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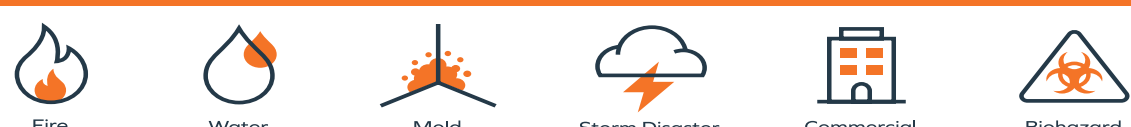
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Hummingbird Festival returns to Douglas Common May 2

BY LYNN PARESKY
DOUGLAS COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

DOUGLAS — Since last year’s Hummingbird Festival was such a huge success, it will return to the Douglas Common on May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Offering live music, shopping from more than 30 vendors, kids activities, presentations by a knowledgeable hummingbird expert, entertainment by Dance Sensations, and tasty offerings from food trucks, the Hummingbird Festival brings a lot of family fun for Douglas and surrounding towns.

Showing their strong dedication to the communities they serve, UniBank and Lindsey Sarah Realty are sponsoring this year’s Hummingbird Festival as Major and Gold Sponsors respectively, along with Ripple Effect Insurance as an additional Sponsor. Their combined support helps The Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. bring a fun family day to the area for all to enjoy! Make sure to stop at their booths to thank them for being so supportive and involved.

The Hummingbird Festival is a celebration of the return of those fascinating little birds that so many people love, and the event’s guest speaker will be Amir Ghazanfari, a Syracuse University educated biologist and naturalist working with MA Audubon studying the State hummingbird population. Ghazanfari will offer both a



Amir Ghazanfari

morning presentation (10 am) and an afternoon presentation (1:30 pm), providing general information about population, nesting, migration, types, pollinator importance, what plants attract them, and important feeder information. Following the presentation, Ghazanfari will be available for one-on-one questions.

The day also offers live music by Joe Cicero, Bob Moran and

Phil Stockwell, shopping at an assortment of more than 30 different vendors offering products for hummingbirds, plants, unique gifts, decorative home and garden items, food items and more. There will be children’s activities, including free face painting, activities led by the Simon Fairfield Public Library, and free hummingbird feeders offered by Lindsey Sarah Realty to the first 100 children visiting

her booth.

The day wouldn’t be complete without dance performances by students from Dance Sensation. Stealing the hearts of last year’s audience, the little girls dancing to the song, “Happy Hummingbird,” and the older dancers were a highlight of the day.

The Hummingbird Festival also offers food trucks so attendees can satisfy their hunger between all the other day’s activities. Big Daddy’s Bites, Three Sons Grilled Cheese and the Tasty Gelato Truck will all be offering up some tasty food items, so bring your appetite!

Make sure to put the Hummingbird Festival on your calendar and bring your family and friends to enjoy this special local Spring event. There will be lots of free parking for the Festival this year. Choose from parking at the Veterans Field or at the Highway Department. A free shuttle bus will bring you from the Highway Department right to the Common and will be going back and forth during the entire Festival. The Veterans Field is just a short walk from the Common. With a Handicapped Placard or Plates, parking is also available in the 1st Congregational Church parking lot.

The Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit relying on donations from businesses and individuals to put on communi-

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Blackstone Valley Education Foundation marks 20th Annual Arts in the Valley Showcase with opening night event

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation marks the 20th annual Arts in the Valley Showcase with an Opening Night event on April 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ValleyCAST Singh Performance Center, 60 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville.

Held in partnership with ValleyCAST and Open Sky, the event will bring together families, educators, artists, and community supporters to celebrate student creativity across the region. Opening Night will offer an early look at this year’s student artwork, along with light refreshments and a community-voting component for selected pieces. Funds raised through sponsorships and vote-to-support donations will help sustain future Arts in the Valley opportunities, with winning artwork later displayed at

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BVT names Superintendent’s Scholars



Courtesy

Evan Griffin and Justin Fransen have been named BVT’s recipients of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award of Academic Excellence. They will graduate from BVT in May.

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) seniors Evan Griffin of Hopedale and Justin Fransen of Upton were recently honored as the school’s 2026 Worcester County Superintendents’ Association (WCSA) Scholar Award recipients at the WCSA’s annual recognition luncheon.

They are also recipients of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) Award of Academic Excellence. The honor, commonly known as the Superintendent’s Scholar Award, is presented annually to two seniors who exemplify the school’s commitment to cutting-edge career technical training and rigorous academics. Evan Griffin is the class valedictorian, and Justin Fransen is the salutatorian.

Both students demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and strong contributions to their school community.

Evan Griffin excels in the Information Technology

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A legacy in bloom



FAMILY HISTORY RETURNS TO CHICAGO IN NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) has officially unveiled its latest exhibition, “Here to Stay: Architecture After Arrival,” featuring a poignant tribute to a local family’s heritage and their deep roots in community service.

For the Bolandrina family (formerly of Douglas, Milford, and Holliston), the exhibition represents a profound full-circle moment. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, (retired Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy of Charlton) was selected as a featured contributor to the proj-

ect, which explores the intersection of migration and the physical spaces that define the immigrant experience. The installation carries an added layer of personal significance, as her husband, Joseph Bolandrina, was born in Chicago, making the city a foundational part of the family’s American story.

A tapestry of resilience The exhibition, running from March 30 through May 22, is a collaborative effort supported by Princeton University’s Urban Imagination Center (PUIC) and the Chicago Architecture Center. It serves as a “collective community tapestry,” weaving

together 100 hand-selected stories from immigrants and children of immigrants from across the globe.

Dr. Bolandrina’s contribution—a deeply personal “botanical love letter”—was hand-illustrated, printed, and sewn into a large-scale textile installation. Central to this work is a postcard addressed to her children, which serves as a bridge between the immigrant journey of the past and the community service of the future.

The “Botanical Love Letter”

The heart of the installation features a message to the grandchildren—Jessica, Gino, Lilly, and

Max—celebrating their roles as the descendants of immigrants Ambrosio and Teotima Bolandrina.

The letter reads, in part, “We celebrate you... for the spirit, dedication, and compassion you bring to our family and community. You have stood beside us in service and cultural pride, volunteering together at community events like the Pan-Mass Challenge, bike fundraisers, and other meaningful causes... Your heritage and teamwork are a powerful testament to resilience.”

The message highlights the family’s commitment to humanitarian efforts, framing their volunteerism

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Worcester County teens award \$50,000 to local nonprofits through foundation's Youth Leadership Program

REGION — Thirty-one high school students from across Worcester County awarded \$50,000 in grants to 11 local nonprofit organizations this week, marking the culmination of their participation in Greater Worcester Community Foundation's Youth for Community Improvement program.

Running for more than 25 years, YCI is a youth-led grantmaking program that empowers students to address pressing community needs through philanthropy. Thanks to sponsorship from Webster Five, this year's cohort was able to award a record amount of funding.

"YCI continues to empower young people across Worcester County by giving them a voice and autonomy in funding decisions," says Pete Dunn, President & CEO of Greater Worcester Community Foundation. "This program helps students work together through differences in perspectives while developing critical leadership skills."

As part of the YCI program, which runs

September through March, participants work together to identify four priority areas for funding. This year's areas of focus included educational resources, health & wellbeing, basic needs such as housing and food, and environmental action. All grant proposals were required to authentically incorporate youth voice.

At the group's year-end celebration, each participant spoke highly of their experience and the ways in which the program helped them grow.

"Before starting YCI, I wasn't sure how much of an impact one person could actually make in our community," said Justin LaPorte, Saint Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior High School. "However, through [this experience], I came to the conclusion that leadership isn't about having all the right answers, but rather, leadership is being willing to ask the right questions. This program pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me to realize that I am capable of creating real change."

This year's grant recipients include:

A n d y ' s Attic: \$5,000 to support the Winter Clothing Drive, which will provide warm and comfortable clothing to individuals in the greater Worcester region.

Blackstone Valley Education Foundation: \$4,000 to the STEAM Unfiltered Conference, a student-led initiative that brings middle school students face-to-face with real-world STEAM

careers.

Community Health Awareness Network Grows Equity (CHANGE): \$2,000 to support their Summer Youth Leadership Program for African immigrant youth.

Legendary Legacies, Inc.: \$5,000 to support the purchase, assembly, and distribution of Welcome Home Bags for individuals returning from incarceration in Worcester County.

Meryl's Safe Haven: \$5,000 for Project Cool Gear, purchasing seasonal clothing for the young adults in their Transitional Youth Empowerment Program.

Refugees & Immigrants Cultural Empowerment Massachusetts: \$5,000 to Culinary GiveBack, a youth-led summer program with hands-on cooking and food preparation sessions.

Regional Environmental Council, Inc.: \$4,000 for Guns2Garden YouthGROW Partnership, bringing youth to Artisan's Asylum to experience a wide range of fabrication techniques.

Rise Above Foundation: \$5,000 to provide enriching activities for young adults in foster care in Worcester.

Total Woman Victory: \$5,000 to support the planning and hosting of the Total Woman Victory Feminist Conference.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts (Hanover Theatre): \$2,000 to the Worcester Youth Speak Honestly program, fostering leadership and creative agency through the arts.

Worcester Youth Cooperatives Inc.: \$5,000 for a Emergency Rapid Response project that supports displaced youth and unhoused community members.

About Youth for Community Improvement

In its 27th year, Youth for Community Improvement is a youth-led program managed by Greater Worcester Community Foundation. Through YCI, high school

students come together to identify community concerns they are passionate about and provide grants to nonprofit organizations striving to address these issues. Collaboratively, they engage in community research, develop and implement grant programs, establish evaluation criteria, and expand their network of peers while gaining exposure to local leaders.



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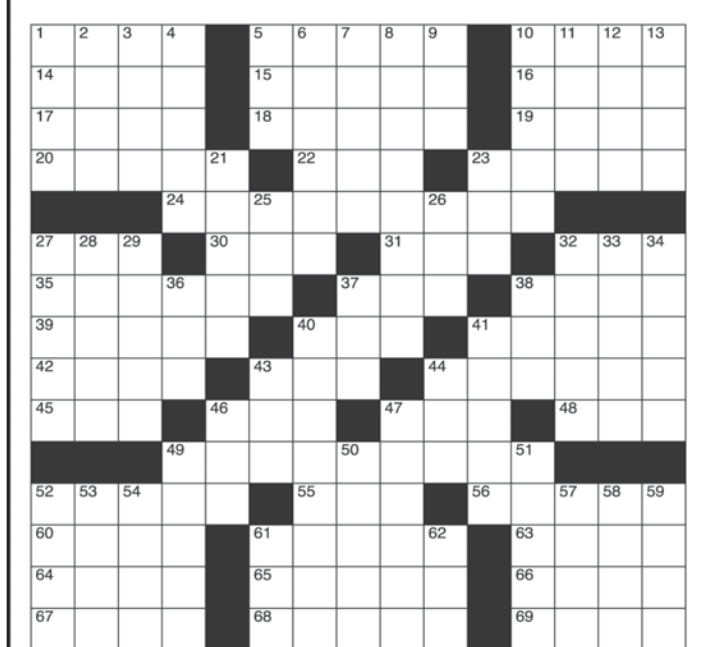
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 - Confronted
 - Negligible amount
 - Facilitated
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 - Minneapolis suburb
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 - Chinese dynasty
 - Old World buffaloes
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 - Peter Griffin's daughter
 - Digital audiotape
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WCS presents "The Wizard of Oz"

WHITINSVILLE — The Whitinsville Christian High School Drama Club presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" will take place on April 16, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m. Step into a world of magic, adventure, and heart with "The Wizard of Oz!"

This beloved classic follows young Dorothy Gale as she is swept away from her Kansas home to the dazzling Land of Oz. Along the Yellow Brick Road, she meets unforgettable friends—a Scarecrow in search of a brain, a Tin Man longing for a heart, and a Cowardly Lion seeking courage. Together, they journey to the Emerald City to find the mysterious Wizard, discovering along the way that what they were searching for may have been within them all along.

Filled with iconic songs, vibrant characters, and timeless themes of friendship, bravery, and self-discovery, this high school production brings the magic of Oz to life for audiences of all ages. Tickets are available at whitinsvillechristian.org.

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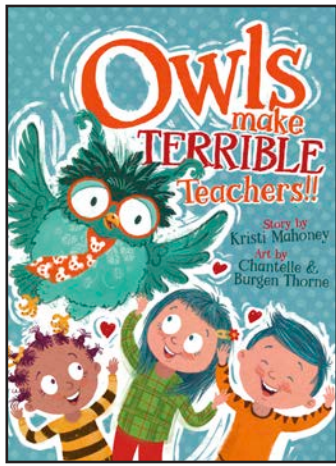
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Hometown author finds inspiration for new book in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Local author Kristi (Liberty) Mahoney is due to release her second picture book, “Owls Make Terrible Teachers,” a sequel to her debut picture book, “Alpacas Make Terrible Librarians,” and her roots sprouted right here in Uxbridge.



Award and has received positive trade reviews from: School Library Journal, Publisher’s Weekly, Kirkus and Foreword Reviews. According to Worldcat.org, Mahoney’s debut book is currently in over 450 libraries across the U.S. and beyond. Kristi’s second book, “Owls Make Terrible Teachers,” is launching April 2026. Both books are published by Gnome Road publishing and illustrated by the international award-winning team, Chantelle and Burgen Thorne. In addition to libraries, Kristi’s books are available to order at indie bookstores or online (Amazon, Walmart, Barnes and Noble). Exclusive books “Signed by the Author” are available in store now at the local indie bookstore, “An Unlikely Story,” in Plainville.

“The Uxbridge Library was where I developed my love of reading and books,” Kristi states. “I have many memories of going down the winding staircase into the children’s room of the library.”

Kristi’s family tree in Uxbridge dates back generations as her great grandmother, Hazel May Anderson, graduated from Uxbridge High School in 1914 and her great aunt, Mary Lou Amiralta was the town librarian from 1948-1954. Both her parents, Pamela (Gillis) and Robert Liberty were raised in Uxbridge and remained to

raise Kristi and her brother. Her parents have since retired in Uxbridge. Kristi’s husband, Joe Mahoney, also has strong Uxbridge ties with his late mom (Suzanne Mahoney) having taught music at Uxbridge High School and his late father (Joseph T Mahoney) playing many roles at the High School including math teacher, softball coach, and Principal.

kids, I drew upon a lot of memories from childhood, almost all of which took place in Uxbridge,” Mahoney states, “especially because my first two books take place in a library and school setting.”

Mahoney’s debut book, “Alpacas Make Terrible Librarians,” was released in October 2024. Since then, it was awarded as Winner of the Children’s Book Council’s 2025 Children’s Favorite

“When I started writing for

Golden Gala returns to Uxbridge Senior Center May 15



UXBRIDGE — Let the party begin! The Uxbridge Senior Center invites seniors to its second Golden Gala with exciting things planned. Dining, dancing and fun activities on tap 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Kapi’s Pub will whip up the fixings for the party goers at the VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Road/Route 16 in Uxbridge. Tickets cost \$5 and must be purchased in advance at the Uxbridge Senior Center at 36 S. Main St. in Uxbridge between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by May 4, and there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Last year’s Golden Gala was a great success providing motivation for plans for a second. The follow up event coordinated by the staff of the Uxbridge Senior Center is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection, a non-profit organization which supports the senior center’s activities and programs.

With Director Lisa Bernard at the helm, the staff is laboring to provide a memorable experience.

The chefs at Kapi’s Pub will offer a choice of Chicken Parmigiana or Porchetta meals and a cash bar will be available for beverages. Seniors can kick up their heels to the music provided by DJ Tricia Dec. The Too Much Fun Photo Booth returns for silly pictures and poses, and Sally’s Candy Corner will offer an irresistible assortment of sweets. Gift prizes, treats and surprises will delight all at the second Golden Gala.

Transportation will be provided to and from the event for Uxbridge seniors only. Fancy dress is suggested to make the Golden Gala special.

Contact Director Lisa Bernard for further information at 508-278-8622.



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UXBRIDGE — Spring into action collecting those old files, bills, junk mail, documents, and papers and bring them on down to the Semi-Annual Shred Event held by the Uxbridge Lions Club on Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more than a decade, the Lions Club has been doing its part recycling tons of paper at the VFW Parking Lot, Route 16, and Cross Road in Uxbridge. For \$5 per copy paper sized box, the secure shredding will occur right there in the Pellegrino Truck. Sorry no electronics destruction is available currently.

This Semi-Annual Shred Event fundraiser contributes to the many individuals, local activities, and organizations supported by the Uxbridge Lions. The Best Small Club in the District serves the Best Little Town in Massachusetts. The Uxbridge Lions Club is part of Lions Club International, the largest service organization in the world. The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center. For information contact uxbridge.ma.lions@gmail.com.



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EDITORIAL

A small festival with a big heart returns to Douglas Common

There is something quietly reassuring about seeing a community event come back for a second year after a successful debut. It means people showed up. It means volunteers believed in it. And most of all, it means a town found something worth repeating.

That is exactly what is happening as the Hummingbird Festival returns to Douglas Common on May 2.

Last year's gathering proved that even a modest idea, centered on something as simple as welcoming hummingbirds back each spring, can grow into something meaningful when neighbors decide to make it their own. This year's festival promises even more music, learning, children's activities and opportunities to spend time together outdoors in one of the town's most recognizable public spaces.

Events like this do not happen by accident. They are the result of residents who volunteer their time, local businesses willing to invest in the community, and organizations like the Douglas Common Preservation Society that keep working long after the tents come down and the crowds go home.

It is easy to overlook how important that kind of effort really is.

The Common itself has long been a focal point for Douglas. It is where traditions gather, where celebrations unfold and where residents of all ages can feel connected to the shared identity of their town. A festival built around that space strengthens not only the Common but the sense of belonging that comes with it.

The return of the Hummingbird Festival also reminds us that community life is built as much through small seasonal rituals as through major civic events. A Saturday spent listening to music, learning about pollinators, watching children participate in activities and greeting familiar faces may not seem extraordinary. Yet these are the moments that quietly define what makes a town feel like home.

There is something especially fitting about a festival centered on hummingbirds themselves. These tiny birds travel remarkable distances each year, yet they return again and again to the same places. In their own way, they reflect the rhythms of small towns, where people leave, return, and remain connected across generations.

The educational portion of the festival adds another layer of value. Opportunities to hear from a biologist studying Massachusetts hummingbird populations offer residents a chance to better understand the natural world right outside their windows. Events that combine recreation with learning often leave the strongest impression, especially for younger visitors who may be discovering an interest in wildlife or conservation for the first time.

Local sponsorship also deserves recognition. Businesses that support community gatherings help ensure that events remain accessible and welcoming. Their participation reflects a shared understanding that strong towns depend on partnerships between residents, nonprofits and local employers.

Perhaps most important of all, the festival provides something increasingly rare in a busy world. It creates time to slow down. To talk with neighbors. To let children explore. To enjoy music on the Common. To celebrate the return of spring together.

That is no small thing.

When residents choose to attend events like the Hummingbird Festival, they are doing more than filling an afternoon. They are strengthening the traditions that keep communities vibrant and connected year after year. And in a place like Douglas, that spirit continues to be one of the town's greatest strengths.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

They say...

To the Editor:

"They" say: Abolish ICE.
"They" say Defund the Police. Free Palestine. U.S. out of Iran.

"They" say Believe All Women [because women can never lie]. Trans men are women. Men can be women. You must admit it: men are better at everything, even better at being women.

"They" are the Code Pink people, the Anti Ice protestors, the Defund the Police people, the George Floyd is a Saint people, the college Free Palestine people, the People's Liberation Front, the Peoples' Forum, The Communist Party of America. The No Kings rally people. Biden's "the Border is Secure Liars" people.

The same people. Same signs. Same colors. The same Communists.

We even now have one "Abolish Ice flag" flying in Uxbridge amidst a sea of blue ribbons supporting our local police in honor of Officer LaPorta. Ay caramba.

Same anti-Western message. Same flag-funding from an anti-American billionaire living in China. He pays protestors \$70,000 to \$80,000 annually and for flags.

According to AI, written and designed by young white men, that lofty know-it-all of the internet: "Code Pink, also known as the People's Forum, is a left-wing activist group that has been linked to the Chinese Community Party (CCP) and has received significant funding from Neville Roy Singham [an American billionaire who is a Chinese Communist party agent]. The group has been accused of promoting pro-China narratives and supporting activist campaigns that align with the CCP's interests. Code Pink has been involved in various activities, including disrupting Congressional hearings and providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations. The group's funding and activities have raised concerns about its potential role in promoting extremist ideologies and supporting foreign propaganda efforts." Yup, all the protests are funded by China and old Neville.

Whew. It all boils down to this: destroy America and Western civilization.

Now we know who "they" are. They are not Americans who value our country and our way of life and our freedoms and Constitution and our Exceptionalism.

What is the best way to destroy Western Civilization? Destroy its most valued institutions. Destroy Justice. Release criminals to violate and murder Americans. Flood the country with violent sexual predators. Refuse to release violent illegal immigrants to ICE. Corrupt the court system. Appoint Communist judges who value ideology over American safety and who stop deportations of criminals.

Destroy commonsense. Replace it with crazy. Oppose voter ID. Oppose the Save America Act [Prove you are an American citizen in order to vote]. Anyone who flies must have a valid ID. Anyone at a Taylor Swift Concert must have a photo ID to get in. Two photo IDs are required just to shovel snow in New York City.

Do you know who the top donors to Harvard University are? China, Venezuela and Russia: \$630 million from Chinese donors, \$3 million from Venezuela, and \$780,000 from Communist Russia. Do you know that Harvard is in debt to our state for \$1 billion in bonds? Why is Harvard getting tax-free bonds in addition to living tax-free in our state? As Howie Carr the last crime reporter said: "The U.S.A. has one Vice-President. Harvard has 12!"

Harvard has a \$56 billion dollar endowment, largest in The World. They need our state to back their bonds? Why don't they back their own damn bonds? No wonder they teach Communism in all Harvard classes.

Twenty-nine colleges and universities in Massachusetts have accepted \$10 billion in donations from "countries of concern," with China at the top of the list. Why is China donating big sums to American colleges? As they said in Ancient Rome, "beware of strangers bearing gifts."

Meanwhile, back on the ranch in Massachusetts, the policies of the Commies and Biden's uber-inflation caused the state to lose 5,700 businesses between March of 2023 and March of 2024 with an additional 5,300 in the second quarter of 2025.

"They" are strangers, Commies, and people like Healey, fat old Mariano, and Spilka who embrace the chaos of crime, illegals, poverty and fraud in government.

"They" are not for us. "They" are for Them. President Trump and conservatives are for US. As in U.S.A.

This is easy. It's Common sense versus crazy.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

I got the music in me...

To the Editor:

After the abomination that was "Rod Stewart sings the Great American Songbook," our ears and remaining probity were just assaulted by 'Donald Trump sings the Bangles.' Beginning with "Just another Manic Monday," wherein Trump threatened to annihilate an entire civilization, attacked a pope, imperiled international law, and transformed Easter from a passion play into a maniacal, unhinged plea for psychiatric help, and followed up with the 'B' side favorite "TACO Tuesday, that's my fun day." Yes, after an inspired interpretation of Phineas T. Bluster vs Humanity, Trump found an off ramp, declaring "Such a deal!" and completely surrendered to Iran. He blessed them with his standard 'two weeks' moratorium, and ceded control of the Straits of Hormuz, which they didn't have before Netanyahu bumped ugly with Trump and the seven dwarfs. Only one of which, Marco 'Toady' Rubio, told Trump that Netanyahu's attack pitch was 'bull[crap].'

Taken together, the two songs tell a story of how the U.S. was taken out of a functioning nuclear treaty by a jealous, racist, reality show host, which allowed Iran to continue enriching uranium, which necessitated the U.S. spending over a billion dollars to destroy their nuclear capability, which then led to the U.S. - 10 months later - again failing to destroy their nuclear capability, at a cost of dead and wounded service members, \$2.3 billion in lost aircraft, depletion of our weapons stockpile, a financial bonanza for Russia, and allowing Iran to disrupt the world economy by taking control of the Straits of Hormuz. Rinse and repeat. In his defense, Trump was just relying on the feeling 'in his bones', which is only slightly more alarming than Nancy Reagan admitting that she consulted an astrologer to help Ronnie make presidential decisions affecting the nation. Must be a Republican thing. Anyway, Trump is a serious student of the Art of War, by Lao Tzu. Among his

favorite postulates are: "You can't lose if you don't have a goal"; "In order to confuse your enemy, you must first confuse yourself"; and "If you don't know what you are doing, neither does your enemy!" Uh oh...I think those came from Shih Tzu, Lao Tzu's dog. We are back where we started, only worse off. Gas prices will remain high for months, at a minimum. More Americans may die. Our prestige on the world stage has been decimated. All thanks to the 'stable genius' in the White House.

What is wrong with us?

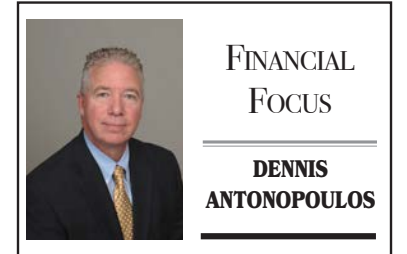
On Easter Sunday, after watching both the Red Sox and Bruins lose, I decided to watch 60 Minutes for something uplifting or at least enlightening. Instead, what I saw was something profoundly disturbing, even within the very disturbing right-wing dystopia we are living in. It was a story about RAM - Remote Access Medicine, founded in 1985 to serve remote regions of America. RAM is a major non-profit provider of free, pop-up mobile medical clinics for underserved and uninsured individuals, offering dental, vision, and basic medical care. Services are 100 percent free; no ID, insurance, or proof of income required. All services are delivered by medical professionals who donate their time and medical supplies.

Services include free dental (fillings, extractions), vision (eye exams, glasses made on-site), and medical care. Care is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, often via large-scale weekend, pop-up clinics. Some of the people interviewed had been sitting in a vacant parking lot for days, in single-digit temperatures, and had driven hundreds of miles to get there.

None of these people had, or could afford, health care. One man wanted all his teeth pulled out because he knew he could never get the care needed to maintain his dental health. Others were practically blind because they couldn't afford glasses. For a

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Sustainable investing means investing with purpose



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When you think about investing, you probably want your money to grow. But maybe you also want it to make a positive difference in the world while you continue pursuing your financial goals. That's the foundation of sustainable investing — an approach that considers environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors alongside traditional financial analysis.

Sustainable investing allows you to support better business practices through your investment choices. It looks at how companies address issues ranging from climate change to worker well-being to corporate ethics. At its core, it's about aligning investments with personal values while still focusing on long-term financial outcomes.

Here are the three main areas of sustainable investing:

Environmental considerations include how companies respond to climate change, use natural resources and manage pollution.

Social factors address workforce well-being, product safety and efforts to reduce social inequities.

Governance focuses on corporate behavior, ethics policies and financial transparency.

You may wonder whether investing sustainably means sacrificing returns. Research suggests it doesn't. New York University's Stern Center for Sustainable Business reviewed more than 1,000 studies from 2015-20 and found that incorporating ESG factors does not inherently diminish returns, and in many cases is associated with improved financial performance. As with any investment approach, it's important to focus on high quality investments that help support more consistent long-term returns.

Sustainable investing can take several forms:

ESG intentional strategies spread out your investments and have clear goals for choosing companies that follow strong environmental, social and governance practices.

Sustainable thematic strategies focus on specific issues, such as clean energy or water conservation.

Impact investments go a step further, targeting measurable environmental or social outcomes. Because they prioritize more narrow, specific objectives, they may carry higher volatility and potentially lower returns.

One concern you may hear about is "greenwashing," which happens when companies or funds exaggerate their environmental efforts. To help prevent this, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission created a rule in 2023 that requires any fund with "ESG" in its name to keep at least 80 percent of its assets in ESG aligned investments.

Another challenge is data consistency. Today, 99 percent of S&P 500 companies report ESG metrics, according to the Center for Audit Quality, but different rating providers still use different methods. Looking at relative rankings can help you compare companies and mutual funds in a more consistent way.

Deciding whether to include sustainable investments in your portfolio really depends on your values and financial goals. You can build a well diversified portfolio with or without them. A qualified financial advisor can help you understand whether adding sustainable investments fits your overall strategy and makes sense for your situation.

As more companies disclose ESG data and more funds offer sustainable options, investors have increasing opportunities to align their portfolios with their values — without sacrificing their financial objectives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When did math history stop mattering?

To the Editor:

If it is so all-fired important for us to preserve our history, then what of math history and the largely unsung efforts to preserve our “zero” related number concepts, some of which date back at least 4,000 years?

If local leadership can open the doors for everyone then why do so many of our local leaders continue to slam the door shut on every blind child in our State.

In other words, why have so many of our readers and our leaders not been properly apprised on the inherent usefulness of the I-See Piano Syllabary for the blind?

Perhaps you came across that somewhat legendary Iroquoian Confederation clandestine communication model under one of its many names, but that is not likely the case, is it?

The fact of the matter is that scandalously biased, left-wing, online disinformation sources such as Wikipedia continue in their efforts to delude and dissuade people in regards to the longstanding uses of the number zero throughout the music industry and musical notation systems as such have existed over the last six centuries or more.

Then comes the fact that for a good many decades the whole number subset that starts with number zero and continues upwards to the number eleven has been at the heart of virtually all computer-based systems and science-based music notational systems as such relate and equate to the piano and its keyboard relatives.

And yet the GPS-like system that by and large consists of a mere 108 two and three letter words with an added closing “Zzz” on the upper pitch end of that literary rendition of the musical sound spectrum still remains on the missing-in-action list in our public school systems. So why is that?

Here for you better edification is a brief primer on what a whole lot of music theory supporting zealots do not want you to know. Despite and likely because of the fact that a great and profound variety of our legal systems equal protection statutes and clauses mandate the inclusion of at least some form of the following within our State’s public educational settings.

A highly restricted, almost naturally occurring, set of 12 consonants from the English language alphabet are utilized as replacements of the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and so on. Creating a set of 12 more properly labelled piano keys.

The letter “Z” as in ‘zero’ takes its obvious positions across the piano keyboard. In that way replacing the letter “C” with a more phonetically proper letter and sound. Moving up pitch just to the right of those relabeled Z keys comes the “J” of January, the first month of the year. Then comes the D of duet and duo in the number 2 position. Followed by “R” the third letter of the word three in the number 3 position. With the letter ‘K’ used instead of the letter “Q” as in “quad” in the 4 position, formerly named the white “E” keys.

Meanwhile on the other end, the letters N for the 9 and T for 10 are brought in. While the L for the ‘leventh number after the zero is employed to stay within the consonants only rule. “H” is used for the 6 due to the commonly used ancient Greek “hexa-” suffix. With the “Y” used to somewhat close off the 8 position as in Y’eight, spoken that way as a mere aid to the memory.

The seventh letter of the alphabet “G” is used in its ‘hard’ form as in the words go and get in the number 7 position. Thus both the “D” keys and the “G” keys maintain their previous positional incarnations from the music theory days.

Leaving us with the Roman Numeral “V” for the number 5 position. Yet with a purely lingual twist in terms of its pronunciations within the still unfolding aspects of the I-See syllabary.

Which takes us into the vowel sounds needed that act as a sort of suffix, when most naturally and properly chosen. To better and more forthrightly as well as conclusively establish precisely what sector of the keyboard the typical blind student is being directed to with those vowel sounds.

On a five-octave, 61-key Electronic Keyboard the long vowel sounds of the letters a, e, i, o, and the “oo” sound of the letter “u” are employed from left to right. The “Z” consonant and the long ‘i’ sound are then combined into the word “Zi” (which rhymes with try and cry). The “Zi” gets affixed in the middle C position to better ground the GPS aspects as a piano key location system that does not require the player to have any eyesight whatsoever.

On the low-pitch end of a larger 109-key keyboard the piano key of lowest pitch is the “Zur” key. Pronounced as in ‘her’ and ‘tiger’ along with all 12 of that “ur” sector’s keys. Next up is the “ow” sector as in “allow” and ‘thou’. After that comes the long ‘a’ vowel sector, taking us up to the “oo” of the “u” sector. Then comes the “ah” or fah-la-la sector. Then the “oi” as in toy and joy sector. With the “buzzing” sound of “Zzz” closing the syllabary off on its highest pitch end. 109 keys in total.

The aforementioned lingual twist helps to complete things with its somewhat ventriloquist-like pronunciation of the “V” words with the ‘th’ sound of these, those, thus and thou. Thus in the most proper form the word “Vow” gets pronounced as ‘thou’ rhyming with endow or allow. Summing up this way.

The 12 unique consonant sounds Z, J, D, R, K, V (as ‘th’), H, G(hard), Y, N, T and L when properly pronounced tell the blind child precisely what type of piano key is involved more or less by the feel of them. While the vowel sound involved in each single syllable’s utterance tells the child precisely where on their keyboard that precisely labelled, audio-notated key is to be found. Without any predetermined need for that child to see what key he or she is supposed to play or press in their proper sequences.

So why is it, despite its obvious simplicity and importance to blind children, that nobody seems to be teaching, or in any way presenting, that system in our valley’s public schools to those who may be in the greatest need of it? What on earth is wrong with you people?

STEPHEN GAMBONE
NORTHBRIDGE

The old road map in the glove compartment

The other afternoon, I went looking for my car registration and found something I had not touched in years.

It was an old paper road map.

Folded the wrong way, of course.

LANTERNS

ALONG MAIN STREET

By CHARLES

I do not even remember when I put it there. The edges were soft from being opened too many times, and there were little pen marks along Route 20 and Route 9 from trips I must have taken when my children were younger and every ride somewhere counted as an adventure.

These days, most of us travel with a calm voice coming from the dashboard telling us exactly when to turn left and exactly when to turn right. It is efficient. It is helpful. It is also a little lonely compared to the way we used to get around.

Paper maps required cooperation.

Someone had to hold the map. Someone had to read it. Someone had to admit when the map was upside down. And someone had to say, “I think we missed that turn about two miles ago.”

Usually that last person was me.

There was a time when every glove compartment in Massachusetts seemed to hold at least one

folded map of the state, sometimes two if you counted the one that covered the Berkshires and the one that covered the eastern half where the roads never seem to go quite the way you expect them to.

You could tell how old a map was by which highways were missing.

Route numbers changed. Interchanges appeared where nothing had been before. Whole bypasses arrived that made you feel as if the world itself had shifted slightly while you were not paying attention.

Still, we trusted those maps.

They helped us find county fairs we had never visited before. They helped us get to Little League games in towns we could not pronounce. They helped us discover ice cream stands that were never advertised anywhere except by the number of cars already parked outside.

A map did not simply tell you where to go. It invited you to notice where you were.

I remember sitting in the passenger seat while my wife drove through

towns neither of us knew very well, tracing the road ahead with one finger and announcing each turn like it was part of an expedition. The children in the back seat always seemed to believe we were traveling somewhere important, even if it was only the next town over for a school concert or a Saturday errand.

There was a sense that we were figuring things out together.

Today, when the dashboard voice tells me to turn, I turn. When it says I have arrived, I believe it. There is nothing wrong with that. It gets me where I am going every time.

Still, finding that old map reminded me how much of small-town life used to depend on learning the roads slowly.

You learned where the river crossed under the highway. You learned which towns had the best shortcut when traffic backed up near the rotary. You learned which back roads felt longer in winter and shorter in June.

Most of all, you learned how close everything really was.

Massachusetts is full of places that seem far away until you discover they are only twenty minutes down a road you had never taken before.

A folded map used to make that clear in a way a glowing screen never quite does.

I put the map back in the glove compartment when I finished looking at

it. I do not expect I will need it again.

The car already knows how to get me where I am going.

But I am glad it is still there.

It reminds me that for a long time, getting somewhere was not only about arriving. It was about paying attention to the turns along the way, and sometimes even missing one or two and finding something better because of it.

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while, I forgot that I was watching Americans, and not inhabitants of some 3rd world country.

I did a little research, and found that in 2024, the CEO of United Healthcare- the man shot by Luigi Mangione, received a total compensation package of \$10.2 million. I also found that in 2024, United Healthcare, his company, had net profit – earnings after all expenses like claims, salaries, bonuses, benefits, fixed and variable costs - of \$14.1 billion! That is just one healthcare company - they made over \$14 billion in profit, while American citizens go without teeth and eyeglasses.

So, this is America – we ‘can’t afford’ universal health care, but can afford to spend billions on our military, give billions to Israel and Argentina, buy flying brothels for Kristi Noem, erect arches and ballrooms for Emperor Trump, pay millions for his weekly golf outings, and give ever-increasing tax breaks to the rich and corporation donors. In 2025, Amazon reported an annual net profit of approximately \$77.67 billion, and paid \$5 billion less in taxes, because of Trump’s Big, Beautiful Bill. (‘Beauty’ is obviously in the eye of the beholder.) They also laid off 30,000 people between 2025 and April 2026. More Republican ‘trickle down’ – give tax cuts to the rich, and the money will ‘trickle down’ to...unemployment checks.

In 2025, 78 countries acknowledged having some form of universal health care. But not America. It’s not because we can’t afford it, it’s because we-the-people are not a priority. Why should we be? We keep electing Republicans who promise, but never deliver a healthcare plan, killed the ACA, and are now talking about privatizing Medicare, because we need more money for bombs. And you know what happens when any industry gets privatized – prices go up, and coverages/quality/services go down. Remember ‘pre-existing conditions?’ They are coming back.

‘We-the-people’ - the American taxpayers – are the least of our government’s concerns. You know, the “we-the-people” that our government is ‘of, by and for’. Maybe that platitude also comes from Shih Tzu?

Why in God’s green earth would the Trump administration dissolve the U.S Forest Service? Or did I just answer my own question?

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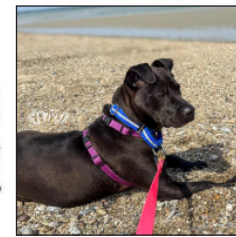


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MEET Drift

Drift is a curious, affectionate pup with a heart full of love and a zest for life that’s impossible to resist. He’s the kind of dog who gets excited about the little things—walks, toys, puzzles, treats (especially treats!), and just being near his people. Whether he’s learning a new trick or exploring the outdoors, Drift is happiest when he’s engaged and having fun. He already knows “sit” and “down” and is eager to keep learning. He’d do best in a home with teens or older kids since he can get a little jumpy when excited. Overall, Drift is a sweet, eager-to-love pup who’s ready to find an active home that will continue to guide him, play with him, and most importantly—love him. In return, he’ll give you endless joy, companionship, and a lifetime of happy moments. If you’re looking for a fun, loving pup to grow with, Drift is your guy. Drift’s adoption fee has been generously sponsored

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Mother's Day Tea to feature Deborah Sampson living-history program

NORTHBRIDGE — A special Mother's Day Tea program scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 at the Northbridge Senior Center will spotlight one of Massachusetts' most remarkable Revolutionary War figures: Deborah Sampson, the woman who disguised herself as a man to serve in the Continental Army.

The event will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., and will feature a living-history presentation exploring Sampson's unusual and courageous service during the American Revolution. Attendees will hear how the Massachusetts native enlisted under an assumed identity and served as a soldier without being discovered, an achievement that set her apart in early American military history.

The presentation is expected to highlight the challenges Sampson faced growing up in poverty, the restrictions placed on women and girls in Colonial society, and the risks she took to participate in the war effort. Organizers say the program will also explore the strategies she used to maintain her disguise, as well as episodes from her wartime experience, including narrow escapes and moments of hardship.

Sampson, who was born in Plympton in 1760 and later lived in Sharon, is widely recognized as the only woman known to have served in the Continental Army in combat while successfully concealing her identity for an extended period. After the war, she later received a military pension for her service, an uncommon recognition for a woman of her time.

The May 6 program is designed as both a historical talk and a seasonal social gathering in advance of Mother's Day. A dessert table and refreshments will be provided courtesy of Atria Draper Place. Guests are invited to wear hats or festive attire if they wish, though it is not required.

Space for the event is limited, and advance registration through the main office is required.

Programs such as this one continue to highlight the contributions of lesser-known figures from Massachusetts history while offering residents and visitors an opportunity to connect with the region's Revolutionary past in an accessible setting.

Chamber to host ribbon cutting at Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts Collaborative!

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is proud to host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts Collaborative (BVM) to unveil their new exterior signage on Wednesday, May 20 at 4 p.m. The event will take place at 6 Mendon St., Uxbridge, and is free to attend!

The Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts Collaborative, is a non-profit community music school, and their mission is to enrich the cultural life of the Blackstone Valley region by making high-quality music and performance arts education and performance opportunities accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. The new signage represents more than a visual update, it marks a significant moment in the organization's continued growth and its deepening commitment to expanding access to high-quality music education in the Blackstone Valley.

"The new signage is a symbol of our dedication to music education and of our ambitious goals to deepen our impact across the region," said Mark Mandeville, BVM's Executive Director. "As a nonprofit, we are proud to be reaching more students than ever before and to be enhancing our place in the cultural fabric of the Blackstone Valley."

All are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and will include brief remarks from organizational leaders, as well as future plans and programs for BVM. Come celebrate with us! Attendees can register for this free ribbon cutting online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events.

For more information, visit www.blackstonevalley.org/events.

The mission of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is to preserve and enhance the economic vitality of the Blackstone Valley by addressing the needs and concerns of businesses and providing leadership, support and resources in connection with issues which impact commerce and the quality of life in the Valley.

Our Lady of the Valley announces honor roll

UXBRIDGE — Our Lady of the Valley Regional School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honors
Grade 8: Matthew Auger, Anthony Baldwin, Charlee Bellefeuille, Gavin Chapman, Peter Colonero, Allison Creighton, Zephaniah Fritz, Noah Sunkett, Aimee Talbot, Emma Wickstrom

Grade 7: Angelina Lucchetti, Joseph Podles, Felicity Walek

Grade 6: Patrice Altidor, Elias Azar, Kaelyn Crosby, Nora Eland, Scarlett Hendricks, Gracyn Lambert, Logan Lariviere, Liam Power, Aya-Sophia Saliba, Chloe Westenfelder, Jason Youssef

Grade 5: Amilia Abdulmassih, Anna Auger, Abigail Berger, Miranda Calnan, Ellen Consigli, Isaac Eland, Madeline Findlay, Colin Shimko, Luke Siciliano, Johanna Talamini, Rosalie Walek

Grade 4: Rosalie Brown, Dominic Clemente, Sophia Foxworthy, Mary French, Beatrice Fritz, Leo Glennon, Norah Glennon, Colton Guy, Dino Lucchetti, Trevor McGovern, Lucianna Tyrrell, Madelyn Vaidya

Honors
Grade 8: Cameron Berger, Nolan Calnan, William Horrigan, Molly Till, Nathan Weed

Grade 7: Maddox Andrew, Evan Bashaw, Cassius Clinker, Caelyn Kent, Audrey Keough, Sophia Pica, Graeme Pintarich

Grade 6: Bodie Bellefeuille, Jovie Brant, Annabelle Brown, Gideon Fritz, Cecilia Oliveira, Andrew Patnode, Aubrey Thayer

Grade 5: Cecilia Dutra, Gabriella Goncalves, Caden Menard, Keegan O'Brian, Jacob Viveiros, Rosalie Walek

Grade 4: Sophia Andreozzi, Tessa Bashaw, Jonah Brant, Olivia Pavone, Adaline Pica, Grayson Pintarich, Griffin Pintarich, Scarlett Roy



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Whitin Community Center awarded CHNA-6 grant to launch Blackstone Valley Essential Needs Distribution Network

WHITINSVILLE — The Whitin Community Center, in partnership with Chief Montminy of the Uxbridge Police Department and the Blackstone Valley Interagency Coalition, is proud to announce we have been awarded a Greater Milford Community Network CHNA-6 Community Grant.

This funding will support the launch of the Blackstone Valley Essential Needs Distribution Network, a new initiative focused on making sure families across the region can more easily access everyday necessities like food, clothing, hygiene products, and basic household items.

Right now, many organizations receive donations, but there isn't always a simple or coordinated way to share those resources across the region. In addition, sometimes these donations can be from large regional distribution centers on pallets or in large quantities from stores which makes it difficult for any one agency or organization to accept the donation. This project will change that.

The network will create a centralized system that:

- Collects large donations from regional distribution centers

- Organizes and stores donated items safely with new equipment and shelving

- Shares donated goods across the region efficiently with local nonprofits, food pantries, shelters, churches, and service agencies through new communication and volunteer apps

By working together, these organizations will be able to reduce waste, avoid duplication, and ensure that donated goods reach the people who need them most and more effectively.

The Whitin Community Center is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals and families and building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. We offer social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together. The Whitin Community Center is the Blackstone Valley's most complete family and recreation center with two swimming pools, a gym, fitness center, early learning programs, summer camps and a seven and a half acre park. For more information, call 508-234-8184 or visit www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com.

Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, honors local students

UXBRIDGE — On April 8, students and their families filled the historic Simeon Wheelock House to overflowing. Members were present to recognize 2026 Good Citizens from local high schools and hear winning essays of students at Whitin Middle School.

Judy Thomas, Good Citizen chair, introduced those chosen from the Class of 2026: Nicky Anne Locke from Uxbridge High and Julia Ferrandino from Nipmuc Regional High School. Julia St. Gelais from Blackstone-Millville Regional High was unable to attend. Dating from 1934, only one graduating senior is elected as the class "Good Citizen" based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Each student honored spoke about college plans to major in international relations and nursing respectively. They received a certificate, official Good Citizen pin to wear on their graduation gown, and a \$1,000 award toward higher education expenses.

Jane F. Keegan, American History chair, was thrilled to announce a total of five Uxbridge seventh graders in Kathleen O'Brien's class entered the nationally-known DAR American History essay contest for grades 5 through 12. Mrs. Keegan recognized two winning students encouraged by this teacher: Amyra Jalotra was 1st runner-up; and winner at chapter, state and Northeast Division levels was Sri Gurram. Their thoughtful essays on "Lunch with a Signer" (of Declaration of Independence) in the 250th anniversary year of its signing were applauded as they received certificates and historical novels as gifts.

Following the presentations, Chapter Regent Camille (Mille) Williams invited member and guests to enjoy hospitality and refreshments.

Northbridge Fire Department to host spaghetti supper May 2 ahead of July fireworks celebration

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Fire Department will hold its annual spaghetti supper on Saturday, May 2, from 4 to 8 p.m., raising funds to support the town's summer fireworks celebration marking America's 250th birthday.

The dinner, open for both dine-in and takeout, will feature spaghetti with homemade meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Organizers say all proceeds from the evening will go directly toward the department's annual fireworks display, a longstanding community tradition in Whitinsville.

The fireworks event itself is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, at Northbridge Middle School, with a rain date of July 19. Gates will open at 5 p.m., with an evening program planned that includes music, family activities and food before the fireworks begin after dark.

This year's celebration carries added significance as communities across the country commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Local organizers expect the milestone to draw strong attendance from residents and families throughout Northbridge and surrounding towns.

Officials encourage residents to attend the May 2 supper to help support the July celebration and keep the annual fireworks tradition going strong for future generations.



Courtesy Thanks To Yanks, a local non-profit, continues its pledge to support and never forget those currently deployed in military service. In this picture our founder and president Michael Shain continues our longstanding mission of sending Girl Scout cookies to those on active duty serving aboard. Shain comments, "Cookies from home is a great reminder that you are appreciated and not forgotten." For more information on Thanks To Yanks, please "Like" them on Facebook.



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OBITUARY

Kenneth George White, 86



Kenneth George White, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, passed away suddenly on April 10, 2026, in Worcester, Massachusetts, at the age of 86.

Born on April 26, 1939, in Uxbridge,

Ken was the son of Clinton and Irene Harrington White. He grew up in Uxbridge, and attended Uxbridge High School, a community where the values of hard work, loyalty, and determination that guided his life were already beginning to take shape. Ken built a life defined by craftsmanship, family devotion, and a deep appreciation for the world around him. He was a master builder and cabinet maker, and he took great pride in his work. As the sole proprietor of Kenneth White Construction in Uxbridge, he earned a reputation for skill, integrity, and dependable service. He approached every project with care and precision, and he was known as the kind of man who could solve problems, repair what was broken, and create something lasting with his own hands. He was, in every sense, the ultimate fixer of all things.

Outside of work, Ken found joy in the outdoors and in the simple pleasures of a life well lived. He loved visiting our National Parks and treasured the opportunity to see the beauty of the country he so admired. He was an award-winning skeet shooter and an avid fly fisherman, pursuits that reflected both his patience and his steady hand. He also loved to travel the country with his wife in their RV, and together they visited all 50 states, a milestone he held with great pride. Those journeys were among the happiest chapters of his life, filled with shared memories, laughter, and adventure.

Above all else, Ken was a devoted family man. He was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather whose love and support were constant throughout his life. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Judith White; his son, Jeffrey White, and Jeffrey's wife, Elizabeth Hansen; his daughter, Donna, and her husband, Mark Niziak; his grandchildren, Cameron White, Aaron White, Rebecca White, and Chase Niziak; a great-granddaughter, Callie White; his brothers, Clinton White, Jr., Roger White, and Russell White and his wife, Diane; and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly. He was predeceased by his brother, Warren White. Ken's life was one of quiet strength, steady devotion, and meaningful accomplishment.

He was respected for his work, admired for his talents, and cherished for the kindness and reliability he brought to those around him. Whether in his shop, on the water, in the field, or surrounded by family, he carried himself with the calm confidence of a man who knew what mattered most. His memory will live on in the homes he helped build, the projects he completed with care, the places he traveled, and the family he loved so deeply. Those who knew Ken will remember his generous spirit, his capable hands, and the warmth of his presence. He leaves behind a legacy of craftsmanship, adventure, and enduring love that will be treasured for generations.

Visiting hours will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 9 AM – 11 AM in the Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main Street, Rte. 122, Uxbridge followed by a funeral service at 11 AM in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to The Marcus Foundation, 7 Cutler Street, Hopedale, MA 01747. www.marcus.foundation

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ty-building events like this, as well as to complete projects to beautify and help maintain the Town-owned

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ARTS

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Hopkinton Center for the Arts.

This year's event marks both the 20th anniversary of Arts in the Valley and the introduction of BVEF's new Artist-in-Residence partnerships. One featured collaboration brought artist Smitha Ram into the classroom to guide students through a printmaking project inspired by patterns and artistic traditions from multiple cultures. Students first created black-and-white radial designs, then expanded their work through hands-on experimentation with collage, ink mixing, sewing, and mixed media. Student work from this Artist-in-Residence

partnership will be on display during the Arts in the Valley showcase.

Founded in 2006 by art educator Lorna Pezanelli and BVEF, Arts in the Valley has grown into Massachusetts' largest K-12 student art show. Over the past two decades, the showcase has highlighted student artwork from across the Blackstone Valley while underscoring the role of creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, and inventiveness in student learning. Recent in-person events have welcomed close to 2,000 attendees and featured work from 15 school districts.

This program is funded in part by grants from the Millbury, Grafton,

Millville, Milford, Bellingham, Northbridge, Douglas & Uxbridge cultural councils, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

About Blackstone Valley Education Foundation The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation (BVEF) connects schools, employers, and community partners to deliver early career-connected learning, leadership development, and real-world experiences to students across Worcester County. Since its founding in 1999, BVEF has supported thousands of students and educators through a growing portfolio of programs that build future-ready skills and empower teachers.

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program at BVT, earning more than 10 industry certifications. He serves as captain of the varsity lacrosse team and is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. He also helped establish and grow the school's chess club.

He earned a silver medal in Internetworking at the 2025 SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference. A John & Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient, Evan has achieved Commendation List honors every term. He also volunteers with Project Just Because and Learning First Charter Public School.

Evan plans to continue his career and technical education by pursuing a degree in computer science or cybersecurity at a four-year university.

Justin Fransen is a distinguished student in the Engineering & Robotics

program at BVT. He was named a Commended Student in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program, serves as captain of the varsity lacrosse team, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the math team. He has competed annually in SkillsUSA, advancing to the National Leadership and Skills Conference Championships in 2024, where he placed sixth, and earning a gold medal in Mechatronics in 2025.

He is also a John & Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient and has earned Commendation List honors every term of his high school career. Through BVT's cooperative education program, he is employed at Primetals in Sutton, where he applies his mechanical engineering skills.

Justin plans to pursue both a bachelor's and a master's degree in electrical engineering to further advance his technical expertise.

"Evan and Justin demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to their career and technical education," said Principal Michele Denise. "We are proud to have them represent BVT and look forward to their continued success."

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT prepares its students for personal and professional success through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic instruction. For more information about the school, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.



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as a modern extension of the immigrant journey—a journey that is now literally and figuratively woven back into the fabric of Joseph Bolandrina's birthplace, the meeting place of Ambrosio who came from Taganaan, Surigao del Norte and Teotima who came from Tagbilaran, Bohol.

The visionary behind the work The project is led by Leslie Ponce-Diaz, a Mexican-American architect and scholar whose work focuses on regenerative

design and cultural heritage. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Ponce-Diaz is a 2024 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellow and recipient of the 2025 GSD Rafael Moneo Rome Prize.

"It is truly an honor to have my story included," Dr. Bolandrina noted.

Ponce-Diaz returned the sentiment, stating, "Your story is a part of the collective community tapestry... honoring immigrants and children of immigrants from around the world."

Dr. Bolandrina came to Boston in 1989 as a Registered Nurse with expertise in Rehabilitation Nursing.

Visit the exhibition By centering narratives like the Bolandrina family's, the CAC highlights how personal history and shared values serve as the true foundation of a community's design.

The exhibition stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the immigrant experience and the bonds of service that sustain the next generation.



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Franklin a Division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated June 15, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36567, Page 201, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, 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 5/18/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/1/2026 . Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder April 17, 2026

PLUMMER PLACE

Home of the Northbridge Senior Center

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

Medical Drivers
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ed. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage. For more information, please call the main office.

Regular Programs:
Meditation with Kelly Every Thursday morning at 9:30am
Book Club: 3rd Wednesday at 10:30am
Please call Kelly to find out what book we are reading.

Brew Crew:
First Wednesday at 9:30am
NO meeting on Wednesday, May 6th
Dull Men's Club: 4th Tuesday at 9:30am
Tuesday, April 28th
Guest: Kevin Barry: A Career of Courage and Public Service with the Marines and the State Police
Scrabble: Monday, April 27th at 9:30am

Women's Collective:
2nd Thursday at 10:00am
Please call Amy for more information.
Writing Your Way 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm
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Special Events and Programs:
Off the Record: Stories from a Reporter's Interviewing Notebook with Bill Ballou
Tuesday, April 21st 9:00am-10:30am
Plummer Place is thrilled to welcome back Bill Ballou, an established reporter and crowd favorite as he shares unforgettable moments to interviews gone off-script. Please join us for a behind-the-scenes look at a reporter's career through the anecdotes that helped shape it. Hear the good, the bad, and every-

thing in between! Sign up in the main office.

Dynamic Duo Concert with Marty and Dave
Wednesday, April 22nd 1:00pm-2:00pm
Marty and Dave have been playing music together for a combination of 50 years. They specialize in Americana, Pop, and Rock n' Roll music. Come out for the music and have some fun! Sign up in the main office.

Music Concert with Tom and Andy
Wednesday, April 29th 1:00pm-2:00pm
"Tom and Andy" is a guitar and percussion duo who take seniors on an interactive musical journey from 1929 through the 1970s and includes standards, oldies, classics, country and good old American Rock n' Roll. Come on down and enjoy

some tunes! Sign up in the main office.

Wednesday, May 6th
1pm - 2pm
Mother's Day Tea
Deborah Sampson — A Farm Girl on the Front Lines!
Janet Parnes is back to teach us the secrets and strategies of a young woman who hoodwinked the Continental Army with her principled deception. A special thank you to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Atria Senior Living, Unibank and Hawk Hill Orchard for helping to sponsor this event. Hats and fancy attire are welcomed, but not necessary. Space is limited. Sign up in the main office. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts

Cultural Council, a state agency.

Tuesday, May 12th
10:30am-11:30am
Rod Lee's The Poison Pen Author Talk
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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30pm at the Senior Center. We will be reviewing the Annual Report and the election of Board of Directors members. Any member of UEC interested in running for the Board should con-

tact Director Lisa Bernard or Donna Oncay at the senior center. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection is the fundraising arm of the senior center and provides financial funding for some of the senior center's activities and programs. Please join us!

The Spring Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm at Valley Chapel located at 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge. Please plan on attending to participate in this civic event.

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The 2026 theme is "Champion Your Health". This theme high-

lights prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility in healthy aging, encouraging older adults to take an active role in managing their health, accessing preventive care, and making informed, empowered decisions.

One way of being a "Champion" of your health is to attend our luncheon event on Tuesday, May 12th at 12 noon. Our local pharmacists from Hannaford's Pharmacy will be presenting on Diabetes Health. Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. In 2021, diabetes and kidney disease due to diabetes caused over 2 million deaths. In addition,

around 11% of cardiovascular deaths were caused by high blood glucose. Please RSVP to attend this special event.

The Golden Gala is scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 11am-3pm at the VFW Post 1385 located at 13 Cross Rd in Uxbridge. Tickets are available at the senior center for \$5.00 each with your choice of chicken parm or porchetta. No tickets will be for sale at the door. DJ Trish will be our entertainment; you can dance the afternoon away! We thank the Uxbridge Elderly Connection for sponsoring this event. Come join in on the fun!!!

Walk and Talk exercise group

Join Doreen Cedrone, our Wellness Coordinator, in walking the Town Loop. Walking with a group can help you meet new people, build friendships, and provide a sense of community. Being active is the secret to staying healthy, and walking is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to get moving. The group will meet every Monday at 9am at McCloskey School Parking Lot. The program is weather permitting and there is no charge. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Participants are required to complete an enrollment and waiver form. Please call the senior center for more info and to receive your forms.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day!
Lisa

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy. Ranger Ron Woodall, U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers, will be his guest and talking about Springtime and West Hill Park Trails. There is typically a wait list for these events. Be sure to RSVP.

Mondays, May 4th, 11th, 18th, June 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd – 11:30 am – Low Impact Exercise Class with Pan Landi - Join Pam every Monday at McCloskey School. The donation cost of the 8-week program is \$25. You must pre-register, please stop by the center to receive the application and waiver forms prior to the start of this program. NO CLASS ON MAY 25TH

Monday, May 4, 2026 – 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.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 12:00 pm – Luncheon with the Superintendent, David Ljungberg – Answering questions about the upcoming school budget. Please RSVP

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 4:30 pm – The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Senior Center. We will be reviewing the Annual Report and the election of Board of Directors members. Any member of UEC interested in running for the Board should contact Director Lisa Bernard or Donna Oncay at the senior center. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection is the fundraising arm of the senior center and provides financial funding for some of the senior center's activities and programs. Please join them!

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 10:30 am – Veterans'

Services with Carl Bradshaw by appointment only. Call 508-278-8622 to sign up.

Friday, May 8, 2026 – 12:00 pm - Annual Mother's Day Celebration! This event is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc. Pure Fun will perform their Elvis Tribute! Please be sure to sign up early as these events fill up quickly and space is limited.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – Lunch & Learn with Aly & Tori from the Hannaford Pharmacy. They will be presenting on Diabetes Health. Please RSVP

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be discussing "We All Live Here" by Jojo Moyes. 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, June 9th.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment. Next date will be Tuesday, June 9th.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm - Annual Spring Town Meeting held at Valley Chapel.

Friday, May 15, 2026 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm - Uxbridge Senior Center 2nd Annual Golden Gala – Join us for a special event which will take place at the VFW Post 1385 located at 13 Cross Rd in Uxbridge. Tickets are available at the senior center for \$5 each with your choice of chicken parm or porchetta. This event is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. No tickets will be available at the door.

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 1:30 pm – "Ask the Attorney" with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 9 am – SHINE Appointments. Pat Nectow will be available for your health insurance questions. Call to book an appointment.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 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.

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 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, May 25, 2026 – The Senior Center will be closed in observance Memorial Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 26th at 8:00 am.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 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.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – 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, May 28, 2026 – 1:30 pm – Free Afternoon Movie at the Senior Center! We will be watching Elvis Presley & Ann Margret's "Viva Las Vegas". Refreshments to be served and transportation is available.

Friday, May 29, 2026 – 12 noon – May Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the May birthdays!

Card Game played during lunch on Mondays. No game on May 25th.

Walk & Talk Every Monday @ 9:00 am. Join Doreen Cedrone, our wellness coordinator, to walk the Town Loop every Monday morning. Weather permitting. Pre-registration required! Get enrollment forms at the center. Meet at the McCloskey School. No Walking Club on Monday, May 25th.

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!

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

Every Wednesday – BINGO is played during lunch! No Game May 6th.

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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Tuesday: Walking club
9am, Cribbage 9:00am,
Lunch & Bingo 11:30am,
Technology class 1pm (call

to make an appt.), Line danc-
ing 2pm

Wednesday: Balance
& strength 10am, Darts
11:30am, Mahjong 12:45pm,
Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm

Thursday: Walking club
9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am,
Pitch 9:00am, Hand and Foot
card game 12:30pm

Friday: Balance & strength
10am, Zumba 11:30am

Tuesday & Thursday
lunch club, please call the
Friday before to sign up.
Lunch is \$4.00 per person. If

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offer free rides to and from
the center and are willing to
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essary.

April Lunch Menu:
Tuesday 4/7: Scrambled
eggs, home fries, sausage,
English muffin & fruit

Thursday 4/9: Chicken
salad sandwich, pasta salad
& cupcakes (sign up by 4/3)

Tuesday 4/14: Meatloaf,
mashed potatoes, green
beans & pie

Thursday 4/16: Swedish
meatballs, egg noodles, car-
rots & brownie sundae (sign

up by 4/9)

Tuesday 4/21: Chicken w/
cream sauce over pasta, gar-
lic bread & pudding

Thursday 4/23: Grilled
cheese sandwich, tomato
soup & cake (sign up by
4/16)

Tuesday 4/28: Meatball
Panini, salad & fruit

Friday Shopping Schedule:
Please call 48 hours in
advance to schedule your
ride. Grocery shopping pick
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interested. We are thinking
of adding a class! The center
will be closed on Monday
April 20th, in observance of
Patriot's Day.

WELLNESS CLINIC
DATES: Monday April 6th
& Tuesday April 28th. Clinic
is open from 10 am to 12 pm.

Thursday 4/15 @ 1:00:
Woodcarving class with
Steve Berard. This is a two
hour class and the cost for
the class is \$5.00. All sup-
plies will be provided for you
to make a wooden candle.
Refreshments will be served.

Sign up by 4/10.

Thursday 4/16 @ 12:00:
Douglas Fire Department
will be hear talking about,
cooking safety, home escape,
& dressing for the season.
Swedish meatballs with egg
noodles, carrots & brownie
sundae. Lunch is \$4.00 per
person. Sign up by 4/9.

Thursday 4/16 @ 6:00 pm:
Sunshine Club Ice Cream
Party & Bingo. Join us for a
night of friends, fun & laugh-
ter. Bingo cards will be avail-
able for purchase when you
arrive. Sign up at the center
by 4/14.

Wednesday 4/22 @ 12:00:
Free craft day, we will be
making mosaic picture
frames. All the supplies
you need for your frame
are included in the kit that
will be provided for you.
Refreshments will be served.
Sign up by 4/15.

Thursday 4/23 @ 12:00:
Home Modification
Occupational Therapy
Alliance is here to talk about
the changes that may need to
be done to keep you safely
in your home. Come in and
learn about the grant money
available to help with these
changes and if you qualify
for assistance. Grilled cheese,
tomato soup & cake, lunch
is \$4.00 per person. Sign up
by 4/16.

Tuesday 4/28; 9:30 to

10:30: Coffee Hour with the
town administrator. Come in
and meet the town adminis-
trator, if you have not already.
Hear what Douglas is doing
for the senior community, as
well voice your opinion and
ask questions. This event is
sponsored by The Sunshine
Club. Sign up 4/24.

Thursday 4/29 @ 1:00:
Wood carving class with
Steve Berard. This is a two
hour class and the cost is
\$5.00 per person. All sup-
plies will be supplied for you.
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Thursday 4/30 @ 12:00:
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cued. We will learn about
Goose, and many other rep-
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