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Classic April Fools Prank



he Uxbridge Police Department snagged this beauty with the help of a "grant" and posted it on their Facebook page, which led to this hilarious comment from the Uxbridge Fire Department: "This will be a big help. We know the Uxbridge Police Department is not accustomed to responding from a fixed location with a large vehicle, so remember – a left out of Dunkin parking lot is North and a right out of Dunkin parking lot is South. Let us know if you have any issues operating your new vehicle at an incident, we know people that can help direct traffic while

The Police Department rejoinder; "which Dunkin?" To both departments' social media posters – nicely done! Lol.

A Meditation Ahead of **Mother's Day**

BY LINDA WESSLING

ach year at this time, with spring looming just beyond the lingering cold chill of winter, the crocuses beginning to emerge ever miraculously from the still frozen ground and the elementary school children having completed their Easter eggs and paper daffodils, now setting their sights on Mother's Day projects, I am reminded of Mother's Day back when I was a senior at Boston University.

A few of my family members were lounging in our Winthrop, Massachusetts backyard. We were enjoying the glorious sunshine with my mom when my younger sister Kara, full of rebellion from her junior high school years, posed the question, "Why do mothers get a day anyway, why don't kids get a day?"

I can't recall how my mother, Ella, answered Kara that day, but the more mothers whom I cross paths with in my life, I understand exactly why mother's get Mother's

Moms, myself included, get a day for pregnancy cravings:



bologna sandwiches, ice cream, the proverbial pickle and Italian subs all which add to an expectant mom's growing body. Mom gets a day for enduring middle-of-thenight feedings, diaper rash, ear infections, strep throat, temper tantrums, children's whining, nightmares and more. She gets a day for enduring childhood jealousy, for trading romantic dinners with dad for spaghetti-saucefaced children arguing over trivial matters such as who spilled milk, who gets to stay up late and who claims the one television in the household.

Mom's day is for surviving pediatrician exams, dental and orthodontics visits, back to school shopping, the shoe store, Girl Scout meetings, Little League practice and numerous trips to the pet store. Mom gets a day for enduring her summer pastime of packing up various beach items, pails, shovels, sandcastle building equipment, lunch and then unpacking everything because one child threw sand into another's face and another couldn't endure the heat and sand and just wanted to go home.

Mother's Day is playing Santa Claus, a birthday party hostess, a connoisseur of glee club performances, football games, basketball games and other childhood events. Moms get a day for grocery trips entailing the purchase items such as raisins, cheese, baby food jars, diapers, cookies, a variety of ice creams, only to realize upon her arrival home she forgot the one item for which she was shopping.

Unless you are a mother, you can't understand the magnitude of the job, a job that is grossly misunderstood. Packing up school lunches, the bundling children in wintertime outerwear, hats, gloves, boots, scarves, of styling your children's hair, all while preparing for your own workday. Mother's

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Twenty plus vendors offering products for hummingbirds, live music by Joe Cicero, Bob Moran and Phil Stockwell. Face painting, Activities led by the Simon Fairfield Library, performance by Dance Sensation, food by Smash's Food Truck, KatieCakes, Douglas Orchard and Farm with blueberry donuts! At 1 p.m. guest speaker from Ruby Environmental Services will talk invasive plants and pollinator health.

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Aaron Lewis And The Stateliners to Perform At Indian Ranch

aron Lewis and The Stateliners are bringing their American As It Gets Tour to Indian Ranch in Webster on Sunday, August 24, 2025. This is the band's first time on the road together in five years. Aaron Lewis, the Vermont-born powerhouse first found success with Staind the 2000s-era hard rockers who injected meditative muscle into an era better known for mindless aggression. But while that band is still very much alive, it was never enough to satisfy Lewis' creative drive. Embracing his roots to earn a rare second round of success, a series of solo Country projects have led to two No. 1 Billboard Country Album debuts - TOWN

MOTHER'S DAY

Day is for emphasizing education,

organizing three meals a day plus

emptying the dishwasher, vacuum-

ing, cleaning the bathrooms for a

two-dollar allowance, dispelling

the myth that, "money grows on

trees" instead of inside of mom and

Mom gets a day for purchasing fun Christmas gifts for her adult

children such as board games or gift

cards to a favorite store, instead of

a set of dishes or a vacuum cleaner.

My mom believed Christmas is

the wrapped boxes, and a child should always be thankful that

about love instead of what's inside

God gave her the ability to provide

snacks. For doling out chores,

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dad's wallets.

LINE (2011) and SINNER (2016) - plus a PLATINUM collab with heroes George Jones and Charlie Daniels ("Country Boy"), and a GOLD-certified Billboard No. 1 with "Am I The Only One" in 2021. Lewis' 2022 solo album followed suit, with FRAYED AT BOTH ENDS emerging as the best-selling Country album in America but he never wrote songs for the stats. No matter the sonic setting, Lewis writes and sings to get his truth out and his latest album THE HILL (2024) is no different.

Indian Ranch offers music lovers a chance to see some of the greatest country, classic rock and pop bands steps from Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubuna-

presents for all her children.

My mother gets Mother's Day for accepting the time I chose to quit a full-time job opting instead to train for triathlons, with the same respect as hearing my elder sister is pregnant with her third child, and my younger sister is gay, and expecting an invitro fertilization baby while my brothers are pursuing careers.

Mom gets a day, Kara, for holding on to her children, and letting them go when it's time to leave the nest. This transition is one of the most difficult times in any parent's life. Mothers naturally want to hold their babies forever, recalling the late-night feedings while rocking and singing lullabies to her children, keeping her sanity while undergoing transitions such as these, and then just when she

gungamaugg. Nestled between pine trees, the amphitheater offers the ability to see the stage from anywhere in the audience. More than a concert venue, Indian Ranch opened Samuel Slater's Restaurant and is also home to the Indian Princess paddlewheeler and Indian Ranch Campground.

Tickets for Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners on Sunday, August 24, 2025 are on sale now. Gates open at 11:30 AM and showtime is 1:00 PM. Tickets are available online at www.indianranch.com. by calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) or at the Indian Ranch Box Office. All events are rain or shine. No refunds. Indian Ranch is located at 200 Gore Road in Webster, MA

thought all the hard work of raising her children is final, she becomes a grandmother, God's reward for all the time she put into her children. Seeing a grandchild for the first time is akin to one's own glance at her first baby. There are no words to describe it. And yes, Kara, grandmothers get a day too.

My mother, my kindred spirit, my first best friend and love of my life gets a day for explaining to me that the only person who has to like my boyfriend is me and teaching me I am absolutely the most important person in the world. Happy heavenly Mother's Day, Mom. I miss you, but will carry on your legacy in my heart and the hearts of my children and grandchildren. I love you forever and way up like floating balloons, into the universe.

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clothing and accessories; electronics for a fee (no propane, batteries or lightbulbs0; rinsed bottles/cans returnable in Mass. (no glass). Paper shredding offered for a fee from 9 – 11 a.m. only.

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Armenian Church Yard Sale

he Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Church, 315 Church Street in Whitinsville will hold its "Annual Church and Community Yard Sale" on Saturday, June 14 from 8:00am to 2:00 pm on its grounds facing Church Street.

Vendor space will be available for a donation of \$15 per spot and a limited number of tables for a \$5

rental fee on a first come, first serve basis. If you were contemplating your own yard sale but don't have the space, you can't beat the green lawn, tree shade and great traffic exposure along Church Street. The church will have its own fund-raising tables of donated goods to support humanitarian programs. Traditional Armenian Losh Kebab

sandwiches and rice pilaf will also be available around lunchtime.

Admission to the buying public is free with plenty of parking along both sides of Church Street or behind the church. For details and reservations, please email Jeff at katama@gmail.com.

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more from your contribution. And you can also take a tax deduction for your donation.

While these potential tax benefits can certainly make a DAF an attractive method of charitable giving, you should be aware of some potential tradeoffs. Once you contribute assets to a DAF, that gift is irrevocable, and you can't access the money for any reason other than charitable giving. Also, your investment options are limited to what's available in the DAF program you've chosen. And DAFs can incur administrative costs in addition to the fees charged on the underlying investments.

You may want to consult with your financial professional about other potential benefits and tradeoffs of DAFs and whether a DAF can help you with your charitable giving goals. Also, different DAF sponsors offer different features, so you will want to do some comparisons. And because DAFs can have such significant implications for your tax situation, you should consult with your tax professional before taking action.

If a DAF is appropriate for your situation, though, consider it carefully — it might be a good way to support your charitable giving efforts for years to come.

Contact Mark today to discuss this topic or any of your financial goals.

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Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call



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because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp."



Christine and Jason Schadler, shown here with their children, started Affordable Junk Removal in 2005.

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the backend while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff.

We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Uxbridge, Northbridge and Douglas in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area.

One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the Central and MetroWest area," he says.

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Heritage Corridor.org for details on where to meet. The spring series is as follows: April 12 – Camp Shepard, Smithfield, RI; Saturday, April 19 - Castle Hill Farm, Whitinsville, MA; Saturday, May 3 - Mendon Town Forest, Mendon, MA; Saturday, May 17 - Warren Brook Conservation Area, Upton, MA; Sunday, May 18 – Hawkins Pond, Glocester, RI; Saturday, May 31 – Stowe Meadows Conservation Area, Millbury, MA; Saturday, June 7 - Mercy Woods, Cumberland, RI; Saturday, June 14 - Douglas State Forest, Douglas, MA. To learn more about the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, visit BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

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Jigsaw Puzzle Showdown Tuesday 4/15 at 6 p.m. Puzzlers Assemble! Grab a team. of two - six puzzle experts to compete in this timed race to complete a 500 piece puzzle. Mocktails will be served and frivolous prizes awarded to the ultimate puzzle champions. For adults. Register.

Memoir Book Club Wednesday 4/16 at 6 p.m. Read "The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet" by John Green. Copies of the book are available at the library or online via Libby. Refreshments will be served. Please

Earth Day Outdoor Scavenger Hunt for Children Tuesday 4/22 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spend some time outdoors on this glorious Earth Day! Drop in and

stop by the children's desk and pick up your scavenger hunt and then go outside to complete it. When you're finished, come back inside to collect a prize. For ages 1-12.

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Tween & Teen Graphic Novel Club Monday 4/28 at 4 p.m. Discuss March's Book Club pick, "Invisible" by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Along with discussion, we will also complete an activity related to the book. Snacks will be provided. Ages 10-14. Registration required. This book will be

available about a month prior to the book club meeting and can be found at the children's and teens monthly book club display. Please read the book before attending the

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Douglas & Sutton Spring Clean Up

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after a successful completion of three prior grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The effort is scheduled to take place Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, with volunteers meeting at the state Public Access Boat Ramp on Torrey Road in Sutton. Everyone will hit the pavement with trash bags in hand to clean the roadsides, shoreline, and boat ramp - all areas within the Manchaug Pond

watershed. Volunteers are not required to stay for the duration of the clean-up. Good company, beautiful scenery, safety vests, gloves, and trash bags will be provided. Rain date will be Sunday, April 30 and, if necessary, the rain date notice will be posted on the Manchaug Pond Foundation's Facebook page and website.

The Manchaug Pond Foundation's educational events aim to improve the water quality of the picturesque 380 acre community



lake, which lies within Douglas and Sutton, through the education of the many users and watershed residents. Educational information on residential Low Impact Development (LID) techniques such as landscaping with buffer zones and rain gardens to limit runoff of fertilizer nutrients are available on the Foundation's web-

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120 singers!- to raise the roof at Valley Chapel. RAISIN' THE ROOF will take place on Sunday, May 4 at 5p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge. Admission is



THE ROOF: A Gospel Celebration!" The concert will feature gospel and spiritual performances from the BVCC and IVOI and the two groups will perform together-

free, though donations are accepted and appreciated!

Joyful Voices of Inspiration is a Boston- based traveling gospel choir whose mission is to share gospel

their inspiring gospel music with others and, in doing so, promote the appreciation of gospel music. JVOI has performed throughout New England, in New Orleans and Puerto Rico, and internationally including in Italy, Holland, Brazil, Uruguay, and Portugal. JVOI is led by Donnell Patterson, the Director of Music at the Belmont Hill School and the Minister of Music at St. Paul African Methodist Episcolpal Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts for more than twenty years.

The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus is a merry group of singers from towns throughout Central Massachusetts under the direction of Diane Pollard of Douglas. This year, the BVCC is celebrating twenty years of bringing musical performances to the Blackstone Valley! The BVCC has been heard at the Worcester Art Museum and Hanover Theater, the Massachusetts State House, and at countless community celebrations and fundraisers. Visit the BVCC on Facebook

or at www.bvcchorus.com and JVOI for more information. on Facebook or at joyfulvoices.org

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Area Towns Get Clean Energy Grants

he Healey- Driscoll Administration recently announced grants totaling more than \$7.2 million to citeisa and towns across the state to fund clean energy projects. The Department of Energy Rsources chose 42 municipalities to receive Green Communities competitive grants.

'We are happy to help our cities and towns move forward with initiatives that create healthier communities and boost local econo-

mies," said Gov. Maura Healey. 'These projects will ultimately save people, businesses and municipalities and will help Massachusetts achieve energy independence."

Cities and towns will use the funding for projects that reduce energy use in their municipal operations - from high efficiency lighting, building weatherization, upgrading energy management systems, retrofitting and transitioning HVAC systems away from fossil fuels by installing air or ground source heat pumps.

The following towns were selected to receive grant awards: Northbridge, \$125,000; Oxford, \$233,026; Douglas, \$100,000 and Grafton, \$47,424.











BVT Students Earn 82 SkillsUSA Medals at District V Competition

31 Gold, 28 Silver, 23 Bronze, and 8 Sweeps

lackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) students put the systems voc-tech mission on full display. During the first of three SkillsUSA competitions, students test their vocational-technical competency by competing with other trained career and technical education students from six vocational high schools. On March 12th, 220 BVT students competed in the annual SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V Competition with

outstanding outcomes.

The competition allows students to demonstrate their vocationaltechnical education, skills, and knowledge with SkillsUSA employment and trade tests. Successfully demonstrating their expertise in their career technical area of study, employability skills, and safety. Student competitors from BVT proudly claimed 31 gold, 28 silver, and 23 bronze medals, and swept eight categories.

Sixty-six students will advance

from districts to compete amongst the most talented vocational-technical students in the Commonwealth at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State competition held at BVT in late April. The two qualifying State Officer Candidates, Emily Kee and Maria Clara De Oliveira, will move forward joined by 44 leadership competitors and 20 student delegates who will represent BVT. The complete list of medalists is available at www.valleytech.k12. ma.us/skillsusa.

Public Meeting for Proposed Senior Center

feasibility study for the proposed Senior Center/Community Center at 44 Cross Street will be presented on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Northbridge Fire Station, 1681 Providence Road, Northbridge. Speakers will include David Eisen, Principal at Abacus Architects/Planners, Town Manager Adam Gaudette and Kelly Bol and the Senior Center Staff. Call 508-234-2022 with questions.



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For a donation of \$25 per flag, sponsors can dedicate a flag with a personalized sign, often featuring the name and years of service of a loved one in the armed forces. This year's proceeds will support a meaningful cause—helping to cover the cost of service dogs for

'The motto of the Lions is 'We

Serve, and there is no greater honor than serving those who have served us," said [Insert Representative's Name], reflecting on the importance of the initiative. To contribute or learn more about the Flags on the Common program, visit www.suttonlions.com.





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10:00 AM—7:30 PM Teen Book-in-a-Bag! 11:00—11:30 AM Baby Storytime 6:00—7:30 PM Knit N' Stitch Circle

6:00—7:00 PM Teen Boba Tea REGISTER 6:00—7:00 PM Mumford River Valley MVP

2.0 Project Outreach Event

7:00—8:00 PM Gentle Flow Yoga REGISTER April 15

10:00 AM—7:30 PM Teen Book-in-a-Bag! 11:00—11:45 AM Sensory Play REGISTER 3:30—4:30 PM Historical Fiction Book Club 4:00—5:00 PM Lego Challenge Build

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BY AMY LECLAIRE

'm not only a dog person, but also an animal person. I love the winged and fringed, the clawed and pawed, the burly and curly, and the whiny and tiny of creatures. Animals are fascinating. Have you ever noticed how certain animals seem to match our personalities? Some of us possess

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Luke's Spots Remain

the free spirit of a bird and, others, the fearlessness of a lion. Some hold the luck of a ladybug, while others sting like a scorpion. The idiom that a leopard can't change its spots pertains to the belief that people are unlikely to change their fundamental characteristics. What about the chameleon, who thrives in many colors? Animals teach us about behavior, adaptation, survival and instinct.

Luke, also an animal person, has fallen in love with the guinea pig.

"I know they're here. This way. Hurry up." Leashed and ecstatic, he pulls me towards the glass case at the back wall of the pet store. The guinea pigs are reliably present. Luke stares through the window of their cluttered living room and smiles. One guinea pig nestles inside of a tube. "Woo woo!" Luke is annoyed that he hides, but not for long.

"Who are you?" His nose twitches. "What are you?" A guinea pig with bed head pops up as though to announce spring.

"I'm Luke, of the dog species, a pedigree golden retriever with a thirst for knowledge." His dimpled smile is curious yet calm. He wants to keep things casual and check out the behavior of the Northeast guinea pig. Bed Head, satisfied,



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skitters to his water bottle and nibbles at a small pipe. Luke startles to the movement then freezes, on guard. Clearly, he is unaware of the disparity of size between them. "Bro, you move fast." Deep indents crease his leonine head and face. His ears lift like miniature tents. His concentration to learn, to question and analyze runs deeper than a scientist's. "Look how tiny their hands are, Luke!" I egg him on though, truthfully, I take the time to respond to text messages on my phone. I feel like a Dog Mom using the hamster tank as a Daycare provider. I look up from my phone. No change. Luke fixates on the guinea pigs with a loving smile. I imagine them in my yard together. Luke would never catch a rodent on the run, much less study one. Allowing him a few minutes to soak up a rare opportunity seems

"Well, hello there." A pet store boss wearing a blue vest appears. I presume he thinks otherwise. Is it against store policy for a dog to stare at a guinea pig? "Let's go, Luke." I decide to cut our rejection losses. I tug on the leash, but he resists. "I just want to watch her come out of the little shed. One more minute." Luke isn't a kid in a candy store. He's a dog obsessed with a guinea pig. I'm about to say, "My dog is a bit weird. He loves to learn about other animals."

Instead, I'm in luck. Blue Vest tosses me a bone.

"His name is Luke? —what a great name. He's awfully curious." His acceptance shines down on me. I think about past rules.

"I'm sorry, but we don't allow dogs."

"Did you see the sign?"
"No dogs allowed, unfortuately"

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What you need to know about homeowner's insurance

omeowner's insurance is a must-have to protect what's probably your biggest investment, your home. While you never want to think about worstcase scenarios, the right coverage



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

Rebuilding Costs: If your home

Many policies can also cover personal items like furniture, electronics, and clothing if they're stolen or damaged.

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"What a great store this is," I say

"Come here, buddy." A good

man lures Luke to his lap and

gives him a head rub. Luke licks his hand and chin. "Thank you

for accepting me. You smell so good, kind of like a crunchy milk

bone." Then he returns to Mission Possible for the longest guinea pig

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you to see all our good deals." The

question comes out of nowhere. Loading another App on my phone

feels heavier than the sixty-five

passwords I haven't written down.

"An App? Um..." I stammer, "No, I

"It will only take three minutes."

I gaze down at Luke. He has

with the blue vest who did not try

three hours, thanks to the man

LUKE

person.

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back with a sniffle.

stare ever recorded.

haven't done that."

to change his spots.

"I'd be happy to do that," I say

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deal. While your first insurance payment will be wrapped into your closing costs, you'll want this to be a part of your budget beyond closing day too. That's because it's a recurring expense you'll have once you get the keys to your home.

Here's what you need to know to help you budget for this important part of homeownership

Costs and Claims Are Rising. In recent years, insurance costs have been climbing. According to Insurance.com, there are four big reasons behind the jump in premiums: More severe weather events and wildfires are leading to higher claims. Insurance companies are pulling out of high-risk areas, reducing options for homeowners in some states. Past rate increases haven't kept up with the rise in claims. The cost to rebuild or repair homes has gone up due to higher material and labor costs. Basically, disasters are happening more often, repairs cost more, and insurers have to adjust their rates to keep up. Data from ICE Mortgage Technology helps paint the picture of how the average yearly premium has climbed over the last decade (see graph below):

What you can do about it? Homeowner's insurance is a must to protect your home and your investment. But with costs rising, you'll want to do your homework to balance the best coverage you

can get at the best price possible. Homeowner's insurance rates vary widely based on location, provider, and coverage. Shop around and compare quotes before settling on a policy. Don't forget to ask about discounts. Things like security systems or bundling with auto insurance could help lower your insurance costs.

When you're planning to buy a home, it's important to look beyond just your mortgage payment. You'll also want to budget for your homeowner's insurance policy. It gives you a lot of protection against the unexpected. While it's true those costs are ris-

ing, there are things you can do to try to get the best price possible. Yes, The Marzeotti Group is more than just what can we help you

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Foss Hill Cemetery

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

oss Hill, located on a knoll in Middletown Connecticut's Weslayan University, has a unique site not seen in most facilities of higher education. Nestled between the Van Vleck Observatory and the Nicolson and West College dormitories sits a small graveyard. The burial ground was not there when the college was founded but instead, put there for the specific purpose of burying the university's teachers, staff and scholars who wished to be an eternal part of the institution. The graveyard is quite intriguing

and to some, quite scary.

It was originally called "Weslayan's God's Acre" when the university was a Methodist college. The cemetery was considered by the early founders a place for students to reflect on nature, their role in the history of the facility and the future of things to come. What started out in 1832 as a collection of partridge trees for students to study under, became in 1837, the burial that now graces the land. Since then, past presidents, professors and students have been interred in the small lot.

In August of 1925, Charles

Collard Adams, class of 1859, published an article in the Weslayan University Alumnus in regard to the burial ground,

"An emotion of pathos is experienced as one discovers that twelve Weslayan students lie buried in the college cemetery."

The first interment took place in 1837 with most recent in 1980. Among the 40 or so graves are the university's first president, Wilbur Fisk, and third president, Stephen Olin, their families, two members of the original faculty, two early trustees, faculty sons and daughters who died in childhood, several students who died while on campus, and several alumni. One corner contains several burials of students who died in 1918 and 1923, a few of them foreign students from China.

Of the many stories that circulate about the burial ground and it being haunted includes a tidbit of television history. Joss Whedon, class of 1987, lived in the West College Up-Four dormitory overlooking the burial yard. He would later go on to create the famous series, Buffy the Vampire

Slayer. Popular belief is that the small graveyard became an inspiration for his creation.

Another story tells of students digging up the bodies in the 1960s, but leaving the burial markers. Because of this legend, the lot is sometimes called the cemetery with no bodies. The claim is mostly unfounded, but the fact that the spirits of those who were buried there still remain has become quite established.

Students tend to avoid walking through the graveyard, especially after the sun has set below the horizon and darkness blankets the campus. A popular sentiment is that the spirits of the burial ground do not like anyone cutting through their final resting place. This is probably an aftermath of former students cutting a well worn path past the graves over the centuries. Many feel the presence of the spirits in the Foss Hill graveyard lingering about them as they pass through its confines, especially around Halloween when the veil between the living and the dead

is at its thinnest. One student claimed that the ghost of a Civil War veteran tried to proposition her while she was passing by his grave one night. She made a comment in regard to the lack of "politeness of its occupants." The aforementioned Mr. Adams had an encounter with a few of the eternal tenants buried there. According to his account,

"I was drawn to the college cemetery where I was in communion, as it were, with the spirits of Fisk and Olin."

Another legend is that of the Weslayan Grim Reaper who haunts the graveyard looking for those who wander through its confines at a certain time of the year when the veil is thin and his ability to reap a soul is more powerful than usual. It may be a legend, but it is still told when tours are given where the stories are brought to life. Whether they are wholly accurate or not, may be a matter for you, the reader to decide.





SPORTS

Uxbridge Cheer Continues On

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY, STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Over the past eight years under the guidance of Casandra Knauer, the Uxbridge High School cheer program has experienced some satisfying successes. Over that time

while beating our own scores from one season to the next," Knauer said. "These goals are accomplished through putting in consistent work both on and off the mat. It is through both physical improvement and mental preparation that we are able to improve throughout

throughout the season," the coach said. "However, in every case of an injury those athletes continued to come and support their team

while working their way back to a competing role. Seeing their drive was inspiring."

According to the coach, cheer-

leading competitions are scored by

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the Spartans have won eight Divithe season."

sion 3 Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) Championships; for three of them they were named the Grand Champion, being the team that scored the most points of all teams competing. Uxbridge would also capture three Central Mass Division 3 runners-up, three Central Region Division 3 Championships and qualified to participate in the State Tournament

seven times.

This past winter the Spartans took home the MSAA Winter Cheerleading Championship, won the SWCL Championship, where they recorded their second highest score in program history. It not only secured them the number one place overall in Division 3, but also earned them the Grand Champion once again. The squad would then go on to take first place in the Regionals and finish fourth at the State Championship. The fourth-place finish was the highest placement the Uxbridge girls had ever accomplished at the State Championships.

Tri-Captains Abigaile Oliveira, Jayden Flood and Leira Paul led the Spartans to the historic season while helping accomplish the coach's per-season goals.

"Our goals for the season are always to see self-improvement

The other girls on the varsity squad were Emily Capellupo, Samantha Huth, Madison Labonte, Isabella Capellupo and Alexanna Soter. Each of the girls brings their own strength to the team's success and without their competitiveness as a whole, the team would not have the same type of success that they've been able to encounter.

Despite having such success, the Spartans did encounter their fair share of hardships this past season.

"Having several injuries required us to rework our routines









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Brake Engaged, but Car Accelerates on its Own

I own a 2006 Nissan Altima with 70,000 miles. During • the last 5 years or so when I am stopped at a stop light, with my foot on the brake, my car will accelerate forward into the car in front of mine. It accelerates rather quickly. The more I press on the brake the faster it goes. My problem is that out of nowhere with my foot on the brake it will just accelerate. I have brought the car to my local Nissan dealer and my local Goodyear shop where I get my repairs done. I am always told there is nothing wrong with the brakes. (As I said, it does not happen all the time. It may be months or over a year before it happens again. I am at a stop light, with traffic ahead of me and my foot on the brake waiting for the light to change). I have been fortunate there is always a car in front of me and have never gone out into traffic. Have you ever heard of this happening? If there is nothing wrong with the brakes, what else could the problem be? Hoping you can give me a solution.

Doing a little research there are no known problems with these vehicles with unattended acceleration. Typically, when we see this the issue is related to the fuel system. The engine can get a false signal and the car's computer speeds the engine up to compensate for what is perceived as extra load. Other issues are the throttle itself, or even a floor mat that gets caught up in the pedals. In nearly every car that I road tested the brakes are able to overcome the throttle. Although anything is possible, I will say, the cases that I have researched on this issue have usually been traced back to the driver. Pedal misapplication or the unintentional or accidental pressing of the wrong pedal. At this point since no one can find anything wrong it would be wise to report the issue: https://www.nhtsa.gov.

I wrote to you a while back concerning a "whistling noise" issue with my 2025 Hyundai Tucson. Although you did not have an answer, the advice of taking someone from the dealership on a demonstration ride solved the problem. The whistle was caused by the roof rack cross bars. Like clockwork, when my vehicle reached 60 MPH, the whistling would occur. I think it may have been compounded by the fact that when I purchased the vehicle, that the dealership had installed the cross bars incorrectly.

Thanks for the update. You may also find your fuel • economy goes up slightly. We tested several vehicles years back and saw a decrease in the fuel economy by up to 10 percent with

roof rack cross bars installed.

My wind-• shield broke in the last snowstorm. It seems to be an internal break and does not meet the surface



BY JOHN PAUL

outside or inside. If I do not get a new windshield, is it dangerous to drive? Also, is it illegal to drive it this way in Massachusetts?

Is it dangerous? The windshield is laminated glass, so • it is really only an issue if something else hits the windshield because it is now weaker. Is it illegal? Yes. Cracks or chips cannot be larger than a quarter or will fail inspection, cracks within wipers path would also fail. In some cases, a crack can obstruct your view of the road or cause glare. A police officer could potentially ticket you for unsafe equipment. I would try to get it repaired ASAP. In Massachusetts if you have glass coverage

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four different judges and the teams are evaluated in categories such as stunts, pyramids, tumbling, jumps, motions and dance. To be successful teams strive to perform their skills with the highest possible range of difficulty while maintaining proper technique.

This season Uxbridge had several of their athletes gain new tumbling skills to help the Spartans improve the teams score

into the highest tumbling range based on the number of skills performed.

'This year we had more tumblers than any of my previous season coaching," Knauer said. "We also had strong stunting and pyramid skills, including singlebased skills, which also helped us to score in the highest stunting range."

Although the Spartans put forth a phenomenal season they did it with a rather young team of girls where Knauer had to integrate the junior varsity athletes with the varsity squad. The JV squad consisted of Nolah Jean Phillipe, Taylor Jansen, Sophia Aldrich, Kingsley Kaiser, Julie Mikhaeil and Ayla Troland.

"Our few upperclassmen, including our captains, were vital to setting the tone," the coach said. "While the seventh graders are not eligible to compete for the varsity team, they were able to come alongside the more seasoned athletes and learn from them."

Although Uxbridge has been able to reap the success of their hard work Knauer would love to see the returning athletes continue to grow their skillsets and build upon what they had accomplished this year.

"In addition to the girls growing, I would like to see our program continue to grow as well," she said. "This year our JV program did not compete, but I would love to see the program reach a size where we can compete both as a varsity and JV team."

If the Spartans continue to have the success that they have come to enjoy under Knauer, it shouldn't be hard to find girls willing to become part of that accomplished culture in the future.

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as part of your insurance the repairs are covered by your optional comprehensive insurance.

I have a 2013 Mercedes Benz ML-350. The Blind Side Indicator is more often unavailable than available. The new car dealer I use occasionally wanted over \$3,000 to repair. Sometimes it is available on startup, sometimes not. Often it will fail during a drive. Is it an electronic control or sensor issue? Is there an alternative such as isolation/replacement of a defective part?

No easy answer on this, the system is intertwined • with the collision warning sensor, so it has many parts, and they are all connected through a CAN (computer network). The first thing that needs to be performed is a scan of all the modules and see if there is a code (this will not show up as a check engine light). It could be anything from a faulty sensor in the bumper to a front collision sensor that is misaligned due to a slight parking lot bump with

another car. You need to start with the module scan first. There are a dozen interconnected modules. The problem is the issue may not be anything that makes sense. Recently I was looking at a VW. The car had several warnings on the dash, one was for the passenger side airbag. The issue was the antilock brake sensor was faulty. When this happened, it pulled down communications with the CAN. Always best to diagnose first and not guess.

Our 2019 VW Beetle is developing a whistling sound • at highway speeds. We do not know which door / window is the culprit. Before I bring it to the dealer's attention on my next visit, I would much rather hear possible cause from you first, thus avoiding possible runaround from dealership.

There is no known or common cause of a wind noise • on this model. So, some diagnosis is necessary, and you could try to do it yourself. Start the car and with the heater fan set to high close all the doors and windows. Now take a spray bottle of very sudsy soapy water and

spray around the doors, windows, windshield and look for small bubbles. Find the bubbles find the leak. If it has a sunroof, look at that too. I have had good luck using this method.







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Happenings!

NOTE: Community bulletin board-type items are welcome for inclusion in the Happenings! section of the Xpress newspapers. Please allow enough lead time for publication. Email your calendar or event notice to news@theyankeexpress.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- •Former science teacher David Hagberg will offer a talk on tower clocks and why he has one in his house. At 2 p.m. Willard House and Clock Museum, 11 Willard Street, North Grafton
- The United Church of Christ, 4 Church Street, Webster invites the community to a Bunny Brunch from 12 – 2 p.m. Activities will include an egg hunt, Easter cookie decorating, crafts, a prize wheel for all participating and a "bunny-licious" brunch. The Easter Bunny will be around for pictures and all children will receive a treat bag! Entrance is free.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

• The Uxbridge Historical Society will present the story of the 250 year old Cornet John Farnum House — Past, Present and Future — at the Community House of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, 8 Court Street, Uxbridge.



Please join Community Planning & Development and Conservation on Tuesday, April 22 2025 @ 4PM (Earth Day) for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mumford Riverwalk Boardwalk.....some 30-years in the making. Linwood Avenue -Northbridge Middle School parking lot.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

• "Rendevous with Rachel Revere" presented by History at Play, LLC at Blaxton Hall, 9 Main Street, Sutton at 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Sutton Historical Society. The play will highlight the decisions and concerns of Rachel Revere, wife of Paul Revere in the days after his famous ride to warn of the arrival of the British.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

• New England Country Music Club Dances at the Progressive Club, 18 Whitin Street, Uxbridge. Live band "Borrowed Time" at the New England Country Music Club Dance, Progressive Club, 18 Whitin Street, North Uxbridge. Doors open at 12:15 p.m., music 1-5 p.m. \$11 for non-members. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. Music plays 1-5 p.m. Snacks may be brought in, cash bar for beverages.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

• St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross Street, Whitinsville will hold a recycling event from 8 a.m. — 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. Paper shredding 9 -11 a.m. only. Electronics and shredding for a fee. Bottles & cans, clothing and textiles, books and media are collected without a fee. For more information, email officesupport@mystpatricks.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

• The Millbury First Congregational Church, 148 West Main Street, Millbury is sponsoring a Flea Market and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Anyone wishing to reserve table space, please call Jeri Stead 508-865-5371. The \$25 inside area consists of a large supper table plus a card table. Inside tables can be organized the night before. An outside reservation is \$15, and those chancing the weather need to provide their own table. "The Kitchen" will be selling refreshments and at lunch time, hot dogs will be served. There will also be a Bakery Table, and a Church Flea Market Table.

HAPPENINGS!

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Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (intention), Amen.

If you pray three times a day, three consecutive days, you will receive your intention, no matter how impossible it may seem. Praise and Thanksgiving please the Heart of God. **Believer**





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Douglas Public Library Schedule

The Simon Fairfield Public Library's Upcoming Schedule. Please note that some events do require registration. If you have any questions regarding any events, please do not hesitate to contact the library at 508-476-2695 or email at us at douglas@cwmars.org.

Please note that we will be closed on Monday, April 21 in observance of Patriots' Day.

Children's Book Clubs (Registration Required)

Tue, April 29 at 4 p.m.: Book Bunch (Grade 2-5), Waylon! One Awesome Thing by Sara Penny-

Tue, May 6 at 4 p.m.: Book Wizards (Grades 5-7), The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Children's Happenings Mon, 04/14, 04/28, 05/05 at 10 a.m.: Spring Storytime - FULL

Tue, 04/15, 04/29, 05/06 at 10 a.m.: Spring Storytime (Registration Required)

Wed, 04/16, 04/30, 05/07 at 11:30 a.m. "Young Scientist's" STEM Program Ages 3-6 (Registration Required)

Tue, 04/22, 05/06 at 11:30 a.m. : Music & Movement with Deb Hudgens

Wed, 04/16 at 3:30 p.m.: Lego Club II (Registration Required)

Wed, 04/16 at 5:45 p.m. : Reading to Bryce (Registration Re-

Wed, 04/30 at 3:30 p.m.: Lego Club III (Registration Required) Thu, 05/01, 05/08 at 4 p.m.: Songwriting Workshop Ages 9-12 (Registration Required)

Adult Book Clubs

Tue, 04/15 at 6:30 p.m.: Sci Fi Book Club, The Caves of Steel: The Robot Series by Isaac Asimov

Thu, 04/17 at 6:30 p.m.: Muggle Meet-Up, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling

Thu, 05/01 at 6:30 p.m.: Greatest Book Club Ever, Book TBD

Adult Happenings

Mon, 04/14 at 7 p.m.: Library Poetry Tour

Tue, 04/15 at 10 a.m. : Get Help with Jenna Gouin (Registration Required)

Thu, 04/24, 05/08 at 5:45 p.m.: Fiber Arts Friends

Thu, 05/01 at 5:30 p.m. : Film Showing - Rogue One



HAPPENINGS!

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

• Historical Portrayals by Lady J presents "Farm Girl on the Front Lines: Deborah Sampson's Secret" highlighting the story of this Patriot who disguised herself as a male to serve her young country. At 1p.m. in the Sutton Senior Center, 9 Hough Road, Sutton. Presented by the Sutton Historical Society.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

• Join the 10th Annual Family Fun Fishing Day at Riverbend Farm, 27 Oak Street, Uxbridge from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fishing goes until 1 p.m .with awards at 1:20 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family and food and ice cream will be available

for purchase from Joey D's Wingz 'n Thingz and Sweet Wise Ice Cream Truck, All ages and abilities welcome. Fishing poles, bait and instruction will be available when you pre-register. Participants are also welcome to bring your home. Pre-registration opens April 14 at thebrwa.org/familyfishing2025. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact Joanne Holahan with any questions at 508-278-5200. The rain date is May 18.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH

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