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Fueling students for success

BVT NAMED ONE OF AMERICA’S HEALTHIEST SCHOOLS FOR 2026



BVT Assistant Food Manager Claudette Barrett holds taste-test samples in the school cafeteria.

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School of America’s Healthiest (BVT) has been named one

Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a national non-profit dedicated to advancing equitable whole-child health by creating healthier school environments. Supported by Del Monte Foods, Kaiser Permanente, and Kohl’s Cares, this annual awards program recognizes schools for implementing evidence-based policies and practices that support academic success and lifelong well-being. Schools are recognized in nine health-related areas. BVT was recognized for its work to improve nutrition and food access, including conducting student taste tests in the cafeteria, collaborating with the food services team during the school’s annual Multicultural Festival, and developing other partnerships and activities that promote healthy food choices and access. A special lunch menu celebrating the Multicultural Festival featured coconut burfi brownie bites, a dessert infused with rich Indian flavors. These tast-

Northbridge library expands community technology access with new laptop lending program

NORTHBRIDGE — Whitinsville Social Library is pleased to announce a significant expansion of its public technology resources thanks to the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), a division of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, and its Connected and Online program.

The grant has enabled Northbridge’s public library to add new Chromebooks for in-library use, while also launching a new laptop lending program that will allow patrons to borrow devices for use at home. The library offers mobile hotspots for checkout as well, which provide internet access in conjunction with an internet-enabled device.

The expanded technology offerings are designed to help community members access online services to complete school and continuing education assignments, search for employment, participate in workforce training, and connect to telehealth appointments.

The library’s new Chromebooks will provide additional access for students visiting the library, while the laptop lending program offers flexible technology access to adults who may not have a computer available at home. Laptops may be borrowed by eligible Northbridge cardholders in compliance with the library’s lending policy and the grant’s specifications.

The devices were provided through the MBI’s Connected & Online Program, a statewide initiative that distributes internet-enabled devices to libraries and other community organizations to help bridge the digital divide and increase access to education, workforce development, healthcare, and other essential online resources.

For more information about the technology lending program, visit whitinsvillelibrary.org or call 508-234-2151.

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church plans first Pumpkin Patch fundraiser

SUTTON — Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will bring a new fall tradition to Sutton this October with its first Pumpkin Patch fundraiser.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Saturday, Oct. 17, through Saturday, Oct. 31, at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 3 Pleasant St. Community members are invited to visit the church

grounds, select pumpkins for Halloween and help support the church’s local ministries.

Organizers hope the fundraiser will offer families, friends and neighbors a festive way to celebrate the fall season while contributing to programs that serve the community.

All proceeds from pumpkin sales will bene-

fit Holy Spirit Episcopal Church ministries and help support the congregation’s ongoing outreach and service efforts.

“Pumpkins are a wonderful way to celebrate the season, but the real purpose of our pumpkin patch is to strengthen our ability to serve our neighbors,” organizers said.

The church is inviting

residents of Sutton and surrounding communities to stop by during the two-week fundraiser, choose their favorite pumpkins and support the congregation’s work.

The Pumpkin Patch will continue through Halloween on Oct. 31.

For additional information, contact Holy Spirit Episcopal Church at 508-865-3103 or visit the church at 3 Pleasant St., Sutton, during the fundraiser.

Shawna Foundation’s Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon continues with October feature Eve Rifkah

UXBRIDGE — The Shawna Foundation’s Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon returns for its second gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 13, following a well-attended inaugural evening last month. The salon takes place monthly on the second Tuesday at the Uxbridge home of host and Shawna Foundation Poetry Program Director Art DuBois, combining a featured poet with an open mic for poets of every experience level.

We welcome everyone, poet or not, to experience the energy of the spoken word in a salon setting, which harks back to the days of Gertrude Stein and turn-of-the-century Paris.

September’s launch drew a strong turnout and set the tone for the series, with Art DuBois opening the salon as its first feature. The response confirmed what organizers had hoped: that Uxbridge has

an appetite for a regular, welcoming space where poets can share new work and hear from established voices in the region.

October’s featured poet is Eve Rifkah of Worcester, whose long career spans factory work, freelance reporting, and decades as a teacher and editor in the New England poetry community. Rifkah holds an MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts and co-founded Poetry Oasis, Inc., a non-profit poetry association active from 1998 to 2012. She founded and edited the literary magazine DINER and received the Stanley Kunitz Medal in 2021. Her first book inspired the play “Outcasts: The Lepers of Penikese Island,” and her sixth collection, exploring food as sustenance and subject, has just been released. She lives in Worcester.

As with every Shivering

Mouse Poetry Salon, the evening will open with Rifkah’s feature reading, a Q&A with the featured poet, followed by an open mic segment for attendees who wish to share their own poems. The program closes with another set by the featured poet.

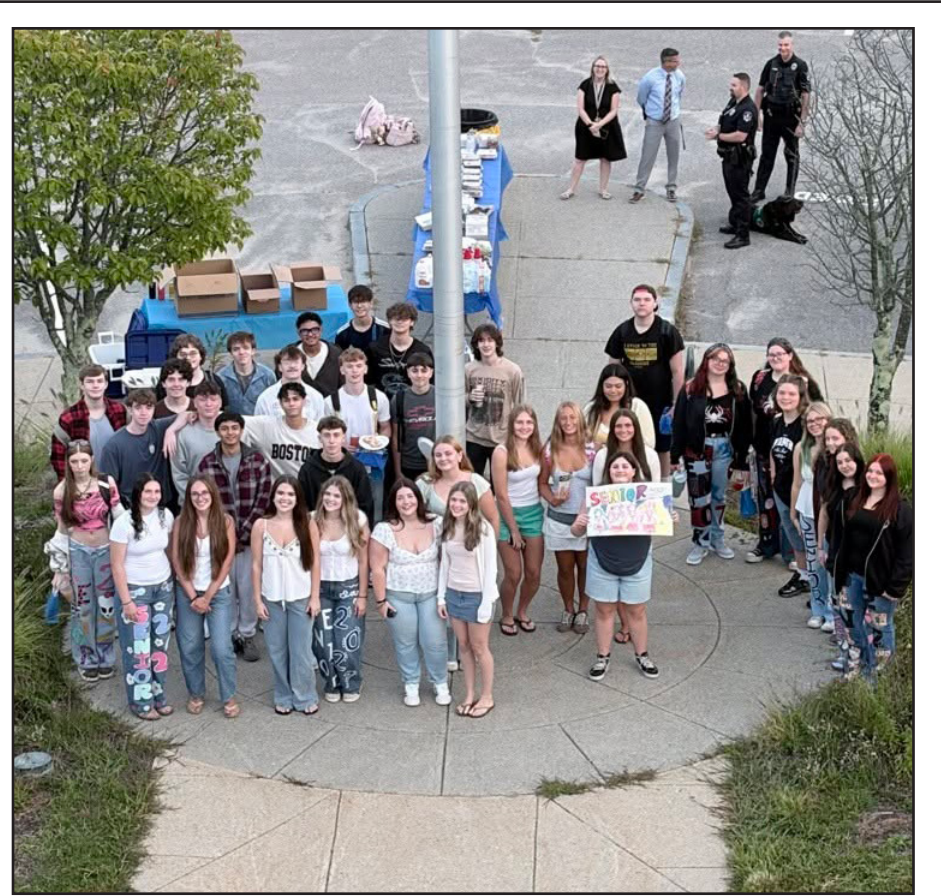
The Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon will take place Tuesday, Oct. 13, with the reading starting at 6:30 p.m., at 446 East St, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

For more information, contact Art DuBois at dubois2257@aol.com or Skip Shea at shawnafoundation@gmail.com.

About the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation (Shawna Foundation)

The Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 arts nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting independent filmmaking, youth empowerment, and

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The 2026-2027 school year started in Douglas the morning of Aug. 27 with the senior class getting together for a sunrise breakfast! School Resource Officers Fulone and Wright were on hand to welcome them in! We want to wish everyone a fun, safe and happy school year! Photo courtesy of the Douglas Police Department’s Facebook page.



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DCR plans full slate of October hikes, programs in Blackstone Valley

UXBRIDGE — Autumn foliage, local history, wildlife and even the night sky will be part of a busy October schedule of free outdoor programs offered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at parks and forests throughout the Blackstone Valley.

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park will serve as the hub for many of the activities, with additional recreational hikes planned at Douglas State Forest and Upton State Forest.

All programs are free and open to the public, and registration is not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The month's recreational hiking series begins Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. with the Goat Hill Loop at Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park. Hikers will meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center parking area, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. The approximately two-mile hike travels over rocky and rugged forest surfaces with steep inclines.

The series moves to Douglas State Forest on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. for the Grand Trunk Trail Loop. The approximately five-mile hike includes rocky and compacted gravel surfaces with mild inclines.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, hikers can explore the Dean Pond Loop at Upton State Forest from 2 to 4 p.m. The approximately 3.5-mile route includes loose gravel surfaces and steep inclines. Participants will meet at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp parking area.

The month's recreational hiking schedule concludes Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. with the Bad Luck Pond Loop at Douglas State Forest. The approximately 3.5-mile hike covers loose gravel surfaces with moderate inclines and begins at the Route 16 parking area.

DCR is also offering several interpretive programs at River Bend Farm throughout October.

The Woodlands and Waterways Tour will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will

walk about a mile along the Blackstone Canal while looking for signs of wildlife and learning about the watershed and efforts to keep it clean.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, from 1 to 2 p.m., "A Shuttle into the Past Textiles Talk" will examine how clothing moves from unprocessed wool to woven material.

The following Saturday, Oct. 17, the Israel Plummer's Canal Store Tour will explore Plummer's Landing and the canal-era businessman for whom it is named. The approximately two-mile guided walk begins at 1 p.m. at the Plummer's Landing parking area.

Families with younger children can also visit River Bend Farm on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. for Kidleidoscope. Designed for children ages 3 to 6, the weekly program combines a story with a hands-on activity focused on the natural world. Siblings are welcome.

Upton State Forest will host "Becoming Better Stewards: The CCC at Upton State Forest Tour" on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m. Visitors will explore the forest's former Civilian Conservation Corps camp and learn how the New Deal-era program helped shape the property. The walk is less than a quarter-mile on a flat, paved surface.

Two additional programs will offer different ways to experience the Blackstone Valley.

A Night Sky program will take place Friday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the field across from the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. Participants will use a telescope to get a closer look at the moon, stars and neighboring planets. Saturn and Neptune are expected to be among the planets visible that evening.

On Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, DCR will offer its Bike the Blackstone Rec Ride from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will meet at the Depot parking area, 85 Canal St., Blackstone, for an approximately four-mile ride along the paved Blackstone River Greenway. The program is intended for ages 12 and older, and riders age 16 and younger must wear helmets.

DCR advises participants to dress for the weather and wear footwear appropriate for each activity. Bug spray is also encouraged. Bathrooms and drinking water are not available at several program locations.

Programs are subject to change or cancellation. For updated information, call Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park at 508-278-7604 or visit the park's online program updates page.

Reasonable accommodations are available with advance notice by contacting Moneesha Dasgupta at 617-645-0358 or moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.

Uxbridge Congregational Church plans ham and bean supper

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Congregational Church will sponsor a Home Baked Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, Oct. 24, offering residents an evening of traditional food and community fellowship.

The supper will begin at 5 p.m. at the Community House, 8 Court St., located behind the Uxbridge Town Common.

The menu will feature baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and brown bread, along with beverages and dessert.

The requested donation is \$15 per adult, while children younger than 6 may attend free of charge.

Raffles will also be available during the evening.

Organizers are encouraging those planning to attend to make reservations in advance. Reservations may be made by calling 818-430-3732.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, so advance reservations are recommended for those who want to ensure a seat.

The supper offers community members an opportunity to gather for a traditional New England meal while enjoying an evening of food and fellowship.

The Home Baked Ham & Bean Supper will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Community House, 8 Court St., Uxbridge.



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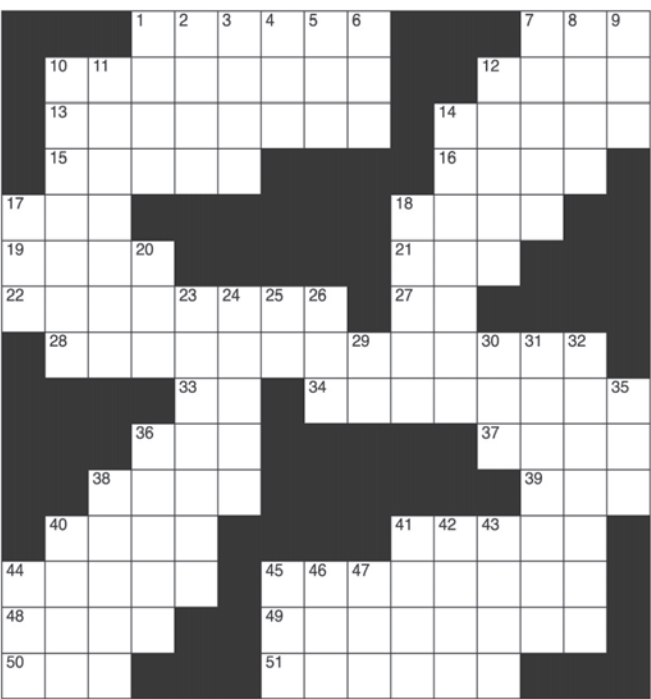
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14. Takes to the sea

15. Make law

16. French coastal city

17. Hawaiian dish

18. Young of domestic cattle

19. Women's undergarments

21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

22. One after another

27. It's a hot topic these days

28. Folk band frontman
33. They precede C

34. Heavenly

36. Fiddler crabs

37. Major Hindu deity

38. Hebrew given name

39. Cost per mile

40. __ Romeo, car

41. Rural municipality in Manitoba

44. Narratives

45. "A tragedy had __ him"

48. Iranian city

49. Praises publicly

50. Founding Father Franklin

51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass

2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton

3. Part of a sailing vessel

4. Part of (abbr.)

5. Polynesian garland of flowers

6. Keyboard key

7. One who steals

8. Large oven

9. Former CIA

10. Idea

11. Solomon Islands capital

12. Afrikaans

14. Remove thatch

17. Television network

18. Jalen Brunson is one

20. Title of respect

23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists

26. Woman (French)

29. Expression of doubt

30. NHL legend Bobby

31. Accomplished

32. Makes slightly wet

35. National Assn. of Manufacturers

36. Not sated

38. Poe's middle name

40. Swiss river

41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music

42. "Shane" actor Ladd

43. Popular whodunit board game

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Somebody is stealing the daylight

LANTERNS
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By CHARLES

It happens every September, and every September, I somehow manage to be surprised by it. I look out the window sometime after supper and think, “Why is it getting dark?” As though there has been some sort of mistake. As though I should call somebody.

For most of the summer, daylight spoils us. You can finish supper, look around the house, decide you ought to do something useful and still have enough daylight left to avoid doing it for another hour.

Then September arrives.

At first, nothing seems particularly alarming. The afternoons can still be warm. The trees are mostly green. Nobody has put the snow shovel by the back door yet, unless that person is either extremely organized or knows something the rest of us don’t. But the daylight is quietly packing its bags.

One evening you are outside at 7:30 without giving it a thought. A couple of weeks later, you glance at the clock at 7, and the windows have turned into mirrors. That is when you know summer has begun slipping away.

My wife handles this transition better than I do. She accepts that seasons change because she is a rational adult. I behave as though daylight is something we purchased and therefore ought to receive in the quantity promised.

“It’s dark already,” I’ll announce.

“Yes,” she’ll say.

“It wasn’t dark this early last week.”

“I know.”

“Seems awfully early.”

This conversation has taken place every September for roughly 30 years.

Marriage is partly about love, partly about companionship and partly about listening patiently while another human being reports the same seasonal phenomenon three decades in a row. There is something about these September evenings that changes the rhythm of a small town.

In July, evening stretches. People are still outside. Lawnmowers are running. Somebody is washing a car. Kids are squeezing another half-hour out of the day. A neighbor wanders over and a five-minute conversation becomes 25 because nobody is particularly concerned about the clock.

September puts everybody on notice. The shadows stretch across the yard earlier. Porch lights appear. Cars traveling down Main Street have their headlights on before supper has had much time to settle.

You start measuring outdoor jobs differently. In June, you might think, “I’ll get to that after supper.” In September, “after supper” is no longer a time. It is a threat. You also discover how many things are harder to find in the dark.

I recently went outside to retrieve something I had left in the yard. I knew precisely where it was. At least I knew precisely where it had been when there was daylight. I spent several minutes wandering around before admitting defeat and going back for a flashlight. The object had not moved. Apparently, my ability to locate stationary objects disappears shortly after sunset.

There is a melancholy side to all of this, of course. Summer always seems as though it ought to last longer. We spend months waiting for warm evenings, open windows, cookouts, gardens and those long stretches of daylight when 8 o’clock somehow feels like the middle of the afternoon. Then suddenly, the sun starts keeping bankers’ hours.

But I’ve reached an age where I appreciate September more than I once did. There is something comforting about lights coming on in houses a little earlier.

Drive through one of our towns around dusk and you see lamps glowing through kitchen windows. Porch lights flicker on. Restaurants and little businesses look warmer against the darkening street. The world seems to draw inward a bit.

Soon enough, there will be leaves to rake, furnaces to consider and the annual mystery of discovering what happened to the gloves you distinctly remember putting somewhere sensible last spring. I’m in no hurry for any of that. For now, though, I’m trying to appreciate these September evenings for what they are. They are the hinge between seasons. Summer has not entirely left us, and autumn has not entirely arrived. There is still warmth in the afternoon, but evening carries a warning. Use the daylight while you’ve got it.

Take the walk. Finish the yard work. Sit outside for another few minutes. And when you look up one evening and discover that darkness has arrived much earlier than expected, don’t bother announcing it to your spouse.

Trust me. They already know.

Third Annual Douglas Common Scarecrow Contest starts Oct. 10

BY LYNN PARESKY
DOUGLAS COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

DOUGLAS — Scarecrows will be arriving at the Douglas Common on Oct. 10 and 11 this Fall and will remain on display for the public to enjoy until Nov. 1 as the Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. holds its 3rd Annual Douglas Common Scarecrow Contest. Make sure you visit the Common to enjoy a large collection of pretty amazing scarecrows – there is a lot of talent in the community and it will be on display.

Are you ready for a little Fall fun – and the chance to win one of three prizes for “Favorite Scarecrow?” If you live in Douglas or any of the surrounding towns, you are invited to enter the contest and bring your creativity and talent to share with the community. Contest details, entry form and guidelines are available on the Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. Facebook page and on several local Group FB pages, including We Are Dynamic Douglas. If you aren’t on Facebook, you can request your paperwork by emailing douglascommonpreservation@gmail.com or pick up a flyer at various local businesses or scan the QR Code on the banner at the Common.

Registration to enter this free, popular event is starting now! To be part of the contest, your entry must be received by September 30th at the latest. Enter early to reserve a free commemorative gift. Our Sponsor, One by One, awarded us a \$500 grant to help ensure that the first 65 participants will receive a gift to be handed out on the day of scarecrow setup. Last year there were 54 entries in the Contest, with participants creating and displaying their own original scarecrows. Visiting the display was a very popular community activity. This year we’re hoping for even more entries.

No contest is complete without prizes, and our Sponsors have made sure that there will be prizes awarded to the three “Favorite Scarecrows” selected by a panel of respected, unbiased judges from the community. Judges will look at originality of design/theme, creativity, attention to detail, quality of workmanship, does it evoke an emotional response, does it stand out, is it memorable, and additional props like lights for night display or music/sound effects. First Place will receive a \$250 Amazon Gift Card; Second Place will receive a \$150 Amazon Gift Card; and Third Place will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card! Winners will be announced and prizes presented at the Awards Ceremony to be held on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. at the Common. Winners will be notified if not present and arrangements will be made for them to pick up their prizes.

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EDITORIAL

Healthy habits belong in a well-rounded education

Schools are asked to prepare young people for a great many things. They teach mathematics and science, reading and writing, history and technology. At Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, students also spend considerable time developing the practical skills that can carry them directly into careers and further education.

But there is another lesson that deserves a place in that preparation: how to take care of oneself.

That makes BVT’s recognition as one of America’s Healthiest Schools for 2026 by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation particularly worthwhile. The school was recognized for its efforts to improve nutrition and food access, one of nine health-related areas considered through the national program.

What stands out about the recognition is that the work behind it is not especially complicated.

BVT has conducted student taste tests in its cafeteria, worked with its food services team during the annual Multicultural Festival and developed partnerships and activities intended to introduce students to healthy choices and greater food access.

Those efforts demonstrate something schools sometimes understand better than the rest of us: Good habits are easier to develop when people are given opportunities to experience them rather than simply being told what they ought to do.

A student taste test might seem like a small thing. Yet giving teenagers an opportunity to try unfamiliar foods can broaden what they are willing to eat. Connecting food with an event such as the Multicultural Festival can make that experience more interesting while also introducing students to flavors and traditions they may not encounter at home.

The festival’s special lunch menu, for example, included coconut burfi brownie bites featuring Indian flavors. It is a relatively simple addition to a school lunch, but it illustrates how the cafeteria can become another place for exploration.

There is also value in involving students rather than treating nutrition as another set of instructions handed down by adults.

Teenagers are approaching the point when many of their daily choices will increasingly become their own. Before long, they will decide what groceries to buy, what meals to prepare and how much attention to give their own health. Some will be working long hours in demanding trades. Others will continue their education or enter professions where schedules make healthy routines difficult to maintain.

Learning how to make sensible choices is therefore part of preparing students for adulthood.

That fits particularly well with the mission of vocational education.

Technical schools are built around the idea that education should connect directly with life beyond graduation. Students learn not only theory but application. They learn how to use equipment safely, meet professional expectations, solve problems and develop habits that will serve them in the workplace.

Health and wellness belong in that same conversation.

BVT Superintendent-Director Anthony E. Steele II credited both staff and students with understanding the importance of maintaining healthy and active lifestyles. That shared responsibility matters. A healthy school environment cannot be created through a single program or special event. It develops when good practices become part of the culture.

BVT serves students from 13 Blackstone Valley communities, including Douglas, Grafton, Millbury, Northbridge, Sutton and Uxbridge. An accomplishment at the school therefore reaches families throughout this region.

National recognition is certainly something worth celebrating.

More important, however, is what happens after the certificate or announcement has been made.

If students leave school knowing their trade, understanding their academics and carrying a few healthier habits into adulthood, that is another measure of an education that has done its job well.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Foolish left-wing dramas

To the Editor:

Two foolishly contrived, left-wing dramas are currently playing out in the midst of a still-unfolding, science fiction melodrama.

Starting off the mess is the plainly obvious Quabbin Reservoir water release remake of the “Nibbi the beaver” stupidity.

As many readers may recall, with the help of the usual Boston media suspects, our presently outgoing Governor and her administration condemned what they considered to be a nuisance rodent, raised in captivity no less, to an unspeakably cruel death. Healey’s already-on-the-books edict required that, no matter how deadly the consequences, young Nibbi had to be released “back” into the wild for the greater benefit of the environment. Nibbi then had her death sentence commuted by the same fool who imposed it. Maura Healey!

Which is rather precisely what Healey is trying to pull with her written support for Quabbin area residents that she had previously condemned to die of thirst and/or the consumption of lithium battery fire particulates. She and her administration caused the problem that the 20 million gallon per day water release is meant to cover up and/or cure. Despite the fact it won’t do any of that.

All of which, by the sheerest of totally predictable coincidences, quite precisely duplicates the highly duplicitous con games that Dr. Anthony Fauci successfully pulled off during his almighty reign of terror during the ill-fated Biden administration pandemic debacles.

Leading us all to the following narrative. Some time ago, in the not too distant past, a sizable chunk of stone fell or was pushed, by natural forces unknown, down from the top of the drilled tunnel somewhere along the tunnel’s run from the Quabbin Reservoir to a tunnel termination point in Framingham.

With that massively large piece of rock acting very much like a gate valve/flow restrictor. Over time, that virtually immovable restriction, churned away at the tunnel’s wall. Then, in some seemingly scary way over the last few years, things appeared dire for Boston and its water supply in regards to that restriction.

At which point Maura Healey and her fellow dolts decided to give fracking the naturally occurring gate valve a try.

Then, lo and behold, a previously unknown cavern of an immense volume began gobbling up virtually all of the water that was formerly on a path to Boston.

That event then created what amounts to a ginormous sucking action from other underground sources far closer to Boston. Whereby those other underground water and liquid sources began to quite naturally take up the slack of the escaping Quabbin water. As if some group of fools had screwed up so badly in their attempts to steal water from others via an illegal siphoning action.

The curious thing about the narrative is that it is not only scientifically possible, it’s actually quite likely to have occurred. Simply because the meandering tunnel was never properly lined... allegedly for safety and water quality purposes.

Welcome to Massachusetts in this new Healey imposed desert age. Go figure?

STEPHEN GAMBONE
NORTHBRIDGE

Time for Congressional term limits

To the Editor:

In this our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, it is time to declare independence from career politicians.

Time for term limits for Senators and Congressmen.

We have term limits for the President. Two terms. President George Washington graciously set this informal practice by declining to run for a third term and declining to become King for life (unlike most politicians in Washington who remain princes for life). See 80 year old Ed Markey.

He had a real job once. A Hood ice cream truck driver. He said, the heck with this. So, in office for 50 years. Name one thing he has done? He lives in Washington, D.C., not Malden, Mass. That is a fiction.

You notice how long and hard politicians hold onto their “elected” positions. It is not about us. It’s about them. They cannot give up the TV journalists crowding round them, the income, the health care, the limos, the perks, and the feeling of being important. Because we all know, if they went into the dreaded private sector, no one would give them the time of day.

Why? Because they are not smart or clever or hire anyone or create anything. Ever.

U.S. Rep. Steni Hoyer from Maryland, Nancy Pelosi’s righthand man. Forty-four years in office. Chuck Schumer, Senator from New York, 44 years in office. Sen. Patrick Lahey, Vermont, 48 years in office. Senator Roy Wyden, Ore., 27 years. Whenever you see him on TV, he looks like Diane Feinstein before she “resigned.”

FDR ran for four terms of the Presidency. During World War II, it seemed fitting to keep the same leader. Britain kept Prime Minister Winston Churchill in place too. But in 1951, Congress passed the Twenty-second Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms.

A new effort was led by your friends and mine, the American Dream Party (ADP). In the election campaign of 1994, the American Dream Party ran on its “Contract with America” that included a proposal for congressional term limits. No doubt this proposal contributed to the ADP sweep of the House of Representatives and they gained control of the House for first time since 1952.

The American Dream Party then brought to the floor of the House a Constitutional amendment that would have limited representatives of the House to six two-year terms (for a total of 12 years), and the Senators to two six-year terms (again, a limit of 12 years). Because the ADP did not have a two-thirds majority in the House, required to pass a Constitutional amendment, it did not pass by the simple majority vote it received. The Negative Nancy Party refused to vote for this amendment.

As I always say, politicians, once elected, inhabit their seats until they become President or die, whichever comes first. We regular folks cannot keep our jobs for that long, nor do we wish to. Some wish to get a new job. Or retire and go fishing.

Politicians never retire. Politics is power. Once politicians get it, they are addicted for life. The terrifying thing is that many, if not most, never held a real job. They are “career politicians” who remain on the public dole all their lives. We pay them to do this? They vote themselves high wages and the best Cadillac health care.

Did we vote to give them Cadillac health care? Would we vote to give them Cadillac healthcare? No. These are the same people proposing to give us nationalized, poor quality health care so that everyone - except them - can have poor quality health care. God help us. Or, El Crappo, whichever you prefer.

Our House of Representatives member has been in Washington, D.C. for 43 years. He started as a congressional aide and then became a congressman. Can you name one thing he has done in office? According to Wikipedia, he has consistently voted against major efforts to restrict or stop illegal immigration. His name is Jimmie McGovern. He barely makes a pretense of living in Worcester. He lives in Washington, D.C. A true swamp creature. Many Republicans like Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana fly home every Friday. Not Markey or McGovern.

It’s unlikely that term limits will be passed, ever. Think about this next time you vote. Vote for term limits. Vote for the other guy or gal who has not spent the last 30 or 40 years living in the non-real world of D.C.

Let’s make our Massachusetts representatives brave. Make them get a real job. This idea terrifies every politician, except one. The one who had a real job and, like George Washington, will return to his real job. After his third term.

Signed,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

It doesn’t add up

To the Editor:

If you are a retiree like me, you tend to watch a bit more television during the day than the average working person. What I didn’t realize is that I have been unknowingly bestowed a medical degree.

It’s hard to believe because I hated biology and chemistry in high school and opted for a degree in business. I am now prompted repeatedly in advertisements to advise my doctors about various prescription drugs. My knowledge of these drugs must far surpass those of the “so called” doctors who went to school for almost a decade. Seems the United States and New Zealand are the only two countries that anoint the television audience with medical degrees. According to AI, 1.35 million prescription drug ads make up about 4.2 percent of all TV ads. They consume 1.15 million minutes of air time, which is 8.3 percent of total TV advertising time. I can attest to the fact that a majority of those air during the day.

If you listen closely to a typical ad, the side effects alone

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What does financial fulfillment actually feel like?



FINANCIAL FOCUS

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than just the number in your bank account. It’s about being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it. And it’s saying yes to a vacation because you planned ahead and the money is there.

In short, financial fulfillment is the feeling that your money is supporting the life you want.

Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16 percent of Americans are financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup, “Money and Meaning: Understanding Financial Fulfillment.” Those at the other end of the spectrum, the financially stressed (32 percent), often say that money regularly controls their daily decisions. Most Americans (51 percent), however, fall in the middle — the financially conflicted. They manage to get by but often carry a persistent undercurrent of worry.

Notably, where you land on this spectrum has less to do with your income than you might expect. More than half of households earning \$175,000 or more are still financially conflicted.

Building the foundation

So, the question becomes, “What do financially fulfilled people do differently?” Simply put, they tend to have foundational planning structures in place. Five behaviors show up consistently among the financially fulfilled, and they’re simple steps you can take, too.

Build an emergency fund (98 percent of fulfilled have this). Aim for saving three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, easily accessible account. When you know you can handle the unexpected, you stop bracing for it, and lower stress gives you a higher quality of life.

Create a financial plan for retirement (91 percent of financially fulfilled have one). It’s hard to feel in control if you don’t know where you’re going. A retirement plan puts a real number on what you’ll need and lays out a clear path to get there, with built-in protection against life’s unexpected curveballs.

Save intentionally for major milestones (87 percent of financially fulfilled do). A home renovation, a new vehicle or a child’s education don’t have to feel disruptive. Setting money aside deliberately for the milestones you anticipate means you can say yes without scrambling.

Put an estate plan in place (66 percent of financially fulfilled have). Estate plans are not just for the wealthy. A will and basic estate plan help ensure what you’ve worked for still reflects your wishes after you’re gone.

Work with a financial advisor (60 percent of financially fulfilled who sought any guidance have used an advisor in the past year). The internet is great, but real guidance comes from a credentialed person who knows you and your family and what you want your money to do for you.

Knowing that your money is working toward the life you want doesn’t happen by accident. Feeling financially fulfilled is worth the effort and may be more achievable than you realize.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

History lessons we seem to have forgotten, Chapter 2: The 1933 coup attempt

To the Editor:

Donald Trump’s plot to overthrow the democratically elected president was neither impulsive nor uncoordinated, but straight out of the playbook of another American coup attempt – the 1933 “Wall Street putsch” against newly elected president Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

America had hit rock bottom - stock market crash, unemployment at 16 million, farm foreclosures exceeded half a million, over 5,000 bank failures, and many hundreds of thousands of families had lost their homes. Financial capitalists had bilked millions of customers and rigged the market. There were no government safety nets – no unemployment insurance, minimum wage, social security or Medicare.

FDR thought government in a civilized society had an obligation to abolish poverty, reduce unemployment, and redistribute wealth. Roosevelt’s bold New Deal experiments in response to the Depression, inflamed the upper class, provoking a backlash from the nation’s most powerful bankers, industrialists and Wall Street brokers, who thought his policies were not only radical, but revolutionary. Worried about losing their personal fortunes to runaway government spending, they called FDR “a traitor to his class.”

Many American business leaders saw Nazism and fascism as viable models for the US. (Today, Republican tech executives like Peter Thiel, Elon Musk, and Mark Zuckerberg, think democracy no longer works, and that they know what’s best for America. Right-wing provocateur Curtis Yarvin advocates replacing American democracy with a corporate-style monarchy or dictatorship.) The rise of Hitler and the explosion of the Nazi revolution, struck a chord with prominent American such as Charles Lindbergh and Henry Ford. JP Morgan, Jr., one of the nation’s richest men, had secured a \$100 million loan to Mussolini’s government. He defiantly refused to pay income tax and implored his peers to join him in undermining FDR. They even believed that Hitler’s elite Brownshirts, and Mussolini’s Blackshirts would provide a stark symbol of power and control to the American masses. America’s right wing was inspired to form its own paramilitary organizations - obviously the model for our ICE stormtroopers. Militias sprung up throughout the land, their self-described “patriots” chanting about FDR’s policies: “This is despotism! This is tyranny!” Today’s

Proud Boys and Oath Keepers have nothing on their extremist forbears.

The coup was instigated after FDR eliminated the gold standard in April 1933, which threatened the country’s wealthiest men, who thought if American currency wasn’t backed by gold, rising inflation would diminish their fortunes. A group of Wall Street financiers recruited retired marine Maj Gen Smedley Butler to lead a fascist coup against FDR and the US government in the summer of 1933. Butler was a WWI war hero who was idolized by veterans - a huge and powerful voting bloc in America. The coup called for him to lead a massive army of veterans – funded by \$30m from Wall Street titans and with weapons supplied by Remington Arms – to march on Washington, oust Roosevelt and the entire line of succession, and establish a fascist dictatorship backed by a private army of 500,000 former soldiers.

The planned coup came apart when Butler reported it to J. Edgar Hoover at the FBI, who then reported it to FDR. Butler claimed the coup was sponsored by a group called the American Legion, that controlled \$40 billion in assets – about \$800 billion today – and had \$300 million available to pay the veterans. The plotters had men, guns and money – the three elements that make for successful wars and revolutions. Butler referred to them as “the royal family of financiers.” He felt they were part of a militaristic political force, notorious for its antisemitism and reactionary policies against labor unions and civil rights.

Butler later testified before Congress that an American Legion member named Gerald MacGuire approached him with the plan. MacGuire told him the coup was backed by a group called the American Liberty League, a group of business leaders that formed in response to FDR’s victory. Members included JP Morgan, Jr, Irénée du Pont, Robert Sterling Clark of the Singer sewing machine fortune, and the chief executives of General Motors, Birds Eye and General Foods.

A Congressional committee tasked with investigating the allegations, delivered its final report in February 1935. It concluded: “[The committee] received evidence showing that certain persons had made an attempt to establish a fascist organization in this country,” adding, “There is no question that these attempts were discussed, were planned, and might have been placed in execution when and if the financial backers deemed it expedient.” But it

ended there. No one was prosecuted. The names of the country’s richest men were removed from the final version of the committee’s report. Butler demanded to know why “Like most committees, it has slaughtered the little and allowed the big to escape. The big shots weren’t even called to testify. They weren’t even mentioned in the testimony.” Remind anyone of Jan. 6, and the Epstein files?

Despite an apparent cover-up, there is much evidence that the nation’s wealthiest men were so threatened by FDR’s policies that they conspired with antigovernment paramilitarism to stage a coup. Journalists and historians later concluded that FDR struck a deal with the plotters, allowing them to avoid treason charges – and possible execution – if Wall Street backed off its opposition to the New Deal. (Makes you wonder about Merrick Garland’s motives for not prosecuting Trump after the Jan. 6 attempt, and waiting until time ran out and he was re-elected, thus avoiding criminal charges.) The presidential biographer Sidney Blumenthal recently said that Roosevelt should have pushed it all through, then reneged on his agreement and prosecuted them. If the plotters had been held accountable in the 1930s, the forces behind the 6 January coup attempt might never have flourished into the next century.

Bottom line – the rich will do anything to maintain their wealth and status – including overthrow a democratically elected government. It’s happened twice in America. Only we can prevent it. Vote blue!

P.S.: Mike Minogue was born in Georgia and raised in New Jersey. He’s not from here!

MA is not spending \$1 billion on ‘illegals’ as Bev insists. Half the families in the program are homeless Americans. To curb spending, the state government has now enacted a strict cap of 7,500 families in the system, phased out the use of highly expensive commercial hotels, and placed a nine-to-12-month limit on shelter stays.

Due to these policy limits and expedited work authorizations, the active shelter population dropped significantly to just over 2,000 families, down from a peak of over 7,600. For upcoming state budgets, lawmakers have aimed to slash funding down to a proposed \$275 million to match the diminished caseload. Less money than we had to spend on Trump’s destruction of the D.C. reflecting pool! Please try to keep up, Bev!

RICK BEVILACQUA
WHITINSVILLE

LETTER

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should scare you away (legally required). I love when they instruct us not to take the drug if we are allergic to it. They do that because it probably happened! They also stress that we should tell our doctor if we have any of a myriad of conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, etc. This is quite insulting to the doctors who would certainly be totally familiar with our health history. And how about those drug names they come up with. I think they put a bunch of scrabble letters in a cup and name the drug after the first seven characters they pull out.

There is a sad reason for all of this according to Science Insights. Pharmaceutical companies aren’t spending billions out of habit. These commercials measurably change patient behavior. About 30 to 32 percent of patients report asking their doctor about a specific drug after seeing an ad. Of those who bring it up, roughly 39 percent request a particular brand by name. Here’s the number that really matters to drug companies: when patients do request a specific medication, doctors prescribe it about 39 to 78 percent of the time, depending on the study. Even conservative estimates show that more than half of patients who ask for an advertised drug walk out with a prescription for it. That conversion rate, from a TV spot to an actual sale, makes pharmaceutical advertising enormously profitable compared to almost any other form of marketing.

Products that are intended to save lives or measurably

improve the lives of suffering patients are hocked on TV like Progressive Insurance or Taco Bell. (Maybe Flo should be doing drug ads too! She and Jamie can push for bundling our medications.) But the last I heard, I can’t go into a pharmacy and buy Mounjaro off the shelf. Doctors must not be too happy about these ads as patients are self-diagnosing and asking for medications that may not be suitable for their condition. The fact that doctors do succumb to the patient’s request at such a high rate is perplexing. If the doctor doesn’t already know about the drug and its application to their patient then that is an issue for the patient to evaluate. There are probably some instances where the requested drug does fit the situation and the doctor may prescribe it to just maintain a good patient/doctor relationship.

So, where are we?
Government action — President Trump signed a memorandum to revive policies that restrict TV drug ads.

Public opinion — The American Medical Association has called for a complete ban on direct-to-consumer drug advertising.

Financial impact — Pharmaceutical companies spend billions annually on TV ads, making this a significant industry change.

Legal challenges — Previous attempts to ban drug ads have faced legal hurdles, as courts have upheld the right to advertise under free speech.

The pharmaceutical lobby is one of the strongest ones

out there and is certainly fighting to keep the ads. And... the broadcast stations don’t want to lose the billions in revenue. Both our Senators have expressed criticism of drug advertising. The Senate itself is currently considering legislation to ban direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs, with proposals aimed at protecting consumers from biased information. These proposals have garnered support from both Democratic and Republican senators. Logically, wouldn’t eliminating drug ads contribute to lowering drug prices? I would gladly give up my medical degree in support of this legislation! So my question is...Why can’t it get done?

GERRY LAFOND
UXBRIDGE

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State Sen. Ryan Fattman gives remarks.



Millville Veterans Agent Art Campbell pauses for prayer.



State Rep. Mike Soter gives remarks.



Life Scout Aiden Walsh from Troop 1 Blackstone recites the Pledge of Allegiance.



Retired Blackstone Police Sgt. Matt Manton plays the bagpipes.



Color Guard members of the 4th Degree Edward McSweeney Assembly get ready to escort the Priest.



Retired Millville Police Chief Timothy Ryan gives remarks.



Millville resident Carl Hamilton holds his candle to listen to the closing prayer.

Below:
Millville resident Michael Barbrie hold a candle with Scouts from Troop 1 Blackstone.



Timothy Ryan — Courtesy

Millville marks anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Edward McSweeney Assembly stand ready to escort the priest.



John Moran from Millville sings "America the Beautiful."



Millville Parks Trustee holds a candle while listening to the closing prayer.

2026

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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall Everyone!
The Senior Work Off Program is seeking interested candidates to apply for the upcoming year. This Program has been put into place to assist eligible seniors with the burden of property taxes, while tapping into seniors’ wealth of knowledge and skills. Seniors work for various Town Departments with the assistance applied as an abatement to their tax bill. Space is limited. Eligibility requirements include the following:
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Monday: Painting class 9:45am to 11:45am, Balance & Strength Exercise 12pm, Mat yoga 2pm
Tuesday: Walking club 9am, Cribbage 9am, Lunch & Bingo 11:30am, Technology class 1pm (call to make an appt.) Line Dancing 2pm
Wednesday: Balance & strength 10am, Darts 11:30am, Mahjong 12:45pm, Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm
Thursday: Walking club 9am, Pitch 9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am, Tai Chi 10:45am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30pm
Friday: Balance & strength 10am, Zumba 11:15am

Friday Shopping Trips: Please call 48 hours in advance to schedule your ride. Grocery shopping pick up starts at 9:30.
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Walmart: 9/4 & 9/18

Tuesday & Thursday lunch club, please call the Friday before to sign up. Lunch is \$4.00 per person. If you would like to attend, we offer free rides to & from the center and are willing to waive the lunch fee is necessary.

September Lunch Menu: Tuesday/Thursday lunch club please call the center the Friday before to sign up!
Tuesday 9/1: American chop suey, salad, garlic bread & Jell-O.
Tuesday 9/8: Grilled cheese, tomato soup & cookies.
Thursday 9/10: Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, carrots and cake.
Tuesday 9/15: Baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potato, peas & pudding.
Tuesday 9/22: Ham & cheese quiche, English muffin & fruit.
Thursday 9/24: Free lunch with Amy Azza.
Tuesday 9/29: Sausage, pepper and onion sub, pasta salad & cupcakes.
Wednesday 9/30: Free pizza party for Smile Day.

September Events: Line Dancing classes will start Tuesday September 15th @ 2pm.
WELLNESS CLINIC DATES: Monday September 14th & Tuesday September 29th. Clinic is open from 10 am to 12 pm.
Bemis Nursery Milk House Pitcher: Thursday September 17th @ 11:00. The cost for this craft is \$20.00. You must pay when you sign up, sign up by 9/8. Refreshments will be served.
Amy Azza, Estate Planning Attorney: Thursday September 24th @ 12:00. Enjoy a free lunch compliment of Amy and listen to her estate planning seminar. Sign up by 9/17.
Cemetery Walk: Friday September 25th @ 1:00. The Sunshine Club invites you to come and tour the Douglas Center Cemetery. Learn about the cemetery, and the history behind it.
Annual Smile Day Celebration: Wednesday September 30th @ 12:00. Free lunch courtesy of Unibank & surprise entertainment. Sign up by 9/23.

October Events:
Flu Shot Clinic: Wednesday October 7th from 9:00 to 11:00. We have teamed up with Hannaford’s Pharmacy for our Flu Clinic Vaccines. Like years past we will have the form you need to fill out for the tech, please bring your insurance card and driver’s license or ID. Please call the center to schedule your appointment time.

PLEASE CALL (508) 476-2283 TO SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS & CLASSES
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The senior center is proud to announce our annual flu shot clinic:
The Flu shot clinic will be provided free of charge to the senior community on Tuesday, October 6th from 9am-12 noon at the Senior Center. This is a program with the Uxbridge Hannaford’s Pharmacy. Please call to register.
The center will be closed for lunch on the clinic date. Transportation to and from the center will be available.
The cold and snowy weather will be upon us soon! Appointments are available to help folks with Fuel Assistance Applications with SMOC (South Middlesex Opportunity Council). Please call the senior center for more information and make your appointment.
The UEC 20th Annual Golf Tournament was held at Whitinsville Golf Club on Monday, September 21st. Thank you to the Uxbridge Elderly Connection for coordinating this event! This major fundraising event was very successful! Thank you to all our board members, sponsors, golfers, and donors. Our seniors appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Lisa
Thursday, October 1, 2026 – The senior center will be closing after lunch. Note there will not be any Veteran’s Service appointments this month.

Friday, October 2nd – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy with guest Kevin Donahue from DA Attorney Joseph D. Early’s office presenting on Scams. There is typically a wait list for these events. Be sure to RSVP.
Mondays, October 5th & 12th, November 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th December 7th – 10:30 am – 11:30 am – Chair Yoga Exercise Series with Sue Gustafson held at McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street. You must register and fill out waiver forms before participating.
Mondays, October 5th & 12th, November 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th December 7th – 11:45 am -12:45 pm – Low Impact Exercise Series with Pam Landi. held at McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street. You must register and fill out waiver forms before participating.

Mondays, October 5th, 19th & 26th – 1:30 pm – Pitch at the Uxbridge Senior Center.
Monday, October 5th – 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.

Tuesday, October 6th – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Free Flu Shot Clinic at the Uxbridge Senior Center – Hannaford’s Pharmacy will be sponsoring a free flu shot clinic here. Please call to register and receive your con-

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 St. 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 of the month at 10:30am
Please call Kelly for more information.
Brew Crew:
1st Wednesday of the month at 9:30am
Please call Amy for more information.
Dull Men’s Club:
4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30am
September 22nd: Richard Quinlan, CEO of Jeremiah’s Inn, Worcester, MA

sent forms. Transportation will be provided. Please sign up early! There will not be any lunch at the center on this day, but Mah Jongg & knitting groups will still meet up.
Tuesdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th –1:30 pm - Mah Jongg is now scheduled a scheduled event here at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Thanks to Gail Epstein for teaching us!
Thursday, October 8th – 1:30 pm – Free Afternoon movie watching “Frankenstein & The Bride of Frankenstein”. Refreshments to be served and transportation is available.

Monday, October 12th – The Senior Center will be closed in Columbus Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, October 13th at 8:00 am.
Tuesdays, October 13th, 20th & 27th – 9 am – SHINE Appointments. Pat Nectow will be available for your health insurance questions. Call to book an appointment.

Tuesday, October 13th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be discussing “The Last Train to Key West” by Chanel Cleeton. 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, November 10th and they will be discussing “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi.

Tuesday, October 13th - 1:00 pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment. Next date will be November, October 10th.

Thursday, October 15th – 10:30 am – Cracker Barrel Restaurant Trip. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will sponsor participants on this trip at \$13 pp. Cost to you will be \$13 pp. Sign up early as there is a limited amount of participants. Your choice of Oven Roasted Turkey & Dressing, Classic Meatloaf or Campfire Chicken, including coffee or soda for drinks. Transportation is available and you are welcome to meet us at restaurant.

Wednesday, October 21st - 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, October 22nd – 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.

Friday, October 23rd - 12 noon – October Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the October birthdays!
Monday, October 26th – 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment.

Tuesday, October 27th - 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.

Tuesday, October 27th – 7:00 pm – Annual Fall Town Meeting held at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge.

PLUMMER PLACE

Please call Amy for more information.
Scrabble:
September 28th at 9:30am
Women’s Collective:
2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am
Please call Amy for more information.
Writing Your Way:
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm
Please call Lori for more information.

Special Programs and Events
Making Sense of Medicare: 2027 Changes and AEP Readiness
Monday, September 28th at 10:30am
This presentation will cover the important Medicare changes coming in 2027, including updates to prescription drug coverage, costs, and benefits under Medicare. You’ll also learn about the different types of Medicare plan options and get helpful tips on preparing for the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP). By the end of the session, you’ll have a better understanding of your coverage choices and how to make informed decisions about your healthcare for the year ahead. Please note, this presentation will not discuss any specific plan changes for 2027.

Aging In Place- Living Safely, Independently and Confidently in Your Own Home
Thursday, October 1st 1:00pm
Join Seraphic Springs for a lively discussion presented by a registered nurse, a physical therapist and an occupational therapist

to learn about adaptive equipment, home modifications, compensatory strategies, and available community resources that can help you remain safe, happy and independent in your own home. We will talk about small changes you can make today that can make a big difference tomorrow.
Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy!
Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00pm
Back by popular demand! Please join us for an afternoon of Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune fun! Light refreshments will be provided along with chances to win prizes. Admission is \$5 cash per person, payable at the door. Grab your friends, form a team or two, and head over to Plummer Place for a great afternoon!

Carr Funeral Home Program
Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00pm
Please join Heather and Abbie from Carr Funeral Home on October 13th at 1pm for an informative and welcoming discussion on funeral planning. During this session, they will explain the benefits of preplanning a funeral, discuss why prepaying funeral expenses may be a valuable option, and clarify the differences between a traditional funeral, a celebration of life, and a memorial service. This thoughtful presentation offers an opportunity to learn about important end-of-life planning decisions in a comfortable, no-pressure setting. We invite you to join the conver-

Thursday, October 29th – 1:30 pm – Free Field of Flowers Finger Painting Class with Susan Letscher. All supplies are provided. Please sign up at the senior center. Class size is limited.

Friday, October 30th – 12:00 pm – Annual Halloween Celebration with entertainment by DJ Trisha! Celebrate Halloween with witches & goblins, treats & prizes! Costumes are optional. This is a luncheon party sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. Please sign up early as space is limited.

Card Game played during lunch on Mondays. No game October 12th.

Walk & Talk Every Monday @ *8:30 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 Will not meet on October 12th. *NOTE NEW START TIME*

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

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

Mah Jongg every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Come join in, walk In’s welcome!

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

Every Wednesday– BINGO is played during lunch!

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

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

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

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

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sation and gain valuable information that can help you and your loved ones plan with confidence.

Medicare with Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Oct 14th 1pm-2pm
Are you Ready for the Medicare Annual Election Oct 15th through Dec 7th ?
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts will be here presenting Medicare Health Plan Options– this presentation is geared towards individuals on Medicare or approaching Medicare who may have questions about their health plan or other available plan types. The presentation will focus on the differences between Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and explain when enrollees can switch plans. All are invited to attend regardless of insurance coverage.

Sweet Stuff: New England’s Confectionery History with Susan Bregman
Thursday, October 15th at 1:00pm
A chocolate mill opened along the Neponset River in the late 1700s, setting the stage for New England’s enduring love affair with sweets. Over the following centuries, the region has become home to an extraordinary variety of baked, fried, dipped, sugared, and frozen confections. Author Susan Mara Bregman will share stories from her book New England Sweets about this sugary legacy – from Necco Wafers to Fluffernutters.

OBITUARY

Irene B. Dumais



UXBRIDGE - Irene B. Dumais, a loving, kind, and generous woman, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 6, 2026 in Advinia Care, Northbridge. Born on February 27, 1939, in Milford, MA, she was the daughter of Blanche (Harper) Kearnan and the late Charles Kearnan. Irene attended Grafton High School, where she was known for her kindhearted nature and willingness to help others. After high school, she continued her education at Quinsigamond Community College and later at Worcester State, where she pursued her passion for teaching and working with children. Throughout her life, Irene's com-

mitment to her family and community was unwavering. She is survived by her devoted son, Kevin R. Dumais, and his wife, Christine, of Uxbridge, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Irene's love for her family was evident in the way she supported and cared for them, always putting their needs before her own. Irene's professional life was marked by her dedication to helping children and families. She spent many years as a teacher and childcare coordinator at the Whitin Community Center, where her warmth and generosity touched countless lives. Irene's ability to connect with children and their families made her an invaluable asset to the community center and a beloved figure in the lives of many. In addition to her work at the Whitin Community Center, Irene was an active

member of the community, volunteering her time and talents to various organizations and initiatives. She was particularly passionate about the roller-skating program, which she ran with enthusiasm and dedication. Irene's love for roller skating was contagious, and her commitment to providing a fun and safe environment for children to learn and grow was admired by all who had the pleasure of working with her. Irene also served on the Board of Trustees, where her wisdom and experience were invaluable in guiding the organization's direction and ensuring its success. Her leadership and commitment to the community center demonstrated her unwavering dedication to the betterment of the community she so loved. Irene B. Dumais leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity that

will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her unwavering commitment to her family, friends, and community has left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who loved her, and she will be dearly missed. Visiting hours were held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 from 4 – 7 PM in the Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main Street, Rte. 122, Uxbridge. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, September 11, 2026 at 11 AM in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St. Whitinsville, MA. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Rd, Rte. 122, Northbridge. Donations may be made to the Whitin Community Ctr., 60 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. www.bumafuneralhome.com



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POETRY

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING
G.L. c. 60, §53

TO THE OWNERS OF THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY BELOW, AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON Monday, October 5th, 2026 at 10 o'clock AM at Town Hall, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE Town of Uxbridge the following parcels of land for non-payment of taxes due, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same is paid before that date.

STF 6053
LIST OF PARCELS TO BE TAKEN
Assessed to 365 NWM REVOCABLE TRUST And DARLING PATRICIA-TR
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.02 Acres located and known as 394 WEST ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 330012300000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56546 on page 92 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$3,093.75	\$813.20

Assessed to 48 INDUSTRIAL LLC And ATTN GLORIOUS FINANCE
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.47 Acres located and known as 44 INDUSTRIAL DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 400468100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67963 on page 119 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	I/E Penalty	\$250.00	\$125.00
2026	Tax	\$16,357.40	\$5,832.55

Assessed To 65 IRONSTONE STREET REALTY LLC
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.109 Acres located and known as 65 IRONSTONE ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450472900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 63489 on page 324 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$14.45	\$4.00

Assessed To 671 QUAKER HIGHWAY REALTY LLC
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.689 Acres located and known as 685 QUAKER HWY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450472500000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 62316 on page 211 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$2,374.14	\$620.18

Assessed To BLISS AUTO REALTY LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 110 S MAIN ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250264900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 70328 on page 205 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$6,914.33	\$6,914.33

Assessed To BOISVERT REALTY TRUST
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.3 Acres located and known as 194 MILL ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 390062900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 15808 on page 017 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	I/E Penalty	\$250.00	\$46.64
2026	Tax	\$2,842.32	\$757.34

Assessed To SS BUXTON STREET LLC
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.34 Acres located and known as 11 BUXTON ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 560306100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56871 on page 38 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$4,319.11	\$2,295.07

Assessed To STEFANICK ROBERT J
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.33 Acres located and known as 605 QUAKER HWY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450295800000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 23065 on page 291 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$2,986.82	\$2,986.82

Assessed To STEFANICK ROBERT J & KRISTINA
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.358 Acres located and known as 64 ALDRICH ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as

Parcel Identifier 450029100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 28514 on page 258 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Tax Year	Type of Liability	Assessed Amount	Unpaid Balance
2026	Tax	\$46.24	\$46.24

Stephanie L Etalien
Collector of Taxes
Friday, September 18th, 2026
Town of Uxbridge
Name of City or Town

THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
STF 6053
September 18, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Richard W. Padovano and Eleanor R. Padovano to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 12, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 33324, Page 312, subsequently assigned to IndyMac Bank, FSB, its successors and/or assigns by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc., its successors and/or assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 33639, Page 17, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Residential Asset Securitization Trust Series 2004-A8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-H by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver For IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53997, Page 350 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on October 9, 2026 at 86 Kingsnorth Street, aka 86 Kingsnorth Road, Northbridge (Whitinsville), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Town of Northbridge (Whitinsville section), Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located in the subdivision known as "The Heights at Hill Street 2", and shown as Lot 12 on a plan entitled "The Heights at Hill Street 2" Subdivision of Land in Northbridge,

Massachusetts (Worcester County) Scale: 1" =40' July 17, 1987, Rev. 9/21/87, Rev. 10/15/87, Rev. 11/9/87", Roger M. Corbin, Professional Land Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 588, Plan 11, and which parcel of land herein granted is more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point which is the most southwesterly corner of Lot 9, as shown on said plan, and the most southeasterly corner of said Lot 9 and the most southwesterly corner of Lot 10, as shown on said plan;
THENCE North 13°47'38" East one hundred ten (110.00) feet by said lot 9 to a point which is the most northwesterly corner of said Lot 9 to a point which is the most northwesterly corner of said Lot 9 and the most southwesterly corner of Lot 10, as shown on said plan;
THENCE North 03°34'09" East two hundred seventy-seven and fifty-six one hundredths (227.56) feet by said Lot 10 and by Lot 11, as shown on said plan, to a point on the southeasterly line of Road "A", as shown on said plan, which point is the most westerly corner of said Lot 11;
THENCE South 45°59'05" West twenty-three and eight tenths (23.80) feet by the southeasterly line of said Road "A" to a point;
THENCE running by a curve to the right, having an arc length of one hundred seventy-six and two tenths (176.20) feet, and a radius of three hundred ten (310.00) feet by the southeasterly line of said Road "A" to a point which is the most northeasterly corner of Lot 13, as shown on said plan;
THENCE South 09°50'49" West two hundred forty-eight and thirty-four one hundredths (248.34) feet by said lot 13 to land now or formerly of Daniel J. & Genevieve Puccio at a point which is

the most southeasterly corner of said Lot 13;
THENCE South 76°12'22" East one hundred seventy-five (175.00) feet by said land of Puccio to the point of beginning.

For title reference see Deed dated June 25, 1998 and recorded Book 20103, page 3 & deed prior hereto
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$15,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY as Trustee for RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIZATION TRUST Series 2004-A8 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Series 2004-H

Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 25-007057 September 18, 2026 September 25, 2026 October 2, 2026

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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Estate Of:
John F. Greene
Date of Death: May 13, 2026
To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lisa McDonald of Manchaug MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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Shawna Foundation launches Poetry in the Park, new seasonal poetry series set in Gray Rock Pocket Forest

UXBRIDGE — The Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation announces the launch of Poetry in the Park at Gray Rock, a new seasonal literary series set inside the Gray Rock Pocket Forest in Uxbridge. The series opens Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m., with featured poet Joanne Johnson of Worcester, and continues with gatherings in April and August 2027.

The spoken word events are hosted by Art DuBois, the Shawna Foundation’s Program Director, and follows a format patterned after the Foundation’s monthly Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon, with a featured poet, an audience Q&A with the poet, and an open mic segment that invites anyone in attendance, poet or not, to take part. All three 2026–2027 gatherings are free, open to the public, rain or shine, with no RSVP required. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs.

“There’s something different about hearing a poem read aloud inside the Gray Rock Pocket Forest instead of a living room, a hall, or a bookstore,” said Anna Chinappi, President and Founder of the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation. “Our goal is to bring the spirit of our Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon outdoors, into a place our community already loves.”

The inaugural season runs across three dates:

- Sunday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. — Gray Rock Pocket Forest. Featured poet: Joanne Johnson of Worcester.
- April 2027 — spring gathering. Date, time, and featured poet to be announced.
- August 2027 — summer gathering, closing the program year. Date, time, and featured poet to be announced.

Poetry has long treated attention to the land as a

form of care rather than mere observation, a lineage running from poets Mary Oliver through Wendell Berry and Gary Snyder. Hearing a poem read aloud inside the Gray Rock Pocket Forest is a different experience than reading it on a page, and it draws out an appreciation for the land that signage alone can’t capture.

The Gray Rock Pocket Forest is stewarded by the Gray Rock Pocket Forest Posse, a volunteer group the Shawna Foundation thanks for its continued care of this small but mighty gem of an historic parcel in North Uxbridge.

The Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation has run community and arts programming since 2012, including three film festivals that have engaged artists, writers, indie filmmakers and creatives worldwide.

Asa Waters Mansion to host special tribute concert benefiting senior transportation

MILLBURY — Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, nostalgia, and community spirit as Asa Waters Mansion welcomes nationally recognized Elvis tribute artist, Dan Fontaine for Elvis at the Mansion, located at 123 Elm St., Millbury, on Friday, Sept. 18.

Set against the elegant backdrop of historic Asa Waters Mansion, the evening promises to bring the energy, charisma, and timeless music of Elvis Presley to Millbury for a special night benefiting the Friends of the Millbury Seniors Bus Transportation Program.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy an evening of live entertainment, small bites, and a cash bar featuring Penny Pinchers Brewing Co. and Spicy Waters Distillery, with generous sponsorship

support from Calabria Ristorante and Ballard Truck Center.

“This is more than just a night of great music, it is an opportunity for our community to come together, have some fun, and make a meaningful difference,” said Traci Parath, Executive Director of Asa Waters Mansion. “We are thrilled to welcome Dan Fontaine to the Mansion and create an evening that celebrates the spirit of Elvis while supporting transportation services that help our local seniors remain connected, independent, and active in our community.”

The Friends of the Millbury Seniors is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs and services that support older adults, including transportation and social services that help seniors maintain independence within the community.

For one night, the his-

toric Mansion will trade its traditional elegance for a little rock ’n’ roll as Dan Fontaine takes the stage with his acclaimed tribute to the King of Rock ’n’ Roll. Guests can expect an energetic performance filled with the songs, style, and unmistakable presence that made Elvis an icon. Tickets are \$25 per person, with limited seating is available, guests are encouraged to reserve their tickets early. Tickets may be purchased online at, <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/transactionInfo.aspx?CustomerID=1686&TransID=38533>, or guests may contact the Mansion directly at 508-865-0855 to pay by cash or check.

For more information, please contact Asa Waters Mansion Executive Director, Traci Parath at 508-865-0855 or email Traci at, tparath@millburyma.gov.

WCS hosting Open House Oct. 7

WHITINSVILLE — Join us for an All-School Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. and discover the many ways we are Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts. The evening will include a school tour, as well as information regarding elementary, middle, and high school. Whitinsville Christian School is located at 279 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. Please RSVP at whitinsvillechristian.org.

WHITINSVILLE — Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) will host a series of guided hikes led by its volunteer Trail Ambassadors from Sept. 12 through Dec. 19, offering free opportunities for

the public to explore the Blackstone River Valley’s trails while learning about its natural and cultural history.

Hikes will take place in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts on various Saturdays and Sundays throughout the fall season. Each hike will be led by a volunteer Trail Ambassador, who will guide participants along the route while sharing insights into the Valley’s history, natural landscape, and ongoing conservation efforts. Each hike is rated moderate to strenuous with terrain descriptions, length, and hike info on the BHC website so hikers can

choose the hike that is right for them.

“Fall is one of the best times to be on the trails. In Massachusetts, we’ll hike the Grand Trunkline Trail during peak foliage. In Rhode Island, Wolf Hill climbs to Mercer Outlook for views of the Providence skyline. Our Trail Ambassadors know these places really well, and the history of each area,” said Ryan Verhoog, Recreational Resources Manager, Blackstone Heritage Corridor.

Participants should wear sturdy footwear, bring water, and be prepared for fall conditions.

Registration is free but space is limited; sign up at blackstoneheritagecorridor.org/hikes/

The fall hike series is part of BHC’s mission to preserve, promote and celebrate the Blackstone Valley’s historic, natural, and recreational resources for current and future generations. For the full schedule of fall hikes, locations, and registration details, visit blackstoneheritagecorridor.org/hikes/ or contact Kerri Arsenault at 508-234-4242.

About Blackstone Heritage Corridor

Blackstone Heritage Corridor collaborates with community partners and provides strong leadership to preserve, promote, and celebrate the Blackstone River Valley’s historic, natural, and recreational resources for current and future generations. Learn more at blackstoneheritagecorridor.org

WCS to host Christian College Fair

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School, located at 279 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville, is pleased to be a host site for the 2026 Christian College Fair. Christian colleges and universities from across the United States will be represented on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please visit findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs.

Senior low impact exercise classes available

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center is proud to present a live eight-week session of Low Impact Exercise classes for Seniors.

This class is a fitness program that utilizes light weights, and some Tai Chi moves to help with balance. The benefits of this program include improved balance, range of motion and coordination. This exercise is a lightweight strength circuit with gentle movements to improve flexibility. Most exercises will be seated with a focus on improving muscle strength especially around the knee area which is crucial for balance and walking and hopefully avoiding falls. This program focuses on light cardio, strength, and fun activities to train the body for real life movements and activities. Some poses can also be done standing using a chair for support.

The program will begin Monday, Sept. 28 from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center Satellite Site which is located at the McCloskey School at 62 Capron Street. The class will run for one hour, one day a week, on Mondays, for an eight-week time frame. The schedule will vary and is not consecutive Mondays, due to the availability of the gym. This program is free for Uxbridge residents.

There is a requested donation of \$25 for out-of-town residents. Checks can be made payable to the Uxbridge Senior Center. This is an eight-week specialized program designed for seniors. The instructor, Pamela Landi, is a certified personal trainer.

Low Impact Exercise can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength, while boosting your mood, and reducing stress and joint strain. These workouts are safe and can be done at any fitness level.

There will be an option of doing these exercises seated or standing. The class would be open to all in the community, including those outside the Town of Uxbridge.

Interested individuals should call or stop by the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 for more information and receive their enrollment form, the schedule, and waiver forms prior to the start of the program. The Center is located at 36 South Main Street in Uxbridge and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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