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Franklin Cultural Festival September 10th

By J.D. O'GARA

The Franklin Cultural Festival, presented by the Franklin Cultural Council, is on once again. Last year, the event drew 8,000 people, featuring artisans, food trucks, and performances throughout the day. This year, the event, taking place on Saturday, September 10th, from 12-6 p.m., will be even bigger, with 52 artists and vendor booths, including a new community cultural lane.

"This year we have much more, and 14 community booths as well, so we really are much more full this year," says Kaye Kelly, Chair of the Franklin Cultural Council and organizer of the event centered around Community Unity. "The bottom line (is) that all vendors – everyone is based in arts and culture. We've been very clear just to keep it strictly arts and culture.



The Eguie Castillo and the Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra will once again be featured at a bigger and even better Franklin Cultural Festival on September 10th this year.

The artisan fair is juried, representing artists from all over the region. "We have one board member, Shelley Greene, who looked through and makes sure there are not many of the same vendors. We try not to create competition," says Kelly. Featured wares range from bath and body

items to watercolor paintings, sketch artists, jewelry makers, photographers, and textile items.

The Franklin Cultural Festival boasts a great lineup of entertainment again this

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19th Annual Harvest Festival Preparations in Full Gear

Franklin Downtown Partnership's annual Harvest Festival arrives early this year as the first Saturday in October arrives October 1! This family-fun community event has a rain date of Sunday, October 2.

The Harvest Festival will be held in downtown Franklin from noon to 5 p.m. on Main Street, Dean Avenue, West Central Street, and Depot Street, as well as the large parking area behind Rockland Bank.

Visitors to the Harvest Festival will enjoy local entertainment, a variety of food from local restaurants, kids' crafts, painting and balloon art, specials from downtown merchants, and artwork and crafts by area artisans. There will be more than 150 vendors booths!

"The Harvest Festival is the Franklin Downtown Partnership's opportunity to invite people to gather downtown and have fun experiencing the local businesses throughout our community," said Scott Martin, president of the Franklin Downtown Partnership and Harvest Festival chair. "The mix of activities and entertainment we have will make this com-

munity event special for all ages, while showcasing the wonderful shopping and dining opportunities downtown."

Entertainment sponsored by Dean Bank will be provided at the Dancing on Dean stage featuring live music from Ben Gardner's Boat. MyFM will be broadcasting live at the intersection of East Central and Main Streets. The Franklin Fire Department will have its firetrucks out at its headquarters with Sparky giving out plastic fire helmets to children. The Franklin Historical Museum will offer balloon animals and free popcorn from an old-fashioned popcorn machine. Franklin Art Association member and owner of Painting Venus, Amy Adams, will be painting live during the Harvest Festival. The Franklin Art Association will host an art show and sale in the Rockland Trust Annex as well as its gallery in Escape Into Fiction Bookstore.

A special "Taste of Franklin" area offering a variety of local foods will be located behind Rock-

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year, welcoming back headliner Grammy-winning percussionist, Eguie Castillo and the Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra at 4:30



SheGrooves, a group of female Berklee professors, will perform at the festival.

It has come to our attention that a paid Political Spotlight did not have the proper disclaimer stating "Paid Advertisement" in our August edition. For the record, the article was paid for by the Committee to Elect Chris Doughty. This was an unfortunate oversight. As the publisher I do not endorse any candidates and as a media source stay neutral in all political matters. I apologize for any confusion this oversight has caused. This experience has shown how passionate our readers are. Keep on reading.

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Franklin Cultural Festival Lineup 2022

Main Stage

FHS Theater Company: 12-12:30
ONOT Israeli Dance Troupe: 12:45-1:15
Ron Reid's Sunsteel Quartet: 1:30-2:30
Community Indian Showcase (Indian Wedding theme): 2:45 – 3:30
SheGrooves (featuring female professors from Berklee College of Music): 3:45-4:15
Rhode Island Latin School of Dance—salsa lessons at 4:15 p.m.
Eguie Castrillo Salsa Orchestra: 4:30-6

Other Performers:

Big Joe the Storyteller, in Kids' Corner (behind main stage to the left): 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
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p.m. Immediately prior to the salsa band, salsa instructors from the Rhode Island Latin Dance School will provide a half hour of instruction (4-4:30 p.m.), great for those who want to move to the music. Entertainers include the FHS Theater Company, from 12-12:30, ONOT Israeli Dance Troupe from 12:45-1:15, Ron Reid's Sunsteel Quartet from 1:30-2:30, a community Indian Showcase, with an Indian wedding theme) from 2:45-3:30, and SheGrooves, featuring female professors from Berkeley College of Music (including Kaye Kelly), from 3:45-4:15.

Food trucks are also a big part of the festival, and this year, folks can choose from Indian food, tacos, Thai food, chicken wings, Caribbean food, Mediterranean & Halal food, a juicer, ice cream, cannoli, and specialty nonalcoholic drinks. For those who would

like a little kick to their drinks, a beer garden across from the common, next to the Franklin Church of the Redeemer, which has donated the space, will offer some alcoholic drink options.

This year, event t-shirts will also be available for \$25.

"We're doing pre-sale on Eventbrite, and there will be t-shirts at the festival," says Kelly, "They're a direct donation to the festival. We will take cash and credit cards, with a QR code at the festival."

"We're hoping each year gets better," says Kelly, "and as we move forward more sponsors to help us fund it each year. Sponsors, as of *Local Town Pages'* deadline, included Allegra Print, Mint Dental, Daddario Hardware, The Arienti Group Real Estate Team, Franklin Matters, Elizabeth's Bagels, Maione Landscaping and Power Painting Plus.

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Local businesses and individuals are invited to be Community Unity Sponsors, notes Kelly. Community Unity Sponsors, for a donation of \$50 apiece, will be celebrated with a flower sculpture garden installed at the event. Each flower will sport a sign (all signs, t-shirts, lanyards, banners, and other artwork is being generously donated by Allegra Printing) naming various sponsors.

"It will be a visual representation, an artistic representation" of supporters, says Kelly.

Proceeds from this event (from artisan vendor fees) will benefit the missions of the Franklin Cultural Council. For updates, visit <https://www.franklinma.gov/cultural-council> or find Franklin

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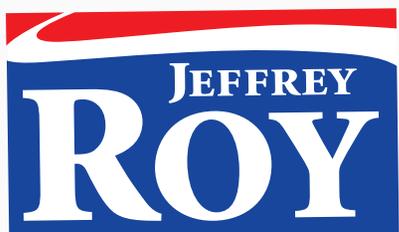
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Dean College Announces 2022-2023 Theatre and Dance Season

Dean College is proud to announce its new 2022-2023 performing arts season. Running from October to May, the lineup includes four theatre shows, four dance shows and multiple showcase performances featuring Dean College students in the School of the Arts and the Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance. Season ticket packages will be available online at www.dean.edu/performance starting August 25 and single tickets will be available online starting September 26. Packages include the Full Season Package (eight theatre and dance events), the Theatre Series Package (four events) and the Dance Series Package (four events).

“We are thrilled to share this rich assortment of repertoire, which will include some well-loved standards as well as several premieres, providing wonderful opportunities for our faculty, guest artists, and especially our student-performers to shine,” said Marc M. Arentsen, Dean of the Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance and the School of the Arts. “As a premier spot for the performing arts in our region, we are eager for our community to help us celebrate creative diver-

sity and together engage in art that connects and delights us.”

The 2022-2023 theatre season starts with Oscar Wilde’s classic comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest* from October 20-23, 2022. The fall musical production is the award-winning *All Shook Up*, inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley®, which runs from November 16-20, 2022. Moving into 2023, *Mr. Burns, a post-electric play* is a contemporary black comedy by Anne Washburn, which runs from February 23-26, 2023. Closing out the theatre series, from March 22-26, 2023, is the legendary musical *Pippin*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz.

The 2022-2023 dance series begins on November 4-5, 2022 with the collaborative show “Arts Mosaic,” showcasing student works in dance, theatre, music, film and much more. “Faculty Dance Works” runs from December 9-10, 2022 and will be comprised of original works created by School of Dance faculty and guest artists in a wide diversity of dance styles. “Choreographers’ Concert” runs on March 31 and April 1, 2023, featuring Dean emerging student-chore-



ographers’ work. The dance series concludes with the annual “Dance Company,” from April 27-30, 2023, with mixed bill repertoire ranging from hip-hop to jazz, tap, modern and ballet in new and restaged works by award-winning faculty and guest choreographers.

In addition to the mainstage performances listed above, there are multiple showcase events featuring the diverse talents of Dean College students, including “New Dancer Showcase” (December 2-3), “New Thespian Showcase” (December 1 & 3), “Theatre Senior Showcase” (April 14-15, 2023) and “Dance Senior Showcase” (April 21-22, 2023). These events are not included in season ticket packages and will be available for single ticket purchase starting September 26, 2022.

Full season ticket packages will be available starting August 25 and offer a 25% discount on regular single ticket prices. The Full Season Package (eight events) is \$132 (reduced from \$176 for single tickets) for general public and is \$72 (reduced from \$96) for senior citizens and non-Dean students.

The Dance Series Package (four events – “Arts Mosaic,” “Faculty Dance Works,” “Choreographers’ Concert” and “Dance Company”) is \$66 (reduced from \$88) for general public and \$36 (reduced from \$48) for senior citizens and non-Dean students.

The Theatre Series Package (four events – *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *All Shook Up*, *Mr. Burns-a post-electric play*, and “Pippin”) is \$66 (reduced from \$88) for general public and \$36 (reduced from \$48) for senior citizens and non-Dean students.

Season Ticket Package benefits include significant price savings (25% off single ticket prices), the ability to purchase tickets before single tickets go on sale, free ticket exchange privileges, and advance notice of special offers and new show announcements.

Dean College has moved to

a ticketless validation system for all events. There are two ways to receive your online season tickets – digitally, via your cell phone or mobile device (highly preferred) or by printing your receipt at home and picking up your tickets at the Will Call line at the Main Stage kiosk starting 60 minutes prior to performances with a valid I.D.

All events and performances are subject to change. Please be sure to visit www.dean.edu/performance for all up-to-date and applicable venue policies. Ticket holders who do not comply with venue policies will not be admitted.

Please note: Dean College welcomes children and families to all of our performances. However, infants and children under 2 years of age are not allowed in the theatre, and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All patrons must have their own ticketed seats; lap sitting is not permitted. Only ADA-certified service animals are allowed in the theatre.

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Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

By CHRISTIE VOGT
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Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you get me — not an automated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and tech-



niques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the back-end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Franklin in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. The Schadlers' oldest daughter lives in

Business spotlight

Franklin, and their kids attended softball camp and learned how to skate in town. Prior to starting Affordable Junk Removal, Christine worked for years in Franklin as well.

One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

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Financial Aid Resources for College

The fall is a busy time of year if you have a high school senior --so many exciting plans and opportunities! Although with this excitement there is also some trepidation - how will you cover the cost of college? This month's focus is on need-based financial aid.

There are 2 basic types of financial aid:

- Need-based aid consists of grants, work-study, and subsidized loans for financially eligible students. Grants are "free money" that students do not need to repay. The Federal Work-study Program provides an opportunity for a student to obtain a part-time job. Federal student loans will need to be paid back with interest. The office of Federal Student Aid provides approximately \$112 billion to over 13 million students annually.
- Merit awards, also known as non-need-based aid, are determined by individual college admissions' offices. Awards are not based on financial need. Merit awards are given to students who meet the college's

requirements that include GPA, class rank, test scores, a specific major, special talent or where the student lives.

Submitting the FAFSA for Need-Based Aid:

- In order to be considered for federal need-based aid, such as, federal grants, work-study, and loans, the FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed. It provides access to the largest source of financial aid to help families pay for college. The federal FAFSA deadline for the 2023-2024 academic year is June 30, 2023.
- States and colleges also use a family's FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans to eligible students. Their deadlines are usually much earlier. For example, college FAFSA deadlines are generally in the months of October or November of the student's high school senior year. Check out the financial aid section of the college's website. The state deadlines vary - please refer

to the studentaid.gov (FAFSA Deadlines).

- FAFSA is available starting October 1st every year. High school seniors attending college in fall 2023 would submit their FAFSA this fall. FAFSA must be refiled each year.
- Apply as early as possible -on average more federal, state, and college grants are provided to families when the FAFSA is filed early.
- Add a school on the FAFSA list even if there is only a slight chance of applying. It can always be removed later - and potential financial aid won't be missed.
- FAFSA Tip: Three important reasons to fill out the FAFSA form even if qualifying for need-based aid appears doubtful: (1) students may be eligible for unsubsidized federal student loans which have lower interest rates than private loans; (2) federal loans may offer loan forgiveness programs and customized repayment plans; and (3) some colleges require the FAFSA for merit consideration.

What is the CSS Profile form?

- In addition to filing the FAFSA form, approximately 240 colleges also require the CSS profile. The CSS Profile provides



Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants

a more detailed assessment of a family's financial circumstances which colleges use to determine students' financial aid eligibility. The majority of colleges that require the CSS profile are the private and more selective schools.

- The CSS Profile college list is located on Collegeboard.org.
- Remember to check the college website for their specific CSS deadlines.

Additional Helpful Information:

- **Cost of Attendance (COA)**, or the sticker price, is the amount of money that a student is expected to pay for the college year which includes: tuition, room & board, fees, average cost of books/supplies, transportation cost, and personal expenses. The COA can be found on every college website. Tip: Don't just focus on the COA when considering a specific college - a student may receive financial aid or merit which would reduce the overall cost.

- **The Net Price Calculator (NPC):** The net price of a college is the total cost of attendance (COA) minus grants and scholarships. Using the NPC calculator on the college's website will provide an estimated net price for the school year. The NPC can be extremely helpful in determining college cost; however, not all NPCs are created equal - some are better than others.

- **Loans:** In addition to student loans, parent loans may also be necessary. The loan simulator is a handy tool to determine what the estimated monthly costs would be. Parents, along with their student, working through the loan simulator is a great exercise to do together. <https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/>

As financial aid is a broad and detailed process, the suggestions/article/tips may not answer all of your questions. If you need more assistance visit the Federal Student Aid website - it is a great resource. Additionally, feel free to contact our office as well. Good luck and enjoy the journey.

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Franklin Garden Club Begins New Season Sept. 6

The Franklin Garden Club will begin its 2022-2023 season on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, with

a meeting at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel Cahill Street, from 7 - 9 p.m. An informal social get-together will take place from 6:30 - 7 p.m. followed by a presentation on the coming year's programs and a fall wreath making workshop. The meeting is open to the public, including those interested in becoming a member.

Club Co-Presidents Janet Cedarquist and Mary Anne Dean stated, "The Garden Club, founded in 1987, offers many educational programs, and one does not have to be a Master Gardener to join. Meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to learn about various aspects of gardening from experts and to exchange information with fellow members. We welcome anyone who is interested to attend the first meeting to learn more about the Club and planned activities."

The wreath making workshop will enable members to make fall wreaths that will be sold at the Franklin Farmers Market Garden Club Booth on October 14. Sup-

plies will be provided.

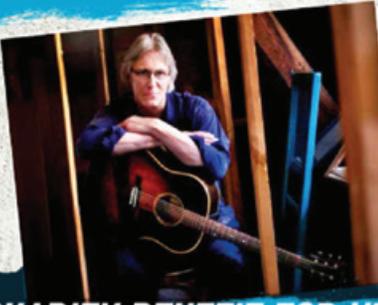
In addition to the September 6 meeting, this year's programming schedule includes: October 4: Gardening with Dahlias; November 1: Creating Cornucopia Arrangements; December 6: Making Soap Embedded with Flowers for Gifts; February 1: Handmade Paper Floral Designs; March 1: Growing and Caring for Peonies; April 4: Drought Tolerant Gardening and Landscaping; May 2: Meeting at White Owl Farm; and June 6: Year End Social.

Club community service activities include planting and maintenance of the Franklin Town Common gardens and the planters at the Franklin Library, sponsorship of an annual scholarship awarded to a high school graduate, distribution of pine tree seedlings in the elementary schools, and special projects with other community organizations. The Franklin Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.



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Glenn Brown

Stop!
You'd never take them to a car lot and ask, "What car do you want to drive home today?" Yet, the crazy notion of financing a \$75,000 car for your teen would cost considerably less.

Take control, don't be another victim - The student debt crisis has many sides to blame: government taking over student lending in 2009, unlimited money supply allows schools to raise tuition 5-7% annually and students (plus parents) desire for "brand name" schools on top of college rankings lists.

College Rankings lists are brand marketing - CNBC's latest "Colleges That Pay Off The Most" listed Stanford #1 again, followed by the usual trophy schools - ones kids (and parents) brag about attending. Criteria is based on 10-year earnings of graduates minus college costs.

Sounds noble until you discover costs are calculated based on Average Net Price Tuition for

a family income \$48-75K, which for Stanford is \$3,490. Realize under 1% of 7,083 Stanford undergrads pay this, while 52% pay the full \$55,000 tuition. If cost criteria was tuition paid by majority over 4 years (\$220,000) instead of paid by less than 1% (\$14,000), would Stanford and others even make this list?

"What are you interested in doing for work?" - This is the appropriate question and should be the focus of your teenager.

Share family finances with your teenager and together ex-

cute a broad screening of schools based on programs offered to benefit a desired profession. Become educated on Return on Investment (ROI) using school's data on 5-year earnings per degree (not just the school) and calculate your true costs to attend.

Use Net Price Calculators (NPCs) - Found on a college's website, these are designed to generate your personal cost to attend. You'll share information from tax returns, size of non-retirement investment accounts, children's accounts (i.e. 529s) and for merit scholarship purposes supply GPA, test scores, class rank and activities.

You'll discover if \$55K tuition may be \$34K, \$23K or harsh reality it will be \$55K. Because you've shared available savings, your teen can visualize their debt obligation upon graduation before they get emotionally invested.

The road less traveled yields merit - "Top ranked" schools get thousands of honor roll students applying and willing to pay, so merit scholarships are awarded to those truly moving future rankings.

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This article provides a brief overview of stress, goal setting, and support for understanding loved ones and family members with addictions.

Stress refers to both the psychological perception of pressure/threat and the body's response to it. When we perceive real or imagined danger our fight or flight response is activated, triggering a release of cortisol and adrenaline into the body, resulting in increased heart rate and respiration. There are some ways to deal with chronic stress - relaxation techniques, modifying negative thinking patterns, and learning emotional regulation skills can decrease stress responses and promote an increased sense of wellbeing.

Setting goals that will help us to create healthy coping skills to better manage the stressors that occur in life can be challenging. This is largely because we tend to repeat habitual responses to people, places, and situations. This is where goal setting skills are invaluable in assisting us in changing negative behaviors to healthier more productive ones. Goal setting is a purposeful and explicit process that starts with identifying a new objective, skill, or new response/behavior. Then, you make a plan for achieving it, and you work to complete it.

Addiction affects not only the individual but also family, friends and the community. Understanding the causes of addiction, how addiction and mental health impact each other and knowing the resources that are available can be difficult to access. It is important that treatment is provided by a professional who has a high level of training in both mental health and substance misuse.

Phoenix Behavioral Health will provide three courses this September that address the above issues: **Stress Management:** (Learn about the impact of emotions on physical health, and how to reprogram persistent negative thinking and automatic reactions); **Goal setting:** (learn about the process of creating new healthy and productive change in your life. Understand the role of mindfulness and visualization in habit change and apply SMART goal setting skills to set yourself up for success) **Assisting a loved one struggling with Addiction:** (Understand and assist a loved one who is struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. Information regarding treatment and a better understanding of the early recovery process is provided).

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Upcoming Election Information

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at Franklin High School Gymnasium. In person Early Voting will take place August 27 - September 2 at the Franklin High School Gymnasium or Franklin Municipal Building.

September Franklin High School In Person Early Voting Dates

September 19 a.m.-3 p.m. | September 28 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registered Franklin voters may also early vote in person at the Franklin Municipal Building Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., now until September 2nd, 2022

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For more information, please reach out to Kaye Kelly, FCC Chair at franklinculturalcouncil02038@gmail.com .

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“Last year we were overwhelmed with community support for the event, as well as the town administration support for the event,” says Kelly, who admits working seven days a week in the summer on this project.

Kelly notes that the town of Franklin supports the Franklin Cultural Council annually with \$15,000, and about \$10,000 of that is helping to fund the Cultural Festival this year. Also, the Cultural Festival received a \$10,000 line item in the Massachusetts state budget secured by Sen. Becca Rausch, “because the festival had such a positive impact on the community that was not expected and amazing,” says Kelly. “It was a success, and our vendors, our artists made a lot of money. It was a great time, and a great day to offer the community, with a chance to see diverse, high-quality entertainers.”

Living Statues New Feature of Cultural Festival

Statues (or are they?) of Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross and Harriet Tubman will literally come to life at this year’s Franklin Cultural Festival. Franklin Cultural Council Chair Kaye Kelly notes that these performers are a big ticket item of the event, hired out of a Pawtucket company, TEN31 Productions.

“These are three human beings completely decked out in bronze,” says Kelly. “They’ll parade over into the common, each have a space, and people can take selfies next to them.”

Founded by Eric Auger and Joe Pari, who have performed as living gargoyles at various events, TEN31 Productions, Inc. grew from a simple, powerful idea that art can be “brought to life” and provide emotionally inspiring entertainment, with the human form as its canvas. The human form is TEN31’s canvas. In 2000, founders Eric Auger



Ben Franklin will be one of the living statues by TEN31 Productions, Inc. that will be featured as part of the Franklin Cultural Festival September 10th.

and Joe Pari began performing as Living Gargoyles at art events and festivals. Members of the group continue to design and create characters and costumes, essentially “making pretend.”

Community Cultural Lane New Addition to Franklin Cultural Festival

This year, Franklin groups that support arts and culture will be featured as a new part of the Franklin Cultural Festival.

“It’s a new wing of the festival and it’s taking up one spoke of the wheel, the gazebo being kind of in the middle,” says Kaye Kelly, chair of the Franklin Cultural Council and event organizer. “One entire sidewalk is cultural makers or supporters in Franklin—most nonprofits. We were careful how we chose those, it was by invitation only. We just are asked by so many people to have booths, but we wanted to showcase all the arts and cultural resources in Franklin.”

While the paid artist and crafter booths represent creative crafts from all over the region, the cultural booths strictly represent factions from Franklin, and those are free.

Groups chosen include The Franklin Cultural District, Franklin Public Library, THE BLACK BOX and FPAC, FHS Empty Bowls Club, FHS Music and Instrument petting zoo, Give Kids the Arts, Franklin Art Association, Dean College Performance Department, and Franklin TV, among others.

Steve Sherlock spoke to *Local Town Pages* as part of that Franklin TV.

“What I think (Kaye) wanted to do was reinforcing what would be featured as part of the event, community alley would be nonprofits fitting within arts and culture,” says Sherlock, who as the head of FANN, the Franklin Area Nonprofit Network, has a handle on what groups in town fall into those categories. Sherlock has been reporting on Franklin town events through his blog, Franklin Matters, for some

time now, and he has embarked on a partnership with Franklin TV and as part of that, his radio show on Franklin’s WFPR FM. Sherlock hopes Franklin TV’s booth at the Franklin Cultural Festival will spread awareness of resources available to Franklin residents and groups.

“We offer livestream. We can market both ways, to nonprofits and help them tell their messages, and to the greater community. Franklin Matters is part of Franklin Cable operations. I also happen to be on the cable board, and my personal goal is to recruit additional members. We need younger members and a more diverse board.”

Sherlock notes that Franklin TV will not only spread awareness of its own mission during the Cultural Festival, but it will also work to broadcast the event.

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land Trust. Also, check out the special fall food specialties at the Dean Bank tent. Proceeds from that tent benefit the FDP.

A Tyrolian Festival will be held at THE BLACK BOX. This event will celebrate Austria and the upcoming Franklin Performing Arts Company production of The Sound of Music. Entertainment will feature a traditional oom-pah band as well as preview excerpts from The Sound of Music. The Intermissions stage will also offer entertainment.

The last day to register for booth space is Sept. 15, but organizers expect to sell out sooner. Downtown store-front businesses must register to ensure store-front space. Booths are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. View the registration link at <http://bit.ly/FranklinHF>. Email Harvest Festival Vendor Coordinators Roberta Trahan and Pandora Carlucci at fdpevent@gmail.com with questions about booth spaces. Scott Martin, president of the FDP, is once again chairing the Harvest Festival.

"We hope that people will take the opportunity during Harvest Festival to visit local businesses, including many of the new shops that have made downtown their home," said Franklin Downtown

Partnership Executive Director Lisa Piana. "As always, we thank our local business sponsors who make this event possible!"

The Partnership welcomes business owners to help support the Harvest Festival while gaining publicity for their businesses by becoming sponsors. Please email the FDP office at downtown.franklin@yahoo.com to learn about sponsorship opportunities.

Many businesses have already agreed to sponsor the Harvest Festival. To date, Harvest Festival sponsors include Platinum level sponsors Dean Bank, Dean College, PhysicalOne Urgent Care, RI Motorsports, and Safford AXiA Insurance. Silver sponsors are Arcadia Dental, Camford Property Group, Hockomock YMCA, Middlesex Savings Bank and Rockland Trust. Bronze levels sponsors are Beaux Regards Photographic Art, Chestnut Dental, Digital Federal Credit Union, Keefe Insurance Agency, and LeafFilter. Mint Dental of Franklin is a Friends level sponsor.

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Urgent Care Center Works with Franklin Native

In Franklin, PhysicianOne teamed up with local photographer Peter Willis (<https://www.peterwillisphotography.com/>) to commission art for the walls of their new facility in the town. Peter is a Franklin native who was born with Global Developmental

Delays, later diagnosed with a rare syndrome called Lujan Frys. After discovering his love for photography in high school, Peter has made his passion a career as he now works photographing special events, real estate and local businesses.

Franklin Cultural Council Call for Proposals

Applications for cultural grants are being accepted from September 1st - October 15th

(<https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/Franklin/>) All are encouraged to apply.

For FY23, the Franklin Cultural Council will give priority to grant applications for projects and programs that meet one or more of the following:

- are held within the Town of Franklin and/or are of the greatest benefit to Franklin residents
- are for events within the boundaries of the Franklin Cultural District
- programs that are service-oriented and best meet the needs of our community
- programs that elevate the voices and experiences of historically marginalized groups to create a more inclusive cultural sector in Franklin
- programs that explicitly link the arts to emotional well-being in times of crisis, and contribute to personal and community resiliency

Local Band Gets Break Opening for National Band this Month

By J.D. O'GARA

Franklin native and musician Matt Zajac, with his band The Garden of Hedon, will be opening for a nationally known band this month. On September 8th, the local entertainers will head to the Prost Bier and Music Hall in Jewett City, CT to open for E'Nuff Z'nuff.



Local band, Garden of Hedon, will have a great opportunity this month, opening for national band E'Nuff Z'nuff on September 8th at Prost Bier and Music Hall in Jewett City, CT. Tickets, including a bus ride, are available for Franklin-area fans.

"I play around locally a lot, doing solo gigs, and the band has been playing more, building a name," says Zajac. "The way this started was that I had put out a record at the end of 2020, kind of a weird time to be putting out a record, that was a solo record, and some of the guys who are in the band played on that record. Garden of Hedon was the title, so it kind of made sense. We named the band after the record."

Members of the band include Matt Zajac lead singer, guitar and drums, Steve Serra, guitar and mandolin, William Donovan, bass, and Johnny Keys on keyboard.

Zajac describes the band's sound as "rock and roll, basically, but retro-sounding kind of a throw-back sound. What we're doing is sort of almost a sub-culture type

of thing in today's musical landscape. There's so much music now based in genres, hip hop music is very popular, rap is very popular, music that we listened to growing up is almost on the periphery."

Members of Garden of Hedon are looking forward to the show on the 8th.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," says Zajac, who has been working with a new promoter who alerted him of the opportunity. "We've chartered a bus and will bring a crew with us to make it a little easier for us to get out there and back. We're glad for the opportunity to

play in front of a larger audience.

Garden of Hedon is in the process of recording a new record, called *Forbidden Fruit*, and is also shooting a video for one of its songs. In fact, Marc Ford, of The Black Crowes, will make a guest appearance on the album.

To find out more about the band, visit them on their social media sites:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071590332814>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CeEVEVkugOo/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Website: www.gardenofhedon.net

If you would like to attend the show, visit

<https://sceneproductions.ticketleap.com/enuff-z-nuff/?fbclid=IwAR19bXyrDQ7VDVNCLaE21cBNtefo0S2yjhqVhl0EK7fEGB1JvAhKwxCtNq4&fs=e&s=cl>

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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

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Dr. Bryan Hong is our practicing vitreoretinal specialist. Dr. Hong is a graduate of Yale College and Yale School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at the University of Southern California Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute in Los Angeles, CA. He then went on to complete an intensive vitreo-retinal disease fellowship at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Hong will be providing retina care in our practice starting September 2022, and specializes in eye surgery, laser surgery, and diseases of the retina, including macular degeneration, macular diseases, vitreo-macular interface abnormalities, retinal vascular diseases, diabetic retinopathy, trauma, retinal detachments, uveitis, and cataract complications. His research interests include retinal imaging, novel surgical techniques, and medical cost-efficacy analyses.

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.

Dr. Donald L. Conn, OD will join our team in our state-of-the-art medical offices in Franklin, Milford and Millis starting August 2022. Dr. Conn is a comprehensive optometrist offering the latest in comprehensive eye care for the entire family. Dr. Conn earned his Bachelor of Science from College of the Holy Cross in 2016. He then went on to earn his Doctor of Optometry degree from New England College of Optometry in 2021. He has completed a residency in ocular Disease and Primary 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.

Dr. Purvi Patel, OD originally from the tri-state area, received her bachelor's degree from The



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College of New Jersey in 1996 and her Doctor of Optometry from the State University of NY College of Optometry in 2000 through a joint accelerated B.S.-O.D. program. She then completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Special Testing. In 2003, Dr. Patel joined the New England College of Optometry as Clinical Assistant Professor. Through her role as Director of Eye Care Services at Whittier Street Health Center and then The Dimock Center, one of the largest community health centers in Boston, Dr. Patel brings with her teaching and leadership experience. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, with a history of publishing, presenting and lecturing. During the last 10 years, Dr. Patel has transitioned to direct care and worked in collaboration with ophthalmology. Most recently, Dr. Patel completed a postdoctoral certificate for the treatment & management of glaucoma. Dr. Patel has clinical interests in diabetes, glaucoma, community-based eye and vision care, public health & epidemiology. Dr. Patel currently lives in Dover, MA with her husband and 3 daughters. She enjoys traveling abroad, reading and tennis.

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Franklin Resident to Fight Boxing Match for St. Jude

By J.D. O'GARA

This month, on September 29th, the town of Franklin will once again send an amateur boxer to Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl IX Boston 2022, a fundraising boxing match in which fighters can choose a charity to receive a portion of proceeds. "I actually had never boxed at all before I signed up for Haymakers," says Franklin resident Colleen Manning, who attended the fundraiser last year in support of a co-worker. The event takes place at MGM Music Hall, 2 Lansdowne Street, Boston.

"We just went to support him; he was fighting. I just thought it was the coolest thing. The passion, energy, and of course all of the funds raised for such a good purpose was exhilarating. I loved that people could pick their own charity to support," says Manning, who chose St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Manning feels strongly about St. Jude's mission, because she has a six-year-old daughter, Piper. "Everything is fine with her, but I always feel awful for families going through something like this. Maybe I can support those other families and help make life easier for them. I have been touched by

so many amazing mothers and fathers who have fought through cancer to be there for their own families, and I can't imagine a world where you have to think about losing a child to cancer."

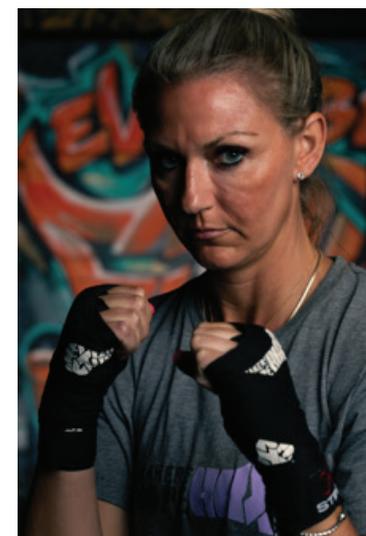
After she chose her charity, Manning found that her mother also had a close tie, having raised money for the same cause in the past. The 37-year-old also feels motivated to fight due to two good friends, Molly, and Kristina, who've battled cancer.

Manning, a sales director for Jobble, hasn't had a lot of time to train, but the Dorchester native, who has also lived in South Boston and Holliston, admits thriving on the last-minute pressure.

"My husband (Kevin) definitely thought I was crazy. He thought I should train another year, but I thrive on the unknown excitement," says Manning, who had intended to start training

after attending the fight last fall, but just had been too busy by the time the spring signups came in May. Once she signed up, however, she did start training with coach Pat Cuerval of Medway. Later, she learned she had to be part of a USA-B certified gym, so she also began working with Upperkutz in Ashland.

"I never even took a boxing class before this May, so all this training is extremely new to me. It's awesome. I love it!" says Manning, who is looking forward to the match with her 23-year-old opponent. "I have always been an athletic person and a competitive person. I played sports, mainly basketball, and I knew I would enjoy that competitive aspect of it. The exercise and workout of it is also good." The amateur boxer began lifting weights and says she's never sweated so much in cardio as she has training for this fight.



As part of her fundraising, Manning hosted a fundraiser at Bar Louie on August 18th, but those who want to support her mission can visit

<https://haymakersforhope.org/event/boston/2022/belles-brawl-ix/colleen-manning> or support her through Venmo at @Colleenhaymakers4hope.

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Circle of Friends to Present Free Show September 24th

Mass. Cultural Council Funds 1st Show at Coffeehouse Since Shutdown

It has been quite a while since our last concert in February 2020! There is still a lot of uncertainty, to be sure, but we are welcoming the community back to the Circle of Friends Coffeehouse with a free concert on Saturday, September 24th, supported by grants from the Mass Cultural Council.

"POWER OF PROTEST SONG: OUR SHARED HISTORY & PRESENT DAY"

Part performance and part presentation, this family-friendly public event will explore the origin stories and lineages of protest

songs, how their meanings and impacts continue to transform through time and space, and how they have inspired – and continue to inspire – movements and cultural shifts within the realms of racial and social justice.

Pamela Means is a multi-talented performer, singer, songwriter, composer and producer. Her multiple honors include being named Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's "# 1 Most Wanted New Artist," "Wisconsin Folk Artist of the Year," "Wisconsin Female Vocalist of the Year," and her politically provocative album, *Single Bullet Theory*, was voted 2004's "Outmusic Outstanding New Recording." Pamela Means was twice voted "Best Acoustic Act" of the year in her hometown of Milwaukee, WI; and after setting up shop in the bustling 'burbs of Boston, Mass., Pamela was nominated for an "Outstanding Contemporary Folk Artist" Boston Music Award. Means's latest album, *Precedent*, elegantly addresses a range of themes from the state of the union to the state of the heart. *Curve Magazine* calls her "one of the fiercest guitar play-

ers and politically-rooted singer-songwriters in the music industry today." She performed at the



last Franklin Cultural Festival and has appeared at the Circle of Friends Coffeehouse. <https://www.pamelameans.com/>

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Massachusetts Legislature Passes Sweeping Clean Energy Bill

By CAROLINE GORDON

The Massachusetts Legislature recently passed a sweeping clean energy bill, an act furthering the development of clean energy and offshore wind.

The legislation aids green transportation, green buildings, and clean power production, including offshore wind, solar, storage and networked geothermal, while also creating thousands of new jobs and economic profits.

This bill includes the utilization of the offshore wind industry in Massachusetts.

This legislation creates a Massachusetts Offshore Wind Industry Investment Program, administered by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (Mass-CEC), which consists of annual tax incentives, grants, loans, and other investments through the fund, and assistance from Mass-CEC in accessing other state or federal economic investment programs.

Additionally, this bill creates the Massachusetts Offshore Wind Industry Investment Trust Fund, which can be used to further the manufacture, fabrication, and assembly of domestic supply chain components of the offshore wind industry, increase financing for

permanent manufacturing facilities, advance clean energy research and innovation, and prepare people for offshore wind careers.

Furthermore, the legislation modifies the price cap in order to set clear standards to allow for offshore wind project proposals that are cost-effective and promote economic development in Massachusetts and make the state's offshore wind bidding process more competitive.

Under this legislation, the price cap, which is a kind of economic regulation that sets a limit on the prices that a utility provider can charge, will be removed if three or more offshore wind developers submit bids, and if less than three companies bid, a modified price cap would remain in place.

The legislation also establishes a commercial fisheries commission to voice feedback on optimal practices for lowering the amount of and mitigating impacts to the wildlife near offshore energy generation and transmission.

It also confiscated control over awarding offshore wind energy contracts away from companies like Eversource and National Grid and instead, offered it to the state Department of Energy Resources.

This bill adds to the Next Generation Climate Roadmap bill, which was passed earlier this legislative session and serviced the state's climate laws by putting Massachusetts on track to reach net-zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

State Representative of the 10th Norfolk District Jeff Roy shared his thoughts on the state reaching the net-zero limit goal.

"We will need a lot of clean energy to reach that ambitious goal. As such, Massachusetts must develop a source of affordable and abundant clean energy on our own shores — or rather, off it," he said.

Roy continued, "Offshore wind is a huge opportunity for Massachusetts. It is a large and growing source of clean energy around the world and is poised for rapid growth."

Roy noted Massachusetts waters have the largest technical offshore wind potential of any state in the contiguous U.S. He said the Commonwealth is "uniquely prepared to capitalize" on the nation's budding offshore wind industry and become the "Saudi Arabia of offshore wind."

He touched on the importance of clean energy, noting the negative impact climate changes

have had on the Earth.

"Clean energy is important because in February, the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a report showing that climate change is rapidly reshaping the world, including New England. It noted that we are on the front lines of the climate crisis and reminded us that if we are to minimize irreversible impacts, we must make unparalleled changes, including the creation of clean energy," said Roy.

Roy highlighted how, last November, voters in Maine approved a ballot measure that interfered with plans to develop a transmission line to deliver hydroelectric power from Canada to Massachusetts and the rest of the region, halting a strong sup-

ply of clean energy.

He touched on current world events, such as the War in Ukraine and how Russia is making threats to gas supplies, which alerted the legislatures of the critical need for energy independence.

Roy added, "Our clean energy and offshore wind bill is carefully calibrated to provide robust clean energy, attract world-class manufacturing facilities, foster intensive workforce training initiatives, and provide the investments necessary to prepare our electric distribution system for the energy needs of the future. It builds on the power of wind not only to supply clean energy, but to provide robust economic development as well."



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Ballet Franklin Continues Pre-Professional Program at FSPA

Ballet Franklin, the ballet conservatory at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts, under the direction of Cheryl Madeux, offers the highest quality of classical ballet education and training in the area. The program provides their dancers interested in the serious

study of classical ballet with a wide variety of performance opportunities. Teaching classical Ballet to students of all ages, Ballet Franklin graduates and students have been accepted to some of the most prestigious trainee, college, and summer ballet programs available.



The scope of the curriculum provides unparalleled opportunities for dancers to pursue programs tailored to their interests, abilities, and needs. From beginner students seeking to establish a solid foundation in classical ballet technique, to advanced dancers focused on refining artistry, musicality, and performance qualities, all will find a home to train, grow, and develop at Ballet Franklin.

Ballet Franklin Director and Instructor Cheryl Madeux, a Connecticut native, received her training at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts under the direction of Sharon Dante and Donna Bonasera. She has enjoyed a long professional career, dancing with

such venerable companies as the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, and was principal dancer with the Hartford Ballet under the direction of Kirk Peterson. Madeux performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe and has been coached by such ballet luminaries as Igor Youskevitch and Eleanor D'Antuono.

All area ballet students are encouraged to audition for FPAC Holiday Productions' *The Nutcracker*, which is performed with a professional orchestra under the direction of Maestro Eric Stern and special guest artists, such as Boston Ballet Principals Erica Cornejo and Paulo Arrais and Soloists Dalay Parrondo and Bradley Schlagheck. Many Ballet Franklin dancers will be featured, but auditions for the production are open to all.

FSPA Conservatory dancers have the added opportunity to participate in Ballet Franklin's Spring Ballet Production as well as to audition for FSPA ensembles and dance company opportuni-

ties offered throughout the year. The programs are designed to expand knowledge of the classics and explore contemporary ballet and original works by faculty or guest artists. Past Spring Ballet productions have included *Alice in Wonderland*, Prokofiev's *Cinderella Suite*, *Coppelia*, *Graduation Ball*, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, *Les Patineurs*, and Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. Repertory Concerts include classical and contemporary original works.

The Franklin School for the Performing Arts will hold Open Houses for prospective students and families, including those interested in Ballet Franklin, at 38 Main Street in Franklin, MA on August 23rd from 3-7pm, September 10th from 10am-2pm, and September 19th from 3-7pm. 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.

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Our community began during the 'Third Awakening' of Christianity which followed the Civil War. A series of revival meetings held in Franklin by traveling missionaries from the U.S. Army Church during the summer of 1897 inspired a community of local Episcopalians to establish the "St. John's Mission." Meetings were held in

the Baptist Meeting House until 1910, when enough funds were raised to build their own church on School Street. By the 1950s, the church outgrew the School Street sanctuary, which was sold to Dean College. The mission community formally joined the Episcopal Diocese as a parish in 1961. In 1966, the construction of the present church and parish hall down at 237 Pleasant St. was completed and celebrated.

Also, St. John's 3rd Annual Pumpkin and Gourd Sale will run the entire month of October, from Sunday, October 2nd through the 30th.

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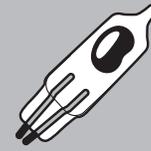
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Sen. Eric Lesser Visits Franklin

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Last year's event went very well, but we only had 10 teams, and we want to do better this



year! Get your teams together and register today! Teams registering at the door on the day of the tournament will be integrated into event as long as there is space and boards available. The Sportsman Club will provide a cash bar for refreshments, a music system playing your favorite tunes, and wide screen TV for the sporting fans to keep abreast of the Sox and Patriots. The Odd Fellows will provide a light lunch at 2 p.m. Many thanks to the Sportsman Club for the use of their facility for this event.

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giving back. 100% of every rider-raised dollar directly supports cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Since 1998, the PMC Kids rides program has raised more than \$10 million.

We encourage kids from all towns to form teams and ride to honor a friend or loved one who has been touched by cancer. To provide riders with additional motivation, the PMC recognizes participants in the Kids Rides pro-

gram who go above and beyond their fundraising. Riders who raise \$450 or more will be honored as a PMC Kids Ride Heavy Hitter, and riders who raise over \$950 will be honored as a PMC Kids Ride Breakaway. Each will be honored with a special PMC item and a certificate to distinguish their achievement. In the past, many kids have lemonade stands, car washes, bake sales, and yard sales to raise money for their ride.

The Franklin PMC Kids Ride will be held on Sunday, September 25th, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The



ride will start and end at the Jefferson School, located at 628 Washington Street in Franklin. Kids can select from a 3, 6, or 10-mile course. Younger participants can take part in the Tikes and Trikes course in a contained area at the school. This area has several fun

stations and activities for the little ones, including a car wash, gas station, snack stand, craft table, face painting, and more. Kids can also enjoy an after-ride celebration with music, games, food, and more. There is a \$20 rider registration fee which includes a Tee shirt and goodie bag and a \$40 fundraising minimum for all riders.

Register online at <https://kids.pmc.org/franklin>. All local communities are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact Lisa Marchioni at lisabxyz@verizon.net

Franklin Elks Dinner-Dance Helps War Monument Restoration

The Franklin Elks Lodge #2136 sponsored a dinner-dance fundraiser for the Franklin War Monument Restoration Project on Saturday, August 6 at the Franklin Elks Lodge. The event, organized by Elks trustee Mark Ellis, was held to benefit the War Monument Restoration Fund.



The Franklin Veterans' Services Office would like to acknowledge Elks members for their participation in the event with special thanks to Mark and Diane Ellis. Many thanks to Chaplain Robert Markunis of the American Legion Post 75 for his outstanding fundraising efforts.

To date, the concrete pads on four monuments on the Main Street side of the Town Common have been replaced because of deterioration. Additional restoration and cleaning of four war monuments on the Common began in late August.

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Franklin Public Schools will be participating in the **National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program**. As part of this program, **all schools in the Franklin Public Schools** will offer healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during school year 2022-2023, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023						
Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	+6,136	+512	+118	+8,732	+728	+168

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available **at each school main office or online at www.franklinps.net/district/food-services**.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact **Food Services at 508-613-1475 or crowleym@franklinps.net** at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, **the Food Services Director or Assistant to the Food Services Director** will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to **Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038 or 508-553-4825, or goodmanm@franklinps.net**.

When known to **Franklin Public Schools**, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Franklin Public Schools, households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call **Maura Crowley at 508-613-1477 or e-mail at crowleym@franklinps.net**.

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Franklin Art Association Welcomes New Members



The Franklin Art Association has a full line up of exciting events this coming season beginning with its first meeting on September 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Senior

Center. The program will feature a discussion and demonstration of methods and techniques by Deborah Drummond, a regionally known abstract artist. Programs are free and the public is invited to attend. Whether you are an amateur or professional artist or photographer, or just have an interest in learning how artists create their work, you are invited!

Art Association members will be present at the Cultural Festival on the Franklin Common from noon to 6 p.m. on September 10th to share information about programs and activities. Stop by the tent and get to know some of the member artists!

The Franklin Association will be participating in the Harvest Festi-

Ladies Take Over Largest Regional Candlepin Bowling Tournament

On July 23rd, 2022 Pro-bowler Deb Regan of Epping, NH, led her team to victory in the first-ever Mixed Team Format of Outrun the Bear (OTB) Candlepin Bowling Tournament hosted by Ryan Family Amusement in Millis, Mass. This 4-person powerhouse included Team Captain Deb Regan, Dave Hodge-Mallahan, Chris Harris, and Candlepin Hall-of-Famer Craig Holbrook. To make their win even more impressive, the group earned the title without using a single buyback in any of the 10 rounds of bowling.

As a way to highlight female candlepin bowlers, the tournament created a "Female Captain" version of its notorious elimination-style format. All teams must consist of 4 players with the captain position championed by a female bowler. The captain must then create her own team by selecting her choice of men and women bowlers. In the end, 22 teams and 88 pro and semi-pro bowlers from across New England battled it out over 10 rounds of play.

Longtime fans of the sport may recognize Team Captain Regan from her many TV appearances on Channel 5 and Channel 12 in their various candlepin bowling programs. Regan joined the pro tour in the late 80s and is still adding championship titles to



her resume. Some of her notable tournament appearances include the World's Singles, several World's Team Championships, New Hampshire's State Singles and Doubles, and now a newly crowned Outrun the Bear Champion.

Fresh off her OTB Singles Championship title back in May, Team Captain Marissa Ewing (Franklin, MA) proves her skills once again as her team claims a 2nd place victory. At just 18-years-old, Ewing made OTB history as the youngest and first female to claim the winning title. Ewing will attend Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, Ma this fall for their accelerated nursing program. Her teammates included Dan Finn, Keith Beaupre, and Steve Renaud Jr.

The last Outrun the Bear Tournament of the season will

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val on October 1st with a booth on Main Street and an art show and sale in the Rockland Bank Annex building. Featured this year will be a raffle of donated paintings and other gift items to support the scholarship fund. Please stop by

to see the wonderful creativity of your local artists and support the scholarship fundraising efforts. In addition, the public is invited to visit the Art Association's new gallery in the Escape into Fiction bookstore at 18 Main Street to see

the new exhibit.

The Art Association is supported in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Franklin Cultural Council and the Franklin Cultural District.

Calendar

September 6

Franklin Garden Club Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin. Socialization 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation on this year's projects and a fall wreath-making workshop

September 7

Franklin Art Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., refreshments, socialization, and business, followed by demonstration by abstract artist Deborah Drummond. www.franklinart.org or find them on Facebook

September 10

Franklin Cultural Festival, presented by the Franklin Cultural Council, 12-6 p.m., Franklin Town Common, will feature artists, live entertainment, Franklin nonprofits

Diane Bell's 3rd Annual Watercolor Sale, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., 70 Pleasant St., Franklin, 10% of proceeds to go to Franklin Food Pantry

Bethany House Holiday Extraganza, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., St Thomas Hall 974 Main Street (Route 109), Millis. (Park across the street). Proceeds benefit Bethany House Ministry, a 501 c3.

September 11

St. John's Episcopal Church 125th Anniversary 1897 style worship service, 10 a.m., 237 Pleasant St., Franklin, period costume encouraged, festive picnic, historical artifacts, kids' scavenger hunt and more

September 11

Bellforge Dance Festival, 12 - 5pm, FREE, Former grounds of Medfield State Hospital. Take Rt. 27 to Hospital Road. Make a left on Hospital Road, then a left on Service Drive. www.bellforge.org

September 13

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., THE BLACK BOX, 15 W. Central St., Franklin, sponsored by Comprehensive Wealth Planners at Dean Bank, contact Diane at (508) 803-7885 or sign up today at RedCrossBlood.org and enter BlackBox

September 17

Franklin Odd Fellows 4th Annual Cornhole Tournament, benefits MA Arthritis Foundation, 1-6 p.m., Bellingham Sportsman's Lounge, 360 Lake Street, Bellingham. Teams of 2 players, \$20 per player. Register <https://www.franklinmassoddfellows.org/cornhole2022/>

Martin Sexton with special guest Pete Muller & The Kindred Souls, 3 - 6:30pm, FREE, Former grounds of Medfield State Hospital. Take Rt. 27 to Hospital Road. Make a left on Hospital Road, then a left on Service Drive. www.bellforge.org

September 23

Franklin Library Book Sale, 1-5 p.m.

September 24

Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. - noon
Bollywood Dance Party, for kids and adults, 9:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library

Fall StoryWalk at DelCarte Park! 10:30 a.m., presented by Franklin Recreation Department and the Franklin Public Library

Adult Paint Party! 2 p.m., Franklin Public Library, Registration Required

September 25

Franklin PMC Kids Ride, 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., Jefferson School, 628 Washington Street, Kids can select from a 3, 6, or 10-mile course. Tikes and Trikes course for youngest, \$20 pp, \$40 minimum fundraising fee includes t-shirt & goody bag, lots of children's activities, register at <https://kids.pmc.org/franklin>

September 27

Franklin Public Library Book Club, 7 p.m., *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

October 1

Franklin Harvest Festival, presented by Franklin Downtown Partnership, noon to 5 p.m. on Main Street, Dean Avenue, West Central Street, and Depot Street, as well as behind Rockland Bank. Entertainment, food from local restaurants, kids' crafts, painting and balloon art, specials from merchants, artwork by area artisans, over 150 vendors booths, www.franklindowntownpartnership.org

Oktoberfest, Bellforge Arts Center, 12-6 p.m., Free, Former grounds of Medfield State Hospital. Take Rt. 27 to Hospital Road. Make a left on Hospital Road, then a left on Service Drive. www.bellforge.org

FSPA Welcomes New Faculty

The Franklin School for the Performing Arts will welcome two new faculty members this fall.

Pianist Seungok Lee comes to FSPA from several countries. In her native Korea, she earned her bachelors degree in music from Youngnam University in Daegu where she became the staff accompanist for the Daegu City Opera Company. Enrolled in the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory in Milan, Italy, she then spent six years earning a diploma in piano performance and in harpsichord

performance. She followed this by enrolling in Oberlin College Conservatory, in Ohio, where she was awarded an Artist Diploma in early music. Moving to Boston, Ms. Lee earned a performance diploma and a masters in music degree in early music at the Longy School of Music and a masters of music in early music at Boston University. She has performed numerous recitals in Milan, Ohio, and Boston and she has worked with or accompanied several artists in the Boston area. She is currently on the faculty of

the Boston Arts Academy.

Christopher Phillips joins Ballet Franklin, FSPA's pre-professional ballet conservatory program. Phillips teaches classical dance using the Vaganova syllabus and is dedicated to providing the best classical ballet education for young and adult dancers; passing on the classical art-form through foundation, discipline, and artistry. Christopher has been teaching classical dance for over 15 years and is certified to teach all levels in the Vaganova system, pointe work, and partner-



ing. Additionally, FSPA alumna and current teacher Victoria Collins has received her American Ballet Theatre certification in pre-primary through Level 3. She will begin teaching children's ballet levels this fall.

The FSPA Voice Faculty welcomes back Lizzy Stant for her first full school year. Stant, Soprano, received a master of music degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from the New England Conservatory of Music. A classically trained coloratura, she has experience with opera, musical theater, jazz, and pop. Passionate about performing new music, Stant has commissioned three

new pieces in the past year for Lili Tobias, Thomas Whitman, and Ian Weiss. A member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Stant believes that music education is a powerful way to bring people together, build self-confidence, stay mentally and physically healthy, and have fun.

Current Drama Faculty member Kim Frigon will add the Creative Movement program to her schedule, instructing FSPA's youngest pre-school dancers. Frigon directs children's plays and young student musicals and teaches both musical theater and acting classes at FSPA.

For information on FSPA's programming and to read the bios of all faculty members, visit FSPAonline.com. FSPA is located at 38 Main Street in Franklin, MA and can be reached at 508-528-8668. Follow on Facebook and Instagram for more updates.

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\$111,850 (4 people), \$120,800 (5 people) \$129,750 (6 people)

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Sports

Like His Brothers, Panthers' Davis Excels In 2 Sports

Grid Captain Gets Lacrosse Scholarship To BU

By KEN HAMWEY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Will and Jake Davis excelled in football and lacrosse at Franklin High. Now, their younger brother Luke is emulating their success in both sports.

Will was a wide receiver in football and a goalie in lacrosse. Jake was also a receiver who played cornerback on defense. In lacrosse, Jake competed at attack. Both were Hockomock League all-stars and captains in lacrosse as seniors, and Jake was a league all-star in football as a senior. Currently, they're both playing lacrosse in college — Will is a senior at St. Anselm's and Jake is a junior at UMass Lowell. Will is 21 and Jake is 20.

Luke's outstanding ability in both football and lacrosse can be traced to his blood lines, so it's not surprising why Franklin's football coach, Eian Bain, is a big fan of the youngest member of the Davis family. The 6-foot, 180-pound Davis is a senior captain who'll be starting his third season at cornerback. And, he'll very likely get time at wide receiver.

So far, Luke, who's an attack in lacrosse and a receiver/cornerback in football, is getting high marks — in both sports. Davis, who's already earned a scholarship to play lacrosse at Boston

University, was an all-star as a sophomore at Franklin, then was named the league's MVP as a junior. He scored 107 points (69 goals, 38 assists) as a sophomore and 136 points (94 goals, 42 assists) as a junior. His two-year totals at cornerback in football are 50 tackles and 5 interceptions.

"Luke comes from good stock and good blood lines," Bain said. "He's a leader by example, but he talks when he needs to. He's got great speed, quickness and endurance, and he's got a high football IQ. An instinctive player, he's got a good feel for the game. He's also mentally tough and resilient, never getting too high or too low."

Davis, who started playing lacrosse in the first grade, thinks it's "wicked cool" he's played the same sports as his brothers and for the same two coaches (Bain and lacrosse coach Lou Verrochi).

"I watched both of my brothers play in high school, and I looked up to them as role models," Davis said. "They set the bar high. It's enjoyable to make comparisons. Jake and I often argue who's the better athlete, but I'm proud to be following them in the same two programs."

When the Panthers' grid season opens on the road against Wachusett on Sept. 9, Franklin fans will quickly see Davis as an aggressive cornerback and a re-



Luke Davis, who has a 3.6 GPA, is a two-sport athlete at Franklin High.

ceiver who relies on finesse on short routes and blazing speed on deep patterns.

"I like to jam receivers and use bump-and-run tactics on defense," Davis offered. "On offense, I try to outsmart the defender. Playing wideout, you can change the outcome of the game on one play."

The 17-year-old Davis has his goals in order, both from a team standpoint and from a personal perspective.

"I want to see us win the Kelly-Rex Division title, qualify for the

playoffs, then go deep and aim for a Super Bowl win," he emphasized. "Personally, I want to be the best captain I can be and to make five interceptions, which would double the five I've had in the last two seasons. I also will strive to be a league all-star."

Rating last year's victory over Mansfield as his best game, Davis also says that being selected a captain and beating Methuen in the playoffs last year are his top grid-iron thrills.

"All the defensive backs played well against Mansfield and that win was the first time in 10 years that we had beaten them," Davis noted. "That was an achievement my older brothers didn't get to experience. Being selected as a captain is a thrill because it showed I had earned the coaches' respect. And, beating Methuen in the playoffs was cool because it showed we were getting close to playing in a Super Bowl."

Davis is optimistic that Franklin's other senior captains will be major contributors this season. The captains are quarterback Jase Lyons, cornerback Nick Quintina, guard Ben Papa, and defensive end Emmett Lackey. "They're all quality leaders, and they're talented at their positions," Davis said. "They'll play key roles in whatever success we achieve."

Davis also rates Bain very high as the team's leader. "Coach Bain is a great motivator, always get-

ting the best out of his players," he said. "He's a hard-worker who puts in lots of hours, and he's a great person who's well-respected."

An honor student (3.6 GPA), Davis likely will major in business at Boston University, where he'll be on scholarship for lacrosse.

Also including his parents (Kathy and Peter) as role models because of their support and encouragement, Davis relies on an athletic philosophy that focuses on winning and having fun. "The key is to be a strong competitor, and that's what leads to enjoyment and winning," Davis said. "Sports also teach valuable life lessons, and some that I've learned are how to overcome adversity, how to develop mental toughness, and how to set goals, and be a good leader and teammate."

A top-notch cornerback last year, Davis helped the Panthers turn in an 11-1 campaign that ended in a semifinal loss to Springfield Central, the eventual State champion. "We won the Kelly-Rex crown," Davis recalled. It was fun, and it was also great to be with a close-knit group of players."

Davis knows a deep playoff run for the Panthers is likely again. "We've got the talent, the nucleus and good underclassmen to be successful," he said.

And, on a personal note, Luke Davis can rely on his blood lines.

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be the highly anticipated Singles Scratch format to take place on September 17 at Ryan Family Amusement in Millis, Ma. Among the 88 competitors already signed up include candlepin legends Tom Olszta, Amanda Carroll, Craig Holbrook, and Det Klein. This is a free event open to the general public for viewing.

The final results of the Mixed Teams handicap tournament:
1st place: Team Regan

- Deb Regan (Team Captain) - Epping, NH
- Dave Hodge-Mallahan - Saugus, MA
- Chris Harris - Quincy, MA
- Craig Holbrook - East Bridgewater, MA

2nd Place: Team Ewing

- Marissa Ewing (Team Captain) - Franklin, MA

- Dan Finn - Franklin, MA
- Keith Beaupre - Lynn, MA
- Steve Renaud Jr. - Revere, MA

3rd Place: Team Breton

- Ashlee Breton (Team Captain) - Waltham, MA
- Brittany Underwood - Rockland, MA
- Scott Douglass - Marshfield, MA
- Tim Douglass - Marshfield, MA

4th Place: Team Gooding

- Cheryl Gooding (Team Captain) - Boston, MA
- Wayne Springfield - Boston, MA
- David Brade - Boston, MA
- Kendrick Payne - Boston, MA

Tournament High Single Scratch (168) - Shawn Baker

Tournament Women's High Single Scratch (138) - Mario Johnson

Tournament Triple Strike - Chris Harris

About Outrun the Bear Tournament

Established in 2014, the elimination-style tournament is known for its high level of difficulty and praised for its challenging format. After each round, a percentage of the lowest scoring bowlers are eliminated, leaving the remaining bowlers to battle head-to-head in the final round. OTB presents 3 tournaments a year with a mix of styles (singles, doubles, teams, scratch, and handicap). The tournament was founded by husband-and-wife Dan and Caitlyn Finn of Franklin, MA, and has quickly become a fan favorite in the bowling community. Bowlers from all across New England and Canada venture out each year to partake in the region's largest candlepin tournament.

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Franklin Food Pantry Releases Client Needs Assessment

Report Provides Overview of Food Insecurity in Franklin Community

The Franklin Food Pantry is proud to release its Client Needs Assessment, a comprehensive overview of food insecurity in the Franklin community with recommendations to address the crisis. In 2021 and early 2022, the Franklin Food Pantry reviewed expert literature on food insecurity, conducted research among its current neighbors, interviewed community partners and assessed third-party data sources. The report's findings will drive programming and operational initiatives to reach more households experiencing food insecurity and related challenges.

The Franklin Food Pantry will focus on the following areas to better support its neighbors:

- Community awareness
- Nutrition
- Community garden
- Partnerships, programs and wrap around services
- Youth programs
- Transportation
- Housing

"The biggest take-away of the Community Needs Assessment is that many more people in Franklin are food insecure than we see accessing our services. We have always assumed there are those in the community whom we haven't reached, but it was difficult to confirm this assumption with only internal data," said Tina Powderly, executive director for the Franklin Food Pantry. "The report shows that in Franklin, while there are 3,284 people who receive MassHealth, only 1,508 are enrolled in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). That translates to 549 to 755 households who could benefit from The Pantry but who do not currently shop with

us. We want to reach those individuals and encourage them to visit us. As we support people in becoming more food secure, we must focus on moving out of their immediate anxiety so clients can think long term. We can do that with programming to help progress along a continuum toward stability."

The report includes answers from a weekly question that staff asked current Pantry clients. The information gathered from the clients' answers will influence future Pantry programming. To date, the Pantry has increased community garden beds, implemented client service office hours, provided free Covid-19 test kits, offered a hybrid distribution method, and launched a new mobile pantry site. The Pantry continues to evaluate future programming based on feedback from its neighbors.

"This assessment shines a bright light on our neighbors' struggles and what resources are available to help them," continued Powderly. "Food insecurity is not just an individual problem. It is a community, state and national problem, and we all must work together to help lessen food insecurity. We are very grateful to our local partners for their participation in this critical research and for their collaboration and hard work addressing the issues outlined in the Community Needs Assessment."

To read the entire report please visit our website. If you or someone you know needs additional help, please direct them to The Pantry. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. and 5:30–6:30 p.m. for drive-up distribution (no appointment needed), and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. for appointment-only shopping.

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Veterans Services Agent Shannon Nisbett opened the ceremonies, recognizing both veterans who had received Purple Hearts as well as some family members of Purple Heart recipients and thanking Debra Martin for her efforts in putting the ceremony

together. Former Veterans Services agent Dale Kurtz spoke as well, encouraging Purple Heart recipients to submit applications for the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, located in New York. (<https://www.thepurpleheart.com>)



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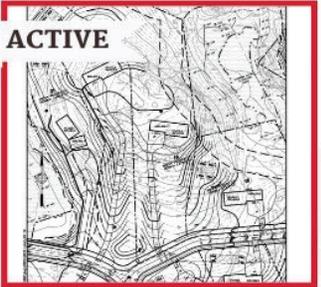
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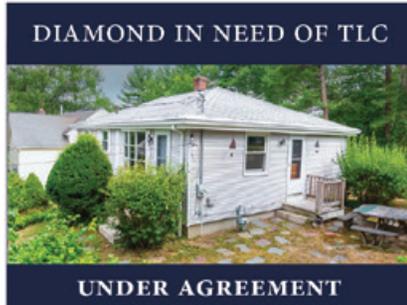
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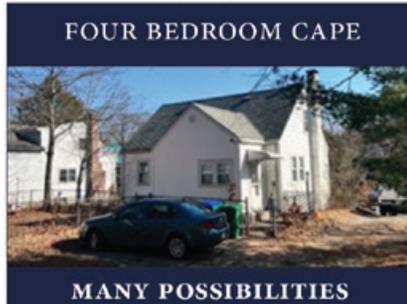
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