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WCS Dutch Apple Pie Sale

WHITINSVILLE — The Whitinsville Christian School’s Dutch Apple Pie Sale, a favorite annual event, is underway! For more than 20 years, this annual fundraiser has brought the community together to sell, assemble, enjoy, and donate 5,000 pies.

“We shared free samples with our Homecoming attendees the weekend before sales launched on Sept. 29,” said Laural Plourde, Director of Advancement. “It’s clear that people have great memories of the pies, and look forward to the sale each year.”

“One of the best parts of the WCS Dutch Apple Pie sale is what we call Paying it Forward with Pies,” said Alisa Dertien, WCS parent and pie committee chair. “Purchasers have the option to buy extra pies that are donated to area



food pantries and first responders. It’s a great way to participate, even if you don’t live close enough to pick up a pie for yourself.”

In 2024, more than 650 pies were donated. “The feedback we heard from one food pantry is that people love the pies because they are delicious and full of apples,” said Dertien. “They look forward to receiving the pies each year, especially to add to their holiday meals.”

“We are thankful to Milford Federal for sponsoring our sale each year,” said Plourde. “We are also grateful for everyone who purchases pies, and for our community who will gather on Oct. 24 to make thousands of pies in one day. It’s quite an undertaking!”

WCS Dutch apple pies can be purchased at whitinsvillechristian.org. Sales close on Oct. 20 or until sold out.

BVCC invites exhibitors to register for 26th Annual Home & Community Expo

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is thrilled to announce the return of its highly anticipated 26th Annual Home & Community Expo, to be held on March 14 at the Northbridge High School Fieldhouse, 427 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. This signature event provides a unique opportunity for businesses, non-profits, and community organizations to connect directly with local residents and showcase their services and products.

Exhibitor registration is now open, and businesses are encouraged to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, available now until Dec. 31. The discount offers exhibitors significant savings of at least \$125, while securing their booth locations and Pot of Gold Sponsorship opportunities for this popular event!

“The Home & Community Expo is a cornerstone event for the Blackstone Valley, bringing together businesses and community members in a dynamic and interactive setting,” said BVCC Executive Director, Liz O’Neil. “We’re excited to see the incredible array of exhibitors and organizations joining us this year, and the Early Bird Special is a fantastic way to get involved at a great rate.”

Just a few amazing benefits of exhibiting at the Expo include, access to hundreds of potential clients and community members face-to-face, brand recognition and visibility for your business or organization in the Blackstone Valley, networking opportunities to connect with fellow exhibitors and industry professionals, and being part of an engaging atmosphere that is filled with activities, entertainment, and excitement for all ages.

Blackstone Valley Technical Institute launches under Steele’s leadership

UPTON—Superintendent-Director Anthony E. Steele II is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative that supports the pursuit of lifelong learning through high-quality evening programs for adult learners. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to serve as the home of the newly established Blackstone Valley Technical Institute (BVTi). Whether you’re a working professional seeking to advance your career through hands-on technical training or trying a new hobby for personal enrichment, BVTi’s course offerings are designed to meet a wide range of goals. Programs are engaging, practical, and, most importantly, accessible. If you’re ready to Explore, Experience, Excel, let us help you take the next step in your professional or personal journey. “As an educational leader passionate about vocational education, we’re excited to expand our school community by offering new learning opportunities through the Blackstone Valley Technical Institute,” said Dr. Matthew Connors, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director. “Working collaboratively with our Director of Workforce & Economic Development, Mary May, we are focused on developing a strong catalog of adult education programs and course offerings.”

“We’re eager to expand access to career technical education, launching BVTi with credential-based programs in Advanced Manufacturing, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Welding,” added Steele. “This endeavor allows us to support adults interested in upskilling or retraining, provide skilled labor to the local workforce, and generate non-local taxpayer revenue to help fund the school. It is an honor to serve our employer partners, our students, and the broader school community.” BVTi is currently enrolling students and seeking qualified instructors. Grant funding is available for eligible students, along with flexible payment plans. To explore the full course list or to register, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/bvti.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

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

Voices and Votes rolls on with “Farm Girl on the Front Lines: Deborah Sampson’s Secret!”

DOUGLAS — In honor of the 250th anniversary-year of the “shot heard ‘round the world,” the Douglas Historical Society will host a portrayal of the amazing true story of Deborah Sampson on Wednesday, Oct. 15. A Massachusetts native, Deborah Sampson is the only woman known to have disguised herself as a man in order to serve as a soldier in the Continental Army during the American Revolution, all without getting caught. Meet the Massachusetts woman who managed to hoodwink George Washington’s army!

The Deborah Sampson portrayal will run from 7-8 p.m. at the E.N. Jencks Store Museum at 283 Main St., Douglas. Learn about close calls, mountainous obstacles, and head-scratching conundrums this poor farm girl faced while putting her life on the line in the fight for liberty. Without support from family or friends, she risked humiliation and imprisonment to help free the colonies from English rule.

This portrayal of Sampson will offer a behind-the-scenes look at this principled, dangerous deception and the character of the humble rebel who pulled it off.

Janet Parnes of Historical Portrayals by Lady J will portray Deborah Sampson. Ms. Parnes takes America’s heroines out of history’s dusty archives and brings



Janet Parnes as Deborah Sampson.

them to life. (www.women-history.com).

“Farm Girl on the Front Lines: Deborah Sampson’s Secret!” is one of the programs the Douglas Historical Society is offering as part of its Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibit. The Exhibit is designed to generate conversations about life in small-town America as well as the pillars of American democracy that have supported the nation since Revolutionary times.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Douglas Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Attendees and exhibitors alike can look forward to exciting activities, including:

Chowder Competition – Taste and vote for the best chowder in the valley!

The Return of the Mascot Dance-Off – Cheer on your favorite local mascots as they battle it out on the dance floor.

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Former Bay Path Nursing Academy director attends emergency preparedness workshop

HUBBARDSTON — In a time when natural disasters and public health emergencies are becoming more frequent and severe, proactive preparedness can be the difference between chaos and coordinated care. That was the message delivered loud and clear on Saturday, Oct. 4, as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) hosted the “One Step Ahead... Before the Storm” Emergency Preparedness Workshop at Hubbardston Center School.

The event, held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., brought together community members, volunteers, and emergency preparedness professionals from across the region for a day of collaboration, hands-on learning, and resilience-building.

Representing health, education, and volunteerism

Among the attendees was Dr. Gretheline Ramos Bolandrina, a long-time MRC volunteer, nurse educator, and former Academy Director of the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton and her husband, Joseph Bolandrina of Athol, also a long-time MRC volunteer. Representing both their commitment to community health and professional education, the Bolandrinas joined fellow volunteers such as Lois Luniewicz (of CMMRC), in refining emergency response skills and fostering connections vital for coordinated disaster readiness.

“As a nurse, educator, and volunteer, I see the value of this kind of community engagement firsthand,” said Bolandrina. “Preparedness is not just about knowing what to do; it’s about building a network of people who are

trained, informed, and ready to act together.”

Training for the unexpected
The workshop focused on three main objectives:

Fostering collaboration between area residents, CERT, and MRC members before emergencies happen;

Reviewing critical response skills for disaster events; and

Encouraging preparedness among individuals and families.

Participants rotated through a series of interactive sessions, including:

Emergency Preparedness Bingo – A fun, prize-filled game led by Judie O’Donnell, teaching participants about essential items to keep on hand for storms and power outages.

Stop the Bleed – Taught by Paul Laitenen and Arthur Elbthal, this crucial hands-on workshop equipped attendees with life-saving techniques to help injured persons before EMS arrives.

Social Media Messaging During Emergencies – Hosted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), this session explored how effective messaging through social platforms can aid communication during crises.

Shelter Setup and Management – Instructed by Rich Curtis, this course detailed the steps to open, operate, and close a community shelter—something that requires more than just opening doors.

Remember the Pets – With insights from JoAnn Griffin, this session highlighted the importance of including pets in emergency plans, ensuring they remain safe and unharmed during disaster scenarios.



Courtesy

Dr. Bolandrina and Lois Luniewicz of CMMRC.

and emotional support, volunteers help fill vital roles when communities are overwhelmed.

For Bolandrina, the workshop was a perfect reflection of the mission she promoted at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and through her public service.

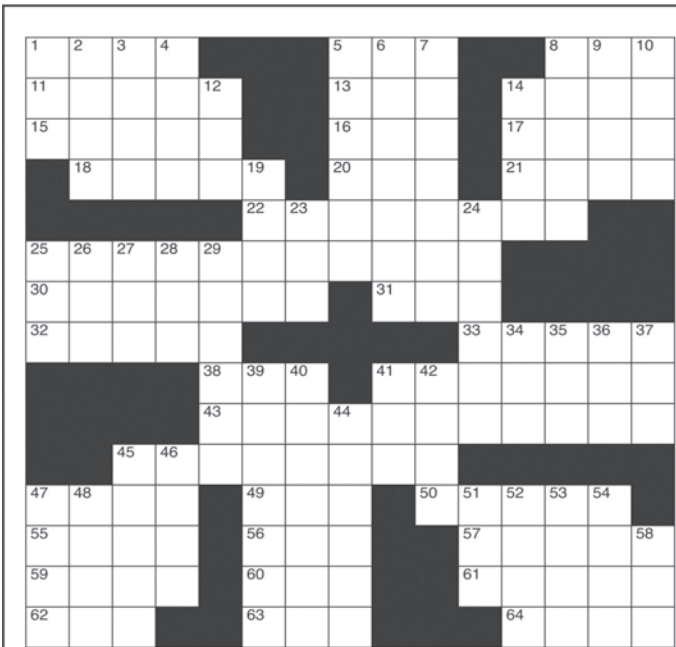
“This is how we build resilient communities—by coming together to learn, practice, and prepare,” she said. “It’s empowering to know that we have the tools to help—not just in hospitals or classrooms, but right here in our neigh-

borhoods.”

Looking ahead

With hurricane season and winter storms looming, the timing of the workshop served as a call to action for all residents to review their personal emergency plans, check their supply kits, and consider how they can serve others during times of crisis.

As Bolandrina remarked, “When we prepare together, we respond better together.”

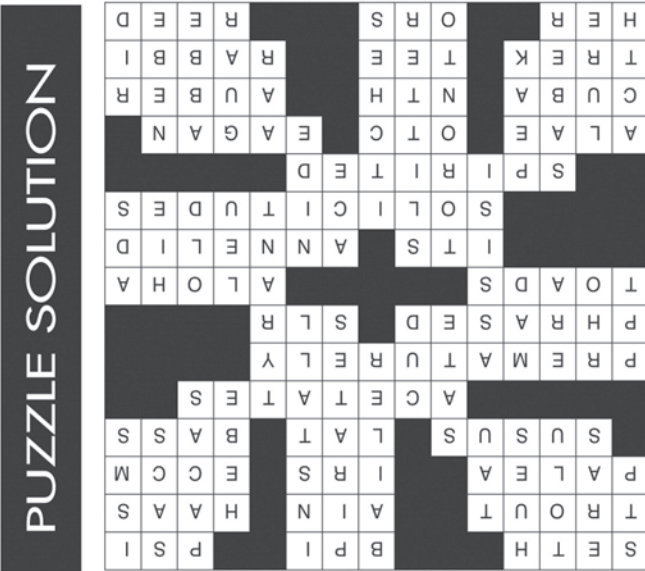


CLUES ACROSS

1. Comedic actor Rogen
5. Bits per inch
8. Tire pressure measurement
11. Angels great Mike
13. Own (Scottish)
14. Notable F1 racing team
15. Upper bract of grass
16. Tax collector
17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Skeletal muscle
21. Popular fish type
22. Salts of acetic acid
25. Arriving early
30. Worded
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. Amphibians
33. Warm greeting
38. Belonging to a thing
41. Segmented worm
43. Concerns
45. Audacious
47. Wings
49. Type of drug
50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
55. Island close to the U.S.
56. “To the ___ degree”
57. Daniel ___, French composer
59. A way to march
60. Where golfers begin
61. Spiritual leader
62. Of she
63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

1. Engine additive
2. Amounts of time
3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
4. Color properties
5. One who hands over
6. Thieves of the sea
7. Put in
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Pouches
10. Systems, doctrines, theories
12. Greek alphabet letter
14. Greek goddess of youth
19. Satisfy
23. Partly digested food
24. Dictator
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. A major division of geological time
28. Angry
29. St. Francis of ___
34. Roman monetary unit
35. Stale
36. Go quickly
37. Commercial
39. Canadian city
40. One who slices
41. Perform perfectly
42. Nest of pheasants
44. Tactile sensations
45. Sword
46. Climactic
47. Adrenocorticotrophin
48. Fisherman’s tool
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of



An award winner already

UXBRIDGE — Opening its doors only eighteen months ago, Plant Land in Uxbridge has already garnered a silver medal during a “Quest for the Best” competition.

This newcomer is a pretty and welcome addition to the Uxbridge business scene. Limited space is maximized in creative ways with endless displays of a variety of houseplants on shelves, hanging from trellises, pergolas and other clever devices. The store is a feast for the eye. Also, many unique items from pots to essential care supplies are available. Plant Land is ideal for your one-stop-shopping needs at the upcoming holiday season.

Purveyors Bill and Libby Donaldson are expert in both earthly and air-bound houseplants and everything aquatic. Customers find them friendly; more than helpful in dispensing information to beginner or seasoned plant-parent alike. Good news about Plant Land is spreading; license plates from neighboring states are often seen at 125 North Main St. Proving the point according to the Donaldsons “more trips to replenish inventory are required than anticipated.”

To those looking to spruce-up home, porch or patio with houseplants, invest in aquatic plants for aquariums or Koi for outdoor water gardens, a visit to Plant Land is worth the trip to 125 N. Main St., Uxbridge. Call/text 774-813-4848; email PlantLand.NE@gmail.com.

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A journey of heart: From Kenya to care



Michael Mutunga Wairimu

CHARLTON — For Michael Mutunga Wairimu, nursing is more than a job—it’s a vow to serve humanity at its most vulnerable. His path into the profession wasn’t linear, nor easy, but it was intentional. Rooted in empathy, resilience, and an unwavering belief in people, Michael’s journey has taken him from classrooms in Kenya to nursing homes in Massachusetts—always with a focus on healing, hope, and heart. “My nursing journey was a commitment to the most profound parts of the human experience,” says Wairimu. “We meet people where they are, in pain, in fear, sometimes even at the end. That con-

nection—that trust—is sacred.”

A global beginning
Originally from Kenya, Wairimu’s passion for caregiving emerged at an early age. After completing his education at Moi Ndeffo Secondary School, he pursued a Diploma in Psychological Counseling at Kenya Psychological Counseling College, followed by a Certificate in Computer Literacy from Egerton University. With a solid foundation in both emotional and practical care, he emigrated to the U.S., where he quickly immersed himself in community service and healthcare roles.

Nursing education &

growth in Massachusetts
Wairimu graduated in June 2024 from the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, with a Certificate in Practical Nursing. He also earned certifications in Mental Health First Aid Dementia Training, and BLS/HCP CPR/First Aid—credentials that showcase his commitment to quality care and continued growth.

“The strengths of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy were the learning environment and the professors,” Wairimu reflects. “The school was well-equipped, and the faculty had great knowledge. They were there for us—not just as instructors, but as mentors.”

Among those mentors were Dr. Ana Olivar, who instilled high standards (always do your best), and Dr. Adelina Healy, whom Wairimu describes as an “angel” in his academic journey. “She told me, ‘You will make a good nurse in the future.’ And she meant it. They took me under their wings and modeled true professionalism.”

Wairimu also credits Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, whose motivational words and tireless dedication to students left a lasting impact: “Thank you for always supporting us and sharing our little winnings.”

Clinical rotations & real-world training

Wairimu’s clinical experiences strengthened both his technical skills and emotional intelligence. As a Student Nurse at Quaboag Rehabilitation Center (April 2024 – June 2024) and Holden Rehabilitation Center (January 2024 –

April 2024). He administered medications, monitored vitals, assisted with activities of daily living, and collaborated with healthcare teams. He worked under close supervision to sharpen his judgment, professionalism, and bedside manner.

Professional experience & dedication to care

Wairimu has worked in various healthcare settings, including Westside House Nursing Home (LPN, September 2025 – Present), administering medications, recording vitals, and providing compassionate bedside care. Jewish Healthcare Center (LPN, July 2024 – September 2024) Supporting patients with mobility, medications, and recovery. Venture Community Services (Direct Care Worker, March 2022 – September 2025): Teaching life skills, providing general care, and supporting emotional well-being. Open Sky Community Services (Direct Care Worker, July 2022 – June 2023) Supporting individuals in group homes through meal prep, appointments, and daily activities.

He shared, “What makes a good caregiver isn’t just the tasks. Its presence, patience, and persistence. You must listen—not just to symptoms, but to people.”

Emotional challenges and hard-won resilience

Wairimu speaks openly about the emotional toll of nursing—the exhaustion, the burnout, the struggle to not carry work home and still be present for his family.

“There were times of deep self-doubt,” he says. “I had to fight burnout and learn that asking for help isn’t a weakness. It’s how we survive.”

His greatest personal success? “Resilience. I survived the toughest days and emerged a stronger, more skilled, more compassionate nurse.”

Fatherhood, faith & fuel for the future

Now a proud father to Ella, his seven-month-old daughter, Wairimu finds renewed purpose in balancing work and family.

“She’s my biggest inspiration,” he says. “When I look at her, I’m reminded of why I work so hard. Every shift, every sleepless night—I’m doing it for her.”

He also draws daily motivation from the patients he serves—peo-

ple who, despite their pain or limitations, teach him about courage.

The road ahead: A prudent nurse

For Wairimu, the NCLEX-PN was a tough battle, but he remained undeterred.

“I did not give up. I worked hard on my weaknesses, and I passed,” he said.

A MassHire Grant Recipient, active volunteer in community clinics and school screenings (Charlton BP Clinic, Shepherd Hill BP Screening, Charlton Middle School), Wairimu continues to serve and inspire those around him.

He closes, “This isn’t just a job. It’s a life of service. If you lead with compassion, stay teachable, and never stop fighting for your purpose—you’ll always be on the right path.”

First registered healthcare apprentices graduate from QCC, UMass Memorial program

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College, in partnership with UMass Memorial Health, the Worcester SHARE union and the Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS), held a ceremony this week for the first graduates of the Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Program. This is the first registered healthcare apprenticeship program in Central Massachusetts.

Twelve UMass Memorial employees have successfully completed this training program to become nationally certified medical assistants. The participants underwent 2,000 hours of full-time, on-the-job training, complemented by eight weeks of classroom instruction.

The program uses an “earn-and-learn” model that allows employees to maintain their salary and benefits while in the program.

Kathie Manning, QCC’s dean of the Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education, credits DAS for funding a medical assistant pre-ap-

prenticeship program, which provided supports that enabled students to earn a livable wage while advancing their careers.

“I’ve seen far too many students who must choose between working and getting an education. When we force them to make that decision, it doesn’t benefit the workforce and it doesn’t benefit the student,” said Manning.

Lynn D’Angelo, director, Ambulatory Clinical Excellence at UMass Memorial Medical Center, noted that medical assistants are critical as they often serve as the first point of contact for patients.

“We have filled many medical assistant positions and have had a 26 percent reduction in vacancies. Our medical assistants have also helped to increase patient access, enhance patient experience and deliver safe, quality care,” said D’Angelo.

“Helping others is something I always knew I was put on this earth for. Becoming a medical assistant allowed me to do that while building a relationship with my patients, coworkers, and providers, all while learning something new every day,” said Graduate Lindsey Leahy, who works at Spencer Internal Medicine, a part of UMass Memorial Community Medical Group.

Undersecretary of Labor in the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Josh Cutler, noted that apprenticeships have grown as a workforce tool, no longer just for the

building trades and applicable to many industries, such as cybersecurity, biotech and advanced manufacturing. He also thanked Gov. Maura Healey and the state legislature for supporting the apprenticeship model.

“In Massachusetts...our greatest natural resource is our people; it’s our skilled workforce. You are a shining example of us building and investing in our workforce,” Cutler said to the graduates.

Graduate Afia Dampsey, who works at the Spine Center at UMass Memorial Medical Center, commented that she was apprehensive about the program at first because she hadn’t been in school for so long.

“I didn’t realize how much this program was going to change me and further my education,” said Dampsey. “At UMass Memorial Health, you can become whoever you want to be.”

“Quinsigamond College played such an amazing role, ensuring all of us students were provided with everything we needed to succeed, especially our teacher, Cheryl DeCoff (QCC Assistant Professor of Medical Assisting, who constantly braved the storms of the unknown and the new to ensure we met our end goal,” Leahy added.

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Millbury FCC hosting annual Turkey Raffle

MILLBURY — The Millbury First Congregational Church will be holding the Annual Turkey Raffle on Friday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. It will take place at the Charles F. Minney VFW Post at 16 South Main St., Millbury. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Top 4 Prizes Will include:
*First Prize: \$500 in cash
*Second Prize: \$250 Amazon Gift Card
*Third Prize: Case of Assorted Wines
*Fourth Prize: Thanksgiving Dinner Basket with Turkey
*In Addition, numerous items on display will be raffled off during the evening.

Refreshments will be sold during the event, including hot dogs and other delicious surprises. Please come early and enjoy the fun on Nov. 21.

For Raffle tickets: Linda Polisack will be selling tickets at Goretti’s on Oct. 11, 14, 18, and 25, Nov. 1, and Nov. 8.

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The season for giving locally

October in the Valley is more than a color show of maples and oaks. It's the beginning of giving season—the time when the towns we call home fill their calendars with church suppers, coat drives, and local fundraisers that remind us what “community” really means.

Generosity in small towns doesn't arrive with headlines or hashtags. It's the Scout troop at the grocery store collecting canned goods. It's the Lions polishing chrome at the car show to raise scholarship funds. It's the Sunshine Club setting out crockpots of beans and ham for a crowd that always includes more friends than strangers. Each small effort is a stitch in the fabric that keeps the Blackstone Valley strong.

Local organizations have had to stretch themselves in recent years. The pandemic drained volunteer rosters. Costs climbed. Grants and donations became harder to chase. And yet, the work continued—quietly, consistently, without ceremony. That's the kind of resilience you can't legislate. It comes from knowing the names and faces you're helping.

In a region like ours, the economic impact of local giving is far from symbolic. When residents spend at a community event or donate to a local cause, that money doesn't disappear into a corporate office. It pays the local printer, the hall rental, the grocery store that sells the coffee and pie ingredients. Each dollar cycles through the Valley again and again, fueling jobs, funding programs, and sustaining the same small-town character people move here to find.

It's tempting, in modern life, to think of charity as something that happens elsewhere—through an online donation, a national campaign, or a line on a tax form. But the truth is that the most effective giving still happens face-to-face. It's a check handed across the counter at the senior center. It's a volunteer holding open the door at a community meal. It's neighbors choosing to support their own before looking anywhere else.

As the nights grow longer and the first frost settles in, local organizations will once again light the way. The Uxbridge Senior Center will open its doors for flu clinics and meal deliveries. The Northbridge Food Pantry will fill boxes for Thanksgiving. Church halls will turn into craft fairs. The same familiar names—Rotary, Lions, Scouts, DAR, PTO—will be there, doing the same quiet work they always have.

If you can, join them. Give where you live. Attend an event, lend a hand, buy a ticket, or simply spread the word. Every small act of support is another thread in the web that connects these towns. The strength of our communities has never come from wealth or size—it comes from our willingness to look after one another. That's a tradition worth keeping bright this fall, and in every season that follows.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Semitism in teachers' unions

To the Editor:

A recent article in The Herald described the rabid anti-Semitism in the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

The National Education Association [NEA] initially approved a proposal to sever its relationship with the Anti-Defamation League [ADL]. Somehow, their better angels prevailed and they ultimately voted to continue the connection.

Nevertheless, the initial approval of this proposal revealed levels of anti-Semitism among teachers' unions not seen since Nazi Germany and Vichy France.

Jewish teachers who spoke against the proposal were ridiculed. A Jewish teacher said that she had never felt so unwelcome and unsafe in her own union.

Can you believe it? Has everyone forgotten World War II? Twenty million died from the hideous German war on Jewish people and Japanese aggression.

Yet Leftists, Progressives, Socialists, Democrats, and Communists daily stoke the fires of anti-Jewish sentiment. Somehow, it is Israel's fault that the terrorist group, Hamas, attacked and murdered unarmed men, women, children, babies, old men and old women on Oct. 7, 2023.

In 2005, Israel withdrew from Gaza and left thriving hotels, restaurants, tourist beaches, grocery stores, and businesses. Since then, Hamas converted a booming economy into a terrorist waste land. Women and children are subjugated in the most vile manner. Women have no say in their lives. Gaza is ruled by brutal men.

Where is Commie Mamdani on the subjugation of women in Gaza? Where is Commie Sandy Ocasio Cortez, the waitress turned U.S. Representative, on Gaza? Where, indeed.

At the NEA meeting, when a Jewish teacher spoke about the terrorist attack on a Jewish peace march in Boulder, Colo. where Jewish people were set on fire, it was met with laughter and cruel remarks. Educators find this amusing?

While addressing the Boulder attacks at a Massachusetts Teachers Association [MTA] meeting, speakers were mocked by audience members in Palestinian garb.

When speakers asked the MTA to

remove anti-Jewish materials from teaching resources, board members had private side conversations, texted, and ignored the advocates for tolerance of Jewish people.

The MTA has silenced Jewish points of views and continues to express anti-Jewish sentiments. In December 2023, the MTA blamed Israel for “a genocidal war” in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks.

In March 2024, the MTA held a webinar of Soviet-style anti-Jewish propaganda, including how Jewish money controls American politics and how Israel is a “white colonist state.” One author of these resources said that the Oct. 7 attack “warmed his heart.” That's a real little Nazi for you.

Leftists object to the recommendations to the state Department of Secondary and Elementary education from the “Special Commission on Addressing Anti-Semitism.” The Special Commission adopted the definition of anti-semitism developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

Leftists complain that “it will restrict critical academic engagement about the state of Israel.” In my humble opinion, it is not up to teachers to engage in “critical academic engagement about the state of Israel.” That is a political question, not an education question. It is a debate for adults, not children.

Public schools might teach the history of how anti-Semitism in Europe led to the state of Israel. How “Palestinians” are Egyptian, Jordanian, Saudis and from other Middle Eastern states. I was born in Rhode Island, and live in Massachusetts, but I am not a “Massachusetts-ian.” It's not my ethnic group just because I live here.

It is worth noting that Egypt has built a wall to keep out Palestinians. Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, and other Middle East states refuse to take “Palestinian” refugees. Why? Because the “Palestinians” and Hamas are nothing but trouble.

Somehow, the MTA and the NEA missed this history lesson.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

U.S. Navy!

In the summer of 1803, six American warships sliced through the Atlantic, crewed by fewer than 2,000 barely trained men—farm boys, fishermen, and dockhands.

The newly formed United States was broke, its Navy skeletal, its trade raided by Barbary pirates from North Africa, bleeding off an estimated 20 percent of American maritime commerce.

Their orders: reach Tripoli and challenge a rogue regime that extorted even the greatest empires. Few expected them to return.

For generations, European powers had bought peace with gold—but as Barbary raids on American merchants escalated, President Thomas Jefferson faced a choice: submit, or fight with a navy that barely existed.

When the Americans arrived, the enemy was waiting—light, fast, and ruthless. They were outnumbered, but not outmatched.

The Americans trapped them in port, daring the pirates to come out and fight.

However, just as momentum was building, disaster struck. The Philadelphia, one of the strongest of the American warships, ran aground off Tripoli and was seized with all 307 aboard. The captured ship was refloated, turned against its own fleet, and now flew the flag of the enemy—one of America's

greatest warships, lost in a single day.

Refusing to let the ship be used against them, they launched one of the boldest raids in naval history: Under the cover of night, disguised as Maltese sailors, they floated into harbor on a captured pirate vessel, boarded the Philadelphia, and turned her into a floating inferno.

The raid ignited American morale, but the war dragged on—until one man dared to rewrite the story.

Enter William Eaton—former US consul to Tunis, burning with vengeance, armed with a wild plan. Eaton's target? Derna—a coastal city, lightly defended and exposed to the desert. Eaton would cross the sands and strike it from behind. The goal was to show that the US could do what no European power dared: land troops in North Africa, raise an army, and defeat the pirates on their own soil.

In March 1805, William Eaton assembled a ragtag force of 8 U.S. Marines, 40 Greek and Italian mercenaries, about 100 Arab cavalry, and scattered Bedouin fighters.

Fewer than 500 men—fractured by language, loyalty, and purpose—marched forward. They crossed hundreds of miles of desert where water vanished, men hallucinated, and camels collapsed in blinding sandstorms. Sun scorched by day, the cold bit at night. Food ran

Plant flavorful and nutritious garlic in Fall



Melinda Myers

Separate garlic cloves right before planting and plant the largest cloves with their papery covering.



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Lower your blood pressure and cholesterol, fight heart disease, boost your immune system, and add a bit of flavor to your meals by growing your own garlic. This vegetable has been used as both food and medicine for thousands of years.

Purchase firm, healthy bulbs of garlic sold for growing in the garden. One pound of garlic typically fills a 30' row but this can vary depending on the variety. It's best not to use garlic sold at the grocery store as it may have been treated to prevent sprouting and it may not be suitable for growing in your climate.

Select the best variety for your growing conditions and preferred flavor. Hardneck garlic typically prefers colder climates while most softneck garlic prefers warmer climates, but this varies with the varieties within each group. Hardneck garlic varieties develop a stiff flower stalk, tend to have larger cloves, and flavors ranging from mild to spicy. Softneck varieties vary in their adaptability to long cold winters, cool moist springs and warm summers. They lack the stiff flower stalk so the leaves can be braided, and the bulbs tend to have a longer shelf life.

Garlic bulbs typically contain seven or more individual cloves. The larger the clove you plant, the bigger the bulb you'll harvest. Separate the cloves right before planting and do not remove the papery covering. Use the largest cloves for growing and the smaller ones to flavor your favorite fall and winter meals.

Grow garlic in a sunny location with well-drained soil. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter like compost and a low nitrogen slow-release fertilizer. Avoid high nitrogen, fast release fertilizers that promote top growth with smaller bulbs. Fertilize again in spring as growth begins.

Plant the cloves in the fall about six weeks before the ground freezes in cold climates and late fall or early winter in warmer regions. Space individual cloves six inches apart with the pointed side up and the base of the clove two to three inches below the soil surface. Space single rows 12 to 14 inches apart or double rows six inches apart with 30 INCHES between each set of double rows. For more intensive wide row and square foot growing, plant multiple rows with four to eight inches between cloves.

Spread a six-inch layer of weed-free straw over the soil surface after planting to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. This also provides added insulation in colder regions and helps prevent frost heaving that occurs when temperatures fluctuate, causing soil to alternately freeze, thaw and shift throughout the winter.



St. Mary's Uxbridge Knights of Columbus gathered last week for their annual car show at Uxbridge High School.

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born in uncertainty, and defined by resolve.

From the shores of Tripoli to every ocean since, the US Navy, along with the US Marine Corps and the entire American military, has stood as a shield for freedom and a symbol of courage. To all who have served and continue to serve: Thank You.

Today, we face new adversaries—One nation with a fleet much larger than our own. Once again, we may be outnumbered, but we will never be outmatched.

Like Eaton before us, we'll rise to meet the challenge. May God bless the USA!

Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy - Nominated A Separate Peace, and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.

GARDENING
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Cover the straw with evergreen boughs in windy locations to help hold the straw in place.

Water newly planted garlic thoroughly at planting and as needed in fall to encourage the roots and a shoot to form. Water often enough to keep the soil evenly moist during the growing season. Inconsistent moisture when the plants are actively growing results in smaller and misshapen bulbs. Keep the soil around the plants covered with organic mulch to conserve moisture and suppress weeds.

Make this the season you plant garlic. Then enjoy the homegrown flavor and health benefits it provides.

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

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

October 10-17
A rhyming roundup for the week ahead

Thursday, Oct. 10 — 10 a.m.
At River Bend Farm the leaves will gleam, A guided hike will crown the dream. Begins at ten—boots, not flair; Oak Street trails and autumn air.

Friday, Oct. 11 — 7 p.m.
Douglas Library hosts a night, Of spooky tales by candlelight. At seven sharp the stories spin, Come brave the ghosts of days gone in.

Saturday, Oct. 12 — 8 a.m. to Noon
Northbridge Fire puts grills to flame, The pancake breakfast stakes its claim. Eight to noon at Church Street's hall, Stack 'em high—they'll feed you all.

Sunday, Oct. 13 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Whitinsville's bandstand hums with pride, BVCC's Fall Market's open wide. From ten to three, crafts line the green, Hot cider flows—a hometown scene.

Monday, Oct. 14 — 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Sutton's Senior Center crew Holds chair-yoga for me and you. Start at nine-thirty, stretch the spine, Then sip your coffee till half past nine.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 — 6:30 p.m.
Uxbridge Select Board, half past six, Town Hall chambers, politics mix. Public comment opens the floor; Speak your piece—tradition's core.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — 5 to 7 p.m.
Kids in costume, pumpkins bright, Douglas Common glow tonight. Carving contest, fun and free, Starts at five—bring family.

Thursday, Oct. 17 — 6 to 8 p.m.
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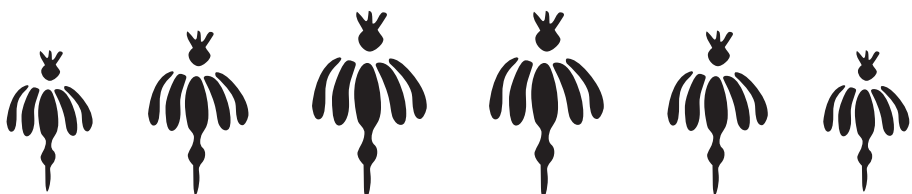
She also enjoys creative hobbies such as knitting, writing, and reading, which allow her to express herself and explore new ideas.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.





Courtesy

HAPPY NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH!

Seniors and older adults at Plummer Place enjoyed a free pizza luncheon and delicious dessert courtesy of the Northbridge Council on Aging on Tuesday, Sept. 30 in celebration of national senior center month. “Senior centers across the country are celebrating their seniors this month, and we too, wanted to celebrate those seniors who come and support us, our mission and our vision for older adults,” shared Kelly Bol, director. Raffle prizes were awarded to seniors who had frequented Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center throughout the month of September, and a good time was had by all! The Northbridge Senior Center serves more than 1,200 seniors age 60 and older annually, and always welcome new participants to enjoy their services, programs, activities and events. For more information, please call (508) 234-2002.



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that residents have a safe, warm environment as they work toward rebuilding their lives.

Dismas House offers transitional housing, support services and a pathway back to the community for individuals most in need of recovery, decent work and housing. With locations across Worcester County, the organization provides not only shelter, but also critical programs that foster stability and hope.

"Dismas House plays a vital role in

Millbury FCC hosting annual Turkey Raffle

MILLBURY — The Millbury First Congregational Church will be holding the Annual Turkey Raffle on Friday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. It will take place at the Charles F. Minney VFW Post at 16 South Main St., Millbury. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Top 4 Prizes Will include:

*First Prize: \$500 in cash

*Second Prize: \$250 Amazon Gift Card

*Third Prize: Case of Assorted Wines

*Fourth Prize: Thanksgiving Dinner Basket with Turkey

*In Addition, numerous items on display will be raffled off during the evening.

Refreshments will be sold during the event, including hot dogs and other delicious surprises. Please come early and enjoy the fun on Nov. 21.

For Raffle tickets: Linda Polisack will be selling tickets at Goretti's on Oct. 11, 14, 18, and 25, Nov. 1, and Nov. 8.

providing dignity and opportunity for people in need across our community," said Todd Tallman, CEO of Cornerstone Bank. "We're proud to continue our support for their mission, particularly during the winter months when reliable heat is essential."

This most recent gift builds on Cornerstone Bank's ongoing partnership with Dismas House, which included a \$2,500 donation in 2024 to support youth hunger initiatives and a \$4,000 donation in 2023 for the same cause.

Cornerstone Bank is committed to strengthening local communities through charitable giving and volunteerism. Its support of Dismas House underscores the bank's dedication to addressing urgent community needs and improving the lives of neighbors across Central Massachusetts.

About Cornerstone Bank

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LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Docket No. WO24P1057EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**
Estate Of:
Robert J. Lilla
Also known as: Robert J Lilla, Jr.
Date of Death: 12/19/2023

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Susan E. Montville of Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a 1st and Final Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/28/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 10, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO25P3128EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
Stephan Paul Frick, Jr.
Date of Death: 07/14/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Amy E. Frick of Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Amy E. Frick of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2025

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO21P1345EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
Anna A Thibault
Date of Death: 08/18/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Marc Thibault of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Marc Thibault of Uxbridge MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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Every Thursday: Mindful Meditation ~ 9:30am
Tuesday, October 14th Blood Pressure Clinic 11:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, October 15th Read Between The Lines Book Club 10:30am-11:30am
Monday, October 20th Representative David Muradian's Office Hours 10:00am-11:00am
Monday, October 20th Grief Support Group 1:30pm-2:30pm
October 9th and October 23rd — Writing Your Way Writer's Group
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Wednesday, November 5th The Brew Crew 9:30am-10:30am
Come and enjoy Plummer Place's newest program offering guest speakers, timely topics, and fun activities to jump start your day. All are welcome and treats, coffee/tea are on us! November's guest speaker is: Northbridge Police Chief, Tim Labrie. Please drop in and join us!

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Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:00 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Lunch & Bingo 11:30am, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.), Line dancing 2 pm
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, Darts 11:30 am, MahJong 12:45pm, Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm
Thursday: Walking club 9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am, Pitch 9:00am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

OCTOBER EVENTS:
The center will be closed on Monday October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

Tuesday & Thursday lunch club please call the Friday before to sign up.
October Lunch Menu:
Tuesday 10/7: Ham salad croissant sandwich, chips & cookies
Tuesday 10/14: Quiche, fruit & banana bread
Thursday 10/16: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, & brownies SIGN UP BY 10/10
Tuesday 10/21: Barbecue chicken, baked potato, carrots & ice cream
Tuesday 10/28: Butternut bisque, salad, rolls, & fruit

Wellness Clinic: October Clinic dates are Monday the 6th & Tuesday the 21st. Clinic hours are from 10 am to 12 pm. If you feel you need an extended amount of time to speak with Nurse Ann please call ahead and let us know.

Lunch & a Movie: Thursday October 16th @ 11:30. We will be watching Murder Mystery II. Lunch is \$4.00 per person, tomato soup with grilled cheese and brownies. Please sign up 10/10.

Right to Farm Informational Discussion: Tuesday October 21st @ 10:00. Stop into the center for information of what this means and the changes it would bring to town. This will be voted on at the Special Town Meeting in November. You may call the center to sign up.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:
Shine Meeting: Monday November 3rd @ 9:30. Open enrollment is coming and changes are being made. Learn about these changes and if they affect your coverage. You may call the center to sign up.

The Sunshine Club invites you:

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