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# NSDAR honors Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director

DOUGLAS — The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Captain Job Knapp Chapter of East Douglas recently honored Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN in recognition of her Excellence in Nursing and nursing education. Dr. Bolandrina was presented with a pin and certificate in celebration of the 125th anniversary of DAR Hospital Corps. The certificate of recognition was signed by Chapter Regent, Noveline Beltram who presented the certificate at a special ceremony attended by NSDAR members at the First Congregational Church, Douglas.

Dr. Bolandrina, formerly of Douglas, now of Dudley was a full-time faculty in 2013 at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy prior to becoming the Academy Director in 2015.

"I am deeply honored



Pictured, from left: Bolandrina, past Regent Anne Marie Safaee and Regent Noveline Beltram.

yet humbled by this recognition," Bolandrina said.

She added that she was only able to accomplish all of what she set out to do because she had the wonderful support of her family, colleagues, and col-

leagues who became fami-ly by choice.

"I love that alumni from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy are coming full circle in giving back and being actively engaged in advocacy, philanthropy, and service learning," she added.

She believes that there is more work to be done, and she is grateful for the opportunity to continue serving in the capacity that she has been entrusted to do. Dr. Bolandrina takes to heart the words of Theodore Roosevelt about "the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth

doing."

Bolandrina completed her Doctor of Health Administration degree at the University of Phoenix. The curriculum for the Doctor of Health Administration builds on master's programs by providing education and training in management theories and methods applicable with a variety of healthcare organizations. Focusing on the development of decision-making, communication, and critical thinking skills, topics covered in the course work include health care resource management, health care marketing techniques, global and U.S. health care systems, economics of health care services, federal regulation processes, and care management. In 2001, she completed CREA Journalism

at Harvard Extension School, one of the university's 12 degree-granting institutions. She previously earned her Master of Science in Nursing Education also from University of Phoenix and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at University of Santo Tomas, Manila Philippines. She is a registered nurse and a certified rehabilitation registered nurse (CRRN) with 37 years of nursing experience in the classroom as full-time faculty, managerial as charge nurse and nursing supervisor as well as Director of Quality Improvement, and as an adjunct at Massachusetts Bay Community College.

As the Academy Director, she worked with students, faculty, and staff in implementing various initiatives such as the establishment of the Community Service Award, the creation of the Mock Code Team, implementation of Mock Code scenarios per term culminating in Mock Code Day during Nurses' Week celebration, establishment of the National Technical Honor Society Chapter (NTHS), the NTHS annual induction and alumni homecoming, creative funding for SkillsUSA, the UNICEF Club, participation in the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), class certification in Mental Health First Aid Training and Stop The Bleed, Alumni Mentorship and Peer tutoring, Nurses Art Therapy, initiatives for Food Insecurity, recognition of Kindness Acts, and the annual participation in the Walk to End

Alzheimer's.

About DAR

The Daughters of American Revolution is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War. For more information visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108 617-973-0900 <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing>The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 7840 Roswell Rd., Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 [www.council.org](http://www.council.org) Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org)

## Douglas Historical Society seeking volunteers

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Historical Society, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help with events from now to the end of December 2024.

If you are able and willing to lend your time and skills, please contact Ursula Levi, Secretary Board of Directors, Douglas Historical Society, Inc., at 508-723-3484 or e-mail [enjenckes1833@gmail.com](mailto:enjenckes1833@gmail.com).



Courtesy

## St. Patrick's to host Beer & Dynamite Blast

WHITINSVILLE — Come celebrate America with St. Patrick's Parish, 7 East St., Whitinsville, on Saturday, July 20 from 5 to 9 p.m.! They will be serving dynamite sandwiches & ice-cold beer, prior to the Northbridge Fireworks! The

menu will also include hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and frozen treats. Take-out options will also be available. The rain date for this event is July 21. For more information, call 508-234-5656. Payment by VENMO or cash.

## DA brings together public safety, health officials to find common ground in fight against overdose epidemic

SHREWSBURY — Last Tuesday, public safety and public health professionals met to discuss how best to work together to address the overdose epidemic at an event organized by Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.'s office.

"We have so many good, caring people here who are all in this fight together against this horrible disease," said Early. "People view each other from a distance, but let's use today to come together, put aside our differences, find our common ground and move forward to build safer, healthier communities for all."

The event featured two speakers from the CT Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) team, Robert Lawlor, a Drug Intelligence Officer from New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

(NEHIDTA) and Anna Gasinski, a Public Health Analyst from the CDC Foundation. They talked about their firsthand experience fostering healthy collaboration between public health and public safety agencies.

"We're all dedicated to addressing the overdose and addiction crisis. We all want to save lives. We just go about it differently," said Lawlor. "We need to work together on this problem. And we're more similar than we realize."

Lawlor and Gasinski walked the nearly 100 attendees through the process of finding those similarities and building upon them to work on projects together.

"Although approaches may differ, the mutual goal is a commitment to their community which provides common ground for collaboration," said Gasinski. The Prevention and

Support Network hosted the collaborative meeting last Tuesday at Independence Hall, Veterans Inc.'s treatment facility located in Shrewsbury. Early thanked Veterans Inc. President and CEO Vincent Perrone and Executive Director Denis Leary for generously agreeing to host the meeting.

The Prevention and Support Network was initially formed by Early in 2015 as the Opioid Task Force. The name was changed last year to reflect the broader scope of the work that is being done to address all the different root causes and impacts of the overdose crisis, including addressing mental health and trauma.

Anyone can join the Prevention and Support Network and attend upcoming meetings by emailing [info@worcesterdar.org](mailto:info@worcesterdar.org).

## ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING!

Plummer Place was rockin' this week as seniors and older adults enjoyed a live music concert from award-winning Elvis tribute artist Dan Fontaine! This was Elvis's third visit to Plummer Place and the concert-goers enjoyed a phenomenal tribute to the King's musical legacy. The dance floor was crowded as seniors sang and danced to hits such as "Burning Love," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Suspicious Minds," "Love Me Tender," "Heartbreak Hotel," and the "Hawaiian Wedding Song!" A Memphis-themed BBQ lunch was provided by Creedon and Company and door prizes were contributed by Gloria Woodson and Struggles and Snuggles, a local non-profit organization that has partnered with Plummer Place to bring handmade blankets to children in foster care. "I enjoyed the concert thoroughly and Dan was better than ever!" declared Joyce Brill one of the attendees. The concert was sponsored by the Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc. (FINE) which provides support for Plummer Place. For more information on Plummer Place or FINE, please call (508) 234-2002.







# Whitinsville Christian School honor roll

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Grade 6  
High Honors: Riley Ahearn, Chloe Barker, Eve Barnes, Lily Brochu, Ethan Cwiakala, Hadley DeFrancisco, Remi DesJardins, Atticus Freitas, Ruthie Philip, Ella Pitts, Hannah Reynolds, Stella Ryan, Lily Schwenke, Alexis Thakkallapalli  
Honors: Maddie Arrigan, Kosta Boras, James Bourguignon, Vienna Butzke, Morgan Colgate, Brooks Corkran, Colin Dertien, Gianna Dyke, Charlotte Fogg, Dylan Lucas, Aletta Osterman, Jack Shanahan, Val Taylor, Jacob Tomasino, Brooklyn Zych, Micah Zylstra

Grade 7  
High Honors: Elise Bastien, Molly Chambers, Ava Cormier, Emily Coyne, Kaleb DeWeerd, Sophie Finch, Kayden Harshaw, Mazzy Hollibaugh, Audrina Lucas, Elyse McGee, Caitlyn Neal, Sienna Roach, Mason Thakkallapalli, Arielle Zdanis  
Honors: Liv Barnatt, Isaac Besong, Kenzie Brower, Joao Carvalho, Tom Cintolo, Putnam Costello, Jack Foppema, Liza Gaudiano, Jace Goodson, Anya Hruz, Vanessa Kline, Dawson Martinka, Ethan

McCabe, Izzy Menard, Mason Moesker, Joe Monteiro, Hailey Paiva, Max Piascik, Molly Piascik, Makayla Sedzro, Emma Simao, Effie Tzimogianni

Grade 8  
High Honors: Jake Beatty, Cadence Calarese, Judah Freitas, Casrae DesJardins, Izzy Gava, Jack Johnson, Chloe Kelly, Raegen McAlister, Madeline Olkowski, Ryleigh Shanahan, Yvette Solorzano, Michael Vos  
Honors: Brayden Alix, Lara Alves, Neriah Bagaya, Tommy Barry, Eme Breault, Aislyn Butzke, Brianna Cardoza, Ani Corkran, Alec Gazda-Tran, Tessa Grelewicz-Ferreira, Josh Hilgenberg, Katelyn Keeler, Evan Kling, Mia McGuire, Kai Murzycki, Jake Pitts, Emma Smith, Olivia Soden, Celine Tran, Natalie Tubo

Grade 9  
High Honors: Isabella Aloise, Nathan Bagaya, Emily Bastien, Demi Boormeester, Sam Boria, Grace Cwiakala, Charlotte DeFrancisco, Avery Dertien, Audyn DeWeerd, Mya Duffy, Josie Dyke, Enson Enoch, Emily Flagg, Molligh Flannery, Luci Gaudiano, Jensen Gonneville, Jude Goodson, Miley Hazard, Aimee Jolicoeur, Hailey Kindl, Emma MacCarthy, Elliot McCabe, Eamon Moloney, Sophia Robbins, Ruth

Stenbuck, Nathanael Vos, Emma Whitsitt  
Honors: Mia Besong, Amelia Bowler, Gabe Deters, Ian Finch, Abby Flagg, Alexi Gilchrist, Carrie Keeler, Jae Lee, Julia Monteiro, Vaughn Mulroy, Neola Nigh, Amelia Rufo, Bryn Rufo, Rachel Scott, Caleb Tetreault, Elisavet Tzimogianni, Andy Xin

Grade 10  
High Honors: Maddi Amati, Kacy Brochu, Emily Burkhart, JV Dasilva, Max DeFrancisco, Matthew Dudley, Eli Focht, Eli Fortna, Brinley Gonneville, Faith Najem, Emily Oatis, Maria Ramos, Justin Smith, Matt Wren, Mark Yarger, Zoe Zhou  
Honors: Natasha Carreiro, Milla Da Silveira, Micah Deters, Orla Donnelly, Noah Garrant, Ethan Hand, Jack Hutchinson, Meredith Johnson, Ryan Martinka, Hadasyah Mestres, Cam Morse, Rae Nguyen, Charlie Ramsdell, Kyria Sedzro, Lilly Wierenga, Brian Wright

Grade 11  
High Honors: Charlotte Bartlett, Jack Carlin, Rebeca Dasilva, Emelyn DeWeerd, George Foint, Julia Gibbons, Katie Godin, Brady Gorman, Ashley Jeong, Julia Lawson, Gillian McGee, CJ Najem, Logan O'Connell, Hannah Ostroff, Jake Piascik, Rosemary Poe, Scarlett Shaw, Alison Sim, Corbin Swaim,

Claire Tubo, Emma Wierenga  
Honors: Caden A n e m a , Amanda Cinelli, Damian Corson, Joanna Graves, John Kim, Belle Kling, Sara Liu, Siena Mueller, Liam Mulroy, Gabby Neves, Quinn Rice, Hannah Walton, Georgia West

Grade 12  
High Honors: Asher Bell, Ella Brochu, Molly Burkhart, Grace Connors, Kate Crowley, Bella Da Silveira, Caleb Deters, Jimmy Dudley, Ethan Enoch, Maria Fletcher, Kaylin Fogg, Camdyn Forget, Annika Fortna, Avery Glidden, Matt Godin, Niki Guo, Evan Hand, Ava Ibrahim, Will Johnson, Hannah Lashley, Jaquelyn McNamara, Charlie Paharik, Hayden Plourde, Justin Vos, Erin Wyndham, Eme Wyndham  
Honors: Nicolas Belucio, Noelle Champigny, Megan Foellmer, Colin Gava, Margaret Johnson, Kelly Keeler, Makenna Kitchen, Adrienne Marshall, Victoria McNamara, Liam Menard, Delia Moloney, Meadow O'Connell, Chloe Richey, Nathan Romine, Declan Smith, Grace Walton, Abby Wozniak

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508-865-9154

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB  
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SENATOR MOORE'S OFFICE  
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Wednesday, July 3rd  
First Wednesday of the month between 11 – 12 P.M.  
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Thursdays 9 – 10 A.M. ( Class is \$3)

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COLORING  
Thursdays at 10 A.M.

Lunches are served Monday through Thursday 12 P.M. Friday 11:30 A.M.  
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Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.  
A 48 hour reservation is required.  
Call the center at 508-865-9154

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James Oatis, a English major of Northbridge  
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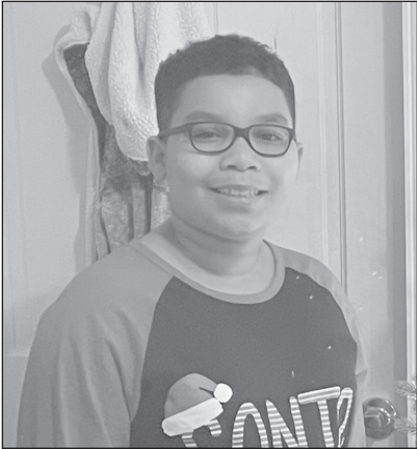



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## EDITORIAL

### Facts about Independence Day

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that aren't commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4, however Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4 as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I. 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration after its start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One common fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/ Native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment.

Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well-known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag depicting the two new states. Robert Heft, 16, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.

Wearing an American flag, whether it be on a tee-shirt, headband, towel or shorts, is in violation of the Flag Code. The code says that you are in violation if you sell, display any "article of merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in order to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." The code, however, is not enforceable.

### 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

### A warning

into the 18th Century, Eliot's attempts to Christianize (make more Puritan) the native people would fade. But this tradition - the concept of conversion of Indigenous people to Western culture by destroying their native culture would return in the 19th and 20th centuries with the 'Indian Schools.' In these schools, Native children from all over the United States were sent to 'Kill the Indian. Save the man'. Many Native children, including those from Massachusetts, were sent to the Carlisle School in Pennsylvania. (Nationalparks) "The family systems of many Indigenous people never fully recovered from these tragedies, which often led to broken homes harmed by addiction, domestic abuse, abandonment, and neglect." "The Catholic Church recognizes that it played a part in traumas experienced by Native children," including sexual abuse. Of late, the WP noted that their "56-page document highlights its role in the Indian boarding schools that were created in the 19th century as part of a U.S. government policy to eradicate Native American cultures. For 100 years, children were removed from their families, stripped of their names, and often beaten for speaking their languages. Of more than 500 schools, 84 were operated by the Catholic Church or its religious affiliates."

What is past is often prologue. Currently, Oklahoma's state superintendent mandated all public schools teach the bible. He said the state's Education Department may supply teaching materials for the bible "to ensure uniformity in delivery." "Requiring a bible in classrooms does not improve Oklahoma's ranking of 49th in education," Oklahoma Rep. Dollens (D) stated. "The State Superintendent should focus on educating students, not evangelizing them."

ing them." Realizing what the parents in those schools think or the religious traditions they already hold matters not as this state imposes its version of Christianity on all its students.

"Historically, the beliefs of those like Winrod and Smith, who supposedly promoted authoritarian ideas and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories as part of their (Christo-fascism) platform," are part of the proud CN tradition.

Smith's "CN Crusade," an organization that was defunct by the 1970s, is quoted as saying, "Christian character is the basis of all real Americanism." (Fox) Christian Nationalism "is a Christian nation acting to secure and protect itself as a distinct Christian people and to direct itself via Christian leaders. It is a totality of national action, consisting of civil laws and social customs, conducted by a Christian nation as a Christian nation to procure for itself both earthly and heavenly good in Christ." (Wolfe) "CNs want to preserve and protect Christendom through the government, as it is the purpose of government." The Taliban in Afghanistan has the same MO. They want "to establish a religious emirate in Afghanistan based on a strict interpretation of Islamic law and Qur'anic instruction," plus add in some tribal norms such as no education for women just for fun. In simple terms, avowed CN Rep. Boebert declared that "she's "tired of that separation of church and state junk. The church is supposed to direct the government, and the government is not supposed to direct the church." Remember: "If you say you are a Christian and you reject CN, you are a disobedient Christian."

Consider yourself forewarned.

*Linda Lacki  
Northbridge*

### Offended

all those striped hearts all over the lawn on the commons. Who has the authority to do these things? They all

offend me.

*Phyllis Kuik  
Uxbridge*

To the Editor:

Any political force mandating the recognition of their bible as the basis of all enforceable law and then requiring said citizens to follow those laws explicitly while requiring the 'country' leader to be of that sect, religion, or tradition will likely have you looking down the maw of Christian Nationalism (CN).

Clearly, JFK was not a CN by his words, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me." Neither was King. Mother Teresa, though an honorary US citizen, faced criticism but not for CN. Besides RFK Jr being a no-show at a "far-right CN conference he has previously attended and despite being listed as a featured speaker," there is no evidence that he is a CN. This is but another example of his inexplicability. Catholics are not CNs per se unless they want to replace the constitution with the approved Catholic Edition (NRSV-CE) bible and/or have the pope run the country directly or have the country's national leader report to the pope.

Unlike the others, John Eliot was, in fact, part of the CN tradition. Natick's historical information: "Missionaries like John Eliot established praying towns to separate Native people from their traditional lifeways, spiritual traditions, and kinship networks so that they could work towards converting to the Puritan faith." Eliot equated "being a good Christian" with "being a good Englishman." "Mirroring the later (19th/20th century) 'Indian Schools,' Eliot isolated the converted from their homes, family, and culture. They were forced to cut their hair and wear English clothing and were isolated in villages known as 'Praying Towns.'" "Although some remnants of the 'praying villages' would survive

To the Editor:

I'm offended by that striped cross walk in Uxbridge. I also don't like

## Never underestimate God's hand in American exceptionalism

To the Editor:

It's amazing. It's American know-how. It's Exceptionalism. It's God.

Did you know that during World War II, an outpost in Scituate, R.I., of all places, was a key location for eaves-dropping on the National Socialist Workers Party "Nazi" war machine? [Yes, Nazis were socialists.]

From the "Small State, Big History" Web site, we learn that in 1940, before we even entered World War II, our Federal Communications Commission was looking for locations on which to place secret radio listening posts. These stations were intended to pick up German spy signals, distress signals and "other signals of interest." Even though we were not in "it" [the War], top secret plans were underway. A dozen radio listening posts were built in the U.S.

But the best one of them all was up a quiet little street in North Scituate, R.I., on an old farm on a very steep hill. The old Suddard Farm house is still there, but in private ownership so there is no house history tour. In 1940, Thomas Cave, an FCC agent out of Boston, was assigned to find a listening post in Rhode Island. Evidently, a fire spotter who was an amateur radio enthusiast in Rhode Island tipped off Cave that Chopmist Hill was a great location for radio signals.

The FCC rented the 138 acre property from the Suddards. Cave installed a wide variety of radios and transmitters, along with 16 miles of wire that made up the antennas. Two directional antennas could be rotated to receive a maximum signal.

As the dozen stations in the U.S. became active, Rhode Island officials

were surprised to find that the Chopmist Hill station in Scituate was "far more sensitive and able to pull in more radio signals than any other station." During a test emitted from the Pentagon, the Chopmist Hill station topped all others; it responded in seven minutes with the full content of the message and the location of the transmitter: Washington, D.C. It surprised everyone. A Wow moment.

In early 1942, a radio operator on Chopmist Hill suddenly heard quick conversations in German among several persons. Our guy did not speak German but he recorded the messages and sent them to U.S. Naval intelligence in Newport.

U.S. Navy intelligence experts confirmed that the Chopmist Hill station had picked up a radio order from the German high command in North Africa to its tanks fighting in North Africa. God had blessed this spot in Little Rhody!

Chopmist Hill radio operators started to receive German tank-to-tank transmissions! This was too good to be true, but it was true! American intelligence forwarded the messages to British forces fighting in North Africa. British General Bernard "Monty" Montgomery, in charge of Brit troops there, prepared his men to be ready for German General Rommel's ["the Desert Fox"] troops and tanks.

When Rommel tried to surround the British 8th Army at El Alamein, Egypt, the Brits were in place and won the critical Battle of El Alamein, in July 1942.

The Chopmist Hill radio reception was so good that Thomas Cave continually called Narragansett Electric to send crews to the station to adjust antenna poles for even better radio

reception. Only after the war did the tired crews learn about the role they had played as they adjusted antenna wires. They helped win the war.

The Chopmist Hill station saved many lives. As the ship Queen Mary left Rio de Janeiro to Australia, with 14,000 Allied troops on board, German spies in Brazil reported the route to German intelligence. Submarines were sent to intercept and sink her. But Chopmist Hill received the tiny signals from the spies in Brazil. The ship's route was secretly changed. The station picked up May Day calls from Navy pilots running low on fuel and notified our Navy who safely guided them home.

The station even located German submarines which were sunk by the Allies. Rhode Islanders at the station felt "they were actually in on the kill" as they worked back and forth with planes and ships to destroy submarines off the coast. One reason that little, if any, sabotage occurred inside the U.S. was because Chopmist Hill pinpointed every radio transmitter that the Germans erected. The Pentagon repeatedly ordered: "We want data from Scituate!"

What made Chopmist Hill so special? Geological formulations? Unique propagation phenomenon? Cave insisted it was the advanced top secret radio equipment installed there. But we know. It was God's miraculous hand.

Never underestimate the excellence of Americans and their rebellious nature when foiling evil. Never underestimate God's design, which is better than any human effort.

*Bev Gudanowski  
Uxbridge*

### Veil lifted; truth revealed

and vigor was displayed before an orchestrated rally audience, albeit aided by prepared speech, teleprompter, and Trump-like "U.S.A., U.S.A." chants.

But the jig's up! A big question looms across the nation: what confidence remains that this 'image' (verbally affirmed constantly) is the actual 24/7 state of mind and body shown by the President (off camera) during crisis meetings in the Oval Office or Situation Room, in private or public interaction with international friends or foes? Such a drastic change in demeanor begs answer to the obvious follow-up: who really pulls the power cords in Washington these days?

Those excoriated for speaking about the President's daily reality are vindicated. Those "feeling betrayed" or sickened by this new-found truth can 'wake up' and be cured of political naivety, blind party prejudice or collusion by refusing to accept more lies until

many internet platforms/TV/cable stations and newspapers answer for why they were so stubbornly tethered to 'fake reality' for so long.

Whether the Democratic ticket holds steady is moot. Even though a second (confirmed) debate provides our enemies another chance to witness 'weakness', it affords voters time to reassess who is "truth telling" or "lying." Illegal immigration; national security; economy; inflation; interest rates; tax increases; foreign wars; climate initiatives; abortion; drug/human trafficking; 'politicized' federal agencies are only some concerns about which voters should demand answers without excuses or 'blaming the other' from either candidate!

Happy 4th of July when we are reminded "freedom is not free" and we remember St. Augustine's challenge- "Anger, hope & courage make change." Vote on Nov. 5.

*Jane Keegan  
Uxbridge*





TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Last week this column featured tips to harvest home grown vegetables for peak perfection. But what if you don't have a backyard garden? No worries. Each year at this time this page offers tips to choosing the freshest picks, whether it be at a farmer's market, roadside stand, or grocery store. Read on for our annual guide to help you pick perfect produce from early crops through the end of the season.

**Beans, snap:** Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

**Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower:** Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid

wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.

**Cabbage and head lettuce:** Look for firm compact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce, choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking compact plants.

**Carrots:** Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots. Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

**Celery:** Choose large, firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

**Chard:** Look for fresh, dark green leaves with bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

**Collards and kale:** Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves

with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.

**Corn on the cob:** Choose for well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid large, wrinkled kernels.

**Cucumbers:** Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

**Peppers:** Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

**Radishes:** Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will be pithy. Sunburned crowns are also not desirable.

**Summer squash:** Choose ones that are uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruits (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems,

or that are soft or wilted.

**Tomatoes:** Look for smooth skinned, firm fruits with uniform color. Avoid fruits with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruits.

**Apples:** Choose firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp.

**Blueberries:** Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating.

**Cantaloupe:** Look for a smooth shallow base; thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe.

**Cherries:** Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems.

**Nectarines:** Fruit should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-yellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety.

**Oranges:** Choose firm

oranges, heavy for its size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

**Peaches:** Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base color.

**Pears:** Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften. Bartlett's: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

**Pumpkin:** Look for a pumpkin with an even orange hue. Give it a thump; if it sounds hollow, it is ripe and ready to be picked. Look for hard skin and a hard stem. Leave several inches of stem when you harvest a pumpkin. Doing so will slow down the rotting process

**Watermelon:** Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy yellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

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at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

# Leading by example

Many who've studied history have heard the stories of Alexander the Great, who famously led his troops into battle, always at the front lines, putting his life in danger but doing exactly what he expected his soldiers to do. Similarly, Joan of Arc inspired her followers by fearlessly leading French troops during the Hundred Years' War. These leaders weren't just commanding from a safe distance. They led from the front, instilling a vision in their soldiers' minds of what they should do.

In the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, John C. Maxwell states, "People do what people see."

The idea is that people will tend to mimic the actions of their leaders rather than follow verbal instructions.

Whether a soldier following a commander, an employee observing a CEO, a child watching a parent, a student emulating a teacher, or athletes on a team,

people are likely to do what they see their leaders do. This underscores leaders' immense power and responsibility in shaping the behaviors and actions of those they lead.

Leaders are interesting. They tend to be visionaries entrusted with bringing their dreams to life. To do that, they must thoroughly understand their purpose, vision, and strategy for achieving it, but that's not all.

Leaders must articulate what they want from their team members, but more than verbal communication is needed to create a lasting impact. Vision without action achieves nothing. A leader must exemplify the behaviors they wish to see. The better a leader's actions, the better their team's actions will be.

If a restaurant manager tells their staff that maintaining a clean kitchen is essential, yet they catch them leaving dirty dishes in the sink and not correctly storing ingredients, do you think the staff will adhere

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to it?

Consider a sports coach who emphasizes the importance of punctuality and discipline but frequently arrives late to practices. Do you think the players will take the coach's words seriously and maintain punctuality and discipline?

Remember that famous public service announcement from the late '80s where an angry father bursts into his son's room, yelling because he discovered his son was smoking marijuana? After a tense standoff, the son yells, "I learned it by watching you!" This commercial perfectly highlights the point.

Teaching what is right is far easier than doing what is right. It's easier to tell the team

what to do than to do it. It's easier to instruct someone on how to behave and then retreat to a private space where no one can see any contradictions. This type of leadership, often justified with thoughts like, "Well, they need to do it, not me. I'm just here to tell them how they should be," can be ineffective.

It's a hypocritical form of leadership.

An effective leader is in a challenging position. They must hold not only those under their guidance accountable but also themselves.

A good leader is a visionary, a teacher, a figure of accountability, and an agent of change. Leaders are responsible for improving their team's performance and embodying the values they wish to instill. Leaders who don't achieve good results are often seen as not leading by example.

A leader must also lead themselves.

Maxwell states, "Followers may

doubt what leaders say, but they'll always believe what they do."

So, what's the most valuable thing a leader can do to be effective? Lead by example.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

There are many historical figures who emphasized the importance of leading by example.

Nelson Mandela lived out his commitment to peace and reconciliation during his struggle against apartheid in South Africa, even after 27 years of imprisonment. Similarly, Florence Nightingale revolutionized healthcare by tirelessly working alongside her nurses during the Crimean War, setting high standards of hygiene and care through her actions.

Leaders who lead by example bring their vision to life. When leaders act with integrity, demonstrate the behaviors they expect,

and consistently align their actions with their words, they

inspire their teams to do the same. Are you ready to step up

and be the example your team needs to achieve greatness?

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Pi Mu Epsilon is the national honor society for mathematics. The society is dedicated to the promotion and recognition of scholarly activity in the mathematical science among students at the University.

The Keynote Speaker this year is Dr. Steven J. Miller of Williams College, speaking on "Why I love Monovariants: From Zombies and Conway's

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# Managing weeds in the garden

No matter the weather, weeds seem to thrive and reproduce, and if left unchecked, they can overwhelm the garden and gardener. These unwanted plants find their way into your garden as seeds, roots, rhizomes, or whole plants. Seeds can be carried in by the wind, birds, and other animals, or on the soles of shoes. Roots, rhizomes, and even plants hitch a ride in the soil or with plants that we move into the garden.

Start early managing weeds in your garden. Smaller weeds are easier to pull and removing them before they flower and form seeds can prevent hundreds of weeds in next year's landscape.

This is not always possible. Weather and busy schedules often limit gardening time, allowing these vigorous plants to overtake the garden.

It is never too late and worth investing time in managing weeds in the garden. Weeds are adaptable and vigorous, outcompeting your desirable plants for water and nutrients. Many serve as host plants for insect pests and diseases that may also attack your garden plants.

Carefully dig or pull weeds, removing the top and roots. Established weeds may have a deep tap root or extensive root system that may be difficult to remove. Depending on the weed, any part left



Melinda Myers

Persistence is the key to success when battling bindweed.

behind has the potential to start a new plant.

Find the tool that best works for you. A Dutch or action hoe works well on small weeds where there is space between plants. Glide the cutting edge just below the soil surface to cut the roots. Many gardeners find a weed knife to be a useful tool. It allows you to dig right next to the weed and pop it out of the ground with minimal impact on surrounding plants.

If bending is an issue, you may opt for one of the standup weeder. There are several types available. Most have tines you insert into the soil surrounding the weed. A hand or foot-operated action causes the tines to tighten around the weed roots before you lever it out of the ground.

Perennial weeds are a bit more challenging. Many have extensive roots that are nearly impossible to remove entirely.

Repeatedly digging up the plants can eventually manage these weeds, but it can take years. Cutting the plants back to the ground as soon as they appear can help "starve" them, prevent reseeding, and help contain and even eliminate some perennial weeds.

If the weeds begin to take over the garden, tackle those flowering or setting seeds first. Do not compost these or perennial weeds. Most compost piles don't get hot enough to kill the seeds or perennial weeds. Contact your local municipality to find out your options for disposing of these as well as perennial and invasive weeds.

Once the weeds are out of the garden, spread a layer of organic mulch over the soil surface. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed. Pull the mulch away from tree trunks, shrub stems, and the crowns of your other plants.

Mulching helps suppress weeds by reducing seed sprouting and making it easier to pull the seedlings that get through the mulch. Increase your success by placing a couple of sheets of newspaper or a piece of cardboard beneath the mulch. Mulching won't stop existing perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed. Keep managing these until all the roots have been removed.

Shredded leaves, evergreen needles, and other organic mulch also conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and add organic matter to the soil as it breaks down. Mulch also helps protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy rains. As many places experience more intense rainfall and higher-than-normal summer heat, mulching the soil becomes even more beneficial.

Consider the benefits when you

head out to tackle the weeds in your garden. You will improve the health and beauty of your garden while burning between 200 and 400 calories every hour you weed.

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# OBITUARIES

## Viola M. Capistrone, 99

Uxbridge- Viola M. (DeRoy) Capistrone passed away peacefully on June 22, 2024, at the age of 99 in Uxbridge, MA. She was born on July 6, 1924, in Mapleville, RI, to the late Narcisse and Bernadette (Gagne) DeRoy. She was the last of a large French American family that was raised in Millbury, MA.

Viola's legacy is one of love and commitment, as seen in her enduring marriage to her late husband, Robert F. Capistrone. Together, they built a family foundation that would stand the test of time. She is survived by her devoted children: Julie (John) Durney, Michael (Pattie) Capistrone, Jonathan (Barry) Capistrone, Charles (Patsy) Capistrone, Andrew (Linda) Capistrone, and Ellen Grossi.

An expert seamstress, Viola's artistry and skill were a thread that connected her to those around her. Her hands were rarely still, as she created beautiful garments and memories that will be cherished by all who knew her. As an expert knitter, Viola shared her talents at the Stanley Woolen Mill Store and made certain all her grandchildren had plenty of mittens! Her passion extended beyond her craft, as she was an active and influential figure in Uxbridge town politics. Her dedication to civic duty was evident in her role as a faithful town meeting member, where she made her voice heard and contributed to the betterment of her community. Children experienced the Scouting programs in



town thru her leadership. Homemakers learned skills from her participation in the Worcester County Extension Service Program and the Adult Education classes offered at UHS. The Uxbridge Public Library benefitted from her serving as a Library Trustee for 26 years. She loved spending time year-round in her backyard garden, which she tended to right up to the end. She walked out, all bundled up, to view the recent total eclipse!

Viola's open and gracious nature made her a friend to many. She was the embodiment of kindness, always extending a helping hand and a warm smile to those around her. Her thoughtful presence will be profoundly missed by her family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of crossing paths with her, whether in the neighborhood, at a cultural event, or at the Whitin Community pool.

In addition to her children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and their families were always welcomed in her home.

A private graveside service will be held in the North Burial Ground, 5 Branch Ave, Providence, RI at a later date.

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# Avoid these estate planning mistakes

By the time you reach retirement age, you may have accumulated a 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts, along with insurance policies and physical properties. You'll use some of these assets to support your retirement, but the rest may end up in your estate — which is why an estate plan is so important.

So, to leave a legacy for your family and those philanthropic groups you support, you need a comprehensive estate plan — and you need to avoid making mistakes. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Procrastinating – Estate planning, and its implications about our mortality, may not be a pleasant topic to think about. Yet, putting off your estate plans can be risky. If you were to pass away or become incapacitated without doing any estate planning, the results could be costly for your loved ones. One possible consequence: If you haven't at least created a basic, simple will, the courts could decide how to divide and distribute your assets, and they may do so in a way you wouldn't want.
- Not updating wills and other documents – Drafting a will and other legal documents, such as a living trust, is an important step in your estate planning. But you shouldn't just create these arrangements and forget about them. Changes in your life and among your loved ones — deaths, divorce, remarriage, new children and more — may result in the need for you to update your estate plans, so it's a good idea to review them periodically.
- Not updating beneficiaries – Similar to updating your will to reflect changes in your life and family situation, you may also need to update the beneficiaries listed on your financial accounts and insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede instructions in your will, so you'll need to make sure they are



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current and accurate.

- Not properly titling assets in a trust – Depending on your situation, you may benefit from establishing a living trust, which may allow

your estate to avoid the time-consuming and expensive process of probate. A living trust also helps give you control over how, and when, you want your assets distributed. However, you need to retitle your assets in the name of the trust for the trust to be effective.

- Not choosing the right executor – An executor carries out your wishes based on the instructions you've given in your will or trust documents. But fulfilling an executor's duties is not as simple as, say, following a recipe for a basic meal. Consequently, while you might just want to pick a close family member as executor, you need to be sure this person is competent, good with details and won't be overwhelmed by the financial and legal issues involved in settling an estate. If your initial choice doesn't have these skills, you may need to find a responsible person outside the family.

Finally, here's one more mistake: going it alone. Estate planning is not a do-it-yourself activity. To help ensure your estate plan addresses all the issues involved, you'll need to work with a legal advisor, and possibly your tax and financial professionals, too.

Devoting the necessary time and effort can help you avoid many of the mistakes that threaten the effectiveness of estate plans — and the fewer mistakes you make, the better off your beneficiaries can be.

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## Laura Jeniski named to Dean's List at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, Ga. — Laura Jeniski of Douglas made the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

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## Oum earns spot on Emmanuel College Dean's List

BOSTON — Emmanuel College in Boston has named Izabella Oum of Douglas to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College—a Catholic, coeducational, residential, liberal arts and sciences college in Boston—has been educating critical thinkers, ethical decision makers and community leaders since 1919. Situated in Boston's Fenway neighborhood within the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, Emmanuel's 17-acre campus is home to nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the arts, humanities, education, natural sciences, business and nursing foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's commitment to educate the whole person and prepare students to emerge as tomorrow's leaders. For more information, visit [www.emmanuel.edu](http://www.emmanuel.edu).

## Madison Culcasi graduates from Hamilton

CLINTON, N.Y. — Madison Culcasi, of Northbridge received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 19, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 212th year.

Culcasi majored in environmental studies.

Former Sen. Doug Jones, a U.S. attorney in Alabama who prosecuted accomplices in 1963's racially motivated 16th St. Baptist Church bombing, addressed members of the graduating class, urging them to be guardians of democracy.

Acknowledging the global events the Class of 2024 has seen, he told the class they are ready to meet whatever challenges they may face and to seize opportunities as they arise. "You are here today because, as the Hamilton motto goes, you grew to 'Know Thyself' and in doing so, you never lost faith in yourself,"

Jones said.

Hamilton's 487 graduates now join an alumni body of more than 24,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government and the arts.

Hamilton College, a leading liberal arts institution located in Clinton, N.Y., is where exceptional students explore passions through an open curriculum and robust research, internship, and off-campus study opportunities. Students graduate ready to lead purposeful lives thanks to highly regarded faculty mentors, generous resources that support each student's interests, and a loyal alumni network. The College's need-blind admission policy ensures access for talented students with limited financial means. Learn more at [www.hamilton.edu](http://www.hamilton.edu).



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# Nichols College announces Dean's List

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the Spring 2024 Dean's List.

Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

The following local students have achieved Dean's List honors: Jack Crowley of Uxbridge, Jonah Duncan of Douglas, Saige Frazier of Uxbridge, Casey Holland of Douglas, Jack Morvan of Uxbridge, Alexandria Patterson of Uxbridge, Benjamin Wiersma of Uxbridge.

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**Natalie Ottaviano of Newtonville named to Muhlenberg College Dean's List**

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Congratulations to Natalie Ottaviano of Newtonville on being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

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# Local residents named to RIT Dean’s List

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following students were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

- Ethan Smith of

Northbridge, who is in the 3D digital design program.

- Ryn Pease of Uxbridge, who is in the individualized program.
- Keegan Tonry of Uxbridge, who is in the physics program.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators, and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls more than 20,500 students in 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest

private universities in the U.S.

With 145,000 alumni worldwide, the university is internationally recognized and ranked for

*Area residents named to Dean’s List at University of New England*

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Ryleigh Flansburg of Douglas, Anika Koopman of Northbridge, and Samantha Billmyer of Whitinsville have been named to the Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a

its leadership in technology, the arts, and design. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The

grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and

cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai,

an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and home to

and Kosovo.

For the latest news, go to [rit.edu/news](http://rit.edu/news). To follow RIT on social media, go to [rit.edu/socialmedia](http://rit.edu/socialmedia).

Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit [une.edu](http://une.edu).

## LEGALS

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING D.P.U. 24-73 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Blackstone for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Blackstone ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-73.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Monday, August 5, 2024**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84732308181>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 312 626 6799 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 847 3230 8181**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, August 2, 2024**, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, August 5, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Lauren.Morris@mass.gov](mailto:Lauren.Morris@mass.gov). In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at [javery@pierceatwood.com](mailto:javery@pierceatwood.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-73); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed

20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "24-73"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov](mailto:Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov).

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at [javery@pierceatwood.com](mailto:javery@pierceatwood.com) or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Lauren.Morris@mass.gov](mailto:Lauren.Morris@mass.gov).

July 5, 2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. W024P1976EA Estate of: Robert E Vanderlinden, Jr. Also known as Robert E. Vanderlinden Date Of Death: May 2, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Cynthia E Vanderlinden of Sutton MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Cynthia E Vanderlinden of Sutton MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

July 7, 2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W024P2118EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Beth Ann Lavallee Also known as: Beth A. Lavallee, Beth Lavallee Date of Death: 04/03/1959

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Claire T. Lavallee 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: **Claire T. Lavallee of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appear-

ance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/30/2024**.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: June 25, 2024  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
July 5, 2024

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ricky W. Nelson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, dated March 16, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64738, Page 199, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns to Norwich Commercial Group, Inc, dba Norcom Mortgage, recorded on April 8, 2024, in Book No. 70373, at Page 318

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on July 12, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 513 Church Street, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in the Village of Whitinsville, Town of Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with all the buildings and other improvements thereon, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated on the northerly side of Church Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the premises hereby described at an iron pipe on the northerly side of Church Street near a stone wall at land now or formerly of one Taft;

Thence N. 28° 38' 30" W., by said Taft land 330.98 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall at land now or formerly of one Kidd;

Thence N. 43° 13' 25" E., by said Kidd land, 66.16 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of one Mugrdichian;

Thence S. 48° 47' E., by said Mugrdichian land, 259.91 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall and said Church Street;

Thence S. 31 ° 26' 45" W., by said church Street, 190.95 feet to a W.C.H. bound No. I opposite Station #59+61.82;

Thence S. 26° 10' 25" W., still by said Church Street, 19.22 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46216, Page 279.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any

other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

**NORWICH COMMERCIAL GROUP, INC, DBA NORCOM MORTGAGE**

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
**HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.**  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
25680  
June 21, 2024  
June 28, 2024  
July 5, 2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W024P2106EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Patricia A. Dexter Date of Death: 11/07/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Keith P. Dexter 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: **Keith P. Dexter of Uxbridge 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: June 24, 2024  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
July 5, 2024



# Douglas High School scholarships

DOUGLAS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:  
ETHAN VASSAR - \$500  
EMMA HENNESSY - \$300  
WILLIAM HOGAN - \$300  
RHEA MARCH - \$300  
CHLOE MCDONALD - \$300  
MOLLY STINCHFIELD - \$300  
CECELIA WHITE - \$300  
EVAN WHEELER - \$200

DOUGLAS YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP - APRIL VASSAR PRESENTING  
EMILEE HAMELIN - \$500.00  
OWEN GRAY - \$100.00  
ETHAN VASSAR - \$500.00  
EVAN WHEELER - \$100.00  
ANDREW HOGAN - \$200.00  
ISAAC GOSSELIN - \$100.00  
WILLIAM HOGAN - \$200.00  
COLIN LOEHR - \$100.00

DOUGLAS FIREFIGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP - \$300.  
JOHN FURNO PRESENTING

CHLOE MCDONALD  
LUKE BEAUCHEMIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - MICHELLE & LOGAN PRESENTING  
CHLOE MCDONALD - \$500  
OLIVIA DELUCA - \$500

UNIBANK FOR SAVINGS SCHOLARSHIP - \$2000.00  
KAREN YACINO PRESENTING  
NOAH GASKILL

CHRISTY DYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00  
JOHN DYER PRESENTING  
MOLLY STINCHFIELD  
ANDREW & SOPHIE BOMBARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2500.00  
HAILEIGH RECORE

ANTHONY FULONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$300.00  
BRETT FULONE PRESENTING  
HADLEY GAVAN

YVETTE L. BROUSSEAU FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000/

EA MICHAEL BROUSSEAU PRESENTING  
ETHAN VASSAR  
CHLOE MCDONALD

GBI INC. SCHOLARSHIP - 2/\$1000.00/EA  
JIM & BEN TUSINO PRESENTING  
OLIVIA DELUCA  
OWEN GRAY

RUDOLPH J. SUSIENKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000.00  
BRIAN MCGRATH PRESENTING  
LOGAN HOOPER

BLACKSTONE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00  
LYN DALEY PRESENTING  
HADLEY GAVAN

ETHAN VASQUEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - 2/\$1,600  
ALEX FLYNN PRESENTING  
ALANA PIERPONT  
SAMANTHA LOY

DOUGLAS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP  
KERSTEN HOGAN

PRESENTING  
\$400/EA  
EMILEE HAMELIN  
ANDREW HOGAN  
WILLIAM HOGAN  
LOGAN HOOPER  
ERIKA OUR

\$250/EA  
KAYTLIN FORGET  
ISAAC GOSSELIN  
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MATTHEW DOYLE  
COLIN LOEHR  
JULIA OSKIRKO  
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KAYTLIN FORGET  
CHRISTOPHER DAME

JOSEPH J. MITCHNA VFW POST 7554 SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000.00  
AMANDA AUDETTE

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COLIN SQUIER

LUCIUS MARSH SCHOLARSHIP - \$100.00  
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MUMFORD RIVER LODGE OF MASONS - WILLIAM SEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00  
JAXON KACZOR

MUMFORD RIVER LODGE OF MASONS - EDWARD F. MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00  
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PAUL D. MANNING  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00  
MATTHEW DOYLE

DOUGLAS BAND BOOSTER ARLENE QUINTAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$650.00  
ASHLEY ARNOLD

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RITA D. SKINNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - 2/\$500.00  
TAYLIN FRAGALA  
ERIKA OUR

DOUGLAS SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - \$500.00/EA  
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ALEXANDER WHEELER

Webster Lions Club - \$1,000.00  
TAYLOR LUNDQUIST

MA Daughters of the American Revolution - \$300.00  
CECELIA WHITE

AFL-CIO Northeast Merged Branch NALC 25 Scholarship - \$1,000.00  
ALEXANDER WHEELER

Olive Branch Lodge Scholarship - \$500.00  
WILLIAM PETERSON

Total: \$3,800.00

JOHN & ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Ashley Arnold
- Amanda Audette
- Isabella Calkins
- Adam Dunphy
- Travis Duplessis
- Taylin Fragala
- Noah Gaskill
- Hadley Gavan
- Isaac Gosselin
- Oxbow Grier
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- Colton Howard
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- Samantha Loy
- Taylor Lundquist
- Rhea March
- Chloe McDonald
- Erika Our
- Grace Parker
- Natalie Reade
- Colin Squier
- Molly Stinchfield
- Emily Torres Flores
- Ethan Vassar
- Alexander Wheeler
- Evan Wheeler
- Cecelia White

## Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,226 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) achieved the criteria required for the university's spring 2024 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said Professor Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Spring 2024:

Christina Aube, of

Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Robotics Engineering  
Codey Battista, of Northbridge, class of 2024, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Connor Chartier, of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology

Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos, of Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Philip Heney, of Douglas, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering

Jocelyn Hinchcliffe, of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology

Isabella Ibrahim, of Northbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Cullen Jacene, of Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Megan Jacene, of Northbridge, class of 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Katelyn Lombardo, of Whitinsville, class of 2025, major-

ing in Biology and Biotechnology

Jeremiah Morgan, of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

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

Julia Philbrook, of Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Adam Pratt, of Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Mikayla Prue, of Douglas, Massachusetts, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Psychological Science

Bishoy Soliman Hanna, of Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Data Science

Clarice Stumpf, of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biochemistry

Jack Tasick, of Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Molly Vincent, of Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

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

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
WPI, a global leader in project-based learn-

ing, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. [www.wpi.edu](http://www.wpi.edu)

## University of Rhode Island celebrates new graduates

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,100 of its newest alumni during the University's 2024 Commencement. Nearly 4,000 undergraduate degrees and 800 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 17-19.

- Among them were:
- Rachel Cohen of Uxbridge
  - Madison Riordan of Whitinsville
  - Jenna Salem of Douglas
  - Victoria Trapasso of Whitinsville
  - Rachel McGee of Uxbridge
  - Jenny Frick of Uxbridge
  - Christopher Wells of Northbridge
  - Elena Franzosa of Uxbridge

- Lindsey Moss of Uxbridge
- Katie Sauer of Northbridge
- Caitlin Simmons of Uxbridge

Acclaimed actress Viola Davis, one of only 19 people to have won all four of the major American performing arts awards, delivered a stirring keynote address, sharing a message of transformation, healing, and love with graduates. Davis, a Rhode Island native, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters. Charles M. Royce and Deborah Goodrich Royce, noted for their considerable literary and investment success and important preservation work across Rhode Island, were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees during the ceremony.



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WHIRLPOOL FRENCH DOOR BOTTOM FREEZER <b>\$1599<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$2,699	MAYTAG DISHWASHER #MDB4949SKZ <b>\$549<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$849.99	20 CUBIC FOOT UPRIGHT FREEZER <b>\$799<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$999.95
DELUXE WHIRLPOOL WASHER <b>\$499<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$699.95	AMANA GAS RANGE #AGR1533CBAS • Stainless Steel <b>\$599<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$699.99	GE FRONT LOAD WASHER #GFW550SNNWW <b>\$749<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$999.99
10 CU. FT. CHEST FREEZER <b>\$499<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$599.99	LG SMOOTH TOP ELECTRIC STOVE <b>\$729<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$999.99	OVER THE RANGE MICROWAVE <b>\$199<sup>99</sup></b> WAS \$279.99

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