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Friday, July 17, 2026

Thanks To Yanks a local non-profit charity, teamed up with The Doubletree Hotel Milford in the collection of items in support, of military families, including veterans and those deployed, also a generous financial donation was made. Pictured, left to right, facing is Randi Clark of the Doubletree and Mike Shain the Founder and president of Thanks To Yanks. Shain said, "We are thrilled and honored to partner with caring local businesses like the Doubletree." For information on Thanks To Yanks, please Like them on Facebook.

Playful
 Foundations
 workshops
 coming to
 Uxbridge
 community

U X B R I D G E
 — Families and caregiv-
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 three to six are invited to
 join free, engaging Playful
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 designed to support parents
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 cal strategies, parents will
 discover simple ways to
 support literacy, math, fine
 motor development, and
 kindergarten readiness at
 home.
 These hands-on work-
 shops will be led by Cindy
 Bly, founder of Little
 Learners Virtual Academy
 and a veteran educator
 with more than 30 years of
 Turn To WORKSHOPS page A9

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

Active Agers Health Fair
 coming toNorthbridge
 Senior Center

WEBSTER — The
 Blackstone Valley
 Chamber of Commerce’s
 (BVCC) Women’s Success
 Network (WSN) is thrilled
 to announce the return
 of its signature Summer
 event, Ladies On The
 Lake, on the serene eve-
 ning of Thursday, Aug.
 13 aboard the spectac-
 ular Indian Princess,
 docked at Indian Ranch,
 200 Gore Road, Webster.
 Boarding begins at 5:15
 p.m., with the cruise run-
 ning from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
 A rain date is scheduled
 for Aug. 20.

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

Success Network series,”
 said BVCC President &
 CEO Jeannie Hebert. “It’s
 a beautiful setting to build
 meaningful connections,
 strengthen relationships,
 and enjoy the peaceful
 beauty of the lake with
 friends and colleagues.
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 Please RSVP by Aug. 6.
 For more information,
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 ext. 100 or email Kristen
 at [kkearnan@blackstone-
valley.org](mailto:kkearnan@blackstone-valley.org).
 The mission of BVCC
 Women’s Success Network
 is to unite women to
 achieve their vision of suc-
 cess by creating a commu-
 nity of support and inspi-
 ration in their personal and
 professional lives.

NORTHBRIDGE
 — The Northbridge Senior
 Center invites older adults
 to attend the Active Agers
 Health Fair on Thursday,
 Aug. 6, from 12:30 p.m. to
 2:30 p.m.
 This informative and
 engaging event is designed
 to connect participants with
 valuable health, wellness,
 and community resources
 that support active, healthy
 living. Attendees will have
 the opportunity to visit with
 local health and wellness
 vendors, learn about pro-
 grams and services avail-
 able in the community, and
 gather information to help
 maintain their health and

independence.
 The cost to attend is \$5
 per person, payable in per-
 son on the day of the event.
 Whether you’re looking
 to discover new wellness
 resources, ask questions of
 local providers, or simply
 enjoy an afternoon focused
 on healthy aging, the Active
 Agers Health Fair offers
 something for everyone.
 We look forward to wel-
 coming community mem-
 bers for an afternoon of
 education, connection,
 and healthy aging! Any
 questions, please call the
 Northbridge Senior Center
 at (508) 234-2002.

Women’s Collective welcomes Carr Funeral Home
 to Northbridge Senior Center

NORTHBRIDGE
 — The Women’s Collective
 at the Northbridge Senior
 Center recently welcomed
 Heather Carr Reiter and
 Abbie Jackman-Tallent
 of Carr Funeral Home for
 a fascinating and enjoy-
 able presentation about
 the family’s long history
 in funeral service and how
 the profession has changed
 over the years.
 This year marks a special
 milestone for Carr Funeral
 Home, as it celebrates its
 175th year of serving fam-
 ilies. Heather Carr Reiter
 is a sixth-generation fune-
 ral director, while Abbie
 Jackman-Tallent proudly
 represents the third gener-

ation of her family in the
 profession. Together, they
 shared stories of growing
 up in the family business
 and what it means to con-
 tinue a tradition that has
 served the community for
 generations.
 Heather and Abbie
 spoke about how funeral
 service has evolved over
 the past 20 years. From
 changes in funeral attire
 and religious traditions to
 the use of technology and
 the growing popularity
 of personalized memori-
 al services, they offered
 an inside look at how the
 profession continues to
 adapt while keeping fami-
 lies’ needs at the center of

everything they do.
 The morning was filled
 with thoughtful questions,
 shared memories, and
 plenty of laughter. The
 women in attendance were
 eager to learn more, mak-
 ing for a lively discussion
 and everyone appreciated
 the opportunity to have
 such an open conversa-
 tion about a subject that
 touches every family. For
 more information about
 the Women’s Collective
 or the Northbridge Senior
 Center, please call (508)
 234-2002. For more infor-
 mation about Carr Funeral
 Home, please call (508)
 234-2330.



DCR offers free July hikes and nature programs across Blackstone Valley

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

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

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

The July schedule includes:
Sunday, July 19, 2 to 4 p.m.: Reservoir Loop at Douglas State Forest. The approximately 4-mile route includes rugged forest trails and gravel surfaces with steep

incline. Participants should meet at the Route 16 parking area.

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

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

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

Each Friday from 10 to 11 a.m., children ages 3 to 6 can participate

in Kidleidoscope, a weekly story time and hands-on nature activity. Siblings are also welcome.

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

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

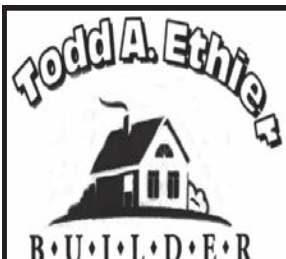
July 18, 1 to 2 p.m.: Building the Canal Tour, a two-mile guided walk highlighting the construction and historical importance of the Blackstone Canal and its role in the Industrial Revolution. The program is

appropriate for ages 12 and older.

Participants in all programs are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear and bring insect repellent. Bathrooms and drinking water are not available at many hike locations unless otherwise noted.

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

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



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CLUES ACROSS

- Listen to
- Presents
- A type of guitar
- Actor Idris
- A citizen of Iran
- Preternaturally artistic
- Harness
- Diamond weight measurement
- "Better Call ___"
- Fervent support
- Male cat
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Disposed to venture or take risks
- A way to nail
- Cool!
- Women's ___ movement
- "Losing My Religion" rockers
- Step-shaped recess
- A princess can detect it
- Tractor-trailer
- Leslie and Leon are two
- Color at the end of the spectrum

- Lines where fabrics are sewn
- Dodgers great Hershisier
- Floor covering
- Traveled aimlessly
- Rocker Stewart
- Body art
- Congressman (abbr.)
- No seats available
- Breaks apart
- Hand gesture
- Ballplayer's tool
- Sword
- Baseball team
- Upper bract of floret of grass
- Italian Seaport
- Mars crater
- Tube on a shoelace
- U. of Miami mascot
- South American nation
- Video game series "Max ___"
- Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Ancient Greek personification of mercy
- Jewish calendar month
- Family of long-legged frogs
- Photo
- Delivered a speech
- Lute used in Indian music
- Decorated
- Cease to stand
- The bottom layer
- Member of a Semitic people
- Part of a ticket
- Defunct monetary unit
- Challenges
- Body part
- Tell on
- By way of
- Shady green alcove
- Egyptian city
- ___ and flowed
- Widens a hole

- Eurasian wheat
- Act incorrectly
- "Be back later"
- Al Bundy's wife
- Ocean
- Large root eaten as a vegetable
- Units of subjective loudness
- Music genre
- A way to drench
- Popular hot beverage
- Silk-like cotton fabric
- Rumanian city
- Come back
- Vaccine developer
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- Observational comedian Bill
- Small fry
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Semi-liquid food for babies
- Consumed food

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Students earn Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, Ga. — The following students earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2026 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

Om Patel of Douglas
Ella Rogozenski of Northbridge
Read about other accomplished scholars on Gold Letters: A Spotlight on Student Achievement and learn about Georgia Tech's goal to attract, retain, and inspire more students by visiting Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees, as well as professional development and K-12 programs for fostering success at every stage of life. Its more than 56,000 undergraduate and graduate students represent 54 U.S. states and territories and more than 146 countries. They study at the main campus in Atlanta, at instructional sites around the world, and through distance and online learning.

As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.

For more information, visit gatech.edu.

St. Patrick's to hold Beer & Dynamite Blast

WHITINSVILLE — Come and celebrate America's 250th with St. Patrick's Parish, 7 East St., Whitinsville, on Saturday, July 18 from 5 – 9 p.m. They will be serving dynamites and ice-cold beer prior to the Northbridge fireworks! The menu will also include hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and treats. Take-out options will also be available. For more information, call 508-234-5656. Payment by cash or Venmo. The rain date for this event is July 19.



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\$405,000, 36 Fairway Ln #A10, Ross, Richard R, to Whittingham, Abigail.

DOUGLAS
\$800,000, 16 Hilltop Dr, Parker Ft 2025, and Parker, Deborah L, to Kahoro, Joseph W.
\$710,000, 59 Old Farm Rd, Diccico, Rodna M, to Westbury, David.
\$685,000, 33 Douglas Hill Way, Jeznach, Lawrence R, and Jeznach, Leslie C, to Oconnor, Ciara.

\$650,000, 25 Webster St, Bonner-Jones, Jennifer, and Jones, Steven, to Parker Ft-2025, and Parker, Deborah L.
\$550,000, 16 Wallis St, Haire, Colin H, to Gomez, Kirby, and Gomez, Jennifer.
\$512,500, 25 Cook St, Westbury, David, to Gove, Michael, and Gove, Elizabeth.

\$450,000, 76 South St, Marmorstein Beverly A Est, and Yerike, Kenneth J, to Mp Acquisitions LLC.

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\$950,000, 2 -12 D St 14A 16C 18C 20D #24F, Big Dee LLC, to C Street Residences LLC.
\$769,900, 138 Fir Hill Ln, Smith, Lance R, and Smith, Carla M, to Mattson Ft, and Mattson, Mercedes C.

\$679,935, 167 Rolling Ridge Dr #96, Stone Hill Partners LLC, to Paul R Panetta Irt, and Parker, Lyn A.
\$554,000, 208-210 Church St, Dillon Rei LLC, to Lee, Jamilatu.

\$476,000, 167 Theresa Cir, Fontaine Jr, Robert J, to Kuniega, Meagan L.
\$425,000, 5 Elm St, Kirwin, Brynne H, and Kirwin, Christopher M, to Correa, Elizabeth A, and Godfroy, Nicholas A.
\$407,000, 72 Arthur Dr #1, Costa, Austin, to Griffin, William N.

\$363,000, 659 Highland St, Asset Backed Pass Through, and Hsbc Bank Usa Na Tr, to Robert Lang Assoc LLC.
\$335,000, 33 Thurston Ave #33, Silva, Danielly Pereira-R, and Desouza, Eduardo Junio-B, to Augun, Lily M.
\$326,000, 273-277 Providence Rd, Rutters Brook LLC, to Mp Acquisitions LLC.

\$275,000, 156 Heritage Dr #156, Holmes, Katherine E, to Bergeron, Audrey.

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\$335,000, 43 Cherry St, Mt Pleasant Rt, and Wolanin, Kenneth M, to Wheres Ware LLC.
\$50,000, 29 Coldbrook Dr, Mrt Development LLC, to Oleary, Brian, and Duffy, Judith.
\$25,000, 4 Gilbertville Rd, Fountain Lorraine M Est, and Fountain, Thomas F, to Bertini, Cristy.

Big smiles and bright futures at Saint Joseph School Pre-K graduation



Courtesy
Congratulations to the Saint Joseph School Pre-K Class of 2026! These young graduates celebrated the completion of an exciting year of learning and growth before beginning their Kindergarten journey this fall.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 9, Saint Joseph School’s Pre-K 4-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate an exciting milestone as the students marked the completion of their preschool journey and received their diplomas. The special graduation ceremony recognized a year filled with tremendous academic, social, and spiritual growth as the students prepared to take their next big step into kindergarten. The ceremony began with the traditional Graduation March, followed by welcoming remarks from PreK 4-year-old program Instructor, Ms. Robyn Dodge. Students proud-

ly participated in several recitations, including the Pledge of Allegiance, The Hail Mary, and The Our Father, before delighting family members with a collection of songs that showcased both their enthusiasm and the confidence they developed throughout the school year. Musical selections included “Books! Books!,” “I Might Be Small,” “Thank You,” “Kindergarten Here We Come,” and the always entertaining “Tooty Ta.” Following their performance, the proud graduates were presented their diplomas by Principal Beth Boudreau before joining their families to enjoy a special photo slideshow, high-

lighting memorable classroom moments, friendships, and the many milestones achieved throughout the 2025–2026 school year. The celebration reflected the joy and accomplishment of a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and growth. This year, 23 students advanced to Kindergarten: Emma Artuso, Maria Attalla, Rita Dostoler, Fatima Sofia Garcia, Noah Huynh, Giavanna Khalil, Elias Kielinen, Grace Kubiak, Cameron LaFlash, Skylette Lancellotta, Grayson Larsen, Avery Lewandowski, Forrest Lovett, Olive MacPherson, Divya Nasis, Max Piehl, Abigail Prendergast,

Hunter Smith, Henry Surowaniec, Anzio Vega, Lucas Wierzchowiec, Freya Williamson, and Maximus Zona. Saint Joseph School’s Pre-K 4-year-old program is led by Ms. Robyn Dodge and supported by teacher assistants Mrs. Pier Cutler and Miss Molly Brennan, whose dedication and care helped create a nurturing environment where students were able to learn, grow, and thrive throughout the year. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Pre-K Graduates as they begin their Kindergarten journey!

Jordon Rice named to University of Tampa Dean’s List

TAMPA, Fla. — Jordon Rice, of Northbridge, earned dean’s list honors at the University of Tampa for the Spring 2026 semester. Rice is a member of the Class of 2026 majoring in Marketing BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list. The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and community-engaged experiential learning in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves approximately 11,400 students from all 50 states and most of the world’s countries.

Logan Potter of Douglas named to Spring President’s List at HVCC

TROY, N.Y. — Logan Potter of Douglas was named to the Spring 2026 President’s List at Hudson Valley Community College. Potter is studying in the Exercise Science academic program at the college. The college’s President’s List recognizes students each fall and spring term who earn a term GPA between 3.5 and 4.0 and receive no grades of D, F, I or Z, or their remedial equivalents. Full-time students must successfully complete at least 12 college cred-

its, and part-time students must complete at least six. A grade of W, remedial coursework and previously attempted courses do not disqualify a student as long as all other requirements are met. About Hudson Valley Community College Founded in 1953, Hudson Valley Community College is the largest community college in upstate New York and offers more than 85 degree and certificate programs in three schools: Business and Liberal Arts; Health Sciences; and

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and also administers the Educational Opportunity Center for academic and career training at no cost to those who qualify. One of 30 community colleges in the SUNY system, Hudson Valley enrolls more than 19,000 students in credit and non-credit courses and is a recognized leader in distance learning and workforce development. The college has more than 90,000 alumni. To learn more, please visit www.hvcc.edu.

Local students graduate from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — University of Tampa hosted its 162nd commencement on May 9 to honor 1,992 degree-seeking candidates. The following local students graduated from University of Tampa. Jordon Rice of Northbridge graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing BS. Reece Slowik of Douglas graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Public Relations BA. The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and community-engaged

experiential learning in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves approximately

11,400 students from all 50 states and most of the world’s countries.

Vendor Fair planned at Uxbridge Congregational Church

UXBRIDGE – A Fall vendor Fair is being planned for Sept. 26 in the Community House of the Uxbridge Congregational Church from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no rain date as the event will be held indoors. Response has been very good but a few spaces still remain. Donation for table rental space is \$30 for an eight-by-eight-foot space. Thus far we have a wide selection of vendors so come and join us before the holiday rush. To reserve a space please email: Uxbridgeucc@outlook.com or call 508-244-7849 and an application will be sent to you. Hope you can join us.

Event being planned by Mendon Historical Society

MENDON — A fun, informative program is being planned by the Mendon Historical Society on Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Mendon Senior Center, 62 Providence St., Mendon. The program is entitled “A Proper Fit” women at work in the corset industry. It will be presented by Anne Marie Murphy who has authored a book by the same name. Her exhausted research feels rollicking and joyful. We invite you to mark your calendar for an enjoyable afternoon. Books will be available as well as a book signing.

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PET of the WEEK

Meet Willow & Romeo!

Some dogs are friends. Willow and Romeo are family. This sweet 4-year-old pair has spent their lives together, and they're looking for a home where they can continue their journey side by side. While their personalities are very different, they balance each other beautifully.

Willow is the gentle, affectionate soul of the duo. She has never met a stranger; loves attention from everyone she meets, and is happiest carrying around a favorite stuffed toy or relaxing close to her people. While she's still building confidence with new experiences, having Romeo by her side helps her feel a little braver as she explores the world.

Romeo is the life of the party. Energetic, playful, and always ready for the next adventure, he brings enthusiasm and joy wherever he goes. Whether he's out for a walk, learning for treats, or simply making his people laugh with his goofy personality, Romeo is happiest when he's part of the action. One of Romeo's most charming features is his quirky, one-of-a-kind smile that has a way of making everyone he meets fall in love with him.

Together, they make an incredible team. Both dogs are friendly, affectionate, and love being with their people. They enjoy spending time together, but they also bring out the best in one another—Romeo helps encourage Willow's confidence, while Willow's calm presence helps balance Romeo's excitement.

Willow and Romeo are looking for a family that will welcome them both into the heart of the home and continue helping them thrive. In return, you'll get double the love, double the companionship, and two loyal best friends who are ready to fill your days with smiles.

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EDITORIAL

The places that bring us together

Every community has its landmarks. Some are obvious. A town common. A historic mill. A church steeple rising above the rooftops.

Others are less grand but no less important. The library where children discover a love of reading. The senior center where friendships continue long after retirement. The neighborhood diner where the staff knows customers by name. The ball field where generations of families have spent spring evenings cheering from folding chairs.

These places do more than occupy space. They bring people together.

In communities across the Blackstone Valley, there is no shortage of these gathering places. They are where birthdays are celebrated, volunteer projects begin, community fundraisers take shape and lifelong friendships are formed. They remind us that a town is more than roads and buildings. It is a network of people connected by shared experiences.

Over the past several years, many people have become more isolated. Remote work, online shopping and digital communication have changed daily life in ways few could have imagined. While these conveniences certainly have their benefits, they have also reduced many of the casual interactions that once happened naturally.

Those brief conversations may seem insignificant, but they often become the foundation of stronger communities.

A greeting while checking out at the local market. A conversation before a school concert begins. Meeting someone new while attending a library lecture or historical society presentation. Watching children make friends on a playground while parents do the same nearby. These are the moments that quietly strengthen a town.

The Blackstone Valley has always benefited from residents who understand the importance of gathering together. Volunteer organizations remain active. Local businesses continue to sponsor youth teams and community events. Churches, civic groups and nonprofits regularly open their doors to neighbors in need. Every season brings another opportunity for residents to reconnect.

As autumn approaches, those opportunities only multiply.

School auditoriums will soon host concerts and plays. Community organizations will organize harvest festivals, charity dinners and holiday drives. Local farms will welcome families for apple picking and pumpkin patches. Historical societies will share stories that remind us where our towns came from and why they continue to matter.

Each event offers something greater than entertainment. It offers connection.

In today’s fast-moving world, it is easy to underestimate the importance of simply being present. Yet communities grow stronger every time residents choose to participate instead of staying home.

Attend a local meeting, even if there is no issue directly affecting you. Visit the small business you’ve driven past dozens of times. Volunteer for an organization that could use another pair of hands. Take time to introduce yourself to someone new. These are small decisions individually, but collectively they shape the character of a town.

Communities are not built only through budgets, construction projects or economic development plans. They are built through relationships. Those relationships begin when people share the same spaces, celebrate together, solve problems together and support one another during difficult times.

The Blackstone Valley has never lacked for places that bring people together. The responsibility now is simply to use them.

The strongest communities are not those with the newest buildings or the biggest budgets. They are the ones where neighbors continue making the effort to know one another.

That tradition has served these towns well for generations. It is one well worth preserving.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are all products of our times

To the Editor:

In response to the July 3 letter of Linda Lacki, I wish to remind her that we are all products of our times. The Founders grappled with the slavery issue knowing it could not go on forever. In order to arrive at a compromise that was acceptable to 13 colonies divided North and South, they pushed the issue down the road so that they could declare independence. Six or seven colonies declaring their independence from England would be suicide.

The reparations for slavery were paid with the lives of 650,000 Union soldiers. Fast forward 250 years to our 500th anniversary (fingers crossed). How will they view the early 21st century? How could people back then believe there were more than two genders? That men could menstruate, lactate, and become pregnant? Hopefully, they will remember that we are all products of our times.

PAUL STEFANCYK
WHITINSVILLE

Vineyard Wind’s failure is no surprise

To the Editor:

Did you know that Vineyard Wind is finally finished? If only it were kaput.

Sixty-two turbines spread over 800,000 square acres of ocean! Ginormous wind towers on 1,250 square miles of federal ocean waters! The promise? Eight hundred megawatts of electricity. But less than half of the wind turbines are actually operational.

Who thinks this is a good idea? We, the rate payers, know that a wind turbine does not produce electricity 24/7, like a nuclear power plant or a gas-powered plant or a coal plant, even in the best wind conditions. The wind don’t blow all the time.

It is “producing power at less than half of its expected [“expected”!] 800 megawatt capacity, which is below what is needed for the project to comply with its financing obligations,” wrote The New Bedford Light in June 2026.

It needs full capacity to comply with its financing obligations? What a business deal! I predict: this fantasy Commie idea will fail because it is not business-driven. It is climate change Commie policy driven. And depends on our tax dollars!

The Leftist Commonwealth Beacon reported that: “Of the 62 turbines, 36 are not spinning. The company has blamed GE for not keeping up with repairs.” Uh oh.

In April, Vineyard Wind [VW] sued GE-Vernova, the turbine supplier, and alleged that GE breached its contract. GE threatened to terminate the agreement “because Vineyard Wind had not paid \$360 million” it owed to GE. Hold your wallet!

Vineyard Wind said that GE owes “more than \$800 million for multiple project delays and the impacts of a turbine blade that snapped in 2024 and washed up on the shores of Nantucket beaches.” Oopsie. Call the Comrades!

In June, Boston landlord BP Hancock LLC sued Vineyard Wind’s parent company, Vineyard Offshore, for months of defaulting on its rental payments. VW owes BP Hancock LLC \$1.2 million. \$1.2 million!

Not producing enough electricity to pay their bills. Are you surprised?

Commie ideas fail and wash up on the shores of idealism. Didn’t anyone teach schoolchildren and other little Commies that Communist policies fail? Every time. People starve. Cities go dark. Crops fail when Commies put on too much fertilizer.

Now, our Commies on Beacon Hill passed an “energy bill that includes provisions designed to keep the troubled offshore wind agenda alive by shifting more financial risk onto ratepayers”, said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance [MFA].

MFA writes that “Beacon Hill has pursued policies that make energy more expensive by restricting reliable affordable sources of power while mandating greater dependence on electricity generated from the most expensive sources”. While you were sleeping during the week of July 1, Beacon

Hill eliminated the price cap on offshore wind contracts. Initially, our law required every new offshore wind project “to deliver cheaper electricity than previous projects.”

Now, Beacon Hill, voting remotely after midnight, allows offshore wind to re-negotiate contracts “with no cost limit and allows them to amend signed contracts to charge higher costs than originally agreed to – with no ratepayer protections in place!” Don’t you just love Commies? They make all the decisions but you pay.

According to MFA, Beacon Hill is offering offshore wind “limitless taxpayer and ratepayer funds and [we] absorb all project risks for a failed industry.” Instead of reducing costs, the Commies are “redistributing costs.” Must I repeat? Communist policies like the climate change agenda fail, fail, and fail.

Off shore wind projects have become too expensive. Beacon Hill has re-written the rules, so the state can “co-invest in offshore wind developments.” Co-invest? I don’t want to “co-invest” in failed wind projects, do you?

The Seabrook NH nuclear power plant produces 1,244 megawatts on 900 acres of land, 24/7. Millbrook nuclear power plant in Connecticut produces 2 Gigawatts [GW] on 500 acres. This 2,000 megawatts powers two million homes. The Mystic power plant [closed by Biden] produced 1,400 megawatts on a few acres. The Brayton Point power plant in Seekonk powered 1.5 million homes before Biden’s team shut it down.

Vineyard Wind: 800,000 square acres of wind turbines for a little bit of electricity. Sometimes. Comrade Healey celebrated that wind turbines provided electricity during the past winter. She said “if we didn’t have this source this winter, people would have been cold and people would have been in the dark.” She lied.

The truth? Off shore wind and renewable energy sources provided negligible amounts of electricity this winter. Our state relied on regional oil-fired and gas-fired electric power plants, not to mention the nuclear plants this winter.

Wheelabrator incinerator in Millbury is a waste-to-energy plant. It burns 1,500 tons of waste per day on 15 acres and generates electricity for 47,000 homes. It receives trash daily! It’s renewable!

Ten towns have banned oil and gas fuel hook-ups in new construction. They have pledged to be “fossil fuel free.” They will depend exclusively on expensive electricity for light and heat. Can you guess? Cambridge, Arlington, Lexington, Aquinnah, Brookline, Concord, and Lincoln.

I live in Realville. Common sense versus crazy. A 27-year-old has built the first small nuclear power plant that can power a small city in a single leap!

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BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Pardon my exuberant patriotism

To the Editor:

I’m still smiling, having witnessed days of a national outpouring of love by every “breed” during the special 250th Fourth of July celebrations. Unlike the “lack of patriotic enthusiasm” expressed in a long, Negative Nellie screed (July 3), no “breed apart” was discerned as one Northbridge writer claimed!

Objectively speaking, it was genuine ‘community time’; the hoopla well-deserved for “America 250!” and the Declaration on Independence. Here’s a small sample: fireworks from D.C. to Mt. Rushmore, fantastic military flyovers, parades galore, an international naval review of tall ships on the Hudson, and “Great American States Fair” for 10-days on the Mall. (But

Massachusetts, along with other blue states, declined to attend in favor of political pettiness versus patriotic pride.)

Interviews of those in all walks of life showed Americans extoling the many freedoms enjoyed here. It was heartwarming to hear foreigners, visiting World Cup host-cities, lavish praise on the USA. Therefore, it was disheartening to read a letter devoted instead to our imperfections, and listen to Joy Reid ignorantly declaim, “America is so bad no one wants to come here!” Recalling millions illegally storming our borders prior to 2025, this is unbelievable claptrap.

Jon Meacham points out in “American Struggle Democracy, Dissent, and the Pursuit of a More Perfect Union,” the mir-

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The last place you can still wander

There are fewer and fewer places these days where you can simply wander.

Everything seems to have a purpose now. We drive to the store because we need something. We head to work because we have to. Even a walk is often measured by a smartwatch that reminds us how many steps we’ve taken, how fast we walked and whether our heart rate was acceptable. Somehow we’ve managed to turn wandering into another assignment.

But every once in a while, I find myself in an old hardware store.

Not one of the giant warehouse places where you need a map to find a box of screws. I mean the kind of hardware store with wooden floors that creak just enough to let everyone know you’ve arrived. The place where shovels stand in one corner, fishing lures somehow occupy another, and there’s always a mysterious shelf full of oddball parts that haven’t changed since the Reagan administration.

I never get through one of those stores in less than half an hour. It’s impossible.

You walk in looking for a hose washer, and suddenly you’re examining cast-iron hooks that would look good in the garage. Then you notice birdseed on sale. Around the corner is a display of flashlights that makes you wonder if yours still works. Before long you’re comparing paintbrushes even though you haven’t painted anything in years.

None of it is urgent. None of it was on the list. That’s the beauty of it.

When I was younger, I thought efficiency was the goal. Get in, get out, cross another errand off the list. Now I’m beginning to appreciate places that don’t rush you.

The best hardware stores aren’t really selling tools. They’re selling possibilities.

You start imagining projects you’ll probably never tackle. Maybe this is finally the year you’ll repair that loose porch step. Perhaps you’ll organize the workshop. You stand there holding a packet of vegetable seeds, briefly convinced you’re about to become the sort of fellow who grows prize-winning tomatoes.

Then your wife gently reminds you that the last basil plant barely survived because you kept forgetting to water it. She’s usually right.

What I enjoy most, though, are the conversations. Someone asks where to find a particular bolt, and another customer answers before an employee has the chance. Advice travels up and down the aisles as naturally as if everyone were old neighbors. Nobody seems bothered by the interruption. That doesn’t happen very often anymore.

In most places, people stare at their phones while waiting in line. At the hardware store, they’re debating the best way to remove a stripped screw or whether oil-based stain still beats the newer products. Somehow complete strangers become temporary teammates, united by whatever stubborn home repair brought them there.

I suspect that’s one reason these stores have survived when so many small businesses haven’t. They offer something that can’t be delivered to your front porch in two days. They offer human nature.

Of course, I rarely leave with only what I intended to buy. Somehow a five-dollar errand becomes a small bag full of things that “might come in handy someday.” My garage is living proof that someday hasn’t arrived yet. Still, I don’t regret it.

Those little detours through the aisles remind me that not every minute needs to be optimized. Not every trip needs to be timed. Sometimes it’s enough simply to wander, discover something unexpected, exchange a few words with a stranger and head home feeling like the afternoon was well spent. That’s getting harder to find.

So if you happen to disappear for a while on a Saturday morning, don’t worry if you haven’t traveled very far. You might just be wandering through the last place where nobody expects you to be in a hurry.

And honestly, I think we could all use a little more of that.

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acle of America , found in our documents, has stood strong, longer than any other form of government in the “course of human events”... despite of our disagreements! From earliest days to the present, America has been an ‘aspirational’ country, always upwardly striving.

A recent CNN poll shows 93 percent of Republicans are “extremely or very proud of America” versus only 27 percent of Democrats, and the same answers in a Democrat administration (2012) resulted in 92 percent (R) versus 75 percent (D). Odd disparities here, because those living under our freedoms are one “breed”: “American” regardless of race, color or creed! After all, our allegiance is pledged to “one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”; not to any foreign place from which we came, to political party in power or temporary White House occupant. Freedom of speech gives license for legitimate dissent but let us guard against a deluge of rhetorical protest seeds, deliberately planted, that collectively blossom into flowers of chaos eventually.

Lastly, skipping from July 3 to the July 10 issue, there was a letter by someone whose name irregularly graces these editorial page(s), and although long, this one penned by another Northbridge resident was thoroughly enjoyed. In celebration of the Declaration of Independence 250th birthday, he offered a ‘fictionalized’ account of a conversation among several ‘Founding’ Fathers; obviously a tongue-in-cheek reference to its writing! Thanks for many LOL moments reading your “too verbosely verbalized splinterings.” Well done!

JANE F. KEEGAN
UXBRIDGE

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.

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Monday: Painting class 9:45am to 11:45am, Balance & Strength Exercise 12pm, Mat yoga 2pm
Tuesday: Walking club 9am, Cribbage 9:00am, Lunch & Bingo 11:30am, Technology class 1pm (call to make an appt.)
Wednesday: Balance & strength 10am, Darts 11:30am, Mahjong 12:45pm, Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm
Thursday: Walking club 9am, Pitch 9:00am, Chair Yoga 9:30am, Tai Chi 10:45am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30pm
Friday: Balance & strength 10am, Zumba 11:15am

Cooling Center: The center

is open as a cooling center all summer long. Feeling hot? Come on in enjoy some free ice cream, or a free cup of coffee and a pastry. We have tons of activities going on every day or if you like could sit read a book, play a game on one of our tablets, color on our poster table or put some pieces in the puzzle at our puzzle table. The staff and the patrons are a friendly bunch! Stop in to say hello and to cool off anytime.

Tuesday & Thursday lunch club, please call the Friday before to sign up. Lunch is \$4.00 per person. If you would like to attend, we offer free rides to & from the center and are willing to waive the lunch fee is necessary.
July Lunch Menu:
Tuesday 7/7: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, corn & chocolate cream pie
Thursday 7/9: Sub sandwich, chips & ice cream sundae
Tuesday 7/14: Spinach & cheese quiche, English muffins

& fruit
Tuesday 7/21: Stuffed peppers, carrots & ice cream
Thursday 7/23: Cheese lasagna, salad, garlic bread & cake
Tuesday 7/28: Salad bar w/ grilled chicken & fruit
Thursday 7/30: Fish sticks, tater tots & ice cream

Friday Shopping Schedule: Please call 48 hours in advance to schedule your ride. Grocery shopping pick up starts at 9:30.
Hannaford: 7/24
Walmart: 7/17
Price Chopper: 7/10
Rider’s choice: 7/31

JULY EVENTS:

WELLNESS CLINIC DATES: Monday July 13th & Tuesday July 21st. Clinic is open from 10 am to 12 pm.

Thursday July 16 @ 12:00: The Sunshine Club invites you to Stamp Painting w/ John. Grandparents bring your grandchildren in for a fun

afternoon. We will supply the paint, stamps & canvas. Bring your own t-shirt, canvas sneakers or whatever you would like to paint on. Refreshments will be served. Sign up by 7/10.
Thursday July 23 @ 11:30: Interdimensional presented by Ronny LeBlanc. Explore the unknown, share the journey. You may have seen him the Discovery channel, Expedition Bigfoot or Paranormal caught on camera. Lunch is \$4.00 per person, lasagna, salad, garlic bread & cake. Sign up 7/17.
Thursday July 30 @ 11:30: Lunch & a movie, we will be watching Remarkably Bright Creatures. Lunch is \$4.00 per person, fish sticks, tater tots, & dessert. Sign up by 7/27.

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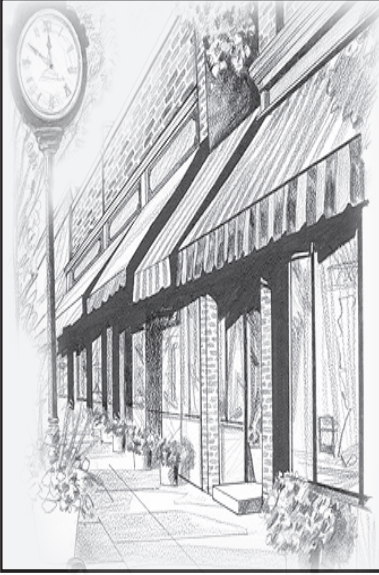
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Regular Programs:
Meditation with Kelly:
Every Thursday morning at 9:30am
Book Club:
Third Wednesday at 10:30am
Please call Kelly for more information.
Brew Crew:
No Meetings in July and August
Dull Men’s Club:
No Meetings in July and August
Scrabble:
First and Third Mondays at 9:30am
July 27th
Women’s Collective:
2nd Thursday at 10:00am

August 13th ~ No meeting
Please call Amy for more information.
Writing Your Way:
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm
Please call Lori for more information.

Special Programs and Events
Joe Fusco Jr. ~ Worcester County humorist/stand-up poet
Tuesday, July 21st
1:30pm-2:30pm
Joe is the author of six books of semi-amusing poems and essays: “Here We Go Again (2026), “Random Thoughts from a Curmudgeon “(2023), “Pondering the Pandemic during The Rust Years” (2021); “Hmm...That’s Different” (2020); “Three Score” (2014); and “The Lost and Found Essays” (2012), all available at local bookstores and Amazon. Joe’s musings have appeared in Damfino Press, Ballard Street Poetry, Worcester Review, Asinine Poetry, Soul Lit, and the e-zine Clean Sheets. He was a co-winner of the Jacob Knight Poetry Award in 2002 and was named Best Poet by Worcester Magazine readers in 1999 and 2002. Joe is a Humor Columnist for Worcester Magazine and the last Worcester Mega-Slam winner in 2017. He features at bookstores, libraries, clubs, and coffeehouses throughout Central Massachusetts and Belgium. He is the host of The Poetry Extravaganza at The Mill in West Boylston and The Richard Fox Poetry Series in Worcester.
Funny Programs About Funny Programs
Thursday, July 23rd

1:00pm-2:00pm
Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin will host this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, “The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time!” He will show funny video snippets from many shows, challenge patrons with sitcom trivia, discuss criteria he has used to rank 70 years of sitcoms and talk about how they have evolved. This program is really entertaining so join in on the fun! Sign up in the main office.
What is Alzheimer’s Dementia?
Come and learn the strategies to help cope with both symptoms and behaviors.
Tuesday, July 28th
1:30pm-2:30pm
We will explore what the term dementia means, look at changes in the brain, review how diagnoses are made, investigate possible symptoms, and share coping strategies.
Sign up in the main office.
Presented by Salmon Health and Retirement
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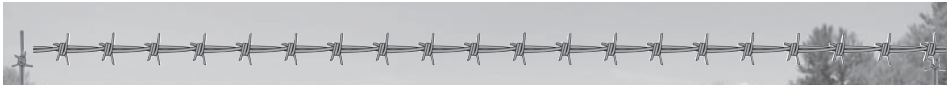
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Saint Joseph School celebrates the Class of 2026

WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 6, the Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica. Fourteen 8th Grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each 8th Grade student received a Saint Joseph School Graduation Certificate as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Mychael Jones: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council President, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol ; Neli Kuznecki: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server, Yearbook Club; Oluwatosin Akindele: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Axel Kapitulik: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Alexis Archambault: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Jacob Marcuccio: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, A;tar Server Yearbook Club; Avery Archambault: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Lukas Barbosa: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Student Council Grade 8 Class Representative, Altar Server, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Hayley Benes: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Children of Mary, Yearbook Club; Ivonka Warnajty: End of Year



The Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 gathers for a commemorative graduation photo alongside Principal Mrs. Beth Boudreau, Headmaster Rev. Richard Polek, Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz, and 8th Grade Instructor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver following the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, June 6th at Saint Joseph Basilica.

Honor Roll – Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Yearbook Club; Kalleia Agosto: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Club; Jacob Lopez: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Tenleigh Dowd: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council Vice-President, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Angelo Trayner. In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Ryszard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed medals to the top two students who achieved academic excellence in the individual subjects. The student with the highest grade-point average received a gold medal on a red ribbon inscribed with the words, “Outstanding

Academic Achievement” and their name. The student with the second highest grade point average received a silver medal on a white ribbon inscribed with the words, “Recognition for Academic Achievement” and their name. English/ Language Arts: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Literature: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Science: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Mathematics: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Social Studies: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Religion: Gold – Lukas Barbosa, Silver – Kalleia Agosto; Spanish: Gold – Kalleia Agosto, Silver – Axel Kapitulik. The student with

the highest overall grade-point average received a medal with the words inscribed “First Overall Academic Achievement” and his/her name on it. Axel Kapitulik was the recipient of this medal.

Finally, Headmaster, Rev. Richard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop’s motto, “In Kindness and in Truth” and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Tenleigh Dowd; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student’s name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Kalleia Agosto.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Saint Joseph School Class of 2026!



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 26 SM 001787 Date Filed: 6/30/2026 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: **Brian M. Macdonald and Debra J. Macdonald** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) **Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-MI** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Uxbridge, 410 High Street**, given by Brian M. Macdonald and Debra J. Macdonald to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated May 3, 2006, and recorded or filed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38927, Page 288, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **8/10/2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 6/30/2026. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder. July 17, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO24P1384PM
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate Of: Leo Morrisette
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by: **Jonathan J Davey of Quincy MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account Temporary First/Final, First Annual and Second/Final 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 **07/28/2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 25, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

(SEAL)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Land Court Department
Trial Court
WORCESTER, SS.
CASE NO. 24 MISC 000627 (DRR)
Edwin R. Davis IV, et al. v.
Town of Northbridge
TO: Any person claiming an interest in certain land off Fowler Road in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as Parcel II as described in a 1949 deed of Louise Seabury et al. to Edwin R. Davis, recorded in the Worcester Registry of

Deeds in Book 3213, Page 150: The Plaintiff(s) has/have filed a Complaint with the Land Court on October 23, 2024. This Complaint may be examined at said Court or online at www.masscourts.org. Plaintiffs Edwin R. Davis IV and Linda S. Pierson seek a judgment declaring that certain land known as Parcel II as described in a 1949 deed of Louise Seabury et al. to Edwin R. Davis, recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 3213, Page 150, was incorrectly identified in an Instrument Taking recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 10843, Page 78, and subsequent Final Judgment in Tax Lien Case in Land Court case no. 84732 T.L., recorded in said Registry in Book 14285, Page 213, and that Davis and Pierson are the lawful owners of said parcel. To resolve the disputed claims in this case, the parties have agreed to enter into an agreement for judgment under which the plaintiffs will purchase, and the Town will convey, the extent of the Town’s right, title and interest in the said Parcel II (see Northbridge Assessors’ Map 20, Parcel 27). The agreement for judgment will be filed with the Court on or after August 7, 2026 for endorsement by the Court. The filing of the agreement for judgment will make the agreement final. Any person claiming an interest in the said Parcel II must file a notice of that interest with the Court, at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02018, on or before July 31, 2026. It is ORDERED that notice be given by publishing a copy of this notice once in each week for two successive weeks in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and the Blackstone Valley Tribune, newspapers with general circulation in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, the last publication to be one day at least before the return date, July 31, 2026. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of the Land Court, the seventh day of July, 2026.

Attest:
/s/ Deborah J. Patterson
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
July 17, 2026
July 24, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO26P0626EA
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate Of:
James L Cusick
Also Known As: Jim Cusick
Date of Death: January 18, 2026

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brett R Cusick of Bradford NH** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Brett R Cusick of Bradford NH has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
July 17, 2026

WORKSHOPS
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experience. Passionate about empowering parents to nurture little minds, Cindy combines research-based practices with playful, hands-on learning experiences that leave families feeling confident, inspired, and equipped with practical tools they can use long after the workshop ends.

The first Playful Foundations will be held on Aug. 3 at the Uxbridge Free Public Library and is designed specifically for parents and caregivers of children ages three to six. This hands-on workshop will share simple, research-backed strategies to support early literacy, math readiness, fine motor development, and kindergarten readiness skills at home. Parents will leave with practical tools, activity ideas, and resources to help support learning in meaningful and manageable ways.

A second event will be held on Aug. 10 at Pout Pond and invites parents and children to learn and play together. Families will participate in engaging, hands-on activities designed to build foundational skills while showing parents how purposeful play supports learning in everyday life.

These workshops are offered at no cost to participating families; however, registration is required as space is limited. Both programs are funded in part by a grant from the Uxbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Playful Foundations (Parent Workshop)
Location: Uxbridge Free Public Library
Date: Monday, Aug. 3
Time: 6-7 p.m.

Please register with the library at 508-378-8624

Playful Foundations Family Workshop
Location: Pout Pond, Uxbridge
Date: Monday, Aug. 10
Time: 10-11 a.m.

Please register by emailing cindy@littlelearnersacademy.rock

Outdoor summer concert returns Aug. 21 in downtown Worcester with Jazz+ Live™ featuring The Love Dogs

WORCESTER — WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM, The Hanover Theatre & Conservatory for the Performing Arts, and the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District invite the community to celebrate summer at the 9th Annual Jazz+ Live™ concert,

featuring the acclaimed jump blues and rhythm & blues band The Love Dogs.

The outdoor concert will take place on Friday, Aug. 21, behind The Hanover Theatre in downtown Worcester. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more than two decades, The Love Dogs, fronted by the charismatic Eddie Scheer, have entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, and Europe with their irresistible blend of jump blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, and early rock ‘n’ roll. Their powerhouse horn section, boogie-woogie piano, soulful vocals, and infectious stage presence have made them one of New

England’s premier live bands and a favorite among music lovers of all ages.

“Jazz+ Live™ has become one of Worcester’s signature summer traditions because it brings

together outstanding live music, strong community partnerships, and people who simply enjoy spending an evening together,” said Melanie Le-Boeuf, Executive Director of WICN Public

-MORE-Radio. “At WICN, we believe music has the power to connect people.”

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, along with food and non-alcoholic beverages, to enjoy during the performance. Food trucks and cash bars will be available throughout the evening. Outside alcohol is not permitted.

General admission tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the event. Guests should

bring their own lawn chairs. VIP front-row tables for four are available for \$175 per table,

offering reserved seating with the best views of the stage. Tickets are available through The

Hanover Theatre Box Office and online at TheHanoverTheatre.org.

About WICN Public Radio
WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM is an independent, nonprofit public radio station serving Central

Massachusetts and beyond. Through award-winning jazz, roots, blues, world music, and locally produced programming, WICN connects listeners with the arts, culture, education, and

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DIRECTOR NEWS
Alice & Frank Susskey celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary on Monday, July 6th. We congratulate Alice & Frank and wish them many more years of happiness together!
Thank you, Chief Marc Montminy and the Uxbridge Police Association, for sponsoring our annual July 4th cookout that took place on Friday, July 10th! A fun time was had by all!!
Fuel Assistance 2026-2027—Upcoming Recertification
Season Start: The 2026-2027 HEAP season in Massachusetts is expected to begin in November 2026.
Funding: This program is federally funded and assists income-eligible households with their energy bills.
This information is based on current program details and may be subject to change.
If you were approved for Fuel Assistance last year, you should be receiving a pre-printed application form in August or September, directly from SMOC (South

Middlesex Opportunity Council) for the upcoming heating season. To avoid delays in receiving your benefit, gather your documents early and call the senior center for assistance. If you are interested in fuel assistance, the first-time applicant’s process will begin in November 2026. Please call the senior center for more information.
August is observed as National Wellness Month and is host to National Senior Citizens Day (August 21). This makes it the ideal time for older adults to focus on proactive health screenings, beat summer heat exhaustion, stay mentally engaged, and build social connections to combat isolation.
1. Beating the Heat and Summer Safety Hydration: Ensure high fluid intake even before feeling thirsty.
Sun Protection: Wear light, loose-fitting clothing, hats, and sunscreen.
Monitor for Illness: Check loved ones for symptoms of heat exhaustion
2. Proactive Health and Screenings Medication: Reviewing medications with a doctor to avoid adverse interactions.
Mentation: Screening for cognitive issues like dementia or depression.
Mobility: Ensuring physical activity levels and assessing fall risks.
Routine Checkups: Schedule or confirm your annual physical
3. Mental Engagement and Socialization Cognitive Health: Engage in puzzles, reading, or learning new skills.

Social Connections: Make plans to see family or friends & visit the senior center.
4. August Activities to Enjoy- Check out this newsletter for more information.
Sincerely,
Lisa

Pitch League
We are trying to form a pitch league and we are looking for interested individuals. This activity would be scheduled to start in September on Monday afternoons from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please call the senior center if you are interested.
Monday, August 3rd – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Computer Tutoring with students from Blackstone Valley Tech. Please call ahead to book an appointment. This will be held on the first Monday of each month.
Tuesdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th –1:30 pm - Mah Jongg is now scheduled a scheduled event here at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Thanks to Gail Epstein for teaching us!

Thursday, August 6th - 10:30 am – Veterans’ Services with Carl Bradshaw by appointment only. Call 508-278-8622 to sign up.

Thursday, August 6th – 1:30 pm – Beehive Craft with Sally! Cost is \$7.00 per person. You must pay when you sign up and class size is limited.

Friday, August 7th – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy with guest speaker Ken O’Brien, Principal Assessor. He will talk about property tax & senior abatements. There is typically a wait list for these events. Be sure to RSVP.

Monday, August 10th – 10:30 am – ***Bemis Farms Trip to Refill Milhouse Pitcher – Join Sally and take a trip to Bemis Farms to refill your Milkhouse Pitcher. *** This trip is only for those that participated in the July 27th craft.

Tuesday, August 11th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be discussing “When We Were the Kennedy’s: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine” by Monica Wood. You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day, just be sure to call ahead to “book” yours! Next book club meeting is on Tuesday, September 8th.

Tuesday, August 11th - 1:00 pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment. Next date will be Tuesday, September 8th.

Thursday, August 13th – Town Staff Cookout. No Lunch at the senior center on this date.

Monday, August 17th – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Pout Pond Outing. Join us at Pout Pond for lunch! If inclement weather, we will have lunch at the senior center. Please call ahead to RSVP. Transportation is available and you are more than welcome to meet up there. Bring comfortable seats.

Tuesday, August 18th – 9 am – SHINE Appointments. Pat Nectow will be available for your health insurance questions. Call to book an appointment.

Wednesday, August 19th – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm - National Grid Customer Care Event – A representative from National Grid will be available to answer and assist you with discount rates, payment plans, arrears forgiveness, special protections, energy saving, and more. If you plan on joining us for LUNCH on this day, please call ahead to RSVP as space is limited.

Wednesday, August 19th - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library”. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program is being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Thursday, August 20th – 1:30 pm –

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

Monday, August 24th – 10:30 am – Lunch trip to Iggy’s – Join us for lunch at Iggy’s in Warwick, RI. Bring money to pay for your lunch. You can eat outside or inside, depending on your liking. Vans will leave the center at 10:30 am and you can also meet us there. You must RSVP. Rain Date is Monday, August 31st.

Tuesday, August 25th - 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with the Salmon Health VNA. RSVP if you’d like to join us for lunch.

Thursday, August 27th – 1:30 pm – Free Afternoon Movie at the Senior Center! We will be watching Shirley Temple’s “The Little Princess “. Refreshments to be served and transportation is available.

Friday, August 18th - 12 noon – August Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the August birthdays!

Monday, August 31st – Rain Date for Iggy’s Lunch Trip.

Monday, August 31st – 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment. Card Game played during lunch on Mondays. No game August 17th or 18th.

NO Walk & Talk Every for the Month of August.

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

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

Mah Jongg every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm - Thanks to Gail Epstein for teaching us!

Every Wednesday – 9 am – 3 pm – The Uxbridge Senior Center Transportation Program Community Shuttle. This shuttle is for seniors and individuals with disabilities to destinations such as post office, pet care appointments, hair salon or barber, bank, pharmacy & shopping anywhere in the Uxbridge/Northbridge area. Call 508-278-8622 for more information and to book your FREE ride. Requests require a 48-hour notice.

Every Wednesday– BINGO is played during lunch!

Wednesdays - “Canasta” Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game @ 1:15 PM. Let us know if you’d like to join us for lunch!

Wednesdays – Play Scrabble! – 1:15 PM – Come by for an afternoon playing Scrabble. Boards are supplied by the senior center. Let us know if you’d like to join us for lunch!

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

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

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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.

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Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its Career Technical Initiative (CTI) program last evening, marking a significant milestone in the program’s continued growth and impact.

The CTI program, launched in 2024, provides adult learners with access to high-quality, hands-on technical training designed to meet regional workforce demands. Last night’s graduates represent a diverse group of individuals who demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to building new career pathways. Many balanced work, family, and personal responsibilities while completing rigorous 200-hour training programs that prepare them for immediate

employment in high-demand industries.

“This graduating class represents the heart of what the CTI program is all about—opportunity, access, and workforce readiness,” said Marci Komssi, Program Coordinator. “We are incredibly proud of these 59 graduates and the determination they demonstrated throughout the program.”

The success of the CTI program is made possible through continued state investment and workforce development partnerships. As part of the Commonwealth’s commitment to economic recovery and growth, \$24.2 million was awarded to 23 organizations throughout Massachusetts to train 2,490 individuals. These strategic investments, led by the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet, are designed to

expand access to career pathway programs and better position residents to fill critical workforce needs across the state.

Building on this momentum, Bay Path is expanding its program offerings to reach even more adult learners. For the first time, the school will offer a 200-hour Building Maintenance program in a five-week hybrid summer format, running from June 29 through July 31. This program is offered in partnership with MassHire, with applications opening this week.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026, Bay Path will offer nine CTI programs, further increasing access to career training opportunities. These programs include:

- Building Maintenance
- HVAC
- Culinary

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Since its inception, the CTI program has continued to expand in both enrollment and program diversity, attracting students from local communities as well as across the region. The program remains a critical component of Bay Path’s efforts to support workforce development and provide meaningful career pathways for adult learners.

For more information about the CTI program or to apply for upcoming opportunities, please contact Marci Komssi at mkomssi@baypath.net.



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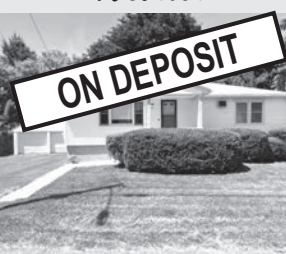
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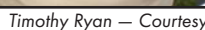
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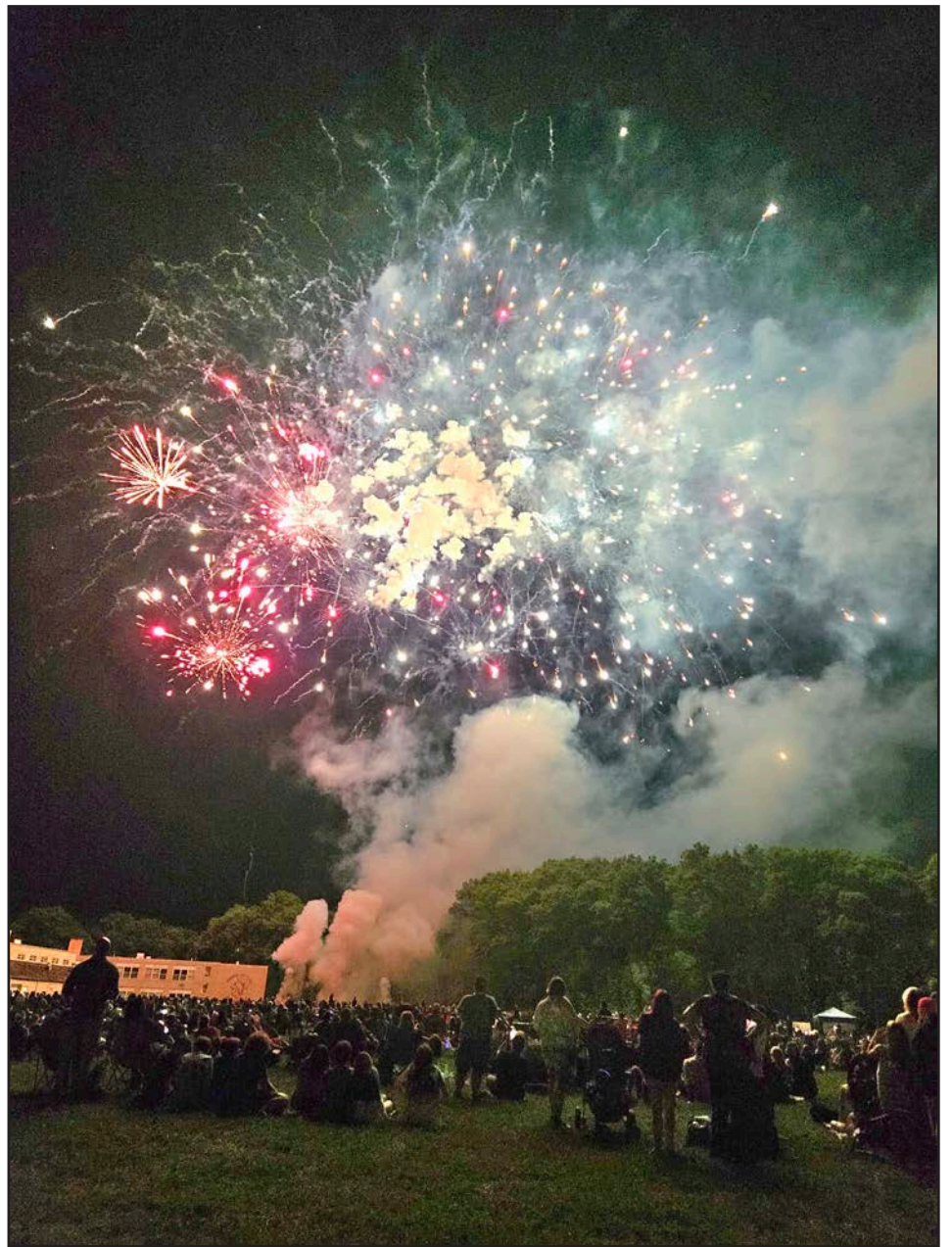


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