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BVT celebrates the Class of 2026

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The Blackstone Valley Tech Class of 2026 at their Commencement ceremony.

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony was held at the DCU Center in Worcester on May 26. The evening ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates with all the pomp, pageantry, and pride they so richly deserve.

“I have had the privilege of watching you grow from students into young adults ready to take on the world,” said Principal

Michele S. Denise in her opening remarks. “You all leave with something in common — you are forever connected to this school and to one another. Class of 2026, wherever life takes you, carry this place with pride. You will always be a part of its story, just as it will always be part of yours.”

The ceremony included a salute to the flag, the singing of the national anthem, welcoming remarks from members of the Class of 2026, a

benediction delivered by Yvette Martin, Director of Student Services, and a musical performance. Student speakers reflected on the lessons, experiences, and relationships that shaped their high school journeys. Evan Griffin of Hopedale, Valedictorian, encouraged graduates to use their skills and knowledge to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond. Allison Garden of Millbury, Class President, used childhood dreams of wealth as a metaphor to explore how personal definitions of success evolve over time, emphasizing that true “richness” comes from friendships, shared

experiences, and meaningful connections rather than material possessions. Maddison Dos Santos of Douglas, Student Council president, reflected on the traditions, memories, and experiences that made BVT feel like home over the past four years.

Justin Fransen of Upton, Salutatorian and Class Vice President, thanked his family, friends, coaches, teachers, and school staff for their guidance, encouragement, and influence along the way. Superintendent-Director Anthony E. Steele II encouraged graduates to embrace the future with confidence. “Carry with you the pride of your trade,

the strength of your training, and the determination that brought you here,” said Steele. “Be bold, be brave, and remember that every great destination is built one step at a time.”

The Class of 2026 concluded their dual high school education, receiving both a diploma and a vocational certificate certifying mastery of competencies in their career-technical programs alongside a rigorous academic course of study. The joyful celebration concluded with thunderous applause for the graduates. To view the ceremony, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/markingamilestone.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational

Technical High School (BVT)

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

Northbridge’s McKinstry honored by Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents

NORTHBRIDGE — Karen Crebase, President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.), honored four Superintendents with 2026 M.A.S.S. President’s Awards at the association’s annual Spring Meeting on May 21, including Amy McKinstry, Superintendent of Northbridge Public Schools.

Ms. Crebase, who is Superintendent of Hopedale Public Schools, thanked and congratulated the award winners for service to their communities, leadership in the association, and advancement of the profession.

“These four district leaders consistently demonstrate the integrity, courage, creativity, skill, and commitment to students and families that are essential to success as a Superintendent,” said Crebase. “They hold themselves to

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Grafton resident surpasses \$1 million donated to Make-A-Wish®

AUBURN — Auburn businessman and Grafton resident Bill Murphy recently surpassed over \$1 million in lifetime giving to Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island. His significant support has helped to grant the wishes of more than 100 local children with critical illnesses.

During a special cere-

mony at the charity’s Boston office, Murphy was honored as the newest Wish Legacy member of the Wishing Well Society, made up of major donors to the nonprofit.

For two decades, Murphy has tirelessly worked in support of Make-A-Wish, raising funds and awareness through creative, visible, and physically grueling

means spanning traditional to unique. Murphy is also the 2025 recipient of the inaugural Wish Champion Award in recognition of his outstanding support of the mission in Central Massachusetts.

Already somewhat familiar with Make-A-Wish as his cousin was a wish recipient, and having watched Make-A-Wish stories on

ESPN’s My Wishseries, Murphy was inspired 20 years ago to learn more after seeing the joy of wish kids at Walt Disney World® Resort. From completing a marathon on crutches while raising funds for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island to serving on the charity’s Board of

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Blackstone Valley Music celebrates growth milestone with ribbon cutting for new signs

UXBRIDGE — On May 20, a large gathering of students, teachers, staff, local officials, the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and enthusiastic community members celebrated the ribbon cutting for newly branded signage outside Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts located in the heart of downtown Uxbridge.

Executive Director Mark Mandeville and dedicated board members of BVMPAC have been hard at work making a series of positive changes for the music school includ-

ing this \$20,000 signage project made possible by funds raised last fall. Special attention has been given that the designs both aesthetically and historically fit the space, with some continued landscaping efforts to help further spruce up the downtown center.

Mandeville recounts, “We’ve been in this location since 2009 and it always astounds me that people still don’t know our music school is here! When asking where we’re located, folks still call it Jack’s Saloon. BVM is here now, and here to stay!”

Since transitioning Blackstone Valley Music into a 501c3 nonprofit back in 2023, BVM and core staff of quality music educators have started many new programs in addition to individualized instrument lessons, vacation Rock Bandcamps, and monthly community open mics.


This summer, BVM partners with Uxbridge High School to produce its first summer musical – “Rent: School Edition.” Shows dates are Aug. 7-9 held at the UHS Auditorium, with all proceeds going to sup-

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BVMPAC Board Members Kerri Arseanault, Rianne Richards, Mark Mandeville, Amber Martin, Donna Briand and Matt Stone.




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PAW of the WEEK


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About Me: Hi, I'm Chester - equal parts sweet, silly, and snuggly. I'm the kind of guy who will happily toss a toy around one minute and then roll over for belly rubs the next. I love my people deeply and bond closely with "my" humans. Once you're in my circle, you're in for life. I'm happiest when I'm playing, relaxing near you, or soaking up affection. I have a big heart, a playful streak, and a soft side that just wants to feel safe and loved.

A Few Honest Notes (Because Communication Matters)
I'm not a cat guy - it's just not my vibe.
I've been around other dogs at the rescue and have done fine, but I didn't have much proper socialization before coming here. When dogs rush up to me, I can feel unsure and a little overwhelmed. Because of that, I'd feel most confident being your one-and-only pup while I continue building skills and confidence at my own pace.
Vet visits used to make me nervous too - especially nail trims and being confined for exams. But guess what? I've made amazing progress. With the help of our awesome trainer, Jackie, I learned to file my own nails (yes, I'm basically a DIY king), and I've been muzzle trained so I can safely and successfully handle checkups and vaccinations! With a little medication beforehand and the right support, I'm doing so much better already. I'm proof that patience and training truly work.



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Gifford, of Whitinsville, earns degree from Clark University

WORCESTER — JJ E. Gifford, of Whitinsville, received a degree during Clark University's Commencement exercises on Monday, May 18. Gifford graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.

The University awarded 612 bachelor's degrees and 636 graduate degrees and conferred two honorary degrees during two ceremonies; graduates represented 49 states and 69 countries.

Clark University President David B. Fithian urged the graduates to be engaged global citizens.

"The world needs you to exhibit the value of higher education, to exercise principles of free expression, to believe in the progress of ideas, and to defend democracy and individual rights - even, and especially, when doing so requires listening across deep differences," President Fithian said.

Dr. Wendy L. Freedman, one of the world's most accomplished astrophysicists, delivered the undergraduate ceremony address. Freedman, currently the John and Marion Sullivan University Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Chicago, is widely recognized for her leadership of the Hubble Space Telescope Key Project, which produced the first precise measurements of the Hubble constant (the rate at which the universe is expanding) and dramatically refined scientific understanding of the scale, age, and expansion of the universe.

Early in her career, Freedman told the graduates, her research arrived at a conclusion different than the accepted view of those in her field. She carried on despite opposition. Freedman noted that Clark physicist Robert H. Goddard, who 100 years ago launched the world's first liquid fuel rocket, an advancement that helped pave the way for man to reach the moon, faced similar skepticism. After experiencing multiple failures and widespread derision, Goddard in 1926 launched his rocket, which traveled 2.5 minutes, rose 41 feet into the air, and landed in a cabbage patch.

"From a cabbage field to lunar and even farther missions," said Freedman, "it is an important reminder of the power of persistence."

Dr. Wendy Freedman was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

Student speaker William Stafford '26, a political science major and aspiring lawyer, spoke to his peers about how choices shape a person.

"We don't always get to choose our circumstances, but we always get to choose how we respond to them, and who we become because of them," said Stafford. "And now we're about to step into a world that won't always give us clear directions. There won't always be a syllabus. No one's going to tell you exactly what to do next. But you will always have the ability to choose."

Sir Andrew Steer, one of the world's foremost climate experts, addressed Clark University students receiving master's and doctoral degrees, and encouraged them to act boldly and remain hopeful, no matter their path.

In his address after receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, Steer acknowledged that the students are graduating into a world with several major challenges - among them, AI, the erosion of trust in facts and truth, and dysfunctional governments. The last half-century has seen unimaginable progress and growth - demographically, technologically, and economically. "But this explosion of the human economic footprint has put unprecedented pressure on the planet and created severe inequality and social challenges."

Steer praised Clark's new School of Climate, Environment, and Society for including economics in its interdisciplinary lineup, which «is pointing precisely to the systems change we will need to address climate change.» And every single member of the Class of 2026 has a part to play, he said, whatever their field - education, finance, social work, healthcare, the arts.

Steer then turned his gaze fifty years into the future. "What will the world look like? My prediction is that it will be cleaner, greener, healthier, more prosperous, and more just. It's up to you."

Nourhan Beshir Attia, graduating with a master's in environmental science and policy, delivered the graduate student address. A native of Egypt, she shared that the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of her bachelor's degree ceremony in 2020.

"When I came to Clark, I thought I was looking for acceptance as someone coming from Egypt," Beshir Attia said. "As a modest Muslim hijabi woman, I wondered: Will I belong here? And yes, I found people who respected me. But the most important thing I found was something I wasn't expecting. I found the moment I stopped waiting for permission to be myself."

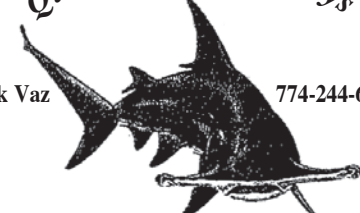
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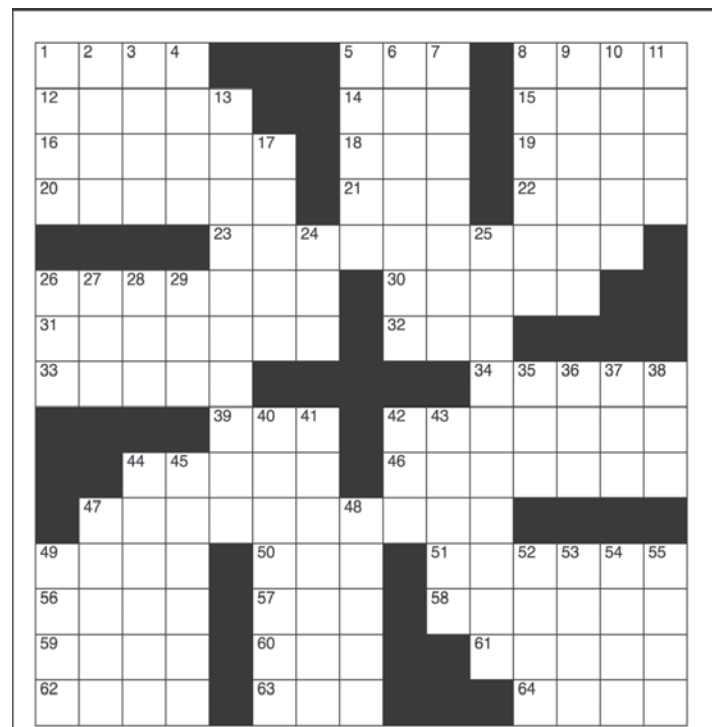
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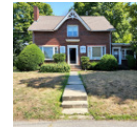
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive capstone research projects

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute students completed a capstone thesis called the Major Qualifying Project (MQP), a research-driven, professional-level project that challenges students to solve the kinds of problems they would typically encounter in their professional discipline. This project is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience.

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research," says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this—including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months—sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

WPI's innovative undergraduate education is centered around project-based learning, a hands-on approach that offers students opportunities to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to real-world, open-ended problems. These projects produce tangible results that affect the quality of people's lives, an experience that changes both the student and their world.

MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students'

work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors.

The following local students completed projects:

Northbridge resident Christopher Smith, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science, completed a project titled "7Factor 2025-2026: ProjectForce Team #2."

Whitinsville resident Tyler Bliss, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science, completed a project titled "Project Concord: A Multi-Adjudication LLM Pipeline."

Whitinsville resident Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Design of a Quiet Competition Level Pickleball."

Uxbridge resident Robert Mellen, class of 2026, majoring in Robotics Engineering, completed a project titled "Seacoast Mushrooms - Automated Mycelium Inoculator."

Uxbridge resident Cristian Oliveira, class of 2026, majoring in Robotics Engineering, completed a project titled "System for Watering and Autonomously Monitoring Plants 2.0."

Uxbridge resident Adam Pratt, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Design of a Miniaturized Holographic System for Optical NDT."

Northbridge resident Cullen Jacene, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Lake Roomba: Mechanical Solutions to Freshwater Algae Blooms."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a top-tier, STEM-focused university with an R1 research classification and global leadership in project-based learning. Founded in 1865, WPI's distinctive approach integrates classroom theory with

real-world practice, preparing students to tackle critical challenges through inclusive education, impactful projects, and interdisciplinary research. With more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments and over 50 global project centers, WPI advances knowledge and innovation in fields such as life sciences, smart technologies, advanced materials and manufacturing, and global innovation. Learn more at www.wpi.edu.

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Local residents receive degrees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 157th Undergraduate Commencement

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 during its 157th Commencement exercises, honoring graduates whose innovation, perseverance, and purpose-driven achievements will help shape the future. Ceremonies were held on May 14 and 15 at the DCU Center, where WPI awarded nearly 1,200 bachelor's degrees, over 600 master's degrees, and more than 60 doctoral degrees to graduates across a broad spectrum of disciplines in science, engineering, technology, business, and the humanities. Together, these graduates join a global network of WPI changemakers prepared to lead with knowledge, creativity, and impact.

WPI President Grace Wang and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the university's undergraduate Commencement exercises.

In her address, Wang reminded graduates that their WPI education has prepared them not only with technical expertise and ethical leadership skills, but with the resilience, critical thinking, teamwork, and global responsibility needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

"We stand at the dawn of a new technological age," said Wang. "There's a good chance you will do jobs that are yet to be invented. You will work in companies that are yet to be established. You will address issues that are yet to be defined. This does not mean we should feel uncertain. This means everything can be questioned, and everything can be new. Never before has so much possibility existed to make the world better, the future brighter."

Delivering an inspiring undergraduate address was multiplatinum, Grammy Award-winning artist, tech founder, philanthropist, and STEAM education advocate will.i.am. Known globally for his groundbreaking

work at the intersection of music, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, education, and through his i.am Angel Foundation, will.i.am challenged graduates to embrace creativity, innovation, and service as they forge their own paths.

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As part of the undergraduate ceremony, honorary doctoral degrees were bestowed on will.i.am and Paul Covec '64, an entrepreneur and investor who has played a formative role in advancing technologies that have shaped modern industry.

This year's undergraduate student remarks were delivered by Mena Youssif, who received a bachelor of science in civil engineering. In his speech, "We Didn't See It Coming," he reflected on the pace of change in the world and the unexpected growth and personal changes students experienced.

The following students earned their bachelor's degree:

Uxbridge resident Cristian Oliveira, who majored in Robotics Engineering.

Douglas resident Bryan Wheeler, who majored in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Whitinsville resident Tyler Bliss, who majored in Computer Science and Data Science.

Whitinsville resident Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos, who majored in Mechanical Engineering.

Uxbridge resident Adam Pratt, who majored in Mechanical Engineering.

Northbridge resident Christopher Smith, who majored in Computer Science.

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Whitinsville student earns Bachelor's degree from Cedarville University

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Daniel Bourguignon, from Whitinsville, earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Cedarville University.

Cedarville University, an evangelical Christian institution in southwest Ohio, offers undergraduate and graduate residential and online programs across arts, sciences and professional fields. With 7,265 students, it is among Ohio's largest private universities and is ranked among the nation's top five evangelical universities in the Wall Street Journal's 2026 Best Colleges in the U.S.

Cedarville is also known for its vibrant Christian community, challenging academics and high graduation and retention rates. Learn more at cedarville.edu.

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Recognition that reflects a community's values

Awards often celebrate individual achievement, but the most meaningful recognitions frequently tell a larger story. The recent Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents President's Award presented to Northbridge Superintendent Amy McKinstry is one of those honors.

On the surface, the award recognizes a respected educational leader whose contributions extend well beyond her own district. Yet it also serves as a reminder of what strong leadership means for a community and why it matters.

Public education faces enormous challenges. School leaders are expected to manage budgets, oversee facilities, navigate changing state requirements, support students' academic and emotional needs, communicate with families, and prepare schools for a future that seems to evolve faster every year. The role of superintendent has become one of the most demanding positions in public service.

Success in that environment requires more than administrative skill. It requires vision, patience, collaboration, and a willingness to listen. It requires leaders who can bring people together around a shared mission even when opinions differ.

By all accounts, Amy McKinstry has demonstrated those qualities throughout her career.

Her path to the superintendent's office reflects a deep commitment to public education. Having served as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, principal, and district administrator before becoming superintendent, she understands schools from multiple perspectives. That experience matters because educational leadership is most effective when it is grounded in firsthand knowledge of classrooms and students.

What stands out equally is her willingness to serve beyond Northbridge. Her work with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the Worcester County Roundtable, and statewide education initiatives demonstrates an understanding that improving education requires collaboration across district lines.

That kind of leadership often happens quietly. It takes place in committee meetings, planning sessions, professional development workshops, and countless conversations among educators seeking solutions to common challenges. These efforts rarely generate headlines, yet they shape policies and practices that affect thousands of students.

The President's Award specifically recognizes superintendents who support colleagues and advance the profession. Those are important qualities because education works best when school leaders share ideas, learn from one another, and build networks that strengthen all districts, not just their own.

For Northbridge residents, the award should also be a source of local pride. Communities benefit when their leaders earn respect on a broader stage. Recognition from peers across the Commonwealth reflects positively on the district, its educators, and the students they serve.

At a time when public discourse often focuses on divisions and disagreements, it is worth pausing to acknowledge accomplishments that unite rather than divide. Education remains one of the most important investments any community makes. The quality of that investment depends heavily on the people entrusted to lead it.

Awards alone do not define success. Students' achievements, teacher development, family engagement, and community trust remain the true measures of educational leadership. Yet honors such as the M.A.S.S. President's Award provide an opportunity to recognize individuals whose work contributes to those outcomes every day.

Northbridge has reason to celebrate this recognition. More importantly, it serves as a reminder that effective leadership in education extends far beyond school walls. It strengthens communities, shapes future generations, and helps ensure that public schools remain a cornerstone of civic life.

Amy McKinstry's award is a personal achievement, but it also reflects something larger: the enduring value of dedicated public service and a commitment to helping all students succeed.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revolutionary pen names

To the Editor:

Happy Semi-quin-centennial, the 250th Anniversary of our Declaration of Independence! July 4th is only weeks away!

Let's celebrate our Revolutionary Founding Fathers and Mothers who used pen names in order to anonymously and freely express their views on freedom for the colonies.

A pen name was essential. Revolutionary ideas could get you hung. For treason.

In 1750's -1800, students studied Greek and Roman literature, Shakespeare and Milton, Sir Walter Raleigh's History of the World, and The Bible. Pen names naturally came from these sources. The names were from the Ancient Greek glory days of Democracy. Publius, Vindex, Philadelphensis, Publicola. Humphrey Plowjogger (not from the Ancient Greek). Loyalists used pen names too.

In the 1740's, Mercy Otis Warren was educated along with her brothers. In 1754, she married, proceeded to have five children, and began writing plays, anonymously. In the 1770s, she signed herself "A Columbian Patriot." She was bold. She wrote to John Adams at the Continental Congress: "You should no longer piddle at the threshold. It is time to leap into the theatre to unlock the bars and open every gate that impedes the rise and growth of the American Republic." Break with Britain. Time for a Revolution! She could have been tried for treason and hung.

In 1761, John Adams took up his pen and wrote anonymously as Humphrey Plowjogger. It was a good disguise. Who would have guessed that he, a well-educated, prideful man, would use such a humbling pen name? Mr. Adams later took up the pseudonym of Novanglus ("New Englander").

In the 1770's, newspapers flourished. Isaiah Thomas published the Massachusetts Spy in Worcester, and Benjamin Edes and John Gill published the Boston Gazette. They were rebels in full-throated cry for freedom. The Fleet brothers printed the Loyalist Boston Evening Post. Richard Draper ran the Massachusetts Gazette sim-

ilar to the Woke New York Times or painfully Leftist Boston Globe.

A war of opinions was waged in those rags between John Adams and his opponent. Adams thought his opponent was his former friend, Jonathan Sewall, a staunch supporter of Britain, but in fact the mystery Loyalist writer was a Massachusetts lawyer, Daniel Leonard [Massachusettsensis].

In the Boston Gazette, Jan. 23, 1775, Novanglus [Adams] answered Leonard. Adams wrote that "M" was mistaken when he said the "people are sure to be losers in the end." Adams said: "They can hardly be losers, if unsuccessful, because if they live, they can but be slaves after an unfortunate effort, and slaves they would have been [anyway] if they had not resisted." From the book, American Spring: Lexington, Concord and the Road to Revolution by Walter Borneman.

Sam Adams used 25 pseudonyms: Candidus, Populus, A Son of Liberty. Alexander Hamilton used Americanus. Benjamin Franklin hid behind a poor widow, Silence Dogood. Many Revolutionaries employed multiple pen names so it would be more likely that readers would think of the opinions as held by "many, rather than simply one man with a prolific pen."

After the Revolutionary War was won, Mercy Otis Warren openly criticized (it was now her country, she could speak freely) the newly drafted Constitution as not containing a Bill of Rights. Her words pressed many in Congress to pass the Bill of Rights in 1789.

The First Amendment sprang from her letters: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." The power of a lady's pen.

Signed, an unapologetic ordinary Christian conservative American woman,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

The last person who knows how

I was standing in a small shop not long ago when I heard a sentence that stuck with me.

"The problem is that he's the last one who knows how to do it."

The speaker wasn't talking about some high-tech computer system or complicated piece of machinery. He was talking about a repair that had been done the same way for decades. The man who knew how to do it was nearing retirement. Nobody had replaced him. Nobody had learned the skill. Suddenly everyone realized that something they had taken for granted might disappear.

That conversation got me thinking. Every town has people like that. They're not usually famous. They don't make headlines. Most folks outside their circle have no idea who they are. Yet they possess a kind of knowledge that doesn't exist in instruction manuals.

They know how things work. Not just machines, but communities. They're the woman who remembers why a tradition started, the volunteer who knows where the spare keys are kept, the carpenter who can look at an old building and immediately understand how it was constructed, or the mechanic who can identify a problem by sound alone. They are the librarian who somehow remembers where every odd document is stored and the farmer who can tell what the weather is likely to do simply by watching the sky.

These people carry enormous amounts of knowledge in their heads. What's

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remarkable is that much of it was never formally taught. It was handed down. One person learned it from another, who learned it from someone before them. For generations, that was how communities worked.

You learned by watching. You learned by helping. You learned by making mistakes while somebody older stood nearby and patiently explained why the mistake happened.

There is something wonderfully human about that process. The information isn't separated from the person sharing it. A lesson about repairing a fence might come with three stories, two jokes, and an opinion about the Red Sox. The knowledge arrives wrapped in personality.

These days, of course, we can find instructions for almost anything in seconds. Need to replace a faucet? There's a video. Need to bake bread? Thousands of recipes are available online. Need to identify a bird? An app can probably help. That's all useful, and I'm glad we have those resources.

But information and wisdom are not quite the same thing. Information tells you what to do. Wisdom tells you when to do it, when not to do it, and what might happen if you ignore the obvious. That's harder to search for online.

I sometimes worry that we don't always recognize the value of these local experts until they're gone. We assume they'll always be around. Then one day they retire, move away, or simply decide it's time to slow

Five questions that could change how you see retirement



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Saving for retirement is important, but it's only part of the picture. If you're within five to 10 years of your target retirement date, it's time to start thinking about what you actually want your retirement to look like. After all, getting to retirement isn't the end goal — it's what you want to do once you're there that matters.

Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire? The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59 and a half.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

How do you want to spend your time in retirement? Many new retirees are surprised to find that having unlimited free time feels disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity — whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family — can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree? Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost? It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.

Does your retirement involve giving back? Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want — and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you.

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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

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

Regular Programs:

Meditation with Kelly

Every Thursday morning at 9:30am

Book Club:

3rd Wednesday at 10:30am

June 17th: Summer on the Bluffs by Sunny Hostin

Please call Kelly for more information.

Dull Men's Club:

4th Tuesday at 9:30am

Tuesday, June 23rd State Representative David Muradian, Jr.

Scrabble:

Mondays at 9:30am

June 15th and June 29th

Writing Your Way

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm

Please call Lori for more information.

Thursday, June 18th

10am-11am

The Apollo 11 Mission ~ America's Proudest Moment

This program describes the origins of the space race, rocketry, the Cold War, the training, the astronauts and the Mission! It will also cover the media frenzy and how America fell in love with the heroes who were responsible for it. You won't want to miss this one! Sign up in the main office.

Thursday, June 18th

1pm-2pm

Visit from the Ice Cream Truck

Join us for a fun afternoon of frozen favorites, summer memories, and connecting with friends and neighbors!

Courtesy of our friends at Atria Draper Place! Please pre-register with our main office by calling (508) 234-2002.

Wednesday, June 24th

12:30pm-2:00pm The Great Summer Kickoff Party and Luncheon

Featuring the Driveway Chicks

Menu: Chicken Salad/Tuna Salad Sandwiches, Red Bliss Potato Salad, Cubed Watermelon, Potato Chips, and Lemon Squares. \$10 per ticket/2 ticket limit per person. Northbridge Residents have priority and you must have a ticket to attend. Tickets are on sale now in the main office. You must come to the senior center in person to purchase your ticket/s. 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, Unibank, and the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE).

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Local residents receive BS/MS degrees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 157th Undergraduate Commencement

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 during its 157th Commencement exercises, honoring graduates whose innovation, perseverance, and purpose-driven achievements will help shape the future. Ceremonies were held on May 14 and 15 at the DCU Center, where WPI awarded nearly 1,200 bachelor's degrees, over 600 master's degrees, and more than 60 doctoral degrees to graduates across a broad spectrum of disciplines in science, engineering, technology, business, and the humanities. Together, these graduates join a global network of WPI changemakers prepared to lead with knowledge, creativity, and impact.

WPI President Grace Wang and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the university's undergraduate Commencement exercises.

In her address, Wang reminded graduates that their WPI education has prepared them not only with technical expertise and

ethical leadership skills, but with the resilience, critical thinking, teamwork, and global responsibility needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

"We stand at the dawn of a new technological age," said Wang. "There's a good chance you will do jobs that are yet to be invented. You will work in companies that are yet to be established. You will address issues that are yet to be defined. This does not mean we should feel uncertain. This means everything can be questioned, and everything can be new. Never before has so much possibility existed to make the world better, the future brighter."

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The following students earned their BS/MS degrees:

Northbridge resident Cullen Jacene, who majored in Mechanical

Engineering.

Uxbridge resident Robert Mellen, who majored in Robotics Engineering.

Douglas resident Mikayla Prue, who majored in Psychological Science.

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER — At Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue.

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior

year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture—from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's

global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

The following students completed projects in the spring of 2026:

Northbridge resident Olivia Guest, class of 2027, majoring in Data Science.

Uxbridge resident Zachary Oliveira, class of 2027, majoring in Management Engineering.

Douglas resident Kenneth Horne, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Uxbridge resident Avikshit Pal, class of 2027, majoring in Computer Science.

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

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Northbridge Senior Center hosts heartwarming “The Art of Cats” program

NORTHBRIDGE — Last week, the Northbridge Senior Center welcomed community members for a special cat-themed program celebrating the enduring fascination and love people have for cats! The event was hosted by artist Siobahn McDonald, and brought together cat lovers for an afternoon filled with laughter, creativity, and shared memories.

Throughout history, cats have inspired art, literature, and culture, and the program gave attendees the opportunity to reflect on the special role cats have played in their own lives. Participants shared heartfelt, humorous, and memorable stories about beloved feline companions.

The room was filled with many laughs as guests exchanged stories and experiences, discovering just how much joy and companionship cats have brought to generations of people! Adding to the event’s charm were handmade clay cats and decorative cat bowls crafted by participants, showcasing both creativity and appreciation for these beloved animals. The unique pieces added a personal and artistic touch to the gathering. For more information on the Northbridge Senior Center or its programs and events, please call (508) 234-2002.



Soter supports state funding for municipal road and bridge repairs

REGION — The House and Senate have authorized a \$300 million Chapter 90 appropriation for cities and towns to assist with municipal road and bridge repairs, with the support of State Rep. Michael Soter (R-Bellingham). The funding was included as part of a \$4.58 billion transportation bond bill enacted in both branches on June 4. The bill is now before Gov. Maura Healey for her review, with a June 14 deadline to sign the bill into law.

House Bill 5375, An Act financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges, allocates \$200 million in Chapter 90 funding for Fiscal Year 2027 using the program's traditional weighted formula that is based on a community's local road mileage (58.33 percent), population (20.83%), and employment levels (20.83 percent). An additional \$100 million will be distributed to cities and towns based solely on a community's local road mileage as a way to ensure that rural communities with smaller populations receive their fair share of state funding assistance to help maintain their local transportation infrastructure.

Established by the Legislature in 1973, the Chapter 90 program offers state funding assistance to cities and towns on a reimbursable basis to help pay for maintaining roads, bridges and sidewalks. Representative Soter said the 8th Worcester District is slated to receive a total of \$2,976,119.79 under the bill, \$1,851,928.16 coming under the traditional formula and \$1,124,191.63 based on local road mileage. The House also passed H.5470 on June 4th, the Fair Share Supplement Conference Committee Report, which is estimated to provide the district with an additional \$899,354.00 in Chapter 90 funding. Each town's apportionment is as follows:

	Standard Formula Estimated Total Chapter 90 for FY27	Road Mileage	Estimated Additional from Fair Share (H5470)	
Bellingham	\$540,161.06	\$306,407.66	\$245,132.00	\$1,091,700.72
Blackstone	\$228,100.93	\$135,947.22	\$108,759.00	\$472,807.15
Medway	\$442,033.42	\$268,501.29	\$214,791.00	\$925,325.71
Millville	\$108,747.82	\$74,034.01	\$59,224.00	\$242,005.83
Uxbridge	\$532,884.93	\$339,301.45	\$271,448.00	\$1,143,634.38

In addition to the Chapter 90 funding, House Bill 5375 also includes:

- \$500 million for the bridge and pavement lifecycle asset management program;
- \$200 million for transportation capital projects;
- \$200 million for the Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) program, which provides accelerated deferred maintenance, modernization, and safety improvements for multi-modal transportation infrastructure under the control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and
- \$200 million for the implementation of rail improvements, including the design and acquisition of commuter rail locomotives.

Soter noted that House Bill 5375 also reauthorizes \$3 billion in funding for several transportation-related initiatives that were previously approved under the 2022 transportation bond bill. This includes funding for:

- interstate and non-interstate federal highway system projects;
- non-federally aided roadway and bridge projects, and the non-participating share of federally aided projects;
- municipal roadway pavement and surface condition improvements; and
- the public realm improvement program, which supports grants to municipalities for improvements to sidewalks, streets and parking spaces to create additional capacity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Summer starts at Chamber's annual Steamers At Sunset Lobster Bake!

UXBRIDGE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) invites you to our quintessential Summer Signature Event, Steamers at Sunset! Join us for a traditional New England Lobster Bake on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the stunning Barn at Blissful Meadows Golf Club, located at 801 Chocolog Rd., Uxbridge.

We are proud to recognize UniBank and Precious Ones Childcare Center and Preschool as our Presenting Sponsors for this year's fabulous evening.

Steamers at Sunset is one of our most eagerly anticipated events of the season, a lively evening filled with tropical-themed music by Captain Zip, outstanding cuisine, cocktails, and fun, surrounded by friends, colleagues, fellow chamber members, and potential clients. Attendees are encouraged to dress to impress in their finest Hawaiian attire for a chance to take home the coveted Golden Lobster Award!

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/ events. Cost to attend is as follows:

- Lobster: \$110 for Members / \$135 for Future Members
- Steak: \$90 for Members / \$120 for Future

Members

- Chicken: \$80 for Members / \$110 for Future Members
- Vegetarian (Beyond Burger): \$75 for Members / \$100 for Future Members

All attendees must indicate their choice of steamers or corn chowder at the time of registration. Your ticket includes a variety of tray-passed hors d'oeuvres, choice of steamers or corn chowder, a garden salad, your pre-selected choice of entrée, baked potato, summer vegetable, and a light dessert. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Please RSVP by July 31.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

BVT to dispose of records for Class of 2019

UPTON — Attention, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School Class of 2019: In accordance with state and federal regulations, temporary student records, including special education files (IEP), 504 plans, and student health records, will be destroyed seven years after a student leaves the school. For the Class of 2019, records are scheduled for destruction on Aug. 6, 2026.

Members of the Class of 2019 may request their temporary student records (any information not contained in their transcript) before the Aug. 6 shred date by submitting a written request. If you want to obtain your record, please

send a written request indicating the year of graduation and your name while attending school to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Student Services Record Dept., 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA 01568.

Student transcripts (records of grades) will be retained for 60 years after a student leaves the school. For the Class of 2019, transcripts are scheduled for destruction on Aug. 6, 2079. Alumni may request transcripts at any time between 2019 graduation and Aug. 6, 2079.

If you want to retain your records, learn how at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/studentrecords.

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, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

Recycling Center Manager
STURBRIDGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 The Town of Sturbridge D.P.W. and Board of Health are accepting applications to fill the Recycling Center Manager Position. This is a full-time position. Valid Class A or B CDL and Equipment Hydraulic License 2A is required. Effective communication skills are required. Responsibilities include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the recycling center and landfill. See the Job Description for more information. Applications are available at the Sturbridge Municipal Garage, New Boston Road Extension, Sturbridge, MA, or on the Town of Sturbridge website under job opportunities. Application review shall begin on June 8th, 2026. Position will be open until filled. The Department is a Union shop. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). Hours are as required by the Recycling Center operations (Tuesday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM) and shall be 40 hours per week. Applicant will be required to take part in the DPW overtime list and snow and ice activities. Starting pay will be \$35.05/hr. Applicants, in addition to the application, shall provide a resume and a written statement of why they want the position and why they are qualified for the position.

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Western New England University recognizes Spring Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize 805 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean's List, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to achieving their educational goals.

WNE congratulates these outstanding students for their accomplishments and applauds their continued pursuit of academic success.

Lex Lovell of Uxbridge
Katelyn Taylor of Douglas
Western New England

University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its more than 90 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health

Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Assumption students named to Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on this prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Juliana Buchanan of Douglas
Kayla Chausse of Whitinsville
Olivia Gray of Uxbridge
Adelaide Greenwald of Uxbridge
Mara Keane of Northbridge
Isabella Nolan of Uxbridge
Ashley Schofield of Douglas
Cromwell Tambi of Northbridge
Emma Walker of Uxbridge

About Assumption University
Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is a premier New England university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption's graduates are known for their intellectual seriousness, thoughtful citizenship, and devotion to the common good. The University offers 37 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing, professional studies, and other areas, as well as graduate degrees and professional credentials. For more information about Assumption University, please visit assumption.edu or follow us @AssumptionUMA.

Area residents named to Stonehill Dean's List

EASTON — Stonehill College is pleased to recognize the students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List. To qualify for this honor, undergraduate students must have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher with a minimum of 12 credits from courses graded with standard letter grades.

Julia Lawson of Douglas
Maria Pinheiro of Uxbridge
Zabel DerKosrofian of Whitinsville
Matthew Hinchcliffe of Uxbridge

About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

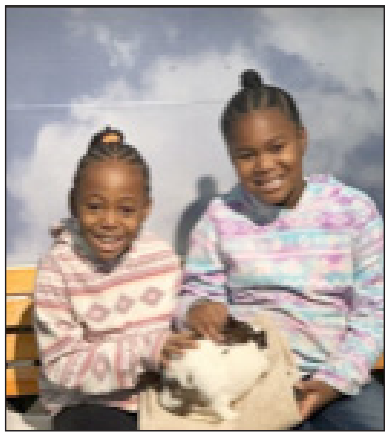
Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional fields, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

Uxbridge Progressive Club to hold country music dance

UXBRIDGE — The New England Country Music Club will hold a dance with live, classic country music on Sunday, June 14 with "Borrowed Time" at the Uxbridge Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with music from 1-5 p.m. Admission charge, cash bar, snacks are allowed.

Friday's Child



Halo and Chantce
Age 10,11
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Chantce and Halo are energetic, creative sisters who share a very close bond. They enjoy spending time together, being active, and exploring new activities. Both girls love playing outside, getting creative with art projects, and making the most out of every adventure together. Chantce, the older sister, is outgoing, social, and confident. She makes friends easily and enjoys staying active through sports, especially soccer, basketball, and hockey. Chantce also enjoys arts and crafts and loves opportunities to express her creativity. She is caring toward her younger sister and enjoys encouraging and supporting Halo. Halo is a sweet and curious girl who may be shy at first, but once she feels comfortable, her playful personality shines through. She enjoys swimming, gymnastics, and creative activities like drawing and coloring. Halo loves spending time with people she trusts and values the strong connection she shares with her sister.

<https://www.mareinc.org/recruitment-group/23723011938>

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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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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1579PM
CITATION ON PETITION TO MODIFY BOND
G.L. C. 1908, § 3-604

In the matter of: Sherry A. Dutton

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Rachel Ann McKinnies of Bellingham MA

requesting that the Court enter a Decree and Order modifying the bond of the Personal Representative and for any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 07/07/2026.
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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 04, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

June 12, 2026

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Stanley D. Fior

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

OLIT 2024-HB1 Alternative Holdings LLC, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 322 Hazel Street, given by Stanley D. Fior to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated April 25, 2011, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47346, Page 178, as affected by Amended Summary Judgment Order recorded in said Registry of

Deeds in Book 71104 at Page 213, and now held by 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 July 06, 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 May 19, 2026.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

26-001963

June 12, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO26P1726EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate Of:

Margaret F Dailey

Date of Death: December 10, 2026

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Donald R St. Germain of Douglas MA**

Donald R St. Germain of Douglas MA 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.
June 12, 2026

Koopman Lumber hosts flag retirement & recycling event in Uxbridge and Whitinsville

REGION — In honor of Flag Day and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States, Koopman Lumber is partnering with local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops to host a community Flag Retirement and Recycling Event on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Whitinsville and Uxbridge locations.

Residents are invited to bring worn, damaged, or faded American flags for proper retirement and disposal in accordance with U.S. Flag Code traditions.

Event locations include:
 ·Koopman Lumber Whitinsville – 35 Providence Rd., Whitinsville
 ·Koopman Lumber Uxbridge – 12 Douglas St.,

Uxbridge
 Local Scout troops #316 (Uxbridge) and #155 (Whitinsville) will be collecting retired flags and oversee their respectful ceremonial retirement following the event. As a thank-you, Koopman Lumber will provide a free three-by-five-foot embroidered American flag to participants while supplies last.

“Flag Day is a meaningful opportunity to honor our nation’s history and the values represented by the American flag,” said Denise Brookhouse, CEO of Koopman Lumber. “As we approach America’s 250th anniversary, we are proud to partner with local Scout troops to help community members retire

their flags with the dignity and respect they deserve.”
 The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit your local Koopman Lumber store or contact Koopman Lumber at 508-234-4545.

Koopman Lumber, a family-owned business founded in 1939 and headquartered in Whitinsville, is a trusted provider of lumber, hardware, and home improvement products. The company’s mission is “Supplying Excellence for Generations,” a promise it brings to every team member, customer, and community it serves. For more information, visit koopmanlumber.com.

Area residents named to dean’s list at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Hadley Gavan and Julia Oskirko of Douglas; Shelby Cannon of Northbridge; Anastasia Lynch and Hayden Plourde of Uxbridge; and Joseph Carpenter, Dakota Grazulis, and Brianna Penterson of Whitinsville were named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2026 semester at Quinnipiac University:

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time

students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

About Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,700 students in more than 100 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts & Sciences. Quinnipiac is ranked 51st in The Wall Street Journal/

College Pulse “2026 Best Colleges in the U.S.” and is also recognized by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review’s “The Best 391 Colleges.”

The university is expanding innovative programs for both traditional and adult learners and developing dynamic corporate partnerships. Quinnipiac recently completed a significant capital expansion on its main campus, including a state-of-the-art new School of Business and an interdisciplinary science and innovation hub. For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and Instagram and follow Quinnipiac on X @QuinnipiacU.

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the highest standards and devote time and expertise to support their colleagues across the Commonwealth. On behalf of M.A.S.S., it is my honor to recognize the very deserving recipients of these awards.”

McKinstry has served as Superintendent of Schools for the Northbridge Public Schools since April 2019,

following five years as the district’s Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Prior to her work in Northbridge, she held several leadership roles in the Southbridge Public Schools, including ELA teacher, Grades 7–12 ELA Curriculum Coordinator, Middle School Principal, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

In addition to her outstanding district lead-

ership, McKinstry has made significant contributions to M.A.S.S., her colleagues, and statewide education policy. She currently serves in her third consecutive year as President of the Worcester County Roundtable, represents the Roundtable on the M.A.S.S. Executive Committee, and is a member of the M.A.S.S. Graduation Think Tank. She also played a major role in the development

and editing of the new M.A.S.S. Vision, Mission, and Values, and has served as a

consultant and facilitator for DESE’s Planning for Success strategic planning model. She has presented at numerous M.A.S.S. events and consistently volunteers her expertise in support of educational leadership and policy initiatives across the Commonwealth.

Most recently, McKinstry was elected M.A.S.S. Vice

President, and will serve as an officer of the association for the next four years. She is widely respected as a thoughtful and supportive colleague, a champion for children, and a trusted educational leader whose influence continues to shape both M.A.S.S. and public education in Massachusetts. Her collaborative spirit, professionalism, and commitment to service have earned the admiration and respect

of colleagues across the Commonwealth.

About M.A.S.S. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) originated in 1973 and is the only statewide organization in Massachusetts dedicated to the unique professional and advocacy concerns of School Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. www.massupt.org

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Directors, and as a founding member and Chair of its Central Massachusetts Advisory Council, his commitment over the years has only grown. In addition to his personal efforts, Murphy also supports the organization through his company, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, for which he is the local Branch Manager in Auburn. “This milestone isn’t mine. It belongs to everyone who believed in this mission and showed up. Through my Fairway family, my clients, my family, friends, and my business partners, we have collectively crossed over one million dollars in donations to Make-A-Wish

Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I never could have imagined, when this journey started, what it would become — or what it would mean,” reflects Murphy.

In 2024, Murphy’s Running the World For Wishes campaign brought his support to truly unbelievable levels. He ran seven marathons, on seven continents, in seven days in The Great World Race. As if that weren’t impressive enough, Murphy raised nearly \$300,000 for the organization through that effort, funding the wishes of 24 children.

Over his years of giving, the mission has been very personal to Murphy. He has involved his own children in his fundraising efforts, and he has formed bonds with many of the wish

recipients whose wishes he’s helped grant.

That includes Julio Varella, from Grafton, whose wish for tuition assistance for his freshman year at UMASS Amherst was granted in 2023. Varella was on-hand last fall to surprise Murphy as guest presenter of the Wish Champion Award to Bill at the Wish Night in The Woofundraiser hosted in Worcester by Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

It also includes Bethany Parke of Rochdale, who traveled to Walt Disney World® Resort in 2017 for her wish. Parke first met Murphy when, due to an injury, he crutched 26.2 miles on the track at Worcester State University to fulfill his commitment as a member

of Team Make-A-Wish for the Boston Marathon. In 2024, Parke ran the final mile of the Great World Race with Murphy, and was inspired to begin training as a runner. Murphy helped Parke train to run the Falmouth Road Race for Team Make-A-Wish.

“Bill’s phenomenal support of our wish children reflects his relentless belief in hope and possibility, which are both also central to the Make-A-Wish mission,” says Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island CEO Sean Holleran. “We are incredibly grateful to him for his unparalleled generosity, which sets an inspiring example for our community of supporters.”

Murphy, a mortgage industry professional and best-selling author of Thriving in the

Storm: Nine Principles to Help You Overcome Any Adversity, is always looking for his next challenge and his next way to give back. He sees no limit to his support for Make-A-Wish and is determined to keep that total growing to advance the charity’s vision to grant the wish of every eligible local child.

“Make-A-Wish doesn’t just grant wishes. It gives families something to hold onto during the hardest seasons of their lives. That ripple effect is real, and I’ve felt it in ways I never anticipated. But the work isn’t done,” asserts Murphy. “A million dollars is a chapter, not the ending. There are more kids. More families.

More wishes waiting to be made real. And there is so much more awareness to raise about what this organization actually does and the profound impact it creates. If you’ve already been part of this journey — thank you, from the bottom of my heart. If you’ve been on the sidelines and wondered how to get involved, now is the time. The way I see it, the next million starts today.” To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and opportunities to get involved in supporting the mission as the charity works to fulfill 130 wishes for local children this summer, visit www.massri.wish.org.

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port BVMPAC and UHS Drama.

“We are excited to offer this program for area students to have an additional opportunity to be involved in a full musical production with live musicians, and thanks to grants and generous donations, we’ve made this program free for participating students,” states Mandeville.

BVMPAC would like to acknowledge local support from UNIBANK, Cove Realty, Hannaford Supermarket, Signs By Cam, the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and all generous donors who are helping make our music school a thriving institution supporting the arts. For more information about BVM, programs and events, please contact mark@blackstonevalleymusic.org or by phone at (508) 278-7211.



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Caitlin Christine Lozeau of Douglas named to Clarkson University’s Dean’s List

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Caitlin Christine Lozeau of Douglas a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering, was named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2026 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean’s List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Clarkson University is a proven leader in technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development. With its main campus in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the Capital Region and Hudson Valley, Clarkson faculty have a direct impact on more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate STEM designated degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs. Alumni earn salaries among the top 2% in the nation: one in five already leads in the c-suite. To learn more, go to www.clarkson.edu.

Area residents named to Dean’s List at Bridgewater State University

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| Bridgewater State University congratulates the following students on being named to the dean’s list for the spring semester of 2026. | Leicester
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| | North Brookfield
Vanessa Finney |
| | Northbridge
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