

DO YOU WORDLE?

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Matson Mystery
Corner.....

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Which MFA employee recently bought their first home?

Which MFA employee traveled to TN with her daughters dance troupe?

Which MFA employee's husband retired this past spring?

In the office, there are several of us that have been enticed by a new daily brain game called Wordle. Wordle is a web-based word game created by Josh Wardle, owned and now published by The New York Times. The way the game works is you have six attempts to guess a five-letter word - the feedback you receive for each five-letter word guess is through colored tiles indicating if the letter is in the word and/or if the letter is in the correct position. The game was originally created by Josh Wardle as a game to play with his partner, and then gained popularity once players could share their daily results as colored squares showing how many guesses it took them to guess the correct Wordle of the day.

Every day brings a new word, and we return to attempt to guess that word day after day. Typically we are drawn to play as a way to wake up our brain in the morning, or because after seeing a family member or friend guess the word in only 2 tries, we become fiercely competitive.

If you play, you likely share in some of our frustrations when the word has double letters, or even triple letters! You are stumped by the words you can't sound out, when your first guess results in all gray square tiles, and you have *maybe* tried to write the word down on a piece of paper in order to guess in less than 3 tries.

If you haven't played, and now you want to, search for Wordle in Google, and use the same browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, etc.) so that the Wordle site will retain your statistics - i.e. how many games you have played, your streak for guessing correctly, and your longest streak.

You may find it frustrating or rewarding, and maybe you'll be the one to guess the word on the first try - something two of us have done! Either way, the only true complaint we have of Wordle is that after you guess the word today, you can't play again until tomorrow.

So, have you guessed the Wordle today?



Keeping Up With Michael..



I often chuckle at the title of this little section because I often wonder ‘how do I Keep Up?’ Like many of you, life is a balancing act full of opportunities and responsibilities. Do I make the right choices with what I ‘need’ to do vs. exploring the fun ‘want’ to do’s? Hmmmm.

The Matson family officially expanded in April with Kyle’s marriage to Darrell Ann, so we all celebrated this exciting day with family and friends. They are living in Wilton, CT with their chocolate lab Koda. If you hear a barking sound in the background when you’re in the office or on a call, it is not me. Koda does get to spend some office time with us when doggy-day care has a no-vacancy sign posted.

Daughter, Kate, is busy in the Boston area with a new employer and is excited for the opportunity to work on several college campuses in MA. If you want some

motivation for a good workout, just ask Kate to exercise beside you during an OTF class. We both enjoyed the excitement and success of the 2022 New York Ranger playoff run.

Laurie and I are staying local this summer with no big travel or adventure plans. She has a regular fitness routine and expanded volunteer responsibilities at church to go along with inviting Koda to spend time exploring our back yard. When her arm gets tired of throwing a Frisbee for Koda, she tags me. I took off my hockey skates in May and traded for my road bicycle and golf clubs. I am trying to take full advantage of the nice weather. I am hoping for a few more days/evenings on Lake Candlewood before I go searching for my skates again!

Fabulous Food Finds: Il Figlio Enoteca



The concept for this Hudson Valley gem “is a rebirth of what I was doing down the street” says owner Scott Rosenberg. Covid-19 marked the close of Il Barilotto Enoteca which was a staple in Fishkill for 19 years and made room for his new establishment. The inviting interior offers an intimate atmosphere balanced with spacious dining areas including a second-floor mezzanine overlooking the main dining room. The menu has a heavy emphasis on freshly made pasta and clean, simple flavors found in Mediterranean cuisine. The beef angus carpaccio with crispy mushrooms and truffle aioli is a must have! We paired that with the roasted golden beet salad

with arugula, strawberries and ricotta salata...yummm! For dinner, I had the lasagna. Sounds basic? It was anything but! The freshly made spinach pasta was layered with creamy ricotta, mozzarella, bechamel sauce, and authentic homemade tomato sauce. My friend enjoyed the perfectly cooked salmon with quinoa, haricot verts and crème fraiche. For dessert we split the lemon tart and assorted gelato! I cannot wait to go back!

\$\$\$ <https://www.figlioenoteca.com/gallery>

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Who is Debbie???



Debbie has been with Matson Financial Advisors for 15 years. Though for almost 35 years she has been a hard-working and very versatile Administrative Assistant for various companies in the Fairfield County area. She has a wide assortment of experience ranging from retail design layout, event planning and relocation services. Her strong work ethic and valuable skills help her manage a customer centric approach to clients when preparing applications, processing forms and generating cash payouts/deposits as well as multi-tasking all areas of customer service.

Debbie and her husband Chris live in New Milford. They have a daughter Samantha who is married and lives in Shelton with her husband Christopher and their son Christopher Jr. Samantha is currently pregnant with their second son who will be born in August! Debbie and Chris have enjoyed a lot of different activities together and are most excited about their family growing yet again. They find it extremely difficult to not spend every single moment of their spare time spoiling their grandson (s).

Client Snapshot by Sue

I have the great pleasure of introducing you to Hazel Kreuz, a woman that does not allow moss to grow under her feet.

Hazel lived her early life in Boulder, Colorado, “the best place in the world to grow up”. CO *must* hold a special place in her heart, as she now spends summers, and will eventually retire there. But I’m getting ahead of myself.

After Boulder, Hazel and her family spent a year in the Bay Area of CA while her father completed his post grad work in Electrical Engineering at Stanford. Her mom, the first person in her family to get a university education, attended school in Albuquerque, NM. After college, Hazel’s mom accepted a job in the State Department in Washington, D.C. This was the 1950’s and McCarthyism was rampant. Being a 32 year old, Hispanic, unmarried woman, in a relationship with an employee at the Department of Commerce who had a security clearance (Hazel’s dad) she was assumed to be a communist sympathizer. She lost her job; she was black listed. Shortly there after, Hazel’s mom and dad married, and unable to find employment elsewhere, Hazel’s mom became a stay-at-home mom to four.

Higher education for Hazel included earning her undergraduate degree in engineering at Auburn and her MBA at Sacred Heart University. Hazel narrowed down her field to Chemical Engineering because of her love of chemistry and math, and she had no desire to become an MD like her two older siblings. Her younger sister also went into engineering.

Following her field of study to Texas, an epicenter of the chemical universe, Hazel lived there for several years and also grew her family to include her son, Brad. When Brad was almost three, Hazel accepted a job offer with Union Carbide. She found a great home in Brookfield (her backyard and Michaels backyard touched) where she lived for 14 years. Hazel met Michael at their mutual church, and Michael was happy to accept Brad as his confirmand in middle school. When Dow Chemical and Union Carbide merged, Canadian Oxidental approached Hazel for a marketing position in their inorganic chemical division. It was a perfect time to try something new. She grew into a business development position, followed by investor relations. But Canada got old, and she accepted a position with Huntsman Corporation located in The Woodlands, Tx.

Today, Hazel is working in Texas, and going through the process of returning to the office since working at home during COVID. But Texas is HOT in the summer, so Hazel moves to her Vail, CO home for the months of July and August. She hopes to get back there in October, as long as her international business trips in September allow her the time.

Hazel has another reason to return to CO. Her son and daughter-in-law, Denise, also live in the Vail Valley where he is the Director of Development for Vail Mountain Racing Program. As engineering is in his mom’s DNA, skiing is in Brad’s. So much so that his 9th grade—12th grade schooling was at a Ski Academy in Maine. He then went on to get his undergraduate degree at Tufts in Boston, and his post grad was done at the University of Colorado.

Retirement has crossed Hazel’s mind a few times, yet before her current employer was sold to Dow Jones, her boss said “don’t leave”! So, Hazel thinks about what she will do when she gets to that stage in life. Travel? The one continent she has not been to is Antarctica. She keeps her eyes open for National Geographic trips. One that is of great interest to her is a research exhibition to Ontario to watch polar bears in their natural habitat. Or maybe icebergs? Her interest in botany, biology, history and geology began after reading the non fiction book “Arctic Dreams”. We know Hazel won’t slow down, and will





Summer Trivia

1. When did the first swimming school open in the US?
 2. What is the longest continuous beach in America?
 3. What is the oldest beach in America?
 4. What is the most sold item in the summer?
 5. In what city is the ice cream sandwich believed to be invented?
 6. In which year was ice pops invented by an 11-year-old boy?
 7. Which park hosts a massive meet-and-mate night for fireflies?
 8. What do goats climb on every June in Morocco?
 9. Which tower actually grows in the heat of the summer?
 10. What flower thrives in summer because it loves the sun?
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1. 1827, the school was founded on July 23, 1827, in Boston, MA by Francis Lieber and Charles Follen, who also introduced gymnasiums to the US educational system.
 2. Long Beach, WA. It's 28 miles long.
 3. Revere Beach in Revere, MA. In 1896, it became America's first public beach.
 4. Swimsuits
 5. NYC. Street vendors would sell ice cream sandwiched between sheets of paper. These were known as "hokey pokeys".
 6. 1905. 11-year-old Frank Epperson mixed water and sweetened soda powder, dunked a wooden stirrer in, and left it out in the cold overnight. He called the result an "Epsicle".
 7. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The event is held annually in late May or early June.
 8. Argan trees. The goats climb trees as tall as 8-10 meters to feast on their leaves and fruit.
 9. The Eiffel Tower. On colder days the tower is around 6 inches shorter.
 10. The sunflower. Once the plants reach maturity, however, they stop following the sun and only face east.

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