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## HMEA Incred-ABLE Day 2022 at King Street Park June 12th

*Organization Provides Services to Those with Developmental Disabilities*

By J.D. O'GARA

HMEA Incred-ABLE Day is back in person, in a new location this year. The event, which raises funds to help provide services to children and

adults who have developmental disabilities, will take place at King Street Memorial Park, 740 King St., Franklin, on June 12, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“The biggest (news) is finally we’re going live again,” says Doug MacPherson, VP Development & Public Relations for HMEA. “The past two years we’ve been strapped to our desks, strapped to Zoom, so finally, this year ...

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## Downtown Franklin Strawberry Stroll Friday, June 10

The Franklin Downtown Partnership (FDP) is thrilled to be able to bring back its annual Strawberry Stroll this year, after a two-year break due to the pandemic. Enjoy a taste of summer with mouth-watering strawberry shortcakes while enjoying entertainment, fun activities, and more than 90 vendor booths at the annual Strawberry Stroll in downtown Franklin on Fri., June 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The rain date is Sat., June 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“We are excited to hold the first Strawberry Stroll since June of 2019, said Kevin Johnson of Edward Jones and this year’s Strawberry Stroll chair. “This is our opportunity to invite everyone to come together downtown and experience the local busi-

nesses. The mix of entertainers, vendors, and activities will make it a special evening for all ages.”

Dean Bank’s staff will be serving the signature strawberry shortcakes under the tents in front of the bank. Strawberries donated and cut by Dean College will be piled on top of hundreds of shortcakes and topped with whipped cream. Proceeds from the sale of strawberry shortcakes are allocated to the FDP to help fund the event.

Plenty of entertainment will be available during the Strawberry Stroll. Dean Bank will host Dancing on Dean that will feature the band Scott Brown and the Diplomats from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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with many people vaccinated and many people boosted, we said let's do a live event, and everyone raved about it."

In the past, the event has taken place on the grounds of the Dell Corp. in Franklin, which has been extremely supportive of HMEA, but MacPherson explains, that with COVID-19, "They weren't ready yet to have visitors come back on site." When HMEA looked to the town of Franklin, he said, Ryan Jette was extremely welcoming, and MacPherson hopes the venue will draw more community participation.

"In a way, (on Dell grounds), we could never really get as much community participation as we liked," says MacPherson, adding, "Dell is a huge corporate sponsor and friend that volunteers and always gave us their property." MacPherson got hold of Franklin Recreation Director Ryan Jette, who offered the use of King Street Memorial Park. "The town of Franklin has bent over backwards to help us with this event. Without it, we have a hard time raising funds for children with disabilities."

"King Street is a great option for them with paved walkways, plenty of shade with two gaze-

bos on either side of the concession, a playground accessible for children with disabilities on site, it does make for a great venue for this event," says Jette, who issued the permit for the park location.

At King Street Park, the event has shifted from a 5K to a community stroll.

"It's a quarter of a mile community stroll for family, friends and dogs (leashed). The event is free. We make money from our sponsors, raffle tickets (there are three different raffles) and personal fundraising pages. People don't have to pay to register – they can come to the event, and what we hope is they will buy some raffle tickets."

There will be three raffles, including:

- The incred-ABLE Dream Raffle, which offers 34 different prizes you can view online at (<https://www.hmea.org/raffle>)
- An incred-ABLE "Quik Pik" 50/50 Raffle (<https://www.hmea.org/50-50-raffle>)
- The incred-ABLE Elite Raffle, available for \$5 on the day of the event, with a list of prizes available to view at <https://www.hmea.org/elite-raffle>.

The event includes a large hamburger and hot dog cookout,

managed by Sodexo, Dean College's culinary company, which has catered the event since 2007 and donates the hot dogs. Also available at the event – free ice cream!

The HMEA Incred-ABLE Day, hosted by emcee Gene Lavanchy, will also feature a kids' fun run, and, as MacPherson puts it, "a ton of inclusive and accessible games and activities," including yoga, Thai Chi and even a clown. Visitors will also find information on services and support resources.

Volunteers are needed for this large event in the following shifts:

- 7-10 a.m.- Setup
- 10-2 - Event (volunteers for games, etc.)
- 2-4 - Cleanup

For information on volunteering, visit <https://www.hmea.org/volunteer/>. You can also reach out to Samantha Shepherd, HMEA Volunteer Coordinator, (508) 298.1121 or [sshepherd@hmea.org](mailto:sshepherd@hmea.org), with any questions, suggestions, or potential volunteer connections.

Like many others, HMEA, a 501 c (3) nonprofit, suffered during the pandemic, but MacPherson notes that its facilities and programs are "back open. When (the pandemic) first happened, we were quarantined in houses, and slowly but surely people came back to work. Staffing is still short – in almost every industry, everyone is clawing for staff with sign-on bonuses for nursing, direct care staff and even profes-

sionals. We're still functioning, but this fundraiser is really important to us. We are coming out of the woods, but not fully out of the woods."



Macpherson continues, "All the funds raised from this event go back to our programs, which serve a little over 4,000 children and adults aged 1 to

101, most of them with developmental disabilities, the two biggest being autism and Down Syndrome." HMEA's staff of 650 supports clients in their own homes and at their day habilitation and employment sites, including one in Franklin as well as in Plainville, Millbury and Sterling. HMEA also runs a school in Hudson, the Darnell School, for individuals with high developmental needs whose districts are unable to serve.

Recently, HMEA welcomed a brand-new CEO, Jule Gomes Noack, notes MacPherson, and the nonprofit is in the process of affiliating with Advocates, Inc., that will add a mental health component to what HMEA offers.

HMEA is expecting 750 to 1,000 people to this event.

"I just hope to see the whole community to this event benefiting children and adults with disabilities," says MacPherson, adding that "our individuals we support have been clamoring for this. Some haven't been able to see their friends for 2 1/2 years."

For more information on HMEA and the incred-ABLE Day, visit [www.hmea.org](http://www.hmea.org).

**Entertainment**

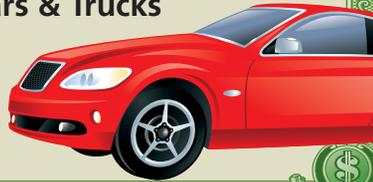
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- Lanie the Clown
- Red Sox Mascots
- Mass. National Guard
- Worcester Pirates
- New England Revolution
- Worcester Braveheart
- Nibbles Wood Away
- Little Y's - Big Y
- Fidelity Ice Cream Truck
- Facepainting
- Cardi's
- DCU van
- Urban Air
- Drums Alive
- Karen Donahue Yoga
- Tai Chi For You

**Activities**

- Tic tac toe – (tabletop, bean bag)
- T-Shirt Decorating
- Community Tent Decoration Contest
- Hopscotch
- Jelly Bean Guessing Station
- Freeze Dance
- Matching Game
- Jenga (Tabletop)
- Corn Hole (Multiple Sets)
- Egg and Spoon Race (plastic)
- Scavenger Hunt
- Hula Hoop
- Ring Toss
- Pumpkinseed Spitting Contest
- Bocce
- Clothespins in a Bottle
- Limbo (with pool noodles)
- Lawn Bowling

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# Franklin Fireworks Are Back!

**Along with Blues Fest, Carnival & Concessions, Events from June 30th - July 4th**

By J.D. O'GARA

This summer is going to be hot in Franklin, meaning a smoking hot 4th of July celebration complete with Franklin's 2nd Annual Blues Festival, summer concessions and rides, and ever popular – fireworks! The Franklin July 4th Coalition, led by Joe Carmignani and Paul Kortick

since 2017, has been hard at work planning a celebration worthy of our nation's birthdate.

At press time, the duo had just confirmed approval by the town and the state fire Marshall for fireworks to take place at the end of day on July 2nd.

"That day, July 2nd, we're going to have the carnival on the common, the 2nd Annual Blues

Fest until 9:30, and then people can walk down to the high school for fireworks at 10. It should be a great day," said Carmignani.

The festivities aren't limited to one day, however. Fun begins on June 30th, with entertainment and a carnival each day and concession booths run by local nonprofit groups, including the Franklin July 4th Coalition, the Franklin Democratic and Republican Town Committees, Temple Etz Chaim, the Franklin Rotary Club and the Franklin Rod & Gun Club.

"We might also have some additional food trucks, but I would suggest people check the website (Franklin4th.com)," said Carmignani, who hopes this year will see better weather, as "last year was a total washout, except for the 4th of July itself."

Many of the same musical performers are returning, with a few new acts. Mo Bounce (funk, soul and R&B) will return as an opening act for the five-day festival, playing on June 30th, with Duppy Conquerors (reggae) following on July 1st. For the Blues Fest on July 2nd, the



Franklin's Fourth of July celebration will begin June 30th, running through July 4th. With a carnival, concessions, musical entertainment each night including with a Blues Festival and fireworks on July 2nd. j15

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at the corner of Dean Avenue and Main Street. MyFM 101.3 will be broadcasting live from the top of Main Street. On the Birchwood Bakery patio, Dom

DeBaggis will perform from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., Heath Nesbitt will perform.

A variety of activities will be offered that will appeal to young and old. The weekly Farmers' Market which starts at 2 p.m. will continue until 6 p.m. on the common. Additionally, during the Stroll at 6 p.m., the FDP will unveil the Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail which uses ladybug sculptures to tie approximately 25 historical and cultural sites together in downtown Franklin. Visitors can receive their Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail maps at the FDP booth or by visiting the Franklin Historical Museum.

"FDP's Strawberry Stroll celebrates all that is downtown Franklin, showcasing businesses, restaurants, organizations, institutions, town government, and culture and the arts. Join the fun and 'Stroll' Main Street Franklin on June 10," said Pandora Carlucci of PGC Associates LLC. Carlucci and Roberta Trahan are vendor relations coordinators for this year's Strawberry Stroll.

The Strawberry Stroll Committee encourages people in attendance to visit the downtown businesses and restaurants, especially the six new shops: Birchwood Bakery and Kitchen, Briller Boutique, Escape Into Fiction, Greco Design Co., I

Have Coins and Collectibles, and Zuzu's Petals & Cafe.

The Strawberry Stroll is made possible by the support of local sponsors. The event's Platinum Sponsors are Dean Bank and PhysicianOne Urgent Care. Gold sponsors are Dean College and Mosquito Mary's. Silver sponsors are Camford Property Group, Inc., Fenton Financial Group, and Middlesex Savings Bank. Bronze sponsors are Beaux Regards Photographic Art, Grove Street Auto Repair, Keefe Insurance, Mint Dental of Franklin and LeafFilter.

Entertainment is supported in part by grants from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information about the Strawberry Stroll, please email [fdpevent@gmail.com](mailto:fdpevent@gmail.com).

The Franklin Downtown Partnership is a non-profit 501©3 organization made up of more than 350 residents, business owners and community leaders working to revitalize downtown Franklin. The Partnership manages events like the Strawberry Stroll and Harvest Festival, and initiatives such as the Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail, beautification, streetscape design, greenspace and sculpture projects. For more information go to [www.franklindowntownpartnership.org](http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org).

**Celebrate Hockomock Area YMCA's 50th at Strawberry Stroll!**

The Hockomock Area YMCA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and invites kids and families to stop by its booth for a creative sand art activity, and spin our prize wheel for a chance to win fun prizes and special Y discounts on membership and programs.

As part of our 50th anniversary, we are celebrating our history by also inviting visitors to



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**Strawberry Stroll Children's Activities\***

- Barry Insurance** - rock painting, please place near rock garden in front of Rockland Trust
- The Results Group at LAER Realty Partners** - Table with balloons and raffles
- Franklin Public Schools, Lifelong Learning** - Pull a pop, photo opportunity, and a craft.
- Grove Street Auto Repair** - Balloon Guy Artist
- Goldfish Swim School** - Mascot, Bubbles the Fish
- St. John's Church** - Kids' activity
- Franklin Music, Movement & Mindfulness** - Musical instruments available to play
- Franklin Children's School** - Kids' art activities
- Franklin Garden Club** - Seedlings activity for children.
- Franklin Federated Church** - Children's craft
- Franklin School Committee** - Prize wheel
- Mint Dental of Franklin** - Kids' activities
- Town of Franklin Marketing/Communication** - Magic Mirror pranked o booth
- Hockomock Area YMCA** - Prize wheel
- Franklin Lions** - Picture with Lion
- Chestnut Dental** - Bubble machine for kids
- Franklin Fire Department** - Smokey the Bear will be at the Franklin Fire Station. An antique fire truck will be on display.

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# Ladybug Trail to Be Unveiled at Stroll

On June 10th, the Franklin Downtown Partnership will unveil the exciting new Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail during the Strawberry Stroll. The Trail uses ladybug sculptures to tie approximately 25 historical, cultural and business sites together in downtown Franklin. Signs and a digital map will explain the various works of art. The purpose of the Ladybug Trail will be to promote economic development in

downtown Franklin by encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy all that Franklin center has to offer by visiting, dining, and shopping at downtown businesses while they walk the trail.

The history of the ladybug in the town of Franklin is rich. In 1974, Franklin's John F. Kennedy School second grade students and their teacher, Palma Johnson, petitioned the bill to name the ladybug the state insect and subsequently witnessed

it signed into law.

The Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail Committee cordially invites everyone, especially the artists and those children from the 1974 second grade class, to attend the unveiling. It will take place on the Dancing on Dean stage at the corner of Main Street and Dean Avenue at 6 p.m. Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail maps will be available at the FDP booth during the Strawberry Stroll or at

the Franklin Historical Museum.

The Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail Committee is comprised of Chair Lisa Piana, Pandora Carlucci, Jane Curran, Melanie Hamblen, Eileen Mason, Mary Olsson, Beth Simon, and Roberta Trahan.

The Franklin Downtown Partnership is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization made up of more than 350 business owners, community leaders and residents working to stimulate



economic development downtown and create a positive impact throughout the area. Learn more about the Partnership at [www.franklindowntownpartnership.org](http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org).

## ArtWALK schedule 2022

### Thursday, June 9

- **Expressions Enrichment, Adult Paint Night**, 7 to 9 p.m. Franklin Village (registration required)

### Friday, June 10

- **FAA Artwork**, downtown Main Street store windows and Agway on Cottage Street
- **Franklin Library StoryWalk, Show the World!** by Angela Dalton, downtown store windows
- **Franklin Farmers Market**, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Town Common
  - Willie T and Doctor X ... singers and song writers with 1970s roots- rock feel
  - Artisans, crafters, farmers, and more
- **Franklin Downtown Partnership Strawberry Stroll**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Main Street
  - Historical Museum open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  - **FAA Art Gallery** located in **Escape into Fiction**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.,
  - **Dom DeBaggis** performing on the Birchwood patio, 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
  - **Smokey the Bear and an antique fire truck** at **Franklin Fire Station**, West Central St.
  - **Dancing on Dean** featuring **Scott Brown and the Diplomats**, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  - Unveiling of **FDP Ladybug Trail** on the **Dean Bank Stage**, 6 p.m.
  - **Heath Nesbitt** performing on the Birchwood patio, 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Sweeney Todd** at **THE BLACK BOX**, 7:30 p.m. (ticketed event)

### Saturday, June 11

- **FAA Artwork**, downtown Main Street store windows and Agway on Cottage Street
- **Franklin Library StoryWalk Show the World!** by Angela Dalton, downtown store windows
- **Franklin Historical Museum**, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **LiveARTS** at the **Historical Museum**, 10:30 a.m.
- **Escape into Fiction, Josh Funk and Kelly Light**, story time and art, 10:30 a.m.
- **Ammaya Dance and Drum**, 1 p.m. on the **Town Common**
- **Expressions Enrichment, Kids Painting Class**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Franklin Village (registration required)
- **Sweeney Todd** at **THE BLACK BOX**, 7:30 p.m. (ticketed event)

### Sunday, June 12

- **FAA Artwork**, downtown Main Street store windows and Agway on Cottage Street
- **Franklin Library StoryWalk, Show the World!** by Angela Dalton, downtown store windows
- **Franklin Historical Museum**, Second Sunday Speakers Series, 150 Year History of the Franklin Fire Department, Museum opens 1 to 4 p.m.; speaker at 1:15 p.m.
- **Sweeney Todd** at **THE BLACK BOX**, 2 p.m. (ticketed event)

### Franklin ArtWalk



- **Escape into Fiction**, local authors books for sale, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **LiveARTS** at **First Universalist of Franklin**, 3 p.m., 262 Chestnut Street (ticketed event)

(Note: Events subject to change)

## Franklin Tri-County Students among SkillsUSA Medalists

Congratulations to all the SkillsUSA Medalists! All Gold medalists and delegate invitees will be attending Nationals!

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. They provide educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education in the nation's classrooms. "SkillsUSA is an investment in student success and its impact on student learning will be felt over the coming years," said Tri-County electrical instructor, Robert Sprague.

Student	Town	Program	Contest
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Camden Lallier	Franklin	Engineering	Precision Laser Imaging
Brady O'Connor	Franklin	Engineering	Mobile Robotics Technology
Colin Gill	Franklin	Automotive Technology	Power Equipment Technology
Lucas Volpe	Walpole	CIS	Career Pathways: Business Management Technology

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## How Do Students Make a Balanced College List and Why Is It More Important Than Ever?

“Research has shown that high school GPAs can be a stronger indicator of college success than standardized exams,” says John Ambrose, Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Michigan State University. In fact, 5 times more likely.

Test-optional colleges are becoming the norm in 2022, which has resulted in a record number of college applications at many of the “elite” universities or colleges this past year—Harvard, NYU, Tufts, UVA, to name a few. The headlines are touting how acceptance rates at these schools have plummeted to single digits. BUT the good news is that the majority of colleges are still admitting over 68% of their applicants. So, when a student asks, “Where should I apply - will I get in?” Our answer is to reject the urge to apply to 25 elite schools, but instead be more deliberate with your choices and create a well-balanced college list.

### A few tips on creating a balanced college list:

- **What does a well-balanced college list look like?**
  - Approximately 9 right-fit colleges

- Imagine 3 or 4 buckets filled with likely, probable, and reach colleges, with possibly 1 or 2 wildcard colleges.
- Your list should include 3 likely schools (student’s academic profile is stronger than the middle 50% of the typical admitted students); 4 probable schools (students’ academic profile is the middle 50%); 2 reach schools (student’s profile is not as strong as the middle 50%). OR, the student may qualify academically, but the acceptance rate is less than 35%; and wildcard schools which have acceptance rates less than 20%. You could be academically qualified, but the chances of ANYONE being admitted is very low. If you apply to any wildcards - they should be in addition to the 9.

**Super Tip:** It is important that you want to attend all

of the schools on your list, especially the likely schools. Worst case scenario - you may only get into one school and if it is your likely - you want to love it!

#### • Visit

Visiting campuses is essential! You can experience the campus vibe, see if your “people” are there, and check out programs that you may be interested in exploring. It is the best way to imagine if you could call this place home for the next 4 years. In-person visits are ideal, but if it is not possible then take a deep dive into virtual tours, YouTube college videos, and student opinion sites - like Niche or College Scoops. Research is key! FREE resources (email us).

**Super Tip:** Look for the hidden gems colleges which are colleges that are not on the top 150 US elite colleges list. Hidden gems are less well-known so less challenging to get into and could result in more merit.

#### • Self-Reflection & Assessment

Think about what you want from your college experience. If a high-pressure

environment would cause too much stress, then an Ivy league school is probably not the right academic or emotional fit for you, no matter how exciting it seems at first. If affordability is a non-negotiable factor, there are plenty of colleges that are known for providing good merit and financial aid. If you like to have the city as your campus, then attending a school in rural America will not be the right social fit. Searching for the right fit college is an evolving process - keep reflecting and assessing.

#### • Financials

Affordability is a major factor for many families, and you don’t want any surprises in the spring of senior year. Make sure everyone in the family is on the same page about what the family can afford. It doesn’t mean not to add “expensive” schools to your list. You never know what you may receive for financial aid or merit. Approximately only 11% of families pay full price for college.



**Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants**

**Final super tip:** College acceptance rates are the ratio of the number of total applicants to accepted students. Remember, schools with low acceptance rates do not necessarily equate to a right-fit school or a better education. And conversely, likely schools with higher acceptance rates do not equate to an education that is not “good enough.”

Take your time, visit, research, and make sure your final list of colleges has the college criteria that will make you thrive for the next 4 years...and beyond!

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## Dean College Holds 156th Commencement Exercises, May 7, 2022

Dean College held its 156th Commencement Exercises honoring the Class of 2022 on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Dean College campus in Franklin, MA.

Approximately 288 graduates representing 20 states and seven countries received their degrees, with many family members and friends in attendance. The ceremony was held outside on the front lawn of Dean Hall, along Awpie Way, with livestream options for those unable to attend.

The keynote address was provided by Dean College President, Dr. Paula M. Rooney, who reflected on how Dean College is a home away from home for all members of the Dean community. She explained that this community is a family that graduates will always be part of as they go forward into the world.

“As you leave today, know that now is your time to think about

what lies ahead,” Dr. Rooney said. “You are free to think about your future and begin to wonder about all the possibilities. You have a foundation and you have wings. Use your wings to leave your mark on the world.”

As graduates choose their next steps, Dr. Rooney advised them to “Take risks. Be your own advocate and create opportunities where others can’t see them. Use your imagination and be willing to look beyond today to create the landing spot of your tomorrow.”

Additional remarks were presented by Mark D. Boyce, Chairman of the Dean College Board of Trustees. Boyce shared reflections on the power of belief and quoted a number of pop culture figures, including Dolly Parton, Spiderman and Ted Lasso. “Do you remember what the word is above the door to Ted

Lasso’s office? It’s ‘believe,’” he said. “Because as Ted says, success is not about wins and losses. It’s about helping the young fellows be the best versions of themselves on and off the field. Ted believes in people, he believes in hope, he believes in belief. You should too. As you join the ranks of Dean alumni, your Dean family will always be here to support you. Remember, you too could be an influencer. You can make a difference in this world – a Dean Difference – because you never know where life leads you.”

Representing the Class of 2022 was student speaker Jimmy Munro, a Sport Management major from East Providence, Rhode Island.

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Diversification in developed international -16% and emerging markets -17% is failing.

Good thing there's bonds. Oh wait, US bond market via the BarCap Agg Index -10% is worse start to a year ever.

And cash, true it didn't lose principal but purchasing power decreased -8.3% the last 12 months, and if you've been to a grocery store, auto dealer/service dept, barber or gas station, 8.3% inflation my...

Don't be Torn and Frayed, become Happy about the opportunity to roll your Tumbling Dice.

Yes, Rolling Stones reference to Exile on Main Street celebrating a 50th anniversary. The relevance?

The Stones were on an amazing run of albums - Beggars Banquet, Let It Bleed (headline reference) and personal favorite Sticky Fingers. Yet, they found themselves exiled from Britain due to new 93% wealth tax, broke from a manager who'd stolen from them and sued by their record label. As vagabonds in France and later LA, they recorded what many consider their greatest album and then toured the US as year's top grossing act, a first of record 9 times.

Let me Shine a Light on 3 action steps to consider given down markets:

**Roth Conversion** - If certain investments you intend to hold for a long period are down -20% or more, then convert those a Roth and pay 20% less tax. Estimate your MAGI prior, as conversion is taxed as income impacting your federal tax bracket and % owed.

**Take Tax Losses** - Face your mistakes, learn and move on. In taxable accounts selling at a loss builds capital losses to carry and offset capital gains over future

years. If you believe the investment will come back, wait 31 days later to avoid wash sales. Remember, every Apple or Amazon from 2000, there's dozens of JDS Uniphases, Lucent, Global Crossings, and CMGIs.

**Buy Quality When On Sale** - People love sales, except when it comes to risk assets like equities. If not now, then when do you "buy low and sell high"? Sure, the market may go lower, but if you own quality investments you understand at a fair price, over time it will be time that matters most.

Don't overload on commodities, energy, TIPs and cash as this too shall pass on a macro level, since economic cycles rarely skip stages. Up next will likely be cooling housing values, layoffs disguised as reorgs and deflation via recession or soft landing by Fed's raising of rates.

Eventually a base for economic expansion is created but if you wait to see it, investment values will have adjusted in anticipation and opportunity past.



Glenn Brown

Had the Stones simply stopped or not built upon their foundations in '71 until all things favorably aligned, one wonders about their legacy or even living to old age, let alone being the top grossing US tour in 2021.

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A first-generation college student, Munro has been actively involved in a number of campus activities and leadership positions, including three years as a New Student Orientation leader. He has also held roles as a community advisor, Phonathon supervisor, softball team manager and Recreational and Intramural Department intern, as well as a member of the baseball team. Additionally, Munro was named to the

Dean's List on three occasions.

Munro spoke about the impact of the past four years and the significance of the number two for the

graduating class. "It is crazy to think about how fast the past four years went by, and how much the world around us has changed," he said. "We have been through two presidencies, two Boston sport championships, two years of COVID, and to top it all off, we are the Class of '22.

There's something

about them twos." These experiences not only prepared the Class of 2022 to handle adversity in the real world, he explained, but also shaped each one of them – and Dean as a whole.

"You won't know exactly when it happens – maybe it will be today, tomorrow, or maybe it has already happened – when you look back at your time here at Dean, you will find that you have transformed this college as much as it has transformed you," Munro concluded. "And it won't be only Dean College that you transform. No matter where you go next, you have the potential to transform the world."

Members of the Dean College Class of 1970 were also in attendance for a special presentation. In 1970, the Commencement Ceremony was canceled due to anti-war protests happening on college campuses across the country, and in 2020, their 50th reunion was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fifty-two years later, the Class of 1970 was finally able to walk

across the stage and receive honorary scrolls, as well as being inducted into the 50th Society along with members of the classes of 1971 and 1972.

Additional honors were conferred to both Dr. Paula M. Rooney and Dr. P. Gerard Shaw, Dean of the Dean R. Sanders '47 School of Business, who were named honorary alumni for nearly three decades of outstanding service, loyalty and dedication to Dean College. The Board of Trustees also introduced the Dr. Paula M. Rooney Dean Difference Award, which will be made from time to time to a deserving faculty, staff, student, alumnus/a, or other community member that embodies The Dean Difference by having made significant contributions to Dean College and its mission. The inaugural Dr. Paula M. Rooney Dean Difference Award was presented to Dr. Rooney in recognition of her 27 years as Dean College President.

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# Franklin Art Association Gets a Gallery

**Meet Artists at Opening Reception June 23rd, 6-8 p.m. at Escape into Fiction**

By J.D. O'GARA

For the first time ever, artists who belong to the Franklin Art Association (FAA) have a dedicated space to display their work. On June 23rd, from 6-8 p.m. in the back of Escape into Fiction bookstore at 12 Main Street, the nonprofit group will celebrate the opening of a new gallery. About 18 of the 52 FAA members will show their work. Artists who will be featured in the gallery opening include: Diane G. Bell, Diane Choquette, Jane Curran, Gail Eckberg, Dick Fotland, Jason Gluck, Tina Guarino, Kay Lock Kolp, Diana Maley, Margaret Munson, Lenora Palanzi, Ali Rheume, Madeline Saggiomo, Marjorie Sardella, Susan Pratt Sheridan, Rebecca Skinner, Wal-

ter Spencer, Chris Blue Lamb Toubeau, and Brooke Jack Toubeau.

"This is a huge breakthrough, the first ever Art Association gallery," says Sue Sheridan, member of the FAA, "We have never had a physical space where our member artists can show and sell their work. We're pretty excited!"

The opening, says Sheridan, "will be an opportunity for folks to meet the artists and to see the work, which is really a wonderful collection, and to see this new space that we have. It's in the bookstore, kind of in the back, and it's great space, beautiful for an art gallery. We're just thrilled we can be in that space within the Cultural District."

Sheridan explains that over



recent years, she's had conversations with Lisa Piana, Executive Director of the Franklin Downtown Partnership, and a member of the art association.

We'd been talking and working over the years to find space for a cultural center in Franklin, and we have a long-standing relationship in support of arts and culture in Franklin," says Sheridan. After Escape into Fiction moved into the space where the quilt shop had been, the two

began talking.

"Escape into Fiction moved in there, and that's a big space. They have the front room, and then there's that back room," says Sheridan. "It's quite a large space, so I went and checked with April Rock, she and her husband Michael moved here from Ohio and opened that pop-up that was so well-received she thought it was a viable business opportunity. She was so supportive and open and forward-thinking. She said, 'We can make that work; it would be wonderful to have that here.' She's been just wonderful to work with, very supportive, flexible, reasonable, and we can afford it – the Art Association is nonprofit. It's been a really great arrangement so far, and so she's excited about it, and we're excited about it. It's a win-win for the bookstore and for the Art Association."

Sheridan is confident that membership in the Franklin Art Association, which currently has about 52 members, will increase. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Franklin Senior Center from June to September, taking a hiatus each summer. Meetings always discuss Association business, followed by an artist demonstration.

"We have been off educational programming on fine art for over 50 years – continuously operating," says Sheridan. "We've never not offered educational programming, so that's a pretty good record, and it's a pretty great organization."

For more information about the Franklin Art Association, visit [www.franklinart.org](http://www.franklinart.org) or find "Franklin Art Association" on Facebook.

## Explore Sports Broadcasting, Forensics and the Performing Arts at Dean College This Summer

Get a taste of college life while learning more about careers in sports, forensics and the performing arts. This summer, Dean College will offer the Dean Summer Arts Institute and two pre-college programs in Sports Broadcasting and Forensics.

In the Sports Broadcasting and Forensics Pre-College Summer Programs, students will earn college credit as they learn from experienced professionals and industry leaders. They'll experience unique field trips and behind-the-scenes access to program-specific venues like

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Training Camp, radio programs, science labs, police stations and more. They'll also have the chance to meet one-on-one with a Dean College admissions counselor for advice on the college admissions process.

The Dean Summer Arts Institute offers both a dance and musical theatre concentration. Students in the dance intensive will receive conservatory training in ballet, modern, jazz, tap and related dance techniques taught by world-class faculty, while students in the musical

theatre intensive will study acting, singing and dancing with renowned faculty and guest artists, as well as auditioning skills, rehearsal techniques and more.

The Dean Summer Arts Institute runs from July 17 - 24, 2022. For the Sports Broadcasting and Forensic Pre-College Summer Programs, two one-week sessions will be offered: July 24 - July 29, 2022, and July 31 - August 5, 2022. Both residential and commuter options are available.

To learn more and register, visit [www.dean.edu/summerarts](http://www.dean.edu/summerarts) and [www.dean.edu/summer](http://www.dean.edu/summer).

## Hot Weather Reminder: Plug Air Conditioners Directly into Wall Outlets

With a hot weather weekend approaching in the midst of National Electrical Safety Month, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey reminded residents that air conditioners and other major appliances should be plugged directly into wall outlets, not extension cords or power strips.

"We're looking at hot, humid (weather), and many folks will be bringing out their air conditioners or heading to the store to buy them," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Like all major appliances, these devices should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. They can overload a power strip or extension cord and cause a fire."

Electrical fires are the second-leading cause of fire deaths and the third-leading type of residential fires overall in Massachusetts, the Marshal said. Protect yourself and your family by following these safety tips at home:

- Avoid overloading outlets
- Use only one device plugged into a power strip at a time
- Remember that extension cords are for temporary use

- Check electrical cords for damage and keep them out from under rugs and furniture
- Charge laptops, phones, e-cigarettes, and other rechargeable devices on hard, stable surfaces, not beds or couches
- Call a licensed electrician if you experience flickering lights, frequently blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, or unusually warm plugs, cords, or switches
- Call your local fire department if you see arcs or sparks, hear a sizzling or buzzing sound, or smell the odor of something burning in the home
- Have a licensed electrician review your home's electrical system every ten years

"No matter the weather, every household should have working smoke alarms on every floor and a practiced home escape plan that accounts for two ways out," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "A fire at home can become deadly in less than three minutes."

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# The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

## TRENDING - Summer 2022

By GINA WOELFEL

Are you looking for summer's trending hairstyles? Look no further! b.LUXE has the hottest styles for Summer 2022! Whether you're looking for something sleek and sophisticated or fun and flirty, our stylists have got you covered!

An increasingly vaccinated population means 2022 will likely see more of us frequenting our favorite hairstylists. There's no better time to freshen up your look like the start of a season!

Maybe it's time to switch up your hair's style or color? A new hairstyle acts like an announcement to both yourself and the outer world that something in you is shifting. With so many of us feeling a bit more social freedom returning to our lives, freshening up our aesthetic feels perfectly timed.

After two years of keeping things low maintenance, people are ready to show more effort and try new looks like sleek, straight styles, tight ponytails, and braids.

We're so excited for this style swing. Although many of our clients are still keeping their looks lived-in and easy, people are shaking off their pandemic hair and trying out bolder, more adventurous trends!

What does summer 2022 have in store for you? Fringe, fros, mullets and bobs! Kinda 70's, kinda 80's, with a little 90's tossed in for good measure. It's all about embracing our natural hair texture and boosting the oomph we've got! These shaggy styles are a definite mix of effortless effort and can be hyper-tailored to your hair type and desired aesthetic.

Ultra short styles and super long layers are both making an appearance, too! We've definitely seen an uptick in our pixie, buzz cuts, undercuts and clipper art! The "Big Chop" is a thing! People are ready to let it all go and

why not! Short hair cools things down for summer's hot, humid weather and adding a graphic design to your barely-there buzz shows your fun and creative side! A Pixie isn't for everyone, but short hairstyles can be customized to flatter everyone's features and face-shape.

Many of our clients have not had their hair cut for two years and have grown attached to their Rapunzel-like locks. But, extreme length can be a drag for the four hottest months of the year. Consider lightening your one-length-wonder with layers. Adding a few layers to extremely long hair builds volume and texture! With a few strategic snips, long layers frame the face and give hair bounce and play.

The "Bob Haircut" might be "THE" cut of the summer. Popularized by the film stars of the 1920's, it was seen as a shocking statement of independence in young women known as flappers, as older generations were still used to seeing girls in long dresses and heavy Edwardian-style hair. Now roaring its way through this century's second decade, this classic has stood the test of time and with endless versatility, there's a "Bob" for everyone. Previously a pretty straightforward, shoulder-length, blunt cut, now we have the "Long Bob" the "Shaggy Bob", the "Stacked Bob" and even a "Messy Bob". The variations are endless and with bangs or no bangs, this classic is a flattering change for those looking to lighten up and modernize.

Behold the braid revival! (And space buns, too! Ugh.) We LOVE our braid work at b.LUXE! If you have a special event on the books, consider working a braid through your hair. They're fun and best of all, practical. Nothing keeps your style in place through sweaty nights of dancing like a braid. And space buns?

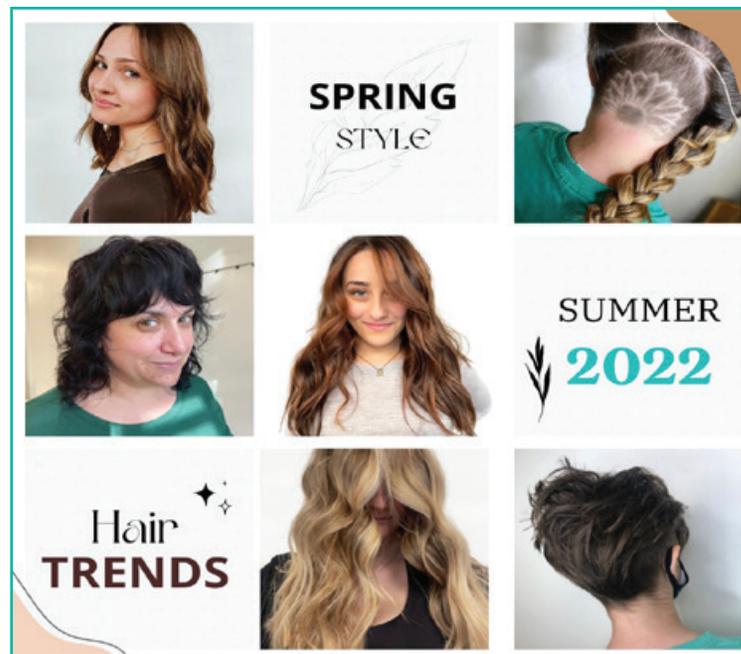


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lineup includes Franklin's own Padula Trio plus One, Neal and the Vipers, Ed Peabody and the Big Blue Thang, Mike Crandall Band, and Sugar Ray and the Bluetones.

"Sugar Ray and the Bluetones have been playing with the same band members for 35 years. They just played at the Tampa Blues Festival, one of the biggest blues festivals in the country," said Carmignani. The next day, on July 3rd, Attleboro School of Rock will play, followed by Mike Ravelis, (Matt Zajac (acoustic rock), and then country band Backyard Swagger, and on the fourth of July, local musician Jamie Barrett will start the entertainment, followed by NH-based Granite Brass, a patriotic quintet, and then the Jesse Liam Band (pop music) to close out the day.

"All the entertainment is free," says Carmignani, who encourages folks to donate, as this event relies solely on donations and sponsorships. "We're going to be sending a letter out to residents in the community in the next three weeks," he adds. "People can donate through the website, www.franklin4th.com, or they can send a check in, payable to:

**Franklin July 4th Coalition  
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This year, visitors to the event can also donate through Venmo through a QR code on the common.

In addition to donations, Franklin's 4th of July celebration couldn't run without volunteers.

"We certainly could use volunteers, especially for things like cleanup and stuff like that," says Carmignani. "If people want to

volunteer, we'd appreciate that. They can reach out to either of us."

At press time, Carmignani was hoping to offer a beer garden, but that had not yet been confirmed. As in previous years, Fiesta Shows will provide the rides, and since last year, attendees could use credit cards to pay as well as cash.

Overall, this year promises a fun celebration.

"I think given everything that's happened over the last two years, people want to go out and celebrate, and we want to keep this carnival, with rides and food and entertainment on the Common, going in the town of Franklin," says Carmignani, "Please do what you can to support us, as we're a nonprofit run by volunteers."

Carmignani especially thanks sponsors, who last year included:

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## Franklin 4th 2022 Schedule of Events

### Thursday, June 30

6-10 p.m.: Rides and food booths open (WRIST BANDS 6-10)

7-10 p.m.: Mo Bounce

### Friday, July 1

6-10 p.m.: Rides and food booths open

7-10 p.m.: Duppy Conquerors

### Saturday, July 2

10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Road Races (hosted by Franklin Recreation Department)

12-10 p.m.: Rides and food booths open (WRIST BANDS 12-5)

2nd Annual Franklin Blues Festival:

12-1:30 p.m.: Padula Trio Plus One

2-3:30 p.m.: Neal & The Vipers

4-5:30 p.m.: Ed Peabody and the Big Blue Thang

6-7:30 p.m.: Mike Crandall Bandblues

8-9:30 p.m.: Sugar Ray & The Bluetones

10 p.m.: FIREWORKS / Franklin High School

### Sunday, July 3 1-10pm:

Rides and food booths open (WRIST BANDS FROM 12-5)

1-2:30 p.m.: Attleboro School of Rock

3-4 p.m. Michael Ravelis

4:30-6 p.m.: Matt Zajac

7-10 p.m.: Backyard Swagger

### Monday, July 4th

12-6 p.m.: Rides and food booths open (WRIST BANDS 12-5)

12-1 p.m.: Jamie Barrett (solo acoustic)

1:30-3 p.m.: Granite Brass

4-6 p.m.: Jesse Liam Band

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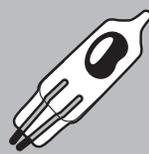
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## Call for Artists & Vendors for Franklin Cultural Festival

Saturday, September 10th, 2022, 12-6

p.m.

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### General Information

The Juried Craft Fair will be one element of the Franklin Cultural Festival, an event that also includes food trucks, a beer garden, and live performances. The Craft Fair will be made up of adult work by professional and semi-professional artisans, as well as a youth section of booths for crafters 18 and under. The Franklin Cultural Festival is hosted by the Franklin Cultural Council.

### Entries can be made in the following categories:

- Fine Arts (painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, mixed media, etc.)
- Fine Crafts (wood, metal, glass, clay, etc.)
- Jewelry (Please note – Jewelry must have some handmade component. Assembled product won't be accepted.)
- Accessories (hats, bags, belts,

scarves, etc.)

- Fiber Arts (weaving, quilt making, embroidery, home decor)
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**Adult Registration: May 1st** – August 1st, 2022, \$75 booth fee

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The Knights pictured from left to right: Scott Kyle, Ji Baillio (SVdP) John Forte and Mike Swan.

## Franklin Knights Donate Card Drive Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Franklin Knights of Columbus Council 1847 held their 7th Easter Food Card Drive. The event is held after each Palm Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 1 Church Street Franklin, Mass. The Knights have held Holiday Food Card Drives since 2015 during the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons. All proceeds are donated to St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) to help support their outreach work for the most vulnerable in our community – People in need.

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# Living Healthy

## Eye Care Facts and Myths

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.  
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We have all been told by someone at some time, "You'll hurt your eyes if you do that!" But do you really know what is or is not good for your eyes?

Test yourself with the following true or false statements and see how much you know about your eyes.

**"Reading in dim light is harmful to your eyes."**

**False.** Using your eyes in dim light does not damage them. However, good lighting does make reading easier and can prevent eye fatigue.

**"Using computers can damage your eyes."**

**False.** Working on computers will not harm your eyes. Often, when using a computer for long periods of time, just as when reading or doing other close work, you blink less often than normal. This reduced rate of blinking makes your eyes dry,



which may lead to the feeling of eyestrain or fatigue.

Try to take regular breaks to look up or across the room. This should relieve the feeling of strain on your eyes. Keep the monitor between 18 to 24 inches from your face and at a slight downward angle. Also consider the use of artificial tears. If your vision blurs or your eyes tire easily, you should have your eyes examined by an ophthalmologist.

**"Wearing the wrong kind of eyeglasses damages your eyes."**

**False.** Eyeglasses are devices used to sharpen your vision. Although correct eyeglasses or contacts help you to see clearly, wearing a pair with the wrong

lenses, or not wearing glasses at all, will not physically damage your eyes. However, children less than eight years old who need eyeglasses should wear their own prescription to prevent the possibility of developing amblyopia or "lazy eye."

**"Children outgrow crossed or misaligned eyes."**

**False.** Children do not outgrow crossed eyes. A child whose eyes are misaligned may develop poor vision in one eye because the brain will "turn off" or ignore the image from the misaligned or lazy eye. Children who appear to have misaligned eyes should be examined by an ophthalmologist.

**"Learning disabilities are caused by eye problems."**

**False.** Difficulties with reading, mathematics, and other learning problems in children are often referred to as learning disabilities. There is no strong evidence that vision problems cause learning disabilities. Children with learning difficulties often need

help from teachers and people with special training. Before such treatment begins, make certain your child is seeing as well as possible.

**"Sitting close to the television can damage children's eyes."**

**False.** Children can focus at close distance without eyestrain better than adults. They often develop the habit of holding reading materials close to their eyes or sitting right in front of the television. There is no evidence that this damages their eyes.

**"People with weak eyes should avoid reading fine print."**

**False.** It is said that people with weak eyes or people who wear glasses will "wear out" their eyes sooner if they read fine print or do a lot of detail work. The concept of the eye as a muscle is incorrect. The eye more closely resembles a camera. A camera will not wear out sooner just because it is used to photograph intricate detail.

**"Wearing eyeglasses will cause you to become dependent on them."**

**False.** Eyeglasses are used to correct blurry vision. Since clear vision with eyeglasses is preferable to uncorrected vision, you may find that you want to wear your eyeglasses more often. Although it may feel as if you are becoming dependent on your eyeglasses, you are actually just getting used to seeing clearly.

**"Older people who gain 'second sight' may be developing cataracts."**

**True.** Older individuals who wear reading eyeglasses sometimes find themselves able to read without their eyeglasses and think their eyesight is improving. The truth is they are becoming more nearsighted, which can be a sign of early cataract development.

**"A cataract must be 'ripe' before it is removed."**

**False.** With older surgical techniques, it was thought to be safer to remove a cataract when it was "ripe." With today's modern surgical procedures, a cataract can be removed whenever it begins to interfere with a person's lifestyle.

**"Contact lenses can prevent nearsightedness from getting worse."**

**False.** Some people have been led to believe that wearing contact lenses will permanently correct nearsightedness so that

eventually they won't need either contacts or eyeglasses. There is no evidence that wearing contact lenses produces an improvement in vision.

**"Eyes can be transplanted."**

**False.** Medical science has no way to transplant whole eyes. Our eyes are connected to the brain by the optic nerve. Because of this, the eye is never removed from its socket during surgery. The cornea, the clear front part of the eye, has been successfully transplanted for many years. Corneal transplant is sometimes confused with an eye transplant.

**"Laser assisted cataract surgery is the same as traditional cataract surgery."**

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# Living Healthy

## Tri-County RVTHS' Students Raise Money for Ukraine

During this time of unrest, students at Tri-County wanted to provide some relief to those in Ukraine. Computer Information Systems and Early Education students championed three fundraising events: Cougar Cares bracelets, Pie for Peace, and a performance of the Ukrainian folktale performed by the preschool students. "Social media opened many eyes and gave us an inside view of what is happening in Ukraine. We work in a field where empathy is important, and we empathized with the people of Ukraine and wanted to give back and help," said Max Dreon.

Computer Information Systems students Dominic Crisafi of Plainville, Cam Jones of Plainville, and Shawn Dignan of Franklin created a fundraiser that included the sales of yellow and blue bracelets. The "Cougar Care" bracelets were sold during lunch for \$2 for a single bracelet or \$5 for three bracelets.

Early Education students Max Dreon of North Attleboro, Sophia Holbrook of Walpole, Emma DeGregorio of Medway, and Myah Cabral of Blackstone formed a committee to involve the Tri-County community to raise awareness and funding for the people in Ukraine. They decided on two fundraising efforts, "Pie for Peace," and a performance including their preschool students of "The Mitten," a traditional Ukrainian folktale.

Myah Cabral said, "For me, it is personal. My sister is in the Navy. War of any kind hits close to home with me. The effect of war on a family is devastating."

The "Pie for Peace" fundraising effort allowed students to purchase tickets and decide which teacher or staff member would be pied in the face. If you donated, you were eligible to throw the pie. The faculty and staff volunteered to participate and were great sports during the event.

The students also performed "The Mitten" for the friends and families of their preschool students. The students dressed as characters and animals to bring "The Mitten" to life. "Working with children, it is our responsibility to help future generations. A lot of kids are being affected and have no idea why. They were born into an environment and have to suffer through the war," says Sophia Holbrook.

The combined efforts of the three fundraising events raised over \$1,000, which was donated to Straight Ahead Ministries. The students chose to designate the funds to feed families who were displaced or currently in a shelter. "The fundraisers brought the school and student community together. We came in contact with students and teachers we otherwise wouldn't have. It also strengthened our preschool community as we all worked together for a bigger cause," commented

Emma DeGregorio.

"Our students saw suffering and wanted to help. Their ingenuity and persistence made these fundraising efforts a success. We are proud of them for taking the initiative and grateful for our faculty and staff for supporting their efforts."





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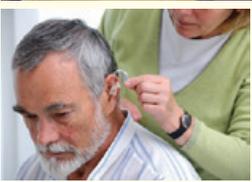
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# FSPA to Host Open Houses for Prospective Families

The Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) will hold Open Houses for prospective students and families at 38 Main Street on Tuesday, August 2nd from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, September 10th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The community is invited to tour the facilities, observe classes, speak with faculty and staff, and learn more about FSPA programs in music, dance, and drama, whether for recreational enjoyment or serious study.

Additionally, interested families are always welcome to call (508) 528-8668, visit FSPAonline.com, or stop by 38 Main Street to ask questions and learn more about the school.

Proudly serving more than 500 students annually from 45 communities in Massachusetts' Metro West region, the Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) is committed to quality education in the arts with exceptional curriculum, outstanding professional faculty and unwavering dedication to each and every student enrolled. Founded in 1985 by Director Raye Lynn Mercer, FSPA is a unique place where students of all ages and levels of ability participate in an array of music, dance, and drama programs with professional instruction and extraordinary performing opportunities. With broad-based and varied



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PA's faculty boasts outstanding professional artists, performers, and teachers. Their impressive credentials are indicative of the excellent instruction available in all programs. FSPA instructors strive to meet the individual needs of each student, working to develop each student's abilities to his or her own potential.

Performance is an integral part of an FSPA education and the school offers unrivaled performing opportunities for students throughout the year. On the calendar annually are student recitals, concerts by faculty and guest artists, master classes, student showcases, holiday shows, the school's signature Spring Concert, and summer

camp and intensives. In addition, for students whose level of interest is more focused, there are special performing ensemble opportunities available by audition. THE BLACK BOX, home of the Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC), a 200-seat flexible theater located behind FSPA, provides a professional venue for FSPA student productions, while FPAC offers opportunities by audition for student performers.

For more information about FSPA and its programs, visit www.FSPAonline.com, call (508) 528-8668, or stop by 38 Main St. in Franklin. You can follow FSPA on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

# Dean College Educator Adams Joins Lifeworks Board of Directors

Lifeworks, a nonprofit human services provider that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, announced in May the addition of Alan "Moe" Adams to its Board of Directors.

Adams brings more than four decades of business experience to the Lifeworks board. He is the assistant professor of finance at Dean College in Franklin. Prior to teaching and leading students in higher education, he and his

wife, Donna, founded and operated a successful biomedical manufacturing company located in Metrowest.

"We are excited to welcome Moe and his immeasurable experience in business to our board,"

said Lifeworks CEO Daniel Burke. "He joins a committed group of community leaders and advocates on our board who are united in their efforts to improve and enrich the lives of our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Adams has served on the boards of several New England companies and continues to lead a consulting services firm that he founded over 20 years ago. He is a published author whose book, *Business Finance: A Clear View*, is currently in its third edition. He earned an MBA from Bryant University.



empowerment and opportunity. The Westwood-based nonprofit organization serves more than 2,300 individuals from communities in the Greater Boston, MetroWest, Norfolk County and Attleboro areas through a wide variety of services and programs, including: employment services; residential, family and community supports; and day programs. For more information, visit www.lifeworksarc.org.

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# Ribbon Cutting for New Food Pantry Facility

By ALAN EARLS

*This article first appeared in and is used courtesy of The Franklin Observer (<https://franklinobserver.town.news>).*

Providing a ceremonial kick off to the work that will transition the former “Edwin’s” store into the new home of the Franklin Food Pantry, supporters, friends and local officials gathered on May 18th in the lot the building shares with Liquor World and Bristol County Savings.

Food Pantry Executive Director Tina Powderly welcomed attendees, noting the long journey that the Pantry has been on. “Today is really about sort of the symbolic opening of this space,” she said.

“COVID-19 really laid bare for all of us what we’re going to try to do in this building, we saw the long lines at food banks and the CDC really recognized food insecurity as a public health problem,” she said, noting that the White House actually is having their first conference on food health and nutrition since 1969.

“Some people might say, what does that really mean for us and Franklin, is there really a need here?”

She answered her rhetorical question by noting that 600-700 households in Franklin are receiving assistance that could be shopping with them. The town’s population is growing and, she said, “We have a little mantra in the pantry right now: it’s not about the building, it’s about what we’re going to do in this

building,” she said. One of the key things, according to Powderly is that the location and attractiveness of the property will reduce the stigma associated with getting food at a food pantry.

“We’re not going to be hidden away in an industrial park,” she said.

“These people who come to shop with us are the bravest people; they are taking that step of asking for help to care for the family and they deserve dignity,” said Powderly. She said the facility will include handicapped accessibility, bathrooms, and elevator and spaces to meet as well as spaces to provide privacy for individual consultation.

While there is no fixed timeline, Powderly said the hope is that the facility will be ready to begin operations by winter. Although the Food Pantry was forced to abandon its original plan to relocate near Walgreens on East Central Street, Powderly said much of the planning work done for that facility was readily transferable to the new location.

She then discussed the many supporters of the Food Pantry, funding help that came through Mass Development, a state agency, and a \$50,000 earmark garnered by State Rep. Jeff Roy, whom she introduced.

He, in turn, saluted Powderly’s leadership and told the story of how he had to negotiate with Mass Development, which had been preparing a funding program based on the East Central location.

“I had run into the people from Mass Development just a few days after Tina had told me about the change in plans,” he said. “They were so excited to tell me, yes, Franklin was going to get the \$500,000 and I had to say, well that nice, except now it’s going to be in a different location,” said Roy. In the end, they did review the new location and saw its merits and provided the needed funding, he said.

As for the \$50,000, Roy said that amount was in the budget last year “and I’m happy to report that there’s another \$50,000 in the budget for this year,” he said. “And I want to thank my legislative colleague, Shawn Dooley from Norfolk. “He saw the amendment in the legislation for the \$50,000 for Franklin and asked, what can I do to help,” Roy explained. “I said, please sign on and also speak to your Republican colleagues and their votes so we can get it done,” and he did.

In his concluding remarks, Roy presented Powderly and the Food Pantry with a recognition from the legislature for the work they do.

After the remarks, Powderly and the Food Pantry team provided a tour of the interior and a discussion of how the building will be adapted to the work of serving Franklin’s food needs.

# Suffragan Bishop to Visit St. John’s in Franklin

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E Harris, Suffragan Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Mass., to visit on Feast of Pentecost

On Sunday, June 5th at 10 a.m., St John’s is pleased to welcome Bp. Gayle Harris as Presider and Preacher for its Family Service on the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, is the day that Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it’s often thought of as the birthday of the Church. Bp. Harris will celebrate the Eucharist and distribute Communion, and will offer a children’s sermon. After the service, she will have an informal conversation with the congregation during a potluck lunch. All are welcome to attend.

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## Veteran’s Coffee Social Celebrates 3 Years in Running (Correction)

Last month, Franklin Local Town Pages reported on the recognition of local Starbucks by the Franklin Veterans Services Office in gratitude for their running a monthly Veterans Coffee Social at the Franklin Senior Center. The article mistakenly noted that the coffee socials have been running for five years, but they have been running for three years. Our apologies for this oversight.

The Veterans Coffee Social runs from 10-11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin. All veterans are invited.

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# Sharon Timlin Memorial Event: A Race to Cure ALS to be held on June 18th to benefit The Angel Fund

## Family Will Be on Hand For Race

The 19th Annual Sharon Timlin Memorial Event: A Race to Cure ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) will be held as both an in-person and virtual event for runners of all ages on Saturday, June 18th at Hopkinton High School.

The road race and family fun day benefits The Angel Fund for ALS Research and its research

at UMass Chan Medical School. The race has raised more than \$2 million for ALS research since its inception.

The event is held in memory of Sharon Timlin, mother of former Red Sox relief pitcher Mike Timlin, who was diagnosed with ALS in May 2001. She died less than a year later, in March 2002. The event also

recognizes and honors the Timlin family's commitment to ALS research and The Angel Fund for ALS Research. Mike and his wife Dawn will be guests of honor at the event.

"We are excited that the Sharon Timlin Memorial Event will return to an in-person event again this year," Mike and Dawn said. "We've missed seeing everyone in person for the past two years, so this year is going to feel extra special as we come together again for our 19th annual event. We hope you will join us on Saturday, June 18th, 2022."

The 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the family fun day activities with live music, food, games, raffles, silent auction, Kids' Run and other activities from 8:30 to 12 noon.

Online Registration closes at 11:59pm on June 17, 2022. There will be no day of registration.

The in-person 5K race fee is \$45 with a virtual option of \$25, plus shipping. All 5K partici-

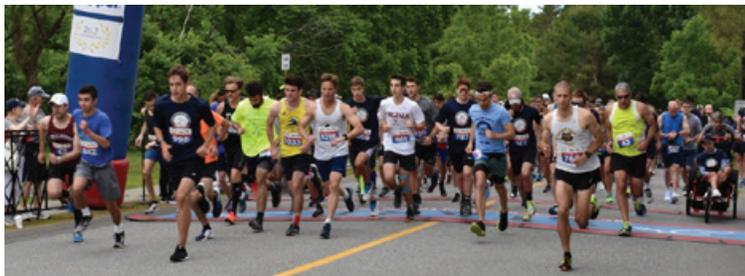


pants will receive a commemorative race T-shirt and can purchase a 2022 Commemorative Race Cap.

Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers. The top three finishers in the following age groups will also receive awards: 14 and under; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-plus; male/female 80+, and wheelchair division. There will be no duplicate awards

Runners and non-runners are encouraged to take part in the Angel Fundraising Challenge, a fun and easy way to go the extra mile and fundraise.

To register for the race and/or donate to the Sharon Timlin Memorial 5K Event - a Race to Cure ALS, visit the website [www.sharontimlinrace.org](http://www.sharontimlinrace.org). You may also send checks payable to The Angel Fund to The Timlin Race, 149 Wood Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748



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 8:10pm - 10:00pm **Movie: Wonder**

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The Franklin Historical Museum plans a busy June weekend beginning with a special Friday night opening June 10th. In conjunction with the Franklin Downtown Partnership the museum will be open from 4-8 p.m. during the annual Strawberry Stroll celebration. The much anticipate Ladybug Cultural & Historical Trail will be dedicated that evening, on Main Street, as well. Stop by the museum to visit two points of interest on the trail, the Delegates Ladybug, which tells the story of the Ladybug becoming our 'state insect.' And the Straw Hat Sculpture, sitting happily on the museum's front lawn, which is a nod to the once thriving straw industry in our town. Learn a bit about the 2nd grade Kennedy School class that went to the State House and learned about the legislative process of making a new state law.

Saturday morning, June 11 the LiveARTS string quartet performs at 10:30 a.m. as part of the Franklin ArtWALK Celebration sponsored by the Franklin Cultural District. Events around town during this 3-day celebration include live performances, art exhibits, family activities, a kick off reception and more. The Franklin Historical Museum is proud to once again host one of the many live performances for this event. For more information on the ArtWALK schedule visit [www.franklinculture.org](http://www.franklinculture.org).

Rounding off this busy weekend is our Second Sunday Speaker Series with a presenta-



tion on the 150-year history of the Franklin Fire Department as they commemorate their founding in 1872. Fire photographs from the Stanley Chilson collection will be on display, and a

presentation of interesting facts and figures recounting the early years from hand drawn pumper wagons, to horse drawn pumper wagons to today's finest and fastest rescue apparatus. Do you know when our first fire station was built? Do you know which prominent Franklin citizen of his day funded the building that served our town for so many years? Do you remember the fire whistle signals? Join us and take a look back at the changes the years have brought to the Franklin Fire Department. Doors open at 1 p.m. and the presentation will start at 1:15. Admission is always free, and we are ADA accessible.

Be sure to visit our gift shop, which is run by the Friends of the Franklin Historical Museum.

The Franklin Historical Museum is located at 80 West Central St., Franklin.



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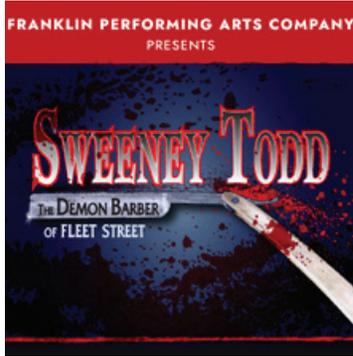
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## FPAC to present *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*

The Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC), Franklin's own professional theater company, will present Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* June 10-12 at THE BLACK BOX.

Sweeney Todd has become a bloody, worldwide success since being awarded eight Tonys, (including Best Musical), for its Broadway premiere. Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's tasty, thrilling, theatrical treat has simultaneously shocked, awed, and delighted audiences across the world. An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has



the people of London lining up.

The cast includes FPAC's Nick Paone as the title character, Kellie Stamp as Mrs. Lovett, Mariko Matsumura as the Beggar Woman, Paul Rescigno as Pirelli, Robbie Rescigno as Tobias, Audrey Miningham as

Johanna, John Fitzhenry as Anthony, and more.

FPAC is an Actors' Equity Small Professional Theater company based at THE BLACK BOX in downtown Franklin. Each season, FPAC produces musicals, plays, ballets, and more featuring Broadway stars, professional actors, local artists, and students of the arts.

THE BLACK BOX is located at 15 W. Central St. in downtown Franklin, MA. For tickets and more information on Sweeney Todd, visit THEBLACKBOXonline.com or call the box office at (508) 528-3370. Follow Franklin Performing Arts Company and THE BLACK BOX on Facebook and Instagram for updates on programming.

## Metrowest Arts & Culture Symposium Informed Cultural Community

By J.D. O'GARA

On Saturday, May 14th, the first ever Metrowest Arts & Culture Symposium took place at Franklin High School. Attendees were able to network and learn from other members of the creative community within Franklin and Metrowest.

Following performances by the Franklin High School Jazz Band and String Ensemble, Kaye Kelly, of Franklin Cultural Council addressed attendees, followed by Pandora Carlucci and Roberta Trahan. Keynote speaker Michael Bobbitt, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, addressed attendees, noting that "art created in this time will be historic," and that the chosen few, artists "give voice to the voiceless." Bobbitt went on to discuss some of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's 24 grant programs available to promote arts in the 329 communities in the Commonwealth that have local cultural councils as well as the 51 Cultural Districts (including Franklin). Beyond the cultural value, Bobbitt remarked on the value of investment in the arts, noting that the cultural community in the United States generates billions in business revenue, supporting jobs, and that consumers attending arts events outnumber those attending sporting events 4:1.

Attendees to the Metrowest Arts & Culture Symposium were able to attend two of



MACS attendees were treated to a performance by the FHS String Ensemble.



Michael Bobbitt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, served as keynote speaker to the first ever Metrowest Arts & Culture Symposium (MACS), held at Franklin High School on May 14th.

four break-out sessions aimed at furthering arts in their communities. Following the workshops, participants networked and enjoyed lunch provided by Birchwood Bakery.



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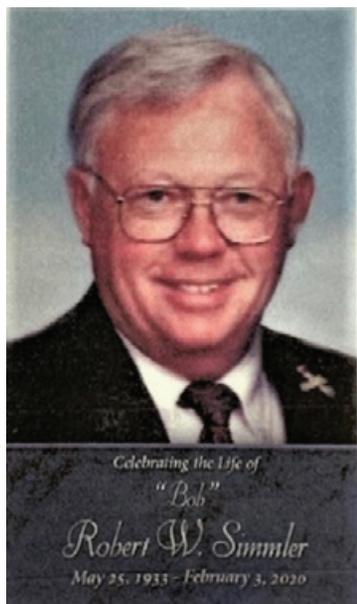
# Sophia Seremetis Awarded Franklin Rotary Simmler Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Franklin MA and the family of Robert W. Simmler, are proud to name Sophia Seremetis, as the first recipient of the Robert W. Simmler / Rotary Club of Franklin, MA Scholarship 2021.

“On behalf of myself and our sons Christopher and Jason,” Marsha Simmler speaking to Sophia, “we are very happy for you!”

A brief history about Bob Simmler; a Franklin High School graduate Class of 1950 and life-long resident of Franklin, Bob graduated from Boston College with his undergraduate and then went off to Georgetown Law, as he admired the Jesuit way of teaching. After earning his Master’s Degree in Law at Boston University, Bob served his country in the US Army as a legal clerk, where he received a certificate of commendation. Upon returning to Franklin, he opened his law partnership and practiced law for more than 50 years until retirement.

Bob was devoted to his family, fellow Rotarian’s and in his service to others. “Perhaps the



Robert W. Simmler

Jesuits who taught him, helped to carve his path?” said Marsha. “We hope that wherever your future leads you (Sophia), that you find a similar journey of serving others too.”

In addition to his service to the community, Bob was a long-time, dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Franklin MA, having served for many years in various capacities, as well as Ro-



Franklin Rotary President Rick Power is shown here with Simmler scholarship recipient Sophia Seremetis and Marsha Simmler.

tary Club President. Since 1905, the Rotary Club’s motto is “Service Above Self”. That was how Bob lived and the reason why the Simmler family chose to honor Bob’s memory by supplementing over two-thirds of the Rotary’s Annual Scholarship, bringing

the annual scholarship award to \$3000.

After the Rotary received Sophia’s first semester transcripts, Sophia received her award at a luncheon in her honor at the Rome Restaurant, on April 23, 2022.

“We wish you, health, happiness and fulfillment in whatever career path you choose and know that Rotary will welcome you, anywhere in the world.” said Rotary President, Rick Power.

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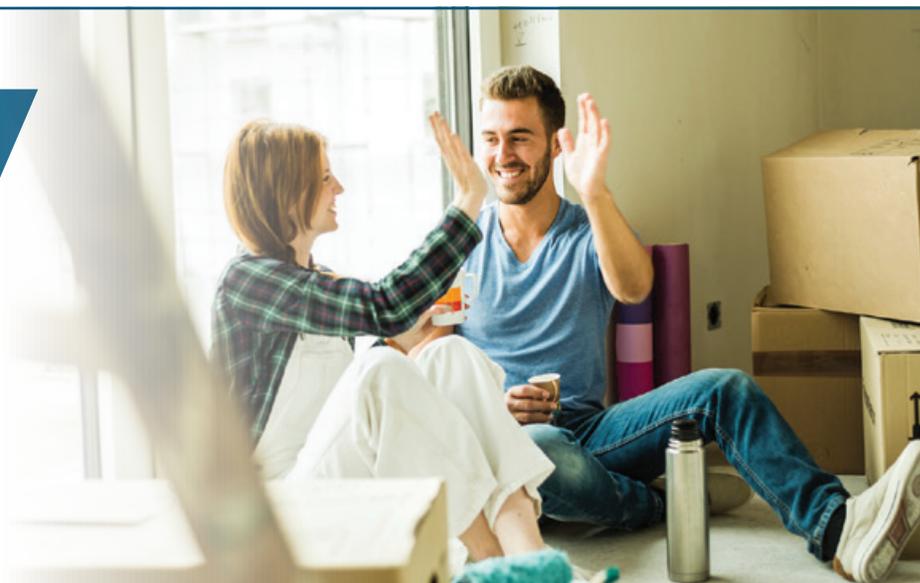
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# Town of Franklin Earns AAA Bond Rating

Amid Pandemic Restabilization, Town Achieves Major Peak For the first time in the town's history, Franklin was awarded a AAA (Triple-A) bond rating by Standard and Poor's Global Ratings. Progressing from the Town's

indicative of exceptionally high creditworthiness in the eyes of municipal bond issuers. "Achieving a AAA Bond Rating is the ultimate team accomplishment in local government" said Town Administrator, Jamie

unity and collaboration of everyone involved, past and present, including the Town Council, Finance Committee, boards and committees, department heads, staff, and the residents of the community. It's like winning the

their job to get this victory."

Despite economic and social uncertainty posed by the pandemic, Franklin's stable financial portfolio, performance and management has positioned the town's reserves to its highest levels ever. The behavior and actions of the Town have resulted in the community being in the strongest position to continue to perform should fiscal stressors arise. A ratings report published by S&P Global Ratings outlines the following as the primary contributing factors in achieving Franklin's AAA rating:

- Maintenance of a favorable debt profile.
- Manageable pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) costs.

"The Town Council, Finance Committee and all of our town staff have established strong financial policies and have remained committed to them," said Hellen. "The support from the Town's elected officials is without question a signature factor in the bond rating for their continued support of the staff's professional expertise. But, the foundation for this achievement is having a great finance team that helps to see beyond the data, providing intelligent information for strategic short and long-term decision-making. I can't say enough about the work of Finance Director Sandini, Treasurer-Collector Bertone and all of the employees who work in the finance offices. We've been zoned in on this goal for years and I am very happy for the entire team to achieve it."

"The pandemic has only made the Town of Franklin more resilient and productive than ever before," Hellen said. "With a AAA bond rating, ISO-1 Fire Department, a soon to be fully accredited Police Department and reducing liabilities, such as OPEB and Stormwater, with modest, common sense, slow-but-steady policies, the Town is as prepared as we have been to meet future challenges."

- Four consecutive operating surpluses, increasing reserves to its strongest levels ever with management projecting ongoing maintenance at these levels, as Franklin continues to work through their capital improvement plan.
- Prudent budgetary modifications amid the pandemic supported by great financial policies to position the town well as fiscal year 2023 approaches.
- Franklin's employment and tax base saw little deterioration amid the pandemic which indicated a resilient and affluent local economy.
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previous AA+, the new rating is Hellen. "The rating reflects the Super Bowl. Everyone had to do

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## Calendar

### June 3

**Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.,** entertainment: Kendo, presented by Franklin Cultural District & Mass Cultural Council

### June 4

**Franklin Lions**

### June 10

**Franklin Strawberry Stroll, presented by the Franklin Downtown Partnership, 4-8 p.m.,** includes strawberry shortcake sale outside Dean Bank, special opening of Franklin Historical Museum, entertainment, vendors, and more. Dancing on Dean featuring Scott Brown and the Diplomats from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the corner of Dean Avenue and Main Street, MyFM 101.3 will be broadcasting live at top of Main St., Dom DeBaggis from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Heath Nesbitt 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Birchwood Bakery. Visit [www.franklindowntownpartnership.org](http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org)

**Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail Unveiling, 6 p.m.,** Dancing on Dean stage at Franklin Downtown Partnership's Strawberry Stroll, corner of Main and Dean Streets

**Franklin Farmers Market, Franklin Town Common, 2-6 p.m.,** entertainment: Willie T and Dr. X, presented by Franklin Cul-

tural District & Mass Cultural Council

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### June 10-20

**Downtown StoryWalk!** Courtesy of Franklin Public Library, Take the family downtown anytime between June 10th- June 20th and follow along with a special StoryWalk!

### June 11

**LiveARTS string quartet, 10:30 a.m.,** Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin, part of Franklin Art-WALK, sponsored by Franklin Cultural District, [www.franklin-culture.org](http://www.franklin-culture.org)

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### June 12

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**Franklin Historical Museum Second Sunday Speaker Series, 1 p.m.,** 80 West Central St., Franklin, presentation on the 150-year history of the Franklin Fire Department as they commemorate their founding in 1872, features fire photographs from the Stanley Chilson collection.

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### June 14

**Herb Gardening with Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens, 7 p.m.,** Franklin Public Library

### June 15

**Bollywood Dancing! 6:30 p.m.** Franklin Public Library, for kids

and grown-ups, with Deepa Bhaskar, learn a fusion of Indian classical and folk dance with various other dances styles from all around the world

### June 17

**Franklin Farmers Market, Franklin Town Common, 2-6 p.m.,** featuring Franklin Public Library's summer reading kickoff program from 3-6 p.m., entertainment details TBD

### June 18

**PanNeubean Caribbean Music Concert! Noon,** Franklin Public Library

### June 22

**Alt Prom for Teens! 6 p.m.,** Franklin Public Library, It's Pride Month, it's almost summer, and we're ready to celebrate! Join us for an Alternative Prom for ALL teens ages 12-18! Wear whatever makes you feel the best and enjoy music, dancing, and an epic rainbow photo booth!

### June 23

**Franklin Art Association Gallery opening, 6-8 p.m.,** Escape into Fiction bookstore, 12 Main St., Franklin, 18 members to display work and be onsite to meet guests, wine & light refreshments

### June 24

**Franklin Farmers Market, Franklin Town Common, 2-6 p.m.,** entertainment: Acoustic Feel, presented by Franklin Cultural District & Mass Cultural Council

### June 28

**Franklin Public Library Book Club, 7 p.m.,** book for discussion is *Peaces*, by Helen Oyeyemi.

### June 29

**Fun with Drones! 4 p.m.,** Franklin Public Library, teen program. Join licensed drone pilot Brian Kourtz of Boston 25 News as he shows us the different types of drones, uses for drone footage, how to get your pilot's license, and of course, how to fly a drone!

### June 30

**Franklin Public Library Genealogy Club, 6:30 p.m.,** Franklin Public Library

### July 1

**Pamela Means, 8 p.m.,** Niagara Coffee Haus, Niagara Hall, Millis, sponsored by Middlesex Bank, tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pamela-means-in-concert-with-mamas-boy-tickets-337359570557>

# Franklin High School Student Wins Championship Title in Region's Largest Candlepin Bowling Tournament

On May 21, 2022, Franklin resident and high school student, Marissa Ewing, claimed the top spot in Saturday's Outrun the Bear (OTB) Candlepin Bowling Tournament hosted by Ryan's Family Amusement in Millis, Mass. At the age of 18, this makes Marissa the youngest winner and first female to claim the singles championship title in the history of the tournament.

Marissa competed against 87 pro and semi-pro bowlers from around New England in the elimination-style tournament. After surviving 12 rounds of play, the rookie found herself in the finals against 4x time OTB Champion and pro bowler Korey Packard from Sutton, Ma. It was a close finish between the two competitors with Marissa coming out on top for a final score of 144 (handicap) / 104 (scratch) to Korey's 116 (handicap) / 106 (scratch). She ended the day with an impressive 547 pins for her last 5 games.

Marissa graduates from Franklin High School in June

and will attend Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, Mass. in their accelerated nursing program.

The final results of the singles handicap tournament:

- 1st Place: Marissa Ewing, Franklin
- 2nd Place: Korey Packard, Sutton
- 3rd Place: Austin Barnes, Londonderry, NH
- 4th Place: John Ahearn, Foxborough
- 5th Place: Justin Scali, Boxborough
- 6th Place: Keith Beaupre, Lynn
- 7th Place: Chuck Desrosiers, Methuen
- 8th Place: Dave, Hodge-Mallahan, Saugus
- Tournament High Single Scratch (157) – Kris Winiarz, Manchester NH & Keith Beaupre, Lynn
- Tournament High Single Handicap (172) – Rob Brown, Amesbury

- Women's High Single Scratch (134) – Kim Pelletier, Bradford

This tournament was generously sponsored by Winthrop Wealth, Tax Strategy Pro, and Mel's Commonwealth Café of Wayland.

## About Outrun the Bear Tournament

Established in 2014, the elimination-style tournament is known for its high level of difficulty and is praised for its challenging format. After each round, a percentage of the lowest scoring bowlers are eliminated leaving 2 bowlers to battle in the final round. OTB presents 3 tournaments a year with a mix of styles (singles, doubles, teams, scratch, and handicap). The tournament was founded by husband-and-wife Dan and Caitlyn Finn of Franklin, Ma, and has quickly become a fan favorite in the bowling community.

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Franklin High senior Marissa Ewing became the youngest and first female to win the Outrun the Bear (OTB) Candlepin Bowling Tournament, held at Ryan Family Amusements in Millis.

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# Sports

## Ellis Taking Reins as Franklin High Athletic Director

By KEN HAMWEY  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Karrah Ellis, the new athletic director at Franklin High, has a background that makes her a solid choice to succeed Tom Angelo, who's stepping down after six outstanding years as the Panthers' athletic chief.

The 45-year-old Ellis has been in the athletic and academic trenches for two decades in venues that include Grafton High, Algonquin and Tantasqua Regional. Ellis has her bachelors and master's degrees from Worcester State where she majored in communications, then earned her master's in secondary education.

At Grafton she taught English for seven years, coached jay-vee field hockey and varsity girls basketball, then became the athletic director during her last four years at the central Mass. school. "During my 12 years at Grafton, the school atmosphere was not only excellent, but also very positive," Ellis said. "That's where I learned how to be an A.D."

A native of Holden, Ellis later served for four years as the A.D. at Algonquin, a regional high school that draws from Northboro and Southboro.

Five years ago, when Ellis moved to Tantasqua, which draws students from Brimfield,

Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales, she wasn't in unfamiliar territory. "It was a good fit," she said. "I knew a lot about the school because Grafton was in the same conference (Southern Worcester County League). I coached against Tantasqua's teams when I was at Grafton."

Now, Ellis is preparing to take the athletic reins at the larger Franklin High, where success in sports in a way of life. Excluding the spring season, Angelo's six years at FHS produced 108 Hockomock League championships, 36 sectional crowns, 6 state titles and one New England championship.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work at Franklin High," Ellis emphasized. "It's a great fit. During the interview process, I met the leadership team at the high school, the superintendent of schools, about 35 captains, the coaching staff, faculty members and parents. The success of student-athletes is simply amazing."

Ellis' goals at FHS are all in alignment with what's transpired in the past.

"I want to develop positive relationships with everyone," she noted. "Continuing to develop



Franklin High's new AD, Karrah Ellis, has lots of experience as an athletic administrator.

the growth of our student-athletes is a priority, and that will lead to building on the success FHS has experienced. I also want to support the coaching staff and their efforts to help student-athletes be the best they can be."

When Ellis was at Grafton, the school won six state titles, and at Algonquin, she was on board when the school made two state title appearances. She's acutely aware of Franklin's success in winning the Dalton Award, presented by The Boston Globe, that goes to a high school that produces the top winning percentage in all varsity sports. The

Panthers have won three in five years but a fourth looks very promising for FHS.

"Winning all those Dalton Awards speaks to the dedication of the school community," Ellis said. "And, it speaks to how dedicated the student-athletes and coaches are to athletics. It also shows that athletics play an important role in the lives of students."

Ellis, who'll officially take over as A.D. on July 1, isn't about to make any sweeping changes. "What's important is getting to know everyone and to build positive relationships," she said, "When that happens, as a team, we can achieve anything."

Ellis knows that competing in the Hockomock League is all about achievement, and she's impressed with how widely the conference is respected. "The Hockomock League is outstanding," she said. "Its reputation is unbelievable. I look forward to working with the A.D.s in the league."

Since the married mother of two played sports and later coached, her athletic philosophy has been a combination of winning, reaching her potential and enjoying being competitive. "If a student or a coach works hard,

is dedicated, sacrifices and has passion for a specific sport, then winning will be the by-product," she said. A graduate of Wachusett Regional, Ellis played field hockey, basketball and softball. She was a captain and a league all-star in field hockey and basketball.

Ellis is quick to mention a half dozen valuable life lessons that can be learned in sports.

"Students learn how to deal with adversity," she offered. "It makes them resilient. They also learn how to set goals and achieve them, they become good teammates and they understand the importance of self-advocacy and communication. They also get a feel for what it's like to leave their comfort zone."

Two terrific honors that Ellis achieved at Grafton and Algonquin were Athletic Director of the Year (Grafton) and the State Award of Merit (Algonquin), presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. The Shrewsbury resident enjoys reading, cooking and watching her daughter and son play sports.

At Franklin High, Karrah Ellis no doubt will be involved with a different kind of baking. She hopes to be using all the ingredients available to cook up some added championships for the Panthers.

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