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A large, ornate gazebo is the centerpiece, heavily decorated with warm white string lights that outline its roof and railings. Inside the gazebo, a small, brightly lit Christmas tree stands. The gazebo is surrounded by a snowy landscape. In the foreground, two large white reindeer cutouts are positioned on the snow. One reindeer is standing upright and is decorated with a large, colorful floral arrangement. The other reindeer is lying down, also partially decorated. The background shows bare trees and a dark night sky.

A man with glasses and a blue and white checkered shirt stands next to a dark wood cabinet. On the wall behind him is a large, ornate wooden plaque featuring a rooster and the text "1778" and "Taft". The cabinet has a curved top and drawers with brass handles. On the cabinet surface are a small blue and white bowl and two silver mugs.

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Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

A legacy of leadership, a heart for nursing

BAY PATH HONORS RETIRING ACADEMY DIRECTOR



Courtesy

Superintendent Kyle Brenner with Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School bid a heartfelt farewell to its longtime leader, Dr. Gretheline Ramos Bolandrina, Academy Director, who retired on Thursday, Oct. 30. The event marked the end of a remarkable 12-year tenure defined by leadership, compassion, and dedicated service to the nursing community.

Under Dr. Bolandrina's direction, the Practical Nursing program flourished, earning recognition for its academic rigor and the signature human touch she infused into every aspect of the curriculum. Her influence shaped generations of nurses, inspiring them to lead with professionalism, excellence, and heart.

A heartfelt celebration of service

Colleagues, faculty, and

administrators from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School gathered to honor Dr. Bolandrina's contributions.

The celebration featured a special presentation by Superintendent Kyle Brenner, who unveiled the gift to Dr. Bolandrina an engraved Standard Chair of Gardner. This handcrafted piece from a renowned local family-owned company symbolized the respect and enduring legacy she leaves behind. Dr. Bolandrina was visibly moved by the thoughtful gesture.

A festive luncheon accompanied a beautifully designed cake that read: "Keep on Doing Amazing Things — Bay Path Will Miss You!" The atmosphere was filled with shared memories, laughter, and warm wishes, underscoring the deep affection colleagues hold for her. As the event concluded, Dr. Bolandrina's husband,

Joseph, assisted in carefully packing her office belongings, including the commemorative chair, marking a poignant close to her time at Bay Path.

A nurse's final reflection In her farewell message via email, Dr. Bolandrina reflected on the essence of her nursing journey, emphasizing the importance of compassion over confrontation: "Not every battle in nursing is meant to be fought with words. Some are won through silence, grace, and steadfast professionalism... Because in the end, nursing is not just about clinical skill or knowledge — it is about the heart."

She encouraged future nurses to embody this spirit: "We are not defined by how others treat us, but by how we continue to care, especially when it's hardest. Choose empathy. Choose growth. Keep moving forward."

Dr. Bolandrina expressed

deep gratitude for her twelve years, calling Bay Path "a place where ordinary people became nurses and perseverance bloomed into purpose."

New adventures await

While her chapter at the Academy closes, Dr. Bolandrina looks forward to exciting new adventures. She plans to spend time with her grandson, Tidus, visit her son Chef Gino's Worcester restaurant, KuruKuru Ramen, and tend to her extensive tropical and rare plant collection (@Gretheline_plants).

"Dr. Bolandrina's impact on the Academy and the nursing community will endure," said a PN faculty member. "Her leadership, kindness, and dedication leave a lasting legacy. The momentum she helped build will carry forward in every graduate who serves the community and the greater good. The best is yet to come."

BVCC to host ribbon cutting ceremony at True Robotics

WORCESTER — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is excited to celebrate the growth of True Robotics as they expand into their new Worcester location with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. The event will take place at 49 Canterbury St., Suite 700, Worcester, and is free to attend!

True Robotics is on a mission to inspire students with robotics and make STEM education more accessible. The organization has expanded to 24 states and reached more than 30,000 students through its programs. With their innovative Classroom Package format, True Robotics empowers students and teachers in grades K through 8 to explore hands-on robotics in any learning environment, from traditional classrooms to afterschool programs and summer camps. Each robotics package includes reusable robot kits, grab and go curriculum, and personalized teacher training. By transforming research-based, evidence-driven curricula into practical classroom

solutions, True Robotics helps teachers bring robotics education to all students, not just top performers. This approach allows every student to experience the excitement of building, programming, and problem-solving while preparing them for a future of innovation and opportunity.

"We're thrilled to celebrate True Robotics' continued growth right here in Central Massachusetts," said Liz O'Neil, Executive Director of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Having been part of our Whitinsville community, they've already made a tremendous impact inspiring students through hands-on robotics and real-world problem-solving. Their expansion to Worcester represents not just growth for their organization, but expanded opportunity for students, teachers, and the future workforce of the Blackstone Valley."

All are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Additionally, parking will be available behind their building. Attendees can register for this free ribbon cutting online at www.blackstone-valley.org/events.

The Mission of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is to preserve and enhance the economic vitality of the Blackstone Valley by addressing the needs and concerns of businesses and providing leadership, support and resources in connection with issues which impact commerce and the quality of life in the Valley.

St. Gabriel's hosting Christmas Fair Dec. 6

UPTON — St. Gabriel's Church, 151 Mendon St., Upton, will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair has a wide variety of fresh balsam wreaths, cemetery baskets, gift and bake tables and raffles. Free admission! Come and enjoy!

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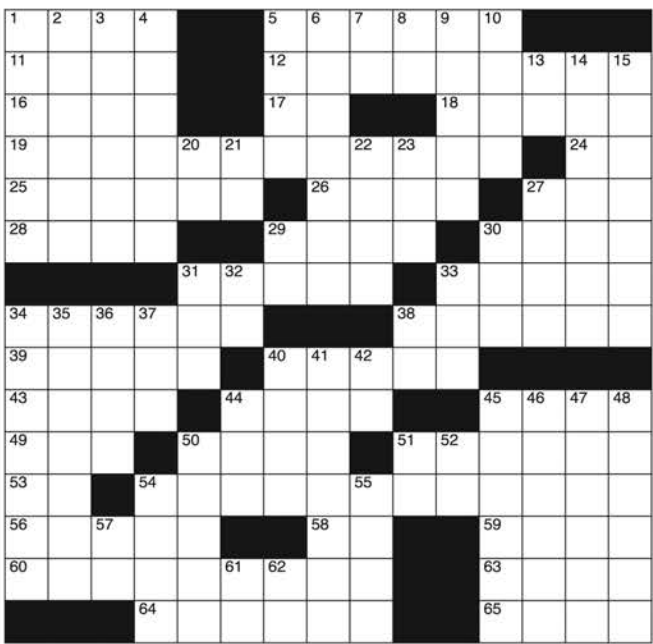
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular wine ___ Spumante

5. Greatly impressed

11. ___ and that

12. Uttered with passion

16. Boats

17. Veteran actor Harris

18. Casserole with game

19. Reprehensible acts

24. They precede C

25. Says under one's breath

26. Taxis

27. It transfers genetic info

28. NFL great Randy

29. Where college students sleep

30. Major European river

31. Taco condiment

33. -frutti

34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit

39. Khoikhoi peoples

40. Bears QB Williams

43. Scrambled, fried, boiled

44. Price indicators

45. One-time world power

49. When you hope to get somewhere

50. Farm building

51. Choose carefully

53. Magnum was one

54. One who combines

56. Nursemaids

58. Partner to Pa

59. Notable river

60. Officially honors

63. Colorless compound

64. A fancy chair

65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building

2. Religion of Japan

3. Leggings

4. Officially distributes

5. Arabian Sea seaport

6. Spanish doctors

7. It cools your house

8. Currency of Poland

9. Slowly moves into

10. Days (Spanish)

13. Unit of volume

14. Emit

15. With two replaceable hydrogens

20. Title for a man

21. Equally

22. Scarlett's home

23. One-time tech titan

27. Subway dwellers

29. One-tenth of a liter

30. Central European river

31. Distress signal

32. Expression of sympathy

33. The bill in a restaurant
34. Football equipment

35. Dance music

36. Russian river

37. Cosmetics giant Mary ___

38. Gym class

40. Automobiles

41. Roman honorific

42. Losses in sports

44. Skin tone in summer

45. Distant planet

46. Critical humor

47. Illegally obtained

48. Go back over

50. Home appliance brand

51. Unit of radioactivity

52. Home of the Flyers

54. Short official note

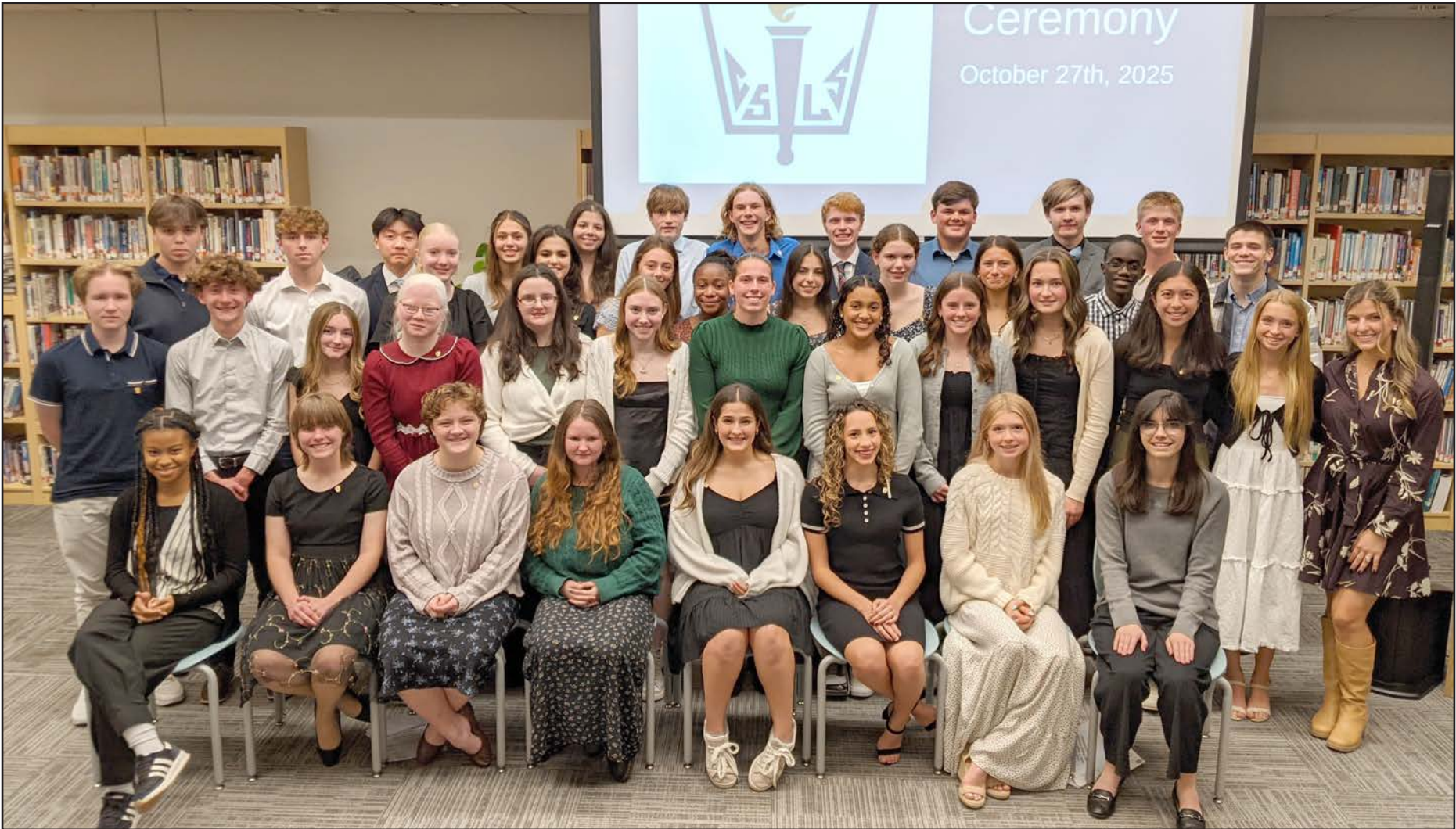
55. Emit coherent radiation

57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

61. Most common noble gas (abbr.)

62. Toward





Courtesy

On Monday, Oct. 27, a group of 31 new members were inducted into the John T. Bajema Chapter of the National Honor Society at Whitinsville Christian School. Congratulations to all members and thank you for the ways you demonstrate scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Front row, left to right: Emily Bastien*, Samantha Boria*, Amelia Bowler*, Sophia Robbins*, Lucia Gaudio*, Julia Monteiro*, Abby Flagg*, and Brinley Rufo*. Second row: Mark Yarger, Demetri Boormeester*, Hailey Kindl*, Ruth Stenbuck*, Mollagh Flannery*, Aberlin Cwiakala*, Madison Amati, Maria Ramos*, Emma Whitsitt*, Charlotte DeFrancisco*, Isabella Aloise*, Emily Flagg*, and NHS Adviser, Ms. Abby Graves. Third row: Ian Finch*, Eamon Moloney*, Avery Dertien*, Amelia Rufo*, Alexi Gilchrist*, Amelia Besong*, Mya Duffy*, Jensen Gonneville*, Josephina Dyke*, Nathan Bagaya*, and Matthew Dudley. Back row: Enson Enoch*, Audyn DeWeerd*, Brinley Gonneville, Elijah Fortna, Nathanael Vos*, Matthew Wren, Noah Garrant, Eli Focht, and Micah Deters. Not pictured: Faith Najem.

*indicates new member

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 7-14

Thursday, Nov. 7
When autumn’s chill begins to creep, the Douglas Library won’t fall asleep! At 6 p.m., they’ll host with flair, a “Book Chat Evening” — all readers, there! Down the street, in Sutton’s hall, the Select Board meets — a civic call. Public welcome, 7 o’clock start, Town business done with hometown heart.

Friday, Nov. 8
The Uxbridge Senior Center warms the air, with coffee, crafts, and cozy care. At 10 a.m., “Chair Yoga Flow,” for strength and calm before you go. Then over in Whitinsville’s bright square, the BVAA Art Guild will share a gallery night from 5 to 8, where paintings bloom and spirits elate.

Saturday, Nov. 9
Grab your jacket — the day is prime, for Douglas’ Veterans Day Parade time! At 10 a.m., along Main Street’s way, bands will play and flags will sway. The Northbridge Food Pantry seeks your hand, with canned goods gathered ’cross the land. Drop-offs welcome from nine to noon, Your kindness makes Thanksgiving soon.

Sunday, Nov. 10
Church bells chime through valley air, calling neighbors here and there. At First Congregational, Uxbridge, meet, for hymn and coffee, both warm and sweet. Later, the Blackstone Valley Chorus will sing, at 4 p.m. — their voices ring! The concert’s held at St. Patrick’s Hall, melodies to lift us all.

Monday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
The morning breaks both crisp and proud, with flags held high and hearts unbowed. Northbridge gathers by the Green, to honor heroes, calm and keen. Ceremonies start at 10 a.m., with scouts and bands and prayerful hymns. Douglas and Sutton, too, will say, “We thank you, veterans, on this day.”

Tuesday, Nov. 12
Back to business, plans, and cheer — the Planning Board meets once more this year. Northbridge Town Hall, 7 p.m., sharp, where maps unfold and planners harp. Over in Uxbridge, at the Library Room, a crafting class dispels the gloom. Make your own wreaths, from 6 to 8, Reserve your spot before it’s late!

Wednesday, Nov. 13
At Douglas Senior Center, pies take flight, for a Bake Sale Fundraiser — sweet delight! Doors open 9, so bring your bills, for cookies, muffins, and autumn thrills. In Whitinsville, Community Chorus rehearses, humming tunes and holiday verses.

Thursday, Nov. 14
The week winds down with neighborly fun, as Sutton’s Senior Lunch is done! At noon, enjoy warm stew and song, where laughter lingers all day long. As leaves swirl down in fading light, the Valley glows with hearts so bright.

Northbridge

Giving Tree

brings cheer

to local seniors

NORTHBRIDGE —The Northbridge Giving Tree charity fills the needs and brings cheer to our community’s Seniors during the December holidays.

With the support of Northbridge Senior Center at Plummer Place Director Kelly Bol, wishes are collected from those senior citizens identified as being in need. Volunteers record the recipient’s wishes and basic household items and write them upon “wish tags.” The tags are then placed upon trees hosted by UniBank on Church Street, Whitin Community Center, and the Whitinsville Social Library. Shaws hosts a tree for Grocery gift cards, which are especially needed.

Wish tags will be available during the week of Thanksgiving. We ask the community to support our seniors by taking one or more tags, purchasing the wishes,

and leaving the unwrapped items under the tree before Dec. 15. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered with cheer before Dec. 25.

Since 2019 (and previously done by the Virtual Giving Tree), approximately 200 senior citizens in Northbridge have received a knock on the door, a smile, a bag of household needs (Paper towels, stamps, etc.), and a gift card to either a pharmacy, department store, or grocery store. Special wishes have included items such as a ladies’ large blue button-down sweater, a pack of bottled water, and dry cat food. Would you like to help us spread cheer to our elders this season? Volunteers are welcome.

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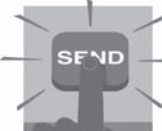
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EDITORIAL

Honoring service that shapes our small towns

Each November, the flags rise in quiet cemeteries, the brass bands tune up in school gymnasiums, and Main Streets across the Valley pause to remember. Veterans Day isn’t about distant speeches or grand parades in faraway cities—it’s about the faces we see every day right here in Douglas, Sutton, Uxbridge, Northbridge and surrounding towns.

It’s the man in line at the post office who still stands a little straighter when the national anthem plays. It’s the woman leading the Scout troop, the retired teacher who once served overseas, the neighbor who never talks much about his time in uniform but shows up early to help set up the folding chairs for the ceremony at the town common.

The Blackstone Valley has a proud tradition of service. From the mills that built the industrial might of this nation to the men and women who left those mills to serve in every major conflict since the Revolution, our communities have always answered the call. The same spirit that once powered the factories now fuels volunteer fire departments, school committees, and veterans’ organizations that continue to strengthen local life.

This week, as students from Whitinsville to Sutton learn the history behind Veterans Day, it’s worth remembering that the lesson is not only about courage in combat—it’s about citizenship at home. Our veterans teach us that service to community and country never truly ends. It takes different forms: mentoring youth, assisting fellow veterans, or simply demonstrating the quiet dignity of perseverance.

We owe these men and women more than one day of tribute. The best way to honor their sacrifice is through action—by supporting local veterans’ groups, attending town observances, and ensuring that every veteran in the Valley has access to the care and respect they’ve earned. Gratitude, when it’s genuine, is expressed not in words but in how we carry our responsibilities as citizens.

As the November air sharpens and the flags ripple over our commons, may we look around and recognize the veterans among us—not as symbols of the past, but as living examples of what it means to serve something greater than ourselves.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idiocracy – life imitates art!

To the Editor:

If you missed seeing the movie Idiocracy in theaters, fear not. You are now experiencing Idiocracy in real life. In addition to establishing a Cabinet of broken toys and unqualified sycophants culled from the ranks of Fox Faux Noise - and in RFK Jr.’s case, from the loony bin - Trump is endangering and embarrassing America on a daily basis, with the most idiotic displays of incompetence in the annals of governance. And you get to watch for free, popcorn not included.

For example: before Trump imposed new tariffs on China, the Chinese were buying 28.8 million tons of U.S. soybeans annually. They stopped completely after tariffs were imposed, causing severe financial woes for American farmers. He did the same thing in his first term, which cost taxpayers \$28 billion in bailout funds. Ever the fast learner, Trump created the same problem again, which provided an unexpected opportunity for him to ride to the rescue. He met with President Xi at High Noon, for a Shootout at the OK Corral. The result: the Chinese agreed to buy 12 million tons of soybeans this year - that’s 16.8 million tons less than prior years. Victory! The Chinese did agree to buy 22 million tons each year for the next three years, subject to change, given the instability of Trump world - and still 6.8 million tons less per year. The Chinese, like the rest of the world, have learned not to trust America under der Orange Fuhrer, and have found alternative sources for their goods. Another great deal for America, from our self-proclaimed ‘great deal maker’.

In true mob shakedown mode, China also received the right to buy NVIDIA computer chips, as long as Trump and Murder Inc. received a 15% cut of the revenue. But China is discouraging its computer firms from buying NVIDIA chips, due to distrust of this administration, and is seeking other sources. Victory!

In other news, Stephen Miller wants to get the U.S. population down to 150 million, from its current 340 million level. That explains the ugly tax cut bill’s elimination of SNAP money, and Affordable Care Act funds. The administration will starve the poor and downtrodden, and eliminate their health care. Those that manage to survive will be faced with RFK Jr.’s elimination of life-saving vaccines, and the new domestic ‘rapid response teams’ being established to quell any domestic disturbances in our cities. ‘Soylent Green’ will be coming to a city near you!

Because this may not sit well with American citizens, Trump is setting up luxury, gated living quarters for administration officials who are too frightened to remain living in their own homes. Another chapter in the authoritarian playbook – separate officials from the people they govern.

Let’s get this straight, once and for all – 1st: we - American companies and/or consumers -pay the tariffs on imported goods. So Trump’s “billions of dollars flowing into our country...” because of his tariffs, are flowing “out of our pockets,” into the government. Tariffs are a tax on us! The exporting country does not pay the tariffs. Trump continues to deny this, because: 1. he is stupid, or 2. he thinks we are stupid, or 3. both of the above.

2nd: the budget bill is being held up because Democrats refuse to let Republicans extend the tax cut for the rich, while eliminating health care coverage for millions of Americans. Republicans frame this as the Democrats wanting to provide free health care for illegal immigrants, but what they are referring to is reimbursements to hospitals for emergency care treatment to people without health insurance - that includes American citizens, or anyone who can’t afford to pay. If these people were refused treatment, many would die. For all you religious folks, that’s un-Christian, and un-American. isn’t it? Here are the statistics for the period 2016 - 2019: annual Emergency Department clinician revenue, funded by commercial insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, averaged \$23.5 billion, versus costs of \$22.5 billion. So it was a net positive revenue producer for hospitals. And saved lives. Yet all we hear from li’l Mikey Johnson is how Democrats want free health care for illegal immigrants. Again - is he lying because he is stupid, or he thinks we are stupid, or both of the above?

Then there are the Epstein files. Johnson has sent House members away so that he doesn’t have to swear in new-

ly-elected Democrat Representative from Arizona Adelita Grijalva, who has committed to be the deciding vote on a bill calling for release of the entirety of the Epstein files. These files appear to be Kryptonite for Republicans - they have lied, distracted, denied, redacted, and done everything conceivable to keep the files hidden, despite the victims calling for justice and denying there are any ‘privacy’ concerns on their part. If there were only Democrats named in the files - and I’m sure that Wet Willie Clinton is prominent among them - wouldn’t the Guardians Of Pedophiles be rushing to distribute the full, unredacted files to every breathing mammal on earth? Hmm...who could they be protecting? I want the files released. I want to expose every pedophile in the world, regardless of political affiliation, nationality, religion, profession, ethnicity, sexual preference, age, sex, height or weight. It’s time to rid civilization of this scourge. But until the files are released - assuming that incriminating evidence hasn’t been destroyed already, don’t believe a word coming out of Republican’s mouth about “protecting or caring for our children.”

I promised myself that I would not honor the misanthrope from Uxbridge by even acknowledging her weekly bleatings, but enough with the diatribes on illegal immigrants and climate change. I just hope that Howie Carr is paying her enough for being his local mouthpiece. Bev is the perfect example of Dunning-Kruger - having a cognitive bias where someone with low ability tends to overestimate their own competence. When she shows us her climate science degree, I’ll start paying attention. As to her immigrant fixation, illegal immigrants commit 1 percent of the crimes in this country - still too much - but American men - citizens - commit 85 percent of the crime. Despite Trumps’ characterization of illegal immigrants as murderers, rapists, drug dealers and gang members, for those in ICE custody in fiscal year 2025, less than 10 percent were convicted of serious crimes. Just another Trump lie debunked. Democrats are guilty for not closing the border, and establishing a humane process for providing legal status to immigrants who are contributing to our society and economy. That would have made sense, and avoided the ICE abuses. Once the illegals are disposed of, after the ramifications on our businesses and economy, what becomes of ICE? Do you think that a Republican administration will ever lay off all these new enforcement thugs? I guarantee that what remains is a permanent American Gestapo, just as in Nazi Germany. Trump’s immoral, inhumane and non-American treatment of illegals is just about proving his lie regarding people who came here for a better life.

Trump, a draft dodger with fake ‘bone spurs,’ loves playing soldier. Despite his ‘malady’, his trigger finger still works, so he is blowing up motorboats in faraway oceans, without a Congressional declaration of war, or due process. Americans have learned nothing from history - we tried banning alcohol, and ended up with permanent organized crime. We tried banning heroin, and people turned to cocaine. We tried to interdict cocaine, and people turned to oxycontin, and now fentanyl. (To quote Bev “Did you know” that no corporate executive went to jail for killing millions of people with asbestos, tobacco, or oxycontin, despite their knowledge of the deadly effect of their products? Where’s the outrage?) Instead of spending our tax dollars on bombs, and drug agents and prisons, why aren’t we investing in eliminating the societal desperation that causes people to turn to drugs and crime - namely poverty? It would cost less, and actually deal with the major cause instead of the symptoms. Of course, now privatized, the prison industry is making millions for corporate investors. It’s a lot more fun to just blow stuff up, and put poor people in jail, and out of sight.

One last point — our government wants to deny health care and food to American citizens, yet is giving \$40 billion to Argentina to protect the currency investments made by several donor friends of Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury. As Bev wrote - “Trump is for everyone,” especially his family and friends. Just not for we American citizens.

Sorry, after an involuntary hiatus, that’s all I have the stomach for this week.

RICK BEVILACQUA
WHITINSVILLE

Food security

When the stock market crashed in 1929, it didn’t just erase fortunes—it erased certainty. Factories went dark. Payrolls vanished. The hum of American industry fell to silence, replaced by the hollow echo of empty stomachs.

By 1933, unemployment had soared to nearly fifteen million—more than one in five workers. Families who once counted on a paycheck now counted pennies, or borrowed bread from neighbors who were just as poor. In city after city, long lines snaked around corners, men in threadbare coats clutching tin cups and children holding out chipped bowls. Hunger had no party, no region, no mercy.

And then came the dust. As if economic ruin weren’t enough, the early 1930s brought a second catastrophe. The Great Plains—once called the nation’s breadbasket—became a wasteland. Years of drought and over-farming tore the topsoil loose, and winds carried it east in storms so dense they turned day into night.

By 1934, one hundred million acres of farmland lay barren. Crops withered. Livestock suffocated. Entire families packed what they could onto rattling trucks and fled west, their lives reduced to dust and memory.

But out of that dust, compassion took root. Ordinary citizens—neighbors, church groups, and volunteers—refused to wait for government relief that was still tangled in red tape. In living rooms and church basements, they poured kettles of soup, handed out bread loaves, and opened their doors to strangers. These homegrown soup kitchens ran on donations, not directives.

In Detroit, Capuchin friars opened a humble kitchen that would serve thousands each day, surviving on faith and flour. Even Chicago’s most unlikely philanthropist, Al Capone, set up a soup line—not out of sainthood, of course.

Across the nation, gymnasiums became dining halls, union halls became food depots, and women’s auxiliaries became engines of mercy. The system was imperfect and chaotic, but it worked.

No one knows exactly how many Americans were starving, but by 1932, a quarter of all families had no wage earner at all. Hunger was not a number—it was a cold morning, an empty pot, a mother whispering to her child, “We’ll find something tomorrow.”

Out on the plains, where the dust blotted out the sun, the same story unfolded. Farm wives gathered wild berries. Neighbors shared seed and sugar. Churches turned barns into relief depots. At train stations, small-town committees left buckets of milk and bread for migrants heading west. And in California’s orchards, locals organized food drives for the endless wave of families who had lost everything but their will to survive.

By the late 1930s, those collective acts of kindness—migrant relief kitchens, church pantries, and conservation efforts—had begun to turn the tide. Fields were reseeded. Families found work. The wind still blew, but hope had returned to the soil.

Things may change by the time you read this, but as of now, the federal government shutdown has halted the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—known to most as food stamps or EBT. More than 42 million Americans rely on that card to buy groceries and feed their families. A judge has ordered the administration to make the payments, but delays mean refrigerators are empty.

Wherever you stand on the issue, I hope we can all agree that when the system pauses, the people must not.

Throughout our history, when hardship struck—whether in the breadlines of the Great Depression or the barren fields of the Dust

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Gardening gifts that keep giving

Gift the gardeners in your life with tools that are sure to make them smile as they put them to work throughout the coming years. No matter your budget, you are sure to find the perfect gift for your favorite gardener.

Help gardeners track the weather and rainfall in their backyard. You can

find decorative and functional low- and high-tech thermometers in a wide range of prices. Consider giving them a rain gauge to help monitor rainfall so they know when and how much to water.

For the indoor gardener, paint a pot, preferably one with drainage holes, that they can use to display



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

their favorite plant. If your budget allows, add potting

mix and a plant or gift certificate so they can select a new or favorite plant from the garden center. Include a pair of snips to help them trim, groom and keep their indoor plants looking their best.

Purchase a fun watering can or decorate one with decoupage. This is a fun gift for kids and adults to make for family and teachers. Just select a plastic or metal watering can, gather pictures, and secure and seal them to the watering can with a suitable material found at craft stores.

Dress up your favorite gardener's gear with colorful tools like the British Meadow Pruner & Holster Set endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society. The pruners have a comfort grip and are perfect for cutting small branches and stems and the floral holster will keep them handy when gardening. This makes a great gift for gardeners that appreciate aesthetics as well as quality tools.

And what gardener doesn't need a good bypass hand pruner with two sharp blades to make clean cuts. Look for one with a large three quarter inch cutting capacity if your gardener does extensive pruning. Select one with narrow, comfortable nonslip grips like those on the ClassicCUT® Bypass Pruner for those with small- to medium-sized hands. Stuff one in their stocking, combine it with a new garden book, or wrap it up as it makes a great gift on its own.

Don't forget the youngsters on your list. Research shows children exposed to the outdoors and gardening are more focused, do better in school, and have less severe ADHD symptoms. Girls raised in a landscaped environment are more con-



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fident and less subject to peer pressure. By encouraging them to garden you might be helping them acquire a lifelong skill and get help planning, planting and tending the garden.

Giving them their own kid-sized garden gear (coronatools.com) can make gardening more fun and easier as they garden by your side or in their own garden plot or container. Look for tools designed to fit children's hands like Corona's kids 3-piece garden tool set that has everything a young gardener needs to dig, explore, plant and tend their garden. A kid-sized wheelbarrow is just the right size for hauling plants, soil and mulch.

Don't let the hustle of the holiday season put a

damper on your gift giving. Keep in mind this act of kindness generates happiness in ourselves and others.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

To the Editor:

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about this in Uxbridge. Let's discuss. Please spare me lectures from educators who do not live in the Real World.

If you are not an "anti-racist," your kids probably are. And they are likely anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist, anti-Capitalist, pro-Marxist, and anti-American because that is what teachers are teaching in 2025.

Capitalism is bad because capitalism is racist. That's what they are teaching in Teacher School. Unless your kids attend a religious school, are home-schooled or go to school in a conservative state, they are becoming little Commies.

Just listen to the Democrats who are now socialist progressive Marxist anti-Americans. Democracy is dead, they say, because Trump is President. Justice is gone because ICE is enforcing federal law. The Constitution is a fraud, they say, because it was drafted by slave owners and capitalists. Ergo, because capitalists are racists, the Constitution is illegitimate. Can you follow circular reasoning?

As my Learned Friend says, if capitalism is racist, then so is its bastard child, Critical Race Theory socialism. Which is what they teach in teachers' college.

The Federalist recently published an article about Michigan State University's [MSU] teacher education program. "Step into Social Foundations of Justice and Equity in Education" class. Required for all Kindergarten and first grade teachers.

"First lesson is that free market principles, meritocracy, and American values are evil and racist." For Kindergarteners?! A first grader will say, I want my bunny.

MSU preaches Critical Race Theory and emphasizes "racial justice, equity, and social identity markers." Future teachers of America must study an interview with Communist Black Panther Party member Angela Davis. "Racism is integrally linked to capitalism," says Davis. "It's a mistake to assume that we can combat racism by leaving capitalism in place." That's it in a "nut" shell.

Yup, time to destroy America and Capitalism because Socialism is so much better.

Other so-called universities preach the same lie. At American University in Washington, D.C., elementary education students receive "antiracist education," and "must acknowledge beliefs, attitudes,

values, and practices along with the structures, policies, and institutional systems that create barriers and perpetuate inequities in classrooms; identify concrete strategies to dismantle those barriers."

Teachers, you must dismantle America every day! America, bad! Marxism, good!

Georgia State University elementary education students must pass "Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts" and "Culture, Equity, and Responsive Pedagogy." One officious know-nothing at the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, argued that "The central concept in the ideology that rules education schools, with an iron fist, is that real pedagogy means the liberation of the oppressed. A good education is primarily a tool of political liberation."

Liberate you from that pesky idea of American Exceptionalism. Down with Capitalism, up with Communism. Remember, Capitalism is racism.

No nation has more millionaires or billionaires with black heritage than the U.S.A. There are 17 billionaires in our Black American community. In America, there are nearly two million black millionaires. There are 11,000 black millionaires in Atlanta, Georgia, alone! In Washington D.C., 25 percent of the millionaires are black Americans. Nigeria is second to the U.S.A. with the number of black billionaires. Brazil, which has the second largest population of African origin outside of Africa, does not make the list. The majority of black Brazilians live in abject poverty.

Educators have not caught up with the Real World because they do not work in the Real World. I have worked with African Americans who started out as laborers and retired as managers and directors. They drove new Mercedes and BMWs. I have worked with African American lawyers whose children became judges. In the 1970's, I was a patient of an African American physician at a major Boston medical institution. In the 1970's! Fifty years ago, the times were a-changing.

Yet, "they" are educating our children to believe America is racist? Only in the fantasies of Communists, educators, and politicians. Don't you believe them!

Signed,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

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Bowl—it wasn't bureaucracy that saved us. It was we, neighbors, who refused to look away. Church volunteers stirring soup at dawn. Farmers who shared seed they could barely spare. Americans have always filled the gap with compassion and courage,

long before any program or policy could.

That's the tradition we inherit. That's what makes this country strong.

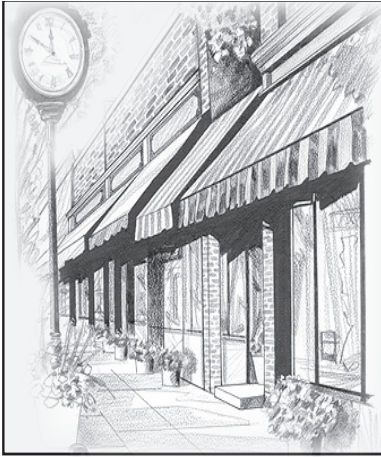
So go to the store. Pick up some rice, beans, noodles, pasta sauce, peanut butter, honey, and bread—whatever lasts and nourishes. Drop it off at your local food pantry. Share this with your friends and encourage

them to do the same.

Please don't wait for permission or for Washington to solve it. The United States is swimming in food; no one should go hungry.

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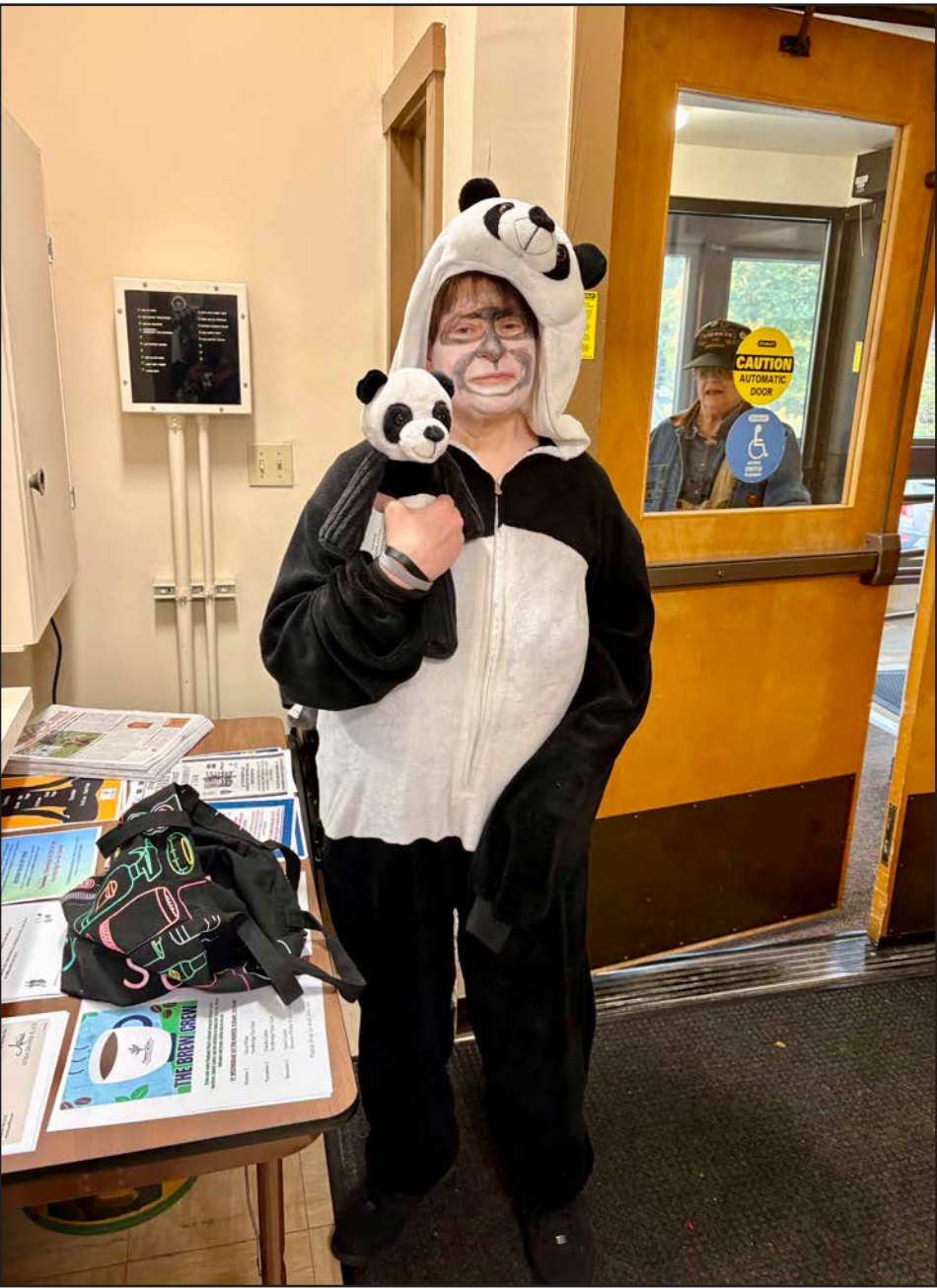
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Plummer Place kicked off Halloween with a “Halloween Harvest” party on Thursday, Oct. 30. Local seniors joined in on the festivities which included a delicious luncheon provided by Creedon and Company, lively entertainment and storytelling by Roger Tinknell, courtesy of a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency, beautiful themed raffle baskets from BrightStarCare, and overall support from Unibank and the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE). Everyone at Plummer Place enjoyed seeing their friends’ creativity in dressing up in their costumes and being a part of the fun! “The laughter among party-goers was incredible, the food was amazing, the entertainment was delightful and overall, it was a spooktacular time!” shared Kendra Dubiel, a Whitinsville resident who attended and also volunteered for the party. Costume prizes were awarded in six categories this year and winners received gift cards from Amazon. For more information on Plummer Place or FINE, please call (508) 234-2002.



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and Fire, along with Webster Fire and Douglas Highway Department personnel, had located, medically assessed, and extradited the injured hiker, using chainsaws to cut an access path through the woods to reach the injured man. It was estimated that the man was exposed to the hot summer elements for more than two hours. Recognizing the severity of his condition, first responders coordinated a medical helicopter to take him to a local hospital for additional treatment. Members of the Douglas Fire Department transported the

man from the scene in an ambulance to a nearby landing zone, which Uxbridge Fire personnel secured, where he was loaded into a medical helicopter and taken to a nearby hospital.

The Douglas Fire Department reminds the community that, “For a safe hike, plan your route, check the weather, and inform someone of your plans. Always carry essential gear like a charged cellphone, water, snacks, and a first-aid kit; wear proper footwear and clothing. Stay on marked trails, be aware of your surroundings and physical limits, and don’t hike alone if you can avoid it.”

Douglas Police Department Chief Nick Miglionico said, “This is yet another example of public safety and town personnel working hand in hand with each other to successfully complete the task at hand.”

The TEAM Award was created by Mr. Early in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Contact the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office at (508) 755-8601 to nominate someone for this award. The TEAM Award was presented to:

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Firefighter Patrick Burgess
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Firefighter David Moreira
Firefighter Brian Turcotte

LEGALS

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225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO25P3771 EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
Raymond A Dellaselva
Date of Death: 01/17/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mary E Dellaselva of Mendon MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Mary E Dellaselva of Mendon MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 30, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

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Worcester Probate
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Docket No. WO25P3605EA
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**
Estate Of: **Patricia J Dirienzo**
Date of Death: 08/19/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner
Cynthia A Harris of Uxbridge MA has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
November 7, 2025

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Docket No. WO25P3630EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
Linda Fortier
Date of Death: 02/03/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kevin Fortier of Millis MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2025
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Date of Death: 05/01/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Darrell Pollock of Blackstone MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
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(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH
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LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
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ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Matthew Webster
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Freedom Mortgage Corporation
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 403 Pond Street, given by Matthew Webster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated January 17, 2025, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 71547, Page 1, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before December 8, 2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on October 27, 2025.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH
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LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**
**25 SM 003289
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Matthew Webster
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):
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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Premises: 54 Carney Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bear Iona McColloch and Courtney R. McColloch to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, and now held by **Freedom Mortgage Corporation**, said mortgage dated April 18, 2024 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 70411, Page 210, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”) as mortgagee, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company Limited Partnership to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated July 23, 2025 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 72296, Page 247; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land being shown as Lot No. 1 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, Prepared for Harold F., Jr. and Jeanne M. Francis, Scale 1” = 40’ dated January 16, 1997 by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc ., 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Mass. 01569” and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 713 as Plan 64. This conveyance is made subject to and with the benefit of restrictions and easements of record so far as now in force and applicable. For title see deed recorded herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated April 9, 2024 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 70411, Page 207.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
November 7, 2025
November 14, 2025
November 21, 2025

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Once hanging in a private collector's home in Columbus, Ohio, the sign has returned to Uxbridge through dedicated sleuthing, successful negotiations, and generous community support. It is now proudly part of the Uxbridge Historical Society's collection.

The Taft Tavern Inn holds a special place in Uxbridge history, most notably for hosting President George Washington during his surprise overnight visit in 1789. The iconic sign was even featured in a 1910 New York Times article recounting President William Howard Taft's visit to the former inn. At that time, property

owner Sara Taft retrieved the sign from a corn crib to share with the President—a moment forever etched in Uxbridge lore.

Attendees of the Annual Meeting will have an opportunity to see this treasured artifact up close and hear the fascinating story of its recovery. The Society extends heartfelt thanks to Tom Gagnon and Mike Potaski, whose generous donations made this historic acquisition possible. Also, a special thank you to Dave Moriarty in his extraordinary efforts to find and retrieve the sign.

At the Annual Meeting, members in good standing will elect individuals to serve on the Society's Board of Directors. Members may submit nominations in advance using a nomination form, avail-

able by sending an email request to uxbridgehistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The completed form may be returned by email or mail and must be received by Friday, Nov. 7. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the meeting.

A copy of the Society's Bylaws has been distributed to members for review. Any proposed amendments may be brought in writing to the Annual Meeting for discussion and vote.

The public is welcome to attend the Annual Meeting; only members may vote.

For more information, contact Mary Beauchamp at uxbridgehistoricalsociety@gmail.com or (508) 930-6021.

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facilities for our event again this year.

We hope you will join us for this free community event sponsored by UniBank, Bright Factor (holiday lighting division of Clear Factor), and Burgess Electric, as well as the members of the community who supported us with donations. Our non-profit organization could not offer this and other activities at the Common without your combined support.

This year, there will be convenient additional parking for people coming to this event. In addition to handicapped parking on Common Street and in the 1st Congregational Church parking lot, a shuttle bus will bring people parking at the Highway Department Parking Lot to the Common starting at 4:30 p.m. Parking is also available behind the VFW on Route 16, which is a short walk to the Common. The Douglas Police Department will be directing traffic and street crossings to ensure everyone's safety, and the Douglas Highway Department will have signage to help direct people also.

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am, Zumba 9:30 am,
Lunch & Bingo 11:30am,
Technology Class 1pm
(call to make an appt.),
Line dancing 2 pm

Wednesday: Balance &
Strength 10am, Darts 11:30
am, MahJong 12:45pm,
Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm

Thursday: Walking club
9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am,
Pitch 9:00am, Hand and
Foot card game 12:30pm

Friday: Balance &
Strength 10am

Tuesday & Thursday
lunch club please call the
Friday before to sign up.

November Lunch Menu:
Tuesday 11/4: Meatloaf,
mashed potatoes, carrots,
& pudding
Thursday 11/6: Baked

mac & cheese, salad, & ice
cream sundaes

Tuesday 11/18: Tomato
soup, grilled cheese, &
cupcakes

Thursday 11/20:
Sweetish meatballs with
egg noodles, carrots, &
cake

Tuesday 11/25: Chicken
broccoli Alfredo, garlic
bread, & cookies

Friday Shopping
Schedule: Please call 48
hours in advance to sched-
ule your ride. Grocery
shopping pick up starts at
9:30.

Friday 11/7 & 11/28:
Hannaford

Friday 11/14: Walmart
There is NO shopping
on Friday November 21st.
Please plan your shopping
accordingly.

N O V E M B E R
EVENTS:

The center will be closed
on Tuesday November
11th in observance of
Veteran's Day.

Wellness Clinic Dates:
Monday November 10th
from 9:30 to 11:30 &
Tuesday November 18th
from 10 am to 12 pm. The
nurse is happy to check

your blood pressure, can do
a finger stick blood sugar.
If you have any questions
or concerns please stop in
and see the nurse.

Trip to the Shops
@ Blackstone Valley:
Thursday November 13th.
Arrival time 12:30 pm &
departure time 2:30 PM.
Please call the center to
schedule by 11/10 to sign
up. The van will pick you
up at home or at the center,
with a planned arrival time
of 12:30.

Lunch & a Movie:
Thursday November
20th @ 11:30. We will be
watching "The Thursday
Murder Club." Lunch is
\$4.00, Swedish meatballs
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Regular Programs:
Mindful Meditation with
Kelly
Every Thursday at
9:30am

Bereavement Group
Monday, November 10th
1:00pm-2:00pm
Please call Kelly for more
information.

Women on the Move
Wednesday, November
12th

9:30am-10:30am
Writing Your
Way Writer's Group
Thursday, November 13th
2:30pm-3:30pm

Please note: due to the
holiday, there will not be
a class on November 27th
Call Lori with any ques-
tions.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Tuesday, November 18th
11am-12pm:00pm
Reading Between
the Lines Book Club
Wednesday, November
19th

10:30am-11:30am
Call Kelly to find out
what book we are currently
reading!
Dull Men's Club
Tuesday, November 25th
9:30am-10:30am
Special Guest: Town
Manager Adam Gaudette

Special Events and
Activities:

All programs require
signing up by calling or stop-
ping by our Main Office.
Great American Landmarks

Wednesday, November
12th
1:00pm-2:00pm
Please join us for this
enjoyable, patriotic event
and learn about great
American Landmarks
such as the USS Arizona
Memorial, Hoover Dam,
and the Grand Canyon.

What's For Dinner?
Smart Kitchen Program
with Fallon

Thursday, November
13th
9:30am-10:30am
Learn how to shorten
your shopping and cooking
time, discover health alter-
natives to processed foods,
and tips for creating whole-
some meals from leftovers.

Organize Your Medical
Files

Tuesday, November
18th @ the Northbridge
Fire Station

9:30am-10:30am
Come and learn about
the "File of Life" medical
history program to include
emergency medical con-
tacts, insurance policy
information, current health
issues, medications and
dosages and more!

Social Security and
Estate Planning ~ Lunch
and Learn

Wednesday, November
19th

12:00pm-1:00pm
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ment income plan? When
Should I start taking ben-
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TV's Golden Age of
Candlepin Bowling

Thursday, November
20th
1:00pm-2:00pm

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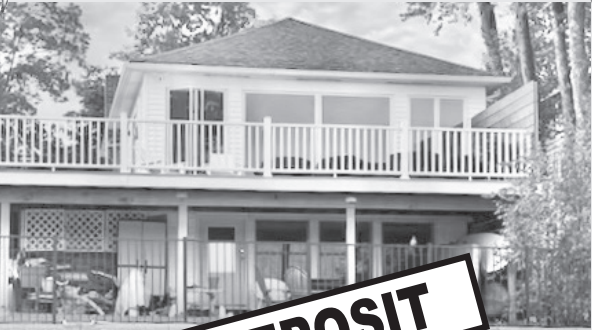
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