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Friday, July 10, 2026

Uxbridge couple celebrating historic "Oak" anniversary

Courtesy

Alice and Frank Susskey with daughter Sally Grimaldi and husband Lawrence & son Frank Susskey, Jr. with wife Michele.

UXBRIDGE — In a milestone reached by less than one percent of married couples, Frank and Alice Susskey are celebrating their 80th wedding anniversary.

Married on July 6, 1946, the couple will commemorate eight decades of partnership—fittingly known as an “oak anniversary” for its legendary strength.

Frank, 99 years old, and Alice, 98 years old, first met as young teenagers. The couple’s anniversary was marked by a celebration at the Uxbridge Senior Center located at 36 South Main St. This event included State Rep. Michael Soter, Uxbridge Board of Selectmen member John Wise, and Uxbridge Town Administrator Steve Sette, along with State Sen. Ryan Fattman’s Assistant, Amanda Hellyar.

The couple was presented with citations from the State of Massachusetts House of Representatives along with the State Senate noting this great accomplishment. The



Susskey family attended the event including their two children, son Frank Jr and daughter Sally, as well as their grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition, many other family members, friends, and neighbors attended the celebration.

The Susskey family has been proud residents of Uxbridge, Massachusetts all their lives. Many Uxbridge Department Heads attended the celebration, including the Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy,

Sgt. Tim Burke, DPW Director, Benn Sherman, Town Assessor, Ken O’Brien, and Senior Center Director, Lisa Bernard. Father Michael Hoyer, from St. Marks in Sutton (formerly from St. Mary’s in Uxbridge) also attended and presented the couple with blessed rosary beads from Pope Leo.

If you would like to wish Alice and Frank a Happy Anniversary, please forward cards to the Uxbridge Senior Center at 36 South Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Fattman meets with Uxbridge Retirees United

UXBRIDGE — Members of the steering committee of Uxbridge Retirees United recently had the opportunity to meet with Sen. Ryan Fattman. The group discussed issues facing retirees and presented specific concerns affecting municipal retirees in Massachusetts.

The group had the opportunity to present the Senator with specific details of how rising health care costs are impacting seniors on fixed incomes in the current economic environment. The group presented the Senator with ideas that would help cities and towns manage rising health care costs and simultaneously provide support for retirees’ health care needs.

Fattman updated the group on his efforts to assist retirees at the state level. In particular, the Senator updated the group on Senate bill 1848 which would prevent unexpected sudden changes in senior health care benefits. The Senator wrote a joint letter along with Representatives Soter and McKenna to the Senate Rules Committee Chair advocating their support for the legislation and urged that the bill be released from the Senate Rules Committee.

The Senator also provided the following statement to the group following their productive conversation:

“Recently, I had the pleasure of sitting down with the leadership of the Uxbridge Retirees United Steering Committee at Honeysuckle Cafe. It was an incredibly ok productive morning, and I am grateful for the opportunity to listen directly to the concerns of those who have given so much to our community. This dedicated leadership team serves as a vital voice for 169 Uxbridge seniors, ensuring that the unique challenges facing our retirees are brought to the table. Our discussion focused heavily on the status of S.1848, a critical piece of legislation that seeks to protect and secure health insurance coverage for municipal retirees. Policy is only as effective as the feedback I receive from the people it directly

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Cruise with your crew at BVCC’s “Ladies On The Lake” event!

WEBSTER — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce’s (BVCC) Women’s Success Network (WSN) is thrilled to announce the return of its signature Summer event, Ladies On The Lake, on the serene

evening of Thursday, Aug. 13 aboard the spectacular Indian Princess, docked at Indian Ranch, 200 Gore Road, Webster. Boarding begins at 5:15 p.m., with the cruise running from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A rain date is scheduled

for Aug. 20.

This highly anticipated event offers an evening of networking, scenic views, and relaxation. Guests will enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres, refreshing cocktails, and the unique charm of cruising Webster Lake aboard the Indian Princess, a modern-day replica of the classic riverboats that once graced the Mississippi River. She remains one of the few authentic stern-wheel riverboats operating in the United States today.

“Ladies On The Lake has become a standout favorite in our Women’s Success Network series,” said BVCC President & CEO Jeannie Hebert. “It’s a beautiful setting to build meaningful connections, strengthen relationships, and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the lake with friends and colleagues. Don’t wait to register, this event sells out fast!”

We are proud to thank our generous Presenting Sponsor: UniBank! If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Kristen Keaman.

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events. Members \$55, Future Members \$70. Please RSVP by Aug. 6. For more information, please contact Kristen Keaman at 508.234.9090 ext. 100 or email Kristen at kkeaman@blackstonevalley.org.

The mission of BVCC Women’s Success Network is to unite women to achieve their vision of success by creating a community of support and inspiration in their personal and professional lives.

Vendor Fair planned at Uxbridge Congregational Church

UXBRIDGE — A Fall vendor Fair is being planned for Sept. 26 in the Community House of the Uxbridge Congregational Church from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no rain date as the event will be held indoors. Response has been very good but a few spaces still remain. Donation for table rental space is \$30 for an eight-by-eight-foot space. Thus far we have a wide selection of vendors so come and join us before the holiday rush.

To reserve a space please email: Uxbridgeucc@outlook.com or call 508-244-7849 and an application will be sent to you. Hope you can join us.



imothy Ryan — Courtesy

Uxbridge Selectman John Wise (left) and members of the Uxbridge 300th Committee raise the flag at the First Congregational Church in Uxbridge Center on Saturday.

DCR offers free July hikes and nature programs across Blackstone Valley

UXBRIDGE — The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation is inviting residents and visitors to explore the natural and historic resources of the Blackstone Valley through a series of free recreational hikes and interpretive programs scheduled throughout July.

Programs are open to the public, require no registration and offer opportunities for participants of all ages to learn about the region's ecology, history and outdoor recreation.

The recreational hike series, designed for ages 12 and older, features guided walks through several state parks and forests in the Blackstone Valley. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

The July schedule includes:
 Sunday, July 5, 2 to 4 p.m.: Skull Rock Lock Loop at Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park. Participants will hike approximately 2.5 miles over rugged forest terrain with mild inclines. The group will meet at the Skull Rock Lock parking area.

Sunday, July 12, 1 to 4 p.m.: Nuthatch Loop at Upton State Forest. This approximately 4.5-mile hike follows loose gravel trails with steep inclines. Participants should meet at the CCC Camp parking area. Restrooms will be available.

Sunday, July 19, 2 to 4 p.m.: Reservoir Loop at Douglas State Forest. The approximately 4-mile route includes rugged forest trails and gravel surfaces with steep inclines. Participants should meet at the Route 16 parking area.

Sunday, July 26, 1 to 4 p.m.: Whitehall Reservoir Loop at Whitehall State Park in Hopkinton. The approximately 5-mile hike features rugged forest and gravel trails with steep inclines. Participants will meet at the Highland Street parking area, 300 Wood St.,

Hopkinton. The recreational hike series will continue throughout August with additional guided hikes at Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, Upton State Forest, Douglas State Forest, the Blackstone River Greenway and Blackstone Gorge.

In addition to the hikes, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park will offer several educational programs at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge.

Each Friday from 10 to 11 a.m., children ages 3 to 6 can participate in Kidleidoscope, a weekly story time and hands-on nature activity. Siblings are also welcome.

Special Saturday programs include:
 July 4, 1 to 2 p.m.: Woodlands and Waterways Tour, a one-mile guided walk along the Blackstone Canal exploring local wildlife and watershed conservation. The program is appropriate for ages 6 and older.

July 11, 1 to 2 p.m.: A Shuttle into the Past, a presentation tracing the journey of wool from fleece to woven fabric while exploring the history of textile production in the Blackstone Valley. Recommended for ages 12 and older.


July 18, 1 to 2 p.m.: Building the Canal Tour, a two-mile guided walk highlighting the construction and historical importance of the Blackstone Canal and its role in the Industrial Revolution. The program is appropriate for ages 12 and older.

Participants in all programs are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear appropriate

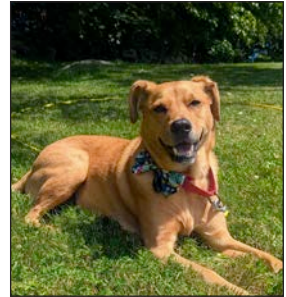
footwear and bring insect repellent. Bathrooms and drinking water are not available at many hike locations unless otherwise noted.

Programs may be modified or canceled due to weather or other conditions.

For the latest schedule or additional information, call 508-278-7604 or visit bit.ly/blstupdates. Reasonable accommodations are available with advance notice by contacting Moneesha Dasgupta at 617-645-0358 or by email at moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.




PAW of the WEEK
CHESTER
 5 YR./53 LB./MALE/RETRIEVER/CATTLE DOG MIX



Hi, I'm Chester — I'm the kind of guy who will happily toss a toy around one minute and then roll over for belly rubs the next. I love my people deeply and bond closely with "my" humans. Once you're in my circle, you're in for life. I'm happiest when I'm playing, relaxing near you, or soaking up affection. I have a big heart, a playful streak, and a soft side that just wants to feel safe and loved.

A Few Honest Notes (Because Communication Matters)
 I'm not a cat guy — it's just not my vibe. I've been around other dogs at the rescue and have done fine, but I didn't have much proper socialization before coming here. When dogs rush up to me, I can feel unsure and a little overwhelmed. Because of that, I'd feel most confident being your one-and-only pup while I continue building skills and confidence at my own pace.

Vet visits used to make me nervous too — especially nail trims and being confined for exams. But guess what? I've made amazing progress. With the help of our awesome trainer, Jackie, I learned to file my own nails (yes, I'm basically a DIY king), and I've been muzzle trained so I can safely and successfully handle checkups and vaccinations! With a little medication beforehand and the right support, I'm doing so much better already. I'm proof that patience and training truly work.



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 - 10. 007's creator
 - 11. Adult male
 - 12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
 - 13. Cloths spread over a coffin
 - 15. Breeze through
 - 16. Ladyfish genus
 - 19. We all take them
 - 21. Earl's jurisdiction
 - 23. Members of U.S. Navy
 - 24. Rummy-like card game
 - 25. Affected by injury
 - 26. Member of a Semitic people
 - 27. Withdrew from a union
 - 30. Woman's cloak
 - 34. Spanish river
 - 35. Prohibit
 - 36. Something you can take
 - 41. Dish soap brand
 - 45. Ottoman military commanders
 - 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
 - 47. Makes somber
 - 50. Discuss again
 - 54. A tool to inject
 - 55. Support
 - 56. Informal term for money
 - 57. Catch doing something wrong
 - 59. Prehistoric people
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- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Indoor plant
 - 2. Marketable
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 - 5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 6. Irish hip-hop trio
 - 7. Ageless
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 - 9. Pokes at
 - 13. TV channel
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 - 17. Cooking material
 - 18. Investment account
 - 20. Iron-containing compound
 - 22. Swiss river
 - 27. Small coin (French)
 - 28. Electronic countermeasures
 - 29. Taxi
 - 31. Helps little firms
 - 32. Unhappy
 - 33. Midway between northeast and east
 - 37. Glowing
 - 38. Item to be addressed
 - 39. An informal body of friends
 - 40. Intrinsic nature of something
 - 41. Neural structures
 - 42. Brews
 - 43. A place for ships
 - 44. One who sings holiday songs
 - 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
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St. Patrick's to hold Beer & Dynamite Blast

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Soter supports \$63.4 billion state budget

SPENDING PLAN INCLUDES LOCAL AID INCREASES AND ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

BOSTON — State Rep. Michael Soter (R-Bellingham) recently supported a \$63.4 billion state budget that calls for increased state aid to cities and towns, lays the groundwork for future local aid reform, and holds the line on new taxes and fees.

After several weeks of negotiations, House and Senate conferees agreed to a compromise spending plan to fund state government in Fiscal Year 2027. The final conference committee report was filed on June 30 and approved by the House and Senate on July 1, the first day of the new fiscal year.

During the initial House budget debate in April, Representative Soter advocated for a series of reforms to assist municipalities struggling with rising costs and increasing budget constraints, factors which have forced many communities to pursue Proposition 2 1/2 overrides just to maintain basic core services. While more work needs to be done to make communities whole, he noted that the latest budget continues to move in the right direction by providing additional state funding assistance to cities and towns.

Representative Soter said the budget contains significant increases in local aid funding, including Chapter 70 education assistance and Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA), which supports a wide range of municipal programs and services, including public safety. Chapter 70 is funded at \$7.66 billion statewide, which represents an increase of about \$297 million over Fiscal Year 2026. UGGA is funded at \$1.363 billion, which is a \$40 million increase over the previous fiscal year, with the additional funding set to be distributed on a per capita basis.

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget increases per pupil aid to \$160 per pupil while fully funding the sixth and final year of the 2019 Student Opportunity Act. Soter noted that the new budget will provide the 8th Worcester District with \$45,598,457 in Chapter 70 aid and another \$7,895,120 in unrestricted municipal aid.

Chapter 70 Educational Aid	Unrestricted Government Aid
Bellingham \$10,967,237	\$2,208,493
Blackstone \$162,423	\$1,758,565
Millville \$73,662	\$524,402
Blackstone-Millville Regional \$12,330,088	-
Medway \$11,703,987	\$1,591,897
Uxbridge \$10,361,060	\$1,811,763

Advocating for the communities in his district, Soter was also able to secure funding for several critical local projects in the budget, including:

- \$20,000 for Bellingham Senior Center Parking Lot
- \$20,000 for Blackstone-Millville Regional Schools Security and Safety Upgrades
- \$20,000 for Millville Elementary School Generator Replacement

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- \$25,000 for Medway Food Pantry
- \$25,000 for Medway Community Farm
- \$20,000 for Uxbridge's 300th Anniversary

With members of the House Republican Caucus continuing to push for expanded financial relief for cities and towns, Representative Soter said he was encouraged by the inclusion of language reviving the Foundation Budget Review Commission, which will evaluate how foundation budgets are calculated and recommend potential changes to the Chapter 70 formula to ensure a more equitable distribution of school funding. The commission will also look at spending on other education-related programs to see where improvements can be made, such as rural school aid, charter school costs, out-of-district special education costs, and school district transportation costs, including road mileage and geographic area.

Soter said the commission will hold at least four public hearings in geographically diverse regions of the Commonwealth to gather input. The commission is required to file its initial recommendations by October 31, 2028.

According to Soter, the Fiscal Year 2027 budget provides cities and towns with \$57.1 million in regional school transportation, \$35.2 million in homeless student transportation under the McKinney-Vento Act, \$654.6 million in Special Education Circuit Breaker funding, and \$200.4 million in charter school reimbursements. It also provides \$16 million in rural school aid, along with \$5.3 million for the school food services program and \$4.4 million for the school breakfast program.

In addition to not imposing any new taxes or fee increases, the Fiscal Year 2027 budget continues to build the state's Stabilization Fund reserves, more commonly known as the Rainy Day Fund, which is used during times of extreme economic downturns to help preserve critical state programs for Massachusetts residents. With a planned \$51 million deposit, the fund is expected to grow to \$8.2 billion this year.

Gov. Maura Healey has until July 11 to review and act on the budget. In the meantime, the state will continue to operate under a \$7.7 billion interim budget that was approved on June 29.

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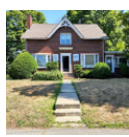
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EDITORIAL

Eighty years, countless lessons

Eighty years is long enough to watch the world reinvent itself many times over.

In the span of Frank and Alice Susskey's marriage, the United States has welcomed 14 presidents, sent astronauts to the moon, witnessed the rise of television, personal computers, the internet, and smartphones. Uxbridge itself has changed, neighborhoods have grown, businesses have come and gone, and generations of families have built lives in the same community the Susskeys have always called home.

Yet through all of that change, one thing remained constant: a promise made on July 6, 1946.

Reaching an 80th wedding anniversary is an achievement so rare that fewer than one percent of married couples ever experience it. That rarity alone makes the occasion remarkable. But the true significance is not found in the number of years. It is found in what those years represent.

A successful marriage is not built by avoiding hardship. It is built by facing hardship together.

Every long marriage includes seasons of joy and seasons of uncertainty. There are illnesses, financial challenges, family worries, disappointments, celebrations, births, losses, and countless ordinary days that never make headlines. It is the willingness to keep choosing one another through every chapter that creates something extraordinary.

The oak is the traditional symbol for an 80th anniversary, and it is difficult to imagine a more fitting comparison. Oaks do not become mighty overnight. They grow slowly, weather storms, endure changing seasons, and deepen their roots year after year until they become symbols of strength and permanence.

Communities need oaks.

In an era that often celebrates what is new, fast, and temporary, couples like Frank and Alice remind us of the value of patience, commitment, and perseverance. Their example quietly challenges the notion that everything worthwhile should come easily. Some of life's greatest accomplishments are measured not in months or years, but in decades of shared purpose.

The celebration at the Uxbridge Senior Center reflected that understanding. Family members gathered alongside friends, neighbors, local officials, and community leaders because milestones like this belong not only to one family, but to an entire town. They remind us that communities are built by people who invest their lives in one another over time.

It is especially meaningful that the Susskeys have spent their entire lives in Uxbridge. Their story is woven into the history of the town itself. Every longtime resident carries memories that become part of a community's identity, and couples who spend a lifetime together become living links between generations.

Young couples can look at an anniversary like this and perhaps wonder what the secret might be. There is no single formula. Every marriage is unique. But if there is one lesson that stands out, it is that enduring relationships are built day by day, conversation by conversation, act of kindness by act of kindness.

The grand celebrations are memorable, but they are supported by thousands of quiet moments that no one else ever sees.

As anniversary cards continue to arrive at the Senior Center, each one represents more than congratulations. They express gratitude for an example that reminds all of us what steadfast commitment looks like.

In a world that often seems to move faster every year, Frank and Alice Susskey have shown that some of life's greatest achievements cannot be rushed. They are earned through faithfulness, resilience, humor, forgiveness, and love practiced over a lifetime.

That is something worth celebrating, not only on an anniversary, but every day.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gone and forgotten

To the Editor:

In case many are unaware, the Cocke 'n Kettle has been listed on both Massachusetts and National Registers of Historic Places since 1983. Located at the junction of South Main Street and the Quaker Highway, the 1970 restoration by Nick and Marjorie Sampson of the lovely white Georgian building is fondly remembered by those who have long lived in Uxbridge. Theirs was a restaurant where 'special occasions' were celebrated by grandparents, parents and children for decades. Local teenagers served popovers or buses tables in the dining rooms while adults enjoyed sophisticated entertainment and dancing in the bar. Beautiful 18th century wood, brick and working fireplaces were seen everywhere.

Those who have lived in town less long have different memories of that same structure as a sad example of a once proud structure gone to rack and ruin by neglect; deserted and desolate for decades. In a now-you-see-it, now-you-don't scenario, a wrecking ball demolished the Cocke 'n Kettle under cover of darkness.

The original part of the building, facing the street, was home to Bazaleel Taft, Jr. A short story in a book, published by the

Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (2005), highlighted its historic 'connection' to Uxbridge. During the initial restaurant renovation, a Hessian sword was found in one of the walls, lending credence to a local legend that German mercenaries visited the property as they marched through the Blackstone Valley during the American Revolution. Other renovations uncovered unexplainable cubby holes throughout the mansion that supported a likely theory these were 'hiding spots' designed to conceal escaped slaves as they traveled the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada.

Lesson learned (again!): impressive bureaucratic designations do not save historic places from destruction, only we can accomplish that. As Uxbridge begins a year-long celebration of its 300th birthday, what is gone is too often forgotten by us. Sadder yet, it is never known, much less remembered, by future generations.

Meanwhile, thank our Founding Fathers for 'bequeathing' to all of us this great Nation and proudly proclaim, "Happy America 250!"

JANE F. KEEGAN
UXBRIDGE

Time for a tax revolt

To the Editor:

Massachusetts state taxes! Do I have your full attention?

In this, our Semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence, we Massachusetts taxpayers need a tax revolt!

Did you know that Beacon Hill is taxing Massachusetts citizens into extinction? In the 2025 State Tax Competitiveness Index, we ranked 41st as one of the worst states for taxation!

What do we get for it? "Overly burdensome individual income taxes, property taxes and unearned income taxes put Massachusetts in the bottom 10 in the entire nation," says a report by the Tax Foundation. The bottom 10th!

Did you know that our Attorney General is incompetent and inept? Or corrupt? Or both? Three times, she erred in her summary or certification of ballot referendums to the detriment of voters. It is starting to look like a plot!

Over 100,000 Massachusetts citizens signed a petition to put a tax cut referendum on the 2026 ballot to reduce state taxes from 5 percent to 4 percent. Our AG, Andrea Joy Campbell, stupidly, corruptly, on purpose, or all three, incorrectly stated what the referendum would do to a certain class of taxes.

All the best legal minds in the state, working for the Attorney General, drafted an incorrect summary? Well, maybe if you live two hours away from Boston in gentrified Dartmouth, like the AG, the minions don't do their legal work. No one in her office has read our state Constitution. Or does any research. Or work. Duh.

Ten prior Attorneys General made mistakes, but never in ballot summaries that require first year law student skills. Andrea Campbell is a DEI hire. Or rather, a DEI politician. Not a lawyer. Oh, she has a law degree, but she's no lawyer.

As soon as the faulty summary of the tax cut referendum was "certified" for the 2026 ballot as "fully compliant" by the Attorney General, plaintiffs filed suit declaring that the tax cut summary was incorrect.

Who were these "plaintiffs"? You can guess. Communists, Socialists and Unions. [Finer v. Attorney General, SJC 13885]. Massachusetts Action for Justice, "community activists." Other plaintiffs are the SEIU union [socialist]. Coalition for Social Justice. Massachusetts Teachers union. Must I draw a picture?

These plaintiffs argued that the Attorney General's summary of the ballot question violated the state Constitution's require-

ment of a "fair concise summary." They petitioned the state Supreme Judicial Court to strike the referendum from the ballot. On June 18, the court did so. It's a day that will live in infamy.

Proponents of the law argued that the Attorney General's "mistake" was not fatal. Any simple reading of the law shows that capital gains tax is included. But the Court said that the ballot summary by "our" AG Campbell incorrectly stated that the tax rate cut would not impact long-term capital gains. "The summary is significantly misleading." Gee, how did that happen?

The Massachusetts High Technology Council, the Pioneer Institute, the Massachusetts Opportunity Alliance, and the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership proposed the ballot question to relieve residents from the state's high cost of living and slow the massive outflow of mid-and-high income earners.

The Commonwealth Beacon said the Court's ruling is "a massive decision that cuts the fuse of a revenue bomb that had top Democrats in the House, Senate, and corner office sweating. Analysts estimated that reducing the income tax rate from 5 percent to 4 percent would trim \$5 billion from the state budget... forcing cuts to public spending." Cuts the fuse of a revenue bomb?

Heaven forbid that the citizens force the government to cut spending! Tax payers would have saved \$5 billion because it had over 68 per cent support. The legislators had been crying "this is catastrophic! We won't be able to spend billions on illegals, climate change, and Communist policies that worsen our standard of living each year!" Woe to Beacon Hill elites.

The Pioneer Institute asked why should voters suffer because "an error by the attorney general's office" killed the referendum question? Why, indeed.

It was a government mistake. The government should fix it, not penalize voters. Instead the voters are denied the right to vote themselves a tax cut. The AG made a mistake on the rent control referendum. Off the ballot. Another referendum to reform how the legislature hands out stipends, the AG rejected. Another mistake.

"They" didn't like the 2024 Audit referendum voted into law by 75 percent of state counties. So, they do not enforce the law. Now, they remove a tax cut referendum last minute to stop us from voting on it. How clever of the Commies.

Time to be wide awake. Time for a tax revolution in Massachusetts.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Small habits help shape a stronger financial future



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Financial security doesn't have to come from a big salary, a lucky investment or some dramatic turning point. For most people, wealth is built more simply, through small habits repeated many times over.

If you're like many young people, you may feel you don't have enough money to start investing. The reality is that you're in a great position to build the small habits that will help you create lasting wealth. Here are five tips to help you get started.

Automate savings before you spend. One of the most powerful financial habits you can build is among the easiest. Set up an automatic transfer such as by contributing to an employer retirement plan or exploring if you can direct part of your paycheck to a savings or investment account.

This helps remove the temptation to spend that money instead of saving it. Even setting aside 1 to 5 percent of your income can help build momentum over time.

Watch the small stuff. It's easy to dismiss a \$15-a-month streaming service or a \$6 coffee twice a week. But those small purchases add up. Forgotten subscriptions, food delivery fees and impulse buys can quietly drain your bank account.

"Just \$25 a week, if invested well, can grow into the thousands in a few short years." Scan your recurring charges regularly, cancel what you don't use and put that money to work instead.

Don't let your lifestyle outpace your income. When you get a raise or bonus, it's tempting to upgrade your apartment, car or everyday spending. This "lifestyle creep" can be a significant hindrance to building wealth.

Here's an alternate approach: Every time your income goes up, increase your savings rate before anything else. Even saving half of a raise while spending the rest puts you ahead.

Start now, even imperfectly. Don't wait to start investing. Even if you can only set aside a small amount each month, do it. Starting just five to 10 years earlier can result in significantly more wealth down the line, even if the early contributions are small, thanks to compounding.

Compounding means your contributions earn interest, and even that interest earns interest. Over decades, that snowball effect can make a world of difference.

Stay aware, not obsessed. You don't necessarily need to track every dollar you spend. But you do need to be aware of your money habits. A quick weekly or monthly check-in on your accounts, spending patterns and progress toward savings goals can help you catch problems early.

Financial awareness also means protecting what you build. An emergency fund covering three to six months of total expenses keeps one bad month from becoming a financial crisis. Avoiding high-interest debt does the same. These defensive habits make everything else possible.

Your financial future likely won't be shaped by one big decision. Instead, it will probably be built by small choices you make every day. And the best time to start making good choices is now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Behind closed doors with some fictionalized 'Founderring' Fathers

To the Editor:

Imagine experiencing the wonder of it. Listening in on that first meeting that the Continental Congress of 1776 demanded of their steeds and their attending quorum. Five men from among their allegedly greater numbers had duly assembled as was the demand to mutually author their state's mutual declarations of independence from the crown and soon to be former government.

The building so full of holes and weaknesses that some British fool or other would almost always eavesdrop on the whole of their conversations at will. Doing so while some closet-loyalist traitor would ball-pein-pen the whole of it down. Just as the Viscount of Rumford had once taught his personal scribes to do.

Such superiorly smooth, well-oiled velum was not cheap, but it was the most flammable of all literary products of those revolutionary days.

A quick squeeze of the widened part of the quill, with its bee's wax filled loading hole held down tight... that writing ball would shoot out like a cannon's fire with an infernal flame of destruction. The choice of using its sparker up to the lead spy's discretion. The high-grade alcohol utilized in what would barely pass for ink along with that velum was like writing on a lit matchstick soaked in kerosene. The melting point of the writing ball's alloy so low that even a hot breath might deform it to a flattened splatter. Only their Benjamin Thompson could have conceived of such a combination of such seemingly desperate parts.

"Adams. Get me that fellow Jefferson... that 'perpetually' imprisoned, stammering Virginian with no slaves of his own to his name. Without even speaking a word of our plan to prove that fool Carroll is betraying us all, Thomas Jefferson will do in minutes what we three cannot seem to get accomplished in days."

A stunned John Adams replied, "Mr. Franklin, Thomas Jefferson is good, I will grant you. But sir..."

"Su-su-su-sir," Sherman interrupted, "should we not give our speakings, spokings and bespokables that Jeffersonian ring about them? Along, of course, with their overly wordy, wordly assigns and their mutual assignations and their most holy of likenesses. Or however you fool legalizers put the simplest of ideas into the largest possible body of words as such are so routinely set down upon the parchment with your quills?"

Adams, shaking his head with a grin, answered, "Yes, Mr. Franklin. As this many times removed, drunken sot of a 'cousin' of mine has bespoken so eloquently of late... or perhaps and may be even may haps a bit later than that, by all means let us give Thomas Jefferson a chance to prove himself capable of what we desire of him. Did I take your meaning correctly, Mr. Sherman?"

"Forgive me, kind sir," Sherman quipped back, "my ears have a habit of shutting themselves off whenever they hear the word 'yes' being bespoken by you on my behalf."

Within what seemed like minutes of his arrival, Jefferson had deduced his tasks and more, doing what none of that gang of three dreamed possible. With their betrayer Carroll dispatched to the nearest pub, it was now Jefferson's turn to query his still chuckling inquisitors. But alas, as his stammer began kicking itself in, as per usual, Sherman took the floor.

"Mr. Jefferson, su-su-sir, am I stu-stu-stammering to our mutual satisfaction?"

"No, su-sir, you are not. For yours is the most masterful of st-stammers that I have ever encountered thus far. May I inquire as to just how you managed to acquire such a wonder?"

"Drink, sir. All of my powers, as yu-yu-you must know, are derived from drink."

"And so it is true, you are the mightiest of our future ambassadors, are you not, Mr. Sherman? The ambassador of all ales, brews, Irish whiskeys and the like? How on earth did you manage to translate the meaning of the womanly phrase, 'Remember the ladies,' from the most revolutionary of all female tongues, doing so in words so succinctly arranged for us mere mortal men to better ken? Learned men who could never quite grasp the multitudes of concepts involved?"

"Wu-wu-what's that, Mr. Jefferson? Try using more of your stammers and less of those fool long-winded words of yours. My head aches from the lack of drink so much that I cannot ken nor catch the driftwood as su-su-such may exist within your too verbosely verbalized splinterings."

Jefferson instantly obliged.

"Ha-ha-how did you, of all our most learned men, ca-ca-ca-come to the a-a-a-all too correct conclusion-in-ins... that the word 'ladies,' when bespoken by a female on our su-su-side of this bu-bloody ca-conflict, always and forev-

er and a daylight or two, included women; young and old; girls young, middle-aged and old; barmaids, harlots, prostitutes, Indian maidens in a-a-all of their myriad forms and formulations, in addition to all the other female multitudes, as su-such do exist within the very subsets of their heavenly-intended, distended, pretended and mankind-upended and ritually enriching amended species?"

"Blast you, Adams, you were right! This fool of a red-head even speaks in bespeckled frecklings of punctuation marks as such exist on their parchment-alings within his very speech. Mr. Jefferson, is your head still up there in the clouds after this success of yours? Nod once or twice if you can still hear me. Mr. Franklin may have had the foresight to bring a feather to atmospherically measure, to the greatest of precisions of preciseness, the breeze downwind and mutually downtrodden of your head nods."

"By God, Franklin, with or without enough ale in me to think straight, I believe I could spot, doing so from another county, mind you... all the commas from the semi-colonics, along with the apostrophes and their fi-fications... be they all or not all, within their singulars or their double-take formulations."

"Mr. Jefferson! If you can still hear me from way down here... try folding down at your waistline or thereabouts near head height for the rest of us. Then upfold or maybe downfold just a might or might not your bottom limbs from that wisp of a tree trunk of a body of yourn, so we can all see each other eye to eye, so to speak!"

Jefferson, like the other two men, fell into the nearest chair, trying not to miss their intended targets while doing their best not to laugh aloud in further encouragement of Sherman's legendary tavern antics.

"Ah! So here we all are again. Mr. Jefferson, now that we're all a bit closer to the earth itself, I must be quite honest. The telling of such a glorious tale of remembering the ladies and their women-folk can take us more hours into the night than we now presently have. So after we all stretch our legs a bit... no, not you just yet, Mr. Jefferson. We littler folk need a bit of a head start on ya no matter how short the break we take in our duties."

Adams seconded, "Yes, Sherman. We can now take the break we have earned. Here's your winnings as promised. My intent in our wager was to have you lighten the moment for our Mr. Jefferson here, not slay this man silly as if he was some dragon of old for you to vanquish with your 'tavernish' humor, as you call it."

"Oh, so that was your intent, was it?" Sherman grinned. "After you said 'yes' to my ideas of introduction, both of my ears must have gone off their mark a bit. 'Try to slay the giant dragoon in the room as best you can' was what my ears took it all to mean."

STEPHEN GAMBONE
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The bench nobody reserved

Every town seems to have one. It's not famous. It doesn't appear on postcards. There's no plaque explaining its historical significance. It's simply a bench.

Maybe it's outside the library. Maybe it's on the town common, beside the post office, or tucked beneath a maple tree near the bandstand. People walk by it every day without giving it much thought. Yet that bench has probably heard more stories than anyone in town.

I found myself sitting on one recently while I waited for an appointment that was running behind. It wasn't a particularly comfortable bench. One armrest was loose, the paint had faded, and the seat tilted just enough to remind you it had been through a few New England winters. Still, people kept coming and going.

An older gentleman stopped to rest after his morning walk. A mother tied her son's sneaker before they

continued toward the playground. Two friends chatted for ten minutes before heading in opposite directions. A teenager sat long enough to finish an ice cream cone before pedaling away. None of them stayed very long.

That's the beauty of a town bench. It's a place where nobody feels obligated to linger, but nobody feels rushed to leave. We don't seem to have many places like that anymore.

Coffee shops often expect you to buy something. Restaurants need your table eventually. Even parks seem busier than they once were, filled with organized games and scheduled events.

A simple bench asks nothing of you. You can sit quietly. You can wave to people you know. You can watch the clouds build over the hills

LANTERNS ALONG MAIN STREET

By CHARLES

or count how many dogs pass by before lunch. For a few minutes, you become part of the rhythm of the town instead of racing through it. I think that's something we've lost without realizing it.

We're very good at getting somewhere. We're not nearly as good at simply being somewhere.

Years ago, people naturally found themselves lingering in public spaces. They visited on front porches, gathered around the town common, or leaned against pickup trucks outside the feed store. Conversations weren't planned. They simply unfolded because people happened to cross paths.

Today, our schedules are tighter and our attention is

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Qualified contractors are invited to bid on a set of contract documents for the construction of The Mechanic Street and Pleasant Street Complete Streets Improvements in the Town of East Brookfield. Class of work is Highway-Construction. Invitation for Bidders (IFB) Packages with specifications and a sample contract will be available on June 23, 2026. Request for bid documents can be emailed to Christopher Lyman at clyman@hshassoc.com. Sealed bids entitled "Bid for Mechanic Street and Pleasant Street Complete Streets Improvements" will be accepted at the East Brookfield Highway Department, located at 424 East Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515, until July 28, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.



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BHS Class of 1986 seeks community's help locating classmates for 40th reunion

REGION — As the Bartlett High School Class of 1986 prepares to celebrate its 40th reunion on Sept. 26, organizers are asking the community for assistance in locating classmates who have not yet been reached through social media or via text.

To make the process simple, the reunion committee has created a short contact-in-

formation form and is encouraging residents, friends, and former classmates to help spread the word. If you know someone on the "missing classmates" list, organizers ask that you text them the link to the form so they can update their information.

Contact Info Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BHS1986-40Years>
If it's easier, you

may also complete the form on a classmate's behalf—so long as you have their current contact details. Organizers emphasize that any help tracking them down is truly appreciated, as personal connections often succeed where digital outreach falls short.

A list of classmates the committee is hoping to locate appears below. With the com-

munity's support, they hope every member of the Class of '86 will have the opportunity to join this milestone celebration.

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Leah Cox

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank has appointed Leah Cox as senior vice president and chief credit officer, adding a seasoned banking executive to its leadership team as the bank continues to support commercial growth and maintain strong risk management practices across its market.

In her new role, Cox will oversee the Bank's commercial credit function, including portfolio risk monitoring, credit policy, regulatory compliance and the development of credit staff. She will play a key role in helping ensure the Bank's lending decisions align with its long-term strategic goals.

"Strong credit leadership is essential to supporting our customers while maintaining the safety and soundness of the bank," said Daniel Zona, president of Cornerstone Bank. "Leah offers extensive expertise, sound judgment and a collaborative leadership style that will help us continue serving our business customers and communities for years to come."

Cox brings 24 years of experience in commercial credit, risk management and loan administration. She is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and holds professional certifications from the Risk Management Association and the American Bankers Association.

Cox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and sociology from Boston College. She resides in Swanzey, New Hampshire and volunteers with her local Humane Society.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was

formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local

presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone, which is a subsidiary of PeoplesBankCorp, MHC,

operating independently under its own name and brand, provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations. With the addition of Athol

Savings Bank, a Division of Cornerstone Bank, in 2026, Cornerstone offers customers access to 17 branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts, the most in Worcester County. Built on Trust is

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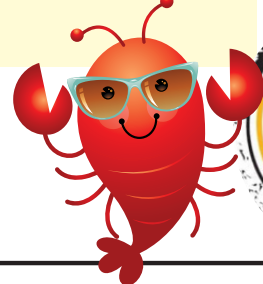
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Madison Silbor named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Madison Silbor of Uxbridge has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 for the Spring 2026 term, be a matriculated student with at least 12 credits, at least nine of which must confer grade points at the time the list is finalized. Silbor is majoring in Undeclared at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates, and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. The Plymouth State Cluster Learning Model emphasizes open, integrative, and project-based experiences. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.

Andrea Plichta graduates from Emporia State University

EMPORIA, Kan. — Andrea Plichta of Uxbridge was among more than 500 students who graduated from Emporia State University in May 2026.

Plichta graduated with a Master of Science degree in Health, Physical Education, & Recreation.

During ceremonies on May 15 and 16, Neelima Parasker, a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, gave remarks.

About Emporia State University

Emporia State University offers a range of academic programs through its seven schools: Applied Health Sciences, Business and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Library and Information Management and Library and Archives, Science and Mathematics and Visual and Performing Arts, along with The Teachers College.

ESU stands out for its innovative education practices. It ensures accessible education by offering in-state tuition rates to full-time undergraduate students from all lower-48 United States. Additionally, full-time undergraduates benefit from flat-rate tuition - students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours with at least one credit hour on campus pay a flat rate.

For more information on how to build your future at Emporia State University, please visit www.emporia.edu.

Students named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2026 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Spring 2026 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized.

The following local students have been named to the Presidents List:

Elisabeth Adams of Northbridge
James Oatis of Northbridge
Justine Brueggemann of Whitinsville
Cecelia White of Douglas

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TO:

Tammy Labrie

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered 10 Laurel Hill Road, given by Tammy Labrie to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Home Mortgage Corporation dba First Home Mortgage Services, dated March 28, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60203, Page 383, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on March 10, 2025, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 71722, Page 379 and now held by 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 August 10, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on June 29, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
28811
July 10, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. W021P0684PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of:
Elizabeth Dricken Of: Uxbridge, MA
Protected Person/Disabled Person/
Respondent
You have the right to object to the ac-count(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M on the return date**

of **07/28/2026** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court

You have the right to send to the Con-servator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal af-fairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, June 27, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman
July 10, 2026

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26 SM 001974
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:

Richard B. Carter ; Ruth E. Carter and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge (Whitinsville), numbered 45 Center Street, given by Richard B. Carter and Ruth E. Carter to Citizens Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated October 29, 2001, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25122, Page 252, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July 1, 2019, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 60680, Page 135, and now held by 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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. WO26P2040EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Eileen M. Gosselin
Date of Death:03/24/2026**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John W. Gosselin of Northbridge 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: .
John W. Gosselin of Northbridge MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate 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 07/28/2026.**

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets

and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 29, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 10, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO26P2096EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Carol A Pelletier
Date of Death:06/02/2026**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Deborah J Sisk of Finger TN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: .
Deborah J Sisk of Finger TN be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate 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 07/28/2026.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 10, 2026

Local University of Rhode Island students named to Spring President's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 President's List. Among them are:

- Cate Buma of Uxbridge
- Katharine Fox of Uxbridge
- Avery Guillette of Uxbridge
- Mackenzie Malone of Whitinsville
- Erika Our of Douglas
- Mia Pellegrino of Northbridge
- Stella Roy of Uxbridge
- Haleigh Wagner of Douglas
- Isabelle Washington of Whitinsville

To be included on the President's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.80 through 4.0 grade point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.80 through 4.0 grade point average.

Students named to the President's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

About the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: uri.edu.

New England Country Music Club welcomes Rustic Country

UXBRIDGE — The New England Country Music Club will hold a dance with live, classic country music on Sunday, July 12 with Rustic Country at the Uxbridge Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge, MA. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., music 1-5 p.m. Admission charge, cash bar, snacks are allowed.

Local resident graduates from Pacific University

FOREST GROVE, Ore. — Charles Garrigan of Whitinsville graduated in Spring 2026 from Pacific University in Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Founded in 1849, Pacific University is Washington County, Oregon's only comprehensive university, offering over 50 undergraduate majors and 28 graduate and professional degrees. With over 175 years of helping students discover their purpose, Pacific inspires its 3,400 students to think, care, create, and pursue justice in the world. The No. 1 private research institution in the Northwest, Pacific serves its communities through campuses in Forest Grove and Hillsboro, healthcare clinics throughout the Portland area and through 34,000 alumni pursuing lives of purpose globally.

Matthew Denton graduates from University of Mississippi

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Matthew Denton of Uxbridge is among the more than 3,800 students who earned their degrees from the University of Mississippi in May 2026.

Denton, who majored in Computer Science, received a B.S. in Computer Science from the School of Engineering. Undergraduate and graduate candidates received degrees from the College of Liberal Arts, General Studies and schools of Accountancy, Applied Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Journalism and New Media, Law and Pharmacy.

"Our May 2026 graduates are distinguished by their commitment to academic excellence and are prepared to build legacies that began here at Ole Miss," UM Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "Their impact on the world around them is already taking shape, and they have bright futures ahead."

May 2026 graduates were invited to walk across the stage at the University of Mississippi's 173rd Commencement exercises, which were held by individual colleges and schools May 7-9. The universitywide morning Convocation took place Saturday, May 9 in the Grove, with Brett Young, country music artist and former Ole Miss baseball pitcher, giving the keynote address.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.



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Area residents named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Clark University announces students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Coulton S. Manning, of Northbridge was named to first honors

JJ Gifford, of Whitinsville was named to second honors

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 44 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

Grace Harty of Whitinsville graduates from University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Grace Harty of Whitinsville has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy from the College of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions.

A total of 1,093 students received graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the Class of 2026.

Please join us in congratulating all our students for their hard work and academic success!

The University of Hartford blends raw passion with emerging talent, offering intentional preparation across six career-focused schools and colleges so every student can thrive. Located on a 350-acre campus neighboring Connecticut's capital city and positioned midway between New York City and Boston—the University is home to approximately 4,300 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from 42 states and 53 countries. Here, students are guided to discover their place, their people, and their purpose.

Kole Wyndham of Northbridge awarded degree from University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Kole Wyndham of Northbridge has received the following degree(s) from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science. UA awarded some 7,000 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies.

A recent economic analysis found that a degree from The University of Alabama has proven to provide an abundant return on investment for graduates, setting the stage for legendary careers while also creating priceless experiences and memories.

The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth to help prepare future generations through its educational, cultural and social experiences. UA is not only home to competitive academic programs, expert faculty and a beautiful campus, but it is also the place Where Legends Are Made.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides a forward-thinking environment and over 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

Dean College announces Spring 2026 Dean's List

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College. Students achieve a place on the Dean's List when they have earned a semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.500 or higher with no grade below a "C" and no "RW," "RP," "RF" or "WF" grades for that semester. Part-time students are eligible after earning 12 credits. Full-time students must complete at least 75% of attempted credits to be eligible for Dean's List consideration.

Ava Turner of Uxbridge
Lia Zajas of Uxbridge

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year, including Sophia Bushika of Douglas and Kathleen Crowley and Brienne Rett of Uxbridge.

To be eligible for this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester, a total of 721 students from 25 states and five countries were recognized.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

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divided. Even while sitting on that old bench, I noticed several people scrolling through their phones instead of looking around. I understand the temptation. I do it myself.

But every now and then it's worth putting the phone away and seeing what's happening right in front of you. You might notice the child determined to jump over every sidewalk crack. The couple debating where to have lunch. The robin tugging an earthworm from the grass with surprising determination. Ordinary moments don't make headlines, but they're often the ones we remember.

Eventually, my appointment was ready, and I stood up to leave. As I walked away, someone else took my place without missing a beat. The bench didn't care who sat there. It simply waited for the next conversation, the next quiet moment, the next person who needed a place to rest for a little while.

Every town should have a bench like that. And every now and then, we ought to take the time to sit on it.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2026 semester.

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 recognized:

Whitinsville resident Alexa Seward, class of 2029, majoring in Civil Engineering

Douglas resident Baron Sherry, class of 2028, majoring in Aerospace Engineering

Douglas resident Brady McMaster, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

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

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

Douglas resident David Berchem Jr., class of 2029, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology

Northbridge resident Dylan Reilly, class of 2029, majoring in Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering

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

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

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

Uxbridge resident Parin Boyalla, class of 2028, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Douglas resident Shaan Chaudhary, class of 2029, majoring in Douglas resident Trevor Jolin, class of 2028, majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development

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

Douglas resident Willow Windoloski, class of 2029, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering

Uxbridge resident Zachary Oliveira, class of 2027, majoring in Management Engineering

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a top-tier, STEM-focused university with an R1 research classification and global leadership in project-based learning. Founded in 1865, WPI's distinctive approach integrates classroom theory with real-world practice, preparing students to tackle critical challenges through inclusive education, impactful projects, and interdisciplinary research. With more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments and over 50 global project centers, WPI advances knowledge and innovation in fields such as life sciences, smart technologies, advanced materials and manufacturing, and global innovation. Learn more at www.wpi.edu.

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impacts. The committee's deep understanding of this bill, and its implications for the financial and physical security of our retirees, was invaluable. Hearing these perspectives firsthand helps me better articulate the necessity of this support to my colleagues and stakeholders.

"To the members of the Steering Committee — thank you for your ongoing commitment to your fellow seniors and for your tireless advocacy. Your proactive work keeps our community strong and ensures that the needs of our retirees remain at the forefront of the legislative agenda. I look forward to continuing our partnership as we advocate for the stability and security you deserve!"

Following the meeting with the local legislators, the steering committee conferenced with the leadership of Mass Retirees on the status of the legislation. Mass Retirees represents 30,000 retired Massachusetts state and local retirees.

Shawn Duhamel, the Mass Retirees Executive Director, released the following statement: "The Mass Retirees Association applauds the leadership of Uxbridge Retirees United for their dedication to advocating on behalf of their fellow retirees. We have appreciated the opportunity to work with the group as they have become engaged in the legislative process, and we appreciate Senator Ryan Fattman for taking the time to meet with the steering committee and hear their concerns firsthand. Grassroots advocacy plays an important role in advancing meaningful legislation, and we look forward to continuing to work with retiree organizations and legislators to strengthen protections for municipal retirees across the Commonwealth."

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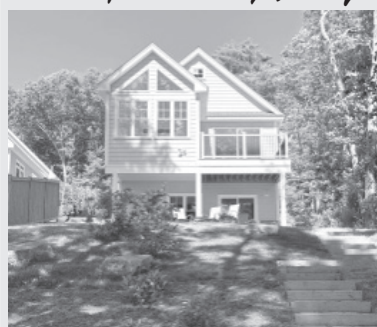
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WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade 6
 High Honors: Charlotte Alberts, Nathaniel Andreychenko, Tara Barton, Charlotte Caruso, Elliot Chandler, Teagan Clifford, Leo Couto, Jana Crnobrnja, Aren DesJardins, Jonathan Gilchrist, Ava Holland, Madison Kumnick, Brynn Martino, Adelaide Osterman, Juliette Schwenke, Logan Vitale

Honors: George Barnes, Liam Brochu, Ella Bullock, Samuel Capuzziello, Maxwell Fogg, James Hastie, Ella Kurczy, Andrew Lambert, Shay Schadler, Davi Silva, Sawyer Szilagyi, Anthony Trapp, Albert Wiesner, Sterling Wilson, Isaac Wood

Grade 7
 High Honors: David Bronitskiy, Dominic Calarese,

Ava Chambers, Elliot Finch, Addison Foppema, Mikaela Foppema, Maeve Hart, Cassidy Houde, Elena Justus, Aliko Kachaje, Avery Mogan, Eleanor Oberlies, Jacob Paiva, Thea Pantazelos, Cecilia Rizzo, Daphne Rufo, Emma Savage, Ayla Sobiech, Nicholas Tomasino, Noelle Wiegiers, Ella Zietek

Honors: Storey Barnes, Mila Crnobrnja, Micah Foster, Makendrick Ignace, Aviana Meehl, Caroline Quinton, Molly Rainbow, Izabela Schofield, Clara Soden, Aelisha Uttangi

Grade 8
 High Honors: Riley Ahearn, Chloe Barker, Evelyn Barnes, Joshua Cambridge, Ethan Cwiakala, Hadley DeFrancisco, Gianna Dyke, Georgia Mulroy, Aletta Osterman, Ella Pitts, Samyra Sethi

Honors: Madelyn Arrigan, James Bourguignon, Lily Brochu, Morgan Colgate, Remi DesJardins, Charlotte Fogg, Arya Gromelski, Brayden Kurczy, Dylan Lucas, Hannah Reynolds, Lillian Schwenke, Jackson Shanahan, Jacob Tomasino, Jonathan Weden

Grade 9
 High Honors: Olivia Barnatt, Elise Bastien, Issac Besong, Molly Chambers, Thomas Cintolo, Poliane Da Silva, Kaleb DeWeerd, Sophie Finch, Mariola Godinez Simon, Dawson Martinka, Elyse McGee, Caitlyn Neal, Sienna Roach, Mason Thakkallapalli, Effrosyni Tzimogianni, Arielle Zdanis

Honors: Mackenzie Brower, Joao Carvalho, Putnam Costello, Isabella DeOliveira, Aidan Domenico, Jack Foppema, Mia Foster, David Gilchrist, Ethan McCabe, Mason Moesker, Allison Seitz, David Trapp

Grade 10
 High Honors: Jaden Ashton, Neriah Bagaya, Benjamin Barron, Thomas Barry, Jacob Beatty, Cadence Calarese, Casrae DesJardins, Tessa Grelewicz-Ferreira, Joshua Hilgenberg, Cameron Houde, Fiona Johnson, Jack Johnson, Katelyn Keeler, Hannah Parke, Thomas Robbins, Ryleigh Shanahan, Olivia Soden, Yvette Solorzano, Abisha Uttangi, Michael Vos

Honors: Lara Alves, Alec Gazda-Tran, Evan Kling, Natalie Tubo, Lucas Weden

Grade 11
 High Honors: Nathan Bagaya, Angelee Bagley, Emily Bastien, Demetri Boermeester, Samantha Boria, Amelia Bowler, Ethan Curry, Aberlin Cwiakala, Avery Dertien, Audyn DeWeerd, Mya Duffy, Josephina Dyke, Enson Enoch, Ian Finch, Abby Flagg, Emily Flagg, Mollaigh Flannery, Lucia Gaudiano, Jude Goodson, Hailey Kindl, Elliot McCabe, Neola Nigh, Sophia Robbins, Ruth Stenbuck, Caleb Tetreault, Nathanael Vos, Emma Whitsitt

Honors: Isabella Aloise, Amelia Besong, Charlotte DeFrancisco, Gabriel Deters, Alexi Gilchrist, Eden Gluckin, Jensen Gonnevill, Aimee Jolicoeur, Carrie Keeler, Joshua LaBonte, Christine Lee, Eamon Moloney, Julia Monteiro, Vaughn Mulroy, Connor Neal, Tyler Rainbow, Amelia Rufo, Elisavet Tzimogianni

Grade 12
 High Honors: Madison Amati, Kacy Brochu, Emily Burkhart, Joao Victor Dasilva, Matthew Dudley, Eli Focht, Elijah Fortna, Brinley Gonnevill, Ethan Hand, Faith Najem, Emily Oatis, Maria Ramos, Justin Smith, Magdalena Szymanska, Lilly Wierenga, Mark Yarger

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Local University of Rhode Island students named to Spring Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 Dean's List. Among them are:

- Paige Fontes of Uxbridge
- Olivia Frabotta of Northbridge
- Oscar Hay of Whitinsville
- Kayla Kamishlian of Northbridge
- Rylie Loftus of Uxbridge
- Caitlin Porcelli of Northbridge
- Jessica Rose of Douglas
- Anna Thompson of Douglas
- Kailyn Washington of Whitinsville

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 through 3.79 grade point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are

GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 through 3.79 grade point average.

Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

About the University of Rhode Island
 The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land-and-sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: uri.edu.



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Regular Programs:

- Meditation with Kelly: Every Thursday morning at 9:30am
- Book Club: Third Wednesday at 10:30am. Please call Kelly for more information.
- Brew Crew: No Meetings in July and August
- Dull Men's Club: No Meetings in July and August
- Scrabble: First and Third Mondays at 9:30am. July 13th and 27th
- Women's Collective: 2nd Thursday at 10:00am. August 13th ~ No meeting. Please call Amy for more information.
- Writing Your Way: 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm. Please call Lori for more information.

Special Programs and Events

Joe Fusco Jr. ~ Worcester County humorist/stand-up poet
 Tuesday, July 21st
 1:30pm-2:30pm
 Joe is the author of six books of semi-amusing poems and essays: "Here We Go Again" (2026), "Random Thoughts from a Curmudgeon" ("(2023)", "Pondering the Pandemic during The Rust Years" (2021); "Hmm...That's Different" (2020); "Three Score" (2014); and "The Lost and

Found Essays" (2012), all available at local bookstores and Amazon. Joe's musings have appeared in Damfino Press, Ballard Street Poetry, Worcester Review, Asinine Poetry, Soul Lit, and the e-zine Clean Sheets. He was a co-winner of the Jacob Knight Poetry Award in 2002 and was named Best Poet by Worcester Magazine readers in 1999 and 2002. Joe is a Humor Columnist for Worcester Magazine and the last Worcester Mega-Slam winner in 2017. He features at bookstores, libraries, clubs, and coffeehouses throughout Central Massachusetts and Belgium. He is the host of The Poetry Extravaganza at The Mill in West Boylston and The Richard Fox Poetry Series in Worcester.

Funny Programs About Funny Programs
 Thursday, July 23rd
 1:00pm-2:00pm

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin will host this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, "The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time!" He will show funny video snippets from many shows, challenge patrons with sitcom trivia, discuss criteria he has used to rank 70 years of sitcoms and talk about how they have evolved. This program is really entertaining so join in on the fun! Sign up in the main office.

What is Alzheimer's Dementia?
 Come and learn the strategies to help cope with both symptoms and behaviors.
 Tuesday, July 28th
 1:30pm-2:30pm

We will explore what the term dementia means, look at changes in the brain, review how diagnoses are made, investigate possible symptoms, and share coping strategies.
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TRI-Valley Nutrition Presentation: "Healthy Eating on a Budget"

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