

## Sharp Work Reduces Budget Deficit

With some slicing and a little dicing, the Millbury budget for Fiscal Year 2026 is ready to go for the May 6 annual town meeting. Town manager Karyn Clark told the board of selectmen at a meeting in late March that the budget as first presented was \$2.8 million out of balance. The budget total is just over \$60 million.

The proposed spending changes include reducing \$300k from the Millbury public schools budget leaving a few unfilled positions.

- Changing the town's insurance plans allowing for higher deductibles created a reduction of \$375k.
- An agreement was reached with WS Development (responsible for the Blackstone Valley Shoppes) to finance a police officer position for the next 10 years. This takes \$75k off the FY 26 budget.
- Applying solar credits to town-owned buildings resulted in a savings of \$120k
- Taking \$300k from free cash

WS Development also agreed to create a police substation at the Blackstone Valley Shoppes. This will allow police to question suspects in a private building, rather than from their police vehicles. More than one-third of town's police calls are from the shopping center, Clarke said.

An increase in state aid as well as an increase in local receipts also combined to reduce the deficit.

Uncontrollable expenses such as an increase in employee health insurance, an increase in Medex costs for retired employees, an increase in the Worcester County Retirement System assessment and a 14.5 percent increase in costs associated with Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.

## Annual Plant Sale

Community Harvest Project (CHP) will host their annual plant sale fundraiser beginning April 18th. The sale is for anyone looking for plants to grow fresh produce, vibrant flowers, and perennials in their own gardens. Online orders started April 18 for CHP Monthly Givers, and will start on April 25 for the public. Online order pickup will be on May 9, 2-6 p.m. All remaining inventory and compost will be sold in-person from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on May 10 at 37 Wheeler Road, North Grafton. To place your order online, visit [community-harvest.org](http://community-harvest.org).

"We have heirloom tomatoes, peppers, squashes, herbs, annual flowers, hops, succulents, berry bushes, and more," said Dave Johnson, CHP Farm Operations Manager. "Our farmers select their and your favorite varieties to grow each year, prioritizing great flavor, beauty, and output. Each of our seedlings are nurtured to be strong and productive to thrive in your garden."

CHP staff, along with many dedicated volunteers, start plants



from seed each spring in the greenhouse which are then sold at Plantapalooza.

"Plantapalooza is a gardening tradition that brings the community together. Every plant purchased, from the biggest blooming flower to the most minute cherry tomato, funds our operations. Your plant purchases make it possible for us to farm for hunger relief," said Tori Buerschaper, CHP Executive Director.

Community Harvest Project produced 188,501 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables in 2024 which were distributed to food banks, local food pantries, and other emergency food relief agencies throughout eastern and central Massachusetts. Proceeds from Plantapalooza support CHP's mission to engage and educate volunteers to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for hunger relief.

## BVT Superintendent's Scholars Named Dylan Leeds of Northbridge and Jayden Quang of Millbury

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) seniors Dylan Leeds of Northbridge and Jayden Quang of Millbury were recently honored as BVT's 2025 Worcester County Superintendents' Association (WCSA) Scholar Award recipients at the WCSA Annual Scholars' Recognition Luncheon.

They are the recipients of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) Award of Academic Excellence. The annual commendation, also known as the Superintendent's Scholar Award, is presented to the two seniors who

exemplify the school's commitment to cutting-edge career technical training and rigorous academics. BVT is proud to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Dylan Leeds and Jayden Quang, who consistently demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and continually con-

*Dylan Leeds (left) of Northbridge and Jayden Quang of Millbury have been named BVT's recipients of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents of Academic Excellence. They will graduate in May from BVT's Engineering & Robotics program. Photos submitted.*



tribute positively to their school community.

Dylan Leeds is a scholastically talented student who excels in and outside the classroom. Named a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program, a Rensselaer Medalist, and a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society, His dedication to academic and vocational studies was demonstrated in 2022 when he earned a gold medal in the Mobile

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# Asa Waters Mansion Announces Launch of the Millbury Farmers Market

The historic Asa Waters Mansion is proud to unveil the Millbury Farmers Market at the Mansion, brought to you by the Friends of Asa Waters. This vibrant new community event will take place on the first Thursday of every month from June through October, 3 – 7 p.m., at Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury, rain or shine.

Marketgoers can look forward to a lively atmosphere filled with local food vendors, handcrafted goods, live music, food trucks, and family-friendly fun. This monthly market promises to be a fresh new way to support local businesses and enjoy one of Millbury's most treasured landmarks.

"We're excited to bring this farmers market to the heart of Millbury," said Liz O'Neil of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. "It's an honor to serve on this hardworking committee alongside passionate community members who are dedicated to creating something special for our town."

The 2025 Millbury Farmers Market Committee is made up entirely of Millbury residents, including: Nick Lazzaro, Mill-



bury Selectman; Traci Parath, Asa Waters Mansion; Liz O'Neil, Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce; Julie Van Anderson, Town of Millbury and Jackie Schold, Town of Millbury.

Vendor applications and sponsorship opportunities are cur-

rently available. Interested parties are encouraged to visit [asawaters.org](http://asawaters.org) for more information and to get involved.

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# Get The Led Out Returns with two shows at Indian Ranch

Due to popular demand, Indian Ranch in Webster, MA has added a second show with Get The Led Out on Friday, August 22, 2025 and Aaron Lewis and The Statliners on Saturday, August 23, 2025 as part of the White Claw Summer Concert Series. Tickets for both shows go on sale Friday, April 25.

From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, Get The Led Out (GTLO) have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you've never heard before. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, GTLO re-create the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. When you hear three guitars on the album...GTLO delivers three guitarists on stage. No wigs or fake English accents, GTLO brings what the audience wants...a high energy Zeppelin concert with an honest, heart-thumping intensity. A GTLO concert mimics the "light and shade" that are the embodiment of "The Mighty Zep." Whether it's the passion and fury with which they

deliver the blues-soaked, groove-driven rock anthems, it's their attention to detail and nuance that makes a Get The Led Out performance a truly awe-inspiring event! Aaron Lewis, the Vermont-born

Line" (2011) and "Sinner"(2016). He also had a platinum collaboration with heroes George Jones and Charlie Daniels ("Country Boy"), and a gold-certified Billboard No. 1 with "Am I The Only One"

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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

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") is no different.

For tickets: visit indianranch.com or call 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) or at the Indian Ranch Box Office.

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Robotics competition at the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference and again in 2023 when he earned the gold medal in the Mobile Robotics competition at the State Leadership & Skills Conference and the District V Leadership Conference—advancing to the National Leadership and Skills Conference where he placed in the top 10. A John & Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient, Dylan has made the Commendation List every term of his high school career. Dylan also participates in the cooperative education program employed at Primetals in Sutton, where he applies his mechanical engineering skills.

Dylan is excited to further his technical training and hands-on learning at Wentworth Institute of Technology, where he plans to earn a Bachelor of Science in the Mechanical Engineering program. He will be well-prepared to establish his professional career in the traditional mechanical design and engineering industries, as well as emerging opportunities such as manufacturing and the development of biomedical and electromechanical devices.

Jayden Quang is the Distributive Clubs of America (DECA) Vice

President of Hospitality, the Varsity Math Team Captain, and a National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society member. He earned the Most Outstanding Student award in Engineering and Robotics in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. His dedication to academic and vocational studies was displayed when he earned a silver medal in Mechatronics at the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference in 2023 and 2024. A John & Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient, Jayden has made the Commendation List every term of his high school career. In addition to academic success, Jayden excels as a student-athlete on the soccer field—a contributing member of Colonial Athletic League boys champion teams in 2023 and 2024.

After analyzing multiple placement opportunities and options that will strengthen his workforce entry options, Jayden is eager to further his education and training by studying computer science at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"Dylan Leeds and Jayden Quang exemplify the modern career-technical student by demonstrating extraordinary commitment to career technical training and rigorous academics and are an inspiration for their peers and teachers. It is a pleasure to have them repre-

sent our school," said Steele. "It is equally exciting to see how they apply what they have learned at BVT and in their future professional endeavors."

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# Master Masons hold myCHIP community outreach event

On Saturday April 5, Masons from the 24th Masonic District gathered at the Millbury Senior Center to a large crowd of waiting children to get there identification kits completed. This Massachusetts Youth Child Identification Program

called (myChip) was sponsored by The Olive Branch Masonic Lodge from Douglas.

Each child progresses through several stations taking about 10-15 minutes to get all the required information for the entire process of that station. Some of the required information are voice recognition, fingerprints, video clip and photo identification, to name a few to be used as required in this identification

Committee Chairmen Brother Dean Moss of the Olive Branch Lodge asked me if I knew that more than a million children are reported missing in the United States every year. While most are found, many are not. I was sur-



Center in front of the height scale is a very happy young man 8-year-old Joseph Posterro of North Grosvenordale after completing his stations and holding his I.D. paperwork and USB drive wallet card. Behind him are volunteer Masons from the 24th Masonic District. Courtesy Photo

prised and shocked to hear this. This Masonic myChip Program is the most comprehensive service of its kind anywhere. It is free of charge to the public, and all the identifying items generated during this myChip community event are given to the child's family.

At these myChip events, the Freemasons set up the equipment and enlist the aid of other Masons from through the 24th Masonic District and volunteers, as necessary, to generate and complete these child identifica-

tion kits. MYCHIP provides Law Enforcement with important tools to assist in the speedy and safe recovery of a missing child. Through the benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and its membership, we are pleased to present this service free of charge. Massachusetts Freemasons are committed to offering this program to the families of Massachusetts on an ongoing basis. The information recorded is presented to the child's parent or guardian on a USB drive wallet card to take home for safekeeping.

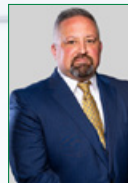
All information is confidential, and the Masonic myChip retains nothing but the permission form when the kits are complete. All other data is permanently erased after the child's USB drive wallet card is prepared. Privacy is our number one focus. If you would like more information or would like to request one of these Masonic mychip events in your area, go to mychip.org to read more information and to schedule an event near you.

- Bro. Jimmy Falzone  
Quinebaug Masonic Lodge,  
Southbridge

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# How can you boost your savings?



Tim Furbush, CFA

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It might not be on your calendar, but America Saves Week is observed from April 7–11. Are you saving enough? If not, how can you save more?

If you don't think you're saving enough, you're not alone. Just 22% of Americans are completely satisfied with the amount of money they've saved, according to a recent Yahoo Finance/Marist Poll survey. And the same survey showed that

a third of households couldn't cover one month's worth of bills if they lost a job or other source of income.

What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

- **Create a budget — and stick with it.** Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories. Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly eliminating streaming services you don't use much.
- **Pay yourself first.** Like everyone, you have a lot of bills

to pay each month. But why not pay yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

- **Take advantage of “cash-back” offers.** You may already use a credit card that provides you with cash back on purchases. But did you know you can also download cash-back apps? Like cash-back credit cards, these apps give you a percentage of your spending back, helping you save money on many of your regular purchases, such as groceries and gas. You can even find apps that offer promotions that let you earn more at specific times or for buying certain items.

- **Cut down — or consolidate — your debts.** It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

- **Get some help.** Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always

easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life.

Contact Tim for assistance with your personal finances.

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# Healthier Baking in the Blackstone Valley

BY CHRISTINE GALEONE

**H**ave you ever heard of wacky cakes? They're also called Depression-era cakes, but they're more commonly known by their offbeat moniker. The reason they're called wacky is because they can be made without any eggs, butter or milk – standard cake ingredients. But their delectable taste is anything but true to their name.

This diminutive version of a wacky cake is a healthier take on the original. And the strawberries in the filling and the banana

lend the recipe fruit flavors that perfectly complement the rich chocolate cake.

One of the reasons that these mini wacky cakes are healthier than similar mini cakes is because they contain less added sugar. Inflammation caused by eating too much sugar can make us more susceptible to most of the worst illnesses, diseases and conditions. They also contain far less fat and cholesterol.

Additionally, the cocoa, banana and strawberries are nutritious ingredients. The cocoa contains

antioxidants, magnesium and iron. Bananas are a great source of potassium, which promotes heart health, and they contain vitamin C and are rich in fiber. Finally, the strawberries – as noted in last month's column – are an excellent source of vitamin C, and they contain antioxidants that can help prevent and fight several diseases.

## MINI CHOCOLATE WACKY CAKES WITH STRAWBERRY FILLING

**Ingredients for Mini Cakes:**  
1 ½ cups of flour



1/3 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt  
½ cup of sugar  
1 very ripe medium banana (mashed)  
1 cup of cold water  
1/3 cup of light olive oil  
1 tbsp. white vinegar  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

**Ingredients for Strawberry Filling:**  
1 ½ cups of strawberries (rinsed, hulled and chopped into bite-sized pieces)  
¾ cup of water  
3 tbsp. of flour  
2 tbsp. of light corn syrup

**Directions:**  
Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients. Make a well in the center of the mixture. Pour each of the wet ingredients into the well, and combine the ingredients. Stir the mashed banana into the mixture. Whisk the mixture until everything is combined into a smooth cake batter. Pour the batter evenly into two mini baking

dishes. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let the mini cakes cool for about 10 minutes before carefully removing them from the dishes. Then, place them into a freezer for about 15 minutes. Once the mini cakes are completely cool, slice each in half horizontally. Make the filling by combining and boiling all its ingredients, turning down the burner temperature to medium and letting it simmer for 15-20 minutes until thick, and refrigerating it until cool. Spread filling over the top of the bottom layer. Replace top layer over the filling, and garnish the top layer with half of a strawberry. Each mini cake contains about two to four servings. Enjoy!

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# Sheriff Says Spring “Smishing” Scams Surge

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is warning residents about a recent wave of “smishing” scams targeting cell phones across Massachusetts. Smishing, a combination of “SMS” (short message service) and “phishing,” involves scammers sending fraudulent text messages with website links to residents’ cell phones.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a typical smishing scam message may appear to be from your bank or another trusted organization. These messages often contain a link or phone number designed to entice you to click or call. If you engage with these messages, you risk falling victim to the scam. Once you interact with the scammers, they may manipulate your personal information, which they can sell or use for further scams. Additionally, “smishers” may try to lure you into downloading malware onto your personal electronic devices.

Recent reports state that the following scams have been identified:

- **\*\*MassDOT Toll Scam\*\***: In this scam, individuals receive a notification, often via email or text, claiming that they’re being contacted regarding unpaid highway tolls. The text may demand payment via fake payment links or phone numbers.
- **\*\*USPS Undeliverable Package Scam\*\***: In this scam, individuals receive a notification, often via email or text, claiming that a package sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) could not be delivered. The message typically includes a link

to resolve the issue, which leads to phishing sites designed to capture sensitive personal and financial information.

• **\*\*One-Ring Scam\*\***: This scam involves receiving a phone call that rings only once or twice before hanging up. When victims return the call, they are connected to a premium-rate number, resulting in high charges that are billed to their phone. Many area code numbers used in this scam are international, leading to significant unexpected charges on victims’ phone bills.

“Residents need to beware of any unsolicited calls that ask for their personal or financial information,” commented Sheriff Evangelidis.

“These callers can sound convincing, may be aggressive, and try to intimidate you with threats of jail time or steep fines. We encourage anyone who gets a suspicious call to hang up and contact their associated institutions directly to verify any requests.”

Finally, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is issuing a warning to residents regarding a “spoofing” phone scam involving the Sheriff’s Office. The phone scammer poses as an employee of the Sheriff’s Office and informs the victim that they have an arrest warrant, charges filed in their name, or missed jury duty. The scammer then demands payment of a fine to avoid being arrested and serving jail time.

Sheriff Evangelidis says, “In general, if you do not initiate contact and an unknown caller is requesting money or making threats of arrest or loss of utilities, it’s likely a scam.”

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office encourages people to be aware of text and phone call scams like

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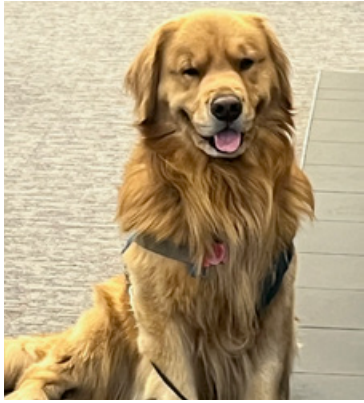
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# Luke's Spots Remain

BY AMY LECLAIRE

I'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 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, 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 responsible.

"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



I think about past rules.

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

"Did you see the sign?"

"No dogs allowed, unfortunately."

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"What a great store this is," I say back with a snuffle.

"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 stare ever recorded.

"Are you familiar with our App? It doesn't cost anything and allows 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 haven't done that."

"It will only take three minutes." I gaze down at Luke. He has three hours, thanks to the man with the blue vest who did not try to change his spots.

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

It takes a village to care for a dog.

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.

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# Do You Think the Housing Market's About To Crash? Read This First!

Lately, it feels like a lot of people have been asking the same question: "Is the housing market about to crash?"



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

If you've been scrolling through social media or watching the news, you might have seen some pretty scary headlines yourself. That's why it's no surprise that, about 70% of Americans are worried about a housing crash in 2025. But before you hit pause on your plans to buy or sell a home, take a deep breath. The truth is: the housing market isn't about to crash – it's just shifting, and that shift actually works in your favor. Today's Inventory Keeps the Housing Market from Crashing.

Economists are saying, there's just generally not enough supply. There are more people than housing inventory. It's Econ 101. Think about it. If there's a shortage of something – like tickets to a popular concert – prices go up. That's what's been happening with homes. We still have a shortage of supply. Too many buyers and not enough homes push prices higher. Even though the number of homes for sale is climbing, data from Realtor.com shows we're still well below normal levels.

That ongoing low supply is what's stopping home prices from dropping at the national level. Again, economists are saying "... if there's a shortage, prices simply cannot crash."

More homes for sale means price growth is easing, and, as more homes become available, that takes some of the intense upward pressure off home price growth – leading to healthier price appreciation. So, while

prices aren't falling nationally, growing inventory means they also aren't rising as fast as they were. What we're seeing is price moderation and that moderation should continue through the rest of this year. In 2025, you should expect the pace of house price appreciation to moderate from the levels seen in 2024, while still maintaining a positive track. Put simply, that means prices will continue going up in most areas, just not as quickly. That's good news for anyone who's been having trouble finding a home and feeling sticker shock from the rapid price appreciation of the past few years. But of course, what's happening with prices and inventory is going to vary by local market. So, talk to The Marzeotti Group or another trusted agent to find out what's happening where you live. Don't let the talk scare you. Experts agree that a housing market crash is unlikely in 2025.

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# Foss Hill Cemetery

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

**F**oss Hill, located on a knoll in Middletown Connecticut's Wesleyan 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

"Wesleyan'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 Wesleyan University Alumnus in regard to the burial ground, "An emotion of pathos is experienced as one discovers that twelve Wesleyan 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 Wesleyan 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.

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**SPORTS**

# Moving on up the Ladder

BY CHRISTOHER TREMBLAY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Tennis was a sport that wasn't on Sutton's Reeg Kassatly's radar growing up. In fact, if he had enjoyed playing baseball a bit more, tennis was a sport that



atmosphere and teammates fun, but the sport itself was something that he found very uncomfortable and a challenge.

Following his first season with Sutton he decided that he was going to give up basketball and start playing tennis with Rally Point Racket Club in Greenville Rhode Island.

"It was something that I needed and definitely helped my game a lot. It's fantastic program with great coaches. It's one coach to every four students, so it's very focused," he said. "Having a different set of eyes watching and dissecting your game really helps you to become a better player."

It was with Rally Point that Kassatly switched from a two-hand backhand to a single hand. Originally believing that his backhand was weak, improving it was a main focus for him when joining the club team. Although he still needs work on his backhand, it is much better than it was in those early years.

While his backhand may be his weakness, he finds that his drop shot and serve are part of his strengths on the court.

"I feel that I have a pretty good drop shot and my serve I can move it around, with our without spin," Kassatly said. "I'm still working on my ground strokes as it's not a strong suit, but having played doubles for three years I am relatively strong at the net."

Coming into this, his senior campaign with the Sutton tennis team, Kassatly knew that the team lost a few senior singles players from last year's squad and he was hoping that he'd be able to jump into one of the vacant spots, especially after losing his doubles partner.

"The tennis season will be my last high school sport, so I really want to savor the moment," he

said.

Having been promoted from the doubles team to play second singles this season Kassatly was not surprised, he fully anticipated it.

"Getting to play singles this year was my goal," Kassatly said. "This past winter at Rally Point I started crafting my game to singles for the upcoming season. I worked extensively on my ground strokes and some more on my backhand."

Kassatly also played got to play some tennis with his dad and although he learned a lot at Rally Point, it was his father who taught him most of what was needed on the courts.

As a four-year player coach Dennis Stamos felt comfortable moving Kassaply up from doubles this season.

"He was a very good doubles player for us, but definitely has the singles game mentality; quick decision making with experience," the Sutton coach said.

Entering the season his goals

would have never even entered his consciousness. As a soccer player in the fall and a basketball player in the winter he was looking for a sport to play in the spring – enter tennis.

"I was looking to stay active and didn't have a spring sport," he said. "I was not big into baseball and Sutton didn't have a lacrosse team. I had run cross country in middle school, but it was something that I didn't particularly like so having no other choice, I tried tennis."

The sport was something that Kassatly would play minimally each year with his father, who was an avid tennis player. Needless to say, when his son decided to pick up a tennis racket he was more than thrilled.

As a freshman playing the sport basically for the first time competitively, Kassatly was assigned to playing second doubles for the Sammys. It was here that he would begin to truly learn the sport while watching his older teammates.

"Tennis is a mental sport and one that is tough to get through. Still to this day I have problems with it from time to time," Kassatly said. "While battling the mental aspects of the game you also have to deal with the elements; the wind is something that can really affect tennis unlike any other sport."

Upon joining the tennis team at the high school, Kassatly found the

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# Low mileage, low use battery – who to blame when it dies?

**Q.** I have a question for you concerning a warranty issue I have with a 2024 Audi Q5 Sportback. My wife purchased this car May of 2024. As of this date the car has 2200 miles on it. I went away for six days and upon returning the battery was dead.

Nothing was left on. The car was taken to the dealership and looked at. I received a call from a service rep stating that since I do not drive the vehicle enough, that was the cause of the battery failure. I was told I did not properly maintain the battery by not driving enough and leaving the vehicle for six days. I read the manual backwards and forward and it stated that if the vehicle is left for over one month it is recommended to periodically charge the battery. Nothing further. Everyone I have spoken to says that is the most ridiculous thing they have ever heard. I was responsible for a new battery at a cost of \$850. I read your articles religiously and value your expert opinion.

**A.** The dealer is sort of correct. What happens is every time you start the car you take away some charge out of the battery. Years back we would say it takes about seven miles of driving to recharge the battery after each start. With today's computer-controlled cars, it probably takes longer. And today the charging profile with many cars, may not even charge the battery at certain times to improve fuel economy. I recommend that drivers should try to drive (not just run) their cars for 30 minutes each week. You might want to consider if you park in a garage a battery maintainer to keep the battery fully charged. Many people use these maintainers with sports cars that only get driven periodically. Today's cars have so many computers that stay on retaining memory, the batteries work hard and are the most important part of the car's electrical system. Saying you did not maintain the battery is a bit of a stretch and a little insulting. A fully charged battery should allow the car to start even after weeks of sitting. But the

short distance or lack of driving is what slowly discharges even the best battery.

**Q.** The dealer recommended that I replace the lower front control arms on my 2015 Mazda6 because the ball joint seals are cracked. Would replacing just the ball joints at much lower cost be a satisfactory alternative or would it be pennywise and pound foolish?

**A.** The ball joints are pressed into the control arms and Mazda does not sell the ball joint separately. That being said, the aftermarket does sell the pressed-in ball joint. It is sort of a tradeoff; more labor to save the control arm or less labor and replace the entire assembly. As a side note, the dealer finding cracked boots, is interesting. Most will just ignore it until the ball joints start to wear from water, sand and salt contamination.

**Q.** Could you recommend a headlight refinish kit to clear oxidized and yellowed headlight lens? How long does this last before it needs to be redone?

**A.** I have had the best luck with the Sylvania Headlight restoration system. To restore the headlights requires a bit of "elbow grease" but of all the products I have tried the Sylvania kit seems to have the longest lasting results.

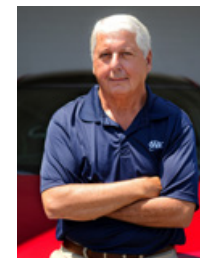
**Q.** I am looking at a small SUV, perhaps a hybrid or fully electric. If you had to pick three vehicles what would they be?

**A.** As a hybrid the Honda CR-V is quite good. The fuel economy is estimated at 43 MPG city and 36 MPG highway. The Hyundai Tucson plug in (PHEV) has a 33 mile electric

range and total range of 420 miles with MPG rating combined of 35 MPG. The Chevrolet Equinox all electric is a good performer, priced very competitively and has a range in the FWD model of 319 miles.

**Q.** How can I tell if my valve cover gasket on my Volkswagen Eos needs replacement as the dealer suggests? I don't see any drippage, but I do see a very small amount of what I think is probably called seepage. It has looked like that for more than a year. Is there any additive or spray that would be an alternative to replacing a valve cover gasket?

**A.** No additives or spray, and the leak won't get any better by itself, but it may never get worse. If this were my 9-year-old car, I would go with as some doctors call it watchful waiting. Just check on the oil leak at every oil change and see how it is doing. As a sort of additive, you could also try High-Mileage oil on your next oil change. The high-mileage oil has additives that help slow seal/gasket leaks.



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are just as they've been the past three years, he wants to improve his tennis game while working on his weak points, while helping the team become successful.

"This year it's going to be a dif-

ferent game than what I have been used to. Instead of having a partner, I'll be all alone on the court," he said. "Having a partner, they keep you locked in, but in singles it's different, you're all by yourself."

As a singles player this year, Kassatly wants to go out and do his best each and every time that he steps onto the court to help Sutton

to victory. And, although he feels one step detached from doubles, he feels that he can really help this team playing at second singles.

In addition to helping his team Kassatly is hoping that his Sutton teammates can get into the State Tournament and go further than they have in the past, all while having fun.

## UniBank to Hold Annual Meeting at the Portuguese Club in Milford

UniBank, the largest Mutual Community Bank headquartered in Central Massachusetts, plans to host their annual meeting at the Portuguese Club in Milford.

Michael Welch, CEO of UniBank, said, "We look forward to hosting our Board of Directors, Corporators, and Bank Officers collectively each year to report on our bank activities of the year prior, our current state of business, and plans for the rest of the calendar year. We selected the Portuguese Club in Milford this year for our Annual gathering as the club aligns with our rich history in the Blackstone Valley and their mission of serving the community. Additionally, we invited Milford High School student(s) to sing the

National Anthem as we're all looking forward to hearing their talents on display."

Welch added, "Our Annual Meeting is always a time of reflection that I look forward to as our past year accomplishments are exciting to share with everyone who invests their time into keeping UniBank the largest mutual community bank in Central Mass and it acts as a springboard for us to communicate our 2025 goals."

UniBank is headquartered in Whitinsville, MA with assets of \$2.6 billion as of December 31, 2024. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the

overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining an elevated level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC. NMLS #583135. The company website is www.unibank.com.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

- The Manchaug Pond Foundation will hold its Annual Spring Lake & Watershed Cleanup in Sutton from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Meet at the state Public Access Boat Ramp, Torrey Road, Sutton. Volunteers with boats are welcome to help clean up coves. No one is required to stay for the duration of the clean-up. Safety vests, gloves and garbage bags provided.
- Millbury Yard Sale: A Grass Hill School Yard Sale will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Grass Hill School, West Main Street, Millbury. Household goods, antiques and Millbury Historical Society merchandise. Stop in and see the changes and improvements to the Grass Hill School. Proceeds to benefit the Historical Society's programs

and plans.

**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.
- Little Bank Day in Grafton: The Grafton Historical Society is planning the third Little Bank Day at Mill Village Park, 61 Main Street, South Grafton from 3 – 5 p.m.. Check out the interior of this small but classically designed building and discover the history of the bank that once served the South Grafton Community of Mill workers and their families. Grafton history books and maps will be for sale. Bring the kids for free pony rides and activities for all ages. Costumed historical interpreters will be on hand with a variety of non-electric items plus special artifacts from our museum will be on display. Stop by to hear some fascinating stories about our town. Hear about the times Charles Lindbergh landed in "The Spirit of Saint Louis". You'll gain a new appreciation for keeping history alive. This is a fair-weather one-day event. In either event, the Grafton Historical Society at 71 Main Street, South Grafton will hold regular open house hours from 2 – 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

- The Grafton Historical Society will hold its Annual Business Meeting at the Post Office Pub, 6 Ray Street, North Grafton. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and a

dinner of house salad, rolls and butter, herb roasted chicken, oven baked had-dock, green beans and roasted red bliss potatoes will be served at 6:15 p.m. Cash bar available. Coffee and tea will be served for the business meeting. At 8 p.m. we will recognize Jayne Carroll Wilson and Joseph E. Kuras with awards for outstanding commitment to keep Grafton's history alive. The cost of the dinner, tax and tip is \$50. Text 508-320-1173 or call 508-839-0000. Checks may be mailed to Grafton Historical Society, P.O. Box 218, Grafton MA 01519. Please include your name and a contact number.

**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.com](mailto:officesupport@mystpatricks.com)
- Hummingbird Festival: The Hummingbird Festival will take place at the Douglas Common from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This new free event has been organized by the Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. and will offer live music, shopping at 24 vendors offering unique specialty items, activities for the kids (including face painting), educational presentations about hummingbirds, and delicious food from Smash'd, KatieCakes, Douglas Orchard & Farm and others!

Amir Ghazanfari, a biologist and naturalist who has worked with Mass. Audubon studying the State hummingbird population since 2010, will be one of the guest speakers. His half-hour presentation will be at 10:30 am and again at 11:30 am. Topics he will be speaking about include population, nesting, migration, types, pollinator importance, what plants attract them, feeding information and more.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

- Visit the Business Expo from 5 – 8 p.m. at Bay Path Regional Vocational High School, 57 Mugget Hill Road, Charlton. The event is sponsored by the Charlton Business Alliance (CBA) and the Economic Development Commission. There will be demonstrations and door prizes. Vendors may register online at [charltonbusinessalliance.com](http://charltonbusinessalliance.com) Book a 10' x 10' space for \$25 for current CBA members and \$50 for non-members. Pay \$125 to join CBA and also get a reserved booth space. Join this unique opportunity to introduce your business and the community and other local businesses. The event is free and open to the public.

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

- Mendon/Upton Cub Scouts Pack 1 will host a Comedy Night at the End Zone Sports Pub, Mendon. Headliner is Mo Mussa, the 2021 winner of New England's Funniest Comedian and a finalist in the 2023 Boston Comedy Festival. Show is for 18 years and older. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at Mendon Imperial Gas and Country Store or [ggomes1113@gmail.com](mailto:ggomes1113@gmail.com) or online using Eventbrite. Show is 8-10 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

**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 2 p.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.

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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**

**HAPPENINGS!**

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“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 .

• Open House and Reptile Show  
The Touchtone Community School, 54 Leland Street, Grafton will hold an Open House and Reptile Show from 9 – 11 a.m. Experience reptiles from around the world! Meet (and hold!) 15+ species, and learn about their diets, defense mechanisms, and conservation efforts to protect their natural habitats. Discover how actions at home affect global environments, and inspire your child’s interest in environmental stewardship. Ideal for ages 6 - 10. Limited Space. Register to hold your spot: touchstoneschool.com/scalesandtales.

**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 woman who disguised herself as a male to serve her young country. At 1 p.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.

• Annual Plant Sale: Sutton Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale will take place on Sutton Common, 3 Uxbridge Road, Sutton, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A variety of perennial plants and other greenery from our gardens will be on sale with payment by cash, check or Venmo.

A Silent Auction of donated items will be located once again on the Bandstand. High bidders do not need to be present at the end of the Sale to win. Garden and gift items crafted by SGC Members will also be available for purchase.

This year, we are pleased to feature free soil testing by the MA Master Gardeners Association. For those interested in soil testing, please note that samples must be taken 3-4 days prior to the Plant Sale. For more information, including proper soil collection, visit -massmastergardeners.org/educational-resources/soil-testing. A new Membership Year for SGC starts in April and there will be a Membership Table at the Plant Sale for those interested in joining the Club for our upcoming year of programs and activities. Proceeds from the Plant Sale fund our community efforts, including our Scholarship Fund, plantings and maintenance at the Bandstand and Manchaug Square during the summer, decorations and wreaths for the Bandstand and Commons at Christmastime and also helps fund our Gardening programs during the year. Updates regarding the Plant Sale, including any in case of severe weather, will be posted on our Facebook page, facebook.com/SuttonGardenClub.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

• The New England Country Music Club will hold a dance with live classic country band “Crossfire” at the Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Doors open at 12:15, live music 1-5pm.

Snacks may be brought in, cash bar for beverages.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

• The Sutton Historical Society Inc. will host the annual Town-Wide Yard Sale from 8 a.m. 1 p.m., rain or shine. The registration fee is \$10. Registration forms are available at sutton1704.org and must be received by Friday, May 30. Participants can either set up at their home address or request a spot at the M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Avenue, Sutton. The society creates and distributes location maps identifying all participating location to assist visitors with locating all yard sales. Send questions to sutton1704@gmail.com. The Sutton Historical Society is a 501c3 organization.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**

• Uxbridge Spartan Basketball is having a one-time only golf fundraiser to raise money for scoreboards at Hecla Street basketball courts at Blissful Meadows, 801 Chocolog Road, Uxbridge. The cost is \$175 per golfer or \$400 for a foursome. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Please make checks payable to Uxbridge Spartan Basketball Association, P.O. Box 386, North Uxbridge, MA 01538. The organization is a 501c3 charity. Spon-

sor opportunities are available: hole/tee sign \$200; beverage cart \$500; or registration table \$1000. You can also register at https://tinyurl.com/USBAGolf.

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