

FHS Theatre Company to Perform *Mamma Mia!*

Show to Run November 12th & 13th

By J.D. O'GARA

My, my, how much have we missed you, productions inside FHS! Here we go again, though, as the FHS Theatre Company presents their irresistible production of *Mamma Mia!* – the first post-Covid production in the Franklin High School auditorium, on Friday November 12th and Saturday, November 13th.

“The story of *Mamma Mia!* is a little bit of a sweet tooth of a musical in regard to everyone’s knowledge of Abba’s music,” says Skylar Grossman, Franklin High School Theatre Arts Teacher and Director. “The whole show is like a continuous party on stage. If you aren’t dancing in your seat, I don’t think you have a pulse.”

Between 70 and 80 students are involved in the production of the upcoming musical, from actors and musicians (students will play alongside



Shown, FHS Theatre Company students rehearse a scene from *Mamma Mia!*, which will be the first musical to be performed at Franklin High auditorium in the past couple years. The show will run Nov. 12th and 13th.

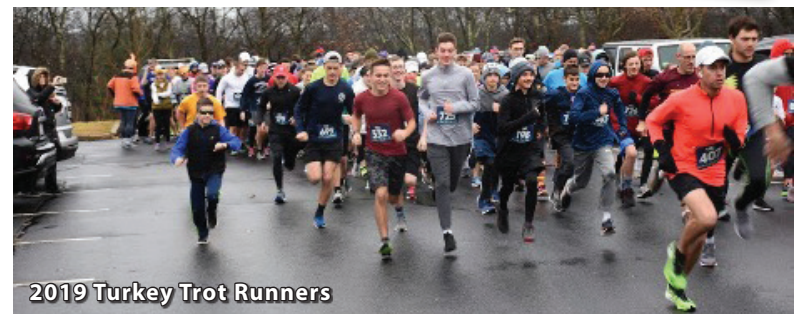
professional musicians in the orchestra pit) to those working backstage building sets, working on sound and lighting, preparing costumes and doing makeup. FHS Theatre Company (FHSTC) allows students a variety of theatri-

cal experiences in a judgment-free environment, and some of the lead players in the upcoming production remark on the camaraderie.

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2019 Turkey Trot Runners

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10th Annual Family Fun Run Benefits Franklin Food Pantry



The Franklin Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the annual Franklin Turkey Trot is back in-person on Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021 at 8 a.m. and is celebrating its ten year anniversary! The 5K starts at 91 Jordan Road, Franklin, MA and follows

a lollipop route in a local neighborhood.

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"I'd like to thank Race Director Krystal Whitmore and our Sponsorship volunteer, Kim Cooper," says Powderly. "We are fortunate to have an incredibly hard-working group of dedicated volunteers, led by Krystal, to make this event come to life," said Powderly. "Krystal organizes church members, high school students, and her own family to plan and work the event, while Kim works tirelessly to secure local businesses to cover the associated costs. The Turkey Trot is an amazing amount of work, and we could not hold this incredible community tradition without them."

The registration fee for the race, which is \$25, goes directly to the Franklin Food Pantry, keeping donations local to help feed those in need. Participants can register online at <https://raceroster.com/events/2021/51698/franklin-turkey-trot-5k>.

"In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, The Pantry has

shifted its distribution model to meet our neighbors' changing needs for food and services. This month, we are moving to a hybrid distribution model, offering both in-person and drive-up distribution. We have added home delivery and mobile pantries to reach our neighbors who cannot come to us and increased office hours to assist neighbors who may need more than food," says Powderly. "We are so grateful for the continued tradition of the Franklin Turkey Trot to help us to provide hunger relief to our community, especially during these challenging times."

There are also several opportunities for local businesses to sponsor the race. Funds received from sponsorships are used to cover costs associated with the event, including the race registration company, timing technology, insurance, and security details. Funds raised above our expenses go directly to support the Franklin Food Pantry. Interested sponsors should contact Laura Often at loften@franklinfoodpantry.org or Krystal Whitmore at franklinturkeytrot@gmail.com.

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Past Year's Changes Prompt Food Pantry to Rethink New Location

By J.D. O'GARA

The Franklin Food Pantry recently announced that it has re-evaluated the suitability of its new location at 138 East Central Street. The Board of Directors decided to put the property up for sale, as it concluded the site was not suitable for operations and programming that had changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as curbside distribution, home delivery and holiday distribution.

Tina Powderly, Executive Director of the Franklin Food Pantry, told *Local Town Pages* a bit about the change of direction.

"What we've found is our services around home delivery – our new home delivery program and mobile delivery became very important, addressing some of the needs other than food," says Powderly. "It's an opportunity to connect with a familiar face, a point of resource for them if they were struggling with a particular issue. We found that our home delivery program really helped with that communication and the isolation."

Although the mobile delivery program had already existed, the pandemic changed up the model.

"Primarily before, we would go to Central Park Terrace and be in the community room," says Powderly, but then the community room closed due to Covid. "We still do delivery of the mobile pantry to Central Park Terrace," says Powderly. This takes place on the second Monday of the month, and anyone interested can contact the Franklin Food Pantry to sign up. In addition, the Franklin Food Pantry recently partnered with the Hockomock YMCA to deliver to residents of Glen Meadow, delivering on the third Wednesday of the month.

Beyond the mobile delivery, the Franklin Food Pantry's home delivery program came about, "because there were folks in the early days of COVID who weren't encouraged to leave. We had a lot of clients who don't have resource networks, who don't have folks who could maybe go out and get food for them, and

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FSPA Ballet Conservatory Alumnis Join Professional Ballet Companies

The Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) Ballet Conservatory celebrates its former students who are currently dancing in professional companies all around the world. FSPA's Ballet conservatory Program offers classical ballet education of the highest quality. Under the direction of former American Ballet Theatre (ABT) dancer Cheryl Madeux, an extensive range of training and performance experiences provides exceptional opportunities for students of all ages and levels interested in the study of classical ballet. The FSPA Ballet curriculum is based on the foundations of the ABT National Training Curriculum. All teachers on the FSPA Conservatory Track have been certified in the NTC program.

Former FSPA Ballet Conservatory student Melissa Chapski is currently dancing with the Bavarian State Ballet in Munich after joining the com-

pany in April. After training at FSPA until 2012, she graduated from the Ellison Ballet Professional Training Program in New York City. That same year, she was awarded a gold medal at Indianapolis International Ballet Competition and Youth American Grand Prix's Boston regional, and a contract to the Dutch National Ballet's junior company at YAGP Finals where she placed top 12. Chapski danced two seasons in Dutch National's junior company followed by three seasons in the corps de ballet. She has appeared as a guest artist in galas in London, Spain, Mexico, Switzerland, China, America, and The Netherlands. Chapski was also featured as 'Emma' in the movie *High Strung: Free Dance*



and has done ad campaigns for Huawei Mobile, Nikon Europe, Discount Dance Supply, Capezio, and Russian Pointe.

Noura Sander was recently promoted to Studio Company with The Washington Ballet and

Jared Brouillette joined Kansas City Ballet II. Both studied in FSPA's Ballet Conservatory with Cheryl Madeux and faculty and were featured in the Franklin Performing Arts Company's *Nutcracker*. Colleen Megley, an FSPA Ballet Conservatory graduate, has been serving as Manager of School Programs at New York City Ballet since 2018. Megley received her Master's degree in Dance Education and Ballet Pedagogy from NYU Steinhardt and was on the ballet faculty at the Peridance Capezio Center in NYC for eight years.

In previous years, FSPA has presented its students for Examinations in the American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum at ABT's studios in New York, NY. The Examination

class was taught by Ms. Madeux. FSPA is proud to incorporate the American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum, a nine-level program that combines high quality artistic training with the basics of dancer health and child development for students of all ages and skill levels. Upon successful exam completion, Cheryl Madeux earned the distinction of ABT Affiliate Teacher.

FSPA also offers two additional tracks of Ballet study for students not on the pre-professional path and advanced dancers with limited time in their schedules.

For more information on Ballet at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts, visit www.FSPAonline.com, call (508) 528-8668, or stop by the facility at 38 Main Street in Franklin, MA. Follow FSPA on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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"I love this company. They are like a family to me," says FHS sophomore Brandi Dumas, who plays Sophie Sheridan, a character raised by her single Mom, Donna (played by Brandi's sister, Sarah) in search of her father. "I've connected to all of them so strongly ... I'm here pretty much every day on stage when I can be." Dumas, who's been acting since she was about 7, says she loves the Abba soundtrack, and she's inspired by her character's ability to tackle problems head on.

Sarah Dumas, also in 10th grade, jokes that, as the character, Donna, a single Mom who runs a taverna, "when I boss (my sister) around, I can say I was getting into character." This is Sarah's first production with FHSTC, although she has done theatre elsewhere. "I haven't done a show since the pandemic, so this is really refreshing," says

Sarah, who has found FHSTC welcoming. "I'm really excited to be back on stage and just get back into that community. Being part of the cast, something bigger than yourself, I find that important, but I'm a little nervous, because Donna is a big character, with big emotions. She just loves really deeply, and she holds grudges. It's fun to occupy the character, because she's willing to let go and kind of enjoy life. That's something I have been learning to do for sure."

Simon Jones, in 11th grade, who plays Sophie's fiancé, Sky, says he also finds his role of "the perfect example of the perfect boyfriend" a fun challenge. Jones has been with the company for three years and did theatre before that, as well as has taken private voice lessons.

Joe Maple, a senior, plays Harry Bright—one of Sophie's three possible fathers invited to her wedding. Maple, who's been in eight productions, has had fun taking on Harry's British accent as well as his quirky character. He's also learning some guitar as part of his role.



FHS theatre students describe the FHS Theatre Company as a judgement-free zone and like a second family.

"I like playing with changing my personality to kind of fit the character. Changing myself to be other characters is teaching me about my personality traits," says Maple. "Through theatre, I've learned to express myself and express my social abilities. This is a group of very accepting people. We support each other. I feel like this is a no-pressure zone."

"I think it's going to be a really good production. The cast is really strong, and it's going to be cool to be inside again and have

all the tech equipment, all the sound equipment and what we'll be using to light the stage," says Andrew Mitchell, a senior who plays Sam Carmichael, another of Sophie's three possible Dads. Mitchell says he's challenged by his complex, ambitious character, who realizes something is missing in his life. The FHSTC, says Mitchell, "is really great. You can just come here and feel like you can be yourself and put yourself into a shared passion."

The third possible father of Sophie, Bill Austin, is played by junior Thomas Schratz.

"He's a little more like laid back than the others," says Schratz, of his character. "Bill doesn't really want to be in a relationship, so he provides kind of a unique dynamic, sort of a lone wolf." Schratz, who's been singing since he was young, says that being back on the FHS stage allows for "more immersive acting. You can get into character better."

The theatre students are definitely putting their all into the demanding production, with more hours required for lead parts. "In a week, average practices range about three hours a day, and I often take a couple hours after that, I'd say 25 hours a week from start to finish, says Brandi Dumas, who says rehearsals began in early September.

"This group of students is passionate, they are incredibly dedicated, they consider this program a second home, and they consider it participants a second family," says Director Grossman, who is relieved to be back in what he calls a "gem" of a performance space, integral to a well-rounded theatre education. "(Students) basically eat, sleep, breathe every essence of this program, and they are proud of it."

While proud of his students' professionalism, Grossman deems equally important that they "have a lot of fun and get to collaborate with their peers and do something they love."

You can stay apprised of the latest productions by FHSTC on Instagram: @fhstc, Twitter: @FranklinHSDrama and Facebook at Franklin High School Theatre Company. For tickets to *Mamma Mia!*, visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/franklin-high-school-theatre-company/mamma-mia-68252>.

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they had serious health concerns, to risk going out. It started with just trying to bring food to people with health risks of being exposed (to the virus).

Since then, says Powderly, the food pantry has learned of “a whole host of folks who may not be able to come to us to access the food.” Although, “generally speaking, it’s a short-term program,” says Powderly, “home delivery has, for me, been one of the most real time gratifying programs that we’ve put in recently, because you know this particular person just literally can’t get out to get the food, and you’re bringing it to their door and providing relief.” Despite Covid, she says, that program is going to stay. Powderly thanks the contributions of the Franklin Police Department in reaching out to this population.

In terms of a new location, the Board of Directors is actively pursuing other options for a new Franklin Food Pantry site, noting they are grateful to Rockland Trust for allowing them to continue to operate under their roof.

“We are one of the largest food pantries in the area in terms of what we provide,” says Powderly, who says the busy Thanksgiving distribution and December holiday meal “is one of the most moving programs we do. If you’re not food insecure, they’re moments of happiness, but if you’re food insecure, it can be a stress, so you can focus on family and friends and not worry about where (dinner) is going to come from.”

Recently updated information shows that the Franklin Food Pantry served nearly 1,100 people in the last fiscal year, including

600 adults, 300 children and 177 seniors, 47% of whom live alone. During COVID, says Powderly, over a third of those who visited the Franklin Food Pantry came for emergency visits (one or two times).

“The Greater Boston Food Bank had the same experience. What that tells us is that while there were a lot of people who benefited from the expansion of federal benefits, a higher proportion of folks were living paycheck to paycheck and really moved into food insecurity with the loss of jobs due to COVID, so the safety net we provided became really important.”

The Franklin Food Pantry has recently added back in-person shopping.

“With vaccination status being very high, the winter coming, and COVID hopefully being a little bit more under control, we’re changing our distribution model to hybrid,” says Powderly. “We’re keeping curbside and home delivery Tuesday day and Tuesday evening, but we’re adding in-person shopping on Thursday and Friday. It brings a level of choice back to folks. When you come inside, you can do a full shop, but it’s going to be very limited, by appointment only.”

To make an appointment for in-person shopping, call Laura Du at the food pantry, or email her at ldu@franklinfoodpantry.org.

The Franklin Food Pantry is not funded by the Town of Franklin. As a private, nonprofit organization, it depends on donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other strategic partners. The Pantry is located at 43 W. Central St. in Franklin on Route 140 across from the Franklin Fire Station. Visit www.franklinfoodpantry.org for more information.

Franklin Newcomers to Feature New Town Council Members



Come join your friends and neighbors at the Franklin Newcomers & Friends Club monthly Meeting. Meet us upstairs at “3” Restaurant on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. Typically we meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at “3” . . . however, we switched nights in order to host some, post-election, newly elected Town Council members. The Town Council also meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. They will speak about some of the new initiatives and other things in the works.

Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be served, and a cash bar is available.

No need to be a newcomer to the area . . . and no need to RSVP. Come join us and have fun while you make connections in your community. We are a multi-generational club offering a wide range of activities for all ages with an emphasis on fun and camaraderie. We are a member driven organization and are always excited to welcome new faces and new ideas.

Residents of Franklin, or any surrounding town that doesn’t have a Newcomers Club, are welcome to join us the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We run our meetings September through May. We also hold many fun and varied events throughout the year to stay connected. We meet at “3” Restaurant, 461 W. Central Street, Franklin, upstairs in a private room.

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Ben Cameron

ers can chat it up with a celebrity guest of their choosing. And as always, the evening features top-notch FPAC Gala Entertainment featuring Broadway stars and FPAC Favorites whether attending in-person or at home. Gala and Telethon host, and longtime FPAC friend, Ben Cameron has appeared on Broadway in *Aida* and the original casts of *Wicked* and *Footloose*. He has toured with Sweet Char-

ity, *Fame*, *Tommy*, *Footloose*, and *State Fair* and is currently the creator/host of Broadway Sessions at The Laurie Beechman Theater in New York City. For tickets and more information, visit www.FPAConline.com or call (508) 528-3370.

Franklin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 21st

Seven Local Houses of Worship to Participate at St. Mary’s

The Franklin Interfaith Council announces its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for the community. Everyone is welcome! Please join us on Sun-

day, November 21 at 7pm at St Mary’s Catholic Parish, 1 Church Square (masks required) and live streamed at stmarysfranklin.org. (click Live-stream Masses).

This year, the service features preacher Rev. Dr. Marylayna Schmidt, Interim Minister at Franklin Federated Church, and live performance by the Interfaith Choir, directed by Mary Diehl of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The collection will benefit Gilly’s House addic-

tion treatment center in Wrentham (gillyshouse.com). The Franklin Interfaith Council is an organization whose membership is composed of faith communities in the town of Franklin, Massachusetts. It addresses the various needs of its community by recognizing the power of faith as defined by the individual spiritual traditions. However, it is these same traditions that unite us in the common goal to initiate and sponsor activities that enrich and challenge the citizens of Franklin. The intent of the council is to sensitize the Franklin community to issues of deprivation and social injustice, and to promote tolerance and understanding through shared worship, programs, performances, and publications, and to bring the understanding of our faith traditions to bear on these issues. Additionally, through

these same devices, the council seeks to acknowledge and celebrate both the diversity and the common values existing within the community. The council is a nonprofit organization that has as its primary purpose the betterment of the community it serves. **Participating Houses of Worship:**

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world.” <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>.

If you would like more information about their organization, please email Diane Padula at padularotary@gmail.com and she will make arrangements for you to be a guest at one of the upcoming meetings. You may also visit their website for upcoming events: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3689>.

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more than one year and taxed at either 0%, 15%, or 20% for 2021.

Important note, it is highly unlikely capital gains rates will remain the same for 2022 as the President wants to raise and Congress has debated not on if, but by how much and for whom.

Should you solely act on what Congress may do? No, never. Still, if there is an outsized position in either gains or losses, this should be added incentive to take action.

Back to this year, short-term losses are deducted against short-term gains, next long-term against long-term, then remaining net losses of either type can be deducted against the other. If still more losses can deduct up to \$3,000 against income. Still more? Then carry to subsequent years against capital gains and/or \$3,000 of income.

Avoid a wash sale. A realized loss is disallowed if, within 30 days of selling the investment (either before or after) you or your



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spouse invests in something that is identical or "substantially similar" to the one you sold. This is across accounts as well, meaning if you sell something in taxable brokerage and buy it in an IRA, you can't use the realized loss.

Value of rebalancing. Have a diversified portfolio based on

your risk level and goals in 2009, 2013 or even 2 years ago? If you practice "buy-and-hold", you're out of whack. Rebalance back to your target allocation, or economic and market cycles will unmercifully rebalance for you.

Also, cutting losses allows you to reduce outsized winners in your taxable portfolio. And given the last 2 years, there are several large, commonly held names that are outsized.

More to consider beyond this limited space, including the role of your tax bracket, how to re-deploy cash to good use, and opportunity costs.

To learn more, talk with your tax professional or Certified Financial Planner.

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The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

November Beauty Beat - Give the gift she really wants!

By GINA WOELFEL

It's hard to believe it's November already. Fall is in full swing with our steps bedecked with pumpkins and mums. Last month's foliage was a gift, bursting with bright pops of yellow, red and orange. Fall is a time of comfort, gatherings and warm evenings spent together. With just three weeks away from the holiday craziness, why not tuck in, relax and plan your enjoyment.

In last month's beauty beat we talked about the importance of scheduling and how time is more precious than ever before. What are some things you could do this month that would put more time in your pocket, time to regroup, visit family, support your community and breathe easier through this typically chaotic season?

We're sure you've all heard of the shopping crisis about to unfold. Holiday gift giving could be a nightmare with supply-chain backups, social distancing and perhaps the all-around exhaustion that comes with adding more "do's" to our "to-do" list.

bLUXE would like to offer a suggestion: choose easy this season.

You have 24 hours in a day:

- 7 hours to sleep (if you're lucky!)
- 8 hours of work (again, if you're lucky!)
- 3 hours with your kids, managing homework and their activities
- 2 hours of shopping, errands, calls and scheduling
- 2 hours of meal prep, cleaning and don't forget bedtime stories

That's 22 hours of "to-do's" a day...See where I'm going with this?

That's just two hours left of free, unscheduled time.

What can you do to stretch out your two hours? What can you ditch from your schedule for more "you" time and more family time? Because after almost two years of pandemic life, choose easy this season. Here's a few suggestions:



Order in one (or two) meals a week. That's two hours you just gave yourself to pull family together, eat pizza and laugh about your day. It also supports your local food community!

Fifteen minutes before you drive your kids to school, take your coffee to your car, lock the doors and chill. Why? It's climate controlled, relatively sound-proof, and comes with a built-in entertainment system to play your favorite podcast or meditation. Start your day right and drive your littles freshly caffeinated and zenned for success.

And lastly, shopping! With so many online options, it's a no-brainer! Businesses are offering some of the best deals of the year this holiday season - especially local businesses!

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Eyelid Margin Disease

By ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.
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Eyelid margin disease including blepharitis occurs when the eyelids become coated with oily particles and bacteria near the base of the eyelashes. This condi-

tion is very common and unfortunately, is often misdiagnosed by many eye professionals as allergy, which it is not.

With eyelid margin disease the eyelids are inflamed. Symptoms include: Eye and eyelid irritation, a film in the eye, itchiness

of the eye, redness of the eye and a burning sensation.

This condition frequently occurs in people who have a tendency toward oily skin, dandruff or dry eyes. With blepharitis, both the upper and lower eyelids become coated with oily particles

and bacteria near the base of the eyelashes. It may cause irritation, itchiness, redness, and stinging or burning of the eye.

What causes blepharitis?

Everyone has bacteria on the surface of their skin, but sometimes bacteria thrive in the skin at the base of the eyelashes. Large amounts of bacteria around the eyelashes can cause dandruff-like scales and particles to form along the lashes and eyelid margins.

Blepharitis is also associated with meibomianitis—a dysfunction and inflammation of the nearby oil glands of the eyelids (called meibomian glands). Blepharitis is also common in association with a skin disorder called rosacea. In this case, we call the eyelid problem “ocular rosacea”.

What is ocular rosacea?

People who have acne rosacea, a common skin condition causing pimple-like bumps and facial redness may suffer from ocular rosacea. This can affect the eyelids with redness and swelling. If you have ocular rosacea, reduce alcohol, caffeine and chocolate in your diet. Omega-3 fatty acids (fish oil and flaxseed oil) are also helpful. Doxycycline or similar derivatives can help improve the dysfunctional oil glands as well as both facial and eye symptoms. Reducing stress and better sleep are critical in controlling the symptoms.

What is demodex blepharitis?

Some people with oily (seb-orrheic) skin, and more so those who have a weakened immune system can have microscopic mites (demodex folliculorum) and their waste materials cause clogging of follicles at roots of eyelashes, and in some cases might be associated with development of skin conditions such as rosacea and blepharitis. Another version of these mites (demodex brevis) can be found more generally in oil glands of the skin and eyelids, which also may contribute to blepharitis symptoms. While presence of these tiny mites is common in everyone,



researchers speculate that some people develop demodex blepharitis due to unusual allergic or immune system reactions leading to inflammation.

What if I get a sty?

A sty develops from an eyelash follicle or an eyelid oil gland that becomes clogged from excess oil, debris or bacteria. Styes can be a complication of blepharitis. If you have a sty, treat it like you treat blepharitis, and if not better within two weeks, see your ophthalmologist.

How is blepharitis treated?

Blepharitis is often a chronic condition, but it can be controlled with the following treatment:

Warm compresses. Wet a clean washcloth with warm water, wring it out and place it over your closed eyelids for at least one minute. Repeat two or three times, rewetting the washcloth as it cools. This will loosen scales and debris around your eyelashes. It also helps dilute oil secretions from nearby oil glands, preventing the development of a chalazion (stye)—an enlarged lump caused by clogged oil secretions in the eyelid.

Eyelid scrubs. Using a clean washcloth, cotton swab or commercial lint-free pad soaked in warm water and few drops of baby shampoo, gently scrub the base of your eyelashes for about 15 seconds per eyelid.

Antibiotic ointment. Your ophthalmologist may prescribe an antibiotic ointment. Using a clean fingertip or cotton swab, gently apply a small amount at the base of the eyelashes before bedtime.



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Artificial tears or steroid eye drops may also be prescribed temporarily to relieve dry eye or inflammation.

Specific treatment of demodex blepharitis: A commercial eyelid scrub combined with tea tree oil may be effective for treating this type of blepharitis. Shampooing with a product containing a tea tree extract is also helpful. This is available as Tea Tree Shampoo. The target here is to reduce the population of the mite (demodex). Washing sheets and pillow cases in hot water and drying with the “high” dryer setting is helpful. Avoid makeup for at least 1 week and discard all old makeup. Other reported treatments of demodex blepharitis include sulfur oil and steroids. An anti-parasitic gel (metronidazole) also has shown effectiveness

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November Events at the Franklin Senior Center

Monday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m.
- Preserve Your Garden Tomatoes

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Tuesday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, November 3 at 11 a.m. - Estate Planning

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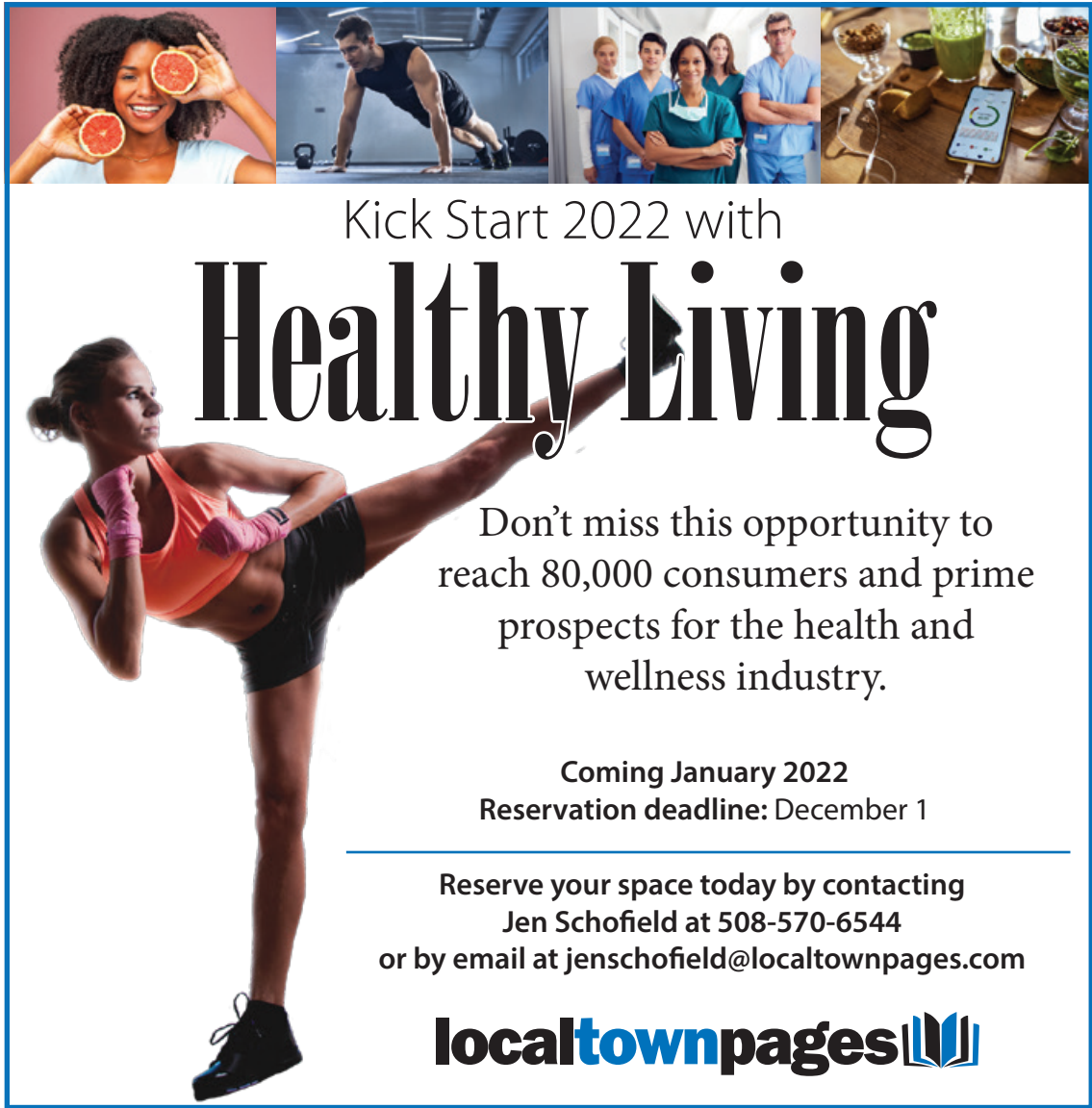
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All Together Now! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

The Dean College production of *All Together Now!* will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Friday – Sunday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Dean College welcomes families and guests over the age of 12 to all our performances, provided patrons have complied with all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

To learn more about the show and all safety policies, and to purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.

Dean College Receives Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women Grant for a Second Time

Dean College was recently awarded a \$299,889 continuation grant from the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to support prevention and education for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking at institutions of higher education. This funding is a continuation of the OVW grant awarded to the College in 2017.

"Over the past four years, the Department of Justice's OVW Grant provided us with the opportunity to enhance our programs, policies and procedures and continue to build awareness around the topic of campus sexual violence," said MaryAnn Silvestri, M. Ed, LMHC, CAGS, Project Director and Director of Counseling Services. "During this time, we have built a solid Campus Community Re-



sponse Team (CCRT) which includes campus staff, faculty and community partners. We have increased victim services on campus by hiring a survivor advocate and developed lasting prevention education programs, such as the BRAVE (Bulldogs Rise, Advocates for Violence Education) bystander education program, which includes educational videos performed by students in our School of the Arts programs."

The grant will be used to

continue developing, expanding and implementing policies, programs and services with the ultimate goal of reducing sexual violence on campus. These initiatives will ensure that all students know what resources and options are available to them, as well as providing mandatory prevention and bystander education for students, training for faculty and staff and comprehensive support services for victims and survivors.

"Receiving the grant for a second time is validation we are making substantial progress in our efforts to eradicate campus sexual violence," added Silvestri. "We look forward to continuing this great work."

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Franklin High Students Create Online Student: Student Tutoring Platform

By J.D. O'GARA

Kutors – its name derived from “Kid” and “Tutors,” is making its debut as an online service – and it’s the brainchild of a handful of Franklin High School juniors.

Jetrin Orenberg talks about where he had the spark of the idea for Kutors.

“We were in lockdown, could not go anywhere, and I wanted to get a job, and I thought, ‘Where can I go to get a job I’d like?’ When I was younger, I used to help out in my math class, but then I actually found, when I teach somebody, I learn more, and it better my understanding. Then I looked for tutors for high school students and I couldn’t find anything.”

Orenberg decided he’d create a company “where people my age can tutor.”

After speaking with his guidance counselor, Mrs. Walsh, Orenberg found himself meeting with his high school principal, Mr. Hannah. “His personal opinion was he wanted to see some survey results,” says Orenberg. Orenberg worked with his friend, Arav Tyagi, to advertise and distribute a survey.

“Arav filled in the gaps I didn’t know I had,” says Orenberg, who asked him to join the team. The survey drew responses from over 100 parents and students nationwide and got 70,000 Instagram followers. The students met again with their principal, began a website and started the process of opening an online 1:1 student tutoring business that will operate via video chat.

“I got sole proprietorship under my name, and we’re hoping to go to LLC, soon, but first we need to make a profit,” says Jetrin. The website, www.kutors.com, which describes itself as “A community of students tutoring students,” will allow for video chat and payment, and students interested in tutoring can sign up.

The two worked with Sibi Dinakaran, who created and designed the logo. Sibi will also participate as a tutor.

“If you’ve ever heard of Fiverr or Upwork, think of that for tutors,” says Dinakaran.

“It’s freelance tutoring,” says Jetrin. “With the website, as a

tutor, you pick who you want to teach, the hours you want to teach, (your rate), you can do whatever you want, if you feel comfortable. So, if you think, from a professional standpoint, you don’t have the ability to retain (younger kids’) attention, you can say, ‘I’m only tutoring 6th grade and up.’ We’re taking pride in professionalism, the best we can find. In order to become a tutor, you have to go through a test and a mock lesson. We administer quality control.”

Arav notes that high school- and college-age tutors would be ideal. “They’ve already covered a lot of math, and they’re also at the point where, because they’ve taken those classes so recently they’d know tips and tricks to be able to better teach high school and middle school.”

Orenberg says that, eventually, the program will not be limited to the United States. He’s gotten some feedback from her family and connections there.

“One of the main goals of (Kutors) is affordability. Even if we’re working with other countries, our prices are going to be affordable,” says Jetrin. Professional tutoring, he says, “is going to start at \$60 bucks an hour, and we’re pretty much going to be reducing that to \$10 or \$15. I don’t think it’s fair. I think if you need help, you should have access to help. There are so many people out there who need help but can’t pay \$60 bucks an hour for that help. With us, you can get four hours for the price of one.”

The Kutors team envisions its tutoring program also offering a class function with a very low entry fee.

“Right now, we’re trying to target more locally, so that it grows from there,” says Tyagi.

Fellow student Evan Matthews, who came on board to help with the Kutors website, is particularly pleased of the autonomy tutors will have. “We’re giving (tutors) complete control of everything – courses, your times, your days, if you need a vacation,” says Matthews.

“(As a tutor) it really helps being able to choose your own times. I’m only free maybe two hours a day and being able to schedule classes in those two hours allows me to make money

in the time I have,” says Orenberg, who adds students stand to earn more than their part-time jobs usually pay.

Worked into the website is a rating system, where students can rate the tutoring they’ve received.

“These have to be approved,” says Jetrin, “and there’s a quality badge for tutors that have reached an X amount of (positive) reviews. We’re going to be monitoring the site, to make sure it’s a safe environment for everyone.” Anyone under 18 will require parental consent to participate.

For more information on Kutors, visit www.kutors.com.



These Franklin High School students, shown here at the Harvest Festival, are putting their online student tutoring idea to work with their new company, Kutors. Students can sign up to tutor others as well as find affordable peer tutoring help.



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Franklin Veterans News November 2021

- The Franklin Veterans Office has a new Veterans Services Officer, U.S. Army veteran Shannon Nisbett. Ms. Nisbett can be reached at (508) 613-1315.
- “Tune It Out,” a guitar instruction program for veterans, is going very well. Local music instructor Jamie Barrett is teaching the class along with three other volunteer guitarists. We have guitars available for those who are interested. Class meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Interested veterans can call our office for details.
- Members of the American Legion Post #75 volunteer their time monthly by visiting local veterans and playing Bingo at Benchmark Senior Living, Cedarwood Gardens, The Enclave and Magnolia Heights. Their visits to the VA hospitals are suspended due to the pandemic.
- We are having another brick installation on the Memorial Walkway in November to coincide with Veterans Day. The date for ordering has passed, but folks can order now for the May (Memorial Day) installation.
- Our next Veterans Coffee Social is on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Senior Center multi-purpose room. All vets are welcome to attend for updates, coffee and conversation. Refreshments are provided by our friends at Starbucks. The Dec. Coffee Social will be held on Dec. 1.
- The Franklin Veterans Office does send holiday cards to deployed veterans via a veterans’ group on Cape Cod. Franklin residents can sign cards in the Senior Center lobby.

MA-Based Home Base Aimed at Healing Vets’ Invisible Wounds

By J.D. O’GARA

Over 1,200 runners took place in the 12th Annual Run to Home Base at Fenway Park on September 25, 2021, with an additional

500 running virtually, many of them from the Franklin area.

“This is a cause near and dear to my heart,” says Erin LeBlanc, of Millis, who participated in the run, raising over \$2,500 for the cause.

Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research.

As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to providing life-saving clinical care and support for the treatment of the invisible wounds to include post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, family relationship challenges and other issues associated with military service.

“Home Base was born out of a visit to Walter Reed Medical Center by The Red Sox after they won the world series,” says Laurie Gallagher, Director of PR and Marketing for Home Base. “They came back and established everything with the help of Mass General leadership.”

Gallagher points out that since 9/11, there have been over 100,000 veteran suicides, 30,000 of which are from veterans that served in Iraq and Afghanistan,

the latter of which is the longest multigenerational war in our history.

Initially, Home Base was focused exclusively on veterans who served following 9/11, but in 2017, the program was opened to include veterans of all eras. A year later, the program expanded to include families of those who had a veteran family member who passed

Gallagher explains that there are three different ways Home Base helps veterans and their families:

- Through an Intensive Clinical Program, located in Charlestown, that compresses years of therapy into a 2-week period. Accommodations and meals are free, and the program is designed to treat veterans and their family members who are struggling with invisible wounds of war, such as post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, depression and anxiety. The holistic approach includes group therapy, individual treatment, fitness, nutrition and family support.
- The ComBHAT (Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma) Program, also located at the treatment clinic in Charlestown, that is meant for veterans or service mem-



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Celebrate the Holidays with FPAC Holiday Productions

FPAC Holiday Productions will present two shows as part of its annual holiday season. December kicks off with the holiday classic: *The Nutcracker*, presented December 4 and 5 at the Franklin High School Auditorium. Experience all the festive magic and colorful splendor of *The Nutcracker* as FPAC stages its cherished annual production of the holiday classic with live orchestra, special guest artists and more than 100 area dancers. *The Nutcracker* remains a highly anticipated and treasured part of the FPAC season - a popular holiday tradition for more than 20 years. The world-famous ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, delights the imaginations of audiences young and old with a professional production at a reasonable price.

The FPAC Holiday Productions December season continues with *Humbug!* an original musical running December 18 and 19 at the Franklin High School Auditorium. A family fa-



vorite since debuting as part of FPAC's 2008 season, *Humbug!* is an original musical retelling of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, starring the script's writer, Nick Paone, as Ebenezer Scrooge. With musical hits of every genre and live accompaniment by a 10-piece band of professional musicians, *Humbug!* transports audiences from Dickensian England to contem-

porary America as the novel's iconic characters and storyline are cleverly reimagined with modern setting and dialogue. *Humbug!* delivers a holiday gift of hilarity with a timely – and timeless – message. For tickets and more information, visit www.FPAConline.com or call the box office at (508) 528-3370.

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bers who are part of the special operations community, such as Navy Seals, Delta Force and Green Berets. "Special operations are more apt to be in situations where there are explosions, and there's more opportunity for them to become concussed," says Gallagher.

- An Intensive Clinical Program for Families of the Fallen: In collaboration with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), this treatment is focused on PTSD and prolonged grief

disorder. "This can be anyone from a spouse or parent to children of a servicemember or veteran that has taken their life or was killed in action," says Gallagher.

Since 2009, Home Base has provided care and support to more than 25,000 Veterans and family members and trained more than 80,000 clinicians, educators, first responders and community members – all at no cost.

Headquartered in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, MA with a satellite location in Southwest Florida, Home Base is a nonprofit organization.

For more information, please visit www.homebase.org.

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FHS Class of '71 Celebrates

The Franklin High School Class of 1971 held its 50th reunion on Friday evening October 1, 2021 at the Franklin Country Club. The Reunion Committee met over the course of the last two years to plan the event. Although there were concerns about Covid, in the end a safe and fun event was able to be held.

The celebration began on June 4th with some Classmates attending the FHS 2021 graduation, being recognized by Principal Hanna and given a warm welcome. This tradition of inviting the 50-year graduates was established many years ago by the FPS.

One of our Classmates, Colleen Pease Martin is a quilter. She came to the Committee last year to ask if we would consider recognizing the Veterans of the Class of 1971 through the Quilts of Valor (qovf.org) program. Her efforts spanned many months, communication with our local

Veterans Department and resulted in 6 quilts being awarded to Franklin Veterans at their August 7th Purple Heart event and 8 quilts being awarded to Veterans of the Class of 1971 during a ceremony at the Historical Museum before the reunion evening began. These quilts were donated by the Myrtle Beach Shorebirds, Myrtle Beach, SC. For more information about the Quilts of Valor go to: qovf.org The QOV ceremony was moving and respectful for those in attendance.

Interesting Facts from the Class of 1971:

- We were the last 8th grade class to graduate from the Davis Thayer School
- We attended double sessions all 4 years
- We were the last class to hold our Prom in the gym, the theme was Camelot



**Franklin High School Class of 1971
50th Class Reunion**

- We had 264 graduates and the largest class in 99 years
- 46 of our classmates are deceased
- We were the last class to graduate from what is now the Oak/Mann complex

Through the generosity of many of our classmates, we raised \$7,000 in scholarship money; Seven \$1000 scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2021.

The evening was all about reconnecting with classmates, enjoying good food and conversation. One of our classmates donated FHS logo masks for all to wear; one classmate made 1971-2021 Commemorative Panther refrigerator magnets for all to take home; there was a display of fun facts from 1971 and a guest book to sign in. Paul Vicario of Vicario Studios was the photographer for the event.

The reunion Committee wishes to thank all our classmates and hope to see you again!

Patti Brogan Wyllie
Sally Costello Cupka
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November 2

Franklin Biennial Election - Election Day, 6 a.m.- 8 p.m., Franklin High School, 218 Oak St., Franklin

Franklin Rotary Club Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central Street, Franklin, for more info., email Diane Padula at padularotary@gmail.com. You may also visit <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3689>.

November 3

Veterans Coffee Social, Franklin Senior Center multi-purpose room, 10 a.m., 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, All vets welcome. Refreshments provided Starbucks.

Franklin Art Association monthly meeting featuring Dianne Panarelli Miller, a world-renowned artist painting in Canada, Bermuda, and Europe; 6:30 p.m. business followed by presentation, www.franklinart.org

November 6

Drummer Studio November Open House, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., visit www.drummersstudio.com for appointment

November 7

Padula's Jazz Etc., 3 p.m., Franklin Public Library, range of music including jazz, Motown, blues and pop, free.

November 10

Franklin Newcomers Meeting, Upstairs at 3 Restaurant, 461 W. Central St., Franklin, will feature newly-elected Town Council

members. *note: regular date was changed to accommodate officials' schedule. For more info. or to join visit our Meetup Page.

<https://www.meetup.com/Franklin-Newcomers-Friends>

You can also find more information on Facebook, at <https://facebook.com/FranklinNewcomersFriendsClub>

Drummer Studio November Open House, 5-8 p.m., visit www.thedrummersstudio.com for an appointment or take virtual tour

November 11

Veterans' Day Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, featuring guest speaker Maj. Gen. William S. Chen, US Army (Ret.). Reservations are required. Please call or visit the Franklin Senior Center (508) 520-4945 by November 1st. To protect all patrons, participants will be required to provide proof of full vaccination against Covid-19 or wear a mask. Luncheon will be videotaped by Franklin TV.

November 13

Diwali Celebration! 1-3 p.m., Franklin Public Library, Diwali celebration for the whole family, All Together Now, Dean College, 7:30 p.m., www.dean.edu/boxoffice

November 14

Art Wall Show featuring Franklin Art Association member Christine Lamb Toubau's The Future Awash, 11:30 a.m. outdoor opening, First Universal-



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Franklin Historical Museum Second Sunday Speakers Series, 1 p.m., 80 West Central St., Franklin, features Nathan Wales' early 20th century photography collection, "Vintage Franklin Homes"

November 16

All Together Now, Dean College, 7:30 p.m., www.dean.edu/boxoffice

Franklin Rotary Club Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central Street, Franklin, for more info., email Diane Padula at padularotary@gmail.com and she will arrange for you to be a guest at one of the upcoming meetings. You may also visit <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3689>.

November 17

Drummer Studio November Open House, 5-8 p.m., visit www.thedrummersstudio.com for an appointment or take virtual tour

[thedrummersstudio.com](http://www.thedrummersstudio.com) for an appointment or take virtual tour

November 19

Franklin Library Book Sale, 1-5 p.m. All books are just one dollar!

November 20

Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—1-4 p.m.

Drummer Studio November Open House, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., visit www.drummersstudio.com for appointment

November 21

Franklin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m. St Mary's Catholic Parish, 1 Church Square (masks required), also live-streamed at stmarysfranklin.org.

November 23

Franklin Public Library Book Club, 7 p.m., The book for discussion is *A Good Neighborhood*, by

Therese Anne Fowler

November 25

10th Franklin Food Pantry Turkey Trot 5K, 8 a.m., 91 Jordan Road, Franklin, visit <http://www.franklinturkeytrot.org/>

**November 27**

Santa StoryWalk!, 10:30 a.m., The Franklin Recreation Department and the Franklin Public Library team up for a cozy winter walk with our favorite Man in Red! Bundle up and meet us at DelCarte Park (Pleasant St.), followed by cookies and cocoa!

November 28

Franklin Town Common Tree Lighting

4th Annual Thanksgiving Day Pie Sale –Knights Of Columbus, Franklin

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The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 St. Mary Parish, Franklin, MA is running their 4th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Our bakery (same as last year) is the family-owned Mann's Orchards and Bakery. The flavors will remain the same as last year -Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin and Blueberry. These Pies are fantastic ... outstanding flavor, aroma, and taste. We held the price so we will still have the magnificent \$15 price per pie. As last year, you will be able to DONATE a pie. All donations will be donated to the

Franklin Senior Center for distribution at Thanksgiving time.

This year, there will be two means by which you may purchase your Thanksgiving Day pies. Please visit our website www.kofc1847.org on find "Knights of Columbus Council 1847" on Facebook. You will find a link to order and pay for your order.

The site is open now till November 14. We will also be taking Pie orders just one weekend this year November 13-14, after all the Masses at St Mary Franklin. We will be set up in the back of the Church to take your Pie orders. Cash, Check or Credit Card will be accepted. Online

orders are Credit Card only.

You will be able to Pick Up your order of Thanksgiving Pies on Tuesday, November 23, from 3 p.m. -8 p.m. at the CCD Offices at the old St. Mary's Franklin Parish Hall Center (previously the Charter School) on the 1st floor. You will see our Signs.

We are excited again this year to bring this quality product to St Mary Parish community and all our Franklin neighbors. Please support this most worthy cause, help a senior and make your Thanksgiving Day special with a Pie (or 2) from Mann's Orchard on your dinner table this year.

Any questions, please call Jim Campbell at (508) 848-8681 or Jim Lane at (774) 571-9804 or Mike Swan (508) 404-4792.

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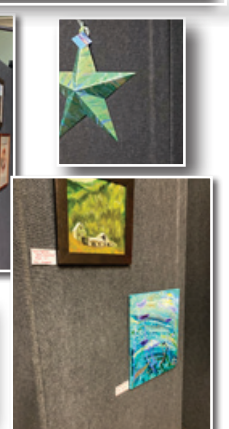
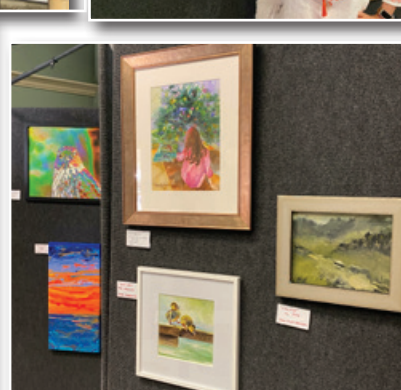
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Franklin Art Association Meeting November 3rd

The Franklin Art Association will hold its third in-person meeting of the fall season at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 3. Our special guest demonstrator will be Dianne Panarelli Miller, a world-renowned artist painting in Canada, Bermuda, and Europe. She is an award-winning Boston-based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light and is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters, as well as a "Copley Master," a honor conferred by the Copley Society, America's oldest nonprofit art association, on artists who have achieved distinction for the outstanding quality of their work. Panarelli's approach combines the classic atelier training of the "Boston School" with a mastery of technique of her own personal style expressed through the harmony of color and design. Her work encompasses landscapes, cityscapes, portraits and still lifes.



Miller has been painting, full-time, year-round, for 40 years, is represented by several galleries throughout New England, and is passing on her tutelage to others with a robust teaching schedule that spans from the Cape to the South Shore. She also organizes art trips to Europe and in 2018 traveled on her own to a starkly different landscape: Wyoming. "That was one of the best things I have ever done in my life. I drove cross-country and spent a month out there painting; I did 54 paintings in a month," she recalls. "It was a true adventure."

Franklin Art Association meetings are held at the Franklin Senior Center (10 Daniel McCahill Street, Franklin), and are free and open to the public. In accordance with public health guidelines attendees will be expected to wear facemasks. Meetings are also live-streamed via Zoom for those



unable to join us in person. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181910922?pwd=ME9aTGtvRVJFVlg2aDBlMlI1VT1ZZDZ09>

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Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee 5K

May 7, 2022

The 11th Annual FBRTC 5K Road Race is scheduled for May 7, 2022. Registration is open! Follow this link for more information: Road Race or <https://www.franklinbellinghamrailtrail.org/event/11th-annual-fbrtc-5k-road-race/>.

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Sports

FHS Girls Soccer Squad Aiming for Tournament Success

By KEN HAMWEY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Playoff soccer offers no guarantees, but the Franklin High girls squad seems like it's ready for a deep advance in the Division 1 tournament that gets underway this month.

High expectations sometimes get derailed by overconfidence, injuries or unlucky circumstances. But, coach Jodi Klein's contingent, which had a 9-1-2 record at Local Town Pages' deadline, has all the ingredients to be successful in what should be a challenging post-season stretch.

"We've asked the girls to perform at a high level this season," said Klein, the Panthers' interim head coach. "We've got lots of potential and have the ability to do well in the tourney. What's important is to remain solid on defense but be equally strong as an attacking offense."

Klein, who's filling in for Tom Geysen after he suffered a severe leg injury, has been Franklin's freshman and jayvee coach during her first three years with the program. Now, the 44-year-old Framingham native is guiding the varsity as its interim coach, and so far, she likes the attributes her players have displayed.

"We've got talent, depth, and experience," Klein emphasized. "The girls are athletic, technically skilled, have a high soccer IQ and are fast and quick. Their goals at the start of the season were to win the Kelly-Rex Division title, to enjoy their athletic experience and to advance deep into the tournament."

The division crown and a deep playoff run are definitely in the cards. Four girls who'll play key roles in taking the division title and going far in the tourney are the senior captains — center midfielders Stella Regan and Chloe Barca, outside midfielder Clare Bowen, and outside back Izzy Arnold.

"Stella is very calm and composed," Klein said. "She distributes the ball effectively, has great field awareness and a high soccer IQ. She's also very sound in transition. Chloe is a tall target who's very instinctive, good in transi-



Jodi Klein is Franklin High's interim girls' soccer coach.

tion, a sound decision-maker and quick on her feet. Clare is aggressive, gritty and enthusiastic. An excellent attacker in mid-field, she's very intense. Izzy has adjusted well to our possession style. She's incredibly strong, tenacious and a tough one-on-one defender."

As leaders, the quartet gets high marks. "Our captains lead by example and by being vocal and supportive," Klein offered. "They set high performance standards in practice."

Another senior, outside midfielder Riley Fitzpatrick, is a quality contributor. "Riley is fast, strong and has a huge offensive mindset," Klein said. "She really doesn't know how good she is."

Two juniors who've played efficiently are Norah Anderson (center defense) and Bridget Leo (center midfielder).

"Norah is a big, strong tenacious defender who anchors our back line," Klein noted. "Her timing on her tackles is great and she's outstanding distributing the ball out of the backfield. Bridget has a quiet presence; she's smart and composed. Possessing lots of offensive ability, she isn't afraid to take a deep shot."

Two sophomores in prime-time roles are goalie Rachel Welch and striker Anya Zub.

"Rachel has incredible awareness of the penalty area," Klein said. "A great communicator, she's got fantastic technical skills, is instinctive and has a very high soccer IQ. Anya has quick feet,



Franklin High's captains are, from left, Clare Bowen, Izzy Arnold, Stella Regan and Chloe Barca.

she's well-skilled, and she finishes strong. She's at the right place at the right time."

Freshman Kelly O'Connor is a top-notch attacking midfielder. "Kelly always wants the ball and is eager to advance it towards the goalie," Klein said. "Her first instinct is to score. She's technically sound, relies on great footwork and has excellent one-on-one skills."

At Local Town Pages' deadline, Zub was the team's leading scorer with 17 goals and 3 assists for 20 points. Regan was second with 8 goals and 3 assists for 11 points, and Welch had a goals-against average of 0.60.

Klein, who was a Bay State League all-star striker at Framingham High, has altered Franklin's up-tempo style to a controlled possession approach. "We'll adjust and change depending on personnel and our opponents," she offered. "I lean towards keeping the ball, not forcing the play and just letting the game unfold. If our opponents give us an opening, then we'll move quickly and bank on crisp passing."

At Framingham High, Klein also played basketball and softball and she was a captain in soccer as a senior. When the Flyers'

soccer team competed for the state title in 1993 against Springfield Cathedral, they finished as runners-up, but Klein was chosen as the tourney MVP.

After graduation, Klein enrolled at Stoneybrook College in New York and played varsity soccer for four years. She earned two bachelor's degrees, one in biology and psychology, and the other in health science. She also has a clinical doctorate from Stoneybrook in physical therapy and works as a physical therapist.

Klein works to ensure that her players reach their potential and enjoy their time competing. "I also want players to compete at a high level, to be creative, and not be afraid of making mistakes," she emphasized, adding hopes sports will guide her

players in "being humble, being life-long learners, becoming leaders and maintaining physical and mental health."

No matter how the state tourney unfolds, Klein is glad this season has returned to a sense of normalcy. "There's been no Covid-19 soccer rules, we've played without masks, and we've followed the protocols," she said. "I'm a proponent of vaccinations and believe they've helped."

What will buoy the Franklin girls' soccer squad is a lengthy streak of success in the playoffs. The players and their coach are focused on that goal. And, with all hands on deck and on the same page, tourney success could definitely be in the mix for the Panthers.

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EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 10 at 12 p.m. - Scams that Target Elderly Citizens

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School students in the Legal and Protective Services shop will give a presentation on scams, focusing on identifying fraudulent practices and financial scams that target the elderly. Learn to protect yourself while supporting these great students who are practicing public speaking and public service! This event will be held via Zoom. Join from home or watch on the big TV from the Senior Center. Call the Center or email mhynes@franklinma.gov to sign up.

Wednesday, November 10 at 1 p.m. - Industry in Franklin

Franklin Native Joe Landry will share his collection of photos, this time focusing on, "Industry in Franklin." Joe will cover the many types of products that were manufactured in Franklin, including straw goods, beet sugar, textiles and even pianos! This event is in-person at the Center. Call (508) 520-4945 to sign up.

Tuesday, November 16 at 10 a.m. - A Pilgrim Thanksgiving

Lecturer Gary Hylander returns in-person at the Senior Center to deliver the presentation, A Pilgrim Thanksgiving. Gary will discuss the real story of the first Thanksgiving and separate fact from fiction! Call the Center at (508) 520-4945 to sign up.

Wednesday, November 17 at 11 a.m. - Wartime Fashion

Have you ever wondered what changes in fashion occurred during WWI and WWII? Despite wartime shortages and restrictions, men and women managed to dress in style. How did they accomplish this? Join Karen (Ren) Antonowicz of Spirits of Fashion to discover what these wartime shortages were and how they were overcome by the determined people of this era. This event is in-person at the Center. Call (508) 520-4945 to sign up.

Thursday, November 18 at 1 p.m. - Franklin Matters Q&A

Join Steve Sherlock at the Franklin Senior Center or on Zoom as he discusses all things Franklin. Bring your questions! To register for Zoom, email: shersteve@gmail.com

Thursday, November 18 at 11 a.m. - Stroke: Get the Facts!

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. Stroke can happen to anyone- any age, any time- and everyone needs to know the warning signs. Nurse Trish will review stroke signs and symptoms, types of strokes, treatment, recovery and rehab. This event will be in-person at the Senior Center with a Zoom link also available. Call the center to sign up, or email mhynes@franklinma.gov.

Tuesday, November 30 at 12:30 p.m. - AAA Services

AAA can help you with everything from insurance to travel to registry services! Find out how AAA can fit into your life! This presentation will be held in-person at the Center, with a Zoom link also available. Please call the Center to sign up or email mhynes@franklinma.gov.

Wednesday, December 1 at 11 a.m. - Norfolk County Sheriff's Office

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office will be in-person at the Center to discuss their Senior Programs, including the RUOK program and Files of Life. Please call (508) 520-4945 to sign up.



Front row: Tina Powderly, Avery Afonso, Ayden Afonso, Kendall Desmarais, Ava Sherlock, Jack Lanzoni, Kylie Desmarais, Emma Sherlock, Knox Brightwell, Cora Brightwell, Bella Wood
Back Row: Jerri And Jorja Adiletto, Jacob Wood

Franklin's Future Leaders Donate to Franklin Food Pantry

Franklin's Future Leaders are at it again! They raised \$350 for the Franklin Food Pantry at the Franklin Downtown Harvest Festival. Tina Powderly was presented a check and needed items on October 14th where she discussed the importance of giving and of the pantry.

Is a group of children ages 4-11+ recognizing the Importance of Community! Children learn how we can help the community and how the community helps us. Through Guest Speakers and a Variety of Volunteer Services, these children will have an upper hand in doing more community work as they get older. Season runs from Octo-

ber-end of May. This is open to Franklin residents children only, and space is limited. It is closed for this season as it is full. This is a FREE Group and sponsored by The Dance Studio. Both Leader and Co-Leader are current Wrentham Lions, Leader is a member of the #2136 ELKS and a Notary and are both CORI.

Our next Projects include collecting new blankets, word searches, pencils and scarfs for Franklin's Senior Center and New, unwrapped Toys for Toys for Tots thru the Franklin Police. We are a 501c3. Contact Cheryl Hobbs, Leader, for any info or to donate. cas324@msn.com

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November Highlights at Franklin Public Library

Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day. The Library will be closing at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, and closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. The Library will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day after Thanksgiving. The Library's regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1:30-5 p.m.

Book Sale

Franklin Library Book Sale

Friday, November 19, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

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Franklin Public Library Joins the Largest Global Digital Book Club in Offering New York Times Bestseller Page-turning thriller *Five Total Strangers* ebook and audiobook available November 1st for reading and discussion with global audience.

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an online discussion about the book at <https://biglibraryread.com/join-the-discussion/>.

Homework Help Program Starts Monday, November 1st

The Franklin Public Library will start its free Homework Help program for grades 1-8 Monday, November 1st. The program will take place Monday through Thursday, 3-5 p.m. Students will be assisted by either retired teachers or high school students. For more information, please contact Library Director Felicia Oti at foti@minlib.net or (508) 520-4941.

Special Events for Kids & Families

Miss Bree's Bookopoly! November 1 – December 31

Roll the dice, move your piece on our giant board, and have fun with a variety of challenges and chances to win prizes!

Kids Take & Make: Dream Catchers!

Starting November 1st, stop by the library to pick up your own Dream Catcher kit in celebration of American Indian Heritage Month! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

Diwali Celebration! Saturday November 13th, 1-3 p.m.

Diwali celebration for the whole family, including crafts, music, color, and some fun surprises!

Homeschool Hangout! 3rd Thursday of the Month (November 18), 2:30 p.m.

Homeschool families: Join us on the third Thursday of each month for special library-centric programs!

Kids Paint Party! Friday November 20th, 1 p.m.

Denise Palmieri runs this step-by-step paint party specifically for kids! All materials provided! Space is limited. Register at library website to reserve spot. Ages 5-11

Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt! November 26-28

Find the 3 Waldos hidden around the children's and teen rooms in the library, tell a staff member where you saw them, and win a prize!

Santa StoryWalk! Saturday November 27th, 10:30 a.m.

The Franklin Recreation Department and the Franklin Public Library are teaming up again for a cozy winter walk with our favorite Man in Red! Bundle up and meet us at DelCorte Park for a special story walk, followed by cookies and cocoa!

Make with Miss Mitzi, Saturday November 27th @ 1 p.m.

All ages welcome! Email mgousie@minlib.net or register on the calendar to sign up!

D&D with Dean! Saturday November 13th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Teens! Sharpen your DM skills, make that new monster, be a better player! Join the Dean College Collaborative Writer's League for a special D&D workshop!

Teensgiving! Wednesday, November 24th, 11 a.m.

Teen potluck celebration of Thanksgiving! Bring along your favorite snack!

Events for Adults

Padula's Jazz Etc., Sunday, November 7, 3 p.m.

Franklin's own Padula's Jazz Etc. will perform a jazz, Motown, blues and pop. Free and open to the public.

Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, November 23, 7 p.m.

The book for discussion is *A Good Neighborhood*, by Therese Anne Fowler.

For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net.

Knitting Group, Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Think Franklin First this Holiday Season

Town Gift Card Program Still Keeping Dollars in Franklin

By J.D. O'GARA

The holiday season is upon us, and if you're worried about potential holiday gifts sitting on a dock someplace, you might consider shopping locally! The town of Franklin, with help from Dean Bank and the Random Smile Project, have made patronizing town businesses even easier with their Think Franklin First (TFF) gift card program. The TFF program started in November of 2020 with about 30 participating businesses. To date, it has sold roughly \$50,000 in gift cards, of that \$50,000, \$30,000 in cumulative sales have been redeemed by 40 participating Franklin businesses, according to Franklin's new Marketing and Communications Specialist, Lily Rivera. This closed-circuit gift card program directs spending away from large online retailers and other nearby competition and into our

Franklin economy. Consumers can purchase these generic cards as gifts, and recipients can decide where to spend them at participating businesses in town, which are fully reimbursed for the value of the card.

"This project embodies the concept of community wealth building, which essentially is the process of crafting a system in which the community can sustain itself via the collaboration of local government, local businesses and the support of our unified purchasing power," says Rivera. "This project launched just as last year's holiday season kicked off and served as a clear avenue for the community to support Franklin directly during peak economic uncertainty. Our sponsors at Dean Bank, Allegra Marketing, Swipe-it.com and La Cantina Winery played a substantial role ensuring that businesses had the means to participate. Dean Bank is a Platinum Sponsor, which means they contributed \$5,000+ to the program. Allegra and Swipe-it.com are Silver level sponsors, and La Cantina is a Bronze sponsor."

Think Franklin First gift cards valued at \$25 and up can be purchased online at www.franklingiftcard.com. Customers can then choose to have a physical gift card mailed or e-gift card sent to them or anyone of their choosing. You can also purchase a TFF gift card (in cash - ATMs are available) at Dean Bank at 21 Main Street, Franklin, during regular business hours in cash.



The project's website, www.franklingiftcard.com holds the most current list of participants, which includes restaurants, retail stores, services and more. Card holders can visit the website at any time to find out which businesses accept the cards, to check their card balance, or to reload a card. Participating businesses also advertise their involvement in the initiative with Think Franklin First window clings and tent cards at checkout, which have been Allegra Print, Mail & Marketing of Franklin.

If you purchased a card, now's a great time to use it! As of mid-October 2021, 900 active physical gift cards and 80 e-gift cards still had outstanding balances, meaning there is about \$20,000 in TFF gift cards ready to be redeemed.

Rivera points out that the Think Franklin First gift card program is intended as a long-term effort to foster a strong sense of community. The Think Franklin First Gift Card program is endorsed by the Franklin Downtown Partnership, the Metrowest Visitors Bureau, MyLocalMA, The United Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

For more information visit www.franklingiftcard.com.

Businesses interested in participating in or sponsoring the Think Franklin First program can reach out to Lily Rivera, Marketing and Communications Specialist at riveral@franklinps.net or visit www.franklingiftcard.com/sponsors.

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Parents to Be Asked to Participate in BFCCPS Review

During the week of November 29, 2021, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School. The Office of Public School Monitoring

reviews each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education

Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

Parent outreach is an important part of the review process.

The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records.

Parents and other individuals may call Corey Steinman, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at (781) 338-3742 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the review,

the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/>.

About the Benjamin Franklin Charter School

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School's mission is to assist parents in their role as primary educators of their children by providing students with a classical academic education coupled with sound character development and community service. Our mission is supported by four distinct, yet interconnected pillars that provide for a collaborative, rigorous education for all students. These pillars guide, direct and define the school in all it does.



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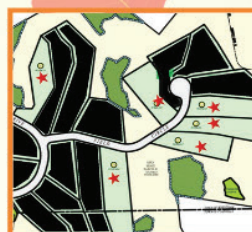
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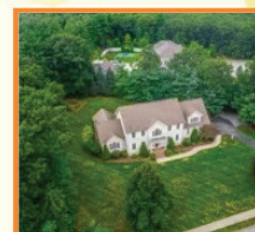
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