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Local DAR Chapter presents quilts to veterans

DOUGLAS — The Captain Job Knapp Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) of Douglas, recently held a ceremony for three local United States Veterans and presented them with Veteran Honor Quilts.

The quilts were hand-made by chapter member Louise Zygmuntowicz of Douglas and given to Anthony Lekas, Navy, Era: Vietnam and chapter member Sherry Mitchell and her Michael Mitchell, Army, Era: Vietnam. They also received a DAR Certificate of Appreciation for their service to the United States of America. Mrs. Zygmuntowicz began making and presenting veterans quilts in 2014 and has presented 32 quilts to honor veterans. She does it as a community outreach for the chapter to honor veterans. The ceremony also included readings in recognition of

the 250th Anniversaries of the Army, Navy, and Marines. The presentation concluded with a benediction by Pastor Anthony Mattscheck of the First Congregational Church of Douglas and a reception for all in attendance.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For information, contact Chapter Regent Noveline Beltram at noveline@verizon.net.

Douglas Common Preservation Society participates in Giving Tuesday

BY LYNN PARESKY
DOUGLAS COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. is proud to participate in Giving Tuesday again this year. With our mission of beautifying and maintaining the Town-owned Douglas Common and hosting free community-building activities like the annual Hummingbird Festival, Scarecrow Contest and Holiday Lighting Celebration, the work we do at the Common benefits the entire Douglas Community.

We hope as you consider which nonprofits to support this year for Giving Tuesday, you will select us (as one of the nonprofits that does good right where you live) to receive your donation. Since we are volunteer run, 100 percent of all donations received are used for the Common, whether it's for gardening, maintenance, improvements, seasonal decorating/beautification or community activities.

This year, Giving Tuesday is recognized on

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Holiday
makes
for
early
deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication in our Nov. 28 will be Thursday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to news@stonebridgepress.news.

The staff wishes our readers a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Revel in the magic of the holiday season at BVCC's annual Jingle & Mingle event!

SUTTON — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is excited to extend an invitation to our annual Jingle & Mingle event on the evening of Dec. 3 at Vaillancourt Folk Art, Manchaug Mills, 9 Main St., Sutton. This holiday networking event, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and go until 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and the community is welcome to enjoy the magic of the holidays with us. We are also proud to announce Vaillancourt Folk Art as our Presenting Sponsor.

Jingle & Mingle is always

well attended and guests will enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres, taste a variety of seasonal beverages, be entertained by the music of Daniel Chauvin, enter to win fabulous prizes, holiday shop throughout the lovely Vaillancourt Folk Art, enjoy great company, and mingle with the community!

"Our annual Jingle & Mingle returns to Vaillancourt Folk Art, a night to connect, celebrate, and give back," said Liz O'Neil, Executive Director of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Guests will enjoy a cash bar,

hors d'oeuvres, and live music from Dan Chauvin, along with cozy coffee and cocoa drinks from our friends at Stay A While Café. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the holiday season, make new connections, and support our annual toy drive for Family Services."

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events. Members \$10, Non-Members \$20. Admission is FREE with a donation of an unwrapped toy or giftcard to benefit children of all ages through Blackstone Valley Family Services. Please RSVP by

Nov. 26. For more information, please contact Liz O'Neil at 508-234-9090, ext. 102 or email Liz at, loNeil@blackstonevalley.org.

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.

BVT inducts 57 students into National and Technical Honor Societies

2025 National Honor Society and National
Technical Honor Society Inductees

Jason Abbruzzese
NTHS

Julian Asuncion-Asensio
NHS/NTHS

Ekkehard Bhardwaj
NHS/NTHS

Emily Blending
NHS

Dylan Boller
NHS/NTHS

Libani Carpenter
NHS/NTHS

Elena Carminaro
NHS/NTHS

Kathleen Crosby
NHS/NTHS

Larissa Da Cunha
NHS

Dean Dahlke
NHS

Maria Di Oliveira
NTHS

Bryan Di Sosa
NHS

Kathryn DeLuca
NHS

Dylan Diomito
NHS

Devin Drumheller
NHS/NTHS

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick-Kurkja
NHS

Dylan Fleming
NHS/NTHS

Rory Goyette
NHS/NTHS

Riley Hargrove
NHS/NTHS

Kaden Howard
NHS/NTHS

Natalie Johnson
NHS

Ayden Joseph
NHS

Lila Kaper-Kuter
NHS

Mandi Kaper-Kuter
NHS

Emily Koe
NHS/NTHS

Luke Keenan
NHS

Mayah Kharri
NHS/NTHS

Isla Koopman
NHS/NTHS

Mackenzie Lavalley
NHS/NTHS

Kaira Lavine
NHS/NTHS

Nora Laydon
NHS/NTHS

Charlotte Lewis
NHS/NTHS

Maya Lizaralde
NTHS

Charles Lounau
NHS

Elsie Macneil
NHS

Olivia Medina
NHS/NTHS

Madison Mitchell-Gentry
NHS

Luke O'Shea
NHS

Alana Pagliarulo
NHS/NTHS

Karley Peiron
NHS

Katherine Piquot-Agostino
NHS/NTHS

Michael Pochmann
NTHS

Lucia Rae
NHS

Isabella Raymond
NHS/NTHS

Mia Renck
NTHS

Ella Ruth
NHS/NTHS

Meah Ryan
NHS/NTHS

Karen Satteroo-Piths
NHS/NTHS

Bryce Sheldan
NHS

Evan St. George
NHS/NTHS

Cassandra Sullivan
NHS

Jake Tibbault
NHS/NTHS

Arianna Turner
NHS/NTHS

Cameron Valdisa
NTHS

Makenna Walls
NHS/NTHS

Matthew Welch
NHS/NTHS

Thomas Welch
NHS

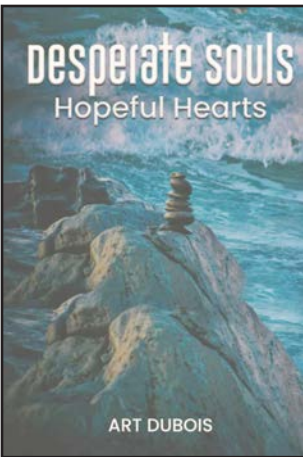
New members of the NHS and NTHS were honored during an induction ceremony at BVT on Nov. 6.

UPTON — On Thursday, Nov. 6, a group of 57 students from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) were inducted into the James S. Mullane Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) and/or the Paul Sullivan Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during an induction ceremony.

"The induction is a significant and commendable recognition of our students' hard work, dedication, academic excellence, and technical expertise," said NHS Advisor

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Social worker publishes poetry and photography book



Art DuBois

UXBRIDGE — Art DuBois, a lifelong resident of Uxbridge, has published his first book of poetry, which also features his own nature photography. “Desperate Souls, Hopeful Hearts” is a heart-felt collection of poems that gently explores life’s struggles, losses, and pains with raw honesty and a voice uniquely Art’s own. Each poem reaches into emotions we all recognize, leaving readers with a sense of deep connection and understanding.

Though some poems have moments that can be experienced as heavy, a constant thread of hope runs throughout the book as a reminder that love has the power to comfort, heal, and light the way forward. Complementing his poetry are dozens of evocative photographs taken by Art himself. Together, the words and images create a powerful experience that speaks to both the heart and the spirit.

Art DuBois is a 68-year-old career clinical social worker who has worked as a psychotherapist, and in the Public Defender’s Office, and in management positions in the human services field. Art has been involved for years in town affairs as a member and chair of the Select Board,

and other governmental and political activities. His interest in poetry and photography have clearly overlapped. About ten years ago he began a nearly weekly mindfulness practice that included long walks on a nature path along the ocean. This lead to his return to writing

poetry and to begin enjoying capturing with his camera the beauty of nature. He cites Mary Oliver as his main inspiration. His own poetry is not only heavily influenced by his mindfulness practices but also his life’s work of helping others.

Desperate Souls, Hopeful Hearts is currently available on Amazon.com as a hardcover, paperback, and e-book. It will soon be available on other platforms. Art is married to Susan, and they have three adult children.

News from Beginning Bridges

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Beginning Bridges CFCE ‘s vision is that children, youth and families reach their full potential now and in the future. Our mission is to work with families and community partners to create the conditions for children, youth and families to thrive socially, academically and economically. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Beginning Bridges CFCE has funding for the towns of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. Currently, our FREE comprehensive services include weekly indoor and outdoor parent/child playgroups. We also offer parent education programs, the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to community resources.

Upcoming Events- Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or Emurray@smoc.org.

Please check our website and Facebook page for our latest Newsletter and information about our Playgroups.

Monday 12/1/25 – Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - 9:30 – 10:00 - Upton Town Library, 9 Milford Street, Upton. Register on the Upton Town Library website.

Wednesday 12/10/25 – Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - 10:30 – 11:00 - Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville. Register online at the Whitinsville Social Library Website.

Wednesday 12/17/25 – Coffee and Conversations – 9:45 – 10:45am – Join us at the Taft Library in Mendon for Ms. Deb’s Music & Movement program from 9:15-9:45am, followed by Coffee & Conversation. Coffee & Conversations is and informal play time where families will be able to build social connections, learn about early childhood development and family friendly resources. Please bring your own coffee. Muffins will be provided by the Muffin House Cafe. Please register online at the Beginning Bridges CFCE website.

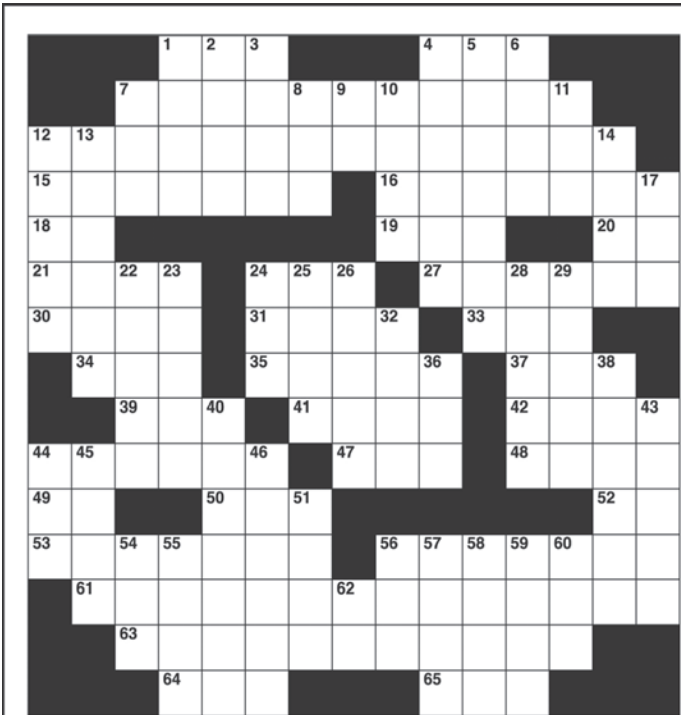
Thursdays from Jan. 8 – March 5, 2026 – Monster Mayhem – 9:00- 10:30am at the Taft Library in Mendon. Join us for a playful exploration of childhood emotions and fears. There will be sensory driven activities and art that will nurture expression and social emotional intelligence. Please register for this group at the Beginning Bridges, CFCE website. For ages 2.9 – 5.

Wednesdays from Jan. 14 – Feb. 25, 2026 – Boston Children’s Museum’s On Our Way to School – 1:00-2:00pm at the Upton Town Library. Join us as we play and learn together! We will meet new friends and practice important school readiness skills. Please register for this group at the Beginning Bridges, CFCE website. For ages 2.9 – 5.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – Child’s Play: Can’t We All Get Along? with Jill Vetstein – 7:00 -8:30pm via Zoom – For families with children 15 months to 5 years of age. We’ll discuss how caregivers can teach children to take turns and share, how to address grabbing, pushing, hoarding, etc. and more! Please register at the Beginning Bridges, CFCE website.

Registration for our upcoming playgroups will be opened on December 11, 2025.

Please check our website www.BeginningBridgesCFCE.weebly.com for more information and details.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise

4. Keyboard key

7. One who works on lights

12. Notable children’s story

15. Fall back into a bad pattern

16. Eye parts

18. Atomic #18

19. Of she

20. Farm state

21. One point south of southeast

24. British media entity

27. Asian garment

30. Drench

31. Expressions of pleasure

33. Turf

34. UK trade union (abbr.)

35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale

39. Paddle

41. Monetary unit of Italy

42. American classical pianist

44. Shuts down for the day

47. Seize

48. Soluble ribonucleic acid

49. Greeting

50. Some cars still need it

52. Atomic #22

53. Let go

56. Marched in public

61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians

63. Hostilities

64. Speak aloud

65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Razorbill genus

2. Longtime Baltimore tight end

3. Performs on stage

4. Supports a sentiment

5. Rugged mountain ranges

6. Broadway songwriter Sammy

7. Snake-like fish

8. Men’s fashion accessory

9. Hospital worker

10. Something to scratch

11. No (Scottish)

12. Volcanic ash

13. Of this

14. American jazz drummer Watts

17. Drop down

22. English dialect

23. Predatory seabirds

24. Imams’ deputies

25. Fertility god

26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two

29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)

32. Protein-rich liquids

36. Touch lightly

38. Season for Catholics

40. Boat race

43. Police actions

44. Chinese river

45. Waterfall (Scottish)

46. Walk ostentatiously

51. Type of carpet

54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

55. Sea eagles

56. An enclosure for confining livestock

57. Dry

58. An increase in price or value

59. The highest point of something

60. Government lawyers

62. Larry and Curly’s pal



Cornerstone Bank kicks off annual toy drive to benefit local children

WORCESTER— Cornerstone Bank is once again inviting the community to join in the spirit of giving with its annual toy drive, running now through Saturday, Dec. 6. All Cornerstone Bank branch locations are collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit local children in need this holiday season.

Since its founding in 2017, Cornerstone has proudly partnered with local charities to brighten the holidays for families in its communities. This year, all branches except the Southbridge location will donate

collected toys to Planting the Seed Foundation, a Worcester-based nonprofit that supports underprivileged children and families. The Southbridge Branch will continue its long-standing tradition of supporting the Cops ‘N’ Kids Toy Drive, a local program that has received donations from Cornerstone Bank for more than five years.

“Our Annual Toy Drive is one of our favorite traditions,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “It’s inspiring to see our customers, employees and neighbors come together to make the holidays brighter for local children. These donations represent more than just gifts; they reflect the care and generosity that make our communities so special.”

Unwrapped toys for children of all ages can be dropped off at any Cornerstone Bank branch during regular business hours through Saturday, Dec. 6.

To find a list of Cornerstone Bank locations, please visit cornerstonebank.com/locations.

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 branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities through a broad range of deposit and loan products and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

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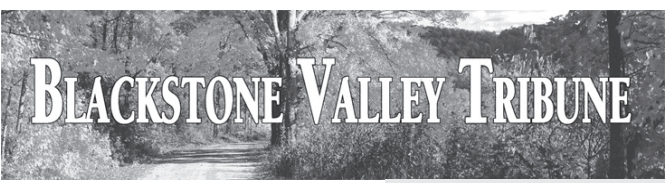


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QCC unveils Auxilium Center, empowering entrepreneurs to launch and grow

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College recently celebrated the official launch of the Auxilium Center for Entrepreneurship with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. In collaboration with The Cliff & Susan Rucker Foundation and Auxilium Worcester, the center provides mentorship, workshops and support for students and alumni to launch and grow businesses.

“Community college students come here with dreams, and our job is to empower them,” said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. “This center is going to provide the resources to make that happen, thanks to the support of the Rucker Foundation and the support of our community.”

QCC received an official Massachusetts state citation and certificate of achievement

ment from the city of Worcester during the ceremony and local leaders, including Worcester Vice Chairman & Councilor-at-Large Khristian King and Tim Murray, president and CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Joseph Petty, praised the center as a catalyst for economic development.

“This is a great program,” said Mayor Petty. “The key to economic development here in the city is the small businesses.”

The Auxilium Center will serve as a hub for students and alumni across disciplines, offering guidance on business planning, financial literacy, and access to community networks. The initiative aims to level the playing field for those who may lack traditional support systems.



Courtesy

Director of the Auxilium Center for Entrepreneurship at QCC Rocky Knight and QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja (center) cutting the ribbon with local officials, QCC trustees and QCC students.

Entrepreneurs and alumni shared personal stories about launching businesses and the importance of having a network of support. Harolyn Castillo, a QCC alum and founder of Verde Events, expressed the challenges of starting a new venture after 18 years of being a nurse, and how she found a network of support at the college.

“QCC is family for me. It was my first college and where I learned English. Having mentors around is very helpful,” Castillo said.

Rocky Knight, director of the Auxilium Center for Entrepreneurship at QCC, noted that there are a variety of opportunities for community members to be involved in the center, such as hosting a workshop or providing mentorship.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kathy Rentsch highlighted the center’s role in experiential learning and acknowledged QCC’s appeal that attracts a wide range of ages and backgrounds.

“We provide a unique opportunity that combines experience with academic grounding and social capital,” said Rentsch. For more information, visit QCC.edu/auxilium.

A community built on stone — Worcester Mineral Club continues its tradition in 2025

WEBSTER — In an age when screens glow brighter than campfires and nature feels increasingly distant, it is no small triumph that the Worcester Mineral Club continues to gather people around the ancient wonders buried beneath our feet.

With the arrival of the 48th Annual Mineral, Gem, Fossil & Jewelry Show, returning Nov. 22 & 23, the club once again invites Central Massachusetts to reconnect with the earth—and with each other.

The show will take place inside the St. Joseph School’s Richard Nowak Gymnasium, at 50 Lincoln St., Webster, where colorful new signage is already reminding locals that the weekend before Thanksgiving belongs to minerals, fossils, gems, and community.

Show hours are welcoming to families and collectors alike: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children will be greeted with free grab bags, a tradition that has launched countless young collectors into a lifelong fascination with geology. Their excitement is matched only by the patient expertise of club members, who staff a variety of educational displays designed to explain mineral formation, fossil preservation, and the remarkable geological history of New England.

The thrill of finally naming a rock often sparks more conversation than the minerals themselves.

Of course, the vendor floor remains a highlight: rows of tables filled with crystals, fossils, jewelry, and specimens from around the world. But the show has always been more than commerce—it is a gathering of curiosity. A place where experienced collectors and first-time visitors meet over a shared appreciation for the stories locked inside every stone.

Admission is modest—\$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for both children 12 and under and scouts in uniform—ensuring that the event remains accessible to the entire community.

As the Worcester Mineral Club approaches nearly nine decades of existence, it stands as a reminder of something timeless: that wonder does not expire. That learning does not end. That holding a piece of the earth’s ancient past can still inspire awe in a world moving far too fast.

The minerals may be ancient, but the curiosity they spark feels forever new. And that, above all, is why this annual show continues to endure.

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\$650,000, 11 Willow Brook Ln, Mitchell, Joan D, to Brown, Bridget, and Brown, Jordan.
\$485,000, 83 Main St, Gignac Gary A Est, and Densmore, Charlene J, to Toure, Mandjou, and Lafrenaye-Toure, Wanda.
\$478,000, 6 Carrington St, Antetomaso, Kathy, to Fairhurst 4th, John O, and Steere, Nicole.
\$440,000, Pickering Rd, J&H Stone Corp, to Cora Lane Group LLC.
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\$635,000, 29 Chipper Hill Rd, Reese, Scott, and Reese, Tara, to Webber, Bradley C, and Webber, Emily.
\$630,731, 35 Crestwood Cir #44, Stone Hill Partners LLC, to Kuindersma, Mark, and Kuindersma, Diane.
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Celebrate the season at Valley Chapel in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — This Christmas season, Valley Chapel invites you to join us for a special Advent sermon series titled “The Name Above All Names.” Throughout the weeks leading up to Christmas, we’ll explore the names and titles given to Jesus at His birth—discovering how each one reveals more about who He is and how our faith in Him can grow deeper and stronger.

The series begins Sunday, Nov. 30, and continues on Dec. 7, 14, and 21. Each week provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world.

You can also find Valley Chapel at Uxbridge First Night on Friday, Dec. 6, where we’ll host a traditional Christmas carol sing in the historic Unitarian Meeting House above Honeysuckle Café (21 N. Main St.). The building holds a special place in Uxbridge history: on June 25, 1845, Frederick Douglass addressed a gathering of the Worcester County Anti-Slavery Society at this church, and the site is marked by a red historical sign. The Meeting House later hosted other abolitionist events—adding rich local meaning to our carol gathering.

We’ll conclude our celebration with two special Christmas Eve candlelight services at 4 and 7 p.m.

The 4 p.m. service is designed for families with children and will feature a performance by our children’s choir.

The 7 p.m. service offers a more traditional candlelight worship experience—perfect for quiet reflection on the miracle of Christmas.

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus—the Name above all names—with your community at Valley Chapel.

Valley Chapel is located at 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge. For more information, visit valleychapel.us or call 508-278-2315.

UHS Class of 2027 hosting Breakfast with Santa fundraiser

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School’s Class of 2027 invites the community to a fundraising Breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 14 in the high school cafeteria, 300 Quaker Highway, from 9-11 a.m.

Bring your camera for pictures and enjoy breakfast, popcorn, music and crafts. Adults \$12, children age six to 12 and senior citizens \$7, children under five free.

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Copy that?

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EDITORIAL

Reclaiming local traditions, one small gathering at a time

As the holidays approach and the pace of daily life accelerates, small-town traditions take on an even deeper meaning. The weeks before Thanksgiving and early winter have always been a season of gatherings, of handmade crafts, of potluck suppers and church bazaars—the kinds of events that bring a community together not through grand gestures, but through simple acts of showing up.

Across the Blackstone Valley, these traditions endure because people keep choosing them. They keep choosing to spend a Saturday morning strolling through a church craft fair instead of scrolling through an online marketplace. They keep choosing to volunteer at a senior center breakfast or a PTO fundraiser, not because they have spare time, but because these moments matter. They form the connective tissue of community life.

It is easy to underestimate the significance of such small, local gatherings. They can look modest, even old-fashioned beside the noise of modern life. But beneath the folding tables, crockpots, raffle baskets, and displays of homemade goods is a deeper truth: events like these strengthen the relationships that carry towns through harder times. They offer space for neighbors to talk face-to-face, for newcomers to feel welcome, and for longtime residents to remain connected to the places they’ve helped build.

In recent years, local organizations have worked hard to preserve these traditions while adapting to changing needs. Senior centers are busier than ever. Local churches continue to anchor seasonal events. Libraries now host everything from craft hours to technology help sessions. Small businesses donate time, products and sponsorships. None of this happens automatically—it takes deliberate effort from volunteers who believe their work still matters.

There is real value in stepping back into these familiar spaces during the holiday season. Attending a craft fair or a tree-lighting ceremony won’t solve the challenges facing our towns, but it affirms something equally important: that community is not just geography. It is participation. It is willingness. It is taking the time to show up for one another, even briefly.

As the year winds down, residents across the Valley have another opportunity to do exactly that. Whether it’s stopping by a church event, supporting a local fundraiser, or simply chatting with a neighbor while waiting in line for hot cider, these are the moments that restore a sense of place. These small connections are what help towns retain their character while continuing to grow and change.

Local traditions endure because people choose to keep them alive. In the busy weeks ahead, choosing to participate—to take even one hour to support a community event—can help ensure those traditions remain part of our shared future. In a world that often feels divided and rushed, these small acts of connection are not just welcome; they are essential.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making America weak

To the Editor:
Where is the late Sen. Joe McCarthy when you need him? For those not familiar with the deceased alcoholic Senator from Wisconsin, he terrorized many people in the early 1950s. He looked everywhere to expose, what he perceived as, American Communists, or their sympathizer in the State Department, the Defense Department and Hollywood. He famously held up a list of persons working in the State Department who he claimed were Communists or their sympathizers.

In the reverse political universe we now live in, Trump attacks his critics as crazy liberals, Communists, socialists, and fascists. If you ignore the name calling by Trump and his associates and focus instead on his actions and rhetoric, it is Trump who has initiated policies that would come right out of a Socialist or Communist play book.

Let us first look at Trump’s actual policies or rants that could easily be put forth by Communists or Socialists and not by traditional Republicans. Consider:

Trump domestic policies:
Telling, and requiring private universities that they must discontinue Wok policies or lose federal funding for medical research etc.

Telling universities that Trump’s Administration would decide which students should be admitted for study.

Telling private businesses (i.e., Walmart) what they could say about the impact of Trump’s tariffs on their pricing. In other words, telling private businesses how to price what they sell.

Taking stock and partial ownership in private companies in return for favorable treatment by the federal government.

Recently threatening television companies with license revocation for portraying the President in unflattering ways, both personally and policy wise.

Pardoning a crypto profitter and telling the press he does not know who the man is! All this, with the Trump family benefitting financially to the tune of millions of dollars in its crypto businesses.

Firing the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for releasing economic data that undercuts the position that the US economy is doing great. The Soviet Union was famous for sending to the Gulag or shooting those bureaucrats brave enough to send Stalin bad economic news such as low grain harvests. Perhaps, we are not there yet, but heading in that direction.

Pardoning his friends, associates or others that can benefit the Trump family.

Trump foreign policy:
Failure to fully back the Ukrainians in their resistance to Russian aggression. Trump is tossing out the window bipartisan support for foreign policy that we have followed for about seventy-five years through both Republican and Democrat Administrations.

Upset about high coffee prices? Trump openly has said that he liked the Brazilian dictator, Bolsonaro and not the current, duly elected President of Brazil. So, to punish Brazil for not selecting Trump’s friend, Trumps has established a 50% tariff on Brazilian coffee. Adding to the insanity is that the US has a favorable balance of trade with Brazil.

Increasing tariffs on Canada because the Prime Minister of Ontario ran an ad that was critical of Trump’s tariff policy.

His policies and attitude are weakening NATO.
Lending billions to Argentina because he likes its President.

Sen. McCarthy may have been irate with the President based on some of the statements and actions taken by Trump that appear socialistic, but he would have loved Trump’s political technique. Roy Cohn was a close advisor to McCarthy. Later in life he served as legal counsel to Trump. Cohn advocated for never saying you were wrong and made a mistake. He advised his clients to always counterpunch harder than those that have attacked you.

I think if you look at objective economic stats, the off again, on again tariffs, and all of Trump’s policies and statements, we are worse off under the second Trump administration. Objectively, the US is weaker today both domestically and internationally than before he took office. I think this all ties back to who Trump is. Objectively, Trump is motivated by the following ranked in importance to Trump:

Revenge against whom Trump deems as his political enemies.

Pushing the limits of Presidential powers just because he can.
Using the Presidency to enrich himself, his family, and friends.

This, I suggest, is why the reality is that the US, is weaker today, than when Trump took office.

HAROLD DAVIS
DOUGLAS

Climate change bunk hits the fan

To the Editor:
The environmentalists are hysterical.
Bill Gates said climate change is no big deal. He wants to build new nuclear and gas-powered electric plants to provide the necessary electricity for “cloud” storage, super computers, and AI. Forget what he said about climate change.

Even Comrade Healey and the Communists on Beacon Hill are retreating in the face of huge electricity and gas costs to consumers. Green energy is not cheap. Green energy does not provide sufficient electricity. Green energy is a fantasy. Green Energy does not work.

Nevertheless, “Green capitalists” are making money on solar fields, wind turbines, battery storage facilities, heat pumps, and any manner of Green band-aids that, I repeat, do not work.

On Nov. 7, the Commonwealth Beacon [CB], a liberal political newsletter, described it this way: Representative Mark Cusack, co-chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, is proposing to cut back the state’s [fantasy] green climate goals.

Cusack plans to use Healey’s pending “energy affordability legislation” as a way “to pull back on the state’s ambitious [unrealistic] climate goals.” He knows “we are not going to make our greenhouse reduction mandates.” Wait, what?!

We cannot in any fantasy world reach greenhouse emission reductions because we are responsible for not even one per cent of the world’s so-called greenhouse emissions. Not even one percent!

Meanwhile, China is building 100 coal-fired electric plants a year. What percentage of greenhouse gas emissions is China responsible for? Sit down. 35 percent. As in thirty-five percent. One third of the world’s output. We told you so.

Rep. Cusack told the CB that he is not trying to “undermine the state’s clean energy commitments but rather ensure they are realistic. I have not found anyone who says that we are going to make our mandates.”

Because there is no way in hell that the state can meet fantasy mandates, unless everyone in Massachusetts leaves the state or dies, whichever comes first. According to the CB, “In 2021, Massachusetts passed legislation with interim targets, including a 2030 goal to cut pollution by 50 percent compared, on top of a larger effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent

by 2050.”
Cusack has succeeded in enraging “climate advocates” and has shaken “the dynamics around volatile energy politics right at the start of winter — and Healey’s reelection bid.” Oopsie. The people are mad because due to solar fields and battery storage facilities, the people cannot afford their electric bills.

The CB noted that President Trump has caused “deep roll-backs to clean energy funding and climate regulations” while there is a “heightened political sensitivity in Massachusetts to the state’s high energy costs that contribute to soaring costs of living.” No kidding. We rank third highest in the cost of energy in the U.S.

Reality climate crap hits the proverbial fan.
In desperation, Healey filed her “energy affordability bill” to reform gas and electric charges and boost energy supply to save ratepayers \$10 billion over the next ten years. How about now?

Dangerously for greenies, Cusack has the support of House Speaker Ron Mariano. Turns out, voters in his district, Quincy, cannot pay their electric bills either.

Environmentalists are demanding that the legislature not touch “climate commitments.” Mass-Power-Forward and Trees as Public Good are encouraging their followers to write letters! “This is no time for retreat!”

Yes, it is time for retreat from make-believe. Clean energy is available. All we have to do is reach out and take it back from the Climate Communist nuts. Build a new nuclear plant for safe reliable abundant electricity. France and Germany are doing it. Why not us?

The Green crazies want to destroy agricultural land and forested land for massive solar farms or dangerous noisy fire-prone battery storage facilities, built in – you guessed it – China. Plow up valuable farm land! Cut down those stupid trees! Plug China in to our electricity grid! Yay! They are doing it in Uxbridge.

In upstate New York, farmers are leaving for Tennessee. New York is building a massive solar panel farm on 2,500 acres of the best farm land. Welcome to Communism. Hardly any electricity. And if you have any, its expensive.

Signed,
BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Douglas residents already have a “right to farm”

To the Editor:
On Nov. 17, the town of Douglas will hold a special town meeting. Two items that are first and second on the agenda are the adoption of a “Right to Farm” Bylaw and the creation of an Agricultural Commission. These items would create another layer of government involvement where none has existed for more than 273 years. Here’s what they state as reasons for the added government involvement according to their actual proposal:

“This bylaw seeks to maintain and preserve agricultural lands, promote agricultural-based economic opportunities, and protect the rights of commercial farmers and residents engaged in hobby farming for enjoyment, education, and/or self-sufficiency.”

The actual wording of the warrant/proposal contains no preservation of farmland provisions. The proposal contains no economic opportunities, although I am sure there will be needed money to pay the newly created agricultural commission administrator and inspectors. The proposal does not add any

new legal or lawful protections that don’t exist now. Every stated purpose for this proposal is left undefined in this proposal.

Plainly stated, there is no actual reason for the proposed by-law; you have the “right to farm” now. This proposal attempts to address a problem that does not exist. If you want more government control in your life, then these proposals will do that. Please keep in mind that these proposals even include your backyard hobby farms or rows of tomato plants... so in the near future you’ll need to make sure your beets and squash all have the required spacing and you are following the inspector’s idea of best practices on your chicken coop. If your neighbors are farming in a way that you don’t like, you can always drop a phone call and get the town inspectors to oversee the agricultural nonconformities that may or may not exist there and issue citations. God forbid you actually talk to your neighbors, right?

Phil Landry
Douglas

‘Tis the season for collecting



The holiday season is fast approaching, which means people are preparing to decorate. Sometimes decorations are handed down through generations. People might also reminisce about the holidays of their youth or appreciate the craftsmanship of holiday decorations made during Victorian times, leading them to seek out vintage pieces.

I'll start with a look back at a holiday that has

already passed. Many people have fond memories of dressing in costumes and trick-or-treating when they were younger. Some collectors like the nostalgia and history of Halloween. Others like the scary element, including images of jack-o-lanterns, witches, ghosts, and skeletons. Whatever the reason, Halloween is one of the most popular holidays for collectors.

Halloween collectibles can go for anywhere from a dollar to tens of thousands of dollars. Vintage postcards are among the most inexpensive collectibles and you may find some for a dollar or less. Of course, an advanced collector may pay much more. A rare postcard signed by the artist had all the things that collectors are looking for with a witch, broom, and cauldron, mice, snake, black cat, bats, and a full moon. It sold for \$2,600 in 2022. Other items that Halloween collectors look for include figurative pieces, candy containers, vintage masks, costumes, and metal noisemakers. Older decorations made from papier mache, cardboard and crepe paper, metal, porcelain, and ceramics are all popular with collectors. Rare and unique items can even lead to bidding wars. A cast iron doorstop depicting a girl in costume

holding a jack-o-lantern was said to be one of four known to exist. It sold for over \$34,000 in 2016.

Moving ahead on the calendar, Abraham Lincoln's October 3, 1863, proclamation declared the last Thursday of November to be a day of national Thanksgiving. In 1941, Franklin Delano Roosevelt made the fourth Thursday of November a federal holiday. Despite its history, Thanksgiving collectibles aren't as popular as those of other holidays. However, a turn of the century skittles game with cast iron wheels in the shape of a Thanksgiving turkey sold for over \$2,600 in 2013.

Christmas collectibles are so popular that there is a collectors group called



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“the Golden Glow of Christmas past.” Like Halloween, there are a wide variety of Christmas collectibles. Some items on the Golden Glow of Christmas Past website include “antique glass and spun cotton ornaments, Belsnickle figures, and vintage lights like bubble lights and blow molds.” Vintage and antique Christmas figures and aluminum trees with color wheels are also sought after. We've sold ornaments that have brought strong prices. Sixteen clip-on birds that went on a Christmas tree brought \$480, nine glass Santa and elf ornaments sold for over \$500, and 12 other figural ornaments went for over \$600 in one of our auctions last year. Of course,

older and rarer pieces can bring some huge prices. A German made nodding Father Christmas store display from the turn of the century reached \$28,000 at an auction house in 2017. That definitely brought both the buyer and seller some Christmas cheer.

Our single-collector Civil War auction will be taking place later this month. Following that, we'll have a major auction with fine jewelry, sterling silver, art, and other antiques and collectibles. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services info@centralmassauctions.com or (508-612-6111).

Create your own winter containers

Add a bit of seasonal beauty to your front steps, window boxes, and other outdoor spaces with winter containers. Fill them with greenery, berries, cones, baubles and more. You'll find many of these items in your own backyard and more at your favorite garden retailer.

Collect a few evergreen stems, interesting seedheads and pods, colorful stems, and fruit and berry covered branches from



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your landscape. Plants you enjoy in the winter garden are good candidates to include.

Many native plants make excellent additions to winter containers. Include

berry-laden stems of plants like winterberry, dried flowers of smooth hydrangea, colorful stems of red twig dogwood, branches of paper bark birches and fruit from native crabapples, hawthorns and roses.

Collect a few evergreen cones and harvest some stems topped with seedheads and pods from gardens and native plantings. Add some airy texture and motion to your winter containers with native and ornamental grasses. Leave them in their natural state or add some paint and glitter for a bit of bling.

Do not include invasive plants like phragmites, teasel and oriental bittersweet. These will drop seeds in your landscape and soon become a problem in your gardens and surrounding natural spaces.

heads, pods, cones and colorful branches for added interest throughout the arrangement. Depending on your style, add artificial materials such as ribbon and outdoor ornaments. It's your opportunity to be creative.

Water thoroughly to remove air pockets and lock your ingredients in place. Keep the soil moist until the potting mix freezes to extend the beauty of your winter arrangement. If possible, set your planter in a sheltered location out of drying winter winds and sunlight to keep it looking good even longer.

Once your container is complete, it's time to relax and enjoy your favorite winter activities and celebrations.

Melinda Myers has written more than



Winter containers filled with greenery, colorful stems, cones, berries and more can brighten the landscape all winter long.

20 gardening books, including the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” streaming courses and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Lanterns Along Main Street

There is something about small-town Massachusetts that encourages a person to slow down, even when they hadn't planned to. You can be in the middle of an ordinary errand—a stop at the hardware store, a walk to the post office, a loaf of bread from the market—and suddenly you catch a moment that makes you pause. A porch flag stirring in the breeze. The smell of woodsmoke from a chimney. Two neighbors comparing notes on their tomato plants as if they're discussing national policy. Life settles into a gentler rhythm when you let it.

Not long ago, while waiting at a stoplight, I saw a teenager jog across the crosswalk. Halfway through, he stopped to pick up a mitten someone had dropped and set it neatly on the railing where it could be found. He didn't look around to see if anyone noticed. He wasn't performing kindness; he was practicing it. The light turned green, and traffic moved on, but the gesture stayed with me far longer than the delay.

These small courtesies are one of the things that define towns with real Main Streets. They're places where errands happen on foot, conversations happen by accident, and people notice what's around them because life isn't rushing past at 55 miles an hour. That slower pace doesn't mean people have less to do. It simply means they don't mind taking a moment to do it well.

I've always believed that kindness grows best in places where people expect to see each other again. In small towns, anonymity is limited. If you cut someone off in traffic, you may find yourself behind them in line at the bakery. If you hold the door for someone juggling packages, you might see them again at the town meeting. That kind of continuity creates a gentle accountability, the sort that nudges us toward our better selves.

Much of the kindness I see around here is practical rather than poetic. I once watched two strangers push a stalled car out of an intersection before anyone behind them honked. I saw someone sprint after a receipt whisked away by the wind. And once, I passed a man kneeling on the sidewalk helping a child fix a slipped bicycle chain while the child's mother looked on with exhausted relief. None of these moments were dramatic. Yet each one was a reminder that goodwill doesn't always require a spotlight.

Patience plays a part, too. People here wait an extra moment when someone is counting out coins. They give space to a driver trying to back out of a tight spot. They don't mutter when the person ahead at the counter is sorting through envelopes. These gestures may seem small, but they make daily life feel lighter.

My grandfather used to say that a community shows its character in the quiet hours. I think he was right. The kindness you see in small-town Massachusetts isn't flashy. It's steady. It's intentional. And it adds up.

This week, if you find a chance to brighten someone's day—even briefly—take it. With enough of those moments, Main Street glows a little brighter for everyone.



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Saint Joseph School honors veterans through service, fundraising, and Field of Flags



Saint Joseph School veterans or spouses of active-duty military and their children gather after placing flags in the school's Field of Flags, a tribute honoring and remembering the service and sacrifice of all who served.

WEBSTER — Saint Joseph School recently observed a meaningful Veteran's Week, combining prayer, service, and community involvement to honor those who have served our country.

In the days leading up to Veterans Day, students participated in a school-wide good deeds initiative to benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). By completing extra chores at home, helping neighbors, and performing acts of kindness, students were encouraged to "earn" donations in support of veterans. The project culminated in a \$2 Patriotic Dress Down Day, where students and staff traded uniforms for red, white, and blue attire.

Together, these efforts raised more than \$500, which Saint Joseph School donated to the DAV. In gratitude, the DAV provided the school with 48 American flags. On

Wednesday, Nov. 12, the school community celebrated the success of the fundraiser with a group photo in the gymnasium showcasing their patriotic outfits and school spirit.

On Friday, Nov. 14, the focus turned from fundraising to visible tribute. Parents who are veterans or spouses of active-duty military, their children, and members of the Saint Joseph School National Junior Honor Society gathered in front of the Nowak Gymnasium to assemble the school's Field of Flags. Each flag placed in the ground served as a visible reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and selfless service of the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform.

As an additional sign of appreciation, military personnel in attendance were given red, white, and blue ribbons from the school. These small tokens symbolized Saint Joseph School's ongoing gratitude for the sacrifices made not only by service members themselves, but also by the families who support them.

The purpose of the Field of Flags is twofold: to honor veterans in a public and prayerful way, and to educate students about the importance of remembering and supporting those who have served. Throughout the week, teachers and staff encouraged students to reflect on the freedoms they enjoy and the responsibilities that come with them.

This Veteran's Week initiative is closely tied to Saint Joseph School's mission statement, which emphasizes Religion, Respect, and Responsibility.

Religion: Students prayed for veterans and their families, asking God to watch over them and to bring healing to those who carry visible and invisible wounds of service.

Respect: By learning about the experiences of veterans, students were taught to honor the dignity of each person and the sacrifices made on their behalf.

Responsibility: Participating in the fundraiser, contributing good deeds at home, and helping to build the Field of Flags reminded students that they have an active role to play as citizens and people of faith—called to serve others, give back, and support those in need.

Through these Veteran's Week activities, Saint Joseph School not only raised funds for the Disabled American Veterans but also formed hearts and minds. The Field of Flags now standing in front of the Nowak Gymnasium serves as a powerful, daily reminder to students, families, and visitors that freedom is never free—and that gratitude must be shown not only in words, but in action.

Raydio announces annual holiday toy drive at Doubletree Milford

MILFORD — Local internet radio station Raydio is once again bringing the community together for a great cause with Raydio's Holiday Toy Drive, happening Black Friday weekend, Nov. 28 through Nov. 30, outside the DoubleTree by Hilton in Milford.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, and runs through 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, as Raydio teams up with the community to stuff a big Vendetti School Bus full of toys for The Santa Foundation, Santa's

Porch, Toys for Kids & Teens, and the Milford Youth Center. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are encouraged to help brighten the holidays for local families in need.

In addition to toy donations, Raydio is also seeking "Shopping Spree Sponsors." With a \$100 cash donation, Raydio will do the shopping on your behalf — making it easy for individuals and businesses to give back even if they can't make it in person.

"This event really captures what Raydio is all about," said Ray Auger, owner and operator of Raydio. "It's our way of giving back to the community that supports us all year long. Every toy, every donation — it all helps make the season a little brighter for local kids."

All event details, including drop-off times and sponsor information, can be found on the Raydio Holiday Toy Drive event page on Facebook.

Let's come together as a community to make the holidays merry and meaningful — one toy at a time.

Douglas Historical Society to hold Annual Meeting

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. The board of directors invites members and friends to join them at the E. N. Jenckes Store Museum at 283 Main St. in Douglas for the business meeting, election of officers and exciting updates on 2026 events including plans to celebrate the nation's 250th!

Come preview our holiday decorations and enjoy refreshments in the setting of our special museum. For more information, email enjenckes1833@gmail.com.

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Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild embraces theme of “Creating Comfort”

UPTON — In keeping with its mission statement, Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild has chosen “Creating Comfort” for the theme of its upcoming quilt show theme. The guild members involve themselves in various outreach charity programs both locally and nationally that create comfort for others. For many years, the members have been visiting local nursing and assisted living facilities to work with the residents in designing their own lap quilts. These lap quilts are then sewn by the guild members and returned to the residents during a Reveal Party. From February to October of this year the guild made a total of 136 lap quilts for these residents and many more extra lap quilts made for residents who were not able to attend the design session.

In addition to lap quilts members also make fidget quilts that are distributed to nursing homes as well as to members’ family and friends who might need them. Placemats are also made in the spring and for the winter holidays and given to a local Senior Centers. The receiving Senior Center is done by a drawing held during a guild meeting. Chemo caps are made and donated to UMass Memorial Hospital or given to local residents who are undergoing chemo therapy and in need of these caps. Brian’s Quilts, flannel-backed small quilts made for children, are given to local police departments to carry in their cruisers to comfort a child in need due to accident, fire or family need. Nationally, the guild participates in distributing Kennel Quilts to rescue leagues working in disaster stricken areas. Kennel

Quilts are sent out to areas of our country that are rescuing animals from forest fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, or blizzards. More than 50 Kennel quilts have been distributed this year to these areas. A new project, Kitten Bags, is providing cotton drawstring bags filled kitten toys and treats and given when a kitten is adopted from the Blackstone Valley Regional Animal Shelter. In addition to these projects the guild also donates full-sized quilts through its Comfort Quilt program. These quilts are given to those in need and to people whose story has touched our members with joy, loss, stress, illness, and in many other ways. These quilts are also donated to support groups such as the End of Life Program at Milford Regional Medical Center. Many quilts have also been sent to the Ukraine to sup-

port refugees there as well as to areas of the United States which have experienced disasters. Examples of all these projects can be seen at the

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild biennial quilt show on March 15 & 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High

School in Upton. A display and demonstrations of the making of these items will also take place at the show.



Art Campbell, Veteran’s Agent (center, holding proclamation) poses with veterans from Millville last week after a ceremony in the Millville Veterans Park.

Knights of Columbus hosting drive-up Christmas food drive

WHITINSVILLE — Knights of Columbus Mumford Council 365 will be holding a Drive-Up Christmas Food Drive on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mumford Hall, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville. To see what local food pantries are asking for, please go to our Web site, kofc365.org. Please help us support local families in our community who are encountering excess spending for basic needs like food, housing, and electricity. All food collected will be delivered to our partners at the Sutton Food Pantry, Douglas Food Pantry and Northbridge Association of Churches Food Pantry, the day of the Food Drive.

A shift in tradition

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY STUDENTS EXPRESS FAITH THROUGH PRAYER WALL

WEBSTER — All Saints Academy usually marks World Drawing God Day with its name-sake activity: students visually express their personal understanding of God, sharing their faith in a creative and engaging way. This year, the tradition took a meaningful turn.



Instead of sketches, students were asked to celebrate the day by writing prayers. Every student, during their religion class, composed a heartfelt prayer for an individual or a group, whether local or global. These diverse prayers will be assembled to create a “prayer wall” within the school, a physical representation of the community’s collective hopes and intentions. Students in seventh and eighth grades shared moving, personal reflections. Their prayers encompassed a variety of causes, from addressing food insecurity and homelessness to supporting those affected by global events like Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Many students focused on personal and family life, asking God to watch over their parents or to protect single mothers working tirelessly for their children. Others looked outward with a broader spiritual message, asking God to pray for those who do not yet know or believe in Jesus Christ, or for those who have lost their faith journey. This poignant collection of prayers sends a powerful message, demonstrating a deep sense of empathy and spiritual connection among the students as they celebrate their faith journey alongside others across the world.

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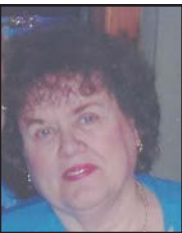
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OBITUARIES

Virginia Elaine Ebbeling, 89



Virginia Elaine Ebbeling, 89, passed away Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Milford Hospital. She was the wife of the late Henry F. Ebbeling. Born January 4, 1936 in Newton, Massachusetts to the late Herbert and Edna Newton (Hanscom) Lindblom. Mrs. Ebbeling attended the former Salter Secretarial School in Worcester, she had also worked as the Administrative Assistant at the Uxbridge Town Hall for

many years, she loved to read, cook and crochet. She leaves her four children: James H. (Kathryn) Ebbeling of Uxbridge, Gerald F. (Angel) Ebbeling of Uxbridge, Patti G. (Thomas) Ranslow of Uxbridge, Wendy E. Rogers of Uxbridge, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was the brother of the late, Bradford Lindblom. Special thanks to the Nurses on the fourth floor at Milford Hospital. Funeral Services and Burial will be Private.

Raydio shines spotlight on Movember with Community Moustache Challenge

MILFORD — Raydio is proud to spotlight Movember, the global initiative dedicated to raising awareness for men’s health, through a fun and engaging community event: the Raydio Movember Moustache Challenge. Movember encourages people around the world to grow moustaches during November to spark conversations and support men facing prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health challenges, and suicide risk. More information about the movement can be found at www.movember.com. To bring that mission home, Raydio invited local firehous-

es to join in — and now Bellingham Fire, Medway Fire, and Milford Fire are officially competing for the title of “Best Firefighter Moustache.” Community voting is underway on Raydio’s Facebook page, where followers can “like” the photo of their favorite moustached firefighter. The firefighter with the most votes by Nov. 30 will earn a \$1,000 donation in their name to the charity of their choice. “Movember is an important campaign that raises awareness and encourages meaningful conversations,” said Ray Auger, Owner and

Operator of Raydio. “By highlighting our local firefighters, we’re bringing the spirit of Movember right into our communities — and having some fun while supporting great causes.” Raydio encourages the public to participate by visiting Raydio’s Facebook page (@LocalRaydio) and casting their votes throughout the month. The winner will be announced in early December. For more details or to follow the challenge, visit www.localraydio.com or email localraydio@gmail.com.

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Dec. 2, and Giving Tuesday donations are being accepted now through that date. Your tax-deductible donations may be made by check payable to Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. sent to 76 NW Main St., Douglas, MA 01516 or via Venmo @ Kathleen-Sugrue-Richards. Together we will do good and make a positive difference in our own community. If you would like your donation to be recognized as a Memorial Donation, please indicate your memorial message when you make your donation and it will appear on the Recognition Banner posted at the Douglas Common and on our Facebook Page. Donations of



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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate Of:
Shirley Frances Alves
Also Known As; Shirley F. Alves, Shirley Alves
Date of Death: August 18, 2025
To All persons in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner
Keith P. Alves of Uxbridge, MA
Keith P. Alves 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 21, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Eugene Bufford to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated May 8, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38916, Page 309, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor in interest by purchase from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on July 19, 2016, in Book No. 55661, at Page 173
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, recorded on July 19, 2016, in Book No. 55661, at Page 175
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., recorded on

April 30, 2024, in Book No. 70449, at Page 64
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on December 12, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 61 Border Street, Unit No. B, 59 & 61 Border Street Condominium, Whitinsville, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:
Unit No. B, a unit in the condominium at 59 & 61 Border Street Condominium, Northbridge, Massachusetts, created pursuant to and subject to the provisions of Chapter 183A, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, by Master Deed dated May 3, 2006 and registered in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 38901, Page 258, as the same may be or have been amended from time to time. The Unit is shown on the floor plans of the building recorded simultaneously with said Master Deed as amended of record, if applicable, and on the copy of the portion of said plans attached to the First Unit Deed to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38916, Page 303. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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Present holder of said mortgage

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Estate Of:
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Date of Death: April 29, 2025
To All persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and if interested to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given that the petitioner **James Lozier of Whitinsville MA** a Will has been admitted to Informal probate.
James Lozier of Whitinsville 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 21, 2025

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.
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Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
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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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Jessica MacKenzie.
“The evening ceremony is a proud moment for our students, staff, and families as we celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of our Career Technical Education (CTE) students who have been invited to join the National and Technical Honor Societies,” said NTHS Advisor Jeremy Pandolfo.
“It is always a pleasure to celebrate our modern-day career technical students. They can readily demonstrate high-level technical training and simultaneously validate high achievement in academics that serve as a foundation for their technical aptitude,” said Superintendent-Director Anthony E. Steele II. “It is with immense pride that I congratulate our new inductees, who exemplify the values of our school and these organizations.” While the NHS and the NTHS are two distinct organizations with different focuses and criteria, at BVT students can be

members of one or both chapters. NHS membership honors those who have met rigorous academic standards and who exemplify scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NTHS membership recognizes students who demonstrate academic and technical excellence in their CTE program, as well as character, skills, and work ethic. About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) 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. For more information about the school and the honor societies, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/nhsnth.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 21-28

Friday, Nov. 21
The week begins with crisp fall air, In Sutton’s halls there’s craft and care. The Evelyn Shafer Library calls, With stories shared in cozy halls, 3 p.m. bright— A perfect start to Friday night.
Saturday, Nov. 22
In Brookfield town (a nearby friend), St. Christopher’s craft fair’s back again. 20 Sturbridge Road opens its doors, From 9 to 3, explore the floors— Two days of knitting, treats and cheer, A handmade start to holiday gear.
Douglas too has art to show, At 11 a.m., the brushstrokes glow Inside the library’s meeting room— Paint and color chase the gloom.
Sunday, Nov. 23
Return to Brookfield one day more, Craft Fair, 9 to 1, encore. While over in Northbridge, the choir sings At St. Patrick’s, where warm joy rings— A 2 p.m. concert soft and sweet, Music to make your Sunday complete.
Monday, Nov. 24
Uxbridge starts the weekday run

With Bingo dreams and quiet fun. The Senior Center calls at noon, Laughter filling every room.
Tuesday, Nov. 25
Sutton’s knitters click away, At 10 a.m., yarn saves the day. And Douglas sends its walkers out At 9 a.m., through woods about.
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Northbridge hosts a meeting set At Town Hall—agenda met. The Select Board meets at 7 sharp, Civic duty with some heart.
Thursday, Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day
No meetings now; no errands due— Warm kitchens hum with every hue. May tables shine with homemade grace, And gratitude fill every place.
Friday, Nov. 28
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Regular Programs:
Mindful Meditation with Kelly
Every Thursday at 9:30am
Writing Your Way Writer's Group
Please note: due to the holiday, there will not be a class on November 27th
Call Lori with any questions.
Dull Men's Club
Tuesday, November 25th
9:30am-10:30am
Special Guest: Town Manager Adam Gaudette
The Brew Crew
Wednesday, December 3rd
9:30am-10:30am
Guest speaker: Jamie Luchini, Director of Public Works, Northbridge DPW
Bereavement Group
Monday, December 8th
1:00pm-2:00pm
Please call Kelly for more information.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Tuesday, December 9th
11:00am - 12:00pm
Please drop in and have your blood pressure checked.
Women's Group: NO MEETING on Wednesday, December 10th
Read Between the Lines Book Club
Wednesday, December 17th
10:30am-11:30am
Please call Kelly to find out what book we are currently reading.

Special Events and Activities:
All programs require signing up by calling or stopping by our Main Office.

Artificial Intelligence Program
Tuesday, November 25th
11:00am-12:00pm
Come and learn all about AI and staying safe while using AI, in addition to how AI can help us in our daily lives and for travel tips and medical information.
Programs and Events at Plummer Place.
The following events will take place at Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center. We are located at 20 Highland Street in Whitinsville. Telephone: (508) 234-2002. Northbridge residents have priority for programming and events.

All programs require signing up by calling or stopping by our Main Office.
Navigating the Future with Atria Draper Place
Tuesday, December 2nd
11:00am - 12:00pm
Join us for a special discussion featuring Donna Coakley from Atria Draper Place. Discover how senior living can help you stay engaged, connected, and independent. Donna will share insights on creating a vibrant lifestyle that supports your interests, friendships, and personal freedom. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how community living can enrich your life. Light refreshments will be served.
Plummer Place Pluckers Concert and Sing-Along
Wednesday, December 3rd
1pm-2pm
Join us for a fun and lively sing-along with Plummer Place's own ukulele group led by Raianne Richards!

We're Up to Snow Good!
Winter Craft Class with Carol and Ginny
Thursday, December 4th
1pm-2pm
\$5 per person. Bring your own scissors. Space is limited.

Beginning Snowman Painting Class with Sue
Monday, December 8th
9:30am-12:00pm
\$5 per person. Space is limited.

PJs and Pizza Party -- FREE!
Tuesday, December 16th
Get cozy in your pajamas and enjoy a pizza lunch sponsored by the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE). You must sign up through the main office to attend. Space is limited and Northbridge residents have priority seating.

Discover the Secrets of the Blue Zones
Are you interested in beginning a journey to better health, happiness and a longer life? Learn where and how centenarians are living across the world in this exciting three-week program exploring the Blue Zones with Amy Cowen, our program and volunteer coordinator. This program will include a book, a guest speaker, light refreshments, some healthy challenges and more fun surprises! Sign up in the main office. \$20 per person payable in cash the day of the first class (dates and times to be determined, but will be held in early 2026).

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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER
I would like to personally thank all the contributors, donors, and volunteers who helped make the Thanksgiving meal distribution a success. We were able to distribute over 250 meals to our seniors on Monday, November 24th for lunch. This year we collaborated with Kapi's Pub in Uxbridge to cook the luncheon.
The Town of Uxbridge is truly blessed to have so many people who care for each other. What a wonderful way for the community to come together for a great cause. Thank you for allowing the Senior Center to be a part of this endeavor.
Here is a list of our major contributors/donors:
Kapi's Pub, Inc
Table Talk Pies
Hannaford's
Fallon Health
UniBank

Thank you to Fallon Health for the \$1000 grant that helped to curb the cost to the senior center. I also want to acknowledge all our volunteers. Our seniors thank you!
In addition, the Uxbridge Elderly Connection sponsored all our holiday luncheons this year. We wish to thank all who contribute to the Elderly Connection's ongoing efforts this year. Without their continued support, we would not be able to provide the extra activities and pay for the expenses that are not in our municipal budget. THANK YOU!

Special Town Meeting - Please Note:
A Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm at the Valley Chapel Church located at 14 Hunter Road. Please plan to attend.

Our Holiday Parties are in full swing! Please sign up early, space is limited.
We are celebrating our Christmas Party on Friday, December 19th with entertainment from the Uxbridge Senior Center Choir. Our New Year's at Noon will be held on Tuesday, December 30th. Join us for a chance to win prizes, have some fun and join in on the holiday spirit!

The winter months are now upon us. Please look after your elderly neighbors, relatives and friends. Please consider calling,

lights! Space is limited on the van so be sure to sign up early.

Thursday, December 11th – 12:00 pm – Lunch trip to River Falls, 74 S. Main Street, Woonsocket RI. Come join us for lunch! Cost is \$25.00 per person and payment is due at sign up. Make your selection from food choices: Oven Roasted Chicken with Pasta, New England Style Pot Roast or Baked Haddock. Price includes a soft beverage, dessert & gratuity. Transportation is available, but we encourage those who can, to meet us there. RSVP by December 4th.

Friday, December 12th – Uxbridge Fire Department Quarterly Talk. They will present on Winter Safety & Sand for Seniors Program. Please RSVP to reserve your lunch.

Friday, December 12th - 12 noon – December Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the December birthdays!

Monday, December 15th – 10:00 am - Shopping Trip with Sally to Hobby Lobby. Space is limited on the van so be sure to sign up early.

Wednesday, December 17th – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – National Grid Customer Care Event – A representative from National Grid will be available to answer and assist you with discount rates, payment plans, arrears forgiveness, special protections, energy saving, and more. If you plan on joining us for LUNCH on this day, please call ahead to RSVP as space is limited. This event will be held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday.

Wednesday, December 17th - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library”. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program is being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Wednesday, December 17th *Note New Day* – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – Big BINGO at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO & cash prizes! Packets of 10 games for \$10. Transportation will be provided. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch on this date by calling or stopping by to RSVP. You must sign up by 12 noon the day before game day.

Thursday, December 18th – 1:30 pm – Christmas Ornaments Frame with Sally! Cost is \$7.00 per person and due upon sign-up. Class size is limited.

Friday, December 19th – 12 noon – Annual Christmas Celebration. We will have The Uxbridge Senior Center Chorus entertaining us and a special visit from Santa! This is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. Be sure to sign up early as there is typically a waitlist for these events.

Tuesday, December 23rd - 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with the Salmon Health VNA. RSVP if you'd like to join us for lunch.

The Senior Center will be closing on Wednesday, December 24th at noon and we will be closed on Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

Monday, December 29th – 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment.

Tuesday, December 30th – 12 noon –

New Years at Noon Celebration Sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. Come join us ringing in the New Year! We will have Dennis the Magician entertaining us thanks to a Grant from the MA Cultural Council. Sign up early as there is typically a waitlist.

The Senior Center will be closing on Wednesday, December 31st at noon and we will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 and Friday, January 2, 2026 in observance of New Years!

Card Game played during lunch on Mondays. No card games on 12/8 & 12/15.

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van.

Tuesday's Walk & Talk Walking Club Program will resume in the Spring.

Tuesdays, Exercise Series, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th: Balance & Power 12:15 – 1:15 pm & Move & Groove 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm held at McCloskey School.

Knitting Club every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, come and visit us! The group members are always willing to teach you!

Every Wednesday – 9 am – 3 pm – The Uxbridge Senior Center Transportation Program Community Shuttle. This shuttle is for seniors and individuals with disabilities to destinations such as post office, pet care appointments, hair salon or barber, bank, pharmacy & shopping anywhere in the Uxbridge/Northbridge area. Note: this replaces the weekly bank/pharmacy and Shaw's Ocean State rides. Call 508-278-8622 for more information and to book your FREE ride. Requests require a 48-hour notice. NO SHUTTLE ON WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 24TH & DECEMBER 31ST – They will be on Tuesdays December 23rd & 30th instead.

Wednesdays - “Canasta” Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game – START TIME IS NOW 1:15 PM due to parking spaces. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch! No Games on December 17th, 24th & 31st.

Wednesdays – Play Scrabble! – START TIME IS NOW 1:15 PM due to parking spaces. – Come by for an afternoon playing Scrabble. Boards are supplied by the senior center. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch! No Games on December 17th, 24th & 31st.

Medical Transportation is accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

The senior center is in need of the following donations: Lysol wipes, newly packaged napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, tea (regular and caffeine free), ground regular & decaf coffee. We thank you for your support!

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

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https://www.uxbridgetv.org/schedule/192

Uxbridge Quaker Meetinghouse to host Service of Thanksgiving Nov. 27

UXBRIDGE — There are few places better suited to quiet contemplation than the historic Quaker meetinghouse in Uxbridge. It is the perfect spot to come together with family and friends on Thanksgiving morning to celebrate the real meaning of the holiday.

Join your neighbors at the traditional non-denominational service sponsored annually by the Quaker Meeting House Association. It will be held this year on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the meetinghouse, which is located at the corner of Aldrich Street and Quaker Highway in Uxbridge. A fellowship gathering in the carriage shed will follow the service.

Bundle up in layers and bring a blanket to warm your legs to truly enjoy the 1770 meetinghouse. The space is heated primarily by two blazing fires, but the warmth of thanksgiving always prevails in the simple service of music and thoughtful reflection. Representatives of the area faith community will assist with the service; traditional music always sets a peaceful tone.

The Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1952. Its primary purpose is the preservation of the historic building. In addition, the group encourages the use of the meetinghouse for religious, educational, and civic purposes. For further information on how you might help support this local treasure contact quakermeetinghouseassoc@gmail.com or go to UxbridgeQuakerMeeting at facebook.com.

Courtesy

The Juniper Hill Homeowners Association recently recognized and thanked their veteran residents. Eleven residents were recognized for their service to their country by the placement of a "Thank You Veteran" flag on their front lawn. Residents were encouraged to acknowledge these veterans by tooting their horns as they drove by these homes. These eleven veterans represent four branches of the military including the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. Juniper Hill is an over-55 community in Uxbridge.



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NEW CONSTRUCTION Craftsman Style Home! Tucked away on Cooper Rd, Webster Lake w/Access at Lakeside Beach/Boat Ramp. 3rd of 4 Homes being built at this Site. Offers 2,155 SF+/- of Living Area, 7 Rms, 4 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 9' Ceilings. Wood Flooring Throughout w/Ceramic Tile Floors in the Baths. Spacious Main BR Suite w/ Walk-in Closet & Private Full Bath. Double-Sink Vanity! Lower level walkout w/ Slider. Basement-rough plumbed Central AC! Garage \$649,900.

WATERFORD CT - 20 AVERY LN.
Beautifully updated farmhouse - 5 min. to the ocean. Nothing to do just to move in!! 2 bed, 2 bath New Heating System, Central Air! Huge shed & deck! Oversized garage. 3/4+ acre. assisted sale **\$365,000**

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Webster Lake Waterfront - 31 Bayview!!
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ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

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

Grade 6
High Honors: Charlotte Alberts, Nathaniel Andreychenko, Elliot Chandler, Jana Crnobraj, Aren DesJardins, Madison Kumnick

Honors: George Barnes, Tara Barton, Liam Brochu, Ella Bullock, Charlotte Caruso, Teagan Clifford, Leo Couto, Logan Garrant, Jonathan Gilchrist, James Hastie, Ava Holland, Abigail Hruz, Ella Kurczy, Brynn Martino, Adelaide Osterman, Shay Schadler, Juliette Schwenke, Davi Silva, Sawyer Szilagyi, Albert Wiesner, Sterling Wilson, Isaac Wood

Grade 7
High Honors: Storey Barnes, David Bronitskiy, Ava Chambers, Mila

Crnobraj, Elliot Finch, Addison Foppema, Mikaela Foppema, Maeve Hart, Elena Justus, Eleanor Oberlies, Thea Pantazelos, Cecilia Rizzo, Daphne Rufo, Ayla Sobiech, Nicholas Tomasino, Noelle Wieggers, Ella Zietek
Honors: Dominic Calarese, Micah Foster, Cassidy Houde, Makendrick Ignace, Aliko Kachaje, Aviana Meehl, Avery Mogan, Jacob Paiva, Caroline Quinton, Molly Rainbow, Emma Savage, Izabela Schofield, Clara Soden, Aelisha Uttangi

Grade 8
High Honors: Riley Ahearn, Chloe Barker, Evelyn Barnes, Ethan Cwiakala, Hadley DeFrancisco, Ella Pitts

Honors: Madelyn Arrigan, Nathan Boria, James Bourguignon, Lily Brochu, Joshua Cambridge, Remi DesJardins, Gianna Dyke, Arya Gromelski, Georgia Mulroy, Aletta Osterman,

Hannah Reynolds, Lillian Schwenke, Samyra Sethi, Kian Shah, Jackson Shanahan, Kayo Silva, Valerie Taylor, Jacob Tomasino

Grade 9
High Honors: Elise Bastien, Molly Chambers, Tom Cintolo, Kaleb DeWeerd, Sophie Finch, Jack Foppema, Mariola Godinez Simon, Caitlyn Neal, Mason Thakkallapalli, Effie Tzimogianni

Honors: Liv Barnatt, Isaac Besong, Kenzie Brower, Joao Carvalho, Kent Cote, Bella DeOliveira, Aidan Domenico, Mia Foster, Liza Gaudiano, Dawson Martinka, Ethan McCabe, Elyse McGee, Izzy Menard, Joe Monteiro, Sienna Roach, Allison Seitz, Clarisse Tatulli, Arielle Zdanis

Grade 10
High Honors: Neriah Bagaya, Ben Barron, Tommy Barry, Jake Beatty, Cadence Calarese, Casrae DesJardins,

Tessa Grelewicz-Ferreira, Josh Hilgenberg, Cam Houde, Fiona Johnson, Jack Johnson, Katelyn Keeler, Hannah Parke, Ryleigh Shanahan, Olivia Soden, Yvette Solorzano, Abi Uttangi, Michael Vos, Lucas Weden

Honors: Lara Alves, Jaden Ashton, Jon Clifford, Alec Gazda-Tran, Thomas Robbins, Inez Smith, Natalie Tubo

Grade 11
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Grade 12
High Honors: Maddi Amati, Kacy Brochu, Emily Burkhart, JV Dasilva, Matthew Dudley, Eli Focht, Eli Fortna, Noah Garrant, Brinley Gonneville, Ethan Hand, Hadasyah Mestres, Faith Najem, Maria Ramos, Justin Smith, Lilly Wierenga, Matt Wren, Brian Wright, Mark Yarger

Honors: Addison Boone, Natasha Carreiro, Micah Deters, Orla Donnelly, Meredith Johnson, Jillian Lawson, Ryan Martinka, Cam Morse, Emily Oatis, Charlie Ramsdell, Magdalena Szymanska, Genevieve Tatulli

Bay Path Nursing graduate's inspiring journey

FROM 911 DISPATCHER TO UNIT MANAGER, OVERCOMING OBSTACLES WITH COMPASSION



Lauren Locke

CHARLTON — For Lauren A. Locke of Lisbon, Conn., nursing is more than a profession—it is the fulfillment of a lifelong calling shaped by resilience, service, and unwavering compassion. After years of personal challenges, Locke made the decision to return to school in 2019, enrolling at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, and has since forged a remarkably fast-moving, remarkable, and influential career.

Locke's dedication to nursing has propelled her from a 911 dispatcher to a respected healthcare professional and community role model. Returning to school in 2019 after years of personal challenges, Locke has since built a fast-advancing career and now serves as a pediatric home care nurse while preparing to enter an LPN-to-RN program.

"Nursing has been a passion and life goal of mine for as long as I can remember," Locke said. "After years of life getting in the way and obstacles, a friend of mine convinced me to go back to school with her."

Rapid career progression during a critical time

Locke began working as an LPN prior to graduation and quickly advanced to Unit Manager at Odd Fellows Home of Worcester shortly after passing her NCLEX-PN. Her hiring occurred during the Massachusetts

state of emergency, earning her the unique recognition of being: "First hired as LPN undergrad, under-board with Hero's Pay under Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker Order #24."

Her leadership and clinical skill during this unprecedented time demonstrated the resilience and commitment that have defined her professional growth.

Excellence in specialized pediatric care

Locke currently provides highly specialized pediatric home care through Aveanna HealthCare, delivering complex treatments including medication administration, nebulizer therapy, chest vest and chest PT, and oral, nasal, and tracheostomy suctioning—often for medically fragile or nonverbal children.

Her prior roles include service at Villa Maria Skilled Nursing Facility and earlier leadership as an LPN Unit Manager at Odd Fellows Home. Before entering nursing, Locke spent eight years as a 911 dispatcher for American Ambulance in Norwich, CT, building critical crisis communication and emergency response skills.

Honored through the national #gameonhero program

In 2020, Locke was a proud recipient of the Yasso Game On Hero Award, part of the company's nationwide #gameonhero Program, which recognized individuals whose compassion and service uplift their communities during difficult times. Yasso's Experiential Marketing Associate, Taylor Hunt, shared that the company received an overwhelming number of moving hero nominations nationwide, each demonstrating extraordinary positivity and care. Among those honored by the program was Locke, then a Bay Path Practical Nursing student whose story exemplified the spirit of resilience celebrated

by the initiative—caring for an 83-year-old client, assisting in making fabric masks for hospitals, caring for her grandmother, and completing her education through remote learning and Digital Clinical Experience (DCE).

"It's wonderful to see and be recognized by such a great company doing great things for the healthcare system and community," Locke said. "Such an inspiring thing to be a part of during a traumatic time."

Locke's own recognition through the program reflects her dedication to patient care, kindness, and community service.

Additional recognitions & certifications

Locke has also been nominated for: Feed Inc. Kindness Award, Kate Spade Hero Award, and the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2020 Clinical Excellence Award. Her professional development includes training and certifications in Mental Health First Aid, Dementia Care, and Stop the Bleed.

Continuing her educational journey

Despite navigating personal health obstacles, Locke is currently completing science prerequisite courses at Three Rivers Community College in preparation for an LPN-to-RN program. She continues working as a pediatric home care nurse, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to her patients and future in nursing.

"Lauren embodies the perseverance, compassion, and professionalism that define Bay Path nurses," Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, retired Academy Director shared. "Her journey is both inspiring and deeply reflective of the impact a dedicated nurse can have on families, communities, and the healthcare system."

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