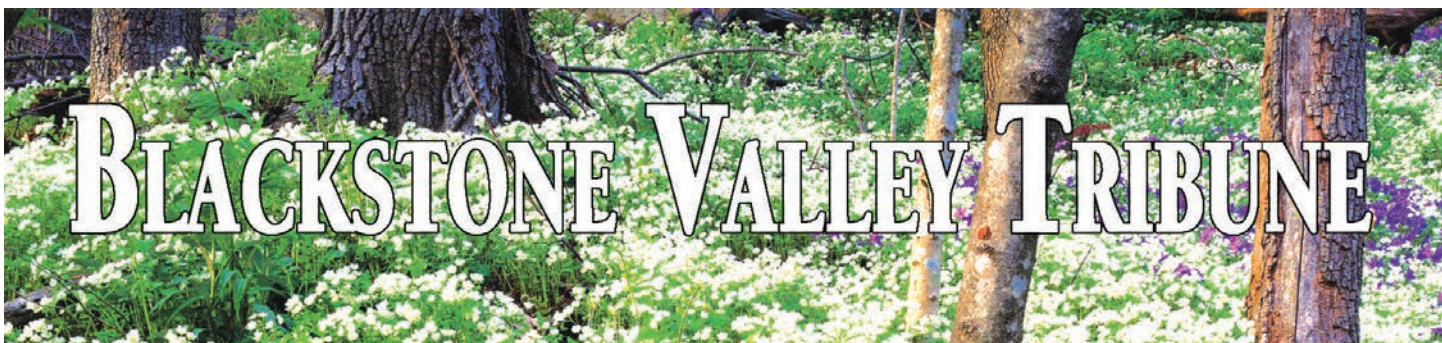


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UniBank donates \$20,000 to Uxbridge Spartan Basketball League

WHITINSVILLE — UniBank, the largest Mutual Community Bank headquartered in Central Massachusetts, recently donated \$20,000 to the Uxbridge Spartan Basketball League.

Marc Calarese, President of the Uxbridge Spartan Basketball League said, "It's rare to have a strong partner like UniBank come through with unwavering support time after time. They engage in meaningful conversations that are ultimately for the betterment of the town and the young athletes specifically. This major gift from UniBank will provide much needed new scoreboards and additional equipment at our courts. Capital upkeep is critical for the safety and future progress of our league and UniBank continues to step up when asked."

Michael Welch, CEO of UniBank, said, "When Uxbridge Spartan Basketball approached us about their needs, we instantly leaned into the engagement. The mis-



sion of the league volunteers aligns well with

the mission of UniBank of serving the greater

good, especially when it comes to youth recre-

Courtesy
(Left) Pictured, left to right: Nelson Torre (UniBank Business Development Officer), Marc Calarese (Uxbridge Spartan Basketball League President), Sandra Lemire (UniBank Uxbridge Branch Greeter), Michael Sulham (UniBank Relationship Branch Manager, NMLS# 688959), Michael Welch (UniBank CEO).

ation which can provide the foundation of good personal character. We thank Uxbridge Spartan Basketball for allowing us to partner with them."

UniBank is headquartered in Whitinsville,

with assets of \$2.6 billion as of Dec. 31, 2024. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining an elevated level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC. NMLS #583135. The company Web site is www.unibank.com.

Northbridge High School announces honor roll

NORTHBRIDGE — Students at Northbridge High School are recognized for their academic success with a quarterly Honor Roll. This is determined shortly after the close of each of the four quarters. This recognition is based on their quarter grades and is determined as follows:

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Cammarano, Alexandra Corey, Samuel Corman, Vahan DerKosrobian, Lillian Donahue, John Donahue, Julia Fisher, Meghan Frieswick, Leah Gallerani, Tanner Haden, Austin Kee, Emily Kelly, Nathan Kuras, Cecilia Laviolette, Abigail Leveille, Bryce Lundquist, Ava Mandelenakis, Ashley Papa, Zahra Rith, Bryce Rogozenski, Bryce Ryan, Isabella Saad, Lillian Sabourin, Danika Schofield, Brooke Shumate, Olivia Stanick, Elizabeth Tubbs, Kaylee Vakoc, Kayla Whitney
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Alexander Austin, Chloe Barnatt, Kayla Bolduc, Brady Drenzo, Kallie Dunn, Emily Flauto, Landon Gerardi, Jessica Haberski, Kara Helinski, Savannah Hendricks, Cassandra Higgins, Arabella Kosciak, Anna Lavallee, Molly Leonard, Ashley Ann Lucena, Lila MacDonald, Maya MacLeod, Madelynn Nowak, Ryan Parker, Avery Riche, Marissa Roadman, Madison Scungio, Audrey Siemaszko, Isabelle Stanley, Ava Strazzulla, Kaitlyn Szerlag, Keelyn Touhey, Amanda Waterson, Lexi Wilson

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Uxbridge Dog Park celebrates five years of tail-wagging fun!

UXBRIDGE — It's been five doggone years since the Uxbridge Dog Park first opened its gates in July 2020, and the local pup-ulation is ready to raise the woof in celebration!

On Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., dogs of all shapes and sizes (and their loyal humans) are invited to sniff out the fun at the park's Fifth Anniversary Paw-ty and Fundraiser. Whether you've got a tiny terrier or a lumbering lab, this family event promises something for everyone. Worried your pup is too small to join? Don't! Our park is divided in half so that dogs under 35 pounds can be safely separated by size. Both sides of our park offer ample fields of green grass for pups to unleash, unwind & run!

The park will be open and packed with several pet-loving vendors offering toys, treats, gear, and goodies for the most discerning doggos and their two-legged companions. The Splash 'N Dash Mobile Pet Grooming van will be on site to pamper your pooch with some special pet-friendly nail painting!

Pets and their owners will also enjoy some paw-sitive vibes jamming out to live acoustic music provided by Billy Swift. Local artist, Pam Whittemore of Timeless Graphite Drawings, will be on site showcasing her pup-traits—incredible lifelike drawings of furry friends that might just make your tail wag. Other vendors include Butter's House, The Valley Pet Resort & Spa, A & S Petcare, Missing Dogs MA, Pets Rock LE, Finicky Finley's and many more local dog crafters. Don't forget to cool off with some refreshing treats available from Mr. N'Ice Guys Ice Cream Truck and Siren Sips Mocktails!

Finally, in memory of a special dog park furry friend, Lacey, we are excited to partner with Lacey's Lunchbox, a local organization collecting dog food and treat donations for local pups in times of need. This project is in loving memory of Lacey, a Canine Good Citizen-certified therapy dog, who touched the souls of dozens of individuals before she was taken far too soon by cancer. So don't forget to stop by Lacey's Lunchbox booth to support a meaningful cause.

We are located at 375 Sutton St., Uxbridge. If rain is in the forecast that day, we will plan to celebrate with a rain date of Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. instead. So leash up your best friend, grab the family, and come celebrate five years of fetch, frolic, and fur-riendship at the Uxbridge Dog Park.

No bones about it—this is one event you don't want to miss!

JAK-L Foundation champions mental health with Paint Day for future nurses

STURBRIDGE — The JAK-L Foundation, a local non-profit committed to expanding mental health awareness and preventing suicide, recently sponsored a vibrant mental health paint day for Bay Path Practical Nursing students at Brush It Off Art & Pottery Studio in Sturbridge. This thoughtful initiative marks a significant step in supporting the well-being of future healthcare professionals and fostering a community dedicated to mental health.

Donita Bytyqi of Grafton, a member of the PN Class of 2025, played a key role in organizing the student nurses' participation, helping to make the event a success.

The paint day offered a much-needed therapeutic and creative outlet for the Bay Path Practical Nursing students, providing a welcome break from their demanding studies. Held at the popular Brush It Off Art & Pottery Studio, the event allowed students to express themselves through art, promoting relaxation and stress reduction. These are all essential components of mental well-being, espe-



Courtesy
Donita Bytyqi and JAK-L Foundation Representative, Wendy Clouarte.

cially for those entering the high-pressure field of nursing.

"We believe it's crucial to equip our future nurses with tools for self-care and resilience, even before they step into their professional roles," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. "The

mental health paint day was designed to be a fun, engaging way to emphasize the importance of prioritizing one's own mental health, and we are grateful to the JAK-L Foundation for thinking about our student nurses."

Future plans: QPR suicide prevention training for students and parents

Beyond this creative endeavor, the JAK-L

Foundation is excited to announce its plans to collaborate with Bay Path Practical Nursing students in the future for a comprehensive QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention training. QPR is an evidence-based program that teaches individuals how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis, offer hope, and refer someone to professional help. This vital training will empower these aspiring nurses with the skills to potentially save lives and prevent death by suicide within their communities and future workplaces.

"Preventing suicide requires a collective effort, and we are thrilled that the JAK-L Foundation is considering offering QPR training to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Students in the future to empower them with these life-saving skills," Dr. Bolandrina added. "By training future healthcare providers, we are creating a ripple effect of awareness and support."

The JAK-L Foundation is also considering extending QPR training to mid-

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STEM gets a boost at Worcester State University

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is donating \$15,000 a year for the next three years, a total contribution of \$45,000, to Worcester State University's STEM Connections program. The gift continues Cornerstone Bank's generous multi-year support of various STEM initiatives at Worcester State.

"This donation is personal for me," said Cornerstone Bank President Randy Webber, who graduated from Worcester State University with a B.A. in business administration and sits on the board of the Worcester State Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicat-

ed to advancing the mission of the university. "I cherish my time spent at Worcester State, and I'm proud to be able to support the academic endeavors of students there now."

The university's STEM Connections program focuses on engaging junior and senior high school students from Worcester public high schools in fun and informative hands-on laboratory and data analysis projects at the Worcester State campus. Professors from chemistry, biology and environmental science lead the program, and a Worcester State student serves as the teaching assistant. The participants take field trips, hear from local experts, and participate in a variety of learning activities to encourage a love for science. The program also introduces pathways to higher education in STEM fields. Students gain valuable knowledge and skills about navigating the college application process through presentations by the university's admissions and financial aid teams.

The program is one of the university's signature summer educational programs, said Worcester State Vice President for University Advancement Tom McNamara, adding, "The Cornerstone Bank has a tremendous impact on students by igniting their enthusiasm for science, building confidence, and enabling them to envision a future college education in STEM. We are tremendously grateful to Cornerstone Bank for providing this multi-year support. This gift represents an important investment in the future workforce for our region."

"I hope this donation helps open doors for students the way Worcester State helped me build a strong foundation for a rewarding career at Cornerstone Bank," said

Webber. "The future is bright."

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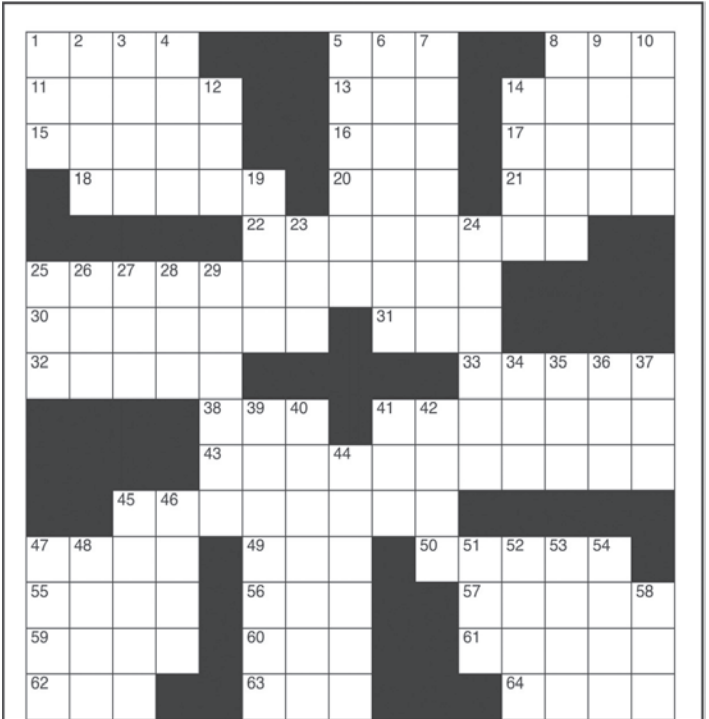
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 - 5. Noted space station
 - 8. Kurt Russell film "Captain"
 - 11. Automaton
 - 13. Everyone has one
 - 14. Incline from the vertical
 - 15. Fights
 - 16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
 - 17. Finishes off
 - 18. Places to store things
 - 20. Dutch painter Gerard
 - 21. Smaller quantity
 - 22. There's a North, South and Central of these
 - 25. In an early way
 - 30. More spacious
 - 31. Short-term memory
 - 32. One who possesses
 - 33. Sesame
 - 38. Forbid
 - 41. A way to explain
 - 43. Not around
 - 45. Evoke or suggest
 - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 49. Dekameter
 - 50. Fencing sword
 - 55. "Luther" actor Idris
 - 56. Affirmative (slang)
 - 57. Afflicted
 - 59. One point north of northeast
 - 60. Born of
 - 61. Arabic name
 - 62. Hong Kong food stall: ___ pai dong
 - 63. Not the start
 - 64. Post
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Creative expression
 - 2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
 - 3. City in ancient Syria
 - 4. College army
 - 5. More disturbed
 - 6. Pays no attention to
 - 7. Restored
 - 8. Competitions
 - 9. Lyric poems
 - 10. Famed American lawman
 - 12. Expression of disappointment
 - 14. Scars
 - 19. Satisfy
 - 23. Central European river
 - 24. Brass instrument
 - 25. One who gets paid to perform
 - 26. Propel with oars
 - 27. Long period of time
 - 28. Woman (French)
 - 29. Type of plane
 - 34. Pitching stat
 - 35. Pointed end of a pen
 - 36. Pro sports league
 - 37. Body part
 - 39. Inoffensive
 - 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
 - 41. Feline
 - 42. Does not tell the truth
 - 44. Set out to attract
 - 45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 46. Abba ___, Israeli politician
 - 47. Repair
 - 48. Genus of flowering plants
 - 51. Tributary of the High Rhine
 - 52. Prejudice
 - 53. C. European river
 - 54. Restrain
 - 58. Father

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The power of a local reset:
Why time off doesn’t
always mean getting away

In a world that is go, go, go, taking time off is often seen as a luxury. But it’s not; rather, it’s a necessity. And it doesn’t require a plane ticket or an elaborate itinerary. Sometimes, the best kind of break is the one you take without ever leaving town.

Stepping away from your daily grind, even for a few days, allows your mind to unclench and your shoulders to drop. Whether you’re walking a familiar trail with no notifications pinging in your pocket or sipping coffee on your porch without a single obligation, local rest is still rest.

In small towns and rural places, we often think we have to “go somewhere” to recharge. But a reset can happen in your own zip code. Turn off the emails, skip a meeting and leave your to-do list for another day. Give yourself permission to be unavailable. That’s not laziness, it’s healthy.

We tell each other to check in on neighbors, to care for our communities, but how often do we check in on ourselves? Time off isn’t selfish; it’s how we stay grounded, how we avoid burnout, and how we keep showing up for others.

So, if you need a break, take one. Walk the back roads. Sit by the river. Read a book you already own. Say no to things that drain you, and yes to stillness. Even ten miles from home, you can still find the space to reset.

You don’t owe the world constant productivity. You do, however, owe yourself a little breathing room every once in a while.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxpayer handouts to illegals must stop

To the Editor:

Did you know that in the month of May, our U.S. Border Patrol released zero illegal immigrants into the country? Zero! Under Biden, in May 2024, they released 64,000 illegals. I think all of them came to Massachusetts.

Zero versus 64,000. Biden and the Dems lied and lied. And lied. Did you know that in Fiscal Year 2025, we will spend \$1 billion in tax dollars on illegals in Massachusetts?

Did you know that our state opened an Office of Refugees and Immigrants? The cost? \$500,000. No oversight, no quarterly spending reports required!

We are also paying for a \$10 million Legal Defense Fund for illegals facing deportation by the federal government due to their illegal entry.

You, me and the state have no business funding anyone who is facing a federal deportation charge. We have no dog in this fight. It is a federal matter. Borders and immigration belong to the federal government, under the Constitution. Under law.

Taxpayers of Massachusetts are content to get soaked while funding illegal immigrants. Why? We don’t pay for the support of legal immigrants.

Try demanding support in any country you visit. For example, in order to become a citizen of St. Kitts in the Caribbean, you must pay a \$125,000 entry fee. Let’s do it here.

If you listen to Progressives, America has committed many crimes against humanity since the beginning of time. Why would illegals even want to come here? To live off us, that’s why.

Did you see the "18" year old "junior" in Milford who was arrested as part of a sweep for his dear old illegal Dad? ICE was searching for Dad, who drives 100 mph in residential areas. The police tipped off ICE. This "18-year-old" is more like 21. He has braces! Who is paying? Look in the mirror. Where is his Dad?

Did you know that over the past seven years, the Communists in Boston have increased the state budget by 50 percent? Fifty, with an F! Where does the money go? Huge amounts go to the Quincy district of Speaker of the House Mariano: \$25 million for a Quincy parking garage, \$180,000 for education in Quincy, \$80,000 for Holbrook, \$300,000 for Weymouth public schools. For the Ashland-Framingham district of President of the Massachusetts

Senate "for Life" Karen Spilka? \$1 million "to increase mobility" and build electric car charging stations in Natick.

Back to illegals. ICE has made so many arrests of criminal illegals in Massachusetts that I cannot keep up with it! In May, they arrested 11 roofers in Lowell, Ecuadorian illegals, charged with running "a business with unauthorized hiring practices."

Like any U.S. business, you must hire folks with a legal right to work here: a U.S. citizen, a naturalized citizen, someone with a work Visa or a green card. Under federal law, you must show proof of legal authorization to work in the U.S.

In May, ICE arrested an illegal from the Dominican Republic for peddling fentanyl while armed. He had been charged in the D.R. with firearms trafficking. He is no Pedro Martinez. An illegal from Ecuador was convicted in Massachusetts for solicitation to murder. Released to the streets by our so-called judges.

ICE arrested an illegal from Haiti, arrested for malicious destruction of property in Roxbury and assault and battery on a pregnant woman. Biden’s best!

ICE arrested an illegal from Brazil for assault and battery on a police officer. ICE arrested an illegal from Uruguay for indecent assault and battery on a seven-year-old. A seven year old! In Chelsea, they arrested an El Salvadoran, an MS 13 gang member who illegally entered the U.S. MS-13 is the sociopathic gang that beheads people and rapes women and kills them. Free to roam in our towns.

California covers illegals with Medicaid. Forty percent of California’s residents are covered by Medicaid, but the state’s Medicaid system is \$6.7 billion in debt. Did you know that Medicaid increased by 50 percent in just the past five years? Did it have anything to do with Biden’s 10 million illegals?

Border Patrol, ICE and Homeland Security say "adios" to illegal aliens because they are enforcing U.S. law. The Department of Justice is coming for the so-called ICE protestors in LA who loot Apple stores and cannabis stores while hurling concrete at the police. They arrested a guy who threw Molotov cocktails at police. Guess what? He is an illegal immigrant. You knew that already.

Can you say "deportado?"

Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge

Missing the point!

that in 2026, Trump’s proposed tax and tariff policies will benefit only the top 5 percent income households making over \$360,000 per year, while the other families will lose between \$600 and \$1,800. This is the guy that his know-nothing supporters still claim is doing wonderful things for us regular folk.

Iran: a brief -to keep within Jane’s comprehension spectrum - history of our involvement.

In 1953, the US helped stage a coup to overthrow Iran’s democratically elected prime minister Mohammad Mossadegh. He had pledged to nationalize the country’s oil fields – a move the US and Great Britain saw as a serious blow, given their dependence on oil from the Middle East.

The CIA, along with the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), helped foment anti-Mossadegh fervor using propaganda. In 1953, the CIA and SIS helped pull pro-Shah forces together and organized large protests against Mossadegh, which were soon joined by the army.

After toppling Mossadegh, the US strengthened its support for Pahlavi to rule as Shah. Iranians resented the foreign interference, fueling anti-American sentiment in the country for decades.

The Shah became a close ally of the US. But in the late 1970s, millions of Iranians took to the streets against his regime, which they viewed as corrupt and illegitimate. Secular protesters opposed his authoritarianism, while Islamist protesters opposed his modernization agenda.

The Shah was toppled in the 1979 Islamic revolution, which ended the country’s Western-backed monarchy and ushered in the start of the Islamic Republic and clerical rule.

In 2013, declassified CIA documents were released, confirming the agency’s involvement for the first time. But the US role was known: in 2009, former President Barack Obama acknowledged our involvement in the coup.

Under Obama, the U.S. and Iran signed a nuclear treaty in 2015. Trump pulled the U.S. out of the deal in 2018... because. Trump then had top general Qasem Soleimani killed. After that assassination, Iran announced that the country would no longer place limits on its uranium enrichment. And here we are today, trying to fix a problem that we helped create on multiple occasions. And the guy who said “Nobody knows what I’m going to do...” I don’t know what I’m going to do!” is leading the way. Hallelujah.

Rick Bevilacqua
Whitinsville

To the Editor:

Good to hear from Phyllis, the deep thinker who once admitted “I agree with everything Bev says!” She reminded me that I have to carefully consider my audience when writing because deductive reasoning does not hold with the intellectually challenged. I omitted the specific connection between Trump’s defunding of PBS and NPR, making them solely reliant on donations, and Bev trying to convince people to stop donating, by accusing management of “self-enrichment.” Mea culpa. I hope this makes the connection obvious, for those who are hard-of-thinking.

I also neglected to include Bev’s credentials for such an evaluation of compensation packages, which must come from the same institution of higher learning as her climate science degrees. Trump University, perhaps? As for being “so far left”, which episodes of Masterpiece Theater, or of Ken Burns’ documentaries are you referring to, Phyllis? Can you recommend some racist, bigoted, gender-phobic programming that would better suit your little grandkids - something that will help them grow up to be better Christian Nationalists, like the man who just assassinated two Minnesota democrats? After all, what the world needs now is more narrow-minded, ignorant people who ‘believe in god.’

We can choose where every one of our tax dollars go by voting for a line-by-line public budget approval process. Then we can vote to have our tax dollars fund Trump’s \$45 million birthday parade, but not to fund FEMA, which comes to the aid of those States suffering from natural disasters. We can choose to use our tax dollars to fund Trump’s new ‘crypto vault’ scam, which will use our tax money to buy worthless crypto coins from the Trump family, resulting in the biggest financial fraud ever committed, but defund critical medical research at CCD, universities and hospitals. I never asked anyone to “donate more,” or donate anything to PBS. I did say that PBS goes a long way toward decelerating the dumbing down of America, a Republican Party policy goal. But reading comprehension is also not one of Phyllis’s strong suits.

I suggested that Bev write a history of how Hitler took over a country of 89 million people in the late 1930’s, so we could compare it to what Trump is doing here in America. Instead, we got a recap of WWII, with not a mention of how it came to be. Heaven forbid that Bev ever provide us with anything useful. Phyllis’s blessing aside.

On another note, the Americans for Tax Fairness estimate

We must do our part to fight misinformation

To the Editor:

As a recently retired history teacher, I have been deeply alarmed by the incendiary language designed to further divisions among Americans. In addition, there has been a tremendous level of misinformation propounded by some of the writers in these pages over the past several years. (My background in teaching included: teaching Civics, AP US history, AP Human Geography, AP African American Studies, general US history courses, Anthropology, and African (continent) history.)

I recommend the following Web pages for reliable information: <https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news>, a resource that identifies the tilt of any news source online. If you visit specifically <https://www.allsides.com/media-bias/media-bias-chart>, you can see the far left, left, center, right and far right

US political online content perspectives. This source encourages me to examine my knowledge and to try new media sources that provide a different position to what I may have read. For example, a reliable center perspective is found on The Hill a journal that focuses on politics in Washington, D.C.

Another outstanding resource is <https://www.fact-check.org/>, which evaluates the accuracy of campaign speeches, presidential speeches, news reporting, questions of stories heard by the public, etc. They focus on sharing accurate information while dispelling distortions of information and fake online posts of all kinds.

My final recommendation is <https://ground.news/>, which examines the news from multiple perspectives and highlights stories that the left or the right may not have even seen because of the biases in news articles

we read. If you visit three preferred news sources, they may all be on the same side of the political spectrum, and Ground News will point out unknown stories to the left or the right. Absolutely fascinating!

Reading magazines such as The Economist or Foreign Affairs magazine – both highly respected and old news sources – you have a chance to see the world from the viewpoint of another country or read in-depth articles on a variety of events in the world from different viewpoints. We must all fight misinformation, blind bias and hate-filled language in America while protecting everyone’s right to free speech. I hope you check out one of these sources! Thank you for reading.

Linda C. Morse
Uxbridge

Thanks to all who supported Northbridge Senior Center’s anniversary gala

To the Editor:

Thank you to all who attended and supported the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration of the Northbridge Senior Center, held at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Everyone enjoyed themselves listening and dancing to the wonderful music of the Flamingo Big Band with vocalist Diane Pollard, along with 15 woman musicians.

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To the Editor:

The majority of people world-wide quietly or publicly applaud, believing history will unfold with everyone, not just in Israel and Middle East countries, ultimately more safe today than last week due to Operation Midnight Hammer. Over many years, numerous rounds of diplomatic talks about peace and a dismantled nuclear program merely served as ‘delaying tactics’ while Iran’s uranium enrichment activity continued on a path to nuclear bomb-making capability. Iran’s often-stated threat to use the “Bomb” on neighbors, near and far, was correctly assessed as ‘existential’; therefore ignored at international, collective peril.

#47 gave Iranian leaders every chance for ‘peace’; only reacting within confines of the Constitution to eradicate a ‘clear and present danger;” i.e. nuclear bomb capacity, which (after all) is his sworn duty. Three nuclear sites were strategically targeted; civilian population centers avoided; thousands fewer bombs dropped than in Syria and Libya decades earlier. However, when past Presidents (Clinton & Obama) exercised essentially the same Constitutional authority in dealing with serious threats posed to our national interest, no calls for impeachment arose; no Congressional outrage expressed, no demand for an advise & consent vote (permission). Now, few well-do-

ne acknowledgements are received from Democrats because it is TRUMP- a sad commentary on the current state of our politics!

We await the next chapter in the unwritten Middle East sage. Meanwhile, Midnight Hammer was a successful tour de force of epic proportions directed from the Oval Office and delivered flawlessly by USA awesome military might of which all Americans should be justifiably proud. A “grateful Nation” should say “thanks for your service” from top to bottom of the chain of command!

Jane F. Keegan
Uxbridge

Readers Share Favorite Hacks and Hints

Summer is gearing up, and thanks to readers who took time out from their busy summer activities to share tips and tricks they've discovered to make life a little easier. From whipping up a foot detox to halting hiccups, the following ideas from readers, are sure to be helpful!

And remember readers, send in your favorite, hints for a chance to win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House in Sturbridge!

A reader sent in an informative tip that's out of this world!:

If you consume Dill, it improves digestion, and reduces gas.

Russian astronauts consumed dill before boarding the international space station.

Helen Krispien
Sturbridge, MA

This reader shares how to turn pantry staples into a soothing soak:

Here is a recipe for a foot bath to detox: Mix together ½ cup Epsom salts and ½ cup Braggs Apple Cider Vinegar (with the Mother). Add to a basin of warm water. If needed, rinse and dry.

Rose Angelo
Webster, MA

The following trio of assorted tips and tricks tackle life's little hassles:

1. When you have a recipe that calls for chopped onions, you should put the onions in the freezer for 15 minutes. This will reduce eye irritation.

2. The best way to get rid of hiccups is to breathe into a bag. Study say that carbon dioxide in your bloodstream is the key to hiccup relief. When you blow into the bag, you blow in carbon dioxide. Then you breathe it in and this eliminates the hiccups.

3. If you want ice cubes to be clear

and less cloudy, you should use boiled water. Boiling water removes impurities that make ice cloudy.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

This reader is basically the McGyver of eating on the cheap while traveling!:

Last month I made it to our Kentucky Derby family reunion. Airport food is expensive with Logan and elsewhere charging over \$15.00 for a salad. Eating more healthy food is my goal, so I improvised:

I used an XL-plastic soda cup with lid; my brother had, added bagged salad from the local grocery (used a coupon and it was reduced as the next day was the shelf life- \$2.00 bag made four salads). I added some celery, baby carrots, cucumbers and 2 tablespoons of dressing. Shook the cup, put in a plastic fork, sealed it all in a Ziplock bag. I ate one for lunch before boarding and one with my healthy vegetarian sandwich for dinner, after landing (which due to a New England rain storm was a four hour delay). I was able to eat healthy and well within my budget!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Helen Krispien of Sturbridge, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. She shared the dill tip above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a ran-



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dom drawing. One winner per month (or whenever enough submissions are received) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your

best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

The importance of setting strong financial goals

There's a quote about the importance of setting goals that says, "If you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there." You probably have dreams about retirement, vacations, hobbies and more. But if you don't have a strategy with financial goals in place, you may not make the choices that can best set you on the path to achieve those dreams.

Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions, and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial "must-haves" and "wish-list" targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child's choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies, or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want



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to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments, and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

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Observe!

Imagine your alarm blaring at 6:30 a.m. You hit snooze, sit up, and feel your chest tighten as your mind floods with errands—grocery run, project meeting at ten, soccer pickup at five. Maybe you spill coffee on your shirt, making things worse. Thoughts rush like rapids: "Did I send that report? Where are my keys? Ugh, traffic."

But you don't have to jump into every rapid. You can sit on the riverbank of your awareness and simply watch each swell of thought roll past like a leaf on water.

Later, you're stuck in traffic, brake lights glowing ahead, and a car horn blares behind you. Your mind churns: "I'll be late. My boss will be furious. I'm failing."

Don't drown yourself in worry. At that moment, I shifted roles from panicked swimmer to calm spectator. Name the feeling—"That's anxiety"—then take a slow, deep breath, picturing the worry as a single leaf drifting downstream.

As Eckhart Tolle teaches, "You are the observer of your thoughts, not the thoughts themselves." From your spot on the bank, the swirling water can't reach you.

Back at your desk, you open a harsh email from a coworker—"They must think I'm terrible at my job." Your gut tightens, and your first urge is to fire off a reply as you press your coffee to your lips.

Take a pause and imagine that sharp feeling as just another small wave on the river. Push your feet onto the floor and let your shoulders relax.

Marcus Aurelius wrote, "You have power over your mind—not outside events." Allow yourself to stand on solid ground at the river's edge, not in the rushing current.

At lunch, you scroll through social media and feel that familiar tug of comparison—"Everyone else's life looks perfect." Your soup grows cold as images of smiling faces and high-light reels wash over you.

Instead of diving in, stop and ask, "What am I feeling?" Maybe it's envy, stress, or boredom. Then, take a full, slow breath, feeling your shoulders drop. Picture that thought as a stray twig on a river, carried away around

a bend until the surface smooths out again.

In the afternoon, a friend or family member offers criticism, and your stomach flips like a turbulent whirlpool. Your eyes may narrow, and your heart might

race. You might want to snap back or explain yourself.

Instead, mark the thought—label it "hurt" or "defensiveness"—and step back on the bank. Picture the idea as a swirl in the water. Breathe in, breathe out, and feel the pull of that mental current weaken as it drifts away. Let yourself remain dry and solid at the river's edge and choose how—or whether—to respond.

That night, lying in bed, your mind replays every awkward comment or mistake on a nonstop loop, turning your thoughts into a rushing river.

Your mind is shining a spotlight on your errors. With practice, you can whisper, "I'm just getting caught up in the stream of worry again," and step back, then let it float away until it disappears. You stay on the bank—fully awake and free. If new worries arrive—about work, money, or relationships—you do the same: name it, breathe, and release.

Why does this help? The instant you step off the mental treadmill and onto the riverbank of awareness, you carve out a tiny gap between stimulus and reaction. That gap may feel small—just a breath—but it's enormous in what it gives you: choice.

In that space, you decide whether to wade into the current or stay dry. Over time, as you observe and label each mental flow, your responses soften. Your brain calms, and you make smarter moves instead of getting swept away.

You can practice this anywhere — walking to class, waiting in line, or sitting at home. When a thought pops up—nerves about a test, panic over a project, or judgment about a friend—stop, name it, breathe, and picture it drifting away.

This habit takes just seconds but changes everything. You are the riverbank, not the torrents. Notice the current, label it, breathe, and let it pass. In that simple act of observation lies true freedom—and a calmer, more joyful life.

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Make the most of every square inch of garden space and containers with succession planting. As you harvest your first crop of the season, consider replanting the space with a vegetable that will mature and can be harvested before the end of the growing season.

Start by calculating the number of frost-free days remaining in your growing season. Next review the plant tags and seed packets for the number of days from planting to harvest. Compare these two to see if you have time to replant one or maybe even two more quick-maturing vegetables in that space.

Keep in mind that cool season crops like lettuce, spinach and radishes perform and taste best when grown and harvested during the cooler months of spring and fall. Consider using these quick-maturing vegetables as your last planting of the season.

Others, like broccoli, collards and kale, taste even better after a light frost. Planting these so they mature in fall is another way to extend the harvest for maximum flavor and nutrition.

Warm season vegetables, like beans and cucumbers, are perfect for a summer planting. They prefer warm air and soil for the best growth and productivity.

Here are a few vegetables you may want to include in your succession planting this summer. Leaf lettuce and spinach prefer cooler temperatures and depending on the variety are ready to harvest in 30 to 60 days. If you can't wait for cooler weather, try growing more heat-tolerant greens, like Sandy and Red Sails lettuce, and although they are not true spinaches New Zealand and Malabar are more heat tolerant and provide a similar flavor.

End the season with a harvest of peas. Short varieties, like Patio Pride and Sugar Ann sugar snap peas and Maestro and Laxton's Progress #9 shelling peas, are perfect for containers and small spaces.

Root crops make great additions to succession plantings. Salad radishes are ready to harvest in 25 to 30 days,



Melinda Myers

A second planting after harvesting your first crop is possible if there is enough time for it to mature and be harvested before the end of the growing season.

beets in 50 to 60 days, and carrots in 60 to 70 days.

Bush beans prefer warm temperatures and are ready to begin picking in 50 to 80 days. Mascotte compact snap beans are productive compact plants perfect for containers and window boxes. You'll start harvesting these in as few as 50 days.

Cucumbers and summer squash are another option for summer plantings. Vining varieties can be trained onto a support to save space or crawl over the ground. Bush types are perfect for containers and small spaces. Check the seed packet for the number of days from planting to harvest.

Increase the health and productivity of your second planting by preparing the soil before planting seeds and transplants. Mix an inch of quality compost into the top six inches of soil. You'll improve drainage in heavy soil, increase water retention in fast-draining sandy soils, and add micronutrients that feed the soil, building microorganisms.

Once your seeds and transplants

are in the ground, be sure to water properly. Keep the seedbed and roots of transplants moist the first few weeks. Gradually reduce watering frequency as seedlings sprout and grow and transplants become established.

You may need to adjust your succession planting schedule based on the weather. Hotter and cooler than normal temperatures can delay seed germination, harvest times, and flavor.

With a bit of planning, succession plantings, and regular harvest-

ing you can enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season.

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State legislators honor Bay Path Nursing graduate Loise Ngigi

CHARLTON — Loise Ngigi, a recent graduate of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, was honored on June 20 at her graduation and pinning ceremony held at the Overlook Performance Arts Center.

State Rep. John J. Marsi, Jr. (6th Worcester District) and State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman (Worcester & Middlesex District) presented Ngigi with a citation acknowledging her accomplishments, including being named the MassCTE.org Post-secondary Student of the Year for the Central Chapter. Citations are awarded to constituents who have reached significant personal or professional milestones. Representative Marsi, who presented the citation, also did so on behalf of Senator Fattman. Both legislators are Republicans serving the Massachusetts General Court.

Loise Ngigi, a resident of South Grafton and a member of the Practical Nursing (PN) Class of 2025, was recognized for her outstanding achievement by MassCTE.org at a recent banquet and awards ceremony at the Renaissance Boston Patriot Place Hotel.

"What an honor to witness and celebrate this recognition for our nursing graduate," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. "We are proud of Loise for this achievement and grateful to both Senator Fattman and Representative Marsi."



Ngigi, who also served as a UNICEF Club officer, graciously accepted the award, stating, "I am forever grateful." She brings a wealth of experience to her nursing career, with seven years of direct experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and certi-

fied Home Health Aide (HHA). She earned her nursing assistant certification in 2017 from 3 Dimensions College in Worcester and obtained her high school diploma from Moi Girls Kamangu High School in Kenya in 2012.

During her time at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Loise also completed her Dementia Care certification and is certified in BLS/HCP/CPR (Basic Life Support, Health Care Provider Cardiology Resuscitation),

the Medical Administration Program (MAP), and Mental Health First Aid. Her professional experience includes working as a CNA at River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Lancaster, and currently as a direct support professional at Venture Community Services in Sturbridge. She will be competing at the SkillsUSA national conference in Atlanta, GA as the Massachusetts state champion for First Aid/CPR.

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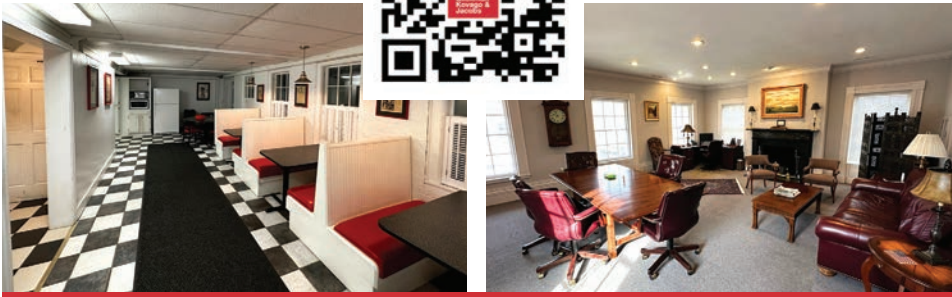
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Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.: Music
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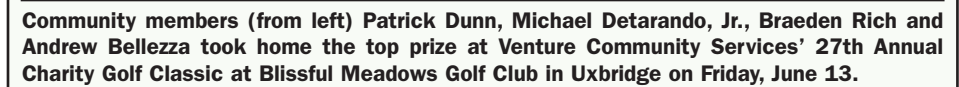
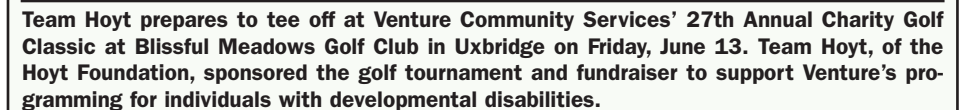
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Mike Hyland, President and CEO of Venture Community Services, welcomes more than 120 participants to the nonprofit's 27th Annual Charity Golf Classic at Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge on Friday, June 13. During his speech, Hyland thanked sponsors, attendees and supporters for coming together to support Venture's programming for individuals with developmental disabilities and to celebrate the nonprofit's 50th anniversary of making a difference in the community: venturecs.org/.



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OBITUARIES

Lawrence A. “Larry” Basile, 75

Boston/Douglas – Lawrence A. “Larry” Basile, 75, found peace on June 14, 2025, fittingly on Gay Pride Day in Boston, a city whose streets, stories, and soul he knew by heart.

Born on February 26, 1950, at Fort Belvoir, VA, Larry was the beloved son of Colonel Anthony L. and Marion F. (Heaney) Basile. He was raised in West Roxbury, MA, and graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School in 1968. He began his journey toward priesthood at St. John’s Seminary in 1969, but his path soon shifted. He went on to earn an MBA from William & Mary in 1975 and completed further graduate studies at NYU Business School in 1977.

From an early age, Larry was a curious and observant soul, spending hours at the Boston Museum of Science, where his love for nature, especially birds and plants began to bloom. During his young adult years, after a stint as a lifeguard in Nantucket, he dove into the real estate world, where he developed a keen street sense and a deep understanding of people, place, and community.

Larry was a visionary entrepreneur and a trailblazer in digital innovation. In the 1970s, he founded Dial Info Services, the first phone line platform created specifically for gay men to connect. This was a groundbreaking service at a time when safe, affirming spaces were scarce. Decades later, he launched Online Buddies, which introduced Manhunt.net, the first gay hookup site on the web. An iconic brand that revolutionized how gay men met, communicated, and built relationships. Beyond the digital realm, Larry also owned The Chandelier Inn Hotel and co-founded two of Boston’s most beloved gay bars: Fritz and Cathedral Station.

A tireless advocate, Larry was the embodiment of a proud, out, and unapologetic gay man. Long before the term “social justice warrior” was in the mainstream, Larry was living it. He stood



on the frontlines of the fight for civil rights and AIDS awareness and treatment, aligning himself with Act Up!, the Human Rights Campaign, Outweek Magazine, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. He founded the Grass Roots Gay Rights Fund and launched the Boston Gay Pride Street Dance, raising over \$800,000 for community-based organizations.

Larry’s passion for justice extended far beyond the LGBTQ+ community. He championed causes for the homeless and underserved, such as Rosie’s Place, Pine Street Inn, and recreational programs for inner-city youth. Wherever he saw exclusion, arrogance, or racism, he stood in opposition, always advocating for the underdog with a fierce sense of right and wrong.

In his final days, Larry found peace in nature, pruning trees and tending to the gardens of his beloved 44-acre property, Stonewall Farm in Douglas.

Larry is survived by his brother Matthew Basile and his wife Charlene of Danvers, MA; his sister Joanne Harrington of Hanover, MA; nephews Joseph, Michael, and John Basile of Danvers, and Matthew Harrington of Boston; nieces Kelly Dedeo of North Carolina and Leah Harrington Dexter.

He is also survived by his cherished Stonewall Farm community, a wide circle of chosen family members, godchildren, and lifelong friends. Among them, Sidnei Alves his compassionate caretaker and loyal friend.

Larry was predeceased by his beloved husband, Clement “Clem” Pepe, the love of his life.

A celebration of Larry Basile’s life will be held on Monday, July 14th from 4-7 p.m. at Cathedral Station, 1222 Washington St, Boston, MA 02118. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Community Servings or a charity of your choice. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Maria Scorpio, 74

Maria (Cannalonga) Scorpio, 74, of Uxbridge passed away June 19, 2025, peacefully at home.

Born January 16, 1951 in Presenzano, Italy, she was the daughter of the late, Giuseppe and Angelina (Giovannini) Cannalonga.

Mrs. Scorpio was a Jewelry Maker for many years, She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and most of all keeping her Italian traditions alive. She kept her family together and was a very generous person.

She leaves her Children: Adriana Scorpio and her husband Timothy Smith of Linwood, Fabio Scorpio



and his wife Tracy of Grafton, one brother, Pietro Cannalonga of Italy, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Asanta Cannalonga of Italy and Ida Cannalonga of Italy.

She was the mother of the late, Angela Pybas and Mario Scorpio.

Her Funeral will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025 12:00 pm at the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 North Main Street, Uxbridge.

Burial will follow in Saint Mary’s Cemetery, Granite Street.

Visiting Hours will be held from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the funeral Home.

Marie A. Haringa, 92

Whitinsville, MA – Marie A. (Wassenaar) Haringa, 92, passed away on June 19, 2025. She most recently resided at the Whitinsville Retirement Home. She was the wife of Theodore E. ‘Ted’ Haringa, who passed away in April of 2023. They shared 68 years of marriage, celebrating their last wedding anniversary in April of 2022.

Marie was born February 28, 1933, in Whitinsville; the daughter of the late Jacob J. and Elizabeth (Hoekstra) Wassenaar. She was a graduate of the Whitinsville Christian School; Northbridge High School, Class of 1950; and the Blodgett Memorial School of Nursing, Class of 1953, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Marie was a charter member of the Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville where she served for many years as an organist, Choir Fest coordinator, choir member, Dorcas Society member, and was always a ready volunteer. Marie also sang with the Salisbury Singers of Worcester, MA, for over forty years.

After a short nursing career, Marie retired to raise her children, but continued to serve on the VNA board in



Northbridge for several years. She was also active in the Whitinsville Christian School Mother’s Club and she proudly held a high scoring average until she was 91 years old with the Christian Women’s Bowling League at Sparetime Recreation.

Described by her husband as ‘the flower lady’, Marie was an avid gardener at their home,

transforming their outdoor space into an oasis of color and beauty. Together, Marie and Ted shared a passion for the arts, attending innumerable concerts of classical, organ, choral, and orchestral music, as well as live theater. They were also well-traveled, exploring other parts of the world including the ancestral Netherlands, Europe, and Greece.

Marie was an outgoing and gracious host, welcoming countless guests and visitors from near and far. Her greatest joy was having family around for any occasion. In her interactions with others, from a brief encounter to an extended stay, her gift was making sure each person felt well cared for.

Marie is survived by her children: Barbara Knapper; Steve (Ruth) Haringa, Jane (Dave) Buteyn, Tim (Lorraine) Haringa; a brother – James (JoAnne) Wassenaar; two sisters – Joan (Andy) VanderSloot and Ruth (Marv) Naylor. She is also survived by her 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, her pride and joy. Marie was predeceased by her son-in-law, Henry Knapper; her brother, David Wassenaar; and two sisters-in-law, Elsie Wassenaar and Jackie Wassenaar.

The family of Marie would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff and residents of the Whitinsville Retirement Home for the love, friendship and care that Marie was blessed with during the three years she resided there.

Also immense gratitude to the Faith and Family Hospice for their support, guidance, and care Marie and the family received from their excellent staff.

Finally, much appreciation to the professional care and kindness shown to her in her last days at Blackstone Valley Health and Rehabilitation.

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dle and high school students, as well as parents, further expanding its reach in suicide prevention efforts.

Get ready: JAK-L Foundation goes Vegas style on Nov. 15!

Looking ahead, the JAK-L Foundation is gearing up for its highly anticipated future fundraiser, "JAK-L Foundation Goes Vegas Style," scheduled for Nov. 15. This exciting event promises an evening of entertainment and will be crucial in raising funds to support the foundation's

ongoing initiatives in mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and educational programs. Further details about the Vegas-themed fundraiser will be announced closer to the date.

The JAK-L Foundation remains deeply committed to its mission of reducing the stigma around accessing mental health support and directly impacting the community to promote well-being and save lives. Through events like the JAK-L Foundation Strides for Mental Health 5K Memorial Run/Walk, the recent mental health paint day, and future QPR training, alongside impactful fundraisers, the foundation continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and families across the region.

About the JAK-L Foundation:
The JAK-L Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness, reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness, and actively supporting suicide prevention initiatives within the community. Through education, outreach, and partnerships, the foundation strives to promote mental well-being and save lives. Learn more at <https://jak-l.com/>.



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June 27, 2025

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,331 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) were named to the university's spring 2025 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI students are named to the Dean's List based on the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on real-world, open-ended problems on campus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and

lasting impacts in our partner communities," said Provost Andrew Sears. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Spring 2025:

James Bernard from Uxbridge, class of 2028, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Tyler Bliss from Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science

Caterina Corapi from Uxbridge, class of 2028, majoring in Robotics Engineering

Maline Demers

from Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology and Biology and Biotechnology

Caleb Deters from Uxbridge, class of 2028, majoring in Civil Engineering

Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos from Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Noah Gaskill from Douglas, class of 2028, majoring in Computer Science

Trinity Gibbs from Whitinsville, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Professional Writing

Olivia Guest from Northbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Data Science

Philip Heney from Douglas, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering

Isabella Ibrahim from Northbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Jeremiah Morgan from Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Michael O'Toole from Douglas, class of 2027, majoring in Aerospace Engineering

Zachary Oliveira from Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Industrial Engineering

Julia Philbrook from Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Adam Pratt from Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Christopher Smith from Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science

Colin Squier from Douglas, class of 2028, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Clarice Stumpf from Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biochemistry

Jack Tasick from Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Bryan Wheeler from Douglas, class of 2026, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.



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DAILY ACTIVITIES: All our daily activities are free of charge.
Monday: Painting class 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12pm, Mat Yoga 2pm
Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:30 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Lunch & Bingo 11:30am, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.)
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, Darts 11:30 am, MahJong 1pm, Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm
Thursday: Walking club 9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am, Pitch 9:30am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10am
The center will be closed on Friday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
Tuesday & Thursday lunch club please call the Friday before to sign up.
Wellness Clinic: July Clinic dates are Monday the 14th & Tuesday the 19th. Clinic hours are from 10 am to 12 pm. If you feel you need an extended amount of time to speak with Nurse Ann please call ahead and let us know.
A note from Nurse Ann: With summer and rising temperatures approaching, this is the perfect time to talk about hot weather safety and dehydration. Too much heat is not safe for anyone. As we get older, though, our bodies' ability to regulate its temperature becomes more difficult. Conditions such as heart, lung, and kidney disease all raise the risk of heat related illness. Many medications that we may be taking, such as diuretics, may cause us to lose more fluids from our bodies, which can lead to dehydration. The good news is that we can help prevent heat related illness! Did you know that if you are thirsty and your mouth feels dry, your body is already mildly dehydrated? You may feel lightheaded or dizzy, notice a rapid heartbeat, have muscle cramps or headaches, feel tired, and have nausea and weakness. So... DRINK SMALL AMOUNTS OF FLUIDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY... EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT THIRSTY!

Hearing Aid Cleanings: Thursday July 10th from 10 am to 11am. Please call the center to set up an appointment, 508-476-2283.
JULY EVENTS:
1970s presentation: Thursday July 10th @ 12:30 join us while we take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy this fun presentation of the 1970's. Lunch will be a pasta bake & salad for \$4.00. We will also be celebrating National Ice Cream Day, with free ice cream sundaes! Please call the center @ 508-476-2283 to sign up by July 3rd.
Blackstone Valley Animal Shelter Visit: Thursday July 17th from 1:00-2:00 free transportation will be provided. Would you like to play with some kittens or read to the dogs? Space is limited, please call the center to fill out a visit application and to sign up by July 3rd.
Lunch & Movie: Come in and enjoy this heartwarming true story Nonna's. Thursday July 24th @ 11:30 lunch will be stuffed peppers, carrots & lemon cake for \$4.00. Please call the center to sign

up by July 21st.
The Sunshine Club invites you:
Sunshine Club monthly meeting will be on Tuesday July 1st @ 2 pm.
We are going to a WOOSOX game, Wednesday July 30th. Game time is 12 pm. Ticket price is \$26.00 per person. Tickets must be paid for when you sign up. First come first serve with ticket sales. You can sign up in person at the center. There will be transportation provided by The Road Runner and carpooling. When you sign up please let it be known if you will need a ride, will carpool, or if you will meet us there.

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VTSU congratulates Holden Thiebault on graduation

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont State University is pleased to announce that Holden Thiebault, of Uxbridge, is part of VTSU's graduating class for spring 2025.
Thiebault majored in Outdoor Education Leadership.
This remarkable group of graduates represents a wide range of programs and disciplines. Their hard work, perseverance, and dedication have led them to this exciting milestone, and we couldn't be more thrilled to celebrate their achievements.
Please join us in congratulating Holden

Thiebault and the entire VTSU Class of 2025!
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Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — The following students have been named to the University of New England's Dean's List for the spring semester 2025.

Douglas
Ryleigh Flansburg
Lindsey Provost

Uxbridge
Aidan Blood
Emma Brothers
Carson Da Costa
Emma Demers

Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

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Brendan McIntyre, Bachelor of Science in Finance

Whitinsville
Jordan Gulino, Master of Occupational Therapy
About Quinnipiac University
Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from

Boston. The university enrolls 9,400 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts & Sciences. Quinnipiac is ranked among the top 100 in The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse "2025 Best Colleges in the U.S." and is also recognized by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review's "The Best 388 Colleges." The university is expanding innovative programs for both traditional and adult learners, developing dynamic corporate partnerships, and is completing a significant capital expansion on its main campus, including a state-of-

the-art new School of Business and an interdisciplinary science and innovation hub. For more information, please visit

qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on X @ QuinnipiacU.

Elms College announces Dean's List

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester. Congratulations to all the students who are named to the list!
Jasenia Montano of Uxbridge
Karissa Popieniuck of Douglas
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