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A little sparkle and a whole lot of hope

WHITINSVILLE — A little holiday magic is moving into Northbridge Town Hall, and you might just get to take some of it home. The Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees returns Dec. 4–6, filling the Great Hall with decorated trees, music, and chances to win while supporting the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter.

The festivities begin Friday, Dec. 4, with the Preview Party from 5–7 p.m. Gather a few friends, make an evening of it, and enjoy a first look at the trees with a glass of bubbly and live music. The Blackstone Valley Swing Quartet performs from 5–5:45 p.m., followed by the Blackstone Valley Community Chorus from 5:45–7 p.m. Purchase Preview Party tickets at www.bvfestivaloftrees.org and put a little sparkle on your December calendar.

The celebration continues with free public admission Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6. Come admire the creativity, pick your favorites, and imagine which tree would look just right in your living room.

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GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE FALL WITH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

A Valley United Girl Scout Service Unit hosted a festive Fall Festival on Nov. 8 at Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, bringing together Girl Scouts from Northbridge, Uxbridge, and Douglas for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and friendship. The girls enjoyed painting pumpkins and wooden leaves, playing games, decorating cookies, and participating in a lively "Streamer Turkey Fashion Show," where teams used a single roll of streamers to transform one of their members into a festive turkey! The event served as both a fundraiser for the service unit's upcoming biannual campout and an opportunity for Girl Scouts from across the three communities to connect, build friendships, and enjoy time together.

BINGO & Breakfast Bonanza brings seniors together for a morning of fun and community



NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge seniors came together for a fun-filled morning of food, laughter, and friendly competition at the BINGO & Breakfast Bonanza, a community event sponsored by State Representative David Muradian, Jr. and Chick-fil-A Westborough.

The event offered attendees a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors while enjoying complimentary Chick-fil-A breakfast sandwiches and several rounds of bingo. Participants eagerly competed for a chance to win Chick-fil-A prizes, creating an atmosphere filled with excitement, smiles, and plenty of friendly competition. Special guests Anthony Genga, Northbridge Deputy Fire Chief, and Susan Muradian, David's proud and honored mom, were also on hand to help make the event a success!

"Some of the best moments in our community happen when people come together, share a meal, enjoy a few laughs, and make lasting connections," said State Rep. David Muradian, Jr. "I was delighted to sponsor the BINGO & Breakfast Bonanza with Britni and Chick-fil-A Westborough to help create a fun, welcoming morning for Northbridge seniors. Our seniors are such an important part of our community, and they deserve opportunities to connect, feel appreciated, and enjoy time with friends."

Amy Cowen echoed that enthusiasm, highlighting the joy of bringing local seniors together.

"The BINGO & Breakfast Bonanza was a wonderful morning filled with lots of fun and laughter! It was great to see everyone enjoying breakfast, connecting with friends and neighbors, and making memories together. We're so grateful

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Blackstone Valley Community Chorus presents holiday Pops concert

UXBRIDGE — The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus and Orchestra will present "Festive Favorites," A Holiday Pops Concert, on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. The concert will take place at Valley Chapel at 14 Hunter Rd. in Uxbridge. Admission is free, though donations are accepted and appreciated!

"Festive Favorites" features the BVCC singing with a full orchestra, a guest appearance by the Whitin Intermediate School Chorus, dance interludes by Asher Taylor-Dawson, Tamar Cohen and Danceworks Dance Centre Repertory Company, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The program promises fun and holiday cheer for an audience of all ages. Come celebrate the holiday spirit with family and friends and sing along!

The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus is a merry group of singers from towns throughout Central Massachusetts. Singing under the direction of Diane M. Pollard of Douglas, the BVCC has been committed to bringing varied musical performance opportunities to the Blackstone Valley for more than twenty years. The BVCC has performed at the Worcester Art Museum and Hanover Theater, the Massachusetts State House, Fenway Park, and at countless

Blackstone Valley community celebrations and fundraisers. Along with "Festive Favorites," the BVCC will be performing at the Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees Preview Party on Friday, Dec. 6. For more information about this event or our Holiday Pops Concert, visit the BVCC on Facebook or at www.bvcchorus.org.

Marcus & Millichap Capital Corporation arranges $10 million in financing for historic industrial property in Whitinsville



WHITINSVILLE — Marcus & Millichap Capital Corporation (MMCC), a leading provider of commercial real estate capital markets financing solutions, has arranged $10.2 million in financing for the acquisition of a 1,007,647-square-foot industrial property located at 1 Main St. in Whitinsville.

Robert Damigella, managing director in MMCC's Boston office, secured the loan with a regional bank. The financing features a 10-year term, 75 percent loan-to-value, a 6.85 percent interest rate and a 25-year amortization period.

Originally built in 1847 as the Whitin Machine Works, the historic property has been reimagined into a commercial hub. Located in downtown Whitinsville, the property offers proximity to major routes including Route 495, the Mass Pike and Route 146, and features several loading docks.

"Properties with this much character and history are rare, and our goal was to deliver a financing structure that supports the buyer's plans for the asset," said Damigella. "We're pleased to have closed a competitive loan that does exactly that."

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Like any young puppy who has had her activity restricted while healing, Claire has plenty of pent-up puppy energy! She can get jumpy and mouthy when she's excited and is still learning how to channel all that enthusiasm appropriately. She's a bright girl who will benefit from continued training as she grows.
Claire is looking for a foster or adopter who can continue helping her heal while giving her all the love, enrichment, and guidance a growing puppy deserves. She has so much potential ahead of her and can't wait to find people to cheer her on!
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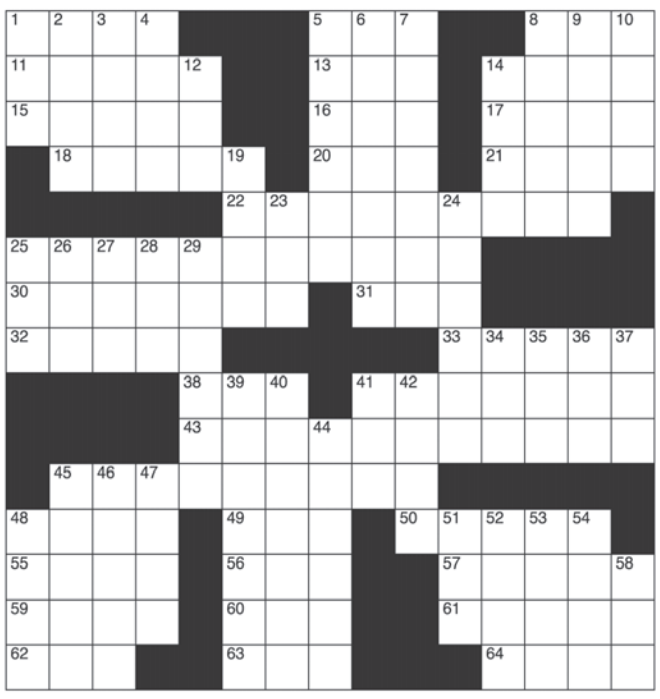

CLUES ACROSS

1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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Green Day Recycling to host community electronics r ecycling event in Whitinsville

WHITINSVILLE — Green Day Recycling invites residents of Whitinsville and surrounding communities to participate in an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot of Village Congregational Church, located at 5 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The community-wide event offers an opportunity to responsibly dispose of unwanted electronics, household appliances, and other items while helping reduce waste and prevent potentially hazardous materials from entering landfills. Organizers are accepting virtually anything with a plug or batteries, along with reusable bicycles.

Items will be recycled responsibly for a small fee, with prices ranging from $5 to $40, depending on the item. Several items will also be accepted free of charge, including cell phones, reusable bicycles, video game media and accessories, wires, cables, chargers, car and truck batteries, DVDs, keyboards, and tablets. Cash donations for free items are appreciated.

What can you recycle?

The event will accept a wide variety of items, including:

Small electronics ($5): Computer towers, laptops, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, radios, speakers, cameras, power tools, holiday lights, and more.

Small household appliances ($10): Vacuums, toaster ovens, coffee makers, air fryers, sewing machines, fans, and other household appliances.

Larger electronics and equipment ($20): Flat-screen computer monitors, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, large printers, leaf blowers, and more.

Televisions and larger items ($25–$40): TVs, CRT monitors, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, lawn equipment, exercise equipment, and other large appliances.

Free items: Cell phones, reusable bicycles, video game media and accessories, wires, cables, chargers, car and truck batteries, DVDs, keyboards, and tablets.

A complete pricing list will be available at the event.

Convenient drive-up drop-off

To make recycling as easy and convenient as possible, participants can remain in their vehicles while event workers unload their items. Upon arrival, drivers should follow the traffic cones and directions provided by event staff and pull their vehicles as close to the truck or dumpster as possible.

The event will take place rain or shine, and residents of all towns and communities are welcome.

Computer hard drives will be destroyed as part of the recycling process. Those who wish to have their hard drives removed on-site may do so for an additional charge.

Cash payment is preferred. Checks will be accepted for payments over $30.

Help make a difference

By participating, community members can give unwanted electronics and appliances a responsible end-of-life solution while helping conserve resources, reduce landfill waste, and protect the environment.

For additional information, questions about accepted items, business cleanout services, or to explore hosting a recycling event with your organization, please contact Green Day Recycling.

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Long-awaited book celebrating 300 years of Uxbridge's history debuts in March

UXBRIDGE — The Town of Uxbridge 300th Anniversary Committee is pleased to report the long-awaited new history book about the town, "Uxbridge — A History," detailing its earliest beginnings and development through the decades into the present Millennium, goes to print March 2, 2027. Sub-titled "A Storied Past, A Dynamic Future," a variety of authors guides readers through twenty chapters with dozens of images. It brings 'life' to places, people and events, known and unknown, from the 1600s to today.

With the generous support of the Gordon Bliss Family and Blissful Meadows, History Press, noted publisher of such books, describes this one as follows: "The Town's 300th Anniversary Committee has produced an authoritative and touching tribute to the unique history of this New England town."

A pre-order flyer, specifying price, where/how to send funds, will be available in local stores, Blissful Meadows Pro-shop, Town library and Town Hall shortly. A 'best seller' label is predicted for this publication, and authors will autograph copies at a reception to be scheduled when books are received. Don't miss this special opportunity to add to your family's collection of 300th memorabilia.

Proceeds from book sales support cost of many 300th celebrations planned through June 2027. Subsequent sales benefit the Uxbridge Historical Society's mission to safeguard irreplaceable local treasures and, henceforth, preserve the structural integrity of the Cornet John Farnum House (c. 1710).

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Greater Milford Ballet Company presents "The Nutcracker" Dec.12 & 13 at Milford High School



MILFORD — The Greater Milford Ballet Company invites audiences of all ages to experience the magic of the holiday season with its enchanting production of "The Nutcracker," taking the stage at Milford High School Auditorium in Milford, on Dec. 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.

Come see this exciting 46-member cast of characters, colorful costumes and dazzling choreography. This production is local, easily accessible, affordable and never disappoints when it comes to delivering high-quality entertainment and has been a holiday tradition favorite for decades.

Alexandria Troianos and Styles Dykes from Ballet RI are the featured professionals in the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. This state-of-the art ballet production includes dancers and production crew from Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Mendon, Medway, Milford, Webster, Worcester, Wrentham, Upton, Uxbridge, MA and North Smithfield and Providence, R.I. The production is under the Artistic Direction of Cynthia Marnik.

The following performers in "The Nutcracker" from the Blackstone Valley Call and Times area include:

Lead Roles: Kendall Negron as Clara; Mia Santomenna as Columbine, Arabian, Snow and Waltz Corps; Lucia Miller as Christmas Tree Fairy, Dew Drop and Snow Corps; Emily Naff as Trepak, Rehearsal Assistant and Stage Manager; Charlotte Anderson as Angel Princess, Snow, Marzipan and Waltz Corps; Hailey Rafiq as Marzipan Shepherdess, Snow and Waltz Corps; Evren Hodge as Mouse King; Jason Lefever as Father Silberhaus; Lorelei Lefever as Chinese Lead and Marzipan and Waltz Corps; Emma Cullen as Snow Queen, Spanish Chocolate and Waltz Corps; Paul Jacques as Grandfather Silberhaus; Colleen O'Brein as Mother Silberhaus; Angelene Nicoloro as Soldier Doll and Angel, Marzipan and Waltz Corps; George Szabo as Fritz; Isabella Casucci as Trepak, Waltz Corps and Rehearsal Assistant; Grant Lepine as Drosselmeyer, Prince and Arabian Consort; Alexandria Troianos as Sugar Plum Fairy; Styles Dykes as Cavalier; Camille Williams as Grandmother and Mother Ginger.

Other Cast and Corps Roles: Peyton Arthurs as Party Boy, Soldier, Angel and Chinese Corps; Jaclyn Bianchi as Aunt Cornelia, Snow and Waltz Corps; Anna Burke as a Mouse and Polichinelle; Lisa Caso as a Party Guest; Juliet Hodge as Cousin, Dancing Snow Flurry, Angel, Chinese and Marzipan Corps; Harper Rafiq as a Mouse and Polichinelle; Olivia Silviera as Mouse and Polichinelle; Khloe Slusher as Small Angel; Liam Slusher as Soldier General; Owen Slusher as Soldier; Eden Rafferty as Small Angel; Leah Rafferty as Party Boy, Soldier, Snow Flurry and Polichinelle; and Cassidy Robertson as Acro Clown, Soldier, Chinese Corps and Gingerbread Man; Paula Cerulli as Party Guests; Douglas Lock as Party Guests; Isla Radicioni as Girl with Clown and a Small Angel; Taila Radicioni as Party Girl, Mouse, Snow Flurry, Polichinelle; Regina Nicoloro as Elf and Small Angel; Molly Szabo as Cousin, Dancing Snow Flurry and Angel, Chinese Marzipan and Snow Corps; Damien Labrador as Party Guest; Delaney Litvak as Party Girl, Soldier, Angel and Chinese Corps; Emmeline Litvak as Soldier and Polichinelle; Laiken Johnon as Party Girl, Mouse, and Polichinelle; Camryn Johnson as Elf and Small Angel; Raven Spitz as Elf and Small Angel; Sydney Buono as Party boy, Soldier, Chinese Corps and Polichinelle; Ambra Hoxha as Angel and Marzipan Corps; Elizabeth Tramontozzi as Rehearsal Supervisor; Lynne Cannavo as Costume Design and Manager.

Available at intermission: refreshments, holiday raffle items including gift certificates from local restaurants, retailers and themed gift baskets.

Tickets are priced at $25 and $30. Ticket sales are available by calling the Deane Dance Studio at 508-473-2105 or at Charles River Bank located at 16 Hastings Street in Mendon. Discount sales for Council on Aging and non-profit 501(c)3 groups of (10) or more including Girl Scout Troops can be arranged by calling Colleen O'Brien at (508) 954-4756. Tickets will be sold at the auditorium depending on availability.





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EDITORIAL

A holiday tradition with a purpose

The holiday season has a way of bringing out the best in small towns. From brightly decorated storefronts to concerts, craft fairs and community celebrations, December offers plenty of opportunities to gather with neighbors and enjoy the traditions that make this time of year special. But the most meaningful celebrations are often those that accomplish something beyond spreading holiday cheer.

The Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees, returning to Northbridge Town Hall Dec. 4-6, is one of those occasions.

At first glance, the festival is everything a holiday event should be. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees will fill the Great Hall, local musicians and singers will provide entertainment, and families will have an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon or evening together. There will be raffles, prizes and even a visit from Santa.

Yet behind the decorations and festivities is a purpose that deserves far more attention than any ornament or sparkling light. The festival benefits the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter, an organization dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness. Every raffle ticket purchased and every contribution made helps support the effort to provide emergency shelter and assistance to people who find themselves without a safe place to stay.

That mission is especially important as winter approaches. In communities such as Northbridge, Uxbridge, Sutton and Douglas, homelessness is not always as visible as it might be in a large city. There may not be crowded sidewalks or obvious encampments to remind us of the problem. But housing insecurity does not disappear simply because it is less noticeable.

Families can experience unexpected financial setbacks. A job loss, medical emergency, rising rent or sudden change in personal circumstances can leave someone struggling to maintain a roof over their head. For those already living paycheck to paycheck, the distance between stability and crisis can be frighteningly short. And when temperatures begin to fall, the consequences become even more serious.

It is easy to think of homelessness as a problem that happens somewhere else, affecting people whose lives are entirely different from our own. The reality is that financial hardship can affect people from every background, including those who have worked hard, raised families and contributed to their communities for years. That is why organizations such as the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter matter. They provide a measure of security at a time when individuals and families may have very few places to turn.

The Festival of Trees also demonstrates something important about successful community fundraising. Supporting a serious cause does not mean an event must feel solemn or burdensome. There is room for laughter, music, creativity and celebration, even when the underlying mission addresses a difficult reality. In fact, that combination may be one of the festival's greatest strengths.

A family purchasing raffle tickets may come primarily because the children want to see the Christmas trees. A couple might attend the Friday evening preview to enjoy the music. Others may be drawn by the donated prizes or the opportunity to honor a loved one through a memorial tree.

Whatever brings people through the doors, their participation helps accomplish something worthwhile.

There is also something fitting about holding this celebration in Town Hall. A building associated with the everyday business of local government becomes, for one weekend, a gathering place where residents can enjoy the season while helping neighbors in need.

As the holidays approach, many households will be decorating their homes, planning meals and preparing to welcome family and friends. Those familiar comforts are worth appreciating. They are also worth remembering when considering people who may be facing December without the same security.

The Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees offers an opportunity to turn that awareness into meaningful assistance. The decorated trees will eventually find new homes, the music will fade, and the Great Hall will return to its usual purpose. But the support generated during those three days can continue making a difference long after the decorations have been packed away. And that is what makes this holiday tradition worth preserving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Uxbridge should follow its own engineers

To the Editor:

When a town hires engineers and then sets their advice aside, residents should ask who pays. In Uxbridge, the answer may be all of us. On Aug. 21, the Department of Public Works reviewed the plans for Manella Estates, a new subdivision off Chestnut Street. Among its written comments were two plain requests: granite curbing along the new road, and fencing around every stormwater basin. The Planning Board has not required either.

Start with the curbs. The plans call for granite only at the Chestnut Street entrance and around the cul-de-sac. The rest, about 1,500 feet, would be vertical asphalt berm. The DPW asked for granite throughout and cited the town's Complete Streets Policy, adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 2019. That policy says private developments "shall adhere to and comply with the Complete Streets principles," commits the town to building and maintaining streets "in an economic and efficient manner," and names the DPW and the Planning Board among those charged with carrying it out. It allows exclusions only with DPW approval, backed by documentation and data. To my knowledge, none was sought. The developer's written reply was that the new road would still be sturdier than Chestnut Street.

That misses the point. The question is what the town will be left to maintain. Part of this road is at a 10 percent grade, the steepest the town's own rules allow. Asphalt berm cracks in the cold, breaks under plows, and must be rebuilt with every repaving. Granite is paid for once, by the developer, and lasts for decades. Using published bid prices, I estimated a one-time granite premium of $60,000 to $115,000 for the developer, against $80,000 to $210,000 in asphalt upkeep for the town over 40 years. I sent that analysis to the board.

Then there is the pond. The board declined to require a fence around the drainage basin, noting it has not required fences at other sites. But the developer's own plans show parts of this basin will hold up to two and a half feet of standing water between storms, and up to six feet in a 100-year storm. It sits directly against two future house lots, and a gently sloped maintenance ramp leads to the bottom. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages one to four, and it happens quickly and quietly. A fence costs little now.

I have asked the board to reconsider both decisions, or at least to explain in writing why the DPW's recommendations should not be followed. That is not too much to ask. These are public safety and public money questions, and the town will own the answers for decades.

Uxbridge will grow, and it should. But when the town's own engineers put a recommendation in writing, the board should follow it or say on the record why not.

MATTHEW TRAINOR
UXBRIDGE

Sutton is not just another development site — what price its history, heritage, and future?

To the Editor:

Sutton is at a crossroads. A proposal by the Kraft Group and Unified Global Packaging Group to build what could become one of the country's largest data center complexes has placed this historic Central Massachusetts community at the center of a debate extending far beyond its boundaries. The proposal envisions ten buildings, a $16 billion investment, and electricity demand of up to 900 megawatts. Developers point to substantial private investment, increased property tax revenue, and economic opportunity. Town officials understandably have an obligation to examine those possibilities. But the financial dimensions of this proposal should not overshadow a more fundamental question: What makes Sutton special, and what could be lost if this development proceeds?

I represented Sutton in the Massachusetts Senate from 1996 through 2015, and now live in neighboring Uxbridge. During those years, I came to appreciate Sutton not simply as another community in my district, but as a town with a distinctive identity, remarkable history, and residents deeply committed to preserving their quality of life. Sutton is a quintessential New England community. Its village center, white-steepled church, historic homes, farms, and open spaces reflect generations of community life. Waters Farm and Freegrace Marble Farm are among its historic treasures; I was privileged to help secure the latter's listing on the National Register of Historic Places. These properties represent more than attractive reminders of an earlier era. They tell the story of the agricultural traditions, craftsmanship, and independent spirit that helped shape Sutton and the surrounding region.

Sutton also occupies an important place in the history of the Blackstone Valley. The Blackstone Canal once carried agricultural produce and other goods from Worcester toward Providence, connecting local farms and businesses to a growing regional economy. The canal was an important part of the economic transformation that helped establish the Blackstone Valley as a center of early American industrial development. Sutton also gave the nation General Rufus Putnam, a Revolutionary War hero who helped organize the Ohio Company of Associates and establish Marietta, Ohio, in 1788, advancing the settlement of the Northwest Territory. These are not incidental historical footnotes. They are part of the story of a community whose contributions extend well beyond its present boundaries.

Sutton's assets are not confined to its history. Pleasant Valley Country Club has brought national attention to the town through major professional golf tournaments, while Blackstone National Golf Club provides another important recreational resource. Purgatory Chasm, with its extraordinary geological formations, is among Massachusetts' most distinctive natural attractions. The town's schools, soccer programs, recreational opportunities, and community institutions have helped produce generations of accomplished scholars and athletes while sustaining a quality of life residents value. Together, these resources contribute to Sutton's appeal as a place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. They are part of the town's identity and its wealth, even if their value does not appear on a municipal tax assessment.

None of this means Sutton should turn its back on economic development. Town officials have a responsibility to address legitimate fiscal challenges, fund municipal services, maintain infrastructure, support schools, and keep property taxes manageable. Additional tax revenue from a major development could provide meaningful financial benefits. But the projected benefits must be carefully examined, and preliminary estimates and promises should never be confused with guarantees. What would the actual tax revenue be? What exemptions, incentives, or other financial arrangements might be negotiated? What additional municipal expenditures would be required for police, fire, emergency services, roads, and infrastructure? Would the anticipated revenue adequately compensate the town for the long-term costs and consequences of a development of this extraordinary scale?

The electricity demand alone is staggering. At 900 megawatts, the completed complex would consume electricity equivalent to approximately 7 percent of Massachusetts' peak usage on the hottest summer day last year, according to Boston Globe reporting. Data centers are not ordinary commercial developments. They operate continuously and require enormous amounts of electricity, sophisticated cooling systems, backup power, and supporting infrastructure. Questions about water consumption, wastewater, noise, lighting, backup generators, traffic, environmental impacts, and the availability and cost of electricity deserve independent answers before the town makes any commitments. These consequences will not necessarily stop at Sutton's municipal boundaries. Uxbridge and other Blackstone Valley communities have a legitimate interest in understanding the regional effects on electric infrastructure, water resources, roads, the environment, and the quality of life of their residents.

There is also a larger question about who ultimately pays for the infrastructure needed to support a project of this magnitude. If substantial electric grid improvements are required, will those costs be borne by the developer, or will ordinary residential and business ratepayers throughout the Commonwealth be expected to share the burden? Massachusetts cannot afford to overlook that question. A $16 billion proposal also creates an extraordinary imbalance between the financial and technical resources of a developer and the ability of a relatively small town to independently evaluate and negotiate its terms. Sutton should not rely exclusively on information supplied by those seeking to build the project. Independent technical, environmental, fiscal, and legal review is essential. The town deserves experts whose responsibility is to protect the interests of its residents.

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Year-end considerations for your wealth strategy



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As 2026 winds down, year-end planning is an opportunity to evaluate how your taxes, investment decisions and wealth-transfer strategies work together.

Start with some self-reflection. Focus on your progress, your feelings about it and actions you might want to take next year. If you›ve had personal, family or employment changes, think about how they could affect your goals and your ability to achieve them.

Consider your tax situation. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to identify year-end tax opportunities. This could include tax-loss harvesting, where you can sell unrealized losses in your taxable accounts to offset capital gains recognized throughout the year, including long-term capital gain distributions from mutual funds. Also starting this year, a new limitation may reduce the value of itemized deductions for some taxpayers in the 37 percent tax bracket.

If you're 73 or older, be sure to check if you have required minimum distributions to take before the year-end.

Make the most of tax-advantaged savings opportunities. Consider whether you›re making full use of your health savings account (HSA) and retirement plan opportunities. You should also review your mix of pre-tax and after-tax retirement savings to determine if you should adjust where you›re saving. Depending on your circumstances, you may want to evaluate opportunities such as Roth conversions, backdoor Roth and mega backdoor Roth contributions. If you›re saving for education, a 529 plan provides both flexibility and potential tax benefits.

Review giving strategies that can reduce your gross estate. If giving to others is one of your goals, consider charitable giving or annual gifting strategies to help support the people and causes you care about while also reducing the size of your taxable estate. You can also receive a current tax benefit from your charitable donations. If you›re age 70 and a half or older, you may be able to exclude up to $111,000 from your adjusted gross income (AGI) by making qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) directly from your IRA. These distributions can satisfy your RMD if you have one, which helps lower your AGI.

Also note that the rules for other charitable donations changed this year. If you take the standard deduction, you can now deduction up to $1,000 (or $2,000 if you file jointly) of cash donations. On the other hand, if you itemize deductions, you may not be able to deduct as much of your charitable giving as in the past. Work with your tax professional and financial advisor on related strategies.

Revisit your estate plan and beneficiary designations. Changes in your family circumstances, finances or estate laws can make existing plans outdated. Review beneficiary designations, account titling and estate-planning documents to help ensure your assets transfer according to your wishes.

As your financial life becomes more complex, the connections between investment, tax and estate-planning decisions become more important. Year-end is an ideal time to evaluate those relationships and identify opportunities to strengthen the overall efficiency of your wealth strategy.

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A Thanksgiving worth remembering

Lanterns Along Main Street

By CHARLES

Thanksgiving has a way of sneaking up on a fellow. One minute, you're mowing the lawn and complaining about the heat, and the next, you're standing in the grocery store wondering how a frozen turkey can cost that much and whether anybody in the family actually likes cranberry sauce.

I've reached the age where Thanksgiving means something a little different than it did when I was younger. Back then, I was mostly interested in the food, the football and finding a comfortable chair before somebody recruited me to wash dishes. These days, I still appreciate all three, although I've learned that volunteering for dish duty can be a pretty good way to escape a conversation about politics.

The older I get, the more I realize that Thanksgiving isn't necessarily about having everything we want. It's about recognizing how much we already have, even when life hasn't turned out quite the way we expected. That's not always an easy thing to do.

We live in a world where somebody is constantly reminding us of what we're missing. A better car, a bigger house, a newer television, a vacation someplace warm. Apparently, according to the advertisements, happiness can be purchased in convenient monthly installments. I haven't found that to be particularly true.

Some of the happiest Thanksgivings I can remember took place around tables that were too small, in houses that were too crowded, with folding chairs borrowed from wherever we could find them. Somebody always got stuck sitting next to the kitchen doorway, somebody complained that the gravy was too thin, and somebody inevitably asked when we were going to eat, usually about 20 minutes after being told. Nobody seemed to mind very much.

I remember when Thanksgiving dinner was a production that began days in advance. The good dishes came out of the cupboard, the dining room table got its annual polishing, and there was a certain amount of nervous discussion about whether the turkey would be ready on time.

There was always one person who insisted the meal should begin at noon and another who thought three o'clock was perfectly reasonable. Somehow, we usually managed to eat around two. And there was always enough food to feed twice as many people as showed up.

Nowadays, the gatherings are a little smaller. The kids have grown, schedules have become complicated, and the old familiar faces aren't all around the table anymore. That's the part of getting older nobody puts in the holiday advertisements. You notice the empty chairs.

You remember the relatives who used to tell the same stories every year, the ones you pretended to be tired of hearing. Funny thing is, you'd give quite a bit to hear one of those stories again.

But Thanksgiving shouldn't become an exercise in counting what's missing. Those memories are worth keeping, certainly, but so are the people and moments we still have in front of us.

My wife and I have been married long enough to know that a successful holiday doesn't require everything to go according to plan. In fact, some of our favorite memories involve things going completely sideways.

A burned dinner roll isn't a catastrophe. Neither is a lumpy potato or a pie that looks like it lost a fight with the oven. And if somebody forgets to put the cranberry sauce on the table, there's a decent chance nobody will notice until Friday.

I think one of the great advantages of growing older is that you finally begin to understand which things matter and which things don't. The tablecloth doesn't matter. The centerpiece doesn't matter. Whether the turkey looks like the photograph in the cookbook certainly doesn't matter. What matters is the conversation, the laughter, the opportunity to spend a few hours with people who know your faults and love you anyway. And sometimes, what matters is simply having a peaceful afternoon.

Not everybody has a house full of relatives coming for dinner. Some people will spend Thanksgiving working. Others will be alone, whether by choice or circumstance. Some families are dealing with illness, financial worries or the first holiday after losing someone they love.

It's worth remembering that a holiday celebrated with such enthusiasm can be difficult for others. A phone call, an invitation or a plate of leftovers delivered to somebody's door might mean more than we realize. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture. Most worthwhile things aren't.

I also think Thanksgiving offers us a chance to reconsider what we call good fortune. Having a roof that doesn't leak, a reliable vehicle that starts on a cold morning, a friend who answers the telephone and somebody who notices when we haven't been around for a while are all pretty substantial blessings. They don't make for exciting television commercials, but I'd put them ahead of most things being advertised.

This year, I intend to enjoy my Thanksgiving dinner, probably eat more than I should, and settle into a comfortable chair afterward with every intention of staying awake. I will almost certainly fail at that last part. But before the day is over, I hope to spend a little time appreciating the ordinary things that have made my life a good one. The people who have stood beside me, the lessons I learned the hard way, and the many kindnesses I probably didn't appreciate enough when they happened.

And if the turkey comes out a little dry, I'll reach for the gravy. At my age, I've learned that most things in life can use a little gravy.

Happy Thanksgiving, folks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patriotic enthusiasm

To the Editor:

It is still the 250th anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence. I still have patriotic enthusiasm, and intend to lavishly express it on our nation, its freedoms, its Judeo-Christian values, and our Constitution, despite everything.

Perhaps, in spite of everything. Perhaps, to spite everyone who voted against their own best interest. Do you still have patriotic enthusiasm? Will you express it?

With dismay, I viewed the results of the recent election. Three million registered voters in our state did not vote. Yet 84 percent of those who did vote here voted for Diana DiZoglio to continue as State Auditor. She has been fighting with the politicians on Beacon Hill, especially the Fake state Attorney General "Joy" Campbell, to enforce the 2024 referendum that demanded an audit of the legislature. She has been fighting with the "No Joy in Mudville" Campbell, who refused to force the legislature to comply with the new audit law. It's a law. She is our top lawyer. Her job is to enforce the laws of our state. Nope.

The people in our state have sounded the alarm to Dems. We support the auditor overwhelmingly, not you. We all, Dems and Republicans, voted for Dizoglio and support her in the audit. And we all voted for the new public records law! Don't hold your breath as you wait to see Campbell not enforce it.

Back to the national election. The Communists [yes they are Communists], the haters of America [yes, they hate America] and the non-Godly are celebrating that they beat Donald Trump! Wait, what?

What happened to "we saved democracy?" What happened to "affordability?"

Not one Communist is saying how they can Make America Affordable Again. MAAA.

Nope, their first order of business is to impeach anyone in the Trump orbit that they can get their hands on, destroy them with law fare, kill the Big Beautiful bill which lowered taxes for everybody, no tax on tips, lowered taxes significantly for seniors. If you are retired, you know your taxes were lower in April of 2026 for the year 2025. Lower taxes? You can kiss them good bye now.

The Commies will reverse the Big Beautiful tax bill. They are targeting Medicare which is meant for seniors. We seniors paid for it, but the Communists want to give it to "everybody." That means everyone, including 20 million illegal criminals who arrived here a minute ago. Is that fair? They will bleed it dry.

As one Facebook post said: "Dems make good on affordability promise by making stocks cheaper!" Yup, a 1.3 trillion loss on Nov. 5. Everyone lives on social media and uses tons of cloud and data space, but China has convinced everyone that data centers are bad so all the AI and data center companies crashed on November 5. Their stock prices dropped.

Now Texas will get the jack boot on the neck. The governor-elect, Gina the Communist, is going to freeze electricity rates. Without increasing the supply of electricity, this will fail. In order to bring prices down, for example, on apples, you have to increase supply. Grow more apples. High supply reduces demand because everyone can get one. Prices fall. But when you only build battery storage and solar farms, as they did in Texas, the cost of electricity goes up. It went up by nearly 10 per cent in Texas.

Why? Because batteries and solar are the most expensive forms of electricity. Hello, has anyone every studied Econ 101? Supply side economics? Venezuelan Communists froze the electricity rates 20 years ago, and saw electricity become scarce. Now, they eliminated the freeze. The freeze failed.

I admit I am no genius. But I can count. I know how many beans make five. Communists do not. They believe they can manufacture low prices, instead of manufacturing actual products or build more power plants to reduce the cost of electricity. Anyone can understand this. Except Socialists and Communists.

We are The Land of Opportunity. Capitalism and freedom are the drivers. You can have so much if you are willing to work hard. Maybe get a degree in physics. Or learn a trade. Start a business. Invent something new. Find what someone will pay you to do because you just may be good at it.

Are you a Patriot? Me too. Enthusiastically! And may God help us.

Signed,

Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge

History is not so simple

To the Editor:

As per usual, the leftist shame mongers here in the oh so evil USA are pandering to their own similarly situated dolts with their anti-Thanksgiving diatribes. Denouncing the arrival of the P.D.D.A. (a.k.a. the Pilgrims of Diabolically Destructive Activities), who are alleged by the lefties to have arrived on the deck of the Mayflower, totally decked out in their black and white, penguin-American, Tennessean tuxedo outfits.

Their perennial, post-millennial allegations are that the PDDA's came here circa 1620 to wipe out the entirety of the so-called Indian populations. As if somehow or other, the aforementioned Indians, who we all know for a fact weren't from India at all, were somehow guilty of some wickedly stupid crime. Such as stealing the British crown's top-secret recipe for turning cranberries into an edible sauce.

Meanwhile, the other leftist zealots continue to quite zealously patrol our state's school systems in search of Confederate States of America paraphernalia that needs burning on sight or, at the very least, confiscation. Things that other nations in the world do not at all agree with.

So, let's refresh memories in regards to the published eyewitness testimony from that post Civil War time period. Starting with the headline from the Tulsa Star's Sept. 28, 1918 edition: "Aged Colored Confederate Conspicuous."

"Earl Jerdon, 101 years old, with hair as white as flowering cotton, bent and brown as a rusty nail, who walks with the aid of a staff, who has no teeth in mouth, and who attended every Confederate veteran reunion since the close of the civil war, is one of the aged visitors who have arrived for the four days celebration. Talks about Self

"I was a servant for Dr. C. W. Jerdon back in Huntsville, Miss.," said the withered relic of the days of slavery as he broke off pieces of ham and bread at the mess tent, opposite the Katy depot Monday afternoon.

"Yeah, I got my name from his'n. That's what we all did in them days. Well this is how it was. General Nathan Bedford Forrest sent out a call for 15,000 Negro soldiers. The doctor came to me and asked me if I wanted to go. I said sure, and enlisted that day. No, he didn't say that I had to go. He treated all of us fine. I started training under General Beauregard and before I had been training four days I was made a member of the General's bodyguard. I went through the whole war and never received a scratch.

"Were you a servant?", he was asked. "Yeh, I served with a gun and two pistols," he said and twisted his face into a ghost of a grin. A grin without teeth but with plenty of spark and humor.

"...I have been at every reunion. This is what I say. As long as I can walk and talk and get around at all I will go to the reunions. I must go and see them all again. But they're agoin'. There won't be so many this time. They get killed and die....They say there's a war agoin' on now. It ain't any war. It ain't any war like ours. Why, in our war the bullets sounded like a windstorm whistling through the willows. It was a real war. There won't ever be a war like that 'un, I know--cause there can't."

Now let's take a look at a Union-side remembrance excerpted from "Civil War Treasury" edited by B.A. Botkin:

"I was at the battle of Gettysburg myself, and an incident occurred there which largely changed my views of the Southern people. I had been a most bitter anti-Southman, and fought and cursed the Confederates desperately. I could see nothing good in any of them.

The last day of the fight I was badly wounded. A ball had shattered my left leg. I lay on the ground not far from Cemetery Ridge, and as General Lee ordered his retreat, he and his officers rode near me. As they came along, I recognized him and, though faint from exposure and loss of blood, I raised up my hands, looked Lee in the face, and shouted as loud as I could, 'Hurrah for the Union!'

The General heard me, looked, stopped his horse, dismounted and came toward me. I confess that I at first thought he meant to kill me. But as he came up he looked down at me with such a sad expression upon his face that all fear left me, and I wondered what he was about.

He extended his hand to me, and grasping mine firmly and looking right into my eyes said, "My son, I hope you will soon be well."

If I live a thousand years, I shall never forget the expression on General Lee's face. There he was, defeated, retiring from a field that had cost him and his cause almost their last hope, and yet he stopped to say words like those to a wounded soldier of the opposition who had taunted him as he passed by!

As soon as the General had left me, I cried myself to sleep there upon the bloody ground." — Marcus J. Wright

Lastly, let's end this world-wide wakeup call to the Massachusetts "Woke" folks with this well-known gem.

"Dear Dr. Scott:

Respecting your August 1 inquiry calling attention to my often expressed admiration for General Robert E. Lee, I would say, first, that we need to understand that at the time of the War between the States the issue of secession had remained unresolved for more than 70 years. Men of probity, character, public standing and unquestioned loyalty, both North and South, had disagreed over this issue as a matter of principle from the day our Constitution was adopted.

General Robert E. Lee was, in my estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our Nation. He believed unswervingly in the Constitutional validity of his cause which until 1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was a poised and inspiring leader, true to the high trust reposed in him by millions of his fellow citizens; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unfailing in his faith in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history.

From deep conviction, I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's calibre would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the Nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained.

Such are the reasons that I proudly display the picture of this great American on my office wall.

Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower
August 9, 1960"

Stephen Gambone
Northbridge

Come to give blood, experience the magic of Trans-Siberian Orchestra

WORCESTER — The American Red Cross and Trans-Siberian Orchestra invite eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma and enjoy a special opportunity to experience the magic of the holiday season while helping save lives.

When donors hurry in to give blood, platelets or plasma, they can earn at least 100 points through the Red Cross Donor Rewards program, which can be used to redeem two tickets to select performances of Trans-Siberian Orchestra's The Ghosts of Christmas Eve: The Best of TSO and More, while supplies last. Trans-Siberian Orchestra will perform in Worcester on Nov. 28, for the 7:30 p.m. show at the DCU Center. (To learn more about Donor Rewards, visit RedCrossBlood.org/rewards.)

"The Red Cross is in constant need of blood donations, and it's so important that we all step up," said Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Al Pitrelli. "You give blood to support a wonderful cause and in exchange, you come spend the holidays with us. It's a win-win!"

Quantities are limited! To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App.

The holiday season can be a challenging time to ensure the blood supply remains stable, even as busy schedules may prevent regular donors from giving. "Blood donors make a profound difference in the lives of patients every day," said Darren Irby, executive director of brand partnerships for the Red Cross. "This special Donor Rewards offer is a meaningful way to thank those who come to roll up a sleeve to help others while giving them the chance to enjoy an unforgettable holiday experience, thanks to the generosity of TSO."

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information about our work, please visit redcross.org/MA or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

Massachusetts coach and three-time American Ninja Warrior national finalist breaks 24-hour Murph world record

WORCESTER — Jonathan Godbout, founder of online coaching company Adaptation Through Perseverance (ATP) and a three-time American Ninja Warrior national finalist, has set a new unofficial world record for the most Murph workouts completed in 24 hours. Starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, at CrossFit Worcester, Godbout finished 20.5 Murphs at 8:57 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, with three minutes to spare. The previous record of 20.16 was held by Russell Stringer of Australia.

Murph is a CrossFit Hero workout, one of a series named to honor fallen service members. It carries the name of Navy Lt. Michael Murphy, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2005, and is traditionally done each Memorial Day: a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 air squats and a second mile, all in a 20-lb vest. Godbout wore the vest for every round, and by the finish he had run 41 miles and completed 2,050 pull-ups, 4,100 push-ups and 6,150 squats.

The attempt traces back to the day Godbout and his friend Paul Woods knocked out 10 unweighted Murphs in 10 hours together, at 17 and 15 years old, and walked away agreeing that one of them had to go after the weighted 24-hour record. That mark climbed steadily in the years that followed, and Godbout spent the past eight months preparing for it, with strength and conditioning work five days a week, hundreds of Murph-specific workouts and physical therapy.

"This has been in the back of my mind for five years," Godbout said. "Once I gave it my full focus, I improved even faster than I expected, and I did more than I ever thought I could."

His coaches at CrossFit Worcester hosted the event and looked after him around the clock, keeping him safe and making the attempt as fair as possible. They judged every rep, counted every round and measured the mile to the exact distance, down to the door he ran out of.

The hardest hours came overnight, when the cold set in on top of mounting physical fatigue and mental exhaustion. Woods and Godbout's girlfriend, Abby Saner, who had done three Murphs of her own earlier that day and stayed awake with him all 24 hours, worked as his pit crew: piling on layers for each mile, stripping them off the moment he came back inside, holding cooling towels to his head and picking him up off the floor after push-ups during the last few rounds. His extended family stayed through the night too, covering many of the miles at his side.

"I literally couldn't have done it without my coaches, Abby and Paul, and my whole family," Godbout said.

Godbout dedicated the record to his grandfather, a military veteran, and to all who have served, as a thank-you for their service and sacrifice.



"This challenge was insanely hard, but it's nowhere near as hard as what veterans go through," he said.

The 24 hours were also a test of the idea his coaching company is named for.

"You have to go through something hard in order to come out stronger on the other side," he said. "That's what Adaptation Through Perseverance means to me."

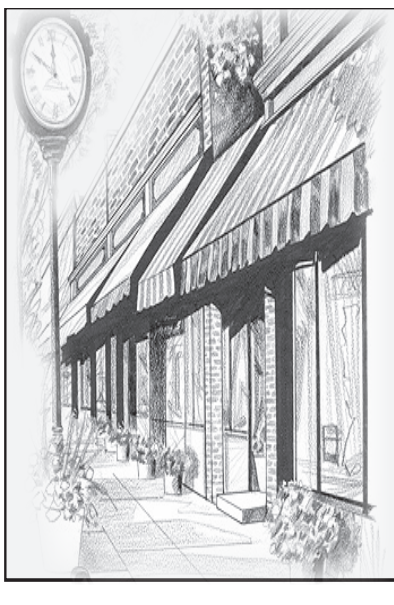
Video of the finish has drawn more than 1.9 million views on Instagram, and a mini documentary of the attempt, told largely through the voices of his clients, friends, family and gym community, will premiere on the ATP Fit Co YouTube channel.

About Jonathan Godbout

Jonathan Godbout is a three-time American Ninja Warrior national finalist, an endurance athlete and a certified personal trainer with a degree in physical education. He has coached for about eight years and now works full-time as an online strength and conditioning coach.

About Adaptation Through Perseverance (ATP)

Adaptation Through Perseverance LLC is a Massachusetts-based online coaching company founded by Jonathan Godbout. ATP offers personalized coaching for ninja, obstacle racing and endurance athletes, as well as everyday athletes who want to train like them. Learn more at atpfitco.com.



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Northbridge High School announces honor roll

NORTHBRIDGE — Congratulations to the 379 students in Grades 8–12 who earned a spot on the Quarter 1 Honor Roll at Northbridge High School!

Quarterly academic recognition is based on term grade point average:

Highest Honors: Term GPA of 4.0+ (107 students)

High Honors: Term GPA of 3.3 – 3.9 (175 students)

Honors: Term GPA of 2.7 – 3.2 (97 students)

Highest Honors

Grade 8: Branden Ballou, Amelia Fayed, Kane Gagne, Meyer Ihesiene, Claire

Johnson, Elsie Kosciak, Talia Meringolo, Anya Rolen, Madison Townsend

Grade 9: Cameron Brouillard, Levi Buehler, Giovanna Bufaino Rocha, Kelsey

Desousa, Bella Drury, Jonah Gendron, Klara L 'Hommedieu, Aditree Nayak, Addison

Onorato, Vrinda Patel, Wyatt Piegorsch, Brayden Ryan, Savannah Shumate, Logan

Theberge, Sawyer Woods

Grade 10: Anna Andresen, Mya Bassett, Nathaniel Borges, Maci Coe, Zoe Corey,

Leah Fasold, James Flaherty, Reese Hendricks, Callie Kaska, Payton Kaska, Samantha Loader, Florissa Lundquist, Matthew Orazine, Lexie Paulhus, Kalina Rolen, Natasha Souvanna

Grade 11: Ereeny Absamis, Taylor Alden, Alexander Austin, Kayla Bolduc, Paisley

Comeau, Emily Flauto, Landon Gerardi, Cailey Graceffa, Kara Helinski, Savannah

Hendricks, Cassandra Higgins, Aiden James Jenkins, Arabella Kosciak, Kathleen

L 'Hommedieu, Anna Lavallee, Ashley Ann Lucena, Lila MacDonald, Sophia Maracle,

Madelynn Nowak, Shane Paulhus, Avery Riche, Marissa Roadman, Shea Schuster,

Madison Scungio, Audrey Siemaszko, Isabelle Stanley, Shiloh Stewart, Ava Strazzulla,

Kaitlyn Szerlag, Brooklyn Thibeault, Jade Thomas, Keelyn Touhey, Boluwatife Vera-Cruz, Stephany Villanueva Juarez, Amanda Waterson, Lexi Wilson

Grade 12: Emily Billmyer, Carly Brett, Kayla Briggs, Jacqueline Cammarano, Christina

Chiras, Alexandra Corey, Samuel Corman, Vahan DerKosrofian, Lillian Donahue, John

Donahue, Julia Fisher, Cayleigh Foley, Meghan Frieswick, Austin Kee, Emily Kelly, Nathan Kuras, Abigail Leveille, Bryce Lundquist, Ava Mandelenakis, Anthony Mooradian, Ashley Papa, Aidan Payen, Zahra Rith, Bryce Rogozenski, Bryce Ryan, Isabella Saad, Lillian Sabourin, Brooke Shumate, Parker Stanick, Olivia Stanick, Elizabeth Tubbs

High Honors

Grade 8: Addison Austin, Allan Bacon, Abigail Bacon, Gabriella Bara, Cameron

Barkin, Britten Bilodeau, Kylie Biron, Chloe Clemente, Alice Corman, Tessa Dawe, Ali

DeLuca, Summer DeLuca, Nune DerKosrofian, Henry Dupre, Ian Erickson, Peyton

Fleming, Ava Frye, Justin Gale, Danielle Germain, Trevor Gordon, Andrew Haslam,

Oghosa Imalenowa, Ashley Johnson, Riley Koopman, Camden Koopman, Charlotte

Levasseur, Aslan Marins Marinho, Madelyn Otteman, Quan Pham, Lydia Pomeroy, Elise Priore, Elise Roby, Celina Ruiz, Pedro Souza, Travis Stanley, Emma Strazzulla, Riley

Studley, Nora Sullivan, Charlotte Thibeault, Scarlett Walker, Trey Warner, Sabrina Zorrilla

Grade 9: Deric Alicea, Austin Almeida, Sophia Baldwin, Brayden Barnatt, Delanie

Briere, Isaiah Clemente, Benjamin Comforti, Kaylee Desousa, Emily Desousa, Lucas

Freniere, Yarah Goris, Abigail Gorman, Kayla Haggett, Rodney Hill, Evan Holcomb,

Morgan Jenkins, Landon Joubert, Logan Kestenbaum, Jaxon L 'Esperance, Thatcher

LeBlanc, Alex McKellick, Avianna Mejia, Brayden Neyland, Charlotte Pitts, Logan Porzio, Mia Reed, Tyler Reyes, Caleb Silva, Charlotte Supernor, Myka Taylor, Declan Trites, Finnian Trites

Grade 10: Renji Bailey, Sanaya Barros, Calli-Ann Bolduc, Maggie Caron, Andrew

DeCiero, Taylor Devlin, Parker Falvey, Giovanna Ferreira, Alexis Hardy, Willow Hogan,

Teagan Koopman, Evan LaChapelle, Cooper Mandelenakis, Hailee Martin, Marshall

Munhall, Abbygale Novinger, Logan Overfield, Madelyn Pellegrino, Alexander Picard,

Jolene Poulin, Mason Richard, Ethan Searles, Mahussapat Sukamkar, Aubrianna Theroux, Landon Tucker, Christian Vacca Rivera, Sasha Vidinha, Jacob Ware, Blake Wenc, Maxwell Zyra

Grade 11: Gohar Arakelyan, Ella Arias, Kirra Arsenault, Quin Austin, Hannah Bacon,

Chloe Barnatt, Victoria Concepcion-Cruz, Taryn Conway, Brady Direnzo, Gage Doble,

Kallie Dunn, Evan Flanagan, Elizabeth Garcia, Ashlyn Gonyea, Jessica Haberski, Mark

Henin, Katherine Hernandez Mendoza, Dylan Kelly, Thomas Krause, Joshua Kuras, Rory LaMonda, Chi Le, Layana Lee, Daniel Lemarr, Molly Leonard, Emma Leveille, Vincent Lomonaco, Madelyn Loos, Colton Lotfy, Maya MacLeod, Julia McKenna, Connor Mclaughlin, Ryan Parker, Olivia Pollock, Adrianna Racz, Abrielle Richards, Trevor Talieri, Max Tieuli, Isaac Vitoria, Chloe Warner

Grade 12: Kalintria Bailey, Skyla Boucher, Barbara Brooks, Brooke Cammarano, Suri

Campbell, Cody Coonrod, Mo Rodney Daigle, Quinn Driscoll, Isaiah Gabrila, Leah

Gallerani, Alfredo Garcia, Christopher Gavin, Samuel Gorman, Tanner Haden, Bailey

Kee, Dawson Kramer, Jillian Krula, Belle Elizabeth LeClair, Isabella Liberty, Mason Mawn, Hayden Murphy, Ryan Nkangu, Michael Potter, Jordan Priore, Lily Proto, Zoey Rith, Georgia Robinson, Michael Tubbs, Kaylee Vakoc, Caroline White, Kayla Whitney

Honors

Grade 8: Alex Abreu Coleta, Shylah Aponte, Evan Balcom, Hayden Benton,

Christopher Calnan, Gavin Cromwell, Thuy Nhi Dao, Alanna DeMoura, Kameron Genga, Jaxen Gerardi, Malia Gibson, Jackson Inman, Kauan Lima, Nora Madera, Omar Madera, Wyatt Marshall, Robert Mulliken, Elizabeth Norling, Lucas Orazine, Jason Porter, Colleen Rich, Jaiden Robertson, Owen Rosati, Olivia Saksa, Emanuelly Soares, Emileigh Tivnan, Derick Viveiros, Portia Zanchi

Grade 9: Ryen Alexander, Thomas Baltramaitis, Rylie Bartusek, Giovana Braz, Joao

Pedro De Rezende, Ester Dos Santos, Spencer Farr, Lucas King, Josiah Klar, Anthony

Alessandro Lucena, Nicole Pastana, Jaelynn Perreault, J'ziah Rawson, Tucker Riley

Grade 10 (25): Emilie Ahearn, Nevaeh Ayala, Jackson Bates, Logan Blood, Nathan

Boisvert, Elijah Briere, Lazarr Cook, Gabriel Correia, Lincoln Garcia, Miles Gorman,

Emmanuel Jimenez Suarez, Logan Kaiser Ballard, Angelina Keddy, Tianna Lavallee,

Logan Lemarr, Jenifer Martinez Oro, Kole Melanson, Devyn Nicholson, Kaden Noel,

Chase Pichel-Daigneault, Zakiiya Rawson, Moises Rodriguez, Ethan Sidavong, Addison

Trottier, Anthony Yorka Leguen

Grade 11: Grace Alicandro-Kinney, Nico Bauer, Jaziah Blackman, Olivia Caira, Anita

Comforti, Brady Connolly, Kaiden Flagg, Adrianna Goncalves, Morris Honkavaara, Gaby Juarez, Cody Miller, Rafael Montalvo, Brady Richards, Brayden Studley

Grade 12: Abigail Akeley Nobles, Brendan Aldrich, Jaiden Becerril, Tyler Boutin, Paul

Cammarano, Rosa Flores, Christian Gomez-White, Gabriel Leveille, Fam Mekhaeel,

Dylan Saster, Danika Schofield, Calob Shaw, Iszac Smith, Mia Smith-Hale, Tyler Tran,

Alexander Zanchi

Our Lady of the Valley announces honor roll

UXBRIDGE — Our Lady of the Valley Regional School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2026-2027 school year.

High Honors

Grade 8: Caelyn Kent, Angelina Lucchetti, Graeme Pintarich, Joseph Podles, Felicity Walek

Grade 7: Patrice Altidor, Jovie Brant, Annabelle Brown, Nora Eland, Scarlett Hendricks, Gracyn Lambert, Logan Lariviere, Andrew Patnode, Liam Power, Jason Youssef

Grade 6: Amilia Abdulmassih, Anna Auger, Abigail Berger, Miranda Calnan, Ellen Consigli, Isaac Eland, Colin Shimko, Luke Siciliano, Johanna Talamini, Jacob Viveiros, Rosalie Walek

Grade 5: Rosalie Brown, Sophia Foxworthy, Mary French, Beatrice Fritz, Leo Glennon, Norah Glennon, Colton Guy, Dino Lucchetti, Trevor McGovern, Griffin Pintaric, Lucianna Tyrrell, Madelyn Vaidya

Grade 4: Jonathan Clemente, Jacob Findlay

Honors

Grade 8: Jacob Carter, Cassius Clinker, Catalina Goncalves, Audrey Keough, Sophia Pica, Liam Roy, Arabelle Siciliano, Cole Wilson

Grade 7: Elias Azar, Kaelyn Crosby, Felix French, Gideon Fritz, Angela Hines, Cecilia Oliveira, Aya-Sophia Saliba, Benjamin St. Mary, Aubrey Thayer, Chloe Westenfelder

Grade 6: Madeline Findlay, Caden Menard, Keegan O'Brian

Grade 5: Sophia Andreozzi, Tessa Bashaw, Marc Bullio, Reghan Devaney, Olivia Pavone, Adaline Pica, Grayson Pintarich, Scarlett Roy

Grade 4: Leah Badrikian, Bruno Bagley, Luca Borges, Amara Clinker, Abigail Consigli, Ophelia DeLuca, Jackson Foxworthy, Elijah Johnson, Arianna Kapitanyan, Samuel Nedder, Sara Orellana, Finnegan Walsh, Lavina Youssef

Friday's Child



Thomas
Age 16
Registration #8537

Tommy is an energetic and passionate young person who truly enjoys connecting with others — both adults and children. He thrives in conversation and especially loves a thoughtful debate with a trusted adult. Curious and confident, Tommy brings enthusiasm and insight to the topics he cares about. He has a strong love for techno music and Pokémon, and he enjoys sharing what he knows with others. When he's not diving into his interests, Tommy is often outside riding his scooter around the neighborhood or helping his foster mother with gardening and yard work. He takes pride in being active and contributing at home. Tommy also has an impressive entrepreneurial spirit. He is currently developing a small business plan to mow neighbors' lawns, showing initiative, responsibility, and creativity well beyond his years. Golf is another passion of his. Tommy is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to different club styles and putting techniques, and he enjoys learning more about the game whenever he can. With his drive, curiosity, and determination, Tommy has so much potential to continue growing and thriving.

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Blackstone Public Library announces December schedule full of festivities

BLACKSTONE — Library Director Lisa Cheever and the Blackstone Public Library Trustees are pleased to present a December schedule packed with festive winter events and activities.

Community members are encouraged to stop by the library and enjoy this month's calendar of holiday crafts, activities, events and more.

The Blackstone Public Library is located at 86 Main St.

Holiday Activity Highlights:

Al Testa Holiday Jazz Concert

Stop by the library for an evening of holiday-themed jazz music fit for all ages. With over 13 years of musical experience, Al Testa has played lead trumpet for musical groups across Rhode Island.

- WHEN: 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library, 86 Main St.
- MORE INFO: This program is funded by a generous donation from UniBank. Registration is required. To register, visit the library's events page or call 508-883-1931.

That's a Wrap: Stop at the Library to Wrap All Your Gifts

Need some space to wrap all your holiday gifts in peace and privacy? Come to the Blackstone Public Library for its holiday gift wrapping party. During two sessions on Dec. 21 and 22, the library will provide all the materials and the space for gift wrappers to get all their work done. In addition to wrapping paper, the library will provide bows, labels, gift bags, tissue paper, tape and boxes. Materials will feature winter, Hanukkah and Christmas designs.

- WHEN: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, and 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22.
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This event is not a gift-wrapping service and all patrons will be responsible for wrapping their own gifts. For more details, visit the library's events page or call 508-883-1931.

Sweet Steps: Take Your Pick at Library's Annual Cookie Walk

Stop by the library and gather your own custom combination of homemade cookies made by some of the best bakers from the Blackstone community.

Blackstone Public Library's annual 11th annual Cookie Walk fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For just $10 per pound, guests can mix-and-match and load up on a wide variety of homemade cookies, in addition to a selection of individually priced specialty treats that will be available for purchase. Guests should arrive early for the best selection.

All proceeds from the cookie walk will help fund library events, programs

and purchases that are not covered by the library's operating budget. Anyone interested in contributing should reach out to Senior Library Technician/Head of Circulation Ellen Goudreau at ellencookielady@gmail.com or call 508-883-1931.

- WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. The library cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment. Persons with food allergies are responsible for self-monitoring food served and used at the library. Ingredient lists for each item will be available upon request. If you are interested in baking cookies for the fundraiser, or would like further information, contact Ellen Goudreau at ellencookielady@gmail.com or call 508-883-1931.

Children's Programs

Annual Drop-In Holiday Craft

The library is hosting its annual drop-in holiday craft event, and children ages three and up are invited to enjoy an evening of crafts, cocoa and cookies. Children can choose to make one of the sample projects or create their own using craft foam, glitter, pipe cleaners, pom-poms and more.

- WHEN: 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is not required.

Drop-In Snowflake Craft

Stop by the library to create your own unique snowflake out of popsicle sticks, sequins, gems, buttons and more. This event is appropriate for children ages four and up.

- WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Dec. 28
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is not required.

Adult Programs

Iris Paper Folding with Elaine Almquist

Create a beautiful greeting card and learn the art of Iris Paper Folding, the technique of taping or gluing colorful strips of paper behind a cutout shape, called an aperture. The folded paper follows a pattern that will create a layered, spiral design, and the finished center resembles the iris of a camera lens.

- WHEN: 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required and limited to 18 participants. For more information or to register, call 508-883-1931. This program is funded by a generous donation from UniBank.

Holiday Crafting with the Trustees

Join the library for a morning of festive crafts! Bring your own wreath or holiday swag, and decorate your item using embellishments provided by the library. Learn how to make a big bow for a beautiful finishing touch on your wreath, and create your own mini grapevine ornament or tiny tree ornament.

- WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 5
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is not required. This program is geared towards adults, but supervised children are welcome to attend.

Holiday Centerpiece: Senior Crafty Corner at the Library

This library crafting event invites seniors ages 60 and up to attend and create their own festive holiday centerpiece. All supplies will be provided at the event for guests to bring home their own seasonal creation.

- WHEN: 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required and guests must be 60 years of age or older to participate. For more information or to register, call 508-883-1931. This event is funded by a donation from the Blackstone Public Library's LIG MEG account as authorized by the Board of Library Trustees.

Help with Sheila Elliott

Looking for help with an application for public assistance? Sheila Elliot will be at the library to answer questions about MassHealth, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program (WIC), Fuel Assistance and more. Elliott provides assistance to clients through this program in partnership with the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health.

- WHEN: Noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required and limited to a 30-minute session. For more information or to register, call 508-883-1931.

Pop-Up Library at the Senior Center

Seniors at the Blackstone Senior Center are invited to discover their next read or get a library card when the library travels to them during this pop-up event.

- WHEN: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10
- WHERE: Blackstone Senior Center, 15 St. Paul St.
- MORE INFO: Registration is not required.

Scrap It Up: Learn How to Preserve Family Memories

Scrap your other plans for the evening and join the Blackstone Scrapbooking Squad for a family history scrapbooking class. Join library staff member Jean Piechocki and create beautiful scrapbooks, meant to preserve memories and family history. Attendees are asked to bring at least four photographs each to use in the scrapbook, along with information about the subject. The rest of the supplies will be provided by library staff.

- WHEN: 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact library staff member Jean Piechocki at jpiechocki@cwmars.orgor call 508-883-1931. This event is funded by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Blackstone Quilters Assemble at the Library

Patch it up with a group of like-minded crafters this September by joining the Quilting Club at the Blackstone Public Library. Come together for a relaxing and creative gathering with fellow quilters. Not a quilter? Become one. Learn some tips and tricks, while doing some quilting. Each meeting is an opportunity to learn, relax, share ideas, work on projects and enjoy each other's company.

- WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This club is sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Give it Your Best Shot at the Photography Club

Join other photographers at the club's monthly meeting and discuss various photography tips, tricks and ideas. Refreshments will be provided.

- WHEN: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 508-883-1931. This club is funded by UniBank.

You'll Shoot Your Eye Out: A Holiday Lecture with Dustin Pari

Join author and speaker Dustin Pari for a festive presentation all about the holiday classic "A Christmas Story."

- WHEN: 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This program is geared towards adults. Registration is required. To register, visit the library's events page or call 508-883-1931. This program is funded by a generous donation from UniBank.

Mystery Holiday Ornaments: Adult Craft at the Library

This month's "Adult Crafting with Jean" invites participants to create their own unique holiday ornament. There will be two opportunities to join Jean for this craft. All supplies are provided and all skill levels are welcomed.

- WHEN: 1 and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 508-883-1931. This event is funded by a donation from the Blackstone Public Library's LIG MEG account as authorized by the Board of Library Trustees.

Young Adult Programs

Drop-In Crafts

Students in grades 5 through 12 are invited to stop by the library and complete a craft.

- WHEN: 6 p.m. on Dec. 1, 3, 8, 10, 17 and 22.
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Registration is not required.

Cursive Comeback: Keep in the Loop with Old-Fashioned Penmanship

Cursive handwriting used to be a standard part of the curriculum in schools, but its use has sharply declined in recent decades, falling out of favor as education has become more digital. But it's making a comeback, including at the Blackstone Public Library, where younger generations practice their penmanship at 5 p.m. every Thursday.

- WHEN: 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning on Dec. 3
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This program is open to students in grades 5 through 12. Registration is not required.

Chess Club (and Board Games!)

Visit the library to practice your chess skills with other players. This is not an instructional class, but all skill levels are welcome. Meetings are held every Monday in November.

- WHEN: 5 p.m. on Mondays, beginning on Dec. 7
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This program is open to students in grades 5 through 12. Registration is not required.

Un-Book Club

Join the Un-Book Club and read whatever book you want! The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss recent reads and find your next book.

- WHEN: 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15
- WHERE: Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: This event is open to students in grades 5 through 12. Registration is not required.

Ongoing Book Groups

Get Spooked With the Grim Reader's Society, a Horror Book Club

The strange, scary and mysterious world of horror literature comes alive with the Grim Reader's Society, also known as The Horror Book Club. This monthly book club focuses on spooky, spine-tingling tales. The Grim Reader's Society welcomes newcomers, if they are brave enough. Scaredy cats are welcome, too. Copies of the book of the month are available at the front desk.

- WHEN: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3
- WHERE: Quiet Study #2, Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Contact Children's Librarian Tressy Collier at tcollier@cwmars.org or call 508-883-1931.

The Blackstone Book Group

The Evening Book Group, also known as the Blackstone Book Group, offers participants the chance to discuss amazing works of literature with like-minded readers. Copies of this month's book are available at the circulation desk.

- WHEN: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8
- WHERE: Quiet Study #2, Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Contact Renee Milliken at rmilliken@cwmars.org or call 508-883-1931.

Saddle Up With a Book at the Senior Center

The Senior Center Book Club meets on the third Tuesday morning of every month at the Senior Center on St. Paul Street. Monthly books are available at the library's front desk or the Senior Center. New members are always welcome.

- WHEN: 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Dec. 15
- WHERE: Blackstone Senior Center, 15 St. Paul St.
- MORE INFO: Contact Ellen Goudreau at egoudreau@cwmars.org or call 508-883-1931.

Spend an Afternoon Recapping the Latest Book of the Month

The Afternoon Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Join the group for a lively chat and a cup of tea. Take a seat, relax and unwind during an afternoon of great conversation about the Afternoon Book Club's latest book of the month. Newcomers are welcome and copies of the book of the month are available at the front desk.

- WHEN: 3 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29
- WHERE: Quiet Study #1, Blackstone Public Library
- MORE INFO: Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@cwmars.org or call 508-883-1931.

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LEGALS

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 Gertrude E. Doiron, Brian R. Letendre, Robert W. Doiron, Jr. to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, dated September 14, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39777, Page 305, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on July 1, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53950, Page 22, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

PNC Bank, National Association Formerly Known as National City Bank Successor in Interest to National City Mortgage A Division of National City Bank to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on June 7, 2017, in Book No. 57224, at Page 337

Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company, recorded on February 11, 2021, in Book No. 64439, at Page 97

Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee of GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2022-RPL4, recorded on October 24, 2023, in Book No. 69793, at Page 327

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 18, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 641 West Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Uxbridge, on the northerly side of Hartford Avenue West shown on Plan entitled "Land of Raymond C. Hall ... April 11, 1977" by John R. Andrews Jr. Surveyor and Engineer, being recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 437, Plan 37.

Beginning at an iron pipe on the northerly side of Hartford Avenue, West which point is 396.36 feet westerly of a M.H.B. at station 36+5456 measured along the northerly side of Hartford Avenue, West; thence westerly by the northerly side of said Hartford Avenue, west by a curve to the right radius 1250.00 feet for a curve distance of 200.00 feet to a drill hole at corner of stonewalls; thence N. 26° 13' W. by a stone wall at land now or formerly of Dunleavy 220.00 feet to a drill hole in stone walls; thence N. 66° 59' 53" E. 203.23 feet by remaining land of grantor to an iron pipe; thence S. 25° 12' 48" E. 210.00 feet by remaining land of grantor to the point of beginning.

The Mortgagors expressly reserve their rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate their Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding his waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage".

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36772, Page 160.

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 Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) 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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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2685CV1672D
DANIEL J. NEWMAN and REBECCA NEWMAN
PLAINTIFFS,
v.
FAYE W. ALTIERI, JAYNE M. BEDIGIAN, TERRY J. BOGARD, CRAIG A. BOSMA, HENRY G. BOSMA III, LEE N. DAVIDSON, PAUL G. DAVIDSON, AMY G. DUNLEAVY, LISA M. LLOYD, KRISTINE B. MCDANIEL, DAVID T. OLSON, MARK K. OLSON, STEVEN G. OLSON, JULIE M. SPARKS, DOUGLAS J. STEFANOV, LAURIE A. STEFANOV, SCOTT A. STEFANOV and THE UNASCERTAINED AND UNDETERMINED HEIRS OF WINNIE S. BOSMA
DEFENDANTS

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Winnie S. Bosma, deceased, formerly of Douglas, MA, or her heirs, devisees, or legal representatives

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed by the above-named plaintiffs in which you are named as a defendant. The complaint concerns three parcels of property known as 12 Charles Street, Douglas, MA and are depicted as Lots 5, 6, and the unnumbered house lot located to the north of Lot 6 on the plan recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 434, Page 69. Plaintiffs seek to establish title to the property by adverse possession. The complaint may be examined at the Worcester Superior Court- Civil Clerk's Office, 225 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608, or a copy obtained from plaintiffs' attorney.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon plaintiffs' attorney, Mary L. Cataudella, Esq., Touchstone Law Offices, 27 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810 on or before December 18, 2026, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiffs which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiffs' claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

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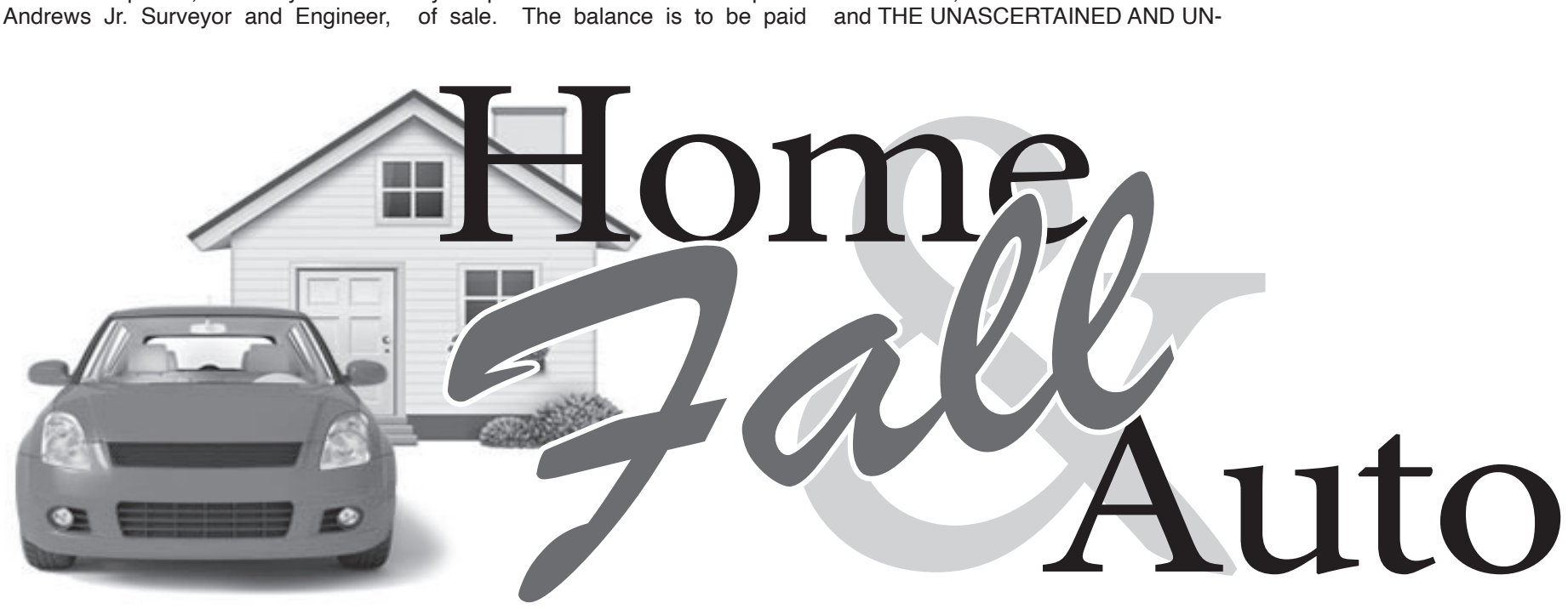

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TREES

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Saturday's music begins with Chris and Katrina at 1 p.m., followed by Sara Spector Brown and Joe Sobkowiak at 2:30 p.m., the WCS Elementary Enrichment Choir at 3:30 p.m., and WCS Elementary Strings at 4:15 p.m. On Sunday, Santa is coming at 11 a.m., so bring the little ones and their Christmas wishes.

Of course, choosing a favorite tree is only half the fun. Tree raffle tickets are 26 for $20, giving visitors plenty of chances to spread their holiday wishes around the room. A separate raffle table adds even more excitement with gift baskets, dining and shopping gift cards, recreation experiences, and other donated prizes. A three-month Worcester JCC membership and round-trip Salem Ferry tickets are among the treats up for grabs.

This year also welcomes memorial and honor trees, offering families, businesses, and organizations a heartfelt way to celebrate someone special.

Every ticket purchased helps BVES provide emergency shelter and support for neighbors facing homelessness. It is a chance to enjoy a beautiful holiday tradition while helping someone else find warmth and hope.

Bring your friends Friday, bring the family back over the weekend, and come ready to find a favorite. For Preview Party tickets and festival details, visit www.bvfestivaloftrees.org.

BONANZA

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for the support from both State Representative David Muradian, Jr. and Mike and Britni of Chick-fil-A Westborough who made this special community gathering possible," said Cowen.

With good food, great company, and exciting prizes, the BINGO & Breakfast Bonanza was a wonderful celebration of community spirit at the Northbridge Senior Center, and a reminder that some of the best mornings are spent together!

LETTER

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As of this writing, the proposal has not received municipal approval, and no formal development application has been submitted. Data centers are not currently an allowed use under Sutton's zoning bylaws. Any zoning amendment would require public consideration and approval by Town Meeting. That process is fundamental to local self-government. Town Meeting is not simply a procedural obstacle for a developer to overcome; it is the means by which residents exercise their right to determine the future of their community. The Select Board and other municipal officials should insist on transparency, independent professional review, and meaningful public participation. Residents must have the information necessary to understand both the promised benefits and potential consequences before making decisions that could permanently alter their town. The Commonwealth, too, has a responsibility to ensure that extraordinary energy demands, water infrastructure requirements, environmental impacts, and grid improvements do not shift costs to neighboring communities or ordinary ratepayers.

Having represented Sutton, helped preserve one of its historic properties, and now living just across its border, I believe its residents deserve a full accounting of what they might gain and what they might lose. A community's value cannot be measured solely by its tax base. Its history, natural beauty, schools, recreational resources, historic buildings, open spaces, and sense of place cannot readily be replaced or restored through a tax abatement or community benefits agreement. Sutton has preserved much of what makes it special for more than three centuries. Its residents have inherited that legacy from earlier generations, and they now have the responsibility of deciding what they will pass on to their children and grandchildren.

Does Sutton's historic character and quality of life have to be sacrificed to the commercial ambitions of those seeking to profit from the explosive growth of the data center industry? That question belongs to the people of Sutton, not developers or outside investors. Economic development and historic preservation need not be mutually exclusive, but neither should the promise of substantial tax revenue become an excuse to disregard the heritage, environmental resources, and quality of life that make a community worth investing in. Sutton deserves the opportunity to examine this proposal carefully, ask difficult questions, obtain independent answers, and make its decision without being rushed by the magnitude of the investment or the expectations of those promoting it. The decision will determine not simply what happens to a parcel of land, but what kind of town Sutton will be for its children and grandchildren. It will also affect neighboring communities that share its history, landscape, resources, and future.

Some things are simply too valuable to put a price on.

RICHARD T. MOORE
UXBRIDGE

Celebrate the holiday spirit at BVCC's Annual Jingle & Mingle event

SUTTON — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is excited to extend an invitation to our annual signature event, Jingle & Mingle on the evening of Dec. 2 at Vaillancourt Folk Art, Manchaug Mills, 9 Main St., Sutton. This holiday networking event, will begin at 5:30 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 Supporter Sponsor.

Jingle & Mingle is always well attended and guests will enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres from the culinary students at Grafton Job Corps, taste a variety of seasonal beverages, coffee and hot chocolate from Stay Awhile Coffee, 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! NEW this year, we're bringing a little extra holiday fun to Jingle & Mingle, with an Ugly Sweater Contest. Whether it's delightfully tacky, outrageously festive, covered in glitter, or sporting the most holiday flair, we want to see it! One lucky participant will take home a prize for the BEST (ugliest) sweater.

"Jingle & Mingle is one of our favorite opportunities to bring the Blackstone Valley business community together to celebrate the holiday season," said Kristen Kearnan, Programs and Events Director of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. "It's about more than networking; it's about building relationships, supporting local businesses, giving back to our community, and taking the time to enjoy the connections that make our Valley so special. We're excited to welcome everyone to Vaillancourt Folk Art for an evening filled with holiday cheer, great company, and a few new surprises this year."

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events. Members $10, Non-Members $20. Admission is FREE with a donation of an unwrapped toy or gift card to benefit children of all ages through Blackstone Valley Family Services. Please RSVP by Nov. 27. For more information, please contact Kristen Kearnan at 508.234.9090, ext. 100 or email Kristen at, kkearnan@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.

BVCC to host ribbon cutting celebrating growth of Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services

BLACKSTONE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the growth of Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services (BVPTS) on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 12:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the practice's location at 98 Canal St., #2, Blackstone, MA 01504.

For 36 years Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services, Inc. has been an independent, physical therapist-owned, private practice that has been serving the residents of the Blackstone

Valley; helping them get back to the activities they want and need to do in the office, at home, or on the field. With the main office located in Whitinsville, BVPTS accepts most major insurances and offers a Wellness Program for individuals to work out on their fitness equipment, as well as an Aquatics Program in conjunction with the Whitin Community Center. We also offer many other services, such as Dry Needling, Laser Therapy, and Blood Flow Restriction Training to maximize the potential of all their patients and clients.

"I'm thrilled to be able to expand our style of treatment closer to southern residents of the Blackstone Valley. It took a while to find the right location and get it built out, but we can now provide convenient access to evidence based physical therapy locally," says owner, Eric Connolly, MSPT. "I'm proud to lead Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services' second location in Blackstone and bring our approach to care closer to the Blackstone and Millville communities," said clinic manager, Mitch Goldman, adding, "My goal is to build lasting relationships within the community while providing accessible, high-quality physical therapy that helps local residents move better, stay active, and achieve their individual health and wellness goals."

"It's wonderful to see BVPTS continuing to grow and expand its reach in our community. Having been a thriving part of Whitinsville's business community, right next door to the Chamber, it's especially exciting to celebrate this next chapter with the opening of its new Blackstone clinic. Congratulations to the entire BVPTS team, and we wish you continued success!" said BVCC Program and Events Director, Kristen Kearnan.

After some delays, the new clinic opened in September and in November added a second therapist, Dr. Meghan Lydon, PT, DPT to accommodate the number of patients seeking treatment. For more information on the Blackstone Clinic, please call 508-928-7544 or visit their website at www.bvpts.com.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies are free and open to the community, and local business owners, community members, Chamber members, and future members are encouraged to attend and help celebrate this exciting new addition to the Blackstone Valley! To learn more, please visit www.blackstonevalley.org/events.

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Uxbridge High Class of 2027 to host final Breakfast with Santa

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge High School Class of 2027 will host its final Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9-11 a.m., inviting local families to celebrate the holiday season while supporting the junior class.

The event will take place in the Uxbridge High School cafeteria, located at 300 Quaker Highway.

Families are encouraged to bring their cameras for an opportunity to take photographs with Santa Claus.

The annual holiday gathering offers families an opportunity to enjoy a seasonal tradition while showing their support for the Class of 2027.

The event is open to community members interested in participating in the holiday festivities and supporting Uxbridge High School students.

Community invited to Christmas Dinner at Blackstone Valley UMC

WHITINSVILLE — Parishioners and volunteers from the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church would like to cordially invite everyone to our free Community Christmas Dinner, including the usual holiday meal favorites, roast turkey, potatoes, vegetables, squash, stuffing, cranberry sauce and dessert.

This year's meal will be served on Friday, Dec. 25, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Faith Hall at, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Parking is available behind the church accessible from Church Street.

The dinner is open to everyone free of charge. Please come join us for a joyous Christmas celebration that will include holiday fun, food, and fellowship with many from the community.

For more information, call the church office at 508-234-2275.

Whitinsville psychology practice offers help with sleep and relationships

WHITINSVILLE — Clinical psychologist Kristen Stone, PhD, has opened Stone Psychology, PLLC, a solo practice at 50 Douglas Rd. in Whitinsville. The practice offers behavioral sleep treatment for children and adults and therapy for couples, with in-person appointments in Whitinsville and telehealth available.

Stone works with people with a variety of sleep issues including trouble falling asleep, staying asleep or keeping a consistent sleep schedule. For chronic insomnia, she offers cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia (CBT-I), the first-line, gold-standard treatment for chronic insomnia. CBT-I is a structured treatment that helps change the habits and thought patterns that can keep sleep problems going. She also helps patients adjust to treatments such as CPAP for sleep apnea.

In her work with couples, Stone helps partners understand recurring patterns of conflict, talk about what they need from each other and rebuild connection, predominantly utilizing an evidence-based couple therapy called Emotionally Focused Therapy.

Stone is licensed as a clinical psychologist in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She is a clinical associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, where she teaches sleep assessment and behavioral sleep interventions. Her research has examined sleep throughout development including during pregnancy and after childbirth with an emphasis on the roles of substances.

To learn more or inquire about an appointment, visit www.stonepsyc.com, call (508) 250-0587 or email kristen@stonepsyc.com.

Celebrate the Christmas season with Valley Chapel

UXBRIDGE — Valley Chapel invites the community to enjoy a December filled with Christmas music, worship and opportunities to come together. All events are free and open to the public.

The festivities begin Saturday, December 5, during Uxbridge First Night, with a Christmas carol sing-along in the church above Honeysuckle. Join friends and neighbors in singing familiar Christmas favorites and sharing the joy of the season.

The music continues with the Blackstone Valley Community Chorus Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m., followed by Birch Alley Brass on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Both concerts will take place at Valley Chapel.

Recognizing that the holidays can be difficult for those experiencing grief, Valley Chapel will hold a Blue Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 4 p.m. This service offers a place to find comfort and hope while acknowledging the sadness that can accompany the season.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, Valley Chapel will celebrate the birth of Jesus with candlelight Christmas Eve services at 4 and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to gather for this special time of worship.

Whether you are looking for festive music, a quiet moment of comfort or a place to celebrate Christmas, Valley Chapel welcomes you this December.

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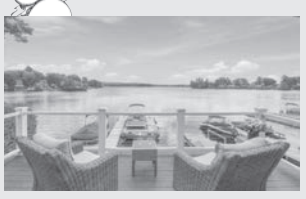
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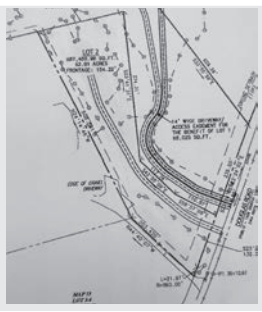
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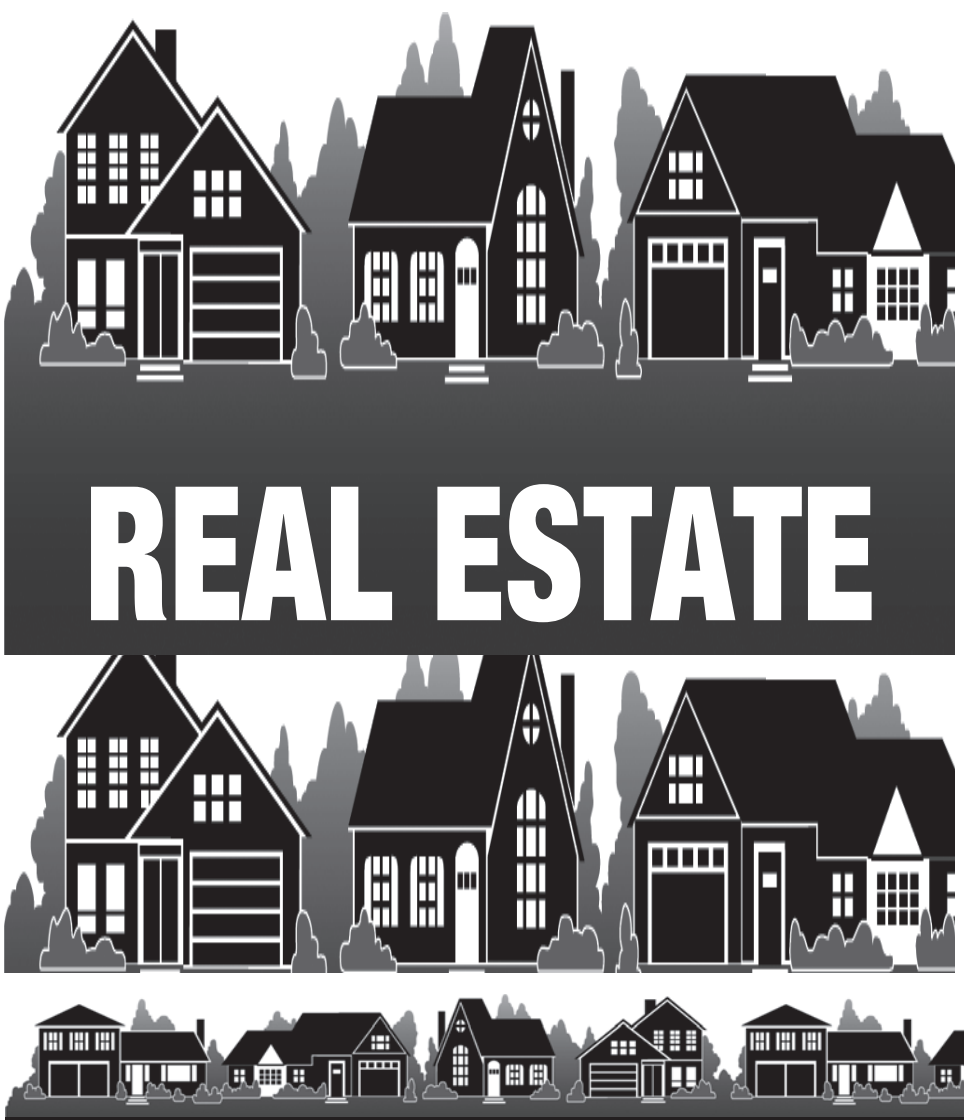


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WCHS Drama Club presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

WHITINSVILLE — When the regular pageant director, Mrs. Armstrong, breaks her leg, a flustered mother named Grace Bradley is forced to take over the local church's annual Christmas pageant. To make matters worse, the unruly, delinquent Herdman siblings (Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claudia, Ollie, and Gladys)—known as the worst kids in town—invade the church and bully their way into all the major roles. Their rough interpretation of the Christmas story (such as thinking the Wise Men are "dirty spies") causes total chaos and panics the community. However, during the actual performance, the Herdmans bring an unexpected sincerity, raw emotion, and fresh perspective that redefines the holiday for the whole town.

Shows are Dec. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. and tickets are available at whitinsvillechristian.org.



Plummer Place

Home of the Northbridge Senior Center

The following events will take place at Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center. We are located at 20 Highland Street in Whitinsville. Telepho ne: (508) 234-2002. Northbridge residents have priority for all programming and events. Please call the main office to sign up for special events and programs, so we can plan accordingly.

Medical Drivers

We are in need of medical drivers for out-of-town medical appointments. This is a very important service that we provide for seniors who cannot drive themselves to their medical appointments. If you are interested and can spare any time, it would be most appreciated. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage. For more information, please call the main office.

Regular Programs:
Book Club:
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30am
Please call Kelly for more information.
Brew Crew:
1st Wednesday of the month at 9:30am
Please call Amy for more information.
Dull Men's Club:
4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30am
Please call Amy for more information.
Meditation with Kelly:
Every Thursday morning at 9:30am
Scrabble:
Mondays at 9:30am
November 30th
December 14th
December 28th
Tech Cafe!
2nd Monday of the month
1:30pm-3:00pm

Bring your tech questions — drop-in appointments — no need to sign up in advance

Women's Collective:
2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am
Please call Amy for more information.
Writing Your Way:
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm
Please call Lori for more information.

Special Programs and Events
Beating the Holiday Blues, Naturally!
Tuesday, December 1st
1:00pm-2:00pm

Another holiday season is fast-approaching, and that can often mean a time of stress, anxiety, depression, and weight-gain. Come learn how to beat the "holiday blues" and stay healthy, naturally, while still enjoying all that the season has to offer. Dr. Theolinda Barry, a (retired) Naturopathic Doctor, will be talking about how things like food and stress – common themes around the holidays – can affect not only physical, but also mental health. Learn some simple, natural ways to prepare for and "survive" the holidays, with strategies for healthy eating and overall healthy lifestyle habits to carry you into the New Year and beyond!

Holiday Party and Luncheon
Wednesday, December 9th
12:30pm-2:00pm
(snow date is 12/10)

Join us for a spectacular afternoon of festive cheer, lunch, and an unforgettable live performance celebrating the legendary music of Neil Diamond! Get ready to since along, dance, and celebrate the season to iconic hits like "Sweet Caroline", "Forever in Blue Jeans", "America", and other favorites! Luncheon Menu: Italian Meatballs & Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce, Baked Broccoli with Parmesan Cheese, Caesar Salad, Garlic Knots with Butter, and Assorted Holiday Cookies. $15 per ticket (includes luncheon and entertainment). Tickets are available in the Main Office. Limit of 2 tickets per person. Northbridge residents receive ticket priority. Tickets must be purchased in person, and everyone must have a ticket to attend.

Folk Art Painting for Beginners
Tuesday, December 15th
1:00pm-2:30pm

Folk art is art made by the people, for the people, and about the people of a community. It is often decorative and functional, reflecting a specific place's culture, history, and geography. Folk art is usually created by hand or with limited mechanical means, often rooted in traditional techniques and designs. We will begin by looking at folk art that celebrates this season of celebrations, and then we will paint our own folk art bird ornaments! There will also be an opportunity to see some beautiful folk-art pieces up close! Space is limited. $7 cash per person on the day of the event. Northbridge residents have priority.

