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### Charlton welcomes back Old Home Day, a signature event

By Rod Lee

Old Home Day in the town of Charlton is so ingrained in the fabric of the community that former residents who now live out of state plan return trips to South County for Labor Day weekend in order to take in the festivities, every year.

Others plan high school reunions around the production.

This explains why Old Home Day has been celebrated for more than a century. And, after a year's hiatus because of the pandemic, Charlton's 124th Old Home Day is a go for Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6.

"We have been working on this since January," Jerry Doble of the Old Home Day Committee said. "Up until May or June we weren't sure it could be held, because of Covid-19, and if something changes..." a last-minute cancellation could still be in the works.

But as of early August all of the usual dizzying array of attractions were in place for the 2021 version of Old Home Day including Liam Coleman, the Shepherd Hill Vocalists, the Lee Irish Step Dancers, the Bad News Jazz Band and Blue Orchestra and The Singing Trooper on the Bandstand, a soap-box derby on Mugget Hill Road, a road race, a stilt walker, Grizzly Adams photos, train rides, Blessing Farm pony rides, Scottish Highland Games, a flower show courtesy of the Charlton Garden Club (established in 1937), a craft fair (in recognition



Charlton's Old Home Day road race always attracts runners, as the photo from the 2019 version of the event attests.

of the town's agricultural and historical past), a frog-jumping contest, fireworks on Saturday night (with a rain date of Sunday) and of course the Old Home Day Parade—which steps off from The Overlook.

The Highland Games were new in 2019, Mr. Doble said. "You toss a big pole and a ball and this year they will be pulling a truck.

"We will have about eighty-one vendors, selling cookies and doilies and paintings. The Lions Club will sponsor a food court. The Boy Scouts will be providing water.

"The only year we missed since World War II Was last year," Mr. Doble said.

"We wrap Old Home Day up with a parade. Fire trucks, vintage cars

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### B. Kind Café & Lounge is Webster's new hot spot

By Janet Stoica

They're movin' and shakin' at B. Kind Café these days. Not one to stand still, owner Ericka Labonte is always on the lookout for something new and different for her unique dining establishment tucked into a cozy niche on Davis Street in Webster. They've expanded their menu for the vegans among us and their new dishes

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Pictured (l to r) Kaileigh, sous chef; Kayla, sous chef; Darleen, prep; Ericka Labonte, owner-chef.

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and the vintage cars go first because they can overheat!" Charlton's Old Home Day may be the largest production of its kind for miles around. It is made possible by a host of sponsors including Anastasi Insurance, Bay State Mobile Vet, Camosse Masonry Supply, Charlton Optical, Casella, Cornerstone Bank, Country Bank for Savings, the Charlton Road Race

Committee, Diane Dabrowski of Alliance Realty, Incom Inc., Slim's & Berthiaume, Karl Storz Endovision, Linda Thurston, Boomba's 24 Hour Towing, Millennium Power, O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body, Overlook Masonic Health Care, Savers Bank, Ted's Package Store, Mill Micro Molding and 508 Base LLC. The parade is always a highlight and is open to decorated power wheels, doll carriages, bikes, wagons, floats,

marching units, equestrian units, automobiles and costumed characters. Planning for the parade is coming along "great," Heather Clements of the Old Home Day Committee said on August 10. "We have several different schools participating, Shepherd Hill of course, Auburn, a ton of fire departments, the American Legion. We are really looking forward to it. We are hoping to bring it back big. There was no parade last year and the

year before it was rainy. The diehards are coming back. We encourage anyone who wants to be part of it to participate." The parade steps off from The Overlook between 2:30 and 3:00 o'clock on Labor Day. "It pretty much brings Old Home day to a close," Ms. Clements said. "The only things that would interfere with Old Home Day are the weather and the pandemic and we have no control over those." Diane Dabrowski of Alliance Realty, a sponsor, mirrors the sentiment around town when she says "I am so excited and yes I will be running the road race again. I've been doing that since I was ten and I grew up on the parade route."

Mike Lundquist of Boomba's 24 Hour Towing is not only a sponsor but an active supporter of Old Home Day. "I usually put a couple of trucks in the parade," he said. "I donate a generator, trailers for the stage, all sorts of stuff. I'm always doing something in town." His involvement is typical of so many, who are proud of the town and its Old Home Day celebration.

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All sort of interesting characters show up for the parade that brings Charlton's Old Home Day to a close on Labor Day.



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## B. KIND CAFÉ AND LOUNGE

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have become an unexpected hit with their diners.

They've established an always-sold-out monthly (adult) Comedy Night, and have Friday Night entertainment too with Tom Ford playing guitar and singing

easy-listening tunes for all age groups.

Can't leave out Sunday mornings though with their scrumptious breakfast and brunch items accompanied by a blues-playing pianist who also takes song requests.

And, if that's not enough, Ericka and her family are cooking up a storm every

Friday of the football season by donating and serving up a full breakfast to the Bartlett High School Football Team commencing on September 3. Team members will choose from an assortment of pancakes, ham, sausage, bacon, toast, eggs, hot chocolate, coffee, juice, and water. The day before the team's Thanksgiving football

game, B. Kind Café will also prepare, donate, and serve a tasty spaghetti and meatball dinner, complete with salad, bread, and assorted beverages. The family's donations to the hometown team are amazing. Ericka's son, David Mercado, is also on the Bartlett football team.

"B. Kind is based on healthy, healthy, healthy," says Ericka, "there's a definite need in Webster for a place like ours. Just about everything we offer is organic from our salad bar with its lettuce, tomatoes, mushrooms, carrots, olives, onions, peppers, and cucumbers to our eggs and bread products. Our breads are gluten-free, non-GMO, and organic. Coffee beans are roasted locally and include regular and decaf, house

blend, Nicaraguan, Brazilian, and Mexican. Even our smoothies are made with fresh organic fruit and milks including almond milk."

Their menu consists of the standard breakfast and lunch offerings including fresh soups daily and B. Kind's version of a breakfast bowl offered with either sweet or regular potatoes, eggs, bacon, and onions. The breakfast bowl casserole is made fresh daily. Desserts are pies and fresh fruits along with homemade Brazilian macarons and even whoopie pies. It's worth a trip to check out their menu which is ever-changing by customer request.

B. Kind has a full liquor license that is a nice addition to their Friday and Saturday

dinner menu as well as their Sunday brunch offerings. Signature cocktails include margaritas, bloody marys, mimosas, and sangrias and they also have a respectable beer and wine selection. All drinks are made from scratch with freshly-squeezed juices. Their omelets are amazingly delicious with an endless variety of additions to choose from. Check out their menu before you go at [www.bkindcafe.com](http://www.bkindcafe.com)

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## Gladys E. Kelly Public Library calendar of events

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library in Webster, 2 Lake St., Webster, 508-949-3880, has listed the following calendar of events. All programs are scheduled to be held outside on the Library lawn (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

**Adult Programming**

Yoga with Julie - Saturdays in September 10:00-11:15 a.m. Join Julie at Gladys Kelly for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath." A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly patrons, and will take place in the Library's Community Room.

Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast with John Root - September 9, 6:00 p.m. "Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast"

is a power point presentation offering a comprehensive introduction to the identification and uses of wild plants for food and beverage. Distinguishing characteristics, seasons of availability, habitats, methods of preparation, and nutritional and medicinal value of our region's most common and appealing wild plants are discussed. Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, and illustrated pamphlets with plant descriptions, guidelines for responsible and safe foraging, and a bibliography for further study are distributed as well.

Fall Concert Series: Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards - September 11, 2:00 p.m. Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics, unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation with audiences throughout the US and Canada. The songs poetically reflect their personal experience as factory workers, teachers, community organizers and natives of postindustrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. Accompanying themselves on guitar, harmonica, ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performance is often punctuated by humorous commentary.

Indoor Movie Night - third Thursday of the month, beginning September 16, at 6:00 p.m. Join us monthly on the third Thursday of each month as we show a new release

film. We'll make theatre-style popcorn for you to enjoy! The film selection changes each month, call the Library for this month's title: 508-949-3880.

Book Discussion Group - September 20, 6:30 p.m. The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to [ehale@cwmmars.org](mailto:ehale@cwmmars.org) for inquiries.

Mini golf in the stacks, Friday, October 1, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Do you love watching that little ball bounce along the artificial turf headed for the hole? Do you know how to use the wall to guarantee a hole in one? The Friends of the Gladys E Kelly Library are planning their fall welcome back to the library event. Mini Golf in the Stacks will be played throughout the library on Friday, October 1, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The holes will have book themes of course. Adults will be invited to compete and socialize on Friday night. Saturday will be open for family fun. So start practicing your swing this summer so your golf balls will roll and not bounce, and watch for updates about the event. In the immortal words of Ben Hogan: "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

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# Plenty of horsepower in High Octane Classics' business model

By Rod Lee

The only thing Danny Marinelli likes better than collecting custom automobiles and trucks is talking about them, at his High Octane Classics dealership on Washington St. in Auburn.

A view of the premises from the road doesn't begin to reveal just how extensive an array of muscle and exotic cars and trucks he has on the lot. Mr. Marinelli's vast inventory includes such gems as a 1959 Alfa Spider, a 1983 Mercedes-Benz, a 1991 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, a 2009 Dodge Challenger, a 1959 Chevy Apache, a 1946 Ford F100, a 1970 Chevy Camaro and a 1966 Ford Mustang.

"I started High Octane, performance cars, ten years ago," he said on July 15. "I moved here eighteen months ago and partnered with Barry Lundgren and the Lundgren family. I started on Route 9 in Shrewsbury and ran out of space there. I moved to Boylston and doubled in size and I moved here and quadrupled. This is a childhood dream. This spot was a motorcycle shop and then Lundgren Auto Body and Barry had it and when he saw what I was doing he said 'take as much space as you need.'"

To the amazement a visitor expressed at the number of vehicles on the lot, which includes a showroom, garages and companion space, Mr.

Marinelli offers a proud smile and says "the secret sauce is we find and buy out car collections, fifty to a hundred at a time. Every car goes through a full safety inspection and we tear them down front to back. I can't send a customer on the road if the car isn't right. We do the hard work. We put in the time. My problem isn't getting them in shape, it's acquiring them."

The buying and selling formula at High Octane Classics works one of a few ways. Often, Mr. Marinelli said, a prospective customer will come by "and say 'this is what I want, leather seats, four on the floor, etc., and we find it.'" More frequently, people on the hunt for vintage vehicles will gravitate to High Octane after hearing about the dealership and deciding to check out the merchandise.

"There are a lot of 'flippers' out there, but no one as big as us," he said. "We have Super Sports, I have ten of them, Pipers, Ferraris, Roadrunners, hardtops, convertibles. If you are in the market for a classic car, it's here."

High Octane has quickly established itself as a go-to dealership for classic cars, locally. Nationally, owners listing a classic car for sale will typically use such search engines as Dyer (launched in 2017 and now enjoying a worldwide au-

dience), Hemmings (with over 27,000 classic cars, it is one of the largest marketplaces for custom vehicles in the U.S.) and classiccars.com (which boasts over two million visits a month).

Classic cars remain hugely popular. Among them, of course, classic Corvettes ("you don't get called America's sports car for no reason," one commentator points out). Corvettes have been in production since 1953—and Chevrolet almost gave up on them! Mustangs too; they are at the top of the list in fourteen states.

According to TheSuperBlog.com, classic cars remain a hot buy for all of the following reasons: design; simplicity; the memorabilia factor; uniqueness; and exclusivity.

To a query as to how High Octane locates collections to purchase and gets them to Auburn, Mr. Marinelli says "we pay finder fees, and we have them trucked."

The arrangement with the Lundgren family has been "fantastic," he said. "The integrity and the brand are so strong and the best thing is they are car guys. I feel blessed to be associated with them."

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Danny Marinelli monitors work being done on classic cars he acquires in the garage at High Octane. "I can't send a customer on the road if the car isn't right," he says.





The High Octane Classics storefront on Washington St. in Auburn. Danny Marinelli, an owner, set up shop at the site eighteen months ago after previously being located in Shrewsbury and Boylston.




High Octane Classics' showroom, where some of the company's many custom cars are on display.

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## Non-stop Acid Reflux? Look at surgical options

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 78-year-old female who has suffered from acid reflux for many years and has been taking Prilosec (omeprazole) for at least 15 years. I have heard that it is not meant for longtime use. If I don't take it, I have such heartburn I can't sleep and am in misery all day and night. I recently attended a seminar on the new LINX surgery and hope to have it done. Do you have any information on the success of or problems after this surgery? - J.B.

ANSWER: The LINX device is a magnetic ring, placed by laparoscopic surgery, that helps increase the strength of the lower esophageal sphincter, the valve-like muscular structure at

the junction of the esophagus and the stomach. This reduces reflux (backward movement) of stomach acid up into the esophagus. The procedure was very effective at reducing both heartburn symptoms (89% before procedure to 12% after) and the need for daily medicines like omeprazole (100% before to 15% after).

The device has not been in use for a very long time, so long-term safety data is unavailable. Some people had to have the devices removed because they eroded into the esophagus, but only 0.3% of devices were removed at four years.

There are other types of surgeries used to treat reflux, most of which are effective at reducing both symptoms and the need for medication.

There are now options for treatment being done endoscopically (with an instrument placed through the mouth), without the need even for laparoscopic surgery (with the instrument being placed by small incisions

through the skin). My personal practice is to discuss medication treatments as well as surgical treatments for people with moderate to severe acid reflux. Surgery in younger people may have more benefit by preventing a lifetime of daily medication.

People who do not get relief with medication are those who most clearly benefit from these kinds of procedures.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 90-year-old man. My wife's life was saved in 1952 with Red Cross blood. Since then, I have donated more than 31 gallons of blood. My blood is CMV-negative. They want me to donate more.

I had a CT scan after a fall, and a 1-cm ground-glass nodule was found in my lung. They are going to do another scan in six months to see if it is growing. The Red Cross said if I had cancer I should refrain from donating. What should I do? - J.J.B.

ANSWER: Based on the information you are giving me, it's about 90% likely that this will not be cancer. A repeat scan

to see if it is growing is a good idea.

Even in the unlikely event this is cancer, the likelihood of passing cancer cells along in a blood transfusion is very, very small. However, blood banks like the Red Cross are exceedingly careful to maintain a safe blood supply, and waiting six months to donate is safest.

Let me add my thanks to your selfless giving of a precious, life-saving resource - your blood - which is espe-

cially valuable to people with immune system disease given the lack of the common pathogen cytomegalovirus, which can cause serious disease in people after cancer chemotherapy.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved*

To your good health

### Annual town meeting scheduled

WEBSTER - The Board of Selectmen has called an Annual Town Meeting for Monday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Anyone wishing to place articles on the Town Meeting Warrant should present them to the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours. Citizen's petitions must contain the signatures of at least 10 registered (certified) voters. The deadline to submit articles is August 30, at 12:00 p.m.



## Ivascyn Family endows a scholarship for local students at Nichols College

DUDLEY - The family of Daniel W. Ivascyn, former superintendent of Oxford Public Schools, has created a new scholarship at Nichols College. The Ivascyn Family Endowed Scholarship will aid students who reside in southern Worcester County and plan to graduate from Nichols.

A resident of Charlton, Mass., Ivascyn has strong ties to the region's educational and business com-

munities. He began his tenure with the Oxford school system as business manager in 1969, after earning his bachelor's degree at Nichols. He became a certified teacher and administrator, was promoted to assistant superintendent for business affairs and served as superintendent from 1996 until his retirement in 2003. Along the way, he earned an MBA from Clark University and an

EdD from UMass Amherst.

Ivascyn was a founding member of the French River Education Center, a regional private nonprofit organization providing educational services to school districts throughout Worcester County. He served on the board for several years.

He was associate professor of education and chair of the Educator Preparation Program at Nichols from

2004 to 2007. He is also a recipient of the college's Alumni Achievement Award.

While attending evening classes as an undergraduate at Nichols in the 1960s, Ivascyn worked as a teller for Webster Five, beginning a 46-year affiliation with the bank. He became a corporator in 1980, was elected to the board in 1984 and served as its chair for 14 years, retiring in 2020.

"Through this scholarship, Dan and his family are creating opportunities for local students to discover their leadership potential with a Nichols education and securing a legacy that recognizes

service and commitment to the community," said Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, president of Nichols College. "We are grateful for their generosity and the example they are setting for future leaders."

## 2021 Harrington Auxiliary scholarship winners



Pictured l-r: Sophia Mawson, Caitlin Young, Jenna Wade, Emily Dubois (Lauren Chase was not present.)

SOUTHBRIDGE - In 1959, the Harrington Auxiliary awarded its first scholarship to a student planning to pursue a career in healthcare. Since that time, the Auxiliary has been proud to carry on the annual tradition.

In spite of scaled-down fundraising during 2020, the Harrington Auxiliary Scholarship Committee was honored to award \$10,000 in scholarships this year. Students residing in the communities served by the Harrington Health Care System were invited to apply for one of the scholarships. More than 40 students submitted applications, with at least one student representing many of the communities in the Harrington Hospital service area. Each scholarship winner received \$2,000.

Recipient **Lauren Chase**, a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, plans to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner with an emphasis on women's

health at the University of Rhode Island.

Love of children prompted **Caitlin Young**, also a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, to continue her studies at Regis College with the goal of becoming a neonatal intensive care nurse. Young earned a 4.4 GPA and was named valedictorian of the senior class.

Woodstock Academy graduate **Sophia Mawson** will be studying endocrinology at Southeastern University in Florida. Active in both school and community, she has also endured personal health conditions.

Auburn High School graduate **Emily Dubois** received an excellent reference from her guidance counselor and will attend Fairfield University where she plans to "become the best nurse she can be."

**Jenna Wade** recently completed her studies at Quaboag Regional Middle High School in Warren. Inspired by excel-

lent nursing care when she was young, she will be studying nursing at Worcester State University.

Additionally, the Auxiliary awarded the \$1,000 Dr. Robert Van Vooren Scholarship, which is given to Harrington Hospital employees, to **Emily Goncalves**.

This scholarship has been awarded annually since 1954 in memory of Dr. Robert Van Vooren, a pioneer in advocating cardiac rehabilitation services long before they became common practice. Every year, the Harrington Hospital "Cardiac Gang" raises money to support this scholarship program.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided to the 25 communities the Harrington HealthCare System serves in MA and CT.

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# Samuel Slater **EXPERIENCE**

## An informal tour of Samuel Slater Experience

In mid-July Samuel Slater Experience welcomed some local visitors take an informal tour to view of the progress in the museum.



SSE founder Chris Robert gives a tour to Dudley town officials, including Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda and Administrative Secretary Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator Michele Jervis, at left.



Chris Robert chats with Spectrum News 1 producer Shaun Grady for a news story previewing the museum.



Galaxy Development president Mike O'Brien and his wife Sharon in Slater's Office. SSE Curator Olivia Spratt is on the right.



Black Tavern board member Ed Bazinet in conversation with educator Tim Prouty.



Chris Robert with Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar.



SSE art consultant Dave Laabs and his parents Mark and Terry Laabs and their friend Carol Antos (at left) on their way to Slater's ship room.



Jocelyn Patterson and Emma DeRoache of Webster watch a movie in the recreated Liberty Theater.



SSE education consultant Tim Prouty points out details of Samuel Slater's journey across the Atlantic in 1789.

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# Samuel Slater **EXPERIENCE**

## Help us tell the story as a Slater Experience Guide

Slater Experience Guides are volunteer hosts of the Samuel Slater Experience (SSE) who support and enhance visitors' experiences throughout their tour of the museum.

As knowledgeable emissaries, they greet visitors, assist with self-guided tours, supply transitional and anecdotal information for each exhibit, explain the digital technology and techniques used, and answer specific questions about the Samuel Slater story, the founding of Webster, and the history of the Samuel Slater Experience.

### Requirements

Slater Experience Guides are expected to share an interest and enthusiasm for the history of the American Industrial Revolution and the town of Webster.

They should have good people skills and the ability to actively interact with children, school groups, and adults in public speaking settings.

Volunteer Experience Guides are asked to make a one-year commitment and be available for at least two 3-hour shifts per

month during SSE's hours of operation, including at least two weekend days each quarter.

SSE will provide periodic training sessions covering all aspects of the museum, the technology, and the building. Slater Experience Guides must be able to attend Slater Experience Guide Orientation and Training and are expected to review additional material as periodically provided or approved by SSE in order to stay up to date on any changes, additions or deletions, and to broaden their knowledge of our mission.

### Benefits

Experience guides will receive a family pass for free entry to the museum during their tenure as volunteers. They will receive a 20% discount in the gift shop, a 20% discount on event rentals, and invitations to special events.

For an application form, contact Barbara Van Reed at 508-243-6392 or email [bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org](mailto:bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org). Applicants will be asked to come in for an in-person interview.

## UniBank and Worcester Red Sox align missions; Dr. Steinberg featured at bank conference



Left to right: Tim Wickstrom; Chairman of the Board at UniBank; Dr. Charles Steinberg; President of the Worcester Red Sox; Michael Welch; CEO at UniBank

WHITINSVILLE - UniBank had the privilege and honor of hosting Dr. Charles Steinberg, President of the Worcester Red Sox, at their annual Corporators Meeting held this time at the Worcester Country Club.

Michael Welch, CEO of UniBank, stated, "When we decided to engage with the Worcester Red Sox as a Founding Partner, we knew we shared an important commonality - that of community support and development. Our shared values and vision for the future of our beloved community make the relationship real and beneficial to all. Dr. Steinberg has a storied career of community outreach and his message of "doing good" for the betterment of Worcester runs

deep throughout UniBank. We were honored to host Dr. Steinberg and we look forward to many years of collaboration."

UniBank is rooted in the Blackstone Valley with assets of \$2.3 billion as of March 31, 2021. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining a high level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC and Member DIF. UniBank NMLS #583135. The company website is [www.unibank.com](http://www.unibank.com).

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## Millbury, Dudley launch housing rehab and community development activities

In March of 2020, the towns of Millbury and Dudley partnered to seek competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to benefit local residents and infrastructure. A year later, after months of pandemic-related delays at the state level, the towns learned their application for \$664,500 had been approved. Grant-funded activities are now getting un-

derway. The grant's three activities are being managed on the towns' behalf by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC).

In Millbury, an architectural design project will address insulation and interior roof conditions at the Senior Center. An engineering design project will identify and specify solutions to aging infrastructure in Millbury's Pearl Street and

Maple Street neighborhood, including the water and sewer lines, stormwater drainage, and roads and sidewalks. A portion of the latter project will include infrastructure fixes on the grounds of the Millbury Housing Authority's Linden Apartments. Construction of both design projects is dependent on future grants or other funding.

The largest item in the grant

is a shared housing rehabilitation program open to homeowners in both Dudley and Millbury. Eligible activities under the program focus on code-related repairs and other types of work needed to make homes safe and livable. Activities can include weatherization, access improvements for disabled persons, roof replacement, heating and septic systems, window replacement, new paint and siding, electrical and plumbing upgrades, structural repairs, and many other types of work.

Residents who meet federal income guidelines are eligible to participate. The current limit for a single-person household is \$55,350 in annual income. For a four-person household, the maximum income is \$79,050. Financial assistance is in the form of a deferred-payment loan secured by a lien. Repayment of the loan is generally required only if the home is sold during the 15-year loan period. As-

sistance through the program is capped at \$35,000 for most units. The program, which funds repairs by private contractors for homeowners meeting federal low-to-moderate income guidelines, has revitalized homes in several nearby towns, including Leicester, Spencer, Charlton, Webster, and the Brookfields. The housing program is being implemented by CMRPC's partners at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

More than 50 Millbury and Dudley homeowners who submitted preapplications to the housing rehab program prior to the towns' grant application have been ranked by lottery and are being contacted in sequence as funds become available. But it's not too late for others to request housing rehab assistance. Interested residents can submit their preapplications now to secure a place in the next lottery should funds become available under the current

grant, or if the towns receive additional grants. The pre-application form and additional program information are available on both towns' websites.

In addition to the current grant, both Millbury and Dudley are reviewing options to apply separately for additional CDBG funds in the FY 2021 grant round, due in September. Both communities expect to hold public hearings this month to discuss potential projects including construction of the Pearl and Maple Street infrastructure project in Millbury, infrastructure design and construction in Dudley's Brandon Road/Jericho area including First Avenue, additional housing rehab, and possibly more. Dudley's hearing will be on August 23, and Millbury's on August 24. Residents are encouraged to participate.

Questions about CDBG-funded projects can be directed to Andrew Loew, Project Manager at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, at (508) 459-3339 or Conor McCormack, Millbury's Assistant Planner, at (508) 865-4754, or Bill Scanlan, Dudley's Town Planner at (508) 949-8014.

The state CDBG program is funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

## Auburn Achievers

The Auburn Historical Museum is collecting information on notable people from Auburn.

We are looking for anyone who ran a business, worked on a farm, taught school, managed a family while holding down a job or wrote a book. Maybe you starred in a middle school play or sold Girl Scout cookies.

Have you a relative who was a blacksmith, or a shoemaker or a housewife in the last century?

We are collecting stories about the people of Auburn, what they did, what they accomplished and how they managed dur-

ing difficult times. Or great times, or any times!

In short, we want to compile a theme book on what people in Auburn have done. It doesn't have to be anything incredible, like being the CEO of IBM, or a famous movie star, or a professional baseball player, or the author of a popular book. (Though all of those things have been done by people raised in Auburn.)

It can be a story about getting home through a blizzard, raising 12 children while managing a farm, being a shoemaker and a selectman at the same time. Maybe you are a gifted

photographer and want to share your photos with us. Have you written a poem, or found a diary your grandmother kept? These are all part of Auburn's history and need to be shared and preserved.

Please help us compile our book by sharing your stories, and your family stories.

Come by the museum any Tuesday or Saturday between 9:30 and 12:30, or email us at auburnmuseum@verizon.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Helen Poirier,  
Research Coordinator*

## Prayer



Jesus

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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## Collect memories in the "Memories Box"

The Town of Dudley Historical Commission and the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library have joined in a project to establish a "Memories Box" to be kept in the library's local history room. The purpose of the box would be to collect "memories" of Dudley residents about past and current local events. Residents are encouraged to submit a hand written or typed memory on a standard (8.5x11in.) sheet of paper. Photos or artwork mounted on a standard sheet would also be accepted. The submissions become part of an "ongoing time capsule" that could be accessed by historians and genealogists interested in the history of Dudley and its inhabitants. Multiple memories can be submitted, but each must be limited to one sheet of paper, and labeled on the back with the date and age of the person submitting the memory. Donor's name (birth and married), although not required, is preferred, for genealogical research. This project is well suited to teachers and students interested in specific topics.

The first suggested topic is: **the local impact of the pandemic of 2020/2021.**

This project was envisioned after Ed Bazinet, Chairman of the Dudley Historical Commission, realized that current "history" was being lost. In the past, diaries and letters provided insight into the lives of average people. Today, most communication is phone or text, and not something accessible later on.

When the library was built, the allocation of a room for local history was provided, which also includes a climate controlled and restricted room for books and documents that needed additional care and preservation. The Historical Commission has used this space over the years to accept donations of published histories as well as maps, newspapers and personal diaries and letters. This is where the memories box will be stored. Working closely with Librarian Drusilla Carter, the memories box idea was conceived as the logical location for collecting remembrances that residents can "store away" for future generations. MS Carter likes to call the project "an historical love letter to the future."

This project will be ongoing. Anyone may sit down and create a "memory" for inclusion, then either hand deliver or mail it to the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, 40 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571.

## Chief's corner

# Rules of the road regarding recreational vehicles

By Chief Steven J. Wojnar  
Dudley Police Department

Four-wheel vehicles, dirt bikes, or snow mobiles in the winter, can be seen traveling on or along public ways from time to time. This is a particular issue during the summer months when we receive several complaints. The ground is dry, kids are out of school, and many people are out riding. These vehicles are not allowed to operate normally on the streets without the appropriate registration requirements. I was asked to provide people with some information about these vehicles traveling on the roads.

Most of the recreational vehicle laws are covered under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90B. These vehicles are generally restricted to off road travel. Registration and operational safety requirements can be found under Chapter 90B. One, which applies to the operation of recreational vehicles on the roads, is under Chapter 90B Section 25. This section addresses their ability to travel across roadways. Recreational vehicles must come to a full and complete stop before crossing any road. When they cross, they must do so in a fashion which is as direct as possible. They must not interfere with the free movement of vehicular traffic on the road, and they must yield the right of way to all vehicular traffic when making the crossing. The penalty for a violation of this law is a maximum \$100 fine or up to sixty days in jail or both.

These vehicles are also prohibited in such places as rail trails and conservation areas. People operating in these locations are trespassing and criminal charges could apply. This is particularly true if damage occurs or if places, such as wetlands, are dis-

turbed. Recreational vehicles are fun. I used them myself in my younger years. They need to be operated in the proper locations while exercising the appropriate safety precautions. The best practice is to register these vehicles, use caution, operate in the correct locations, wear proper equipment, and always be aware of your surroundings. This will best prevent accidents, damage, and injuries.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

### Hands-free cell phone

Hands-free cell phone use while driving, has been the law for several years here in Massachusetts. Cell phones and electronic devices are only to be used with limited physical contact and should be properly mounted inside the vehicle. I was recently asked, if a person receives a

citation for a violation of this law, does it carry an insurance surcharge?

According to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 13B, drivers can only use electronic devices and mobile phones in hands-free mode. You are only permitted to touch devices to activate them for that purpose. Drivers cannot hold or support any electronic device/phone while operating. The penalty for a first offense is a \$35 civil fine. Sub Section (e) of this law further explains the penalties for violations, specifically those related to surcharges. It states in part, "A first or second offense under this section or section 8M shall not be a surchargeable incident under section 113B of chapter 175 or under a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in section 34A that is issued pursuant to said chapter 175; provided, however, that a third or subsequent offense under this section or section 8M shall be a surchargeable incident under said section 113B of said chapter 175 or under a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in said section 34A that is issued pursuant to said chapter 175." Therefore, the answer to the surcharge question is both

yes and no. No, if it is a first or second offense. The answer is yes if it is for a third or subsequent violation.

Again, with the prevalence of cell phones in vehicles today, more people are using these devices. Please do your best to limit distractions while driving and try to only use phones when necessary. If the call or message can wait, let it.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department 71 West Main St. Dudley, Ma. 01571 or email at [swojnar@dudleypolice.com](mailto:swojnar@dudleypolice.com). Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

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# Small Stones Festival of the Arts Announces 2021 Art Call

GRAFTON - Artists and photographers please submit your original works of art to the fourth annual Small Stones Festival of the Arts, a juried fine art painting and photography exhibit. The Festival returns Oct. 15 to the Great Hall, Grafton Town House, One Grafton Common, Grafton for a live ceremony announcing the winning artists. The top three artists in each category will win cash awards.

Four regional arts organizations - Apple Tree Arts, the Worcester County Camera Club, the Blackstone Valley Art Association and the Shakespeare Club of Grafton have collaborated to create the exhibit accompanied with music and literary programs, jurors and artist talks and an art collection presentation. The extended Festival runs Oct. 15-24 with free exhibit hours on weekends and weekday evenings of Oct. 20, 21 and 22.

The Festival's art call opened Aug. 15 for submissions of artwork. Photography and all forms of two-dimensional artwork are welcomed, with a maximum of three entries per artist. The art call will remain open until 500 entries are received. Visit <https://smallstonesfestival.org/> to submit artwork.

Three prestigious jurors for each category will select 144 works to appear in the exhibit and hardbound printed catalog. Fine art category jurors include renowned artist Carol Arnold, first place prize winner in the best figure/portraiture category of the June 2020 Plein Air Salon Art Competition; Charlotte Wharton, a highly accomplished portrait, plein-air and genre artist and Susan Swinand, a prominent painter with a preference for water media. Photography category jurors are David DeMelim,

founder and managing director of Rhode Island Center for Photographic Arts; Jessica Roscio, director and curator at Danforth Art Museum; and renowned fine art portraiture photographer Al Weems.

Awards will include first, second and third cash prize winners, juror's choice and popular choice for each category. Cash awards are \$500 for first; \$250 for second; and \$100 for third place. The exhibit catalogue will be sold online in late November. For more information about the festival, visit <https://smallstonesfestival.org/> or contact chair Ken Crater, Worcester County Camera Club, [ken@smallstonesfestival.org](mailto:ken@smallstonesfestival.org).



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# FOOD AND FUN SECTION

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## The Pluck-a-duck rubber duck race is on

PUTNAM, CT - A new name! A secret location! The Putnam Business Association proudly announces that the 2021 Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Event is taking place this year.

The Putnam Business Association's annual Rubber Duck Race, renamed the "Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Event," is scheduled as a unique solo fundraising event on Sunday, August 22, at 12:00pm.

In spectacular fashion,

thousands of rubber ducks will be released at a secret, duck pond location in Putnam, swimming happily, and then "plucked" for a chance to win 65+ fantastic prizes, including the top prize of a \$500 VISA Gift Card, sponsored by Byrnes Agency. While unfortunately, this year's event will not be open to the public, viewers can cheer on their lucky duck during a live event



broadcast on WINY Radio 1350 AM & 97.1 FM and the Putnam Business Association's Facebook page. The first two viewers responding to WINY Radio or the PBA's Facebook pages correctly identifying the total number of ducks "dumped" into the pond will win a \$75 gift card to a local restaurant, courtesy of Kazantzis Real Estate. And after all prizes have been plucked, the final three waddlers out of the pond will be selected for our "Lame Duck" prizes, sponsored by Linemaster Switch.

The 2021 Pluck-A-Duck is a major fundraising event which deeply impacts the Putnam Business Association and its 200+ local members, provides advocacy to local/small businesses, and provides support to its various community events such as Zombie Fashion Show, The Great Pumpkin Festival, and Fire & Ice Festival, that draw tens-of-thousands of visitors into Connecticut's "Quiet Corner."

And this year, 17 non-profit organizations will also benefit from selling duck raffle tickets as an opportunity to raise more than \$6,500 for their worthy cause. These various groups include Bags of Hope CT, Boy Scout Troop 21, Danielson Veterans Coffee House, Killingly Business Association, NAMI Windham County NWC, NEIP, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Natchaug River Young Marines, PAWS

Cat Rescue, Putnam Lodge of Elks #574, Putnam Rotary Club, TEEG, Thames Valley Council for Community Action Meals-On-Wheels, The ARC Eastern Connecticut, The Last Green Valley, The Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center, and Wyndham Land Trust.

Pluck-A-Duck raffle tickets can be purchased at these essential non-profit organizations, and local businesses, including The Putnam Business Association Office (158 Main Street, Putnam), WINY Radio (45 Pomfret Street, Putnam), Putnam Bank/Centreville bank (40 Main Street & 251 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT; 100 Averill Road, Pomfret, CT; and 125 Wauregan Road, Danielson, CT), bankHometown (182 Main Street, Putnam), Archambault Insurance (143 Providence Street, Putnam), at upcoming community Farmers Markets and events, and also online at [www.discoverputnam.com/pbarubberduckrace](http://www.discoverputnam.com/pbarubberduckrace).

## Events at Booklovers' Gourmet

August Art Exhibit - "Soul Vibrations," a mixed media exhibit by Dawn Wilson will be on display and for sale August 3-31, at Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 East Main Street, Webster, during regular business hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Artist Statement: The mystery of life is all around us. Soul Vibrations is an exploration of life through energy. These interpretations are rooted in energy medicine (Reiki, Chakras, and meditation), wavelengths of color, frequency of sound, and quantum physics. Experimenting with different mediums the artist digs into the meaning of life using art as the vehicle through which the divine can be reached.



Dawn Wilson is a Central Massachusetts artist, teacher, and soon to be author. Dawn has a BA in Fine Arts from Framingham State College and a Masters in Occupational Education from Fitchburg State University. Her artwork has been shown in local galleries and museums throughout the United States. She has also been published in Somerset, Art Doll Quarterly, and Cloth Paper Scissors Magazines, as well as, the following book "Altered Art: Techniques for Creating Altered Books, Boxes, Cards & More."

Dawn's inspiration is drawn by her daily life, life observations and the relationship to human energy and healing. The work is created from recycled and repurposed materials from her many collections. Using what she has is an important part of the making process. Exploring themes of healing, the human connection, and relationships to color, she hopes to empower others in their own healing journeys.

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## Festival of Illumination World of Lights at Southwick's Zoo grand opening weekend September 9, 10, 11 & 12

Southwick's Zoo in Mendon, is excited to announce their much-anticipated Grand Opening Weekend of the "Festival of Illumination World of Lights," this September 9, 10, 11 and 12, - 5:30pm to 10:00pm each evening. Southwick's Zoo has partnered with the award-winning Zigong Lantern Group working together over the past two years to create this premium, one of a kind Chinese lantern showcase. In addition to the breathtaking lantern exhibits, guests of the Grand Opening Weekend will experience live entertainment including Chinese Acrobats, Asian Night Market, Street Performers, Specialty Foods and more.

From September 9 to January 3, 2022, Southwick's Zoo will be illuminated by breathtaking custom-built exhibits consisting of hundreds of Chinese lanterns meticulously handcrafted from silk, steel, and environmentally friendly LED lights. Guests will travel the globe through the incredible artistry of handcrafted Chinese Lanterns and be immersed in the magical world of imagination and illumination, visiting the African Savannahs, the Amazon rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, as well as many beautiful and fascinating regions in between. Beginning on November 26 the Southwick's

Zoo's traditional Winter Wonderland holiday lights as well as additional holiday themed Chinese Lanterns will be featured. Santa will also be visiting at his enchanted Village.

The Festival of Illumination World of Lights is an evening event, 5:30pm -10:00pm. September 9, 2021 to January 3, 2022. Advance ticket purchase is recommended for this must-see experience. More information please visit [www.festivalofillumination.com](http://www.festivalofillumination.com).

Southwick's Zoo is a privately-owned zoo located at 2 Southwick Street in Mendon, and has been a favorite New England destination for over

50 years. The zoo is home to over 850 animals, featuring more than 160 varied species, many of which are endangered. Southwick's Zoo's mission is to provide an extensive zoological collection and educational facility for their visitors, offering exciting family fun and entertainment for guests of all ages. [www.southwickzoo.com](http://www.southwickzoo.com)

## Auburn Chamber looking for an intern

This internship is a great opportunity for networking and becoming more familiar with the Auburn business community. This intern would work alongside the Chamber's Digital Marketing Committee to help promote and create content for the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact the Auburn Chamber of Commerce at 508-753-2924 x240 or email Virginia K. Murphy directly.

### Preferred Qualifications

- A current high school or college student from the region with knowledge of the community
- Have an interest in journalism / obtaining a degree in journalism (or related major)
- Willing to contact Auburn Chamber Members by email, phone and in person
- Able to interview a variety of businesses for "Business Spotlights"
- Comfortable writing social media posts, articles, etc.

## Public whist party

WEBSTER - A public Whist party will be held on Sunday, October 3, at the Killdeer Island Club House, 191 Killdeer Island Road. A light luncheon will be served at noon. Play begins at 1 p.m. There will be door prizes and raffle baskets. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door, or advanced tickets are available for \$3.00 by calling Elizabeth Luchina at (508) 949-1498.

## Calling all photographers. Show off your talent in TLGV's 2022 calendar

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) is searching for 13 photos capturing the unique spirit of the National Heritage Corridor. The selected images will appear in the 2022 TLGV Calendar and hang proudly in businesses and homes throughout the National Heritage Corridor and beyond!

Photos must capture the heart and soul of the natural, historic and cultural resources of The Last Green Valley. We welcome photos of people caring for and enjoying the National Heritage Corridor, but we must have the subject's permission to publish.

The TLGV Calendar is a full 8.5 by 11 inches, printed in color on high quality paper and will be available through the TLGV online shop, with all proceeds supporting the programs and projects of the National Heritage Corridor. The name of the photographer and title of the image is printed with each image.

The photographer who earns the cover will be featured in a press release about the calendar, in addition to receiving 10 copies of the 2022 TLGV Calendar. All other winners will get five copies of the calendar.

Each photograph must be in color digital format, sized to 10" wide x 8" tall (landscape orientation), and at least 300 dpi and be accompanied by a completed contest form. Photos that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified. There is a limit of three entries per person. Contest forms are available online at [thelastgreenvalley.org](http://thelastgreenvalley.org). All submissions will become the property of TLGV. Submissions are due by email no later than noon on Sept. 23, 2021. Send to [LyAnn@tlgv.org](mailto:LyAnn@tlgv.org), subject line "Calendar Photo Contest." For more information, please call 860-774-3300 or send questions to [LyAnn@tlgv.org](mailto:LyAnn@tlgv.org), subject "Calendar Photo Contest."

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. is a member-supported, non-profit organization working for you in the National Heritage Corridor. Together we can care for, enjoy and pass on The Last Green Valley!

## Programs and events at the Pearle

Join the Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley for one of the virtual programs at the Pearle. To register go to [www.crawfordlibrary.org](http://www.crawfordlibrary.org) or call 508-949-8021

**Knit and crochet group** Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All stitchers are welcome for this informal group, meeting weekly in the Fels Room.

**Getting started with Libby** Wednesday, September 8 10:00-11:30 a.m. Libby experts from OverDrive will help you learn all of the tips and tricks for accessing free ebooks and audiobooks through the Libby app. 10:00 a.m. Get Started With Libby (including plenty of time for questions and answers with the experts); 10:45 a.m. Libby Deep Dive. Register for this free session at <http://bit.ly/pearletrain>

**A history of shoes** Thursday, September 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Are you curious about the footwear of years gone by? If so, join fashion historian Karen Antonowicz to explore the evolution of shoes from the reign of Queen Victoria through the decades of the 20th Century. We will discover the changes that occurred in footwear for women and men of the 19th and 20th centuries, emphasizing the influences that precipitated these changes. Free; registration is required. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

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## The Dick Hoyt Memorial Golf Tournament raising awareness for the ID/DD community

SOUTHBRIDGE - The Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. (CoHF) is a non-profit agency serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many of the programs and services offered by the CoHF are funded by the state. However, many programs are unfunded.

The Center offers year-round Special Olympics which allows individuals the opportunity to participate in unified sporting events. Volunteers run practices and take teams to games and tournaments. These teams are provided with uniforms and any other equipment necessary to participate in the sport. Seeing the joy as participants walk onto the field at Gillette Stadium is spectacular! "People are happy, smiling and having so much fun", said Ryan Chauvin, Recreation Director at the CoHF, "without additional funding, this program and the joy that comes from it would not be possible."

The CoHF also runs the Holiday Giving Program each year. Around the holidays, gifts and other necessities are given to over 500 individuals and families who struggle financially. "We know that some of our program members or others in the community may not get the chance to experience the holidays like most," said Erika Travinski, COO at the CoHF, "It is truly

magical to see how the community comes together and helps us provide this amazing support. We see smiles on family member's faces knowing that their loved ones will wake up on Christmas morning beaming with happiness. There is no better feeling."

Changing lives and providing opportunities is not only what we do at the Center of Hope, but it is also who we are. We invite you to join us in making the Special Olympics program and the holiday giving program what they are. Join us on Saturday, September 11th for the 15th Annual Golf Tournament, now known as the Dick Hoyt Memorial Golf Tournament, held at the

Heritage Country Club, in Charlton, MA. Help the CoHF continue on with its mission, offering the most opportunities possible for individuals with disabilities. Not only will you be playing for a good cause, but you will also be surrounded by fun and great company.

This event is sponsored by The Hoyt Foundation, Team Hoyt, US Tool and Fastener, Joe Cleans, Cornerstone Bank, Abacus Distributors, Fletcher Tilton PC, Helgerson's Excavating and Septic, IBEW Local 2324, IBEW Local 2222, Southbridge Tire, OFS Fitel, and Excel Advertising. To learn more visit [www.thecenterofhope.org/golf](http://www.thecenterofhope.org/golf) or call (508) 764-4085.

## Auburn Homcoming and Fall Festival

AUBURN - The Auburn Homcoming and Fall Festival will take place on Friday night and Saturday, September 24 and 25.

On Friday night the Auburn football game will be played at 7 p.m.

Saturday-11:00am - 4:00pm at Auburn High School there will be games, train rides, pumpkin decorating, live music by East West Duo, food, craft vendors, fun for all ages.

Schedule of events will be listed in the Auburn News and on [www.auburnguide.com](http://www.auburnguide.com), sponsored by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Department, Auburn Public Schools, the Home Depot and Lungren Honda of Auburn. For information please call-508-832-7736 or email [kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us](mailto:kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us). The event will be held rain or shine.

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## Etheridge will soar into Indian Ranch on wings of new album

By Rod Lee

There is a strong likelihood that Melissa Etheridge will perform her raspy and rousing new single “One Way Out” when she takes the stage at Indian Ranch for a 1:00 p.m. Labor Day concert—and probably a few other songs from the album of the same name.

The nine tracks were culled from a collection of material written in the late 1980s and early 1990s and shelved and pretty much forgotten about until 2020 when Ms. Etheridge—“M.E.”—was sorting through old files to share with fans of her “Etheridge TV’s Friday Night Time Machine” show. They offer “a deeper glimpse” into who Ms. Etheridge was then. They include two songs, “You Have No Idea” and “Life Goes On,” recorded live before a raucous crowd at the Roxy in Los Angeles in 2002.

Ms. Etheridge reassembled her first touring band—Kevin McCormick on bass, Fritz

Lewak on drums and John Shanks on guitar—for the album, which is due for release on September 17, just a little over two weeks after her appearance at Indian Ranch.

“One Way Out” may be Ms. Etheridge’s most powerful statement yet on her womanhood as a lesbian and gay activist, a breast cancer survivor, a mother and a “spokesperson for environmental causes (“I Need To Wake Up” from her highest-charting album “Your Little Secret” and written for the Al Gore documentary on global warming “An Inconvenient Truth” won in the “Best Song” category at the Academy Awards in February of 2007).

Reflecting recently on the song One Way Out and the new album, she said “growing up. Yeah. Sometimes growing up involves looking back and getting power from it. Not being pulled down, not regretting. There’s no regrets. There’s not doing anything differently. It’s

understanding what I had to do to get where I am now, and loving where I am now and feeling the power I have.”

As of May 2021, One Way Out had earned 51,000 views on YouTube. In the song, Ms. Etheridge sings about how “you can run but you can’t hide, I’d like to see how far I can get if I tried” and “you can scream and you can shout but there’s no way out.”

The songs on the album are said to bristle with energy and emotion. They come from “a tender sort of place that I was reluctant to go to before I came out. It’s really fun to just step forward and fearlessly present these songs and play them. You know, really being set free,” she says.

Of her band, she says, “these guys are monsters.”

With her show at Indian Ranch, Ms. Etheridge will be returning to New England, where in her early days she studied at the Berklee College of Music and worked the club circuit around Boston. The Webster stop is part of an expansive U.S. tour that stretches from May 29 at the Theatre at the Ace Hotel in LA to November 10 with a show at the Thrasher-Home Center in Orange Park, Florida.

No newcomer to adversity, she is also no stranger to success. She stormed onto the music scene in 1988 with her critically acclaimed self-titled album, which included

such original compositions as “Bring Me Some Water,” “No Souvenirs” and “Ain’t It Heavy” (the latter won a Grammy in 1992). Her fourth album, “Yes I Am” (1993) featured the massive hits “I’m The Only One” and “Come To My Window.”

She has sold over 25 million records in the U.S.

Ms. Etheridge was discovered at Vermie’s, a bar in Pasadena, where some friends she’d made on a women’s soccer team came to see her play. One of them, Karla Leopold, encouraged her husband, Bill Leopold, a manager in the music business, to take in a live show. He was impressed and became a pivotal force in Ms. Etheridge’s career. The connection with Bill Leopold led to a publishing deal with Island Records’ Chris Blackwell.

Throughout her years on stage, Ms. Etheridge has not shied away from taking a



Born in Leavenworth, Kansas in May of 1961, Melissa Etheridge has become one of the most decorated musicians in the industry. She performs at Indian Ranch in Webster on Labor Day.

stand, whether speaking out against hate or refusing to pay her California state taxes as an act of civil disobedience over passage of Proposition 8 banning same-sex marriage.

She is also not afraid to take personal and professional risks. Starting in 2014, she partnered with a California medical marijuana dispensary to make cannabis-infused wine.

No better evidence that Indian Ranch is back in full stride can be found than Melissa Etheridge making an appearance on Gore Road as part of her whirlwind 2021 U.S. tour—in this, the venerable music venue’s 75th anniversary season.

Contact Rod Lee at rodlee.1963@gmail.com or 774-232-2999.

## Dudley Womans Club Meet and Greet

Bring a friend and celebrate the start of Dudley Womans Club’s fourteenth year. The Club (DWC) formed in 2008 by a handful of women committed to the betterment of the local communities, who despite the pandemic has maintained a healthy membership of over 60 members from Dudley and surrounding towns.

Through its volunteer services, the DWC supports many local charities, provides services to local veterans and local needy children. We continue to honor our veterans and support our town by purchasing and caring for the plantings at the veterans’ squares.

The DWC also awards mul-

tiple annual college scholarships to local high schools students and adult women returning to school. Our fundraisers continued to be successful events (basket and calendar raffles and this summer’s highly successful “You’ve Been Bloomed”) despite the challenges of a pandemic year. All this and we formed lasting friendships and had fun along the way.

Monthly club meetings provide members with social time as well as enrichment programs. After 13 years in existence, our meeting programs are numerous and have provided insights into many aspects of our members’ lives.

Special events depend on COVID restrictions and will be planned “as we go.”

All ladies interested in learning more about the club and its commitment to community, please join current members for our ‘21-’22 kick-off meeting: A Meet & Greet Social at 5 p.m. Thursday, September 9, outdoors at Roseland Park Pavillion, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT. Please BYO snacks and beverages for your table. Social time starts at 5 p.m., meeting begins at 6 p.m. Roseland Park is a beautiful venue, with many activities available for you to take advantage of prior to our meeting. For more info on Roseland Park available activities, please visit their website at [www.roselandpark.org](http://www.roselandpark.org).

DWC’s September giving project: members are asked to monetarily support Roseland Park’s grounds-keeping fund. For more information please email [DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com](mailto:DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com) or visit our website: <http://DudleyWomansClub.org>. Come join us, bring a friend, get involved and celebrate the start of our 14th club year.

Nancy Vajcovec

## Garden party planned

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Asa Waters Mansion proudly present: *A Secret Garden Party with magical surprises*, on Sunday, August 29, at 2 p.m. at The Asa Waters Mansion at 123 Elm St.

This special end-of-school vacation event for girls and boys of elementary school age includes a bird house decorating project led by Amy Crossin of the Parading Palette, a reading of the delightful book, *The Secret Garden*, and an ice cream sundae buffet.



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## National Park Service hosts artist Dan Borelli at Slater Mill

Massachusetts artist Dan Borelli will spend the next few months as Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park's artist in residence. In a project titled, "Illuminating Futures: Blackstone River Valley," Borelli will gather information from locals around Old Slater Mill to hear stories and create a prototype installation. This proposed lighting installation will raise awareness about water quality and foster stewardship for the Blackstone River. He will be engaging with the public on September 9, 11, and 25, at Old Slater Mill, 67 Roosevelt Avenue.

Dan Borelli is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Harvard University Graduate School of Design. His work examines the industrial past of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, particularly how industrial sites and landscapes have left lasting environmental impacts on later generations. Notably, an installation in his hometown of Ashland, included changing the color of local streetlamps to raise awareness of current levels of soil contamination throughout the town.

The artist will be on site at Slater Mill, the Blackstone Riv-

er State Park, or wandering up and downstream looking at the ways that people interact with the river. If you'd like to engage with the artist directly, please sign up for his workshop 'Ground-Truthing' where you'll learn techniques for seeing the relationship of the city to the river and learn about how we connect with the river in our everyday lives.

The National Park Service has a history of working with artist who can capture the imagination of its visitors. Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park just accepted stewardship of the Old Slater Mill site this

year and has celebrated the creation of an official park boundary in July. Hundreds of locals use the site for recreation and have a personal and meaningful connection to the Blackstone River. Dan's workshops and installation are designed to engage with these folks as well as the thousands of tour-

ists who travel here to learn about Rhode Island's industrial history. This will be Borelli's second residency at a National Park.

Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park celebrates America's entry into the Age of Industry. The success of Samuel Slater's cotton spinning mill in Pawtucket,

RI touched off a chain reaction that changed how people worked, and where they lived and continues to reverberate across the nation to this day. Visitors to the various park nodes can see how this revolution transformed the landscape of the Blackstone Valley and the United States.

## The Big E presents Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo

SPRINGFIELD - Rock legends Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo are coming to The Big E Arena, sponsored by Truly Hard Seltzer, Sunday, September 26, at 7:30pm. Concert tickets, which include admission to The Big E when purchased prior to the show date, are available exclusively at TheBigE.com.

Pat Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-prisoners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of Rock's most memorable hits, including, "We Belong," "Invincible," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live

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Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo's Rock and Roll love affair has endured for more than three and a half decades. The couple continues to tour, selling out concerts everywhere. Their chemistry will undoubtedly be thrilling music fans forever.

The concert will take place in The Big E Arena, sponsored

by Truly Hard Seltzer. Tickets: \$39 and \$29 - on sale at TheBigE.com

Tickets are on sale for Zach Williams with Cory Asbury of Bethel Music, Sunday, September 19 at The Big E Arena. Free daily shows on The Big E's Court of Honor Stage include Foghat, The Yardbirds, 10,000 Maniacs, Don McLean and many more.

The Big E, the largest event on the East Coast, returns Sept. 17-Oct. 3 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all the happenings at Eastern States Exposition by connecting with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Join our mailing list at TheBigE.com.

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### First Congregational Church annual flea market

MILLBURY - First Congregational Church at 148 West Main Street, Millbury is sponsoring the annual Flea Market and Craft Tables on Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to reserve table space, please call Jeri Stead (508-865-5371). The \$25 inside area consists of a large supper table, plus a card table. An outside 10 feet plot reservation is \$20 and you will need to provide your own table. "The Kitchen" will be serving coffee and muffins, and at lunch time, Ron's hot dogs will be served. There will also be a Bakery Table, and a Church Flea Market Table.

### VFW Post flea market

UPTON - The Upton VFW Post 5594 will hold its flea market on September 11 and October 9 at Post headquarters, 15 Milford St., (Rt. 140) in Upton, weather permitting. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors and crafty people are more than welcome. Good sized spaces are \$10 each or \$15 if a banquet sized table is needed. No reservations are needed, although Post member David Kennedy can provide more information by calling him at 508-529-3314 or via the Upton VFW Facebook page.

### Stratford Village Yard Sales

MILLBURY - Many yard sales at the new Stratford Village Condos, off Burbank Street in Millbury. Sat., October 2 - Rain date Sun., October 3. 9 am to 1 pm. "We packed it, we moved it, and now we don't need it!"

### Yard sale

DOUGLAS - Yard sale to benefit Walking in Light (a non-profit that serves low income families in Worcester and greater Blackstone Valley) on Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas, 289 Main Street, Douglas.

### Yard Sale, Craft & Bake Sale

UXBRIDGE - The Prayer Shawl group of the Uxbridge Congregational Church will conduct a Craft and Bake Sale on October 2, from 9 - 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. It will be a good time to begin your holiday shopping with many beautiful items as well as homemade jellies, jams, gluten free baked good and pies.

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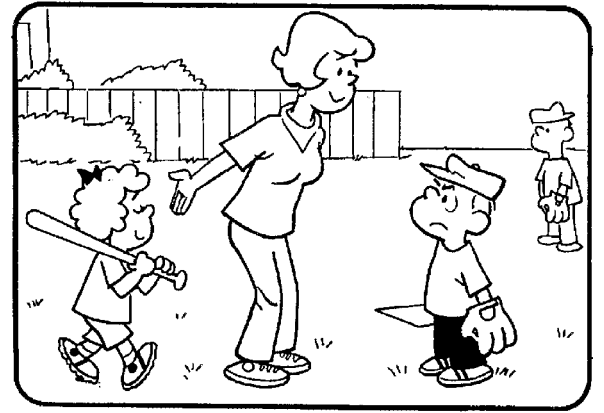
HOPEDALE - Sacred Heart Church will hold two huge sales events on Saturday, September 11. "Twice Blessed" Thrift Shop Sale, 50% off all summer clothing and shoes, except special priced items; and the parish yard sale. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Thrift Shop closed September 4. For more information regarding the parish yard sale, please contact the church directly. Catholic Community of Sacred Heart Church, 187 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, (508) 473-1900 or website sacred-heart-hopedale.org. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/twiceblessedthriftshophopedale/

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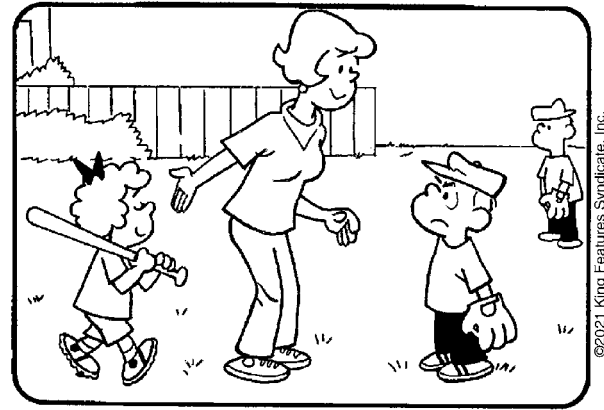
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- Only two animals have the ability to see behind themselves without turning around: the rabbit and the parrot. Their eyes are on the sides of their head, allowing them to swivel 360 degrees.
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game, Battlezone also was used by the U.S. Army to train tank gunners.

• Prior to becoming America's 38th president, Gerald Ford had a side gig as a model. In 1942, shortly after joining the Navy, he landed an uncredited spot on the cover of Cosmopolitan in his uniform.

• Scotland has 421 words for snow.

• Coca-Cola can remove blood stains. Pour a whole can into your wash, along with the blood-stained clothing and your usual detergent, then run a normal cycle. The laundry will come out stain-free.

• "Albert Einstein" is an anagram for "ten elite brains." Hmm, seems fitting to us.

• Sales data gathered by the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council indicates a strong link between the number of hot dogs and sausages sold at Major League Baseball stadiums and their team's ability to win games.

• "Prison Inside Me" is a hotel of sorts in South Korea where people pay to be locked away in solitary confinement for 24 hours. "Jail mates" wear matching uniforms, sleep on the floor in 54-square-foot cells and are forbidden to speak to each other. Meals are minimal - a steamed sweet potato and banana shake for dinner and rice porridge for breakfast. Like any good getaway, the prison stay comes with a souvenir: a certificate of parole upon completing one's stint in solitary confinement!

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Tales from beyond

# The Kennebunk Inn

By Thomas D'Agostino

The Kennebunk Inn has become known for its accommodations and cuisine although it is more known for its ghost.

Built as a private residence in 1799, it was sold to Benjamin Smith in 1804. In 1895 Dr. Ross purchased the building. He sold it in the 1920's to Mr. Baitler who

turned it into the Tavern Inn. Walter Day expanded the hostel to 16 rooms and renamed it the Kennebunk Inn. Around this time, Silas Perkins became the night clerk. He worked there for many years with his room just above an old staircase now leading to nowhere in the cellar next to where the bar is located.

In 1980, Arthur and Angela LeBlanc purchased the inn and expanded it to 22 rooms. It seems this renovation awoke the spirit of Mr. Perkins who began showing his protest of the change. A bartender, Pattie Farnsworth was transporting provisions from the basement when she felt the awareness of a strange presence. Intuitively the name "Cyrus" materialized in her mind. Soon after, ghostly antics became a common occurrence and Cyrus was given all the blame.

A waitress carrying a tray of glasses witnessed in shock as the wine glass in the center of the tray rose above the rest then flew across the room shattering against a wall. A bartender was hit on the side of the head by three of the wooden mugs that were on a shelf behind him just above the liquor bottles. The staff would set the tables in the dining room before closing only to discover the next morning, napkins and silverware of the on the floor or in disarray. Chairs would be pushed out of place as

if someone had finished their spectral cuisine, leaving cleanup to the morning crew. Bottles are often knocked over and moans from the basement seem to be common haunts of the inn.

In Room 17, an employee cleaning the room unplugged the television to move it. A few moments later, the TV turned on by itself-unplugged!

Salem author Robert Ellis Cahill and a few of his friends once booked an overnight stay at the inn. Although he experienced nothing unusual, his friend in another room was bothered all night by an unearthly moaning.

One day a man came to the inn and began reminiscing of how he had lived there as a child with his grandfather. The conversation between the man and staff soon turned to the place being haunted by a man they call Cyrus. That is when the truth of the history came out about his relative, Silas Perkins who had died there and dearly loved the inn in life. Apparently, in death as well. Silas left his shift one



night and while crossing the street, suffered a heart attack. He was brought to Room 11 where he expired shortly after.

Arlene and I stayed at the inn and visited frequently while in Kennebunk. Nothing ever transpired in front of us that would be convincing but staff and innkeepers had plenty to tell. A few employees had some tales to share of napkins being lifted and dropped by unseen hands and footsteps ascending the stairs from an invisible source even when they are watching the staircase.

Activity in the bar is still a thrill to patrons either stopping to wet their whistle or partake in one of the deli-

cious selections from the kitchen. Sounds of someone walking around in empty rooms are a regular part of the enchantment of the inn. We talked to the new bartender and a few staff members. The staff claimed that some still hear old Cyrus making his nightly rounds in the otherwise empty bedchambers upstairs. Particularly Room 11.

*Thomas D'Agostino and his wife Arlene Nicholson are seasoned paranormal investigators, authors, and co-organizers of Paranormal United Research Society. You can find out more about them by visiting [www.tomdagostino.com](http://www.tomdagostino.com).*

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Living ON with Lincoln

# Lincoln's best day



By Amy LeClaire

The summer is different. His orange ball is still there, frozen in time beneath the deck. I walk around the yard to check out the new blooms (what did I plant last year again?) and wait for Lincoln to trot by my side, the blue ball (yet another) lopsided in his mouth. He loved to shadow me while I kneeled down to dig a hole, then drop the ball down into the fresh soil. "I was thinking we could play ball today."

Dog People understand. A dog's presence, coupled with his personality, are qualities unrivaled by anyone or anything else. Dogs bring us the intangible reminders that life is perfect just as it is, and so aren't we. Everything is as it should be, and we are just right, as-is. The sun is out, the birds are singing, and guess what? We're together. Let's go smell the roses. Better yet, let's play ball around the roses.

Every dog I have owned,

though different in breed and personality, has reminded me of the importance to be present. Max, my childhood fave, was a medium-sized mongrel partial to Rhodesian Ridgeback roots. His sleek coat, a peppery cinnamon shade, betrayed a cheap diet of value-packed kibbles and occasional table scraps. My family's 35 mm slide shots (later) captured his life of leisure on the big screen, a white sheet repurposed for movie night. There's Max on the front lawn. Remember the orange shag. Max lived the life of a rock star. He would taunt our neighbor's long-leashed (mean) dog Lito, galloping to the very



Watching mom plant.

border of the dog's furthest edge to flaunt his freedom—until the unlucky day when Lito broke free. "It's Max!" I sobbed to my father. "Lito's going to kill him!"

Max shook off the fight. He trotted the hood with one eye shut, but he got over it. That was the seventies.

Fast forward forty years. Living without a dog still feels unnatural and still, like sitting on a broken, unused wooden rocking chair. I'm still "getting-it-done" (an energetic person by nature) but there's a disconnect in the process, a blip in the journey. I no longer wait in Dunkin Donuts drive-through lines. What's the point? My trips with Lincoln were not about the donut and coffee. Rather, they were about the journey. I'll never forget the time I brought Lincoln through a McDonalds Drive-Through line for the first time. He sniffed the air, took in the sights, and barked with belligerence, completely unsatisfied. Where are the pinks and browns? The smell of hazelnut? What's with the gigantic letter M? Wrong, wrong, wrong. He paced the backseat with fury, beside himself. "It's okay, Lincoln. Mummy just wants to try a Newman's coffee today. Change is good." A burger at the window may have sold him, but he knew what he wanted. I miss watching him tilt his head to the robotic sound of the speaker voice, then tap dance in the backseat before, finally, greeting his Dunkin pals. "Hi. My name is Lincoln! Do you happen to have a piece of Day Old cheese?"

Every single day spent together was the best day of Lincoln's life. Dogs ap-

preciate us fully. They love us every day, regardless of circumstance and without exception. They study our habits and remind us of their favorite quirks. The mere jingle of my keys would set Lincoln into a spiral of elation, as though we were about to embark on an exotic cruise. He'd hop up to the backseat of my Pilot and wait for me to drop the window down. The destination didn't matter, only the journey. "You're such a good boy, Lincoln." I'd reach back to pat his head and he'd smile comfortably. "I know I am."

His last day of life, unexpectedly and remarkably, ended on a snowy April 16th with a car ride. He didn't know the ending of that ride, only that we were going on another adventure together. Although I've found myself second-guessing what I could have done better (why didn't I pack a jar of goat's milk for him to sip in the backseat?) I know in my heart that his ending was exactly as it should have been. My husband, heartbreakingly, had to turn down his request to play ball in the snow early that morning. "Daddy, it's snowing out! Let's go play!" More devastating (for me) was facing his moment of truth, when Lincoln actually made a mind-body connection in regard to what was happening with his breathing and consequent ability to function normally. He knew he wasn't right. A few days before his time, he even tried to "hack up" the tumors in his throat while out in the back yard. My dog is innocent. Please, give me his pain.

Up until those final days,



Another car ride, another adventure.

he was able to find a way around his illness. Most days, I don't think he even knew anything was wrong with him. His thirst for being happy and his will to go on overshadowed any discomfort.

"Go ahead, Lincoln. Take your ball." I was desperate to be with Lincoln as I always had, and as he always was. He was ageless, a survivor, the largest male of the litter, and he needed to go on. "I can't play anymore. It's my breathing." That morning was different. He rested his head on his chin and turned his head away. My eyes ached, rested shut.

Then something happened. The sound of my key jingle awakened him to his old self! "Want to go for a ride, Lincoln?" The inflection in my voice (I fought to give it a positive ring) was just what my dog needed. He snapped up and led me to the accent table by the refrigerator, where the same

ball he had just resigned from had rolled beneath. "Great idea! Let's bring my ball along too!" Old times. Thank you, Lincoln.

Rushes of cold air and snow blew his ears back while, window open, he watched the world pass him by. The moment was harsh and unforgiving but, for Lincoln, it was beautiful. Another day, another car ride, another journey to take part in. Yesterday's worries were gone. Tomorrows were pointless. All that mattered was that his two favorite people were taking him somewhere. Where to? It didn't matter. "Lincoln can come too." I repeated the words over and over while he rested on my lap and went to sleep. All that mattered was this—that we were together.

Every day spent with Lincoln was the best day of his life, even his last.

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## Webster 5 donates to water ski collective

WEBSTER – The Webster Five Foundation has announced that as part of the Web of Caring to Make a Difference program, it has donated \$2,500 to Webster Water Ski Collective. This donation will assist Webster Water Ski Collective in purchasing equipment used by disabled individuals who participate in their Adaptive Ski programs, which offer a unique opportunity for individuals with mobility, visual, or other impairments to experience the joys and benefits of water sports.

Incorporated in Webster and Charlton, in 2020, the Webster Water Ski Collective is a club started with a deep passion for watersports and a desire to share the love of local lakes

and skiing with others. Soon after, the Collective was able to find a home site and begin purchasing equipment for their skiers. The Collective is continuing to expand their efforts to make skiing available to everyone through their growing Adaptive Water Ski program. This program is designed to assist participants with various disabilities in learning to water ski. The Collective hosted one of these events at Webster Lake on June 25 and is planning an additional Adaptive Ski Day at Lake Quinsigamond later this summer.

Donald F. Doyle, President and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Five, stated, "We are pleased to help support Webster Water Ski Collective's

mission to make watersports accessible and enjoyable for local community members regardless of ability through the purchase of adaptive water skiing equipment. We're excited to see the Collective continue to grow and expand its programming at Webster Lake and beyond while fostering a deep love of watersports for individuals with disabilities within our community."

Ryan DesRoches, Webster Water Ski Collective President, stated, "We are grateful for Webster Five's generosity in helping us purchase the equipment needed to support the expansion of our Adaptive Ski Program. We are honored to be one of the few clubs in the country that is working with disabled individuals to make water skiing available to everyone through our growing Adaptive Water Ski programs."



Webster Water Ski Collective from left to right are: Don Doyle, Webster Five President and CEO, Linda Candela, Webster Water Ski Treasurer, Heather Jackman, Webster Water Ski Secretary, Ryan DesRoches, Webster Water Ski President, and Nicholas Cioffi, Webster Water Ski Vice President.

## Meet our available orphans. Don't shop...ADOPT



We have several dogs up for adoption at this time with more scheduled to come in. They range in age from 5 months to 6 years. If you are not looking to adopt at this time, please share these beauties with friends and family to help find their forever homes. Visit our website [dogorphans.com](http://dogorphans.com) to see more photos of each.

Meet Rudolph. Rudolph is an 8 month old terrier mix from Florida. Rudolph was taken off the streets down there. No one ever came for him. Rudolph is a goofy, active, kind of class clown sort of character. Rudolph's got lots of young puppy like energy. He will need an active home and maybe a friend to play with to burn off his energy. Rudolph would do best in a home with kids 10 and up do to his energy level.



Meet Griffin! Griffin is a friendly, affectionate Lab/Great Pyrenees mix who is 8 years old and weighs 71 lbs. This beautiful boy came into Rescue in rough shape and was severely underweight at 46 lbs, but has been regaining his health and putting on pounds since he was taken in. He loves people (including kids), is fine with other dogs (although not a huge fan of young, crazy dogs in his face), and walks fairly well on leash. He enjoys hanging with his people if they work from home, going on the occasional walk, and exploring the fenced in backyard. He is a sweet, gentle, easy keeper and is pretty much perfect in every way! Can you give this happy, playful, deserving senior a loving home? He will be a wonderful, devoted & grateful companion! Griffin is housebroken, crate trained, neutered, fully vaccinated & microchipped.

Meet Biggie. biggie is a four year old Husky mix from Florida. This big handsome beefcake was abandoned down there. Biggie is a little bit of a shy guy but the most gentle giant ever. Down in Florida, do to over crowding, kennels are doubled up. Biggies Roommate was a 20lb feisty little mix. Biggie enjoyed spending his time with the other dog. Biggie needs a little bit of a confidence boost. All he needs is a loving family to never let him go again. Biggie would do well in a home with kids 7 and up as he is a large boy.



Meet Sunny! She is a 3 year old boxer mix from Georgia. Prior to being rescued, her name was "money". Can you guess why?! Her former owner would breed her over and over and sell her babies for drug money. We have given her a new name and a new start to a better life. Her mom was finally incarcerated and sunny was able to get away from that terrible life style. Sunny is a doll. A happy, goofy girl who loves all humans including kids. She will be hyper if you are, and calm if you are. She does loves to splash in her kiddie pool! Sunny gets along well with other dogs. She is great with everyone except cats. Sunny weighs 46lbs

Meet Benjamin! Benjamin is a 1 year old shepherd mix from South Carolina. Benjamin was taken in as a stray and no one ever came to claim him as their family pup. Benjamin is a goof ball who loves to run and play with his canine friends! Benjamin does great with kids but we prefer no toddlers as Benjamin is still just a pup himself and may accidentally knock them over. Benjamin weighs 47lbs



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# Uxbridge Lions Car Show slated for auto enthusiasts

Collecting trophies and ribbons is one exciting aspect for participants in car shows, but showing off their autos in various categories with

pride and love is what it is really about. The Uxbridge Lions will host its Third Annual Car Show on Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge.

All car classes are welcome from antique to muscle to foreign cars and trucks. Even motorcycles can zoom by. The Registration Fee for every category is only \$10.00. Admission to the public is free. For convenience, registration can be made in advance, but not required, by making checks payable to Uxbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 455, North Uxbridge, MA 01538. Be sure to include pertinent information like name, phone number, vehicle make/model. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories by a panel of judges. The People's Choice Award is always a favorite.

Building on the success of the previous two Uxbridge Lions car shows, the event will include DJ Mark Desmarais to entertain with music, announcements of

awards, prizes and drawings keeping things fun and festive. Food will be available and Sweetwise Ice Cream Truck will be on site. A caricaturist will be a delightful addition. It will be a fun event for spectators of all ages.

Local businesses and organizations can support and participate by being Bronze \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$100, and Platinum \$200 sponsors. Sponsors will be prominently displayed and announced throughout the day and acknowledged in print and radio advertisement. Checks can be sent to the Uxbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 455, N. Uxbridge 01538 or contact President Diane Seely at dm-seely@hotmail.com.

The Uxbridge Lions Club is a member of Lions International which is the largest service organization in the world with clubs in 205 countries with more than 1.4 mil-

lion members. Locally, the Uxbridge Lions have supported many organizations including school programs, student scholarships, First Night, Uniquely Uxbridge, Uxbridge Senior Center, the Food Pantry, Uxbridge Little League and Flag Football. Recently, it took over Beautify Uxbridge. While contributing to resources aimed at sight and hearing research, disaster relief, vaccinations and diabetes awareness, clearly home is where the heart is for this club.

President Diane Seely is enthusiastic about the club's third foray into the world of car shows saying, "We're hoping the community comes out to see these incredible vehicles of all time periods, colors, shapes and sizes and meet the great people who treat them with such TLC."

There you have it: Saturday, October 2 (rain date October 9). Enjoy the peeping at the car show. The leaves will be around for a while.



Joe Cutler shows off awards for his Packard Towncar at the 2019 Uxbridge Lions car show.



• On Aug. 27, 1938, George E. T. Eyston breaks his own automobile land speed record with a 345.49 mph run at the Bonneville Salt Flats.

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• On Aug. 29, 1942, the Red Cross reveals that Japan refused free passage of ships carrying food, medicine and other necessities for American POWs held by Japan. Japan allowed just 10% of what POWs elsewhere received.

• On Aug. 28, 1988, an airshow at Ramstein Air Base in Germany turns tragic when three military fighter jets collide in mid-air and fall into the crowd. Seventy of some 100,000 spectators died and hundreds more were injured.

• On Sept. 2, 31 B.C., at the Battle of Actium, Roman leader Octavian wins a decisive victory against the forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra, queen of Egypt. Antony and Cleopatra broke through the enemy lines and fled to Egypt, where they would later commit suicide.

• On Sept. 5, 1666, firefighters in London begin blowing up homes in a desperate attempt to halt the spread of a great fire in the city. By the time the fire was finally extinguished, more than 100,000 people had been left homeless.

## Cruisin' scene



## Buckleupallofus Cruisin' Safety National Night Out

By Jim Weicherding

The first Tuesday in the month of August was a National Night Out evening hosted by police departments across America. An event on Tuesday, August 3, had a creative twist included that also incorporated a classic car and truck show with a well known popular child passenger safety mascot for kids. His name is Buckleupallofus. A ten foot tall air inflatable balloon designed to replicate the buckle up, boost up and car seat safety cartoon character was showcased reminding everyone about traffic safety.

This Bucky Child Passenger Safety car show was hosted at the Crossings Restaurant and Putnam Bank located in Union Square, Putnam, Connecticut. Putnam Police Chief Chris Ferace sent two of his police officers to the car show to reach out to the kids attending this event educating them about buckle up safety in their town. Putnam Police Officer's Chip Carney and Roy Hicks also posed for photos with little kids and the Buckleupallofus giant balloon with their thumbs up, buckle up poses. A Bucky Coloring Poster is passed out at area classic car and truck shows all summer long to kids to color in and display. Another Buckleupallofus Cruisin' Safety Car Show with the Putnam Police and Fire Departments will be happening in the month of September in recognition of National Child Passenger Safety month.



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**Q.** I have a 1974 Chevy Camaro that I have owned the last 43 years. It has been sitting in a garage idle the last 15 years. What are your thoughts on it?

**A.** The 1974 Chevrolet Camaro is not the most collectible Camaro. Even the most collectible 1974 Z-28 was underpowered compared to other vehicles of the time. Someone I know had had almost the same car that sat for just about the same time, and because of sentimental value decided to restore it. Every rubber seal needed replacement, the engine and transmission needed rebuilding, there were rusted out floors and the car needed a complete repaint. All of the brake system as well as steering and suspension parts needed replacement. Plus, the interior was moldy and needed more than cleaning. When it was done it came out great, but realistically the cost of restoration was twice the value of the car. Because he had the money, and it was his high school car he thought it was worth it. To me he is going to need to keep it another 40 years to see any return on his investment. At this point I would have it towed to a restoration shop and have them evaluate the entire car and give you an idea (and it will only be an idea - there is always hidden damage/rust/mechanical issues) of what it will cost.

**Q.** I have a new Mercedes Benz E63 AMG and recently I lent the car to my brother. When he returned it, he had it washed and filled the gas tank. After driving the car for a few days, it started to run rough, and the check engine light came on. The dealer

told me it was because my brother used regular not premium 93 octane fuel. The dealer needed to clean out the fuel system and replace all the fuel injectors (at my cost). I don't blame my brother, but can just one tank of 87 octane fuel cause this much damage?

**A.** It is important to use premium fuel in cars that require it, but one tank full is not going to cause a problem. Here is what is stated in the AMG owner's manual: as a temporary measure, if the recommended fuel is not available, you may also use unleaded regular gasoline. I believe the issue was not the wrong gas but contaminated gas. I would go talk with the gas station where your brother filled up. The contamination would not be just your car, I'm sure there are others.

**Q.** I have been hearing about the new small truck from Ford, the Maverick. What do you know of it and what do you think? Is it really "Ford Tough?"

**A.** I have always been a fan of true compact trucks, and I think there is a market for a somewhat basic truck that can handle day-to-day driving, is easy to park, can handle trips to the home improvement center and is not outrageously expensive. The Maverick is front-wheel-drive (all-wheel-drive is optional), with a fuel-efficient hybrid engine all for about \$20,000. Regarding "Ford-tough" time will

tell but Ford is confident this latest Maverick will not disappoint truck fans. I was able to look at a very early production Maverick recently and based on what I saw, Ford will sell as many as they can make.

**Q.** We have a 2001 Toyota Corolla with 170,000 miles on it and some minor rust and some city dents, and only one speaker for the radio and only AM works. Other than that, it's a perfect car for me since I like the way it drives. The check engine light has been on for over a year and the car won't pass inspection next January. Do you think it's worth it to have that fixed or should we just donate the car? If we can get the check engine light off, any thoughts about the radio?

**A.** I would certainly get an idea of what the problem is. At 20 years old and 170,000 miles, the car could be at the end of its life. Since the car runs well it is possible the issue is with the evaporative emissions system. This is very common for the Corolla that the purge valve fails. When that system has an issue, the engine will run fine, but the check engine light will be on. Now, of course, this is just one possibility. At this point I would want to get a diagnostic check of the car as well as an overall evaluation. If the car looks like it is safe and can be repaired for \$500 or so it may be money well spent. As far as the radio goes, mount a Bluetooth speaker and listen to music from your phone - it is the cheapest alternative to a new radio and speakers.

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By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Civil War picture frame

By 1861, when the Civil War started, there were already several ways to take a picture. The first photos of a war were taken during the Mexican-American fight from 1846 to 1848. The Civil War (1861-1865) was the fourth. Matthew Brady was a determined photographer who collected his and other photographers' war photos by buying negatives from others. Most of the pictures in museums today are part of the record saved by Brady, but not all were taken by him.

There are ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, albumen prints and a surprising number of stereo pictures of the war. Many were portraits of soldiers in uniform posing in a studio, but there are also many pictures of battlefields after a fight showing the dead. The portraits were framed and displayed just as we do today.

An unusual painted iron picture frame was offered in an Eldred auction with an es-

timated price of \$500 to \$1,000. It held two pictures, and the small glass circle at the top of the frame beneath an eagle was meant for a picture of President Lincoln. The large circle surrounded by American flags and a Union shield held the portrait of a soldier. The frame was marked as "design patented Nov. 25, 1862" and was probably made for years after that.

## Rare Glass Tumbler

History repeats itself, and collectors who research their collections are often surprised by the findings. In 1892, a group of businessmen in Greentown, Indiana, invested in a company that was brought in by the newly found fuel - natural gas - that had been discovered there. Two years later, the Indiana Tumbler and Goblet Company had attracted workers and changed the economy of the small town. The company joined the National Glass Company in 1899, and they made many types of colored glass

that are popular but scarce today.

The company was making pressed glass in colors when Jacob Rosenthal arrived in 1900. He was an experienced glass maker. The first new product was chocolate glass, an opaque brown and white glass that was a huge success. Next was an opaque medium green color called Nile green, then golden agate, rose agate,

holly amber, milk glass and Vaseline glass. Unfortunately, in 1903 there was a fire. The entire factory was destroyed and never rebuilt. But pieces like this Nile green tumbler attract collectors. This 4-inch-high tumbler sold at a Jeffrey Evans auction for \$888.

Q: How do I sell three programs from the 1969 Woodstock festival that are in excellent condition, and what is the range of their value?

A: The program is one of the few official souvenirs of the three-day music festival, which took place in a hayfield 40 miles from Wood-

stock, New York. No official Woodstock merchandise was sold at the event. The programs didn't arrive until the last day, when there were no vendors to sell them, so they were thrown from the delivery truck, some in the boxes they came in. Not many survived in good condition because of the rain and the mud, or they were discarded and trampled on by the crowd.

The program has been reproduced. The letter "f" in the title "3 days of peace & music" on the cover of the original program is slightly fuzzy because it's in the bud of the sunflower. It's clearer in the reproduction. The first and last pages of the original program are onionskin parchment. The reproduction pages are not as thin. Original Woodstock programs sell at auctions of rock 'n' roll memorabilia. Value of the right single program in good condition is about \$200.

Q: When I was little, my mother sent away by mail for a Little Orphan Annie mug for me. It has a picture of Annie on the front saying, "Didja Ever Taste Anything So Good As Ovaltine? And It's Good For Yuh, Too" and her dog, Sandy, on the back. I also have "Little Orphan Annie's Song" sheet music. I'm 95 years old and don't know anyone who wants these things. What I should do with them?

A: Harold Gray created the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" in 1924. The Little Orphan Annie radio series debuted in 1931. Ovaltine sponsored the



This iron picture frame was designed to be used by a family during the Civil War. It held a picture of President Abraham Lincoln and another picture of the family's uniformed soldier. It is 19 inches high and 12 inches wide.

show from 1931 to 1940 and offered several premiums. The sheet music, a 1931 Ovaltine premium, sells for \$10-\$35 depending on condition. This mug is from about 1932, sells online for \$20 to \$30. You can see if a local consignment shop will sell them, or just donate them to charity and take the tax deduction.

## Current prices

Bohemian glass bowl, amethyst iridescent, veining pattern, red interior, scalloped rim, polished pontil base, Pallme-Koenig, 2 by 6 inches, \$50.

Mt. Washington salt & pepper shakers, yellow, multicolor flowers, fig shape, 2 3/4 inches, pair, \$105.

Advertising sign, "Eat Honey, Feel Better, Live Longer," image of a bee, tin, yellow letters, black ground, 1930s, 4 by 11 inches, \$215.

Wristwatch, Raymond Weil, Parsifal, stainless steel, bicolor or gold, Roman numerals, date window, 34 mm dial, \$340.

TIP: Never allow water to evaporate in a glass vase. It will leave a white residue that may be impossible to remove. Tobacco jar, humidior, silver, wood liner, Georg Jensen, 5 x 3 inches, \$810.

Doll, French Bebe, bisque head, blue paperweight eyes, brunette mohair wig, jointed wood & composition body, 1890s dress, Steiner, 25 inches, \$1,090.

Purse, crossbody bag, quilted fuchsia snakeskin, front flap with embossed CC logo, outer crescent pocket, entwined chain & leather strap, Chanel, 6 x 7 1/2 inches, \$2,320.

Advertising sign, Drink Blatz Beer, porcelain, die cut, neon, lights up, Artcraft, Milwaukee, 32 x 72 inches, \$6,000.

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Here's a Bartlett welcome to **Mike Harpin**, the newest Indian head football coach. Harpin, 56, takes over for Dane Laboissonniere, who led Bartlett to a 56-60 record over 11 seasons.

Laboissonniere leaves the football position as a nice guy who cared for his players' well being and will continue teaching at Bartlett. Bartlett's numbers were on life support over the past 6-7

# Bartlett welcomes new football coaches

years, trending with the sign-of-the-times for all small town teams across Central Mass.

The Pop Warner/ Youth Football league should have never left Webster and it was the demise and downfall for the football program at Bartlett. Webster Pop Warner football was owned by Webster as far back as the 1960s. It fed Bartlett football healthy portions of new talent every year. Bartlett's numbers dropped in drastic measures when the youth program moved to Dudley within the past ten years. Laboissonniere did make the Southbridge game on Thanksgiving morning the number one priority during his 11-year tenure even

though the MIAA playoff format took November football out of the picture for most teams. Waiting a full month just to play on Thanksgiving was the death march for all high school football programs across the state.

The MIAA disrespected the traditional high school Thanksgiving football games in favor of creating an eight division playoff format across the Commonwealth and favoring eastern Mass. football programs over central and western schools, completely a disaster for any program trying to reload, reset, or rebuild. Bartlett seemed to be under water with their numbers for the past half decade.

Enter Mike Harpin into the Bartlett football locker room. Harpin has been a teacher in Webster's Middle School for the past 12 years and does not need mapquest to get to his new job. Harpin had a lengthy interview at Shepherd Hill this summer as he applied for the SH football position and was excited that the interview lasted as long as it did. Harpin has been around the football block and went 26-39 at Algonquin as the head coach from 1994-2000. He currently is the defensive coordinator for the Marlboro Shamrocks, a semi-pro football team who won the national semi-pro title last year. Harpin will continue his duties with the Shamrocks this season and coach Bartlett at the same time. Harpin already hired two Bartlett alumni in Scott Kunkel and Nate Stawiecki to assist in the upcoming season which begins later this month. Harpin and his staff are on the giddy up

with a lot of work to do in a short time. His experience will be a key as he needs to get at least 25 players to start the preseason.

Bartlett beat Southbridge in their last game in the spring of 2021 due to the COVID rescheduling from the cancellation of the 2020 season. Bartlett fans should know that every high school football program is fighting an uphill battle as everyone has issues entering next month's season opener. Here's hoping the local teams can persevere their own issues and give the kids a good experience. Low numbers, lack of skilled players, and a tough schedule are the football gossip this summer.

The Bartlett Gridiron Club is welcoming all sponsors for the upcoming football season. You can contact Ray and Lori Patterson at 508-943-7501 to secure your business or personal ad that includes a business card or

personal photo for a individual fan club ad for your favorite player. The program

book will be available at all the home Bartlett football games this season.

## Nichols College students to learn techniques from Milwaukee Bucks strategists

DUDLEY – This year, Nichols College students enrolled in the new sport sales & strategy concentration can take their training to the next level, with the help of two industry leaders.

Nichols has contracted with The Milwaukee Way Sales Academy to offer a training course taught by sales managers of the 2021 NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks, an organization known for developing a winning approach to recruiting and training sales talent. The program balances curriculum, application and fun as students learn the fundamental techniques of The Milwaukee Way from the Bucks' leadership team and current sales representatives. Students will receive individualized coaching and earn professional certification from a championship-caliber franchise and expand their network through the sales academy alumni database.

Starting this fall, Nichols will introduce SponsorUnit, giving students access to a world-leading platform of aggregate sport sponsorship data used by professional teams, college conferences and teams, and media and entertainment organizations. Students will elevate their ability to effectively research, buy and sell sponsorships, and can apply their skills to Nichols sporting events, increasing their prospects in a burgeoning and competitive sport management field. (According to Hanover Research, sports-related jobs in the New England region are projected to grow 8.9 percent through 2026, with openings in sales positions topping the list.)

"Experiential learning is a hallmark of the Nichols education, and our nationally ranked sport management

program has progressively raised the bar on offering impactful and distinctive opportunities for our students," said Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, president of Nichols College. The new partnerships support President Sulmasy's goal to ensure that every Nichols student participate in at least one experiential learning opportunity.

The industry-level partnerships tie directly to the college's sport sales & strategy concentration, which debuts this fall, along with a new concentration in sport marketing & content creation, as well as others, including real estate management and nonprofit management.

With 260 students, the sport management program comprises the largest major at Nichols College. The program is ranked 37th in the country by Intelligent.com, based on student engagement, potential return on investment, and leading third party evaluations.

"These newest opportunities are yet another example of how we prepare students as a 'triple threat,'" said Mauri Pelto, PhD, vice president of academic affairs, referring to the range of professional development opportunities available to Nichols students: consulting experiences, external industry certifications, and internships.

Brittany Jacobs, PhD, chair of sport management, is particularly excited to learn from the sales team behind the Milwaukee Bucks. "Working with 2021 NBA champs adds a whole new dimension to the partnership, which already offered a steep value proposition for our students," she said. "It takes their training to a decidedly new level."

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## Tips on financial planning



Dennis Antonopoulos

If you're getting close to retirement, you're probably thinking about the ways your life will soon be changing. And one key transition involves your income – instead of being able to count on a regular paycheck, as you've done for decades, you'll now need to put together an income stream on your own. How can you get started?

## Start thinking about your retirement income plan

It's helpful that you begin thinking about retirement income well before you actually retire. Many people don't – in fact, 61% of retirees wish they had done better at planning for the financial aspects of their retirement, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled Retirement in the Time of Coronavirus: What a Difference a Year Makes.

Fortunately, there's much you can do to create and manage your retirement income. Here are a few suggestions:

- Consider ways to boost income. As you approach retirement, you'll want to explore ways of potentially boosting your

income. Can you afford to delay taking Social Security so your monthly checks will be bigger? Can you increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, including taking advantage of catch-up contributions if you're age 50 or older? Should you consider adding products that can provide you with an income stream that can potentially last your lifetime?

- Calculate your expenses. How much money will you need each year during your retirement? The answer depends somewhat on your goals. For example, if you plan to travel extensively, you may need more income

than someone who stays close to home. And no matter how you plan to spend your days in retirement, you'll need to budget for health care expenses. Many people underestimate what they'll need, but these costs can easily add up to several thousand dollars a year, even with Medicare.

- Review your investment mix. It's always a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to ensure it's still appropriate for your needs. But it's especially important to analyze your investments in the years immediately preceding your retirement. At this point, you may need to adjust the mix to lower the risk level. However,

you probably won't want to sell all your growth-oriented investments and replace them with more conservative ones – even during retirement, you'll likely need some growth potential in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

- Create a sustainable withdrawal rate. Once you're retired, you will likely need to start taking money from your IRA and 401(k) or similar plan. But it's important not to take too much out in your early years as a retiree, since you don't want to risk outliving your income. A financial professional can help you create a sustainable withdrawal rate based on your age, level of assets, family

situation and other factors. By planning ahead, and making the right moves, you can boost your confidence in your ability to maintain enough income to last throughout your retirement. And with a sense of financial security, you'll be freer to enjoy an active lifestyle during your years as a retiree.

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Paying cash for a home may not be the smartest financial move even if you can afford it. For most people, getting a mortgage to buy a house is essential because paying cash for a home isn't feasible. But for rich people with millions of dollars in the bank, covering the costs of a property out of pocket would likely be within reach.

Despite the fact that many wealthy people could afford to buy a home outright, they often get mortgage loans anyway. Here's why they make this choice.

Wealthy people may see benefits to getting a mortgage.

There's a simple reason

## Why don't rich people pay cash for homes?

why many rich people opt to get a mortgage even though they don't have to. They see this type of debt as being financially advantageous.

See, mortgage loans tend to come with very low interest rates – especially for well-qualified borrowers. If you can borrow at a 3% interest rate and use the bank's funds to pay for your home while keeping your money free to invest in assets that produce a higher rate of return, it may make sense to do so. After all, why tie up hundreds of thousands – or even millions – of dollars in a property when you could borrow at a very low rate and use your money elsewhere, like putting it in a brokerage account.

Many wealthy people also itemize on their tax returns. This means they claim specific tax deductions, rather than the standard deduction. And if you itemize, it's possible to deduct mortgage interest on

loans up to \$750,000 (the IRS limit as of the time of this writing).

When you can claim a tax deduction for your mortgage interest costs, the government subsidizes some of your loan amount so the loan doesn't cost you as much. And wealthy people get an even bigger benefit from this because they tend to be in a higher tax bracket and pay taxes at a higher rate.

Say you can claim a mortgage interest deduction and reduce your taxable income by \$10,000, for example, because you pay that much in annual mortgage interest. In that case, you can avoid paying taxes on that \$10,000.

If you make a lot of money and are in the 37% tax bracket, that \$10,000 deduction could save you \$3,700 on your tax bill – not counting any state tax savings you're eligible for. The government, in other words, is basically covering

\$3,700 of the mortgage interest costs incurred for the year.

Considering that interest is already really low, often barely above the rate of inflation, the fact that the government lowers the cost further helps make mortgage debt even cheaper for the wealthy. And that tilts the balance that much more in favor of borrowing for a home to keep cash free for other things.

Of course, this doesn't mean that every rich person opts for a mortgage. But for many wealthy Americans, it just makes sense to optimize the use of their funds and invest their money while taking advantage of cheap debt that comes with generous tax breaks.

Of course, this doesn't just apply to wealthy people. Although many lower and middle-income Americans don't itemize on their tax returns, they can still get the benefit of borrowing at an affordable

rate while using their money for other purposes. As a result, paying down a mortgage early – or making a very large down payment on a home – simply may not be the right choice.

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