

Sunshine and Cycling



After months of rainy Saturdays, Friends Of Holliston Trails struck (sunshiny) gold with the weather for the second adaptive cycling event with All Out Adventures!

Our Pink Granite Pedalers community is growing! We met cyclists and volunteers from Milford, Hopkinton, Medfield, Somerville, West Roxbury, Uxbridge, and other surrounding towns.

The cyclists had a terrific time exploring our trail and some ventured across the street for a coffee or ice cream after their ride.

Hats off to the volunteer crew. Whatever the task, they were positive, upbeat, and extremely helpful to the cyclists. Many new faces have raised their hands to help us with both of our spring adaptive cycling events and for that, we are grateful.

And finally, a shoutout to one of our Holliston favorites, Fiskes General Store, for donating balloons! These events will be back in the Fall, with our next two events on Sept. 27 and Oct. 18. Hope to see you on the trail!

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Dads and Cars Come Together for Father's Day Show

Thanks to all who attended the Holliston Historical Society's Father's Day car show!

There was a record turnout with over 170 classic cars and trucks on the lawn, and more than 350 breakfasts served!

Twenty-three sponsors awarded trophies, including special awards to the youngest driver, an unsung hero award, and one in memory of Bob

Nemet, a shining example of community commitment, and forever integral to the story of Holliston.


Thank you to the many Historical Society volunteers that made the day a huge success.

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New Town Manager Starts Post

The Select Board announced the appointment of its first Town Manager for the Town of Holliston, Frank Gervasio. Mr. Gervasio was hired after a very competitive process which included highly-qualified candidates and public interviews, all overseen by a citizen screening committee and an independent executive search firm. Tina Hein, Chair of the Holliston Select Board, welcomed Mr. Gervasio, stating, “We are thrilled to have Frank Gervasio as our first Town Manager under the new Town Manager Act. Mr. Gervasio stood out in the process because of his municipal finance experience and his knowledge of Holliston’s opportunities and challenges. He comes to the position with a unique perspective because



vision of Local Services, where he provided financial analysis, support, and technical assistance to municipalities across Massachusetts. He has spent the past few years serving as the Town of Medfield’s assistant town administrator. In that role, among other duties and projects, he was responsible for managing the Town’s five-year \$15 million capital plan. He was also instrumental in the development and publication of Medfield’s budget document, which won the Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Award for the last three fiscal years.

Mr. Gervasio is expected to begin on June 1, 2025. In the meantime, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director, Kathleen Buckley, will continue to serve as Acting Town Manager.

Knights of Columbus Council #1562 Presents its Annual St. Mary’s Benefit Car Show & Community Event

Uxbridge, MA – September 6, 2025 — The Knights of Columbus Council #1562 of St. Mary’s Parish is thrilled to announce the return of the Annual Car Show & Community Event, taking place on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Registration begins at 8:30 AM at Uxbridge High School, located at 300 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA. This community event promises a day filled with classic and custom cars, family-friendly activities, local vendors, music, food, raffles, and more—all in support of local charitable initiatives.

Get Involved – Support a Worthy Cause

Knights of Columbus Council #1562 has proudly served Uxbridge and surrounding communities for generations, promoting faith, family, and service. Proceeds from the Car Show and Family Fun Day will support local charities, and Knights’ programs that assist those in need.

Ways to Participate:

- **Event Sponsorships:** Gain exposure for your business or organization. Sponsorships

include signage, online recognition, and booth space options.

- **Vendor Tables:** Local artisans, businesses, and community groups are invited to reserve space to sell or promote their goods and services. Limited spaces available.
- **Donations Welcome:** We gratefully accept raffle items, gift cards, services, or monetary donations to support our mission and event expenses.
- **Attend the Event:** Join us for a fun filled Day!

Mark Your Callendar for September 6th, 2025

Event Highlights: Visit our Website for More Information:

- Display of classic, muscle, and antique cars, trucks & motorcycles
- Family-friendly activities, games, and kids’ entertainment
- Food trucks, refreshments, and local treats
- DJ music, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing

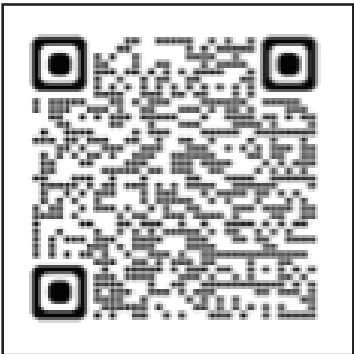
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How to choose a successor for your business



Mark Freeman, CEPA

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As a business owner, you've always got a lot to think about today — but what about tomorrow? Have you thought about whom you would like to see as your successor?

If you haven't, you're not alone. Of the business owners who have created a succession plan, about 70% have named a successor for their businesses and

have taken measures to train and prepare this successor, according to a survey by Morning Consult, NEXT 360 Partners and Edward Jones. But this means that nearly a third of business owners have not taken this action, leaving a big gap in their succession plans.

So, if you haven't yet named a successor, you may want to start thinking about it. It may be helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- **Should I look inside or outside?** You could find a successor who's already working for you, or you could find someone from the outside. On one hand, an internal successor would already know how you operate and what you value as you run your business. But on the other hand, an external successor could bring a new point of view and a different set of skills, both of which might prove beneficial. You'll need to weigh both choices carefully.

- **How prepared is a potential successor?** Whether you decide on an internal or external candidate, you'll want to be sure the person you choose is prepared to take over the business. Do they have management skills? Will they share your commitment to your business's success? Will they be able to build strong relationships with your customers or other employees? Are they enthusiastic about the work involved? You'll want to evaluate all these types of factors in making your selection.

- **Are there potential family squabbles?** If you would like a family member to become your successor, you may need to be careful about whom you choose and how you communicate your decision to the entire family. Even if it may make sense for one individual to take over the business, perhaps because they're already involved in it and they're interested in

taking it over, it doesn't mean hurt feelings won't develop among other family members, who may feel they are somehow being "cheated" out of what they view as their share of a valuable inheritance. So, if you are convinced that you're making the right choice, explain your reasoning to all family members and let them know that you're also exploring other, tangible ways for them to share in your family wealth, possibly by leaving them other financial assets through your estate plans.

- **How will my choice of a successor affect my finances?** Passing the business to an heir, selling it to an existing employee or selling it to an outside buyer can yield vastly different results for you in terms of your personal finances. You'll need to consider the possible business transfer arrangements, such as a buy-sell agreement, to de-

termine which one is in your best interests. In doing so, you may want to work with your financial advisor or a consultant with experience in selling or transferring a business.

Choosing a successor is one of the most important decisions you'll make — so, take your time, evaluate your options and work to reach a decision that works well for everyone involved.

Contact Mark today to discuss this topic or any of your financial goals.

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On September 20th, we will honor our 2025 Citizens of the Year at Celebrate Holliston’s Field Day. You can nominate any Holliston resident at www.celebrateholliston.com/vote.html. Forms and ballot boxes are also available at Town Hall, Holliston Public Library, Senior Center and the Superette.

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MILFORD, MA – [May 14, 2025] – The Friends of Milford are thrilled to announce the return of the Summer Live Tribute Concert Series for 2025—bigger and better than ever. This year’s series features six exciting tribute performances celebrating legendary artists, all held Monday nights at 6:30 PM at Plains Park, rain or shine.

The 2025 lineup includes:

- Cher – July 14
- Elvis Presley – July 21
- Rod Stewart – July 28
- Neil Diamond – August 4
- Frank Sinatra – August 11
- Johnny Cash – August 18

John Seaver, a founding member of the Friends of Milford, shared his excitement: “The 2024 Summer Concerts were a great success, with over 250 people attending each of the three concerts. This year, we’ve expanded the Concert Series to six concerts. We are looking forward to a great summer of fun and music.”

The concert series is a community-driven event made possible by the dedication of the **Friends of Milford**—John Seaver, Anthony Consigli, David Consigli, Steve Ellis, Paul Mastroianni, Rick Nashawny, and Harold Rhodes—with generous support from the **Milford Lions Club**.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and their dancing shoes for an unforgettable summer of music under the stars.

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The Short Term Rental Report

The Master Key: Why Team Culture Is the Hidden Engine of Vacation Rental Success



Dave Menapace, President

In the fast-paced world of vacation rentals, most owners and operators obsess over the usual suspects: occupancy rates, dynamic pricing, and five-star reviews. But quietly powering those metrics is something less talked about and far more powerful: team culture.

Yes, spreadsheets matter. Tech platforms help. But behind every glowing review and perfectly prepped property is a team. And the way that team functions—how they communicate, solve problems, and support each other—can make or break the entire guest experience.

The 1-3-1 Rule: Building a Culture of Problem Solvers

One effective way successful vacation rental operators build empowered teams is through structured decision-making systems like the “1-3-1 Rule.” Instead of handing over problems for someone else to solve, team members come prepared:

- 1 problem
- 3 potential solutions
- 1 recommended course of action

It’s a simple structure, but it transforms the team dynamic from passive to proactive. It reduces decision fatigue, builds trust, and turns every challenge into an opportunity to lead.

Assume Good Intent (Yes, Really)

Vacation rentals are a 24/7 business. Things will go wrong. A faucet leaks. A guest shows up early. Someone loads the dishwasher incorrectly. In these moments, the reflexive response is often blame. But progressive teams use a different approach: assume good intent.

When team members believe their coworkers are trying their best, feedback becomes collaborative rather than critical. That psychological safety creates space for creativity, faster problem resolution, and an overall better work

environment. This is something that guests can sense the moment they walk through the door.

Invite Your Team to Build the System

Here’s a hard truth: most standard operating procedures in this industry are written from the top down. But the best ideas often come from the people in the trenches. Cleaning crews, guest communication teams, maintenance techs — these are the folks who spot patterns and inefficiencies first.

Great operators treat their team as co-architects. They invite feedback, reward innovation, and empower everyone to help shape the systems they’re part of. Not only does this lead to better operations, it leads to stronger buy-in and team longevity.

Culture Is Contagious

When a team truly enjoys working together, it radiates. Guests pick up on it. Home-owners feel it. And the reviews start writing themselves. It’s not magic. It’s just the natural outcome of a thoughtful internal culture.

So if you’re a vacation rental owner or manager looking to grow, start by looking inward. Not at your calendar or revenue dashboard, but at your team. Because the real five-star experience doesn’t start at check-in.

It starts on Monday morning. Dave Menapace, President The 5 Star Co-Host, LLC 5strcohost.com

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Figuring out who to call can be challenging. If you contact one of the big haulers, they route you to a phone center where they've never even heard of your town, plus their pricing seems vague and full of extra fees. No wonder you've let the stuff pile up—it's too much of a hassle to get rid of it!

Or you can call Affordable Junk Removal and let a local small business with deep community roots take care of everything.

Jay Schadler started his business in 2005. Back then, it was just him and a beat-up pickup truck taking small jobs and working nights and weekends when he could. As the years rolled on, his business grew, but his commitment to customer service never wavered. Now he's got a staff of ten, along with eight trucks, servicing eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island.

Affordable Junk Removal specializes in house and estate cleanouts. If your garage, attic, or office is overflowing with stuff, take back your space and let the pros do the heavy lifting.

Jay and his team have handled it all. They've dismantled above-ground pools, hauled away ancient hot tubs, taken

Business spotlight

down old fencing, and stripped away worn carpeting. They'll come for a single item, or they'll clean out an entire house. And they can take almost anything. They can't accept hazardous materials, brush, dirt, or concrete, but everything else is fair game for them to take away.

Not everything ends up in a landfill—not if Jay can help it. He first tries to either recycle or donate items. Only after he tries to repurpose items do they end up at the transfer station.

Working with Affordable Junk Removal is simple. First, you can load stuff yourself if you want by renting a 15-cubic-yard dumpster for a week and chucking up to a ton of your unwanted stuff. If you need to get rid of more weight, then Jay prorates that tonnage—you never pay for what you don't use.

If you don't want to be bothered with the dumpster, they've also got a driveway special where they'll take away a truckload of your unwanted things if you pile it up. Or if you don't want to lift a finger, then you can point at the items, and the team will fill up their truck and haul away your unwanted things. However you do it, you're left with more space and more peace of mind.

Jay and his team beat the big waste haulers on both price and



customer service. When you call Affordable Junk Removal, you aren't connected to an anonymous call center. Your phone call goes right to Jay.

And speaking of pricing, Jay is upfront about it. His website shows the truck sizes and prices, so you can save time knowing your costs before you call for an appointment. There aren't any hidden costs or surprise fees with Affordable Junk Removal.

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They also have a thriving commercial business, working with contractors and roofers to clear away debris and keep the job site clean. They can even handle commercial and residential emergencies with same-day service.

Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston. It's not uncommon

for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

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Glenn Brown, CFP

Once David Letterman had a frequent guest and favorite musician of his, Warren Zevon, on for an entire show. Zevon, who disclosed his terminal cancer, performed and interviewed throughout. Dave at one point asked, “Anything you know now, that I should know?” to which Zevon wittily deadpanned, “Enjoy every sandwich.”

Those raising children and helping aging parents often feel rushed and are distracted thinking about what’s next, overlooking the beauty of daily, mundane moments.

July is National Sandwich Generation Month, celebrating a generation of people sandwiched between caring for their young children and aging parents at the same time.

I’m a Sandwicher, as are approximately 15% of Americans between ages 40-60 who face the challenges of planning, communicating and executing for 3 generations at once.

After 60 years in their New Hampshire home, my parents were struggling with their health and finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their independence. The stress weighed heavily on my mother, as she was becoming a caregiver and daily living/house routines began to slide. My wife, our daughters (then 5 & 3) and I lived comfortably in our Ashland home. The adults agreed on a Plan B supported by updated financial planning. Sell both homes, buy a new home for 3 generations and live as one household sharing in daily responsibilities.

The urgency was greater than anticipated and not without challenges since our move to Holliston, here’s some antidotes for Sandwichers:

Small talks instead of “The Talk”. Families don’t like to think about declining health and elder care, let alone discuss it. I used single topics tied to a recent story about a friend, asking what they would do. I’d gain small agreements, then change the subject to continue building a framework for a mutual plan.

Bring in outside mediators. My aunt shared with my mom that time is not your friend. She

emphasized the positives and encouraged to act now, rather than later, when fewer options are available. Additionally, we consulted with an elder care attorney on understanding MA Health options, current trusts, POAs and proxies before making the move.

Define their plans for wellness. Far too often, adult children tip-toe around aging conversations with parents for fear it may come across as morbid or worse, inheritance focus. These conversations need to focus on their future ideas of wellness. What is it they foresee for a surviving spouse? When they can no longer remain independent? By having these talks when both parents are in good health, it defines their expectations and allows planning a foundation with greater flexibility.

Your spouse’s support is critical. Very fortunate to have a spouse that pushed me to see the positives and embraces bringing family in as “you’d want your daughters to treat you the same someday”.

Through the eyes of a child. It’s not all about you, the girls show the love and benefits of learning by being around grandma and grandpa. And vice versa, as health and activity improved due to the energy and motivation brought daily by our girls.

Sometimes timing is everything. I couldn’t imagine the anxiety and ill-advised actions my parents would have faced on their own since fall of 2018. Nor would I have wanted to see my mom on her own this past year and moving forward.

Your parents sacrificed many things to make sure you had it better, including concealing issues to not worry you. Be open with communication and embrace change, the best ways to prevent costly unintended consequences and ensure positive lasting memories.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual.

Glenn Brown is a Holliston resident and owner of PlanDynamic, LLC, www.PlanDynamic.com. Glenn is a fee-only Certified Financial Planner™ helping motivated people take control of their planning and investing, so they can balance kids, aging parents and financial independence.

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Easy Ways to Keep Your Hair Healthy All Summer Long

By GINA WOELFEL

Feel that sunshine? The longer days and poolside vibes mean summer is in full swing—and it's the perfect time to brighten your blonde with a beachy balayage or lighten up your look. But while you're soaking up the season, your hair might be soaking up something else: UV rays, chlorine, and mineral-heavy water. The result? Dryness, dullness, and yes—even that dreaded green tint. Don't worry—we've got you covered with easy ways to keep your hair healthy, vibrant, and summer-ready.

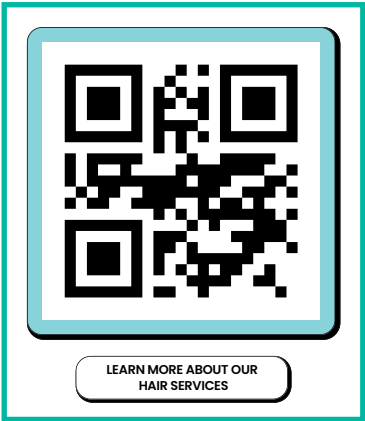
Why Does Hair Turn Green in the Summer?

Most people think chlorine is the main culprit, but that's only part of the story. The real issue? Metals in the water—especially copper. Copper is often found in pool water, particularly those filled with well water or treated with copper-based algacides. When chlorine oxidizes these metals, they bond to the proteins in your

hair. The result? A greenish patina—just like an old penny. And if you think saltwater pools are a safer bet, think again. Saltwater systems still produce chlorine—they just do it differently—so your hair is still exposed to the same oxidizing effects. The good news? A few proactive steps can go a long way toward protecting your hair from turning green, getting dry, or fading in the sun. Read on for our expert tips.

Pre-Wet and Protect

Dry hair acts like a sponge, quickly soaking up chlorine, salt, and other chemicals. Before you swim, thoroughly saturate your hair with clean, filtered water, then apply a protective hair oil. We recommend favorites like our own *b.LUXE BEFORE Oil*, *Goldwell's STYLESIGN Weightless Shine-Oil*, *KERASILK's Multi-Benefit Hair Oil*, or *Oribe's Gold Lust Nourishing Hair Oil*. This simple step helps block harsh chemicals and seals in moisture to keep your hair soft, shiny, and protected.



Don't Be Afraid of a Swim Cap

Not just for Olympic athletes anymore, swim caps are a smart (and often cute) option if you swim frequently. Choose one made from silicone or lycra for a more comfortable, hair-friendly fit. Bonus: they keep your blow-out intact longer!

Ditch Copper-Based Algacides

If you maintain your own pool, check the ingredients in your algacide. Copper-free options are now widely available. You can also test your water's



metal content with simple strips from your local pool store and use metal removers or filters as needed.

Start with Healthy Hair

Dry, brittle hair is more prone to damage and discoloration. Invest in regular conditioning treatment like *KERASILK's Recovery Mask* to strengthen and seal the hair cuticle.

Rinse and Clarify

After swimming, wash your hair as soon as possible to rinse away chlorine, salt, and other impurities. If you swim regularly, we recommend using a clarifying shampoo every 1–2 weeks to deeply cleanse and maintain hair health. We love the *Kerasilk* shampoo line—all formulas include a chelating agent, which gently removes mineral build-up without stripping essential moisture, leaving your hair clean, soft, and balanced.

Struggling with Hard Water at Home?

Clean, healthy hair starts with clean water. Hard water can dull your color—especially blondes—and cause unwanted discoloration or fading. That's why b.LUXE now carries the *Kitsch Water Filter*, designed to reduce chlorine and other impurities while being gentle on your hair, skin, and nails. Best of all, it won't affect your shower pres-

sure, so you can enjoy your wash-time ritual without compromise.

Got Green? Here's How to Fix It

Have you noticed a greenish tint in your hair? Don't worry—it's totally fixable. Book a demineralizing treatment at b.LUXE, like *Malibu C's Crystal Gel Demineralizer*, to remove the build-up of metals and impurities that cause discoloration. Your stylist may also recommend a gloss or glaze to rebalance your tone and bring back that healthy shine.

A Little Prep Goes a Long Way

Summer should be all about fun in the sun—not damage control. With just a few extra steps and the right products, you can enjoy the pool, the beach, and everything in between without sacrificing your hair color or health. Are you setting your summer hair goals? Book a consultation or conditioning treatment with b.LUXE today—we'll help you stay shiny, strong, and green-free all season long.

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Holliston Knights of Columbus Conduct Successful Charity Fundraising Season

The Holliston Knights of Columbus wrapped up their major 2025 fundraising season with two major wins for charitable organizations – their annual golf tournament and charitable raffle, both held on June 20th at Pinecrest Golf Club. The two events raised \$30,000 for charity this year, bringing their seventeen-year total to \$390,000!

Their 4th annual “Swing For Charity” Golf Tournament was dedicated to the Memory of Bob Nemet who devoted many years to both the Town of Holliston and the Holliston Pantry Shelf.

Ninety-two golfers (23 teams) participated in the KofC “Swing for Charity” Golf Tournament. First Place was won by Steve Snow, Dan Higgins, Brian Sanford & Tim Smith with a score of 10 under Par. This is the 3rd time this team has had the best score. Second Place was won by the Faichney Family (Robert, Andrew, Debbie and Matt) with a score of 8 under Par. Third Place was won by a team sponsored by Melick & Porter LLC consisting of Tom Donovan, Brian Davies, Bob Healy and Reed Karaska with a score of 8 under Par. Longest Drive (Men) was won by Bob Healy, Longest Drive (Women) was won by Debbie Faichney and Closest to the Pin was won Tyler Keefe

at 14.5 inches. The Air Cannon Closest to the Pin contest was won by Mike Davies at 4ft 1 inch.

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Upcoming Events at the Holliston Historical Society

**3rd Annual Community Sing,
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Bring your love of music and community to the Society from 7:00-8:00 PM on Friday evening, July 25 (Rain or shine, since we will be singing in the barn)! Join friends and neighbors of all ages to sing a wide variety of favorite songs from many decades. We're delighted to welcome back musician Roger Tincknell as our song-leader for the evening. Roger has been making music with children, families, and seniors in the U.S., Canada, and Europe for over 45 years. His strong, expressive vocal styles and masterful instrumental skills—on guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, and percussion—bring a warmth and versatility to his music.

You are invited to bring a picnic supper beginning at 6:00 PM. The Historical Society will be selling soft drinks and ice cream treats until 6:45. There will be seating in the barn, and you are welcome to bring lawn blankets or chairs, if you wish.



Door of the Asa Whiting House open to welcome visitors during Harvest Fair 2024.

Community Sings are a great tradition in the United States and around the world. They're not concerts—everyone shares in the music-making and no experience or special talent is required! We hope many of the tunes will be familiar (patriotic, summertime, country, kids, and folk are some of the types we have in mind), and we plan to have the lyrics available.

So, let's raise our spirits and sweeten our sense of community by singing together! We are grateful that this program is funded in part by a grant from the Holliston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Come enjoy making music on a summer evening. It is free and open to all!



Roger Tincknell

**44th Annual Harvest Fair,
Sunday, September 21st from
10-4**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 21 and plan to attend; there will be something for everyone! The Holliston Historical Society's Fair has become a fall tradition. We have lots of new crafters signed up as well as many who have exhibited with us in prior years. They will be selling crocheted items, knitwear, plushies, 3-tier dish sets, wood craft and signs, ceramics, soaps and creams, American Girl-type clothing, tote bags, doggie treats and beds, handmade sweaters, blankets and hats, alpaca products, and jewelry made with a variety of materials such as silver, beads, crystals, natural stones, polymer clay, and glass. We will have authors of romance, historical and suspense novels as well as a children's author. Food vendors include fried dough, fudge, popcorn, maple syrup, candy, chocolate, teas, spices and steak—plus the lunch items sold by the Society. Save room for dessert—a slice of apple pie or warm apple crisp with ice cream, perhaps. Our bake table will feature apple pies made fresh that weekend as well as other goodies, all made by members.



After visiting all the crafters, check out our Silent Auction and Treasure Shop tables. The Open House in the Asa Whiting House from 11:30 to 2:30 will feature displays of Holliston's history from the Society's collections. Local musical group, Always in Season, will play from 12 to 3 PM. The Kids Korner will offer activities for children all day, all for free!

There is no admission fee to attend the Harvest Fair, so bring your family and friends and enjoy a fall tradition in Holliston on September 21 from 10-4.

Both events will be held at the Holliston Historical Society, 547 Washington Street. The Holliston Historical Society is a non-profit group whose mission is to preserve Holliston's history and share it with our community. Programs are open to the public and are generally followed by a social hour and refreshments. We hope you will see something of interest and join us! Visit our website at hollistonhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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family and the community. The Holliston KofC looks forward to hosting the Golf Tournament again in 2026, and invites you to play in the 2026 Charity Golf Tournament and/or sponsor the Event.

The Council also closed their 17th Annual Charity Raffle at the event with the drawing of names of the five cash prize winners for the \$2,000 in prize money. The annual event is now so recognized in the area that, despite rain on every weekend group sales event, people were still very willing to stop and pur-

chase tickets to help several organizations. This year's winners were Helen Hartnett, Katy Wilson, Suzan Sloat, Todd Miegs, and the Fatima Shrine. Raffle Chair Tom Anguish thanks all the brothers who worked so hard selling tickets and especially all those who bought tickets to support the organizations the Council is trying to help.

The proceeds of the two events will be distributed to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other area food pantries, the MetroWest Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund, The Center in Holliston, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, and other charitable organizations.

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By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
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Caroline Cosgrove was not only involved in soccer as a youngster but she also found herself participating in field hockey, lacrosse and tennis. Although she enjoyed all of the sports she was taking part in, she found herself becoming more and more successful. As she started thriving on the court, she wanted to improve so she began looking for more competitive athletes to take on.

"The success that I started to have within tennis I decided to drop all the other sports and focus fully on tennis," she said. "I loved the better competition and felt that it was pushing me in the right direction."

Cosgrove first picked up a racket at the age of five at the urging of her mother, a Division 1 collegiate tennis player at Providence College. Once she had that racket in her hand, it was her mother who taught her the game that she is playing today at a high level.

Through the years Cosgrove would begin taking lessons with Holliston's Kelly Day at Goodwill Park, joined the Longfellow Club in Natick, played for the New England Tennis Association and took more lessons from Paul Parish. In addition to all the tennis she was learning, the Holliston sophomore would take part in clinics as well as trying to participate in three or four tournaments on the weekends. With all she has done, she currently finds herself ranked in the top 40 in New England in the under 16 age group.

Having decided to pursue tennis over all her other sports by the time that she got to high school Cosgrove was rather positive and confident in her ability on the court that was going to make the team. She felt that as long as she went out and played her game while being herself, there was no way that Holliston girls varsity tennis Coach Joel Bernstein would pass her skills by.

Not only did the Panthers Coach put her on the varsity squad as a freshman, but he also made her the team's number one singles player. Playing in the

number one position at her age going up against older girls was a little intimidating at first, but once she got into the groove she soon realized all she had to do was go out and play one match at a time and she'd be alright.

That freshman campaign saw the young freshman go undefeated while being named to the Tri-Valley League All-Star team as well as the TVL large division's MVP for the season.

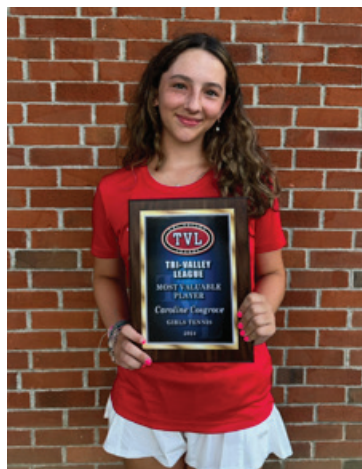
"I definitely didn't expect everything that happened that year especially playing a lot of older girls. I was just looking to win as much as I could; I knew that I could win some matches, but not all of them," Cosgrove said. "Being named the league MVP as a freshman was an amazing feeling, but I felt that it could put pressure on me during my sophomore season."

As she entered her sophomore season this spring people were now expecting her to go out and perform at a high level once again and the young racketeer didn't disappoint. Cosgrove backed up her undefeated freshman season with yet another undefeated campaign. After finishing her second season on the court for the Panthers Cosgrove not only found her career record to be a perfect 35-0 while only losing one set she also was once again named to the TVL All-Star team and given another league MVP award.

The sophomore had a feeling that she could once again complete the season without a blemish as she knew the players she was going up against and knew what to expect from them especially after watching them in warmups and figuring out their weaknesses.

"She just came out and displayed a confidence on the court," the Holliston Coach said. "She has an outstanding serve and her ball placement is phenomenal. By the time that she is a senior she has a good chance of winning an individual State Championship."

With her perfect record still intact, the bullseye on her back just got bigger, but the incoming junior believes that she has nothing to be worried about.



"I'm just going to continue to play as much tennis as I can throughout the year," Cosgrove said. "This summer I'll be attending some tennis camps and then in the fall and winter I'll continue to practice every day and take part in as many tournaments that I can on the weekends."

Over the next two years Cosgrove would like to achieve becoming a four-time league MVP, something that she noted would be a great accomplishment.

"It would mean the world to me as it is a very special opportunity that not many people have achieved," she said.



While Cosgrove is looking to continue to remain perfect and collecting MVP trophies Coach Bernstein is looking for his outgoing sophomore to become is a team leader.

"I'll be looking for her to take on an expanding leadership role, while helping her teammates improve," Bernstein said. "She has demonstrated that she can handle that a little this year and seems to becoming comfortable with the role."

Cosgrove would also like to improve upon her state tournament play. As a freshman she was knocked out in the first round and this spring she made it into the Round of 16 before losing. She sees herself improving each year in the tournament and is hoping that by her senior season she could actually add a State Championship to her resume.

Although having two more years playing for the Panthers in the TVL, Cosgrove's ultimate goal is to continue playing tennis on the collegiate level.

"It's been a dream of mine since the end of middle school," she said. "I would love to be able to play on a college team; it's one of the reasons that I dropped all my other sports so I could stick with tennis and get better."

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