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# Santa Foundation Continues to Provide for Local Families in Need after 36 Years

By J.D. O'GARA

2021 will be The Santa Foundation's 36th year. "Covid-19 has definitely impacted day-to-day operations, but we've developed a contact free environment that keeps everyone safe and functioning as best as possible. Jan Prentice & Lia Thomas are the backbone of The Santa Foundation's workshop. We helped over 600 families last year and are on a pace to exceed that in 2021" says Richard "Dick" Timmons, who continues the Robert Sullivan's legacy with his wife Cindy and a handful of volunteers. December is obviously the busiest one for The Santa Foundation, which this year



Shown, Michelle Caddell, a Middlesex Savings Bank Manager and Santa Foundation Director, admires one of the Santa Foundation Giving trees. The organization expects to provide gifts to over 700 local families in need this year.

anticipates handing out gifts to about approximately 5,000 people - over 700 families, says Timmons. The Santa Foundation works with local food pantries, The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and local housing authorities. "We are supported by many local business and families who make donations and adopt families in need," says Timmons. "Many of the businesses are listed on our website." Two excellent young recruits, Patrick Timmons and Karina Thomas, help inform the community through the Santa Foundation website and

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# Veteran's Day Luncheon Resumes

*Annual Veterans Services Event at Senior Center Back after Covid Hiatus*

By J.D. O'GARA

Tables were filled at the annual Franklin Veteran's Day Luncheon as about 100 veterans and family members joined to for a salute to their service on November 11th, 2021. New Veterans Services Officer Shannon Nisbett emceed the event, honoring veterans and reading a proclamation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts honoring the 388,000 veterans in the state. Nisbett welcomed speaker Maj. William S. Chen (USA, Ret.) a career U.S. Army officer for over 32 years in the field of missiles and missile defense who retired as a Major General and was the first Chinese-American to wear a 2-star rank in the U.S. Army. Chen, himself the son of a US Army Air Force pilot, later worked as a defense industry ex-



A slew of volunteers, including Town Administrator Jamie Hellen, worked together to make Veteran's Day special for those who served.

ecutive for almost 18 years in various domestic and international business assignments. Major Chen, author of *Unsung Heroes*, a book detailing the sacrifices of Chinese American veterans of World War II, was instrumental in gaining recognition

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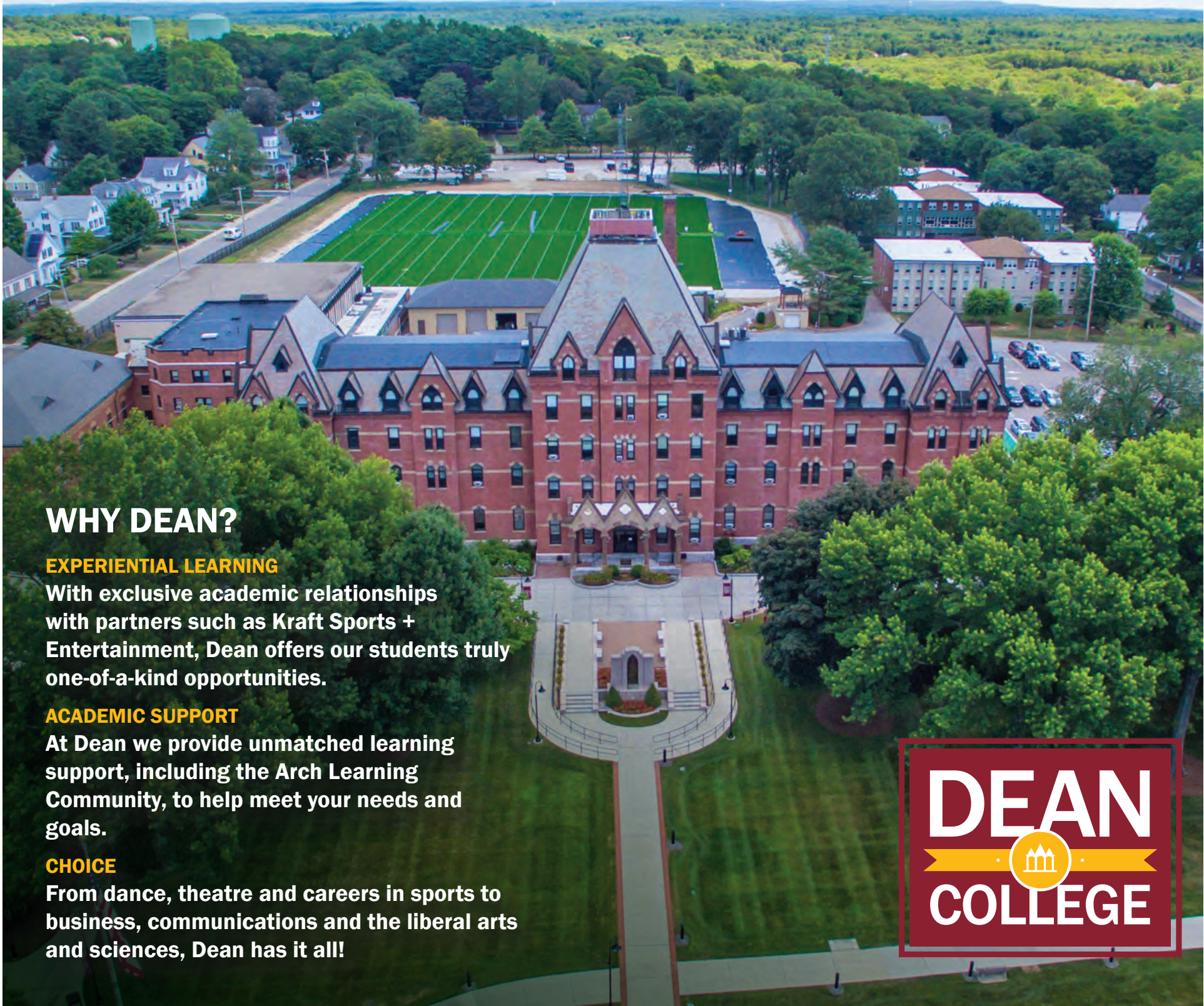
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# Helping Students Lead and Succeed: The Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business at Dean College

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The naming honors alumnus and longtime benefactor Dean R. Sanders '47 and his tremendous lifetime giving, which culminated in a donation of more than \$3 million—the largest estate gift in the College's 156-year history. Sanders, who attended Dean Academy from 1945-1947, spent his entire working life at The Espoma Company, transforming the small company his father started into the lawn and garden industry's leading organic plant food manufacturer.

The Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business serves to not only honor Sanders' transfor-



mational estate gift—which will impact all current and future Dean College students—but also to inspire students with his success story.

“At Dean College, we believe that the true success of the Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business comes from the programs and faculty and staff who support those endeavors,” said Dr. P. Gerard Shaw, Dean of the Sanders School of Business. “The enhanced stature of associating the School of Business with the Sanders name and this successful family business will carry us to the next level of the complexities of business management education.”

The Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business is currently home to more than 500 full-time

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in the Fall 2021 semester. Students in the School of the Arts, Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance and School of Liberal Arts can also supplement their primary course of study with a double major or minor in the Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business for a full interdisciplinary education.

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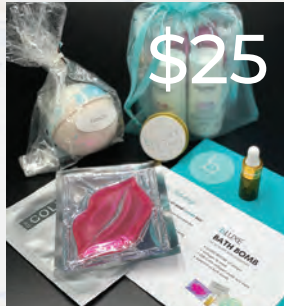
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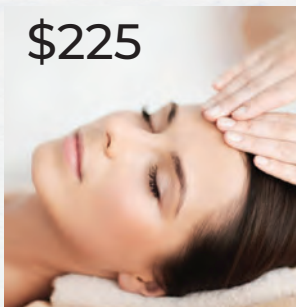


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social media, says Timmons. “We’re continuing to limit staffing in the workshop,” says Patrick Timmons, Dick’s son. “We are still practicing contactless pickup and other precautions to keep our volunteers and families getting gifts safe. It does not slow us down or impede our impact.”

“A lot of volunteer families are still traditionally adopting and buying (gifts) for a needy family and dropping it off to us to deliver,” says Cindy Timmons. Another option to support The Santa Foundation is to purchase from its Amazon Wish List, which folks can find at <https://www.sfjoy.org/donate-to-sf>. Gifts purchased there ship directly to the organization at 1 Joy St, Franklin.

The Santa Foundation, in cooperation with local sponsors, has a number of “giving trees” in various locations. Folks may take a tag that lists a gift wish from a family member in need from one of these trees, purchase the gift, and return it to the tree location. This year, giving trees are located at:

- Postal Center, 279 E Central Street, Franklin
- Postal Center, 9 Medway Rd., Ste. C, Milford
- Postal Center, 14 Milliston Rd., Millis
- King Street Cafe, 390 King St., Franklin
- Norfolk Credit Union, 194 Main St., Norfolk
- Middlesex Bank, 1000 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin
- James Roadside Café, 850 Franklin St., Wrentham
- Franklin Police Department, 911 Panther Way, Franklin
- Medway Police Department, 315 Village St., Franklin
- Norfolk Fire Department, 117 Main St, Norfolk

The Covid shutdown canceled many of the SF fundraiser events like its annual golf tournament, as well as Breakfast with Santa. Despite the cancellation, however, many of the sponsors chose to donate anyway, which has helped sustain operations. (For a complete list of sponsors, visit The Santa Foundation’s website.) In 2021, The Santa

Foundation was able to host a safe, outdoor charity event at La Cantina Winery. This event generated over \$15,000, which will go a long way towards helping local families.

In addition, sales of The Santa Foundation’s annual fundraising calendar, also available online this year, have been robust. “We sold over 50% online,” says Pat. “We created a very easy form for people to fill out if they wanted more than one, and that worked very well. (This was) shared across the Franklin town website, and remote teams at work. (This sale) was a big driver for raising funds this year.”

Since it began, the Santa Foundation has delivered gifts to over 109,200 people. What began in Franklin 36 years ago has expanded to include needy families in Medway, Norfolk, and families in many of the surrounding towns.

In addition to gifts during the holiday season, The Santa Foundation also uses financial donations “to help people with heat, rent and utilities throughout the year,” says Dick Timmons, “especially as we get to the colder months, and with senior citizens

on fixed income and the current unemployment situation.” The easiest way to provide a financial donation is through The Santa Foundation’s website, [sfjoy.org](http://sfjoy.org).

Gift cards to stores such as Walmart, Target, Stop & Shop and Big Y also always come in handy, says Timmons. “We’re also experiencing a great need for Pampers, diapers, and children’s clothes for boys and girls under 5, and we’re seeing people need coats and hats and gloves. Some years, kids want toys, but I think people are getting down to basic needs; they want gift cards for food and clothing more than prior years.”

Donations made on another person’s behalf, in their name, may also be a perfect gift this holiday season, says Timmons.

“I am always amazed at how the season brings out the generosity in everyone, from children that donate their presents to senior citizens that make quilts, mittens and hats for children in need. It is heart warming to be part of such a wonderful community that epitomizes that giving is better than receiving”

To reach the Santa Foundation, located at 1 Joy Street in Franklin, visit [www.sfjoy.org](http://www.sfjoy.org), or find them on Facebook. You can also call (508) 528-1767 or email [hello@sfjoy.org](mailto:hello@sfjoy.org).

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success in their future careers. The partnership with Kraft, for example, provides students with access to stadiums and facilities, chances to meet professional athletes and executives and internships at the New England Patriots, New England Revolution and Boston Uprising—preparing students to launch a career in sports.

There are also countless opportunities for business students to network with industry leaders, pursue internships and careers and learn from professionals in the field. The Dean Leadership Institute in particular welcomes guest speakers to share their stories and expertise with students. Past speakers have included executives from Nike, Microsoft, The Kraft Group, Life is good, and more. Alumni go on to work for regional, national and global organizations, including Liberty Mutual, Kraft Sports + Entertainment, Bose Corporation, Boston Celtics, Dell Technologies and more.

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I'm not here to guess how high, how long, or place blame.

I can share some actions based on "Inflation rewards debtors and hurts creditors," a timeless premise reiterated recently by famed Yale economist Robert Shiller.

Consider the following:

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**Diversify Fixed Income and Increase Assets.** With inflation outpacing Treasuries, that part



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of your portfolio loses buying power. Don't abandon all your treasuries, but mix in assets that tend to keep up with inflation.

Consider adding REITs (real estate investment trusts), TIPs (treasury inflation-protected securities), commodities, and equities growing their dividends consistently above inflation.

Words of caution, high-

yielding stocks tend to move downward like fixed-rate bonds during inflationary times and evolve beyond "oil and gold" for commodities to include metals in renewable energy and necessities within technology.

**Buy Instead of Rent or Lease.** Bad news renters, your landlord will be hiking rates to keep pace with inflation, thus you're unprotected. Homeowners, your mortgage is fixed and the inflation-adjusted value of your payments declines at the same rate as inflation rises. Also, the replacement value of your home tends to rise with costs of land, materials, and labor.

Buy higher quality durable goods that last longer (i.e. clothes, appliances, machinery) delaying replacement at higher costs. Autos should be bought, financed (see mortgage example), and owned for extended periods. Changing cars every 3-4 years means you're buying the same utility (transportation) at a higher price versus utility at a fixed cost of 8-10 years.

**Negotiate and Lock-In Expenses.** Subscription services, cable, internet, phone plans, insurance premiums, gym memberships, credit card APRs are recurring costs that are often negotiable. Also, discounts if prepay, pay annually, or commit to extended periods. Most not advertised, so ask.

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You can't control how inflation rises and falls, but you can control financial decisions today that will help manage inflation tomorrow. To learn more, talk with your Certified Financial Planner.

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for this largely forgotten group of 20,000, 40% of whom served the United States as non-citizens, thanks to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. On December 18, 2018, however, Chinese American veterans of WWII were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Major Chen donated two books to the town of Franklin, one of which is at the Veterans Services office, the other at the Franklin Public Library.

As part of the event, Franklin residents Kim Mu-Chow and Lester Chow, whose fathers were among those Chinese American veterans of WWII, spoke about the pride their loved ones took in serving their countries, and how their service helped their families prosper.

As part of the proceedings, Franklin DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggio, himself a US Army veteran, address the town's flag policy for the group. The DPW, he noted, oversees 36 flags, working with the Town Administrator and veterans organizations. Although flag policy dictates that when a half-staff order is issued,

the flag located at the town offices building should be flown at half-staff, for better visibility, the flag located on the bridge in the center of town as well as the flag located at the Veterans Memorial at Franklin Town Common would also be lowered. Cantoreggio also noted that there are two brand-new parking spots dedicated to veterans at the Franklin Senior Center.

Members of the Franklin High School choir performed the National Anthem, a musical interlude and "God Bless America." Following the presentations, Nisbett expressed thanks to the Remington Middle School and Oak Street Elementary students, who made Veterans' Day cards, as well as to the Franklin Elks, Starbucks, Elina's Market and Hillside Nurseries for their contributions to the day. She noted that the monthly veterans' coffee social also takes place on the first Wednesday of the month at the Franklin Senior Center, at 10 a.m. Those events usually feature a keynote speaker, are open to all veterans, and refreshments are generously provided by Starbucks.

**Lester Chow and Kim Mu-Chow are shown here with Maj. Chen and Franklin Veterans Services Officer Shannon Nisbett. Chow and Mu-Chow's fathers are among veterans chronicled in Chen's book, *Unsung Heroes*.**



**Maj. Chen explained that Chinese Americans who served in WWII were largely not recognized for their efforts, until, after advocacy, they were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2018. Displayed at the event were two of those medals.**



**Members of the American Legion are shown here with Maj. Chen.**



**Children from the Remington Middle School and Oak Street Elementary created cards for veterans.**

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# Beards – and Caps – for a Cause

By J.D. O'GARA

If Franklin Police officers seem a little warmer and fuzzier this holiday season, it's not your imagination. This November and December, department members are participating once again in No Shave

November and December. Officers are allowed to forego a little bit of the traditional grooming requirements and grow a beard (or their best attempt), or, if they're female, wear a knitted camo skullcap, for a \$50-\$100 donation per month. November's donations benefitted Cops For Kids With Cancer, Inc. This organization has assisted several Franklin families and children who have had or currently have cancer. December's donations will go directly to a Franklin family in need.

The fundraiser "has been running about five or six years," says Franklin Police Chief Lynch, who says a good number of the department are participating.

According to the organization's social media, Cops For Kids With Cancer, Inc. provides "assistance to families of children fighting cancer, easing financial burdens so all their energies can go to helping their child beat cancer." The group donates \$5,000 to each family, to use as they see necessary. "Our hope is to remove some financial burden so



Members of the Franklin Police Department who have donated funds for the privilege of not shaving (or wearing a skull cap, if they're female), for the months of November and December. Money raised will benefit Cops for Kids with Cancer, Inc., and a Franklin family in need. From left, Officer Tetrault, Officer Lagoa, Officer Martini, Officer Guarino, Officer Marguerite, Officer Ayer, and Chief Lynch.

all their energies can go to helping their child beat cancer and live a healthy life," notes the website.

Chief Lynch notes, "three times, since I have been Chief, (Cops For Kids With Cancer) have received an application

(from a family in Franklin) and approved it, then came down here, met with me, and I ended up giving the check to the family."

As for December's collection, Chief Lynch explains, funds "go to a local individual or family in town that is dealing with some kind of financial hardship. This will help them out." Thanks to the department's practice of community policing, he says, "it's not hard to find out about a Franklin resident or family that might be having a difficult time, diagnosis or something else. The Union ends up making the decision as to what they're going to do."

The Franklin Police Patrol Association also participates in collecting toys and gifts for The Santa Foundation, as well as holds a Fill-A-Cruiser event on Black Friday each year that benefits residents during the December holidays.

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# Franklin Woman to Step in Ring this Month to Fight Cancer

By J.D. O'GARA

This month, Franklin resident, Lisa DeFrancesco, will be taking a shot at knocking out cancer by fighting in the annual, "Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl" charity boxing event. On Tuesday, December 7th at the House of Blues Boston, DeFrancesco, along with 25 other brave individuals residing in the New England area, will be stepping into the squared circle at this year's event to raise money for The Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

DeFrancesco, who has lived in Franklin for seven years, is a married Mom of four. She found boxing at 1-2 Boxing in Franklin (which has since closed) a few years ago, simply looking for a new fitness routine.

"I was just looking to switch things up," says DeFrancesco, a real estate photographer, who quickly fell in love with the sport. "I loved it from the first class," she says. "It's a challenge, something you're never going to be perfect at no matter how

long you do it. There's always something to improve upon. I like the strategy of it. I think a lot of people who don't watch boxing think it's just a couple people punching each other, but for someone who knows a little something about the work and mechanics that go into it, it's something to watch. It's not a typical mother's workout."

Her coach at the time had suggested she do the Haymakers for Hope event, but DeFrancesco had shied away from the big event. Haymakers opens registration to everyday professionals in the Greater Boston area who have never boxed and want to practice the sport in front of a sellout crowd at the House of Blues. Participants get matched at local partnering gyms where they go through 4 months of intensive training. Since inception, Haymakers has raised more than \$14.5M.

After her gym closed, DeFrancesco found herself at Elite Boxing in Attleboro, and then, right before Covid, she got a shocker.



**Lisa DeFrancesco, of Franklin, will do her best to punch out cancer at Haymakers for hope Belles of the Brawl, a fundraising boxing match for Dana Farber that will take place at the House of Blues December 7th.**

"I had breast cancer," says DeFrancesco. At the end of 2019, she had gone for her regular checkup. "My doctor had said

guidelines had changed and you don't need to do a mammogram every year, and that I could go next year." DeFrancesco decided to go ahead anyway with the test. "And so I went, and that's when they found something. Thank God I went. You have to be your own advocate. It's your body, and it's just so important to trust your instincts and trust yourself."

With her official diagnosis coming in February of 2020, DeFrancesco says that since it was caught early, doctors weren't too concerned. In March, she went through "the whole gamut of meeting with the surgeon, oncology, general testing. We kind of went through that whirlwind and then the very next day, everything shut down. They said, 'Okay, you need surgery, but we can't do it right now.' And the worst part was, nobody knew when."

The wait ended up being four months, and after treatment and finally being diagnosed cancer free, she heard from her original boxing coach with a text that read, "Now?"

Now was the time, and DeFrancesco is looking to face her opponent in the ring with three 2-minute rounds. The amateur boxer isn't worried, as she'll be wearing full headgear, and she has the support of her husband, children and friends.

"This kind of came together as two worlds that I'm super passionate about," says DeFrancesco. "I never expected cancer to be part of my story, but I'm looking at this as a way to show my kids and anybody who's interested that it's not what happens in life, it's what you do with what happens in life."

If you would like to support Lisa's fundraising efforts prior to her fight, visit

<https://haymakersforhope.org/event/boston/2021/belles-brawl-viii/lisa-defrancesco>

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# Hamilton Cast to perform at THE BLACK BOX!



The cast of the national tour of the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton* will take the stage at THE BLACK BOX in downtown Franklin on Monday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. The cast, including Franklin Performing Arts Company friend Christopher Rice-Thomson, will perform their holiday favorites in an exclusive one night fundraiser event. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Franklin Performing Arts Company and The Santa Foundation.

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artists, local performers, and students of the arts. Their performances feature live orchestras and professional artists, and they often provide a first glimpse into the world of theater for local youth.

Featured in the concert is *Hamilton* cast member and frequent Franklin visitor Christopher Rice-Thomson. Rice-Thomson is on the Broadway Faculty at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) and has performed with FPAC at THE BLACK BOX in

In addition to the donation from the event, patrons are invited to bring a wrapped gift to the show to be donated to The Santa Foundation. The Santa Foundation, established 30 years ago, provides gifts for families in need at the holidays.

The December 6 Broadway event will also support the Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC) and THE BLACK BOX. From the beginning, FPAC has followed a mission dedicated to promoting the performing arts with an emphasis on youth development. Through FPAC, THE BLACK BOX stage is graced by Broadway stars, professional



Newsies (Jack Kelly) as well as his own creation Christopher Rice's *The Tappy Christmas Special: LIVE!*.

Tickets for this exciting one-night-only concert are available at [THEBLACKBOXonline.com](http://THEBLACKBOXonline.com) or by calling the box office at (508) 528-3370. THE BLACK BOX is located at 15 W. Central Street in downtown Franklin, MA.

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# Franklin Garden Club to Hold Holiday Wreath and Arrangement Sale

The Franklin Garden Club will sell decorated holiday wreaths on Saturday, December 4 from

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Daddario's Hardware Store, 528

West Central Street, Franklin, Mass. In addition, holiday fresh floral arrangements will be sold on Instagram from December 6 – 20. The Franklin Garden Club Instagram handle is @franklingardenclubma. The sales will benefit several different club activities.

The real wreaths will be decorated in a variety of colors and styles and will include eye-catching bows and other ornamentation. Many will include a variety of greens. They will be reasonably priced from \$25 - \$35. The floral arrangements, created with fresh flowers and greens, will feature either holiday or winter themes and will be priced from \$15 - \$25.



Payment for the wreaths and centerpiece may be made through credit card, check, cash, or Venmo.

Club Co-Presidents Janice Cederquist and Mary Anne Dean stated, "We are very excited to offer area residents the opportunity to purchase beautiful holiday wreaths and arrangements created by members of the Franklin Garden Club. This will help those who may not have the time to decorate their own wreaths or make arrangements, while also assisting the Club. All proceeds will benefit Garden Club activities, including the Club scholarship, pine tree seedling program for elementary school students, some of the Franklin Common and library plantings, and education programs open to the public. The Franklin Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

# Franklin Lions Support Franklin Food Pantry



On Tuesday, November 9th, Kristine Shanahan, President, Franklin MA Lions Club presented Tina Powderly, Executive Director of Franklin Food Pantry, a check for \$740. These funds were raised at the Lions Trunk n' Treat held on October 23, 2021. The Lions wants to thank all of Franklin Community for supporting the Franklin Food Pantry again this year.

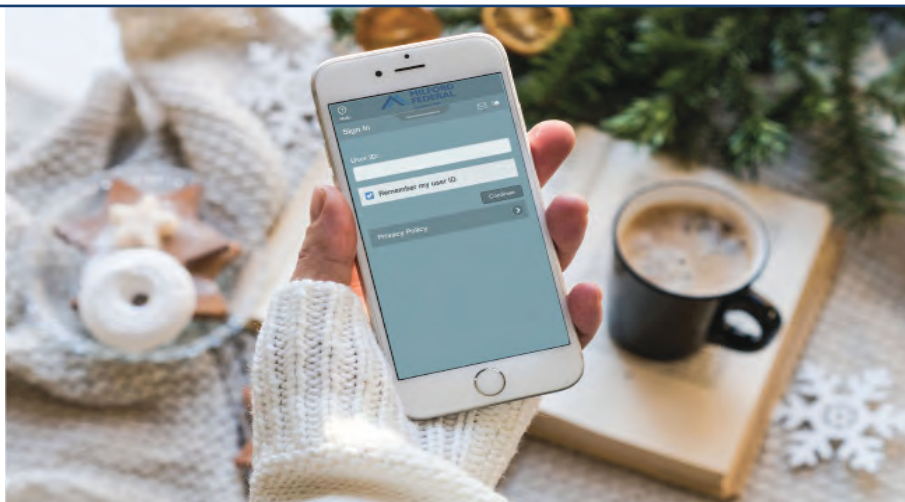
# Decking the Halls in Downtown Franklin

The Franklin Downtown Partnership and the Franklin Garden Club joined forces this year to decorate the downtown for the holidays on Nov. 20th. "We're a group of volunteers dedicated to making the downtown area festive during the holiday season," FDP volunteer Eileen Mason said. "The decorations make Franklin even more inviting to residents and visitors and help draw people downtown to enjoy our local shops and restaurants." The Franklin Downtown Partnership is a non-profit, 501©3 organization comprised of more



than 350 businesses that supports downtown revitalization and streetscape efforts, and organizes events such as the Straw-

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## Happy Holidays!

BY GINA WOELFEL

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These past few years have been especially challenging, yet, with your love and support, we had one of our best years ever, even being named one of the top salons in the US. That achievement came directly from you! Thank you for being our biggest cheerleaders and trusting us for all of your beauty needs. There's so many of you who've been with us since we opened in 2011 and even more who found us this past year. We have so much gratitude in our hearts for this outpouring of support!

We're often asked about our name and how we came to be known as b.LUXE.

From a young age, owner Heather Cohen always knew she wanted a career in beauty and dreamed of owning her own salon. As she says "I've had the b.LUXE name in my head since before I went to cosmetology school! I guess I've always believed that everyone deserves a little luxury in their lives. So BE LUXE!"

So what is luxury to you? We often think of opulent homes or expensive cars, but with the pandemic and two years of stripped down, simplified living, has your idea of luxury changed? I know mine has. Now I try to tease out a little luxury each day. My favorite "indulgence" is my morning cup of coffee. I love this pre-sunrise block of time I

set aside for myself. Waking before the house fills with commotion, I give myself 30 minutes of unadulterated alone-time. Just me and my Folgers... That's my luxury.

Now I know what you're thinking. "A cup of coffee isn't luxurious, right"! Well, for me, setting aside a time solely for myself and starting each day on the right, caffeinated foot is very luxurious.

Do you treat yourself to something special every day? A long walk? A nightly soak in the tub? A great book? That's your luxury, and you deserve it! If it's something that brings you joy and sends you back out into the world a better person, indulge away!

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# Living Healthy

## Laser Cataract Surgery Closer to Home: The Best Technology for 2022

By: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.  
MILFORD FRANKLIN EYE CENTER

### What is a cataract and what is cataract surgery?

A cataract is a common condition in which the normally clear lens of the eye becomes progressively cloudy. When light passes through a clear lens, the light can focus to a point, creating a clear view. When light passes through a cataract, the light gets distorted, creating a blurred view. Treatment for cataracts involves surgery to remove the cataract and replace it with

an intraocular lens implant. It is the most common surgical procedure in the US and around the world and is considered to be an extremely successful and safe procedure. It's an exciting time to be offering cataract surgery! Laser technology and advanced lens implants allow not only for clear vision but also for reduction in need for glasses.

### What is laser cataract surgery?

Many of the steps of cataract surgery are traditionally performed using handheld tools. Now, they can be completed with the precision of a laser. Using the Catalys Precision Laser System, your surgeon can offer you unprecedented accuracy and customization in your cataract surgery procedure. Your surgeon can use the laser to create a circular opening for accessing and removing the cataract. Clinical studies have shown that this opening is more accurate when performed with the laser than what is achievable by hand. The laser then softens and breaks up the hard cataract into tiny pieces, allowing for gentler, easier cataract removal. Depending on your pre-operative vision and desired visual result, your surgeon may recommend a tailored treatment plan that could include creating ultra-precise laser incisions in the cornea and a specific lens implant type. This tailored treatment may reduce your need for glasses or contact lenses after surgery.

### What are my choices for lens implants during surgery?

Once a cataract is removed this cloudy lens will be replaced with an implant called an intraocular lens or an IOL. IOLs can have a wide range of capabilities. Given as they are a lens, they can have different focusing properties. IOLs can be correcting for a single focus point, correct for astigmatism, or correct for all distances.



### What is a standard, Single focus implant?

A standard single focus implant or monofocal implant corrects for a single distance only. It is unable to focus at all distances. Glasses will be needed after surgery to focus at other distances. This implant is covered by all insurances at the time of the cataract surgery.

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### What is a Toric IOL?

A toric IOL is also a single focus implant, but it is also able to correct corneal astigmatism. Many patients have always had astigmatism and the standard implant will improve their vision. The Toric IOL will allow for these patients to be able to see clearly at a set distance without the aid of glasses (most patients choose distance).

### What is a multifocal implant?

A Multifocal implant corrects for vision at all distances - near, intermediate, and far. This IOL allows for many patients to be free of glasses. Its advantage is the true capacity to provide a much more functional ability; ability to drive, read a cell phone, read the dash, read a note. For more strenuous activities such as doing taxes, reading the small print on a medication bottle or prolonged detailed close work, at times, a minor pair of over-the-counter reading glasses may also make such tasks more comfortable.

There are several types of these implants that are FDA approved: The Panoptix implant is a true trifocal implant allowing for comfortable all-distance vision. The Vivity implant is simi-

lar to Panoptix with night vision risks however may require more help for close reading tasks.

### What are the risks of a multifocal implant?

In the early days after the implantation with the multifocal implant many patients notice some glare and halos. These are a direct result of the concentric rings of the implants that also produce the near and the distance image. After a period of adjustment, most patients glare and halos subside significantly, although they will always be there if one looks for them. The new Vivity implant causes much less risk of halos.

### Who is not a good candidate for multifocal implants?

It is very important to note that a multifocal implant may not be the best choice for all patients. Some patients with some eye conditions, such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal disease or glaucoma, may be better candidates for monofocal implants or for the Vivity implant.

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It's an exciting time to be a cataract surgeon or surgery patient! The technological innovations in our field are truly

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# You're Invited to The Bird & Bear Collective

Have you heard about, or visited, The Bird & Bear Collective yet? If not, maybe you've seen their Love Better, See the Good, Camp Quarantine, or Mama Bird and Mama Bear apparel out and about?

Located right in downtown Holliston, the Bird & Bear is a living, loving, and breathing collective of community, creatives, entrepreneurs, ideas and invitations. It's a unique space, brand, and business-model imagined by Medway local, Erin Defoyd, to bring people together and invite opportunities to purposefully gather; support small businesses, and shop small.

In late 2018 Erin, a self-proclaimed farmer's daughter and corporate refugee, stepped out of a 15+ year career in global marketing, diversity, and inclusion to pursue the entrepreneurial opportunity she saw coming to life in her backyard barn. The Bird & Bear Collective was launched in May of 2019 out of that backyard barn, and has continuously expanded and evolved over the past two years, even in the midst of a global pandemic.

Erin and her family were seeing something special happen in their backyard space. Together with family and friends they witnessed what happens when you have a space that you choose to open the doors to, for any and all kinds of gathering, play, creativity, conversation, and moments that matter, that barriers are broken, connection happens, and memories are made.

The journey from the backyard barn in Medway, to the downtown historic bank in Holliston has been grounded in the Bird & Bear's tag-line ~ a place

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to nest, rest, explore, and soar. When asked what that means, Erin's eyes will light up as she shares the heart of the Bird & Bear.

"Birds and Bears, just like you and I, are very different beings. In size, what we look like, and how we live and do our day to day. Yet, even though we

are different, we, just like birds and bears, go through very intentional seasons of quiet nesting and resting, so that we can explore and soar. For some, the Bird & Bear will feel like a quiet nest or den to come home to, and for others it will feel like an invitation, or perhaps a gentle nudge, to step out and explore the wilderness of our lives."

Like many over the past 18 months, the Bird & Bear has had to pivot and evolve in response to the pandemic, but it's the spirit of the collective that has not only sustained it's momentum, but has their space (in-person and online) to come alongside so many birds and bears...each of you.

During a "typical" month at the collective (there is nothing typical about the collective), the calendar will include a variety of invitations, small business pop-ups, and special events. Unique workshops take place 3-4 days a week across creativity, leadership, and wellness ~ examples include creating charcuterie boards, learning about the Enneagram, flower



The backyard barn where it all began

design, wellness with essential oils, hand-lettering, and productivity. Small businesses and brands have the opportunity to host private or public pop-up events that feature their products and services. During the week there is space available for people to work, host a meeting, or simply step away from their day-to-day into a space designed to welcome and encourage. And while the backyard barn is no longer headquarters for the Bird & Bear, it remains a destination for photographers to capture families and brands.

If you haven't yet visited the Bird & Bear's new location at 763 Washington Street, we encourage you to do so. The space has been beautifully designed by Medway local Sabrina Pettinichio, and is alive with the sisterhood contributions of many local entrepreneurs (Abigail Furey, Sue Conroy, Paulina Teng, Kim Chisholm, Corinne Lewis, Tara Barrows, Laura McGann, Molly Bradosky, Anne St. Vrain, and many more).

You can follow them on social media @birdandbearcollective and visit their website [www.birdandbearcollective.com](http://www.birdandbearcollective.com)



Erin Defoyd,  
Owner of The Bird  
& Bear Collective



A look inside the space



# Franklin Police: Crash with Property Damage under Investigation

The Franklin Police Department is currently investigating an incident at roughly 10:43 p.m. November 9, with a Jordan Road resident reporting that a Ford F450 truck had crashed into her garage, damaging that structure and a vehicle within that garage.

The driver of the truck was immediately transported to a nearby hospital, treated and released. Although the investigation is ongoing and not yet completed, charges are anticipated.

The suspect driver is a sworn member of the Franklin Police Department but was not on duty at the time of the incident. The officer is being placed on paid administrative leave by the Town Administrator. Further information will be released should charges be taken.

\*This release was current as of Franklin Local Town Pages' deadline for the December issue. For further updates, visit us at [www.franklintownnews.com](http://www.franklintownnews.com).

# Dean College Presents: *I Hate Hamlet*, December 2-5, 2021

The School of the Arts at Dean College will perform *I Hate Hamlet*, beginning Thursday, December 2 through Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Andrew Rally, a young and successful television actor, relocates to New York, where he rents a marvelous, gothic apartment. With his television career in limbo, Rally is offered the opportunity to play Hamlet on-stage, but there's one problem: He hates *Hamlet*. His dilemma deepens with the entrance of the ghost of actor John Barrymore, who arrives intoxicated and in full costume to the apartment that once was his. In this play by award-winning author Paul Rudnik, the contrast between the two actors, the dissipated Barrymore, whose Hamlet was the greatest of his time, and Rally, the television star, leads to a wildly

funny duel over women, art, success, duty, television, and yes, the apartment.

*I Hate Hamlet* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The Dean College production of *I Hate Hamlet* will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday – Saturday, with matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 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](http://www.dean.edu/boxoffice).

# Franklin Woman Awarded for Strength & Positivity

HMEA—a private, not for profit agency that supports nearly 4,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families—today announced that Franklin, Massachusetts resident Rachel Labella has received the agency's 2021 Founders Award. The HMEA Founders Award is given annually to an individual supported by the agency who has demonstrated significant personal accomplishment, or who has overcome barriers with courage and determination.

Labella, an HMEA group home resident, has overcome numerous medical challenges in her young life. She is legally blind, has hearing loss, a heart condition, and an immune deficiency. Most recently, she was hospitalized and diagnosed with critical diabetes. In a short span of time, Labella's life as she knew it dras-



mates and staff members, determined to approach this new challenge with the same upbeat attitude that has served her well throughout her years.

Labella was nominated by Cheyana Whitelaw, an HMEA staff member at her group home.

"Rachel never fails to amaze all of us," Whitelaw said. "She is, and has been, a hero to those who have had the pleasure to work with her, taking what

many said was impossible and triumphing over all obstacles. Throughout it all, she continues to demonstrate concern for those around her. She is wise beyond her years and exemplifies what this award stands for."

Labella was presented the award at HMEA's 32nd Annual Awards Night. To learn more about HMEA, its programs and services, and the people it serves, visit [www.hmea.org](http://www.hmea.org).

Despite her medical and visual impairments, Labella excelled at learning how to monitor her own blood sugar levels and administer insulin injections. She was able to return to her group home and beloved house-

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# Dean College Presents: New Dancer Showcase, December 10-11, 2021

The Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance at Dean College will perform the *New Dancer Showcase* on Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11, 2021.

The performance is an informal showing of dance works created by upperclassmen dance majors and performed by our first-year dance majors.

The Dean College *New Dancer Showcase* will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Cen-

ter at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

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](http://www.dean.edu/boxoffice).

# FPAC Holiday Productions Presents *Humbug!*

FPAC Holiday Productions will present *Humbug!* an original musical running December 18 and 19 at the Franklin High School Auditorium. A family favorite 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 contemporary 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.

You can follow FPAC on Facebook (Franklin Performing Arts Company) and Instagram (@franklin.performing.arts.co). For tickets and more information, visit [www.FPAConline.com](http://www.FPAConline.com) or call the box office at (508) 528-3370.

# Local Realty Group Offers Hope for Heroes



Pictured are Caroline and Christine Molla of Costello Realty Franklin, who recently supported veterans in need. The office took up a collection of items to be donated to homeless veterans. In addition to the substantial number of items collected, the office also made a generous financial donation to Thanks To Yanks, the funds will be used to further the mission of serving those who serve.

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## Celebrate the Holidays with FPAC's *The Nutcracker*

FPAC Holiday Productions will present the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* 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 holiday classic is brought to Franklin under the direction of former American Ballet Theatre dancer Cheryl Madeux.

Guest Artists Elina Miettinen and James Monroe Števkó will dance the principal roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Elina Miettinen is a New York based professional ballerina, actress, and ballet coach.

Growing up in Finland, Miettinen began taking dance lessons in Helsinki when she was a little girl. She was soon accepted to be a full time student at the Helsinki Dance Institute and ballet became her main focus in life. In 2005 Miettinen was recognized as a young promising dancer in Finland and was awarded a Pro Dance Scholarship. She completed her ballet studies by spending a year training in Amsterdam and taking summer courses in Paris, Cannes, and Copenhagen. Miettinen soon signed a contract with the American Ballet Theatre as the first ballerina from Finland. During the spring of 2019, Miettinen landed

lead roles in short films "Island" and "Lucid" as well as a supporting role in a film "Lola" which made it into film festivals across the United States. Miettinen recently launched her ballet course



online, "Ballet Body Today" ([www.balletbodytoday.com](http://www.balletbodytoday.com)). Her mission is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to learn ballet and experience the great benefits that ballet can bring.

James Monroe Števkó is a NYC-based dancer and actor. He started dancing at 18 after entering college as a trumpet player. He last made his principal acting debut in the award-winning production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in Yiddish, directed by Tony, Golden Globe and Academy Award winning director, Joel Grey. Previously, he has also danced with: The Metropolitan Opera, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Milwaukee Ballet, City Ballet of San Diego, and in regional musical theater houses. He has been featured in *Dance Teacher Magazine*, *DanceInforma*, and the *New York Times* Bestseller, *I Will Teach You to be Rich*.

The production features a professional orchestra under the direction of Broadway conductor/arranger Eric Stern. With

19 Broadway shows to his credit, including *Shrek*, *Xanadu*, *Follies*, *Parade*, and *Candide*, Stern has recorded over 30 albums. He has performed in concert with renowned artists Audra McDonald, Mandy Patinkin, Barbara Cook, Dawn Upshaw, Dianne Reeves, Deborah Voigt, Jesse Norman, Thomas Hampson, the Irish Tenors, and many others. Stern has conducted many of the world's top orchestras including the Cleveland Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's and Boston Pops. He won an Emmy for his work for PBS, and his albums have been honored with a Grammy and two Gramophone Awards. He has enjoyed a long association with the National Orchestra of Wales as frequent guest conductor, and he currently teaches conducting at Berklee College of Music.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.FPAConline.com](http://www.FPAConline.com) or call (508) 528-3370. You can follow FPAC on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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9 p.m. - Candlelight Service - no reservation required

### Sunday, December 26th:

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols - no reservation required

### Sunday, January 2, 2022:

10 a.m. - The Epiphany family service - no reservation required

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Please visit our website, [www.kofc1847.org](http://www.kofc1847.org). Online orders will accept Credit Cards. Click the link to donate Food Cards - Holiday Food Card Drive

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## Through Dec. 31

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## December 1

**Horace Mann Middle School Concert, 6 p.m.,** HMMS Auditorium (snow date 12/6)

**Franklin Art Association Holiday Meeting Paint-In, Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., 7:30 p.m.,** <http://www.franklinart.org/>

**Bingo Wednesday, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond St., Franklin, doors open at 4, starts at 6:30 p.m.,** open to public, questions to (508) 533-2136, x5.

## December 3

**Dean College presents I Hate Hamlet, 7:30 p.m.** Dean College Main Stage, visit <https://www.dean.edu/box-office/>

## December 4

**Franklin Garden Club Holiday Wreath & Arrangement Sale, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.,** Daddario's Hardware Store, 528 West Central Street, Franklin. Arrangements \$15-\$35. Will also be sold on Instagram @franklingardenclubma from 12/6-20/2021. Sales benefit group civic activities, including scholarship, pine tree seedlings project, and educational programs.

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**Dean College presents I Hate Hamlet, 2 & 7:30 p.m.** Dean College Main Stage, visit <https://www.dean.edu/box-office/>

**Franklin Performing Arts Company presents, The Nutcracker,** FHS Auditorium, 218 Oak St., Franklin, 7:30 p.m., visit <https://www.fpaonline.com/>

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## December 6

**Franklin Performing Arts Company and cast of the national tour of Hamilton present Hamilton~Home for the Holidays,** fundraiser to benefit Franklin Performing Arts Company & The Santa Foundation, 7:30 p.m., visit [www.fpaonline.com](http://www.fpaonline.com)

## December 7

**The Busy Bee crafter's group Holiday Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Join them at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill Street, Franklin

**Franklin Rotary Club meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central St., Franklin, email Diane Padula at [padularotary@gmail.com](mailto:padularotary@gmail.com) and she will make arrange for you to be a guest at an upcoming meeting

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## December 9

**The Busy Bee crafter's group Holiday Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Join them at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill Street, Franklin

**Holiday Lights at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine open, through December 28th.** 101 Summer St., Holliston, Mass. (Christmas Eve Mass 8 p.m.; Christmas morning Mass 10 a.m.)

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## December 10

**New Dancer Showcase, 7:30 p.m.,** Dean College Main Stage, informal showing of dance works created by upperclassmen dance majors and performed by first-year dance majors. [www.dean.edu/box-office](http://www.dean.edu/box-office)

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## December 12

**Second Sunday Speaker Series, 1 p.m.,** Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin, Franklin native Charlie Harrington discusses his recent book, *A Contemplative Life: Essays and musings from the last of the baby boomers.*

## December 15

**Franklin Newcomers Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,** Upstairs at 3 Restaurant, 461 West Central St., Franklin, complimentary appetizers & beverages, cash bar; this month, annual Yankee Swap, bring wrapped gift, \$20 limit

**Bingo Wednesday, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond St., Franklin, doors open at 4, starts at 6:30 p.m.,** open to public, questions to (508) 533-2136, x5.

## December 18

**Humbug!,** presented by Franklin Performing Arts Company, 7:30 p.m., Franklin High School Auditorium, 218 Oak St., Franklin, visit [www.fpaonline.com](http://www.fpaonline.com)

## December 19

**Humbug!,** presented by Franklin Performing Arts Company, 2 p.m., Franklin High School Auditorium, 218 Oak St., Franklin, visit [www.fpaonline.com](http://www.fpaonline.com)

## December 21

**Franklin Rotary Club meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central St., Franklin, email Diane Padula at [padularotary@gmail.com](mailto:padularotary@gmail.com) and she will make arrange for you to be a guest at an upcoming meeting

## December 22

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## December 29

**Bingo Wednesday, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond St., Franklin, doors open at 4, starts at 6:30 p.m.,** open to public, questions to (508) 533-2136, x5.

# Save the Date!

## Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee 5K

**May 7, 2022**

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"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a destination place to live and to work. However, there are people throughout the county that are truly hurting. Just looking at our monthly foreclosure numbers, we at the Registry of Deeds can see firsthand how people are being adversely impacted. Misfortune can strike anyone in a number of ways."

Today, according to the latest Project Bread statistics, one out of every 10 households in Massachusetts is considered food in-

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Register O'Donnell noted. "As we near the holiday season, there is definitely a need for more food assistance. Household expenses are higher due to the cost of home heating fuel, and also food bills are higher with kids home during school vacation. Let us be mindful during this season that others may be in need of our help."

Non-perishable food items can be brought directly to the Registry of Deeds located at 649 High Street in Dedham, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Suggested donations include canned goods,



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If you can't get to the Registry to drop off food, you can visit [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) for a pantry location in your community.

"Working together, we can truly make a huge difference this holiday season," concluded Register O'Donnell.

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds

events and initiatives, "like" us on [facebook.com/norfolkdeeds](https://www.facebook.com/norfolkdeeds), follow us on twitter and instagram @norfolkdeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate, accessible land record information. All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org). Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101, or email us at [registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org](mailto:registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org).

## Not Just for Newcomers . . .

Come join your Franklin friends and neighbors at the Franklin Newcomers and Friends annual Yankee Swap and Holi-

day Party. Meet us upstairs at "3" Restaurant on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:30. To participate in the swap, bring a

wrapped gift (\$20 limit) and get one in return during the swap - you never know what you'll get! Complimentary appetizers and

beverages are 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. Occasionally,

special circumstances may cause us to switch Wednesdays. 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.

So come join us on the 3rd Wednesday at "3"!

Look for us on our Meetup and Facebook pages for more information.

<https://www.meetup.com/Franklin-Newcomers-Friends>  
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## Learn More about Franklin Rotary Club!

Rotary Club of Franklin MA meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m., at the Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038. The Rotary Club International is a non-profit organization made up of a diverse group of men and women "who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the 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](mailto: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>.



# December at Franklin Public Library

## Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closing at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 23rd. The Library will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, December 24th, and closed on Saturday, December 25th for Christmas Day. The Library will be closing at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 30th, and closed on Friday, December 31st and Saturday, January 1st. 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, December 10, 1-5 p.m.  
Saturday, December 11, 9a.m. to 12 Noon. 1-4 p.m. \$5 bag sale

## 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 reading and creative challenges, and chances to win prizes galore!!

### Kids Take & Make: Desk Organizer!

Starting Saturday, December 4th, stop by and pick up your very own desk organizer kit! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

### Kids Paint Party! Saturday December 4th, 1 p.m.

Join instructor Denise Palmieri for this step-by-step paint party! All materials provided. Ages 5-11!

### Pancakes and Pajamas! Saturday December 11th, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in your jammies for a cozy pancake breakfast, hot cocoa, and a special holiday surprise!

### Make with Miss Mitzi, Saturday December 11th @1 p.m.

New craft project every month! All ages welcome! Email mgousie@minlib.net or register on calendar.

### Homeschool Hangout: Library Edition! 3rd Thursday of the Month (December 16), 2:30 p.m.

Baby-Wearing Dance Party! Friday December 17th @9 a.m.

### Meet the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who! Saturday December 18th @10:30AM

Welcome to Whoville! Join these beloved Seuss characters for a special meet and greet!

### Holiday Movie Marathon & Last Minute Wrapping Station! Friday December 24th, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for "claymation" movies and cocoa while you wrap gifts! Wrapping supplies and cocoa provided!

### Merry Move Along! Monday December 27th @10:30 a.m.

Special festive edition of Monday storytime! 30-minute program; activities to encourage social skills and promote early literacy! Parents and caregivers encouraged to take part.

### Snowflake Sing Along! Tuesday December 28th @10:30 a.m.

Dress up in your favorite fancy clothes and meet some special Snow Sisters you may be familiar with!

### Box City! Wednesday December 29th 1-3 p.m.

We're turning the Meeting Room into a city made out of boxes! Donate your empty boxes from the holidays between now and December 29! Then join us as we decorate the boxes with all sorts of materials and make a whole box town to play with! Creativity is encouraged!

### Noon Year's Eve Party! Thursday December 30th @11 a.m.

Join us for an end of the year bash as we ring in 2022 early! We'll have snacks, games, and a super new year's celebration!

### Pop-Up Cocoa and Coloring! Friday Dec 31ST, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Grab a new book for the New Year! And while you're at it, take a new bookmark to color!

### Teen Take & Makes: Aesthetic Collages!

Starting Saturday, December 4th stop by the library to pick up your very own aesthetic collage kit! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

### Teen Gingerbread Decorating Party! Saturday, December 11th @3 p.m.

### Home Alone at the Library: an Interactive Viewing! Wednesday December 22 @6 p.m. (for teens)

Teen Scavenger Hunt! Monday December 27th, @1 p.m. Email ckeating@minlib.net with any questions!

### Teen Paint Party! Wednesday December 29th @5 p.m.

Teens! Join instructor Denise Palmieri for this step-by-step paint party! All materials provided. Ages 12+

### The Man Who Invented the Christmas Card, Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.,

Adult program about undisputed father of the Christmas card as we know it – German immigrant Louis Prang, presented by Alan Earls.

### We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History, Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m. on Zoom

*We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History* is the story of how women got their rights in America, told by the women who were there.

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# Franklin Historical Museum Winter Hours

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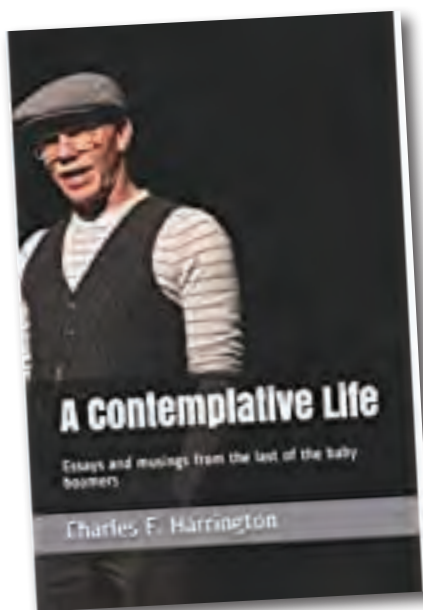


# Franklin Native Harrington to Join Second Sunday Speaker Series

Franklin native Charles Harrington joins us Sunday December 12 to discuss his book *A Contemplative Life: Essays and musings from the last of the Baby Boomers*. Available at Amazon.

Charlie grew up in Franklin, attended St. Mary School, and was the middle child in the large Harrington family with four older brothers and four younger sisters. One reviewer writes: "Harrington is a talented story-teller and writes about his childhood, romances, addiction and losses to inspire readers to learn from his experiences. He includes personal letters, photographs and poems that make his stories come alive. Readers can relate to his experiences and reflect on what he learned from them."

We are excited to welcome Charlie back home and have him discuss his book, reflect on his life and share his memories of Franklin. We hope you will join us for this next chapter in our monthly Second Sunday Speaker Series. Doors open at 1 p.m., admission is free, and the presentation will start at 1:15. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Franklin Food Pantry.



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# Hamwey Among 7 to be Inducted into Millis Hall of Fame

Local Town Pages sports writer Ken Hamwey will be inducted into Millis High School's Athletic Hall of Fame on March 19, 2022 at the Medway VFW.

The 78-year-old Hamwey, a Bellingham resident who's worked for *Local Town Pages* for 10 years, was a unanimous choice of the selection committee. The veteran sports journalist continues to cover feature stories in semi-retirement for *Local Town Pages*, focusing on seven communities — Medway, Millis, Norfolk, Wrentham, Holliston, Natick and Franklin.

Hamwey, who previously lived in Millis after earning a bachelor's degree from Babson College, started his newspaper career in 1967 with the *Framingham News*, now known as the *Metrowest Daily News*. His first story, which was published 54 years ago, focused on Millis' varsity football team. Early on, his reporting ranged from high school and college sports to the professional beat where he covered the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots.

"I'm honored and humbled to be selected for induction into Millis' Hall of Fame," Hamwey said. "It's heart-warming to have a wonderful community like Millis recognize me for my reporting. Some of my fondest memories during a 54-year career involve Millis. Gordon Browne, a three-sport athlete at Millis High, will be presenting me at the ceremony in March and for those unaware of his stature, he was the first Tri-Valley League football player to be drafted (second round by the Jets) into the National Football League. He was an offensive tackle who blocked for quarterback Joe Namath for two years before suffering a career-ending injury."

Hamwey will be inducted as a contributor and he'll be honored along with star athletes Molly Breen, Dennis Breen (posthumously) and Rich Monaghan; coach and athletic director Peter



Vigue; the 2008-09 girls state championship basketball team and the 1980 boys track team.

After six years in Framingham, Hamwey was hired at the *Providence Journal* where he spent the next 35 years working for the four-time Pulitzer-prize-winning newspaper. He

finished his career there as the paper's Night Sports Editor, retiring in 2008. On Hamwey's last day in Providence, the Rhode Island State Senate read aloud a citation for his efforts and contributions to R.I. athletics. Two years later, in 2010, he was honored by the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), which presented him with its Distinguished Friend Award.

At the *Metrowest News*, which included the *Milford News* and the *Country Gazette*, Hamwey wrote a popular weekly column — "Yesterday's Heroes" — that focused on athletes' and coaches' past achievements.

In 2007, Hamwey began covering sports for the *Bellingham Bulletin*. As Sports Editor at the Bulletin, he launched a column similar to Yesterday's Heroes called "Where Are They Now," reporting on former Bellingham

athletes. For the next 11 years, Hamwey extensively covered Bellingham sports while also filing stories for *Local Town Pages*.

Hamwey's upcoming induction in Millis will be his first Hall of Fame honor. However, he has been nominated for induction into Bellingham's Hall of Fame but that committee has yet to select him.

Hamwey moved to Bellingham in 1972. He's married to Pauline Allard, a school teacher who taught in Bellingham at the Macy Elementary School. His son, Travis, graduated from Bellingham High in 1989.

Tickets for the ceremony cost \$50 and can be ordered until March 12, 2022. They can be obtained by writing a check to the Millis Athletics Hall of Fame and mailed to 155 Plain St., Millis, MA 02054. Tickets can also be obtained via Venmo (money amount to @Millis-AthleticsHOF). A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. followed by the ceremony.

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# Sports

## Fall Sports Season at FHS Was Newsworthy

### Another Dalton Award; A.D. To Retire; & Teams Dominate

BY KEN HAMWEY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

The fall sports season at Franklin High was dynamic — not only from a competitive standpoint, but also from its breaking news.

First, Tom Angelo, the school's highly successful 6-year athletic director announced he'll retire on June 30. Then came the exclamation point on the Panthers' athletic excellence. The school captured its third straight Dalton Award.

As the fall edged closer to November's state tournaments, Franklin's eight varsity squads wasted no time compiling some amazing win-loss records that led to four Kelly-Rex Division crowns.

Here are the details:

#### DALTON AWARD

The Dalton trophy, presented by The Boston Globe, goes to a high school that produces the top winning percentage in all varsity sports. Franklin captured the Division 1 honor for the 2020-21 school year by finishing with 77%. Wellesley was second at 69% and Bridgewater-Raynham was third, at 67%. The Panthers' overall regular-season varsity record was 180-52-3.

Franklin not only has won the Dalton Award three times in a row, but it also has captured the trophy five times in the last nine years.

"The award confirms that our coaches and student-athletes are incredible," said AD Angelo. "And, it confirms that we're doing things in athletics the right way, like setting high standards and maintaining the proper priorities. Franklin's success begins with our coaches, and we're fortunate to have very little turnover. Our staff coaches for all the right reasons. They're educators who teach life lessons, and they love to practice and compete. Our sub-varsity coaches also deserve praise.

"We also hold our varsity captains to a higher standard. We expect them to be extensions of the coaching staff. They attend meetings and conferences throughout

the year that emphasize the importance of leadership. Athletes start competing in the town's youth program early on."

Angelo noted, "We get great support from the school administration, parents, the Department of Public Works, the Recreation Department, and booster clubs," he said. "We also offer a strength and conditioning program that keeps kids well-conditioned. Our facilities are also top-notch." Angelo nodded specifically that Sue Jacobson, who manages the athletic office, and Jen Edmunds, the athletic trainer, "add to our success by working diligently behind the scenes."

The late Ernie Dalton, the Globe's high school sports editor from 1938 to 1970, would no doubt be proud of the Panthers' achievements.

#### TOM ANGELO

The 60-year-old Angelo may be retiring, but he expects to stay active.

"I'd like to stay involved with unified sports and the Special Olympics," he said. "And, I'd love to coach freshman baseball. Volunteer work is also something I'd like to do."

The New Jersey native, who played varsity baseball at New Mexico State University where

he earned his bachelor's and has a master's from Endicott College, served as athletic director at Plymouth North and Somers-Berkley. At Tabor Academy, where he coached varsity baseball, his 2014 squad won the New England Prep School championship.

The high caliber leader for Franklin High knows his emotions will run high in June. "It's been an honor to work with a great coaching staff and many excellent co-workers," he said. "There's been so many great student-athletes. They come and they go. Josh Hanna has been a wonderful principal, and Sara Ahearn is a great superintendent. I'll really miss the day-to-day interactions with the kids."

#### THE TEAMS

• **FIELD HOCKEY** — Coach Michelle Hess guided her squad to a 17-1 regular season record and the Kelly-Rex Division title. Before the tourney, which was continuing at Local Town Pages deadline, the Panthers were ranked No. 4 in Division 1. Tourney wins include a 6-0 decision over Beverly, a 2-0 victory over Central Catholic and a 4-1 win over against Winchester.

• **VOLLEYBALL** — In her second year on the job, coach Samantha Redmond directed her forces to a 15-1 regular season record that enabled the Panthers to share the Kelly-Rex crown with King Philip. The team was ranked No. 1 in Division 1. Playoff wins included 3-0 triumphs over Lynn Classical, Shrewsbury and Barnstable, with the tourney continuing at Local Town Pages deadline.

• **GIRLS SOCCER** — Interim coach Jodi Klein guided the Panthers to a 13-1-2 regular season record and the Kelly-Rex championship. They were ranked No. 4 in Division 1. The girls opened the tourney with a 1-0 overtime win over Reading but lost, 2-0, to Brookline in the second round.

• **FOOTBALL** — Angelo has high praise for coach Ian Bain who has led his Panthers to a 9-0 record at Local Town Pages deadline. They were ranked No. 1 in Division 1. Playoff wins included a 42-6 decision over Braintree and a 24-7 triumph over Methuen.

• **BOYS SOCCER** — Coach Fran Bositis led his Panthers to a 10-4-4 record and a No. 30 rank in Division 1. The season was the 51st for Bositis who compiled his 500th victory against King Philip. Franklin defeated Malden, 5-0 in the tourney then bowed out after a 2-1 loss to Framingham.

• **GOLF** — First-year coach Bob Pingeton settled in nicely, helping his squad compile a 9-5 record that led to a third-place finish in the Hockomock League Tournament and a sixth-place finish in the sectional. Pingeton is also girls' varsity tennis coach and varsity assistant in girls' basketball.

• **CROSS-COUNTRY** — The girls' team, coached by Paul Trovato, finished 5-0 and won the Kelly-Rex crown. The squad competed in the Hockomock Championships and finished second behind Oliver Ames. The boys, coached by Nick Bailey, finished at 2-3 for the regular season and were sixth in the Hockomock Championships. At the division meet, the girls finished ninth as sophomore Alex Batla took sixth place. The boys finished 24th.



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Then, on March 13, we continue our series with the return of international concert pianist Michael Lewin. Mr. Lewin was scheduled to perform in-person

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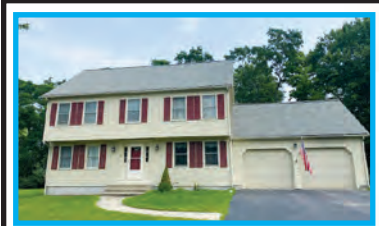
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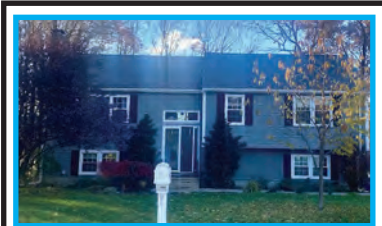
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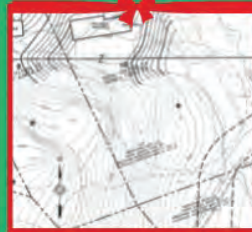
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