

Ray Gero, cribbage crew, at home at Oxford Senior Center

By Rod Lee

A little over two weeks before Memorial Day, Raymond F. “Ray” Gero, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, was playing cribbage with some fellow elders at the Oxford Senior Center, and talking about a life that has been good to him.

Mr. Gero is eighty-six years old. He lives on Homestead Ave. with his wife Joan. The Oxford Senior Center, which is operated by the Oxford Council on Aging and run by Laura Beth Wilson, provides him with companionship he enjoys, although this is not always apparent in the innocuous insults that are hurled back and forth between men and women friends over a deck of cards.

“I enlisted at seventeen in December of 1953,” he said, after breaking

away from the cribbage table for a more private conversation. “I was one of those crazy kids who was always asking ‘what are we going to do today?’ I underwent basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (located on the Tennessee border, Fort Campbell is home to the 101st Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment). I wanted to see action. I served in Korea for fifteen months. I was very lucky. God was watching over me. Two days out of Pusan, I got word the war was ended. I landed in Fort Hood, Texas.”

He was discharged in 1955, his three-year tour of duty complete.

He still wears his “Army veteran” cap with pride.

Mr. Gero admits to a little difficulty remembering certain facts from yesterday, but he had no trouble recalling,

with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, that “I got two GEDs, one at the expense of the government.”

He also has vivid recollections of his days in the meat-processing industry in the Worcester area, where he worked for a number of companies including, he says, “Gardner Beef, on Summer St.

“I was out of work and had twenty-six dollars in my pocket. I went into this place and a guy said to me ‘do you want a job? Go in and grab a piece of meat and bring it out to a freight car.’ I did loading, delivery and then breaking down the beef before it went to the meat cutter. I worked for every meat house in Worcester. I became a boner, which paid more money,” he said, as he described the various parts of a side of beef he dealt with: the hind quarter, the rump, the loin.

An affable and approachable man— notwithstanding a crusty disposition— Mr. Gero still possesses the massive hands that one can envision having served him well in the vocation of his choice.

Cribbage and pitch are two of the pastimes he indulges in at the Oxford Senior Center. There are many to choose from, Ms. Wilson says, pointing to two lovely flower arrangements in her office that had been made in-house.

The “menu” for this particular Friday, she said, was “cribbage, lunch and a movie. We have two big bus trips coming up too. Both are sold out. We have a couple of different knitting groups, they make hats, scarves, lap throws, baby blankets, and they donate a lot of stuff.”

Like Mr. Gero, Ms. Wilson feels at home at the Oxford Senior Center, two



Ray Gero likes playing cribbage and pitch at the Oxford Senior Center.

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Oxford Farms ... rich soil ... lofty ambitions

By Rod Lee

Theresa Cohen’s family purchased one hundred thirty acres of rich agricultural land high atop Federal Hill Road in Oxford in 2015. In the seven years since, she has already transformed Oxford Farms into a place residents of the area can turn to for fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and meats.

“I bought this property from Bigelow, the nursery people,” Ms. Cohen said in her office on the grounds on the morning of May 31st. “It is protected farm land. There were no structures. I put in a post-and-beam barn, a storage shed, there are greenhouses, outdoor gardens, and a flower and herb garden. We are farming roughly one acre of the land, half of which is forest, half of which is open.”



Theresa Cohen, owner of Oxford Farms, second from left, with Amelia Kellner, Corey Foster and Evan Lussier.

An environmental engineer by trade, Ms. Cohen has maintained a steady focus on what she wants to do with Oxford Farms. She has designated about one-third of an acre to “no-till” farming (non-certified organic) and will be utilizing the greenhouses to plant year-round. The beef, lamb and chicken she sells are produced by “100 percent grass-fed” livestock, “no antibiotics or de-wormers.”

Her chickens are pasture-raised. “We are all about clean food, healthy food and a respect for nature,” she says. She relies on “the expertise of my livestock manager and garden manager” to realize her vision for Oxford Farms.

Ms. Cohen’s plan might not have been to become a farmer. But, she says, “my kids had health issues so I got involved with alternative health. My husband and I started a recycling business and he runs that.”

Apparently she has only just begun.

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years after taking on the post of director for the COA.

"I worked in the town clerk's office for three years and was furloughed when Covid-19 hit and (Town Manager) Jen Callahan asked me to take this on. Little did I know that, two years later, I'd be here," she says.



"A good-sized cribbage crew," as Laura Wilson describes the group, gathers for a game at the Oxford Senior Center on the morning of May 13th.

Like many other Senior Center buildings in South County and Central Massachusetts, Oxford's looks from the outside as if it could use updating.

But her seniors are not complaining, Ms. Wilson says.

"Our seniors are happy. They don't like change."

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Oxford Farms' store hours are Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Fridays from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m., or by appointment. A seasonal operation, Oxford Farms is open from June through October 31st. The farm hosted a Harvest Fair in November and a spring fair. Music festivals may be coming. There is a pick-your-own ingredient, for strawberries, for instance—for "your total farm experience."

A cornerstone of the venture is the "shares" component: vegetable, fruit and flower shares, small meat shares and family meat shares.

"We don't box you in!" she says in her promotional literature for the fresh vegetable shares. "Our shares allow you to choose what vegetables you get. Your vegetables will be picked shortly before you buy them, fully vine-ripened and ready to eat to insure best flavor and highest nutrition. We are not certified organic but we follow



Above, a view of Oxford Farms' post-and-beam barn from the entrance to the property on Federal Hill Road in Oxford.

Below, some of the organically-grown plants that are available for purchase at Oxford Farms.



organic practices—no chemical pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers. We build soil health using natural sources of fertility such as compost, feather meal, fish meal and alfalfa meal, natural mulches and mineral amendments based upon soil testing."

Oxford Farms offers delivery "and we sell to restaurants," Ms. Cohen said. "Dead Horse

Hill, Isadore's Organics, the Worcester food hub."

Another goal she has in mind is growing the farmstead's retail aspect, "bread, eggs and dairy."

Ms. Cohen is proving to be a capable steward of the land. The previous owner "planted trees for their nursery." Her objective is much larger in scope.

"The purpose behind this

farm is to interact with people," she says.

Of the success she and her approximately eight employees have realized so far, she says "you help yourself a lot if you start with a good asset."

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Xpressly Yours ... a letter from the editor

Small-town medicine show

Ignore the warnings presented as advertisements in the newspaper and on television at your own peril. This was the message conveyed the weekend before Memorial Day, as



seven yards of red cedar mulch that had been delivered by Chamberlain Construction of Douglas lay like a cone-shaped sand hill in the driveway—waiting to be spread.

For years there had been the cautionary messages, including the ones flashing across the TV screen that depicted a man, bare from the waist up, whose back is covered in nasty, festering welts; accompanying this image, symbolic bolts of lightning, as further evidence that shingles and all of the pain that comes with it is not to be taken lightly.

So began an ordeal that had loomed as a threat since childhood, and an outbreak of chicken pox.

Day One (May 21)

The front flower bed, facing the street, was mulched within an hour or so, the bright wood chips lying in perfect complement to the leafy lamb's ear and azalea bushes and iris and rhododendron and lupine that were just starting to bloom. Mary Trotter, a

neighbor, driving by, stopped to say "looking good" and to point out that she appreciated the restaurant column in the Xpress newspapers for having given a battered industry the attention it deserved as it fights back from the ravages of the pandemic. Early afternoon arrives. The first twinges of pain on the left side of the head.

Day Two (May 22)

A trip to Urgent Care and a visit with Dr. Scheinfein, who after examining my ears for wax buildup (which I am prone to) and the scalp at the top of my head ("I'm jealous that you have hair") declares "I believe this is shingles. I am going to prescribe an anti-viral drug, Valacyclovir. Take one tablet three times a day for seven days." The pain sharpens. I manage to read the Sunday papers, nap in the recliner, and watch the final round of the PGA championship. I reach for the bottle of Excedrin Migraine tablets.

Day Three (May 23)

The mulch sits. It can wait. The stabs are coming more frequently. The Excedrin with Valacyclovir is not touching them. In the recliner, I can see my left foot jump every time a stab strikes. I call Northbridge Primary Care. Our PCP, Dr. Anderson, has no openings but I can see the nurse practitioner. I am convinced the problem stems from wax buildup in the left ear. I asked for the ear to be flushed and Tess Green willingly complies. She flushes the right ear too for good measure. But

her verdict is the same as Dr. Scheinfein's: shingles, which, she explains, can be caused by the massive headache I am experiencing. She puts me on a combination of Tylenol and Ibuprofen and says "keep taking the anti-viral med too."

Day Four (May 24)

I discuss my situation with Tess, on the telephone. I tell her I had to force myself to sleep through the pain and that as soon as four hours or so pass the pain returns, every bit as severe as before. She expresses concern and says it will take some time for the mixture of two Tylenol tablets and three Ibuprofen to work their magic. "Let me know how you are doing," she says. "If things don't get better in a day or so, I will put you on a steroid."

Day Five (May 25)

I want to avoid the ER in Milford at all costs. Milford Regional is a great hospital but a man I know mentioned that he had taken his wife there for a shoulder issue at 10:00 p.m. and they didn't leave for home until 6:00 the next morning. I stick to the regimen and do virtually nothing. Late in the afternoon, still in discomfort, I call for Tess and the woman at the desk takes my message.

Day Six (May 26)

In the morning, a nurse calls to pass along word from Tess. "Tess is prescribing Prednisone. Take that in the morning with food. It may cause sleep restlessness. Follow the instructions on the container, you have to taper the dosages day-to-day. Keep taking the

combination of Tylenol and Ibuprofen. You can keep taking the anti-viral pill too."

Day Seven (May 27)

I wake to twinges at 5:00 a.m., get up, toast and butter some bread, take the Prednisone with a large glass of water and then the Tylenol and Ibuprofen with another large glass of water. "From virtually no pills at my age I have become a pill popper," I say.

I go back to bed, waiting for the medicine to kick in.

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New reviews featured in latest Shelf Awareness



Canadian Author Deborah Ellis.

Deb Horan, owner of Book-lovers' Gourmet, 72 E. Main St., Webster, reports "plenty of new reviews in this issue" of Shelf Awareness, including Cindy House's *Mother Noise*, the author's "unexpectedly uplifting memoir" of addiction, recovery and parenting; also, *City of Orange*, David Yoon's post-apocalyptic novel set in California, "an often funny and always compelling journey;" and Lindsay Eagars "spec-

tacular middle-grade novel" *The Patron Thief of Bread*, in which an eight-year-old struggles with her loyalties.

In the *Writer's Life*, Canadian author Deborah Ellis discusses *Step*, ten stories about the journeys a child takes on their eleventh birthday; the gift her grandmother unwittingly left; and a line by Chaim Potok that gets her through tough times.

In *Black Boy Smile*: A

Memoir in Moments, D. Watkins moves into new, vulnerable territory. Watkins wrote about growing up in east Baltimore in *The Cook Up* and *The Beast Side*. Now, in *Black Boy Smile*, he dissects what he calls "the lie" codes of Black masculinity that forced him into stoic silence in order to survive his upbringing. In his new memoir, Watkins practices the opposite—he shares traumatic memories of sexual abuse and violence as well as ways in which "the lie" inhibited his growth and happiness. Through it all, his love for the people of east Baltimore shines through, and Watkins's story is ultimately a hopeful, redemptive one.

Roger Angell, the "elegant and thoughtful baseball writer who was widely considered among the best America has produced," died May 20 at age 101, the *New York Times* reported. His well-informed, lyrical baseball season wrap-up essays in the *New Yorker* became a tradition. As a fiction editor, he discovered and nurtured writers like Ann Beattie, Bobbie Ann Mason and Garrison Keillor, and worked closely with authors like Vladimir Navokov and John Updike.

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Turn out, Webster residents, for crucial June vote!

By Janet Stoica

Where have all the Webster voters gone? That is, the voters who want to see the state pay over half of the town's high school building repairs.

For six years, the town has submitted paperwork to the Massachusetts School Build-

ing Association (MSBA) and has been resoundingly rejected. This year, however, the MSBA has finally approved over a 50% reimbursement rate for Webster to repair and replace failing infrastructure at Bartlett High School. However, at the May ballot box and town meeting, Webster voters have rejected this prized Webster share by narrow margins.



After the rejections and facing the reality of Webster shouldering 100% of repair costs, Webster's selectmen and School Committee have voted to bring the MSBA reimbursement issue to the voters once again in June at a Special Town Meeting and Ballot Box vote.

Webster voters are strongly encouraged to review the following information provided by Webster's School Superinten-

dent, Ruthann Goguen, before attending the June 21 Special Town Meeting and Ballot Vote on June 28:

- It is not every day that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) **accepts** school communities/districts into their program and then **offers them millions**

of dollars to support a community's responsibility to address the costs associated with schools facing issues because things have **reached the end of their functioning life expectancy.**

- The MSBA, which has a dedicated revenue stream of one penny of the state's 6.25-percent sales tax, is collaborating with municipalities to **equitably invest in finding the right-sized, most fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate solutions to create safe, sound, and sustainable learning environments.** (Directly from their website). So these funds came from Webster residents and it would be great to see them being put to good use for our community.
- The MSBA has commit-

ted to give the community of Webster \$51-\$53 million dollars toward the renovation of Bartlett **ONLY if** the community supports the \$101,417,044 proposed renovation of Bartlett High School **at the BOTH** the Special Town Meeting on June 21st at 6:30 p.m. (at Bartlett) and Ballot Vote 7:00

a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Town Hall.) If this project is supported the community's portion of this project would be an estimated \$49 million dollars over 30 years.

- Bartlett High School was built in 1979 and no longer meets code or state standards for educational spaces. Building components that have significant deficiencies, simply because of their age. It is important to note, MSBA gave the district extra points for maintenance, but things such as the roof, windows, HVAC and boiler system are so old they **can no longer be repaired they need to be replaced.** There are also issues with classrooms not meeting state standard sizes and building wide ADA issues.
- For all of these reasons, Webster was accepted into the

MSBA program in 2018. It is important to note it took 6 attempts to get into this highly competitive program. We have worked with the MSBA since 2018 through the Eligibility Phase, Preliminary Design Phase, Schematic Design Phase and now we are at the Funding Phase. **This funding is only guaranteed until June 30th.** Should the community not support both upcoming votes, the Webster School District loses the MSBA grant.

- It is important to note that **if this project is not supported at both** the upcoming votes, June 21st Special Town Meeting and Ballot Vote June 28th, **the MSBA grant goes away.**

- The capital improvements and bringing the school up to the code only option is estimated to be \$66 million dollars that the town would be 100% responsible for.

- If the community supports this proposed project at both upcoming votes, they receive the MSBA grant, and a renovated, code compliant school that was designed with 21st century teaching and learning in mind. We believe this renovation will reduce school choice money as we pay for students who choose to attend a different high school.

- In short, the community has the opportunity to access the MSBA grant of \$51-\$53 million to assist with the major system replacements and update the learning environments through a renovation of Bartlett High School. This would cost the community approximately \$49 million over 30 years.

- If the community does not vote to support the proposed project, the issues with the building are not going away. It is estimated to be \$66 million to bring the building up to code

and these costs would be borne entirely by taxpayers. The \$66 million cost is based upon a one-time current borrowing; in the event that the code only option is spread out over several different borrowings, the estimated cost to the town drastically increases beyond the \$66 million.

- Support of the project is a community wide commitment to the future generation of students in the Town of Webster, and the ability for these students to utilize current technology and learning systems throughout their high school years.

- Other communities, including several other local communities, have started the process that Webster began eight years ago. Non-support of the project at the upcoming votes will place Webster behind these communities in any future grant request to the MSBA.

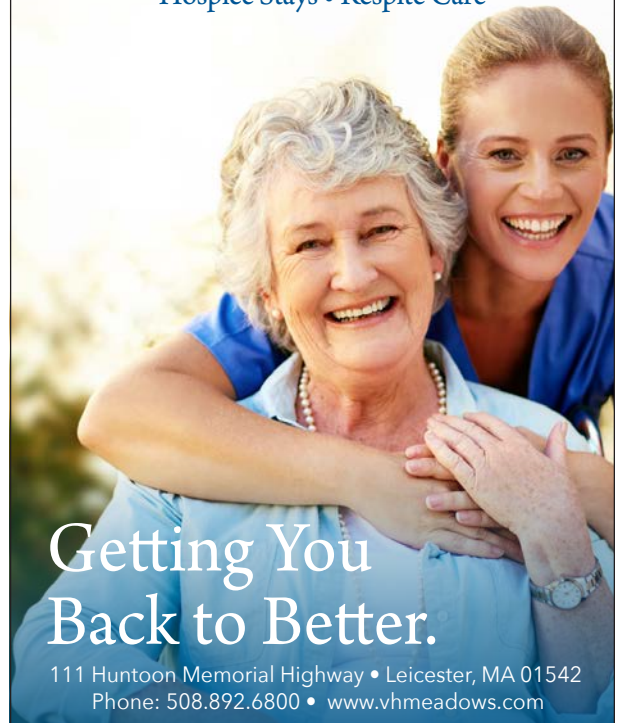
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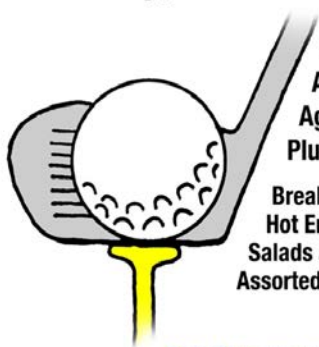
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Pizzeria Bruno: a touch of Italy close to home

By Rod Lee

First impressions created by the new Pizzeria Bruno in the southeast corner of Pleasant Valley Crossing in Sutton are entirely favorable, offering proof that “the boy can be taken out of Italy, but Italy not out of the boy.”

Talking about the venture on the afternoon of May 27th, Marcello Bruno, owner of Pizzeria Bruno with his brother David, said the restaurant is an extension of a family business in the Milan area of his native country that dates to the mid-1990s.

“We are trying do exactly what we did in the past, in Italy, same oven, same brand,” Mr. Bruno said. “We import flour, cheese, chips, soda, beer and wine from Italy. I live three minutes from here, it’s very nice. When we saw this location for the first time, we fell in love with it. Mike O’Brien (of Galaxy Development, developer of the plaza) is a good guy.”

Italia-themed throughout, Pizzeria Bruno features wood-fired, brick-oven pizza in a variety of combinations and flavors. There is red pizza (no cheese), classic pizza, gourmet pizza and white pizza, along with

calzone, panini, piadina (flat bread), a butcher mix (plate of meat and cheese), salad, focaccia and dessert.

Pizza toppings include artichokes, arugula, broccoli rabe, capers, cherry tomato, eggplant, egg, French fries, hot dog, mozzarella, mushrooms,

also available.

Telephone ordering is provided at 508-917-8182.

“Delicious,” Beverly Ricciardona of Millbury, finishing lunch with her husband, said. “The music is good too.”

Already drawing steady patronage, Pizzeria Bruno joins



Marcello Bruno of Pizzeria Bruno in Sutton, with his wife Ang and employee Kyle Conlin.

Kalamata olives, red onions, peppers, pesto, red sauce, sausage, smoked caciotta cheese, spinach, taleggio cheese, truffle sauce, zucchini and ricotta cheese. Brie cheese, gorgonzola cheese, grana cheese, bresaola, ham, hot soppressata, ndujga, porcini mushrooms, prosciutto, shrimp, speck, tuna, meat sauce and buffalo-milk mozzarella are

such food and drink enterprises as Five Guys and Starbucks in an ever-expanding Pleasant Valley Crossing, which is anchored by a Market 32.

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notice to rodlee.1963@gmail.com.

THROUGH JUNE 30

• "Forget-me-not... An Artist's Healing Journey Through Flowers and Inspiration," by Cindy Smith, will be on display for the entire month in the

café gallery of Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 E. Main St., Webster, during regular business hours, Tues.-Sat., 10-5 and Wednesdays 10-6. A meet-the-artist reception will take place on Saturday, June 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Deb Horan at 508-949-6232 or deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

• A Community Yard Sale/Plant Sale will be held at First Congregational Church, 128 Central Ave., Auburn, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Spaces are available for \$25, tables (on a limited basis) for \$5. Annuals and perennials. Call or text Cindy, 774-238-0260, or contact the church office, 508-832-2845, for further details.

• Open Sky Community Services announces a spring return for the 37th Annual Valley Friendship Tour from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will start and end at the Alternatives Whitin Mill complex, 50 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville, with yoga, music, raffles and food on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza at the same address. Participants can choose between a one-mile walk (the "Golden Mile"), a 5K walk/run, or a 30-mile bicycle ride. The Valley Friendship Tour has been the signature fundraising event for Alternatives Unlimited (now Open Sky Community Services) for 33 years. Since it began it has raised over \$3 million in support of individuals and families in Central Massachusetts, including \$160,000 in 2021. To pre-register \$30, visit opensky.org/vft2022. Registration the day of the

event is \$35.

• Memphis Sun Mafia, an Elvis tribute trio, kicks off the Summer Concert Series at Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas. \$10 cash per person 16-and-older, kids admitted free, 5:30-8:00 p.m. No rain date. Go to douglasorchardandfarm.com for further info.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

• Blackstone Valley Tech's annual golf tournament will be held at Highlands Golf & Country Club in Grafton. Proceeds benefit the school's Education Foundation and Athletic Department activities and programs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

The McCartney Years: Live in Concert will be presented as a day trip to Danversport, Danvers, by the Northbridge Senior Center. The cost, \$101 per person, includes the show and a plated lunch before the performance. Sign up with Amy at the front desk. Call

508-234-2002 for more info.

• Hullers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 139 Center Road in Dudley to help hull strawberries for the Dudley Grange's annual Strawberry Festival on June 16th.

• A BangoGals concert will take place at the Asa Waters Mansion, 124 Elm St., Millbury, from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Free admission.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

• The Memphis Sun Mafia Band will bring Memphis to Northbridge with an acoustic journey through the music of Elvis at the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are needed for this event, which includes a BBQ-themed lun-

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Internships are a strength of the operation at Southwick's Zoo in Mendon, where Earth Limited's fundraising BASH will take place on Friday, June 24.

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- The Dudley Grange Strawberry Festival returns. Something of interest for all ages including musical entertainment, children's activities, food from the grill and the Grange's famous strawberry shortcake; the event runs from 4:00 p.m. until all the berries are gone. For ticket info contact Karen at 508-341-6289.

- Robert Black, an Elvis impersonator, will perform at the Millbury Senior Center, One River St., from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Call 508-865-9154 for further info.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- Brumbylon performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- The Sutton Historical Society's town-wide yard sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, June 19. The cost is \$10 for participating resident addresses to be included on a map and in advertising for the event. Registration forms are available at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org. Limited table space at the M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Ave., is also available for \$10. The Society is accepting donated items (no upholstered furniture or electronic equipment) and will pick up if necessary. Contact sutton1704@gmail.com for more details.

- Tony Soul Project, from the Delta Blues to Soul to Rock & Roll, will perform as part of the Summer Concert



"Flowers and art have always been my passion...as I walk this cancer journey, I found solace in painting and a purpose in raising funds for my oncologist," says Cindy Smith, whose "Four Flowers" is part of an exhibition at Book-lovers' Gourmet in Webster throughout the month of June.

Series at Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person 16-and-older, kids get in free, no rain date. Check douglasorchardandfarm.com for further info.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- EARTH Limited's largest annual fundraiser is back for 2022 at Southwick's Zoo in Mendon, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Proceeds support EARTH Limited's many education initiatives, such as internships, docent/volunteer training, rhino encounters, zoo mobiles, wild adventure programs, junior zoo keeping and more. Guests will enjoy an event of adventure and explore the zoo after-hours. Go to earthld.org to purchase tickets. Email Betsy Brewer Bethel at betsy@southwick-zoo.com for more details about EARTH Limited.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- Dark Desert Eagles, the ultimate tribute band to The Eagles, comes to Indian Ranch in Webster as part of the Mike's Hard Lemonade Summer Concert Series. Songs from The Eagles' Greatest Hits 1971-1975 album along with hits from Hotel California and several gems from Joe Walsh's solo career will be featured in this live show. Touched by the passing of Glenn Frey, a co-founder of The Eagles, Pat Badger (an original member of the multi-platinum rock act Extreme) set out

to form Dark Desert Eagles in paying homage to The Eagles' musicianship, vocal harmonies and timeless catalog. In doing so, "we really paid attention to the wardrobe, the hairstyles, the guitars...everything that made The Eagles so cool," he says.

Also upcoming at Indian Ranch: June 5, Trace Adkins; June 11, The Outlaws; June 19, The Mavericks; July 2, Michael Franti & Spearhead; July 8, Get The Led Out; July 9, Scott McCreery; July 17, Little River Band; July 23, Ann Wilson of Heart; July 24, Three Dog Night; July 30, The Pike Hairfest; July 31, TESLA; August 5, "Weird" Al Yankovic; August 6, Collective Soul and Switchfoot; August 7, Lost 80s Live; August 12, ABBA The Concert; August 13, Badfish; August 20, Home Free; September 2, Extreme.

Tickets are available at www.indianranch.com, by calling 1-800-514-3849 or at the Indian Ranch Box Office.

- Rolling Stones & CCR Tributes: 19th Nervous Breakdown with Kelly and the Poor Boys: A Creedence Tribute Band, will perform as part of the Summer Concert Series at Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 cash per person 16-and-older, kids get in free, no rain date. Go to douglasorchardandfarm.com for more info.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- A Narragansett Bay Lighthouse & Cruise Tour is being offered by the Millbury Senior Center. Cost is \$110 per person, all-inclusive, with departure at 9:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. A full-course luncheon is included. Call 508-865-9154 to sign up or for more information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- Tim VanEgmond will present an outdoor concert, featuring traditional and contemporary songs as well as tales about what draws a community together, the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Sign up with Amy at the front desk. Call 508-234-2002 for more info.

- Dan Gabel & The Abletones will present a summer concert at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free admission.

North Grafton Elementary School. For more details contact grafon4thofjulyparade@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

- Static performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

- A Night of Zeppelin: A Led Zeppelin Tribute Band, comes to Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas, as part of the facility's Summer Concert



The popular band Get The Led Out returns to Indian Ranch in Webster for a performance on Friday, July 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

- Euphoralites performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4

- Celebrate the 4th on the Grafton Common! Dress up in costume! Decorate your bicycle! Build a float! Dress up your dog! From North St. to Oak St. starting at 12:00 p.m. Line up at the

Series, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 cash per person 16-and-older, kids get in free, no rain date. Go to douglasorchardandfarm.com for more info.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

- A Blue Shades luncheon concert will take place at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury, from noon

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to 1:00 p.m. Free admission.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

• 4Ever Fab, a Beatles tribute band, will perform at the Millbury Senior Center, One River St., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call 508-865-9154 for more info.



The music of Tom Petty will be showcased when the band Petty Larceny performs at Douglas Orchard & Farm on Saturday, July 30.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

• Joe Cicero performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

• The town of Northbridge's 250th anniversary festivities will kick off with a parade from the elementary school on Crescent St. at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with fireworks at the middle school on Linwood Ave. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. for the pyrotechnics show, which will be preceded by activities for the whole family: food trucks, music, face painting, potato-sack races and more.

• Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas, welcomes Araxas—a Santana Tribute Band, for a show at 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Part of the Douglas Orchard and Farm's Summer Concert Series. Admission is \$10 per person 16-and-older, kids get in free, no rain date. Visit douglasorchardandfarm.com for more info.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

• Icons & Legends Concert, including a Maine Lobster Bake in York, is being presented by the Northbridge Senior Center. Cost is \$110 per person. Sign up with Amy at the front desk. Call 508-234-2002 for more info.

• Enjoy a Far from Eden summer concert at the Asa Waters Mansion,

123 Elm St., Millbury, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free admission.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

• Exit 17th Band, a Rock & Roll Band, will perform at part of Douglas Orchard and Farm's Summer Concert Series, 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person 16-and-older. Kids get in free, no rain date.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

• Rockwell Valentine Jazz Trio performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

• Douglas Orchard and Farm's Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Petty Larceny, a Tom Petty Tribute Band, 5:30-8:00 p.m., 36 Locust St., Douglas. \$10 cash per person, kids are admitted free, no rain date. Visit douglasorchardandfarm.com for more details.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

• The Hip Swayers will perform a summer concert at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free admission.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

• 4 Ever Fab, a Beatles Tribute Band, will perform as part of Douglas Orchard and Farm's Summer Concert series, 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person for those 16-and-older. Kids get in free, no rain date. Go to douglasorchardandfarm.com for more info.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

• Judy Saves the Day, a puppet show, will take place at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Free admission.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

• Evan Wood Trio performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

• Counterfeit Cash, a Johnny Cash Tribute Band, will perform at Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person 16-and-older, kids get in free, no rain date. Go to douglasorchardandfarm.com for further details.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

• Taking it to the Streets: The Ultimate Doobie Brothers Tribute Show, will be performed in Plymouth, New Hampshire at the Flying Monkey Theatre—a trip offered by the Northbridge Senior Center. Show and a buffet lunch are included at a cost of \$110 per person. Sign up with Amy at the front desk. Call 508-234-2002 for more info.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

• Joe Cicero performs at Andy's Neighborhood Center, 9 Frederick St., Webster, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

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St. Roch Summer Festival

St. Roch Church, 332 Main St., Oxford will be holding their Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, June 25 from 8 am – 6 pm in the church hall and an Enormous Garage Sale in the parking lot. Other activities include: A giant Adopt-A-Basket raffle, crafts, gifts, handmade knitted items, homemade baked goods, used books, and plants. Lunch will be served from 10:30-2:30.

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Living with Luke

Luke Valentino learns on the go; training tips and trips

By Amy LeClaire

I couldn't be happier with my new pup, Luke Valentino. He's playful, pugnacious and imperfectly perfect. In some ways he's a typical pup; testing his limits then dashing away from

entino already weighs a healthy 28 pounds and picking him up is getting harder and harder. Whether his behavior is typical or atypical, one aspect has remained constant with the numerous dogs that I've owned. Training a dog takes a lot of time and work, but the rewards of putting forth the effort make a significant difference in living happily ever after (or not) with your pooch. I'm not a professional trainer; simply someone who has spent a lot of time studying the behavior of dogs. Since Luke is nearly

what if you need to host a party and your hungry pooch causes a guest to trip while counter surfing?

It might be time to train.

Travel with your dog

Dogs need to learn how to behave in human situations, especially if they are to live with one. Traveling with your pet offers hands-on opportunity to train on the go, on the fly, and on the scene. The more time you spend with your dog, the more training opportunities naturally arise. Luke rides in the backseat, seated comfortably in a travel crate lined with a plush mattress and chew toys. The sides of the crate have netted windows so that he's enclosed, but can still discern what's happening. We're going for a ride! His on-the-go bed is designed for comfort, safety and leisurely naps. He adores the prospect of a new adventure equally as much as he does the journey. In fact, often times he'll awaken to the sound of my parked car and sit up with bedhead, one ear flapped open. "Where'd we end up? Mind if I just relax here for a bit?" Luke is more "chill" than most puppies we've had. We often refer to him as Professor Luke, the puppy most likely to study the sound of spoons dropped into the dishwasher bin. "Hmm." He'll cock his head to the sound. "That is fascinating." His curiosity draws him closer to the edge of the door, where he pokes his nose at a fork then backs off. "Ouch."

Amid traveling training days, he's even met some of his readers at CVS. Perched like a teddy bear in a metal carriage, he once raised his chin over the edge to say hello. "Wait a minute. Is that Luke Valentino?"

"That's me!" Have you ever noticed how utterly happy puppies are (especially Golden Retrievers) to greet new people. He licks the hand of a loyal reader and smiles proudly. "Isn't this place incredible?" Since food is LOVE for Golden Retrievers (and most dogs), it serves as the ultimate motivator and training tool. "Good boy, Luke." I reward him for being positive. Lincoln taught me to wear rose-colored glasses and see the good in every situation. The legacy goes on. "Mommy is so proud of you, Luke." He gnaws at the fleshy part of my palm, testing me. "Luke Valentino." I lower my voice and he tests further, biting yet softening his grip. Puppies know more than you think.

Consistency matters

My husband and I have been on point, and on the same page in certain areas, though inferior in others. Luke is able to "stay at his own spot" while we eat with the patience of an English

butler. We've battled out that back and forth labor of bringing him back to his spot for a reward amid countless instances during which he's snapped back to our feet. A meal eaten in peace is secondary to helping Luke learn that we don't eat at the same table (unless we're at an outdoor restaurant café of course). So I've weathered the begging storm during tired mornings and scored big. He's so masterful that he'll now assume his dining spot throughout the day, waiting for us to sit down and eat, just so he can show off good behavior while waiting for a reward. The triumph has become a Luke Valentino classic. We gush. "Look how intelligent Luke is! He really is a gifted puppy."

We've also consistently potty-trained Luke, taking him out after naps and, frequently, throughout play times. This has been a process and has happened in gradual stages, with no perfection. Puppies drink a lot of water and pee a lot! It's important to watch the signals of your puppy and have patience. We've finally reached a stage where we can confidently trust him to "tell us" without staying on top of him. He'll casually sit at the front door to let us know he has to go out, even when we're engrossed in our own tasks.

Set limits so that you're both happy

Although cuddling in bed with an eight-week old puppy may have been tempting, the decision to give Luke his own cozy sleeping quarters was a good one. Luke now sleeps comfortably in his crate from 11 pm to 8 am. He woke us up throughout the night during the first week home, then stretched his sleep time, finally, to 6 am. We realized he was getting up too early, and only to eat. He would play a bit; then want to sleep all morning. Why not just sleep later? Instead of rushing downstairs to his first whimper, at about 12 weeks, we decided to ignore him and see if he'd fall back to sleep. Our plan worked like a charm! Now we're all fully rested and ready for the day's adventures! The important thing is to help your pup to conform to the unique schedule that works for your household.

How is Luke Valentino faring with off-the-couch behavior? B- The low mark is ours to own. We've wavered. We've wobbled. We've been worn down by Luke's cuteness and manipulation. We have not consistently shown him (as we had Lincoln) that his bed in the family room is far more fun than the leather couch. "No one talks during my movie" is a lost cause when it comes to training your dog. Luke needs to know that we're



A Travel Day at TJ Maxx, Auburn

willing to wrestle, romp, redirect him to his toys and teach him to play at his own spot every single time. Luke needs to know that sometimes adults need to sit.

"I won't be any trouble." He sits at the edge of the couch and lifts his chin to us. "I was thinking we could watch the movie together." A teddy bear, it seems, wants to snuggle. "Luke, we're going to relax now." Luke is a puppy. He has no interest relaxing—now or later. "Come here, you." We cave. We coddle. We shake hands with a devil in sheep's clothing. Luke gets his way, and the suede pillows are about to pay a price. He thrashes them around with the aggression of a wolf. We struggle to discipline a pup that's taken a turn for the worst. He lifts his gums to reveal a rebellious set of jagged puppy teeth. My husband, also a male, takes the domineering tactic personal. "I'm not letting him boss us around this way!" I nod my head in dismay. We've been inconsistent with this aspect of Luke Valentino's training. Puppies can't figure out what to do with their own tails, never mind every do & don't of domestic life. Still; neither of us could have predicted what was to come, and how dark things were about to get on that infamous leather couch.

"Oh gosh. Oh no." I left him on the floor beside the couch for two minutes one time. I didn't leave food or any chocking hazards behind, only a risk I hadn't expected. I had planned to start writing this very column, and left my laptop screen flapped open, ready for words. A curious Luke, ready to chew, found the corner of the screen and dug his jagged choppers in to reveal a haunting sight. The screen,

black as night, exposed the spread of a spider web, then a lightning bolt design which drew my index finger in, as though somehow I could zap an electrocuted system back to life. In shock, I touched the screen over and over again but the crack, now iridescent, had made its mark. Luke Valentino, a puppy learning his boundaries, had destroyed my Mac's screen.

Stories and documents and pictures sailed through my mind. I'm a writer. My words had been wiped. I stared down at my puppy. "Oh, Luke. You didn't know what you were doing."

Luke smiled calmly up at me. "Want to play?" He was over it a full two seconds ago.

"It will cost \$578.00 to repair the screen." The Apple technician delivered the cost of my inconsistency with such patience. He had navigated the technical waters of password confusion and i-cloud cloudiness to track down the identification of my broken machine with blissful ignorance. I ran my fingers through my hair. "Wow. The screen alone costs that much." My gaze fell down on a patient Luke, who was seated beneath the workbench to partake on one of numerous "travel days." He smiled up at me as he does during our travel days together, and reminded me that perfection is impossible. "I love it here. Thank you for taking me along with you."

If you want to learn more about how to best handle your pup—take him for the ride!

Stay tuned for more on Luke Valentino's trips and triumphs.

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Luke visits Wells State Park, Sturbridge

me, a dirty sock in his mouth. In others, he's as unique as his full name. "Thank you for being such a good boy, Luke." I kiss his nose and snout, traces of puppy breath still evident, even though he's almost too big to be held.

"Love you back, Mama." His body is pressed against my chest, causing his hind legs to open like a frog's while his paws rest on my shoulders. He licks my full chin and face as though cleaning dribbles of ice cream from a cone. I can't help but giggle to my puppy's innocence and honesty. His appreciation for me, I realize, falls somewhere between loving me for me, and the flavor of my facial cream.

"You're the best puppy." Either way, I cherish moments that are short-lived. Luke Val-

four months old, and we're both still in one piece (and living in peace), I thought I'd shared my secrets. Luke Valentino has stolen my heart, along with a few too many sneakers.

Training happens all the time

Your dog may be able to sit on command for a reward and roll over (is there any benefit from the crazy trick?) or even hand you his paw in the kitchen, but what about when the spontaneity of life gets in the way? What if your dog is accustomed, exclusively, to being trained in isolation and, consequently, freaks out in public? What if a quirky terrier catches her eye in the ice cream parlor line, and she snakes through your legs to drool over the poor dog? Or

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Chief's corner

Deadline to obtain real ID closing in

By Chief Steven J. Wojnar
Dudley Police Department

The "REAL ID" driver's license program is now within one year of full implementation in Massachusetts. This is

deadline to obtain a REAL ID was extended until May 3, 2023. This means after that date, only a REAL ID or a valid passport would be an acceptable form of identification to fly domestically or enter fed-

1099 form, a tax return, and any other official document that has the full number. Should you be required to prove residency, you can use any number of documents that display a residential (not PO Box) address. For

massachusetts-identification-id-requirements.

The form of license you wish to have is your choice. If you have no intention of flying or using this to enter federal buildings, the standard license

closer to the date and may not be available. Please review the proper documentation to bring with you to obtain the REAL ID to avoid multiple trips to the Registry and the frustration that accompanies it.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

REAL ID Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

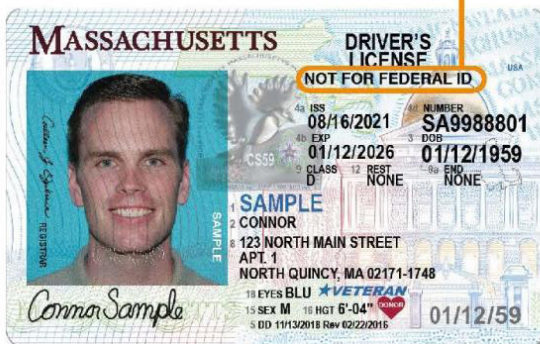
Indicator on card is a star to designate that it is a federally compliant card



- ✗ **CANNOT** be processed online – must make a reservation to visit an RMV Service Center or AAA members can visit a AAA branch if not a first-time applicant
- ✓ Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence required
- ✓ Is a valid driver's license or identification card
- ✓ Is valid for up to 5 years or length of stay in the U.S.
- ✓ **CAN** be used to board a plane in the U.S. or enter federal buildings after May 3, 2023
- ✓ Is an **acceptable** form of identification for federal purposes

Standard Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

Indicator on card is 'NOT FOR FEDERAL ID' to designate that it is NOT a federally compliant card



- ✓ **CAN** potentially be processed online
- ✓ Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence required
- ✓ Is a valid driver's license or identification card
- ✓ Is valid for up to 5 years or length of stay in the U.S.
- ✗ **CANNOT** be used to board a plane in the U.S. or enter federal buildings after May 3, 2023
- ✗ Is an **unacceptable** form of identification for federal purposes

a federal security program created in 2005, due to the September 2001 terrorist attacks. The goal is to have standardized and secure identifications issued throughout the country. This enables people to use their license as an official identification for domestic air travel or to enter federal facilities. Under this program, Massachusetts ID's will meet similar standards as other states. This was supposed to be in effect as of October 2020, however; due to the COVID-19 emergency, several dates have been moved. Since we continue to receive questions on this, I was asked to provide some updates on this program.

People who have valid licenses have a choice of obtaining a standard driver's license or a REAL ID. Both are available for issue by the Massachusetts Registry. In Massachusetts, the

eral buildings. These pandemic-related moves have allowed everyone more time to obtain these ID's. If you wish to obtain a standard license you can follow the same renewal plan as before. This may be done online or in person at a Mass DOT Registry point. Should you wish to obtain the REAL ID, it must be done in person, at a Registry or an AAA office if you are a member. You will be required to provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence, your Massachusetts residency information, and social security number. A passport or an original birth certificate (with raised seal) are a valid proof of citizenship. In addition, for the REAL ID, you will need some documentation that will display your full 9-digit Social Security Number. These can include a pay stub, W2 form,

married individuals, who have changed their name, an original marriage certificate is generally required. A piece of first-class mail issued within 60 days, a tax or utility bill, or other official correspondence proves your residence status. More information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/>

is fine. If you wish to use a REAL ID, you will need to have it in place by May 2023. According to Mass DOT, approximately 41% of drivers have obtained these REAL IDs so far. They advise everyone seeking these documents to make an appointment soon. The appointments will fill up

Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (intention), Amen.

If you pray three times a day, three consecutive days, you will receive your intention, no matter how impossible it may seem. Praise and Thanksgiving please the Heart of God. **Believer**

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Sports

Bartlett 3 Sport Athlete Heading to UConn

By Christopher Tremblay, Staff Sports Writer

While Covid was playing games with high school athletics, Bartlett athlete Camden Heenan

put the pandemic to good use to try out another sport. When the MIAA added a Fall II season Heenan decided to try her hand at volleyball making her a one-year four sport athlete

for the Indians. With volleyball added to her resume the Bartlett senior has now played soccer, basketball, and softball for the high school.

Softball and basketball are

her favorites to play but it's on the softball field where she excels at the higher level and although she was not offered a scholarship at UCONN she is contemplating trying out for the team, if not at least play club while in Storrs.

Having played on the junior varsity squad during the seventh and eighth grade she finally made the jump to the varsity team as a freshman and truly

basically because it was easier on her parent with 2 younger brothers and did so until she was 11 years old. It was her that she gravitated toward travel basketball before finally stepping onto a softball field in the seventh grade.

"There was no real difference, softball was the same as baseball," Heenan said. "I was young and just wanted to play,

son during her freshman season, Heenan and her teammates were forced to hope and pray as they could not take the field until the strange pandemic was out of sight. Despite the loss of her sophomore high school season, she was still able to take part in a few tournaments during the summer with her travel team, but it was nothing that she had been used to.

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showed that she belonged.

"Camden batted .348 for us as a lefty power hitter while she had a fielding percentage of .920 as a second baseman," Bartlett Softball Coach Courtney Stawiecki said. "She was a named to the Southern Worcester County League's All Conference team as a freshman. As a tri-sport athlete she does well whatever she takes on."

Growing up Heenan started playing baseball with the boys,

but I also wanted to win while working together with the team."

Although she began her career as a second baseman, she eventually was moved over to shortstop due to a vacancy while she was playing on the varsity team.

"I had always played second base growing up as that is where they put me as I didn't have the strongest of arms back then," the senior shortstop said. "Now my arm is much stronger, and I am able to make the plays and my movement is much quicker."

After having a breakout sea-

When they were able to eventually get back onto the field hitting live pitching was something that they would have to get used to all over again.

"Due To the lack of hitting during the year and a half of Covid, my hitting was not what I had been," Heenan said. "During the time off all I could do was hit into a net in my backyard, it was nothing like live hitting."

Heenan, much like everyone else struggled at first but by the end of her junior season she was

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Tales from beyond

Creatures of the Bridgewater Triangle-Part 2

By Thomas D'Agostino
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Mr. Andrade witnessed a bigfoot in 1978. He spied a huge strange-looking creature walking down a hill about two hundred feet in front of him. He described it as being over six feet tall, brown, and hairy. He could not see its face, as it was walking away from him. Since then he has recorded many accounts of the "Bridgewater Bigfoot." He would later go on video describing his account and showing a representation of what he saw. It was not the first time he encountered the creature. While collecting firewood during a camping trip, he heard a very loud growl which he would later describe as sounding like "something from hell."

His camp mates also heard the roar. Whatever it was, it was very close and gave them the impression it did not want them there. In all their years of camp-

ing in those woods, they never heard any such sound as that.

Three other campers pitched a tent in the woods near the swamp. Shortly after setting up camp, something threw a very large log at them, causing the party to vacate the premises. The next morning, they went back to fetch their gear and tried to lift the log that was thrown at them. All three had the most difficult time trying to hoist it off the ground. Whatever it was possessed immense strength to be able to catapult the massive piece of wood into the campsite.

John Baker of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts witnessed the "bigfoot" monster in the early 1980s. While hunting in the swamp, he had the feeling someone, or something, was following him. He turned and saw a large hairy beast standing in the brush along the side of the water only a few yards from him. The "thing" was tall, covered with hair, and smelled very bad-

ly. It turned and ran off into the woods. He has since searched for the creature, but has never come across it since that fateful day.

One of the oldest and amazing legends in New England pertaining to strange creatures is that of a small being called a Pukwudgie. Pukwudgie, or Puk-Wudjie, which roughly translates into English as "wild man of the woods" or "little wild man of the woods that vanishes." These human-like little demons are deeply steeped into Wampanoag folklore and are considered the oldest and most dangerous mythical creatures in North America. Author, Educator and Historian Christopher Balzano hit it right on the nose when he stated "Large monsters are intimidating, but cannot fit

under the bed, or in the closet, or in the corner of the room just beyond where the illumination hits. Small monsters can hide, sneak into thin cracks and slip out of sight."

The Pukwudgie is known to do just that and more. The creature is described as being about two to three feet tall, covered in hair from head to toe, resembling the likes of a troll. They have the power to appear and disappear at will, lure people to their deaths, shape shift into various animals, shoot poison arrows and instantly create fire. Anyone who gets on the wrong side of a Pukwudgie is bound to meet with horrible circumstance.

According to Wampanoag legend, the Pukwudgies were very friendly and helpful to humans until the tribe, think-

ing they were a nuisance, had them rid from the area by the giant, Maushop. Some survived and remained in the area of the Bridgewater Triangle, wreaking havoc on those who crossed their path.

Stories of these evil fairies go as far back as the written word but, for some reason, were not well received until the early twentieth century when Elizabeth Reynard published The Narrow Land: Folk Chronicles of Old Cape Cod. Within this book are several Wampanoag legends, including that of the Pukwudgie. More recent accounts have flooded pages of books, daily, weekly and monthly publications and the internet.

Pukwudgies also use the souls of the dead to lure victims to their demise. One person

followed a ball of light into the woods only to spot one of the diminutive demons trying to lure him in further. A few nights later, while in the same area, the same creature stalked the person while he sat in his auto.

One of the more interesting warnings against the evil demons in recent times was the placement of a sign along Slab Bridge Road near the Freetown State Forest reading, "PUKWUDGIE XING."

If you decide to look for Pukwudgies, be careful and do not annoy them. Many people in the area who have encountered one of the mystical creatures will tell you some things are often better left alone.

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fully back to normal at the plate.

As the Indians varsity short-stop got ready to begin her final high school season with Bartlett, she had a couple of goals in mind.



"This year we're on the younger side so I am sure that we'll be making a lot of mental errors, but once they clear their heads and go onto the next game, we'll be ok. This is as great group of girls that makes an all-around team" she said.

"As for myself, I can't lie I want to hit my first high school homerun. I've been close a few times, but I really want to clear the fence."

Bartlett finished the season with a 9-9 regular season record

earning themselves a place in the Division 2 State Tournament. Heenan and her Indian teammates are hoping to do better than the 2019 season when they last went 9-9 and lost in the first round of the tournament.

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By Mark Marzeotti

If you're thinking of buying or selling a house, you're at an exciting decision point. And anytime you make a big decision like that, one thing you should always consider is timing. So, what does the rest of the year hold for the housing market? Here's what we see.

The number of homes available for sale is likely to grow. There are some early signs indicating that housing inventory is starting to grow and experts say that should continue in the months ahead.

The gap between this year's homes for sale and last year's is one-fifth the size that it was at the beginning of the year. The catch-up is likely to continue. This growth will likely mean more options for shoppers than they've had in a while, even though inventory continues to be behind pre-pandemic normal.

As a buyer, having more options is great news. Just remember, housing supply is still low, so be ready to act fast and put in your best offer up front. Let's get you prequalified!

As a seller, your house may soon face more competition when other sellers list their homes. But the good news is, if you're also buying your next home, having more options to choose from should make that move-up process easier.

Mortgage rates will likely continue to respond to inflationary pressures. Experts also agree inflation should continue to drive up mortgage rates, how-

What does the rest of the year hold for the housing market?

ever more moderately.

As a buyer, work with trusted realtors/real estate professionals, including your lender, so you can learn how rising mortgage rates impact your purchasing power. It may make sense to buy now before it costs more to do so, if you're ready. Call us if you are ready, we're here to help!

preciating because there are still fewer homes for sale than there are buyers in the market. That said, experts agree the pace of that appreciation should moderate – but home prices won't fall.

Statistics show that home prices throughout the country have surged for the better part of two years, including in the first quarter of 2022. Given the ex-

a good investment and a strong hedge against inflation.

As a seller, price appreciation is great news for the value of your home. Again, lean on a member of Marzeotti Group or another professional to strike the right balance of the best conditions possible for both selling your house and buying your next one.



As a seller, rising mortgage rates are motivating some homeowners to make a move up sooner rather than later. If you're planning to buy your next home, talk to a trusted realtor/real estate advisor to decide how to time your move.

Home prices are projected to continue to climb. Home prices are forecast to keep ap-

pretingly low inventory, we're unlikely to see price declines, but appreciation should slow in the coming months.

As a buyer, continued home price appreciation means it'll cost you more to buy the longer you wait. But it also gives you peace of mind that, once you do buy a home, it will likely grow in value. That makes it historically

Whether you're a homebuyer or seller, you need to know what's happening in the housing market, so you can make the most informed decision possible. Connect with a realtor/real estate advisor to discuss your goals and what lies ahead, so you can pick your best time to make a move.

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Q & A with The Car Doctor

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okay the trip is certainly possible and safe. Although keep in mind that AAA surveys show that cars 10 years and older are twice as likely to break-down and four times as likely to need a tow than newer vehicles. But what is life without an adventure.

Q. I have a 2019 Toyota Camry with about 38,000 miles on it, that is coming off the lease and I can buy it for about \$17,000. Do you think this is a good idea, the car has been very good and only needed regular maintenance?

A. Looking online with today's crazy used car prices (up 30 percent over last year) the typical 2019 Camry is selling for \$25,000. To me this makes buying out your lease a "no-brainer." Of course, you may need to put some money into the car. At its age and mileage, you may be due for tire, brake replacement and maybe a new battery. With a thorough detailing and if needed, replacing tires, brakes and the battery would be money well spent and make the car feel and look like new again.

Q. My 20-year-old twin boys want to drive cross country this summer. The problem that they want to do it in their grandfather's 20-year-old Lexus. What do you think of this idea?

A. The three most common reasons people call AAA are keys locked in the car, dead batteries and flat tires. If I was to do this trip, I would bring the car to a good garage for an overall checkup focusing on parts that age. This would be drive belts, cooling system, tires, and the electrical system. I would also look at brakes, steering and suspension components and fuel and brake lines. I would also carry an emergency kit of premixed coolant, extra oil and transmission fluid, first aid kit, portable air compressor and jump-pack, if everything is repaired or looks

Q. I have a GMC 2500HD pickup that is used in for work, I'm a handy-man and some days have no weight in the truck and other times may have an entire deck. The door sticker states the front tires should be at 65 PSI and the rear tires should be inflated to 75PSI. I just had an oil change and asked to have the tires checked. When I checked with both the tire monitors and a gauge and they are all at around 63PSI. Should I set the tires at different levels?

A. I believe in setting vehicle tires at the pressure recommended by the vehicle manufacturer, in this case 65 PSI in the front and 75 PSI in the rear. The only time I would vary the pressure is if you were carrying a heavy load for a long distance and then add more air, but never exceed the maximum tire inflation pressure on the tire's sidewall.



Q. I have a 2015 Nissan Rogue with 56,000 miles on it. This car ran great until I was involved in a car wreck. Now frequently, when shifting into park, engine will jump up to as high as 4,000 rpm - as though I floored the accelerator - then engine settles down to normal. This does not happen every time I shift into park but very unnerving when it happens. Is this a major concern? The body shop took the car to the dealer, and they replaced the accelerator pedal and performed throttle learn. The problem is the same thing still happens but now accompanied with vibrating noise coming from engine when accelerating up to 40 mph. What can I do?

A. I have checked for possible technical service bulletins, and none were found. At this point more diagnostic time is going to be needed. I suspect the issue may be due to the previous body repair. It is possible that a wiring harness was poorly installed or poor chassis ground could be the problem. The vibration you hear could be that the exhaust heat shield has started to loosen up and vibrated and rattles due to the engine revving. At this point a good technician is going to need to take time with additional testing. Depending on how long it has been since the body repair, the insurance company may be able to open up an additional claim based on the first repair.

Q. I have a new 2022 Honda Pilot with only 4000 miles on it. When I come to a stop, I get a message that reads "AUTO ENGINE IDLE STOP UNAVAILABLE". The dealer did not find a code for this message. Any thoughts on this and the Pilot in general?

A. Since the pandemic and more people working at home some vehicles such as yours are not being driven as much as others. Certain parameters need to be met, engine temperature, seat belts on and shifter in drive normal mode, not sport or manual gear selection etc. Also important is the battery needs to be fully charged. If the battery voltage is low, it may still be able to start the engine, but will limit the "Auto-Stop" feature. With the vehicle being new and such low mileage, it is possible the battery is not fully charged. The first thing to do would be fully charge the battery at a slow rate with a battery charger. Regarding the Honda Pilot, in spite of a few problems over the years with oil consumption it is still one of my favorite SUVs.

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Tips on financial planning



Dennis Antonopoulos

New limits expand 401(k), IRA opportunities

You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. So, to pay for all those years, you'll probably need to take full advantage of your retirement accounts. And in 2022, you may have expanded opportunities to deduct retirement plan contributions on your tax return.

Before looking at what's

ahead this year, let's review the key benefits of those accounts.

Traditional IRA. You typically contribute pretax (deductible) dollars to a traditional IRA, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred.

Roth IRA. You invest after-tax dollars in a Roth IRA, so your contributions won't lower

your taxable income, but your earnings can grow tax free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're 59 1/2 or older when you begin taking withdrawals.

401(k). A 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) for state and local government employees or a 403(b) for employees of public schools or nonprofit groups) is generally funded with pretax dollars and provides tax-deferred earnings. Some employers offer a Roth 401(k), in which employees contribute after-tax dollars and can take tax-free withdrawals if they meet the same age and length-of-ownership requirements as the Roth IRA.

So, what's different about these plans in 2022? First, consider the traditional IRA, if you—and your spouse, if you're married—don't have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can always deduct the full amount of your contribution on your tax return, no matter what you earn. But if one or both of you are covered by an employer-sponsored plan, then your deductions could be reduced or eliminated based on

your income.

Single taxpayers can claim the full deduction if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$68,000 or less (\$109,000 for married filing jointly), with deductibility decreasing at higher income levels and phasing out entirely at \$78,000 (\$129,000 for married filing jointly). But here's the key point: compared to 2021, these ranges are \$2000 higher for single filers and \$4000 higher for those who are married and filing jointly—which means that this year, you might have more opportunities to make deductible contributions.

And a similar type of increase applies to Roth IRA eligibility. In 2022, if you're a single filer, you can put in up to \$6000 (\$7000 if you are 50 or older) in a Roth IRA if your modified adjust gross income (MAGI) is less than \$129,000—up from \$125,000 in 2021. Allowable contributions are reduced at higher income levels and phased out if your MAGI is \$144,000 or more, up from \$140,000 in 2021. If you're married and file jointly the respective ranges

are \$204,000-\$214,000, up from \$198,000-\$208,000 in 2021. Again, higher ranges may mean more opportunities for you (consult your tax advisor to determine your eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA or make deductible contributions to a traditional IRA).

And finally, the annual contribution limit for 401(k), 457(b) and 4-3(b) plans is \$20,500—up \$1000 from 2021. If you're 50 or older, you can put in an extra \$6,500 this year, for a total of \$27,000.

These changes may not seem monumental, but when you're saving for retirement, any opportunities to invest and potentially reduce taxes, of whatever size, can be valuable. So, review your options to determine how you can help yourself move closer to your retirement goals.

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Boat responsibly: get your 2022 vessel safety check

Tri-State Flotilla 10-2 US Coast Guard Auxiliary VSC Station announces boat safety inspections to be held at the Memorial Boat Ramp, Nipmuc Cove on Wallum Lake on Saturday, June 11 and at the Wallum Lake Boat Ramp, Douglas State Forest, on Saturday, June 18.

Bring any type of watercraft from kayaks, canoes, PWCs, sailboats, cabin cruisers, to ski & pontoon boats for a stem to stern check of equipment for compliance to federal and state safety regulations. Vessels can be inspected on a trailer as well as afloat.

Trailer vessels, not having Webster access sticker and not launching, can be examined at the entrance gate to Memorial Ramp. Personal watercraft, not allowed to launch at the Wallum Lake Ramp on weekends, can also be examined at the gate. Both locations can accommodate boats arriving by water. The stations will be active from 9 AM to 4 PM at both these locations.

Vessel examiners are

qualified and experienced to answer any boating related questions or concerns along with being trained to spot any potential problems. They will award your vessel with a 2022 VSC decal if it meets Auxiliary standards on items such as: registration and hull numbering, life jackets, fire extinguishers, expiration dates on flares (if required), working navigation lights, overall vessel condition, etc.

A VSC is conducted only with your consent; no reports are filed with any law enforcement agency. There are no citations, legal obligations, or penalties on violations or potential problems found. A VSC decal might result in a boat insurance discount and will indicate to law enforcement on the water that your vessel complies with safety regulations. The examiner will give the vessel owner options and information on correcting any issues. Often a quick trip to the nearest boating supply vendor is all that is necessary to obtain missing



safety items and easily pass a re-inspection, sometimes on the same day.

Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examiners will be around the local lakes at various, unscheduled times during the boating season; they are few in number and not readily available inland. Can't make it to the station...schedule a VSC online at the link below.

Best to take advantage of this scheduled opportunity and start your boating season with a visit to our station and a free 2022 VSC Decal on your craft.

For more information, visit vesselsafetycheck.org or email CGAux1002@aol.com

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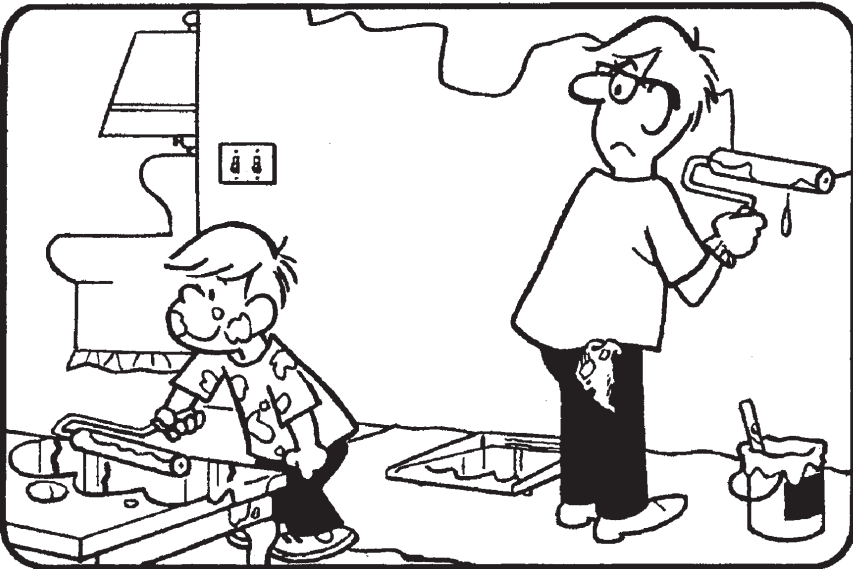
The Boys & Girls Club held their annual Spaghetti Dinner at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster on May 26th. The Boys & Girls Club Helping Hands Award was presented to AJ Alkire, owner of Point Breeze, for sponsoring the event. AJ has sponsored this event since its inception in 2017 and donates the room and food to the B&GC. The event was once again a success and raised over \$5000 to support 2022 summer programs at the club. AJ is a big reason why this event is successful every year.



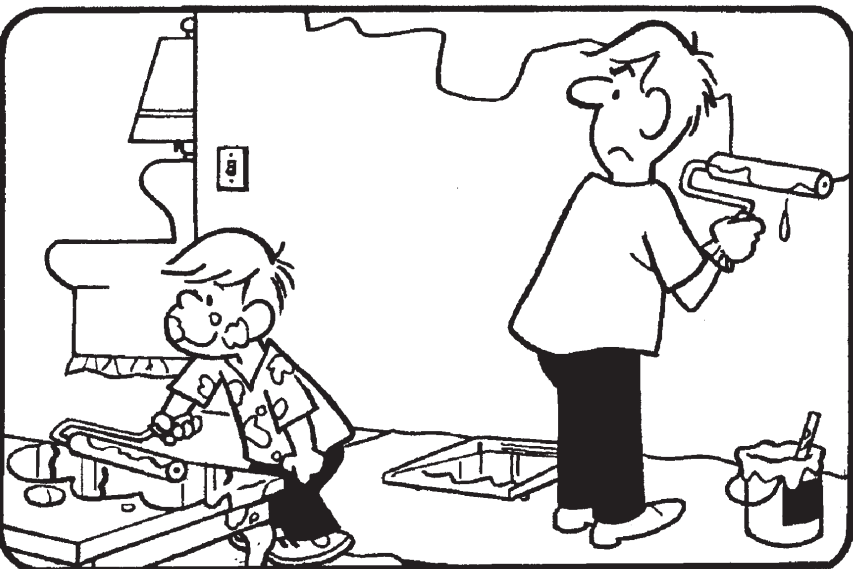
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Sunday, June 19 - Free admission for residents of:

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Sunday, June 26 - Free admission for residents of:

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