb remains powerless in his jaw. Then, satisfied by the morning ruckus, he'll drop the lamb and stare up at me. "What are you thinking about, Momma?" He tracks my moves. "You need to go the bathroom? Good idea. I'll wait right here." He lies down at the foot of the toilet and waits for me to finish. A dog's loyalty never fades. Even if you neglect your dog repeatedly, he will be there

waiting, forgiving, and loving you still. For this reason, along with so many more, I include Luke in most excursions. "Luke can come, too." His head squares to a phrase that's become part of his dog vocabulary.

"I can come, too?" He tapdances to both doorways, not wanting to miss a single moment of what's to come. He has no idea where we're going. The thought of going somewhere is stimulation enough for a dog. "Which way are we heading out?" Despite wanting to be first in line, Luke will dash down, then back up the basement stairs if I'm running behind. "Almost ready, Momma? Don't forget your lipstick!" He waits for me to grab my pocketbook then cuts me off on the way down the stairs again. "I got the travel crate. You can sit in the front again. Hey, WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!" Dogs remind us that the simple things in life are usually the best.

Incidentally, Luke has joined us on hikes, outdoor dining experiences, baseball games, ice cream outings, and quiet times at local coffee shops. "Your dog is so well behaved." He lifts his head to a local and smiles. "I'm trained during spontaneous learning situations. That's why I'm such a good boy." Luke is correct. The more I'm with him, the more he's immersed in natural situations which require training and, consequently, the more willing he is to behave and follow commands such as Leave It, Sit, Stay, Wait, Go Easy, No and Listen. Thus, the more willing we are to

include him. Humans and dogs, nevertheless, seem to differ here. A dog expects nothing from you and will still want to be with you. You don't have to behave a certain way, listen to commands, or live life according to a tailored regimen. You must simply be yourself. Even sweeter, a dog shows appreciation for the mere thought of you. Luke has come to know the names of his loved ones. Read on.

"Grammy is coming over, Luke!" He stops what he's doing and stares at me, translating the name Grammy. "Are you kidding me??" I imagine a miniature



Above, Luke and Momma Lamb; Below, almost ready to go for a ride



NASCAR driver has just appeared. He's thought about her for stretches of seconds and now she's at his house. LEGIT!! I let him out on the front step so that he can watch his grandmother parallel park. She shifts the wheel and turns, backs up again, and then repeats, trying to get her car aligned just right. Her brake lights blink on and off, offering Luke added fascination. "When will Grammy get out of the car?" He smiles in adoration and lowers his head as though stalking a bunny. He doesn't want to miss out on a single trick of Grammy's moves.

Finally, she opens the door and steps out of the driver's seat. I watch Luke wiggle with elation. He has learned to be gentle and stay DOWN, but quieting his



Luke stops to think about his favorite human

image of my mother floating in the cartoon bubble of Luke's dog mind. She's carrying bags and bags of stuffed animals. Ecstatic, he rushes to the front door and presses his head against the door panel glass to inspect the yard for his grandmother. Dogs have zero concept of the intangible essence of time. Every word uttered is a sudden present-tense verb. However, I'm a believer in accelerated learning lessons. I'm a believer that Luke can learn to piece together all that's comprised of the word "time."

"Luke, first Grammy has to

go for a ryyde." I enunciate the word 'ride' with long, drawn-out syllables to mirror the idea of length. "First, Grammy has to go for a ryyde." I watch the light bulb go off in Luke's mind. A new cartoon image emerges, that of my miniature mother seated at her car's steering wheel. His mouth opens to a knowing smile. He knows she's on her way, yet he still paces and checks windows, just in case.

Finally, Grammy's white SUV appears at the front lawn. For Luke, the moment is epic. One might think that a celebrity

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REAL ESTATE

Why Your Asking Price Matters Even More Right Now

If you're thinking about selling your house, here's something you really need to know. Even though it's still a seller's market today, you can't pick just any price for your listing. While



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

home prices are still appreciating in most areas, they're climbing at a slower pace because higher mortgage rates are putting a squeeze on buyer demand. At the same time, the supply of homes for sale is growing. That means buyers have more options and your house may not stand out as much, if it's not priced right.

Those two factors combined are why the asking price you set for your house is more important today than it has been in recent years. And some sellers are finding that out the hard way. That's leading to more price reductions. Looking at the price reductions data, it definitely a pattern of increasing supply and homebuyer demand that is just exhausted by high mortgage rates. . . As home sellers are faced with less demand than they expected, more of them have to reduce their prices. That's because they haven't adjusted their expectations to today's mar-

ket. Maybe they're not working with an agent, so they don't know what's happening around them. Or they listed their property just before the influx of inventory which seems to be growing daily. Either way, they aren't basing their pricing decision on the latest data available – and that's a miss.

If you want to avoid making a pricing mistake that could turn away buyers and delay your sale, you need to work with an agent who really knows your local market. If you lean on the right agent, they'll help you avoid making mistakes like:

1. Setting a price that's too high: Some sellers have unrealistic expectations about how much their house is worth. That's because they base their price on their gut or their bottom line, not the data. An agent will help you base your price on facts, not opinion, so you have a better chance of hitting the mark.

2. Not considering what houses are actually selling for: Without an agent's help, some sellers may use the wrong comparable sales (comps) in their area and misjudge the market value of their home. An agent has the expertise needed to find true comps. And they'll use those to give you valuable insights into how to price your house in a way that's competitive for you and your future buyer.

3. Overestimating home

improvements: Sellers who have invested a significant amount of money in home improvements may overestimate how much those upgrades affect their home's value. While certain improvements can increase a home's appeal, not all upgrades are going to get a great return on their investment. An agent factors in what you've done and what buyers in your area actually want as they set the price.

4. Ignoring feedback and market response: Some sellers may be resistant to lowering their asking price based on feedback they're getting in open houses. An agent will remind the seller how important it is to be flexible and respond to market feedback in order to attract qualified buyers.

In the end, accurate pricing depends on current market conditions – and only an agent has all the data and information necessary to find the right price for your house. The right agent will use that expertise to develop a pricing strategy that's based on current market conditions and designed to get your house sold. That way you don't miss the mark. The right asking price is even more important today than it's been over the last few years. To avoid making a costly mistake, connect with The Marzeotti Group or a local REALTOR.



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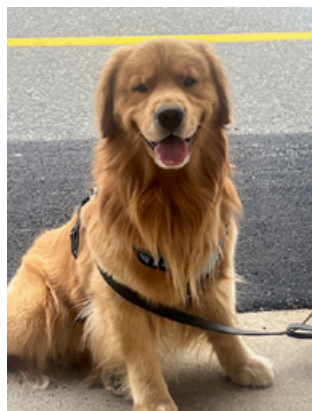
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them to behave as humans. They cannot quite be themselves. They need to shush and mind their manners. A dog loves so freely and exuberantly that all of this is counterintuitive.


Grammy strolls innocently across the front yard. Tote bags full of prizes dangle from her hands. Perhaps, I decide, she's taken for granted Luke's love for her, love that can't be bought. "Make sure you say HI to Luke," I remind. Ever loyal and compliant, Luke sits at the heels of a human whose side he'd never leave. Satisfied with a mere pat on the head, he smiles gratefully. "Love you,



Grammy." Meanwhile, I plan Luke's next excursion.

Stay tuned for more on Luke Valentino.
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Q. I have a 2010 Buick Enclave CXL. It was working fine until one day thick white smoke started coming out of both mufflers. Do you know what that could be? If it is something expensive, I will likely just junk the car.

A. White smoke out tail pipe is coolant being burned during combustion. It sounds as if the is an internal coolant leak. It could be one of two possibilities a cylinder head gasket/engine block issue or a leaking intake manifold. I would have it towed to a repair shop for an evaluation. Depending on the repair, it is going to be expensive or very expensive.

Q. I have had a Toyota RAV4 for years and now it is time for a replacement. One vehicle that I am looking at is the Hyundai Tucson, what do you think?

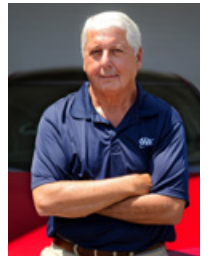
A. The Hyundai Tucson is a very nice compact (although not really small) SUV. There are a couple of engine

choices, front or all-wheel-drive and a variety of trim levels and option packages. The last Tucson that I drove really impressed me. The ride was smooth and quiet, fuel economy was in the high twenties, the infotainment system worked well Although I still prefer knobs over touch screen. I would not hesitate to buy one if it fits your needs and budget.

Q. I am considering changing professions, right now I am in retail, but I like working with my hands and especially on cars. I live in the Boston area, what do you suggest and where do I start?

A. Perhaps start with a part-time job on Saturday in a garage while you still are working full-time. If you really like the work and atmosphere, then consider professional training. Here in New England we are fortunate that there are very good choices that also are degree programs. Mass Bay Community College is the one I am most familiar with. They offer programs sponsored by four major automotive brands including BMW, Toyota/Lexus, General Motors, and JEEP/Chrysler/Dodge/Ram. In addition, Mass Bay offers a non-manufacture specific All Brand General Studies program, which provides students with a broad education and hands-on training on multiple types of makes and models of vehicles. Mount Wachusett Community

College (Gardner MA) also has a very good automotive program. Recently the Governor in Massachusetts announced free community college for many Massachusetts residents. This even makes these community college automotive programs more appealing. The idea of free tuition and possible paid co-op work sounds like a winning combination.



BY JOHN PAUL

Q. I have a 2011 Grand Cherokee with a 3.6 Pentastar engine with 186,000 miles on it. It has been maintained by me, and oil and filter always changed earlier than recommended, always using Mobil 1 synthetic. Does it make sense for me to get ahead of repairs and put timing chain kits, lifters, and rocker arms and water pump as well as oil filter housing in this otherwise bullet proof engine? I would do the work myself, being a retired mechanic. I love this vehicle and believe it could be driven another 100,000 miles.

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How to be a 'seasonal' investor

As we transition from summer to autumn, change is all around us — leaves are taking on new colors, temperatures are dropping, and the days are getting shorter. But you can also experience different seasons in various aspects of your life



BY DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

— including when you invest. What are the seasons of an investor's life? And how should you respond to them?

The first such season may happen when you are in your 20s and just starting out in the working world. At this stage in your life, it's especially important to prioritize your financial goals. At the top of your mind may be a short-term goal, such as saving for a down payment on a house. To help achieve this goal, you'd generally want to save in "cash" accounts and invest in fixed-income vehicles that offer preservation of principal. At the same time, you don't want to disregard a longer-term goal — in particular, saving for retirement. While you may not be able to

afford to put much away, every amount helps. And you'll want to invest for growth.

Now, as the seasons of your life progress, let's consider your early middle years. At this point, you've moved past the down payment on your home and you're well into paying a mortgage regularly. And you might even have retired your student loans. But now, you may have another major goal — helping build resources for your children's college education or other post-secondary training. For this objective, you could consider several options, one of which is a 529 education savings plan, which can provide federally tax-free earnings and withdrawals if the money is used for qualified educational expenses. But you're also moving closer to retirement, so, if you can afford it, you may want to increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

As the seasons continue to move on, and you find yourself in your later middle years, your financial situation may have changed significantly. Now, your children may be out of school, your earnings may have grown to their highest level, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. Given these factors, you may now

be able to devote more of your resources toward your retirement by ramping up your IRA and 401(k) contributions even further, and possibly also considering other investment vehicles. And you may want to inject more balance into your portfolio, possibly lowering its overall risk level somewhat, especially in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

Once you move into your retirement season, you may need to continue, and possibly accelerate, the movement toward a more balanced portfolio — one that provides you with more income-producing opportunities. Some investments provide current income, while others provide it in the future, but all of them can contribute to your ability to enjoy your retirement lifestyle. However, you still need some growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Plus, it's a good idea to keep at least a year's worth of living expenses in cash and another few years' worth in short-term, fixed-income investments. By doing so, you can help avoid having to sell assets in a down market.

The seasons of your life may come and go more quickly than you realize — but you can be prepared for them by making the

appropriate investment moves.

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As I certainly think the synthetic oil and more frequent oil changes can certainly help minimize repairs. The rockers arms and camshaft can wear if oil isn't changed often enough. The oil filter housing is a failure point and Dorman makes an aluminum one that is more robust than the OE plastic housing. The timing chain and related components is a bit like the rocker arms the quality oil and oil change intervals could be extending their life. I hate replacing good parts but getting close to 200,000 miles and if you plan on keeping it and you have the time talent and budget -which it sounds

like you have the repairs probably makes sense. You know the common failure points, so either watchful waiting or do it all. For me I would wait, look and listen, but your idea is certainly a good one.

Q. I have been driving for nearly 65 years. Hence have driven and or owned lots of cars and hence been through a lot of maintenance issues. The other day I was surprised by a new recommendation when paying for an oil change, tire rotation and multipoint inspection. "Your lug nuts are swollen on your 2015 Buick Lacrosse (50,220 or so miles). We may not be able to rotate your tires the next time." We drove it off the lot brand new 12/31/2014. I have

never heard of this. Any thoughts?

A. Unfortunately, this is a pretty common with some vehicles. The steel nut rusts under the chrome cap. If this were my car, I would replace the two-piece lug nuts with solid lug nuts. The one piece solid lug nuts are chrome plated and won't swell up with age. When replacing the factory lug nuts, make sure they are the same size, use the same size lug wrench and have the same tapered design as the factory style.

Prayer



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.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

• The First Congregational Church of Sutton will host their 70th Annual Labor Day Breakfast on Monday, September 2nd from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Sutton Common. Menu includes: eggs, ham, sausage links, pancakes, home fries, cornbread, juice and coffee. Ticket donations \$14.00 Adults, \$8.00 ages 5 to 10 years old and free to children 4 and under. Please bring a donation of non-perishables to benefit the Sutton Food Pantry. For more information contact the church office at 508-865-6914 or email fccs@suttonfirstchurch.net

SATURDAY, SEPT 14

• The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary's of Uxbridge will host their annual fundraiser "The Friends of the Poor Walk" at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge. Walkers will meet at the handicapped entrance and then walk or run the town loop at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 508-278-2226.
• Pasta & Meatball Dinner at St. Peter Parish in Northbridge on Saturday, September 14th starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring you family and friends for a wonderful meal and meet some new friends. Tickets are \$15 per dinner and include salad and dessert. To go meals will be available for pick up at 5:00pm and all orders must be

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• Paul D'Angelo set to headline Comedy night at Slater's at 7:30 pm With special guests Dave Rattigan & Jim Ruberti. Doors open at 6:30 PM; show starts at 7:30 PM. Tickets are on-sale now at www.samuelsslater.com. Samuel Slater's Restaurant is located at 200 Gore Road in Webster.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

• The Sixth Annual Lions Club Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge. All cars, motorcycles and trucks are welcome. The event benefits the Lions Club's many community programs. Music, picnic fare, local vendors and Sweet Wise Ice Cream Truck will also be on hand. Registration fee for vehicles is \$15. Admission is free. More than 100 vehicles entered last year. Registration is available in advance by sending a check

to Uxbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 455, North Uxbridge MA 01538. Include name, phone number, vehicle make and model.
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

• The 18th Annual Uxbridge Senior Center Gold Outing sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection at the Whitinsville Golf Club. The event will begin at 12 p.m. with a shotgun start. Teams of four may sign up to play for \$100 per golfer and nine holes including greens fees, cart, gift bag and buffet supper. A full sponsor package includes green fees for a foursome, cart, gift bag,

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Paul D'Angelo Set to Headline Comedy Night at Slater's

Comedy returns to Samuel Slater's Restaurant in Webster on Friday, Sept. 20 featuring Paul D'Angelo, plus special guests Dave Rattigan and Jim Ruberti for a



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Festival, and Salem Comedy and Spirits Festival.

Jim Ruberti is a Boston comedian and actor who has been entertaining people for well over 30 years, starting as a child in the theaters of Cape Cod performing with Broadway actors and progressing into roles as an adult at venues like the Barnstable Comedy Club. He has been a comic fundraising auctioneer and event host for more than 10 years, and a stand-up comedian working stages around New England. As a stand-up, he's shared the stage with Boston headliners such as Lenny Clarke, Jimmy Dunn, Steve Sweeney and Christine Hurley.

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