



Franklin High School's Unified Basketball team won gold at the Special Olympics in Orlando, Florida last month. They received a hero's welcome home.

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Champions!

Franklin Unified Team Wins Gold at Special Olympics

By J.D. O'GARA

A Unified team is a combination of students with and without intellectual disabilities, and Franklin High School's Unified Sports Basketball program was the first from Massachusetts to qualify for the Special Olympics USA Games, held in Orlando, Florida last month. They came home with the gold.

“This is the first year they did the interscholastic basketball team,” explains Coach Lisa Burger, who explains High school Unified Sports is a collaboration between the (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) MIAA

and the Special Olympics. “Massachusetts decided they wanted to send a high school team, and we played in a jamboree in November with other high school towns, and we were selected.”

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Franklin Proves Fire Readiness with a Top-Notch Rating

By J.D. O'GARA

Starting this month, the Franklin Fire Department moves to an ISO Class I rating, a designation Fire Chief James McLaughlin received from Joseph Pasco, Northeast Manager of ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.), on April 6th, 2022. The Franklin Fire Department will move to the ISO Class 1 rating effective July 1st, 2022. The ISO Class 1 rating from the Public Protection Classification is the highest rating attainable.

This rating is very significant, as out of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, Franklin is the 9th Fire Department in Massachusetts to receive it. It's also the 15th Fire Department in New England, and 459th in the Nation to obtain this rating, out of over 45,000 fire departments rated nationally. The Public Protection Classification goes from 1 to



10. Class 1 represents superior property fire protection and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet minimum criteria.

“Really what the ISO does is evaluate risk in a community,” says Fire Chief James McLaughlin. “If there is a fire in a community (building) or residential dwelling, they want to know how ready the town is. Our water department worked hand in hand with us. For the audit, they had to produce a lot of records, flow tests, hydrants, data. We have 90% hydrants in the town of Franklin – they're 40% of the grade. Do you have the proper staffing, do you have the proper training, do you have the proper equipment to effectively get to the fire and put that fire out.”

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During the fall season, John Leighton coaches Unified Basketball, but for “the team that went to the Special Olympics, Jeremy Rice and I helped coach in the fall with John, and Jeremy and I coached them for the Special Olympics.”

The 10 Franklin students that were selected to go had been playing together for about a year, but six of them have been playing together for several years. This is the fifth year Franklin has had a Unified Sports program for basketball, and the program itself has about 50 kids, says the coach. Choosing who went to Florida was a difficult task, she says, with “a lot of sleepless nights” among the coaches. All players had to be 16 at the time of the games and they all had to be able to travel independently. “We have so many fabulous athletes,” says Burgess, “so it was a process.”

For the group that competed at the Special Olympics, Burger says she and other coaches felt “honored watching these 10 kids



The Franklin Police Department escorted winning members back to Franklin High.

grow together and build friendships and bonds. It was absolutely fantastic. It was an honor to be part of this team with them.”

Continuing, she says, “The whole week we were down there they exemplified everything we could imagine. They were 10 friends, first and foremost, with such a high level of sportsmanship, befriending the Unified Team from Connecticut,” says Burger. “When Payton Boudreau stole the ball, got it down the court with seconds of the gate and made the pass to Tyler Morrill who was able to make the shot, everything they had experienced all week of pure joy was able to end with a medal. It was like the icing on the cake and

could not have been any better.”

The team was given a police escort and a crowded reception as their bus rolled into Franklin High School’s parking lot upon their arrival home.

“It was amazing, very humbling,” says Burgess. “This town, the support that they gave and continue to give was unimaginable. To come home and see the high school parking lot filled and cheering and high fiving – the town really is supportive and fantastic, and our boosters being able to pull that together so quick was just truly amazing.”

The teammates, who practiced weekly, with lots of team-building activities, will celebrate with a BBQ this month before three team members head to college in the fall.

Burger says coaching Unified Sports for Franklin, basketball in the fall and Unified Track in the spring, “is one of my biggest joys. All kids are different, and knowing they can do any sport is great,” says Burger, “There is so much pride. I wish I had a bigger word for that – for this team and these kids.”



In a short span of time, Franklin residents gathered to welcome the team back from Florida.

Franklin Athlete Inspires Unified Wrestling Program

By J.D. O’GARA

Payton Boudreau is more than one of our Franklin’s gold-medal-winning team members of the Unified Sports Basketball team that recently came back from Orlando, Florida. He’s been the catalyst for a brand-new Unified Sports Wrestling program as well that will be looking for players this month.

“Payton has been in Unified Sports for five years at Franklin High School, says Lisa Burger, one of the coaches for the Unified Sports Basketball team, “In addition, he is on the Franklin High School Wrestling team, and he has recognized how much Unified Sports has helped him with confidence and how it helps every athlete.”

“Payton has wrestling for the High School team for three years now, and he’s been a member of the club also, says Carmine Colace, FHS Coach and owner of New England Gold Wrestling Club in Franklin, “(He) and Mrs. Burger approached me about doing something and Payton had a goal set to bring wrestling

to Special Olympics.

Payton and Coach Carmine gave a trial wrestling clinic, open to everyone of all abilities and disabilities, a try, with the coach letting Payton direct a social media campaign and spread the word.

“It was a Saturday morning, and I didn’t know what to expect, but we had 15-16 kids, a great class, and the kids were awesome,” says Colace, who decided to give a Unified Wrestling program at his gym a try. “We’re giving it a go, donating a portion of the proceeds to Special Olympics,” says the coach, “We’ll proceed and see where it goes from there as far as developing a state team. We’ll modify the rules, and let’s see where it goes and what the interest is, but at least it’s a start.”

The Unified Wrestling program will be for all kids aged 8 and above. The program will begin this month. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, you must register by September 15th, 2022. Visit www.newenglandwrestling.org for more details.

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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

Lomberto & Olbrys Receive Franklin Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus 1847 Franklin are proud to announce the winners of this year's Robert Simmler PGK, Sacred Heart Council 1847 Knights of Columbus College Scholarship 2022. Congratulations to Alex Lomberto, \$3,000 and William Olbrys \$1,000. Alex is a graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School and William from Franklin High School.

Both of these accomplished students are active members of the St Mary's Parish Community. Their achievements were especially noteworthy amongst the many wonderful talented candidates that applied for the 2022 scholarship award. We wish Alex best of luck as he goes onto *Fairfield University* in the fall and *William at University of New Hampshire* in the fall.



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The rating is based on strict criteria developed and assessed by the ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). Some of the factors graded include:

- -Emergency Communications
- -The Fire Department
- -Water Supply
- -Community Efforts to Reduce the Risk of Fire

Chief McLaughlin points out that although the Franklin Fire Department just received the ISO rating, “We went through the process during COVID. I have to give kudos to my management team. Internally we did a lot of training, and when I look at the town, I bought two new engines, not a light investment, but Jamie Hellen listened to my rationale and allowed me to bring it in front of the Council. We got two new pumps, two new engines, we had a need for that in the town and got support from the Town Council.”

McLaughlin adds that there is a wealth of documentation required to achieve the ISO I rating. “Doing them is really what took us over the top. I attribute

that to the people in the department. I can’t say enough about them.”

The rating, which provides data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry, should positively affect residents’ and businesses’ insurance premiums. Most U.S. insurers use the Public Protection Classification information as part of their decision making on offering coverage and the fees charged for the coverage of personal or commercial property insurance.

“A residential or community property owner now, depending on who their insurer is, can see a decrease in premium,” says McLaughlin. While he nods to the financial benefit for property owners in Franklin, “for me it’s the readiness of the Fire Department to do their job when called upon – that’s what makes me happy as a Chief. We were a “3” when I got here in 2019. We got a lot of support from the Council, top notch equipment. You can have all the training in the world (but you need the equipment). We’re hitting on all cylinders. And when I say the Council approved it, it was 9-0, unanimous. That’s not happening in a lot of towns. We’re fortunate to have that support.”

The rating, says McLaughlin, “is also good for morale for the men and women of the department.” Right now, the roster at FFD is 56, with every firefighter also a paramedic. McLaughlin adds, “When they see there’s a community that supports their fire department, young men and women starting out (as firefighters) will be drawn to the town. It’s win-win for everyone.”

For more information on the ISO Mitigation Public Protection Classification visit their website: <https://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/>.

18 Years Later & All Grown Up

Baby Delivered with Help of Franklin Firefighters Heads to College

BY ANGIE FITTON

18-year-old Craig Scharland has always been a force to be reckoned with. From the day he was born, he has shown the world that he enthusiastically does things on his own schedule.

On July 23, 2003, Holly Scharland was hosting a playdate for the Holy Cross girls with 16 kids and a number of pregnant women, herself included. Shortly before noon her water broke and the Holy Cross girls jumped into action, making all sorts of phone



Holly with Craig and Darrell



Chuck Allen, Holly Scharland, Craig Scharland and Darrell Griffin

calls. They, of course, called Craig’s father Michael, and 9-1-1. Firefighters and former EMS workers Chuck Allen and Darrell Griffin responded to the call.

Originally, Holly was supposed to deliver at Framingham Union Hospital, but Craig had other plans. He decided he wanted to come into the world then and there, so the rescue pulled into an RV park a mile or two from the hospital, and within moments, he made his appearance. It was the first time delivering a baby for both Allen and Griffin, but with their intensive training ingrained in them, they remained calm and cool and Holly says it was an easy delivery.



Craig Scharland, the baby shown here, just turned 18. The youngest of 3 was delivered by Mom, Holly, with the help of Franklin Fire’s Chuck Allen and Darrell Griffin.

For the first few years after his birth, Craig and Holly would go back to the fire station and bring cookies and brownies on his birthday. Both firefighters agreed it was nice seeing them, and watching him grow into a happy, fun loving child.

Craig is the youngest of three and is the best of friends with his brother Cole. As the “baby” of the family, he learned quickly to “hold his own” according to his mom. Even during the pandemic he was playing four Varsity sports and never complained. “He’s always been very active,” Holly states.

In the fall, Craig is headed off to UNC Wilmington. His major will be Business and Cyber Se-

curity, something that is in great need in North Carolina. “It’s good to see him off to bigger and better things,” states Griffin. He also works as a Door Dasher when he’s not studying or playing sports.

“It’s just a feel good story,” Griffin says.

“Most calls don’t have a great outcome, so it’s a nice change when you get a call like this and everything works out,” agrees Allen.

Craig states he thinks the story of his birth is interesting. “It’s a unique icebreaker, and a fun fact when meeting new people.” He’s also excited for what the future has to bring!

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“We want you to come to our store, relax, decompress, and enjoy,” says Wilkinson. “We are passionate about sharing healthy choices, especially the extraordinary health benefits from consuming EVOOs [extra virgin olive oils] and balsamic vinegars, and seeing the joy on our guests’ faces when they sam-



ple different flavor combinations is priceless.”

Whether you’re a seasoned chef or you’re just looking for a place to start a tasty experience, the shop’s website www.shopevoo.com has a variety of recipes to share.

The online “Recipe Box” includes appetizers, main courses, soups, salads, dressings and sauces, side dishes, desserts, drinks and cocktails. The recipes are from Wilkinson, staff, customers, and from some of the many cookbooks in the store.

A great summer menu might include:

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- Lemon Butter Scallops over Angel Hair Pasta
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And if you’d prefer to order online, the shop has a robust online business that offers free delivery on orders over \$75.00. Products include premium oils, balsamic vinegars, pantry items, beauty products, accessories, and a Sales & Pairing of the Month. Wilkinson says the gift boxes are a great idea “because they have purpose and meaning for the receiver; food brings us together.”

One more surprise at The Little Shop is a thoughtful tribute to Wilkinson’s father who inspired her love of cooking.

“My dad was an incredible cook. We would tell him to open a restaurant all the time...He passed away a few years ago but



Mike and Tracey Wilkinson, owners of The Little Shop at 5 Main Street in Franklin. Courtesy photo.

I always carry him with me. He would say “alright or OK on the right” when we were driving.” Now there is an “OK” hidden in the olive in the logo. “What better way to say thanks to my Dad than to open up a specialty store. The store is delightful just like him and we always have some fantastic goodies to try... All OK here!”

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The College Essay - Let the Student's Voice be Heard!

My favorite pastime is reading students' college essays and essay tips from the masters - Admissions Officers. Does this make me a college nerd? Probably! But it certainly is why I do what I do!

Picking a topic for the college essay may end up being the most hair-pulling part of the application process. Students tend to search for the perfect topic that is not cliché, layered with the pressure to create a fascinating story that has never been told before. The truth is, all stories have been told before: the comeback story after a basketball injury, the mission trip that changed your life, the patience you showed after vacationing with 30 family members in a small cabin with one bathroom. The lesson is that there is no one unique topic - they have all been done.

Does this mean that you settle for mediocrity? No, but it does mean that you need to differentiate yourself by finding YOUR voice, make sure it is heard, and unveil the fantastic and authentic YOU in your story. Here are a few tips from the masters. FREE

RESOURCE: email me for the full list of tips - #5 is especially valuable about being specific!

1. Just make sure that the story you're telling is uniquely YOURS.

"I believe everyone has a story worth telling. Don't feel like you have to have had a huge, life-changing, drama-filled experience. Sometimes the seemingly smallest moments lead us to the biggest breakthroughs." *Maggie Schuh, high school English teacher in St. Louis.*

2. We want to learn about growth.

"Some students spend a lot of time summarizing the plot or describing their work and the "in what way" part of the essay winds up being one sentence. The part that is about you is the most important part. The majority of the essay should be about your response and reaction to the work. How



Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants

did it affect or change you?" *Dean J, admissions officer and blogger from University of Virginia.*

3. Keep the story focused on a discrete moment in time.

"By zeroing in on one particular aspect of what is, invariably, a long story, you may be better able to extract meaning from the story. So instead of talking generally about playing percussion in the orchestra, hone in on a huge cymbal crash marking the climax of the piece. The specificity of the story not only helps focus the reader's attention, but also opens the door to deeper reflection on what the story means to you". *Mark Montgomery, former Associate Dean at the University of Denver*

4. Write like a journalist.

"The first few sentences must capture the reader's

attention, provide a gist of the story, and give a sense of where the essay is heading. Think about any article you've read—how do you decide to read it? You read the first few sentences and then decide. The same goes for college essays. A strong lead will place your reader in the "accept" mindset from the beginning of the essay. A weak lead will have your reader thinking "reject"—a mindset from which it's nearly impossible to recover." *Brad Schiller, MIT graduate and CEO of Prompt*

5. Write like you speak.

"You should use words and phrases that you would actually use in everyday conversation. The most meaningful essays are those where I feel like the student is sitting next to me, just talking to me". *Kim Struglinski, admissions counselor from Vanderbilt University.*

6. Read it aloud.

"Reading your essay aloud is the best way to corroborate that your essay is revealing your voice. Do you feel the emotions? Is it a good story? Does it sound a bit drab and need some tweaks? And, will the admission reader say 'yes, I can see this student

making a difference at our college'?" *Tracy Sullivan & Maryline Michel Kulewicz, College 101 Admission Consultants*

7. Attention Parents.

Advice agreed upon by all admission officers - parents should never write a student's essay. Admission Officers absolutely know when they do. It is the easiest way for a student to get denied! Parents can support their child, review the essay, but don't let that adult voice creep into the student's essay!

One final note, there are so many admission resources out there. However, I enjoy reading Rick Clark's Georgia Tech Admission Blog. Clark is the Director of Undergraduate Admission at Georgia Tech. He is knowledgeable, honest, and tells an engaging story. Hint: elements of a good essay!

The college tips were paraphrased from College Essay Guys's "35+ Best College Essay Tips from College Application Experts".

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Once David Letterman had frequent guest and a favorite musician of his, Warren Zevon, on for an entire show. Zevon, who'd disclosed terminal cancer, performed and interviewed throughout. Dave at one point asked, "Anything you know now, that I should know?" to which Zevon wittily deadpanned, "Enjoy every sandwich."

Those raising children and helping aging parents often feel rushed and are distracted thinking about what's next, overlooking the beauty of daily, mundane moments.

July is National Sandwich Generation Month, celebrating a generation of people sandwiched between caring for their young children and aging parents at the same time.

I'm a Sandwicher, as are approximately 15% of Americans between ages 40-60 who face the challenges of planning, communicating and executing for 3 generations at once.

In 2018, my parents were struggling with health to remain independent in NH after 60 years in their home. Stress raised on my mom as a caregiver and daily living/house routines began to slide. My wife, our daughters (then 5 & 3) and I lived comfortably in our Ashland home. The adults agreed on a Plan B supported by updated financial planning. Sell both homes, buy a new home for 3 generations and live as one household sharing in daily responsibilities.

The urgency was greater than anticipated and not without challenges since our move to Holliston, here's some antidotes for Sandwichers:

Small talks instead of "The Talk." Families don't like to think about declining health and elder care, let alone discuss it. I used single topics tied to a recent story about a friend, asking what they would do. Gained small agreements, the changed topics as would address others another

day to frame a mutual plan.

Bring in outside mediators. My aunt shared with my mom that time is not your friend. She encouraged the positives to take action now, rather than later when fewer options are available. Additionally, we consulted with an elder care attorney on understanding MA Health options, current trusts, POAs and proxies before making the move.

Your spouse's support is critical. Incredibly fortunate to have a spouse that pushed me to see the positives and embraces bringing family in as "you'd want your daughters to treat you the same someday."

Through the eyes of a child. It's not all about you, the girls show the love and benefits of learning by being around grandma and grandpa. And vice versa, as health has improved so has activity as the girls provide motivation and energy.

Sometimes timing is everything. I couldn't imagine the



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anxiety and ill-advised actions my parents would have faced on their own these past 2-plus years.

Your parents sacrificed many things to make sure you had it better, including concealing issues to not worry you. Be open with communication and embrace change, the best ways to prevent costly unintended consequences and ensure positive lasting memories.

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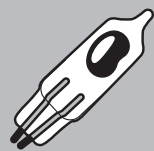
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Franklin, Bellingham Encourage Water Conservation During Tier 1 Drought

By AVERY CHALK

Manicured green lawns and colorful flowers paint the picture of summer, a season of blooming natural beauty. As kids splash under backyard sprinklers, adults may find themselves tending to a flourishing vegetable garden or admiring a perfectly-tended golf course. However, this perfect image relies on one major component that has become increasingly scarce - water.

Low precipitation levels coupled with historically dry summers have caused the Massachusetts Department of Environ-

mental Protection (MassDEP) to declare a tier-one drought within the Southeast and Island Regions of the state. This drought has prompted water restriction measures within affected towns as Massachusetts attempts to combat one of its driest seasons in years.

Dubbed the "Water Conservation Plan" by Franklin Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Brutus Cantoreggi, multiple systems have been put into place as per MassDEP's requirements. These include outdoor watering only one day per week,

as well as restricting these times to outside the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bellingham also has restrictions in place, and DPW Director Don DeMartino explained that the pumping system in the town is not the issue - there simply is not enough water. While splash parks are often a way for some communities to provide relief to hot weather, it's important to prioritize water for drinking and regular use when drought conditions are present.

What can residents do in addition to following conservation guidelines? Rain barrels have increased in popularity since last year. Available through the town, rain barrels capture precious natural rain and can be hooked up to a hose to water flower beds and gardens. Cantoreggi notes that so far this year nearly 170 rain barrels have been distributed, compared to less than half that amount last year.

Many towns in Massachusetts sell rain barrels annually, but you can also purchase them directly from vendors. For more information about where to obtain a barrel, or even how to make your own, visit mass.gov.

There are other steps that can be taken in addition to MassDEP's guidelines to conserve water. Here are some of the DPW's suggestions for helping to reduce water use and protect the Earth:

- Fix leaky faucets, showers, and toilets
- Water lawns deeply once per week rather than lightly on a more frequent basis
- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth
- Fully load the dishwasher and washing machine for more efficient use
- Wash your car with water from a bucket rather than the hose (especially on off-days of lawn sprinkling)

This ban will no doubt influence usual summertime recreation. Since the restrictions are specifically geared towards homeowners, the community will have to adjust to less available water for play or yard work. However, to protect the environment as well as keep the ban as short as possible, it is important to adhere to the mandated protocols.

Both Franklin and Bellingham have enforcements set in place by local police to encourage residents to follow these guidelines. Fines up to \$200 might be levied for any violator irrigating their lawn via sprinklers, washing their car, or otherwise infringing on MassDEP's policies.

If conditions worsen, Massachusetts might progress into a tier-two drought. While unlikely, this phase will induce more drastic measures by MassDEP. "If they go to tier two, there's an outright water ban," Cantoreggi explains. "That happened two years ago; we're not at that level yet."

As it stands, DiMartino attests that the water ban is set to be re-evaluated in October. If the state finds that precipitation levels have returned to an acceptable level so as not to jeopardize clean drinking water, restrictions will be loosened. Until then, however, the tier-one measures are here to stay.

By using rain barrels, watering by hose or watering can, you can still have healthy plants, clean cars and vegetables. Taking these necessary steps to conserve resources will pay dividends within the environmental and sanitary conditions of Massachusetts.

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The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

Easy Breezy Summer Style

By GINA WOELFEL

After a not-so-hot start to the summer, it's finally getting warmer here in New England! The summer season is a time for fun in the sun, but it's also a time when your beauty routine can feel more like a burden. When the sun's out, you want to be out! Who has time for flat ironing or curling! At-home hair care can be time-consuming, especially if you're trying to achieve a certain style that takes a lot of effort. If you're looking for ways to streamline your look and simplify your summer hairstyle, consider these three salon services that, we feel, put more time back in your schedule.

1. The b.LUXE Blowout

If you're working each morning to straighten your hair, try a professional blowout that leaves hair smooth and sleek for days! Summer weekends are magical and the faster you can get out there and enjoy them, the better. If you have a summer weekend that's packed with events and parties, book yourself a b.LUXE blowout on Friday and let the fun roll in! Here's the plan: Blowout on Friday means your hair is salon fresh and red-carpet ready for Friday night! Spray roots with dry-shampoo, twist in a top-knot bun and secure with a scrunchie overnight. Hair is full and wavy for Saturday play! If you're hitting the beach or pool, keep your hair secured in a bun. Meeting your friends for dinner and drinks? Let your hair down and add a few waves with an iron or wand. Repeat the nighttime routine for Sunday and voilà! You just rocked three days of fabulous hair with minimal effort! And for those of you who have thick, more naturally textured hair, there's no need to wash Monday. Just brush your hair back into a

tight pony and you're ready to start your work week!

2. The Cezanne Smoothing Treatment

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3 The DevaCurl Haircut (aka the DevaCut)

Looking for a summer solution that will make your curly hair look its best? Say hello to the DevaCut! This unique approach to haircutting is specifically designed to showcase natural texture, and make styling your curls easier than ever. Most haircuts treat all hair textures the same way - your hair is wet, pulled straight, and then cut. For

people with straight hair, this is a perfectly acceptable method. But, when you have curls, a cut like this usually results in an uneven nightmare. No two curls are the same. Curly hair wet is completely different from dry curly hair. One section can be perfect ringlets, while another might be more wavy. The solution: Dry cutting. By cutting the hair dry, in its natural state, our Deva stylist is able to cut the curls where they normally lay, thus creating a more balanced shape. This is the simple, but game-changing concept behind the DevaCut.

We hope you take some time for yourself and enjoy our summer style suggestions. Eliminating a few hours a week from your "to-do" list is always a good thing, especially during this beautiful time of year.

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Dean College Named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction

Dean College has once again been recognized for its honorable commitment to helping undergraduate students learn, grow, and succeed by Colleges of Distinction, a unique guide for college-bound students. This is the seventh consecutive year that the College has earned this honor. Dean also received Colleges of Distinction badges for Business (sixth consecutive year) and Career Development (fourth consecutive year).

Colleges of Distinction believes that a thorough selection process requires more than an

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Creel continued, “We’re inspired by the ways in which Dean College immerses students in their fields, all while fostering a welcoming community that will support them through and beyond their college years.”

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Franklin Youth Take Center Stage in YMCA's *Mamma Mia!*

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this high energy jukebox musical, with favorite songs including "Dancing Queen", "Super Trouper," "Take a Chance on Me" and more.

The musical was performed by a cast of 25 local youth (11 of whom are Franklin residents) at the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center/Orpheum Theatre Foxboro.

Franklin residents Gina Schratz and Savannah Nosek starred as mother-daughter duo Donna and Sophie in the production.

"So many shows focus purely on romantic relationships," explained Schratz, who has been performing at the Y since age 7. "*Mamma Mia!* focuses on another love story: mother and daughter. As I've been watching my youngest brother look at colleges,



Hana Bower-Wickersham (Hanover), Gina Schratz (Franklin), and Catherine Middelman (Franklin) strike a pose while rehearsing "Dancing Queen."

I've been confronted with the knowledge that my siblings and I are all growing up and we won't see each other as much as we used to. In rehearsals, I've connected with Donna as she struggles to hold on to the memories of her little girl, while also wanting to give So-



Savannah Nosek (Franklin) and Gina Schratz (Franklin) share a joyful moment during Mamma Mia! rehearsal.

phie the freedom to choose her own path."

Catherine Middelman, also of Franklin, played the vivacious Tanya. "This show has been a dream of mine for so long, bringing such a fun story from the screen to the stage is truly a unique experience. It's been a lot of work and also a lot of fun. When you love ABBA and theatre, how could you not have the time of your life combining both!"

The cast of *Mamma Mia!* included Samantha Baker (Plainville), Gwenne Balcus (Franklin), Hana Bower-Wickersham (Hanover), Ally Braude



3-Ally Braude (Sharon), Savannah Nosek (Franklin), and Marissa Sabella (Mansfield) rehearse the opening number "Honey Honey."

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field), Gina Schratz (Franklin), Zachary Schreiber (Mansfield), Mallory Simpson (Bellingham), Jordan Tavares (Mansfield), Ilana Wulf (Sharon), and Madelyn Zimbalist (Sharon).

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

Milford-Franklin Eye Center has been providing excellent eye care to the community for decades. With much excitement, we are happy to announce that we have grown to a dedicated group of 7 physicians and Optometrists. In August of 2022 Dr. Donald L. Conn, OD will join our team in our state-of-the-art medical offices in Franklin, Milford and Millis. Dr Conn is a comprehensive optometrist offering the latest in comprehensive eye care for the entire family.

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Dr. Roger Kaldawy is an experienced eye physician and surgeon and the area's only full-time

specialist in corneal diseases. Having completed his training in Ophthalmology at University of Rochester and his fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at the prestigious Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Iowa, Dr. Kaldawy served as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Boston University where he was Director of the Cornea and External Disease program and trained fellows and residents in Ophthalmology. Some of his trainees are now in academic and private practices in Massachusetts and around the world. Dr Kaldawy published research articles in peer-reviewed academic journals and has been invited as a guest speaker to many prestigious academic programs in the US and around the world including University of New York, Stanford University and University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Kaldawy is proud



to be the first surgeon in central Massachusetts and among a handful of surgeons in the State to have performed DSAEK corneal transplantation. With special interest in cataract surgery, Dr Kaldawy has performed over 30,000 procedures and surgeries and was the first surgeon in the area to offer the highly advanced accommodating implants. Dr Kaldawy was the first surgeon in the area to offer bladeless laser-assisted Femto cataract surgery. This laser procedure is offered locally at the Cataract and Laser Surgery Center of Milford.

Dr. Hatch is the only fellowship trained pediatric ophthalmologist in the area, and is a skilled surgeon with training in the latest techniques for straightening misaligned eyes. Dr. Hatch earned bachelors and master's degrees in engineering from Boston University and Dartmouth College. He completed his medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1988, followed by residency in Ophthalmology at Yale-New Haven Hospital and fellowship in Pediatric and Neuro-ophthalmology at Duke University. Returning to his home state in 1993, Dr. Hatch joined the Milford-Franklin Eye Center where he focuses on comprehensive pediatric and adult ophthalmology and adult strabismus.

Dr. Lashkari is our practicing vitreoretinal specialist as well as a scientist at the Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard Medical School. He is also a part-time Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Lashkari completed a Medical-Surgical Fellow in Vitreoretinal disease at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Perriello Consigli received her Bachelor of Science degree from Clark University in 1987. She went on to earn her Doctor of Optometry degree from New England College of Optometry in 1991. Dr. Consigli has over twenty five years of experience,

spending several years in private practice. In February 2019, Dr. Consigli joined Milford-Franklin Eye Center. She enjoys seeing patients of all ages. She is proficient in routine eye care, contact lens fitting, and diagnosing and treating various eye disease.


Dr. Adams, graduated from John Carroll University, Bachelors of Science, summa cum laude, in 1995. He completed his Masters in Biochemistry from The Ohio State University in 1997. In 2003 he received his Doctorate from the New England College of Optometry. Dr. Adams has advanced training in corneal pathology, specialty contact lenses, ocular disease and laser refractive surgery.

Dr. Mai-Khuyen Nguyen joined Milford-Franklin Eye Center from the New England Carpenters Benefit Fund - Vision Center, where she served as Head of Optometry. She has over 10 years of experience in comprehensive eye exams for adult, geriatric, pediatric, and special needs populations. Her experience includes performing contact lens fitting and managing contact lens complications. Dr Nguyen is also experienced in glasses fitting and lens edging. Her charitable activities include participating in Boston Cares program and the Boston Special Olympics.


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care at the Bedford VA in June 2022. His clinical experience also includes clinical rotations at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Boston Medical Center and South Boston Community Health Center. Dr Conn will join our team in August of 2022. He is experienced in providing care to patients of all ages including adults, geriatrics and pediatric populations. Outside of work Dr Conn enjoys long distance running and spending time with friends and family.

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Black Blood Donors Needed: Red Cross Raises Awareness for Sickle Cell Disease

The American Red Cross looked to raise awareness and increase much-needed blood donations from diverse blood donors through a series of blood drives connected with the Juneteenth federal holiday last month.

An estimated 100,000 Americans, primarily of African descent, live with sickle cell disease in the United States and the disease affects 1 out of every 365 Black births. Although there is no cure, regular blood transfusions can help patients manage the intense pain and organ damage associated with the sickling of blood.

Although donors of all races are encouraged to donate blood, many patients have rare blood types unique to certain races and ethnicities. Patients with rare blood types may depend on donors of the same race or similar ethnicity for the most compatible blood

“When I’m in the hospital and I don’t have blood because my blood is sickling, I just feel miser-

able,” said Nari’k Page, a sickle cell patient who is frequently hospitalized in need of blood transfusions. “It feels like something is broken inside my body and the only thing that can fix it is blood.” You can view Nari’k’s story here: <https://youtu.be/gOAKMAvifo>

Partnerships within the Black community are critical to building trust, sharing information and working together to engage new donors and help save lives. The Red Cross is grateful for the support of the NAACP, the YMCA of Greater Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Waymark Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Dorchester and other community partners who have helped share this important message.

How to donate blood

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Strawberry Strolled!

Friday, June 10th, 2022 was a spectacularly beautiful evening, the perfect time for the Franklin Downtown Partnership's annual Strawberry Stroll.

Dean Bank's staff was on hand serving signature strawberry shortcakes, with strawberries donated and cut by Dean College, and vendors and organizations lined Main Street offering information and a variety of

crowd-pleasing activities. Dean Bank also hosted Dancing on Dean, featuring Scott Brown & the Diplomats, and Birchwood Bakery offered entertainment as well.

The Strawberry Stroll is one of a number of popular events organized by the Franklin Downtown Partnership. For more information, visit www.franklindowntownpartnership.org.



Dean Bank staff served up yummy strawberry shortcake.



Dean College donated the strawberries for the event.



Scott Brown & the Diplomats played for a Dean Bank-sponsored "Dancing on Dean." Here, the band rocks a great Blondie cover.



Members of the Franklin Garden Club had fun with their booth. Find out more at <https://www.gcfm.org/franklin-garden-club>.



Both factions of the town's political parties were on hand to talk with residents, with Reps. Shawn Dooley and Jeff Roy (not shown) there to talk with constituents.



Franklin Dog Park volunteers welcomed pet owners. The Dog Park is located at Dacey Community Field.



Staff from Franklin Public Schools talked with strollers.



The Franklin Downtown Partnership organizes the Strawberry Stroll each year. Find out more at www.franklindowntownpartnership.org.



Jim Derick and Jennifer Knight-Levine of the SAFE Coalition hosted a booth. If you or a loved one need help with a substance abuse issue, visit www.safecoalitionma.org.



Members of the American Legion Edward L. Grant Post 75 (<https://www.mapost75.com/>) joined in the festivities.



Great Local Summer Hikes near Bellingham and Franklin

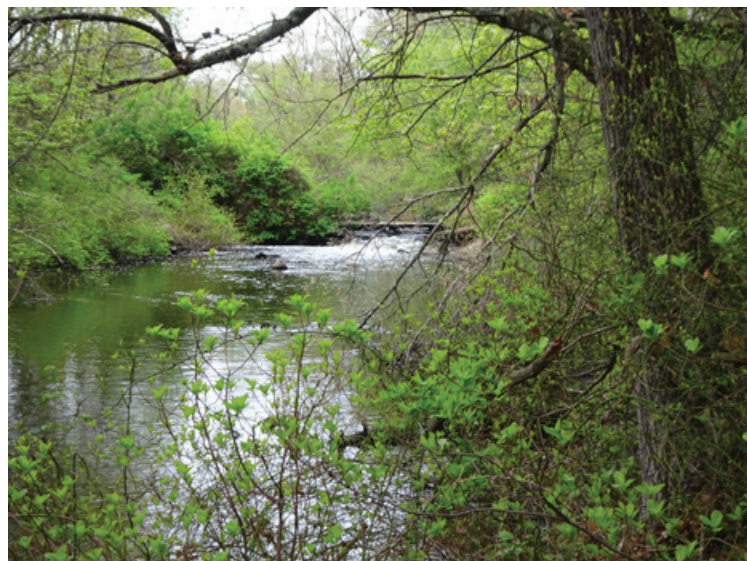
BY MARJORIE TURNER HOLLMAN

For readers looking for the most challenging hikes, the state forests nearby in Franklin (off Grove Street), Foxborough, (F. Gilbert. Hills off Thurston Street), Upton (off Westboro Road), and Wrentham (off Taunton Street) all offer challenging hiking on multiple, often unmarked trails. Expect to find rugged trail surfaces, lots of rocks and roots, but very few if any real views.

If you are looking for Easy Walks, you can head over to Panther Way, next to the Franklin Police Station, (and behind Franklin High School). There you'll find a handicapped accessible sculpture park that takes visitors around a small dammed pond, the former site of Franklin's town pool. This area was closed for swimming in the 1970s, and restored around 2014 to its present outdoor use, featuring multiple sculptures. Another great Franklin outdoor option is Delcarte Conservation Area off Pleasant Street. Enjoy a loop trail around the large pond. The trail has some roots and is narrow. Beware of poison ivy! If you visit in the early morning you may be lucky enough to see a variety of wildlife.

The Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) presently has three local entrances with parking. Parking is available in Franklin on Grove Street. Bellingham offering parking on Lake Street and is relatively handicapped accessible (the slope from the street may be challenging for some). The SNETT headed back toward Franklin from Lake Street is packed stone dust up to the Pleasant Street tunnel (and tunnels are always fun!). The SNETT entrance at Center Street in Bellingham is handicapped accessible. Take care when crossing Center Street, which has a 45 MPH speed limit. No motorized vehicles permitted.

Another enjoyable half-mile walk in Bellingham will get you to the banks of the Charles River. Parking is at the High Street fields. The trail head is at the back of the field. The path has become rockier lately because of dirt bikes on the trails, but the sight of the Charles



Charles River, Bellingham

River, still a small stream at this spot, is worth the relatively small effort to avoid the rocks. Pay attention to the red arrows that lead to the water. Multiple additional trails will lead you into swampy areas. Bring (and use!) bug spray.

My favorite local spot to get a view is at the Knuckup Hill property (also known as Sweatt Hill) in Wrentham. Parking is at the Wrentham Senior Center on Taunton Street, or next to the trail head near the Building Services Department offices. From there a fire road curves around the hill to the high point, next to the abandoned ski tow equipment. It is a bit of a climb! Look northeast to take in an impressive view of the area. You can see the buildings of downtown Boston, but you may need binoculars. An additional walk right next to Knuckup Hill is Trout pond, a pretty walk, especially in the fall.

Our family enjoys getting over to Medway, where Choate Park offers plentiful parking, an accessible playground for children and a handicapped friendly path around the pond. When facing the pond from the street, look to the left, where a wide, clear, mostly level trail offers sound footing. The path meanders through woodland, goes past the back of Medway High School and continues beyond Adams Street. The trail club in Medway is working to expand this path all the way to Holliston.

Besides the SNETT, area residents have access to two other great local rail trails. The Upper

Charles Trail reaches from Milford, at the Hopkinton Town Line off Rt. 85, south to downtown Milford, then back north to Holliston. All trail surfaces are paved or packed stone dust and are great for walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized uses. The Blackstone Bikeway starts in Woonsocket and heads south alongside the Blackstone River from Woonsocket, RI to Central Falls. Another portion of the bikeway, not yet linked to Woonsocket, is in Blackstone off Canal Street. This trail also follows the river and reaches from Blackstone to Uxbridge. It is paved and completely handicapped accessible.

This is just a short list of possible outdoor trails you can enjoy locally. We live in a beautiful part of the country. Travel is



Shown at Delcarte Conservation area in Franklin is, L-R Anna, Nicole and David Rogers of Bellingham.

a great way to open our minds, but don't overlook outdoor spaces right in your own backyard. Happy trails!

Marjorie Turner Hollman, a Bellingham resident, has been freelance-writing for Local Town Pages and The Bellingham Bulletin for many years. Nearly 30 years ago, Marjorie found herself in a hospital bed after

brain surgery to save her life, paralyzed on her right side. The years since then have been a healing journey as she has regained her ability to walk, with support. Little did she know those years ago that one day she would be the author of five Easy Walks walking books focused on helping others, including those with mobility issues, to get out and enjoy the outdoors.



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Franklin Police Undergo Accreditation Assessment

By J.D. O'GARA

The Franklin Police have been quite literally working to bring their department into tip-top shape for the past couple years, and at the end of last month, (at *Local Town Pages*' press time, June 22nd and 23rd), they were scheduled for an external, peer review by assessors for the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (<https://masspoliceaccred.net>). Massachusetts is one of 30 states to offer his voluntary program, which establishes profes-

sional standards police agencies should meet and recognizes those that display best practices for the profession. Being accredited by this Commission speaks volumes about the standards to which a police agency holds itself.

"We've been in self-assessment for about 4-5 years. We were certified last May," said Franklin Deputy Chief of Police James West, who has overseen the accreditation process. "That's 159 standards we had to meet." Certification, according to the MPAC

website, is a good step toward meeting the 382 standards of accreditation set by the organization, 257 of which are mandatory.

"About four assessors will come in and go through all of our files," says West, adding the process could take a month or two to find out if they receive final approval. If they do, the department will officially receive accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in a ceremony.



The Franklin Police Department has been taking steps toward accreditation with the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission over the past few years. At the end of June, the department underwent a peer review with MPAC assessors who will evaluate the department's compliance with 382 standards of accreditation – the highest standards in the state. Photo by Tim Rice, used courtesy of Franklin Police Department

The MPAC's accreditation sets the highest standards set in the state for police departments to meet. Standards reflect the best professional practices in police management, administration, operations, and support services. Areas evaluated included

- agency authority, jurisdiction and use of force;
- recruitment, selection, and promotion of personnel
- training, discipline, and internal affairs
- patrol, traffic operations and criminal investigations
- victim/witness assistance
- emergency response planning
- prisoner transportation and holding facilities
- records and communications
- collection and preservation of evidence, and
- property and evidence control.

"These include facilities-related issues, holding cells have to have certain criteria, the evidence room, the way we handle and process everything. It needs to be up to standard, and we have to follow the proper policies. Not only do we have to have the policies, but the assessors require us to prove we (implement) those policies," said West, adding that the department's work toward ac-

creditation "showed us and made us better at documentation and making sure all the little things are done right.

"We have a very, very professional department," continued West, "I think our policies and procedures, even before we started, were good, but there are processes that definitely need to be followed if there is a complaint or issue that arises. This process helps to make sure everything is documented, and everything is transparent. We can say, if we're accredited, that we are doing the right things and following the right procedures and industry standards."

If Franklin receives accreditation, that designation will be good for three years, after which it must be re-accredited.

Those professional standards, said West, "are reasonable. They're fair, and they hold us accountable as a police department."

West points out that the process is a team effort.

"A lot of people help with the process," said West, thanking Officer Rich Martini for his help with the large volume of paperwork, "the 300 files and all the documentation that goes with it, but this is a team effort. Everyone helped out in a small way."

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Dean College Invests in its Future as it Announces New President and New Position of Chancellor

Elmore and Augustus Jr. will lead leadership team as college sharpens its focus on 'The Dean Difference'

The Dean College Board of Trustees announced Wednesday that Kenneth Elmore, J.D. has been selected to serve as the College's 14th President and that Edward M. Augustus Jr. has been named the school's first-ever Chancellor. Elmore will replace current President Paula M. Rooney, Ed. D., who announced last year that she would be ending her tenure after 27 years of leadership at the College.

Elmore is an Associate Provost and the Dean of Students at Boston University, where he has been a member of the leadership team for nearly two decades. Elmore worked as a practicing attorney and in the college's student orientation and residence offices prior to joining its leadership team in 2003. Augustus has had a long and successful career in public service, most recently as the former City Manager of Worcester, Massachusetts. In addition, he served in the Massachusetts State Senate from 2005 to 2009, before holding a senior role at the College of the Holy Cross.

Elmore has more than three decades of higher education experience as an accomplished leader, connector, and community builder. Throughout his career Kenn has been an institutional catalyst dedicated to making and keeping the common ground compelling. Elmore's signature is his commitment to public engagement and the pluralistic ideal. His "work" is

to break barriers of divisiveness by pushing communities to discover their shared humanity and to foster meaningful, authentic friendships. Kenn has worked with students – graduate and undergraduate – to expand their intellectual, social, and spiritual growth.

Mr. Augustus has worked in public service for more than 30 years. He was appointed as the City Manager of Worcester, Massachusetts in January 2014. As City Manager, he focused on continuing Worcester's economic development renaissance, supporting education and youth, and making city government inclusive for all residents of New England's second-largest city. During his tenure, he led a downtown resurgence effort through the development and implementation of the Urban Revitalization Plan. He has also overseen more than \$90 million in renovations and improvements to the City's 61 public parks.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve Dean College in this newly formed role," says Augustus, "I look forward to working closely with Kenn and the Dean Community, we are all going to form a tremendous team."

Adds Elmore, "Dean College has such an amazing history and reputation, I am honored to serve as its 14th President and to collaborate hand in hand with Ed and the entire group. This

is truly The Dean Difference in action, and I can't wait to get started."

As the landscape in higher education continues to evolve, Chair of the Board of Trustees Mark Boyce said that it was critical Dean expand its leadership team to include experienced higher education and community leaders with complementary backgrounds.

"We are excited to introduce this innovative and collaborative approach to management, with two highly qualified individuals assuming transformative leadership roles – one, primarily externally focused, and the other, internally focused," says Boyce. "The Board of Trustees felt it was critical to look at a new model to bring strategic focus and creativity from individuals with experience inside and outside of the field."

"We could not be more thrilled to have the opportunity to bring on two people as highly accomplished and successful as Mr. Augustus and Mr. Elmore," continued Boyce. "Our college is growing and our opportunity to further define Dean as a leading academic institution has never been greater. Successfully recruiting a President of Kenn's caliber and adding a Chancellor role with Ed's background is an investment in Dean's future and a clear understanding of what it will take to build on the success of Dr. Rooney's extraordinary years."

Both the President and Chancellor will report directly to the Board of Trustees with specific areas of focus in their respective

roles. Augustus will primarily be responsible for business development, community and alumni relations, government relations and external affairs, advancement, facilities, technology, operations, and strategic planning. Elmore will focus on the areas of academic affairs, student success and academic support programs, student life, enrollment and retention, marketing, athletics, and financial services.

As higher education continues to become more complex, especially for small, private institutions Dean College feels that they are on the cutting-edge of a template that will become more commonplace in the future. "The primary responsibility in leading an institute of higher learning is providing a structure that puts each person in a position to be successful. We feel that with the unique skill set that Ed and Kenn offer, we have done that here," says Boyce. "It is a model that will likely become

more popular over time due to the growing intricacies of our industry."

Augustus and Elmore inherit a college that is thriving as a result of growing academic programs, co-curricular opportunities, learning support and career preparation services and more. Founded in 1865, Dean is currently home to 1,200 full-time students and 400 part-time students enrolled in over 30 full-time, part-time, bachelor's and associate degree programs. Dean also maintains a long-standing exclusive academic partnership with Kraft Sports + Entertainment, active NCAA Division III membership for 16 athletic teams, a strong alumni network of over 25,000 and a solid financial footing with an endowment of over \$70 million.

Dean College was assisted in its search by Greenwood/Asher & Associates, LLC. To learn more about Dean College, visit www.dean.edu.

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Electric Youth and the Boston Show Band will perform concerts on the common in Franklin, Norfolk and Hopkinton following their 2022 European Concert Tour. The free to the public shows will be July 31 at 5:00 p.m. in Hopkinton, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Norfolk, and August 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Franklin. This July, EY will embark on a concert tour of Belgium, France, Switzerland, and Italy.

Electric Youth delivers high-energy, fully choreographed performances of classic rock, contemporary pop, Broadway, and country hits for audiences

of all ages. The American touring ensemble of talented singer-dancers, ages 14-18, is backed by the eight-piece Boston Show Band — world class musicians who've worked with music legends Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, B.B. King, Diana Ross, The Temptations, Van Morrison and more. Electric Youth is trained at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts. The group has toured Europe performing in such renowned venues as Vienna's Konzerthaus, Musikverein and Schonbrunn Palace; Sanremo's Ariston Theatre; England's



Arundel Festival; Disneyland Paris; and professional theaters in Bristol, London and Windsor. EY has also headlined Fourth of July shows for U.S. troops stationed in Italy at Camp Ederle, Camp Darby, and Aviano Air Force Base. The ensemble has performed on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas, on Fox-TV and WBZ Radio, and at Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium, the Smithsonian Museum Theater,

the United Nations and the U.S. Embassy in Vienna. Electric Youth has released six albums, including 2014's Power Chord, available on iTunes. Last year, EY recorded and released their a cappella single "Always Remember Us This Way" arranged and edited by Jim Hogan of a cappella sensation T.3 (available on all streaming platforms). Collectively, the members of Electric Youth 2022 have per-

formed with Broadway stars, sung the National Anthem for Boston sports teams, been selected to perform at "Broadway Sessions" in NYC, worked with choreographers from So You Think You Can Dance, and more. Alumni of Electric Youth have gone on to appear on Broadway, in national and international tours, television, regional theater, feature film, professional dance companies, cruise ships, and more.

The 2022 group of talented young singers and dancers includes Hayley Driscoll, Tatiana McAlpine, Sami Goldman, Abby Settle, Audrey Miningham, Devin DeAngelis, Finley Doherty, John Fitzhenry, Madigan Wirkus, Abby Trombert, Anya Fox, Ashley Peppin, Erin Belger, and Tzintli Cerda.

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2nd Sunday Series Looks at 1st Black Mass. U.S. Senator

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presentation, local historian Alan Earls will describe Brooke's rise from a childhood in segregated Washington, DC, to service in a segregated Army regiment that trained at Massachusetts Fort Devens.

In his service in Italy, Brooke endured blatant racism yet won praise for his leadership and bravery -- and won the heart of an Italian girl whom he later



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Franklin School for the Performing Arts Welcomes New Families

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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.

FSPA will hold Open Houses for prospective students and families at 38 Main Street on July 27, August 2, and August 23 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and September 10 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. as well as Info Night on August 23 from 3:00-7:00 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.

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 camps 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 professional opportunities by audition for student performers.

Students who wish to attend FSPA for academic classes as well have the option of FSPA Academy. FSPA Academy combines the flexibility



of a virtual education with the practicality of a schoolroom, and can accommodate professional opportunities, rehearsal, and performance schedules. FSPA Academy partners with TECCA, a virtual Massachusetts Public School. The curriculum is taught by licensed, certified teachers through a

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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.)
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Youth Registration: May 1st – September 1, 2022, \$25 booth fee

Adult Registration and Youth Registration closes on September 1st, 2022.

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Foreign Film Night: Certified Copy (France, 2010), 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library

July 8

Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m., Franklin Town Common, 3-6 p.m. entertainment, Moxie, sponsored by Franklin Cultural Council (supported by Mass. Cultural Council), 3:30-4:30 p.m. Franklin Farmers Market Fun by Franklin Public Library

July 10

Second Sunday Speaker Series, features Alan Earls on Edward W. Brooke, the first black man elected to the US Senate, doors open 1 p.m. Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin

July 15

Franklin Library Book Sale, 1-5 p.m.
Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.

Franklin Concert on the Common, presented by Franklin Recreation, 3:30 p.m., Matt Zajac, 6 p.m., NorthEast Groove, 8:30 p.m., Movie: *Luca*

July 16

Toe Jam Puppet Band! 1 p.m., Franklin Public Library
Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. – Noon, bag sale 1-4 p.m.

July 18

Tales of Trails Puppet Show! 4 p.m., Franklin Public Library

July 19

Foreign Film Night: A Man Called Ove (Sweden, 2015), 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library

July 20

Bollywood Dancing! With Deepa Bhaskar! Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library

July 22

Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.

Franklin Concert on the Common, presented by Franklin Recreation, 3:30 p.m., Bus-14, 6 p.m., The Reminisants

July 29

Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.

Franklin Concert on the Common, presented by Franklin Recreation, 3:30 p.m., Ken DoRosario, 6 p.m., Frank Padula Band, 8:10 p.m., Movie: *Wonder*

July 19

Chameleons UK singer, Mark Burgess & Texas Bluesman, Willie Laws 8 p.m., Niagara Coffee Haus, Niagara Hall, Millis, Sponsored by Middlesex Bank. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mark-burgess-chameleons-uk-vocalist-solo-acoustic-tickets-362543024947>

July 20

Flying High Dogs! 4 p.m., Franklin Public Library, Mike Piazza and his team of Border Collies are set to impress with frisbee tricks and more!

July 27

FSPA Open House, 3-7 p.m., 38 Main St., Franklin, more info. at (508) 528-8668 or FSP-Aonline.com

Ed Popielarczyk Magic Show! 4 p.m., Franklin Public Library

Sports

Angelo's 6 Years as Franklin's A.D. – A Remarkable Era

By KEN HAMWEY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Tom Angelo's six years as Franklin High's Athletic Director could be summed up in three words — The Midas Touch — because it seems like everything the personable sports chief achieved turned to gold.

Angelo's career at Franklin concluded last month when the New Jersey native retired. To label his era as "significant" misses the mark. The 60-year-old administrator not only changed the culture of athletics, but he also helped to transform many of the Panthers' programs into juggernauts.

During his brief time at FHS, championships at all levels were as common as candy at Halloween. Here's the rundown: 112 Hockomock League crowns; 36 sectional titles; 6 state championships and one New England title. The Panthers' baseball team was competing in the Division 1 championship final after Local Town Pages deadline.

Another accolade that doesn't get much attention is the number of Dalton Trophies Franklin has won with Angelo in charge. The total is three in five years but a fourth, which will be tabulated and announced next month, looks very promising. The Dal-

ton Trophy is named for the late Ernie Dalton, who was The Boston Globe's school sports editor. The award goes to a high school that produces the top winning percentage in all varsity sports.

Winning championships and prestigious awards no doubt is rewarding for a school, its student-athletes and its coaches. Angelo, however, is more than just an administrator who put an exclamation point on winning.

He's much more.

In his first year on the job, a new policy on chemical health gradually took hold and became the catalyst for success.

"When I was interviewed by then principal Peter Light, he asked me if I could change the culture of the school's student-athletes with regard to chemical health," Angelo recalled. "I met with the coaches, and we set a high bar on the issue. We informed parents on what would occur with student violators. We then established a chemical health policy that was far more stringent than what the MIAA requires. We've implemented zero tolerance with some of our programs, which means violators are off the team."

Another goal Angelo achieved was the establishment of a unified sports program. That's



Tom Angelo's six years as Franklin High's A.D. were a success on many fronts.

where special needs students compete with student-athletes with or without disabilities in track and basketball.

"We've become a model for Massachusetts, and we're recognized as a national unified school by the Special Olympics," Angelo noted. "Our basketball team competed in the U.S. games in Florida last month and won a gold medal by defeating Oregon. Getting unified sports up and running was my favorite moment as Franklin's A.D."

Angelo's most disappointing moment in his six years as A.D. speaks volumes about his caring nature and his character.

"In 2020, our boys' and girls' basketball teams were playing in the sectional tourney at Worcester State," he recalled. "The boys played first, and when their game ended, 80% of the student section left. Here we are with the best girls' basketball team in the state, and we couldn't get the students to stay. The girls' team

finished unbeaten at 25-0 and ended as co-champions with Andover because the MIAA canceled the state finals due to COVID-19."

Angelo obviously enjoyed seeing FHS teams win, and he was acutely aware of the dedication and devotion that coaches and student-athletes relied on to elevate a majority of the school's teams.

"Our victories in athletics were a by-product of quality coaches doing things the right way," he emphasized. "Our coaches focused on teaching skills. When I accepted the Dalton Trophies, I accepted them on behalf of coaches and the student-athletes. The coaches have dedicated their lives to FHS, and the athletes knew the importance of high standards."

Angelo also appreciated the support he received from principals, superintendents and the school committee. Two other keys he cited for the school's "good fortune" are administrative assistant Sue Jacobson and athletic trainer Jen Edmunds.

Another area where the Midas Touch was evident came in hiring coaches. Angelo's first hire was Paula Lupien, the girls' gymnastics coach.

"The first year there were no wins, and the second year we had one victory," he recalled. "Then, in year six, the gymnastics squad won the sectional, was second in the states, then won the New England crown."

The COVID-19 pandemic no doubt was the biggest challenge Angelo had to deal with. Unpopular statewide decisions had to be enforced and the onus was on the A.D.s.

"No one was happy with their decisions," he said. "Most of them were made by the Department of Health, the State

Department of Education and the schools. Being flexible was important because decisions were made that changed within 24 hours. The best people in the crisis were coaches and student-athletes. They did everything needed to return to normalcy."

An educator for 38 years, Angelo was an A.D. at Somerset-Berkeley and Plymouth. He also worked as director of technology at Tabor Academy for 15 years and also coached baseball and softball at the Marion prep school. His baseball team won a state title in 2014. He also coached football, wrestling and track at the middle school level in Austin, Tex.

When Angelo's parents moved to New Mexico, he competed in baseball at Santa Fe High and was on a championship team in Legion baseball. He played baseball at New Mexico State where he earned his degree in physical education and health science. He also has a master's degree in athletic administration from Endicott College.

Angelo and his wife Suzanne, who've lived in Marion for 34 years, have two sons.

Retirement will begin with a trip to New Mexico to visit his brother Joe, then Angelo and his wife will spend time in New Hampshire.

"I'll stay on the Unified Sports Committee," he said. "I also want to get involved with volunteer work, like the Big Brother program in New Bedford, which is near my home. Eventually, I'd like to pursue coaching, either a freshman team or at the middle school level."

Tom Angelo was a high caliber player, coach and administrator. A classy individual, his era at Franklin high was spiced with success, and it definitely featured the Midas Touch.

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Sports

New Hockey/Basketball Court Opens at Fletcher Field

On Monday, June 6th, the Town of Franklin celebrated the official opening of the new hockey/basketball court at Fletcher Field in Franklin. The court was constructed using \$200,000 of town capital funding and a \$75,000 donation from the Boston Bruins Foundation. "Blades," the Bruins mascot took time out of his busy schedule to be there for the opener, facilitating the puck drop for the young players, and he received a plaque thanking the Bruins organization from the town of Franklin for their generous donation. Representatives of Mylec Hockey, the town's official supplier of street hockey equipment, was on site, and Boar's Head and Crocetti's donated food.



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Franklin Nine Bows to Taunton in Tourney Final

By KEN HAMWEY, STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Ryan MacDougall's solo home run to right field in the sixth inning gave Taunton a 2-1 triumph over Franklin in the Division 1 state tourney championship game.

The game was played at LeLacheur Park in Lowell on Saturday night June 18 after Local Town Pages deadline. More details, photos and post-game comments will be featured in the paper's August edition.

The Tigers, who split a pair of games with Franklin in Hockomock League play, trailed the

Panthers, 1-0, after the fourth inning but tied the contest in the fifth before MacDougall provided the game-winner.

The Panthers' road to the playoff final began with a 14-0 shutout over Lexington, followed by a 3-2 victory over Chelmsford, a 5-0 shutout over Bridgewater-Raynham in the quarterfinal round and a 4-3 triumph over Shrewsbury in the tourney semifinal.

The all-Hockomock League final was a matchup of the top two seeds. The Panthers were the No. 1 seed and Taunton was seeded second.

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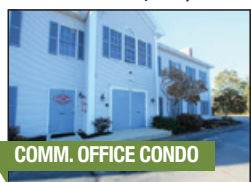


Members of the Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail Committee gathered during the Strawberry Stroll for the official unveiling of the Trail. Pictured from left to right are Melanie Hamblen, Jane Curran, Beth Simon, Claire Griffin, Mary Olsson, Lisa Piana, Eileen Mason and Roberta Trahan. Not pictured is Pandora Carlucci.

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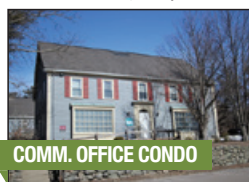
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During the Strawberry Stroll on June 10, the Franklin Downtown Partnership unveiled the new Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail in downtown Franklin. Using ladybug sculptures, the trail ties 25 historical, cultural and business sites together to promote economic development in Franklin by encouraging visiting, dining, and shopping in the downtown area.

The Franklin Downtown Partnership started working on the trail project in 2019 and formed a committee in 2021 to further advance the project. During the unveiling, Franklin Downtown Partnership Executive Director and Chair of the Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail Committee Lisa Piana thanked the members of the committee: Pandora Carlucci,

Jane Curran, Melanie Hamblen, Eileen Mason, Mary Olsson, Beth Simon, and Roberta Trahan.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of volunteers, so we reached out and started this committee. I call them my dream team," Piana said.

Free maps of the Ladybug Cultural and Historical Trail are available at the Franklin Historical Museum on West Central Street and Escape Into Fiction bookstore on Main Street. The printing of the maps was made possible by sponsors Eileen Mason of RE/MAX Executive Realty and Middlesex Savings Bank.

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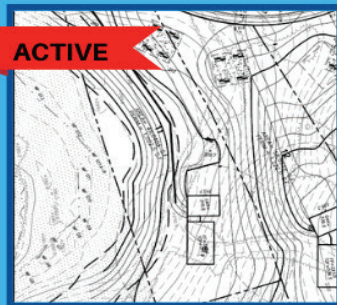
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