

Cyber-Puttering?

PUTTER DAY goes digital.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 01/04/2026

Cruft! (Ugh!) Digital cruft is a thing. It's old digital stuff. Old bits of computer code and engineering REM statements (comments) that linger in software apps. It's snippets of saved code – because, well – you just never know.

Cruft! It's also the momentarily valued digital detritus; those random links, pix, text, files – stuff that many of us collect – usually online through our web browsers. Downloaded cyber-clutter. (I'll just [klik] save that for later.) Taken to extremes, it can devolve into digital hoarding.

We're all guilty in some way.

Consider that I have a desktop computer. It's personal. It's also business. It's the digital home of my personal and professional life. While diligent in keeping these respective datasets separate, within these two worlds there are many folders filled with many more files. The business files are records that go back to my start at Franklin.TV in 2012. My personal files – pix, software code, art and design projects, etc. go back to 1975. Fifty years of personal computing. It's a lot of stuff. There's a digitized archive of extended family photos that goes back over a century.

Beyond cruft, there are assets. There is a digital discipline – asset management. The essential concept is simple:

If it's mine, I can share it.
If it's there, I can find it.

How to optimize that glorious digital goal was my 'to do' on **PUTTER DAY, 2026**. After 2 days of file moving, copying, some deleting, and much general organizing, my digital world is more orderly – more navigable.

Now – let's seeee... Where did I just put today's 'Program Guide' file...?

(I had it just a minute ago.) Digital asset management is a challenge without end.

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ReDieting – Again

It's Baaaaaaaack!

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 01/11/2026

We're 11 days into 2026 – and counting. ('Counting what?' you may ask.) Counting days until we faceplant on our New Year's resolutions. (Well, that's a fairly negative outlook.) True, but the fact remains; most resolutions fade away by mid-month. This year I'm tackling three of them.

- A. Keep things generally tidier. (Yeh. Good luck with that.)
- B. Get more exercise. (Increasingly important.)
- C. Lose weight. (Ah, yes. That perennial challenge.)
(Sigh!)

Yet, diet we must. I've written much about dieting here – or ReDieting. The 'Re' part is a key acknowledgement that just because you (we/I) lost weight, that doesn't mean you (we/I) can drift back to contentedly mindlessly binging on empty calories.

How we eat is a creeping habit. We become rehabilitated, subtly slip-sliding in and through the ordinariness of our day-to-day circumstances. Time goes by-and-by, and you (we/I) find yourself (myself) off your (my) game – again. That diet discipline has dispersed, shifted. Shift happens. Hence, the most important aspect of the ReDiet? Monday!

That glorious Monday. It rolls around every week as an unavoidable trigger to rededicate yourself (myself) to restarting anew; redieting for just – one – day.

You (we/I) are/am back in training.

You (we/I) can make it through a day. Then, after a few weeks of Monday successes, you (we/I) can add a day later in the week. Now, it's two days each weeki – and so on.

A small caution: ReDieting does not mean starving. (Although, it might feel like that.) Even dieting is subject to moderation. Consider that every 100 calorie gain or loss over a month of days is almost a pound. So, if you (we/I) can drop 300 calories on any given day, it's decent progress, but not a huge ask. Now the trick is to start gradually lining up enough days each month to matter.

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A Winter Warmer

A moment to cap the season.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 01/18/2026



It began as a conversation with Frank Falvey. He said it. I bought it. We did it. We held a casual 'Winter Warmer' get-together among our board members, crew and our volunteer program producers. With the holidays in the books and January in full sway, folks aren't preoccupied buying gifts, putting up decorations and getting ready for anything – except Spring. It's a more relaxed time; perhaps to reflect, to look back, and perhaps look ahead. It's a last hurrah and first social step into 2026.

We told our stories of Christmas past, displaying ornaments that we brought, and conveying why each was unique – and particularly meaningful in our lives. We spoke not of Christmas the day, but Christmas the spirit, embodied in family lore. We spanned the warm-hearted and the whimsical. Each story brought smiles, quiet nods, and a reflective appreciation of all that the holidays can be. Frank presented 'Santa, then and now' as two figurines. One was of Sinterklass, the 4th-century Christian bishop Saint Nicholas (the original Santa). The other, our modern jolly old elf popularized by illustrator Thomas Nast. Jeff Roy brought his Boston Strong ornament. Cobi Frongillo brought a paper tree he decorated as a child. Pete Rouse brought a Narragansett Beer ornament. Me? My rubber Christmas cannoli – and of course – yummy cannolis all around.

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Spreadsheets

Math is Mathin' – Totally.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 01/25/2026

In days of yore, when someone's stated claims just didn't make sense we used to say, "Wait. That just doesn't add up."

Today, the street says, "Yo, that math ain't mathin'."

Enter the spreadsheets. I love Excel. That sounds so – nerdishly geeky. But, it's true. Why? Because math is truth. *If you can't measure it, you can't manage it.* In a time when our cable funding is slowly shriveling up from cord-cutting, we all need to work and 'math' our budgets with sharper pencils. (Sharper – mouse-clicks?)

As Public Access TV folks, we strive to do more with less. Is what we do 'enough'? The best way to answer that is, "What would our services cost – if we didn't exist?" Although our media services are free, what's the *fair market rate* for what we do?"

So, every year I recreate a standard media services 'Line Card'. It's a breakdown of all the gear and labor that goes into a media project – from first idea to final release. I develop a detailed reference 'Line Card' as a Menu of our equipment and services. (*I'll have the Two Cameras – with a side of audio, please.*) It averages the market rate services from 'for hire' media and production companies across the country.

Then the fun begins. I combine and tally services for the types of productions we create. I model studio projects; location projects. Then I tally all the episodes we produce for each program series, school games, civic events, government meetings. It's our report card. It's our North Star. It's – a lot.

In fact, it's typically 2.3x to 2.6x our income. What does that mean in real numbers? 'For hire' media needs a margin of at least 1.8x just to survive. We're healthy, so far.

Franklin has 33,000 residents. At \$18 per capita (and dropping), our annual income is around \$594,000. Our 'fair market' value total is \$1,425,000; 2.4x our income. This is what a performance reality check should look like. The numbers reveal all.

Our math? It's totally mathin'. It's not the income that matters. It's the outcome.

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Oh, Snap!

Waaaay too cold.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 02/01/2026

Oh, snap!

Cold snap.

January, February. (Sigh!)

Air is crisp, dry –

but it doesn't snap.

It saps – warmth from skin – down to the bone.

It lingers – languishing.

Winter does that.

Nothing snappy about January, February.

Nothing eases all the freezes it inflicts.

The trees snap from heavy snows.

Winter kill is afoot.

Winter doldrums – to snap out of.

Bring the Spring – and make it snappy.

A happy snappy Spring? A weary wish.

As I snap snaps on my clumsy coat

I wish this cold snap would end – in a snap.

What might ease a cold snap?

A hot flash?

Perhaps not.

Oh, snap!

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In the Swim

We're treading water.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 02/08/2026

We cover many sports events. Included – swim meets. They are long, 3-4 hours. The resulting stats and rankings from the MIAA fill 14 pages.



A lesser known statistic – the emails and phone calls we get. They are many, and sometimes they're laced with a slight tone of panic until we say, "Yes, we'll be there." It's what we do.

We cover these events on our school channels – almost always live-streamed as well. You can watch for free on Youtube – for now.

However, consider that cord-cutting (dropping your cable service) also cuts our funding – and our future ability to say, "Yes, we'll be there."

You can help us stay afloat. Contact your MA legislators and tell them you want them to support legislation for local PEG TV funding by the streaming services.

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Franklin, 1932

Here's a Last Look – in S3D.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 02/15/2026

Through much of December and January our Historical Museum displayed three dazzling dioramas depicting Franklin life in 1932. The exhibits are the patient painstaking work of Scott Mason – as detailed examples of miniature settings created by HO scale railroad enthusiasts. Scott raises it to a high art form.



Before the dioramas were retired (until the next time) I was compelled to get to the Museum and, working with Scott and Chris Leverone, we stereographed Scott's liliputian landscapes from several teeny viewpoints, producing another historical form of art – Holmes 3D stereograms.

3D images were first introduced in 1850 England by Prince Albert at the first International Exposition in London's Crystal Palace. The stereogram cards often depicted landscapes, events and dignitaries, You inserted the cards into a stereopticon to see them as if you were actually there.

Later examples of stereography came to broad popularity as Viewmaster disks that many of us collected as kids. Disney continues to produce Viewmaster disks depicting its many characters in 3D antics. Today's 3D movies and virtual reality games are based on the same optical principles that produced these images.

You can actually see these images in 3D right off the page by staring far beyond them in order to fuse the Left and Right image into one 3D view.



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It Ain't Rocket Science?

Oh, wait! Actually, it is – on March 16th.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 02/22/2026

On March 16th, 1926 the world changed. We entered the space age. From an open field in Worcester, MA Dr. Robert Goddard launched the first liquid-fueled rocket. His rocket's flight was reminiscent of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk; arcing off the ground, and flying for a few hundred feet. In that singular, brief moment space flight went from mad concept to scientific pursuit.

On March 16th, 2026 we will mark the centennial of the space age. Franklin.TV and The Wonder Mission will commemorate and cover the event from Worcester – live on our school channel, Franklin Pride, Comcast 8 and Verizon 28, and streaming on our Youtube educational channel.

Visit www.thewondermission.org.

NASA's upcoming Artemis mission will take us back to the Moon – and eventually beyond. Today, we enjoy space-based internet access, global geolocation and many more modern benefits – ideas realized yet unimagined in Dr. Robert Goddard's day. Although ridiculed in his time, Goddard demonstrated the means – he showed us a practical technology pathway to space.

This is what science does.

We are in the midst of planning our live coverage, and we encourage other Public Access studios around the state and the country to rebroadcast our program and carry this singularly momentous event along with us – live – on March 16th.

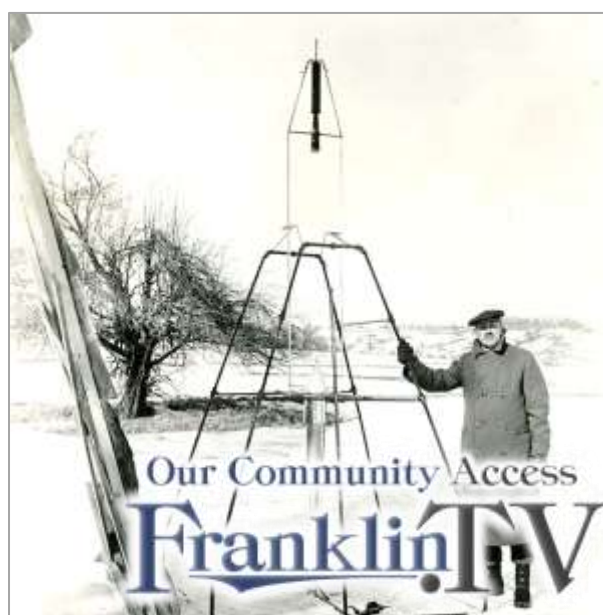
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Shovels

Sooo much snow. We need 'em. We hate 'em.
by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/01/2026

The Shovel. A most basic tool. When you need one it's usually when your day takes a turn for the worst. Heavy or disgusting stuff needs to be scooped up and moved with a shovel. Shovels come in many sizes. There's even a special shovel to pick up after the dog - but I digress.

My first experience with a shovel was disarmingly fun. I was a tiny tyke at the beach. Among my plastic beach toys, a pail and a small shovel - for playing in the sand. I believe it's a deceptive ploy by a shady shovel manufacturers association - a cabal - dedicated to maximizing shovel usage and sales. Start 'em young - so the kiddies accept shovel usage as - normal. It's that classic approach by the tobacco industry decades ago. Doctors warned us about smoking. Now they warn us about shoveling. Shoveling is bad.



No matter where you live in the U.S. there is a need to shovel - something. In the North, we shovel snow after every storm. In the South? We shovel sand into bags before every storm. There's no escape. Shovels are evil. So - I plan to strike back.

My plan? Promote a green initiative that greatly reduces the number of shovels that the shady shovel manufacturers can sell. We hit 'em in the pocketbook.

**In the North, we need shovels in Winter to move snow.
In the South, we need shovels in Summer to move sand.**

I say we develop a shovel allocation/relocation system that strategically redeploys shovels where needed every Spring and Fall. As birds fly South, we ship shovels North, and in Spring we ship shovels South. Shovel shipping is my bold retaliatory strike against evil shovel oligarchs - even if I'm digging my own grave.

I think up stuff like this all the time. Don't know why more folks aren't on board. I guess that's why they say true genius is never recognized in it's own time. My work here is done.

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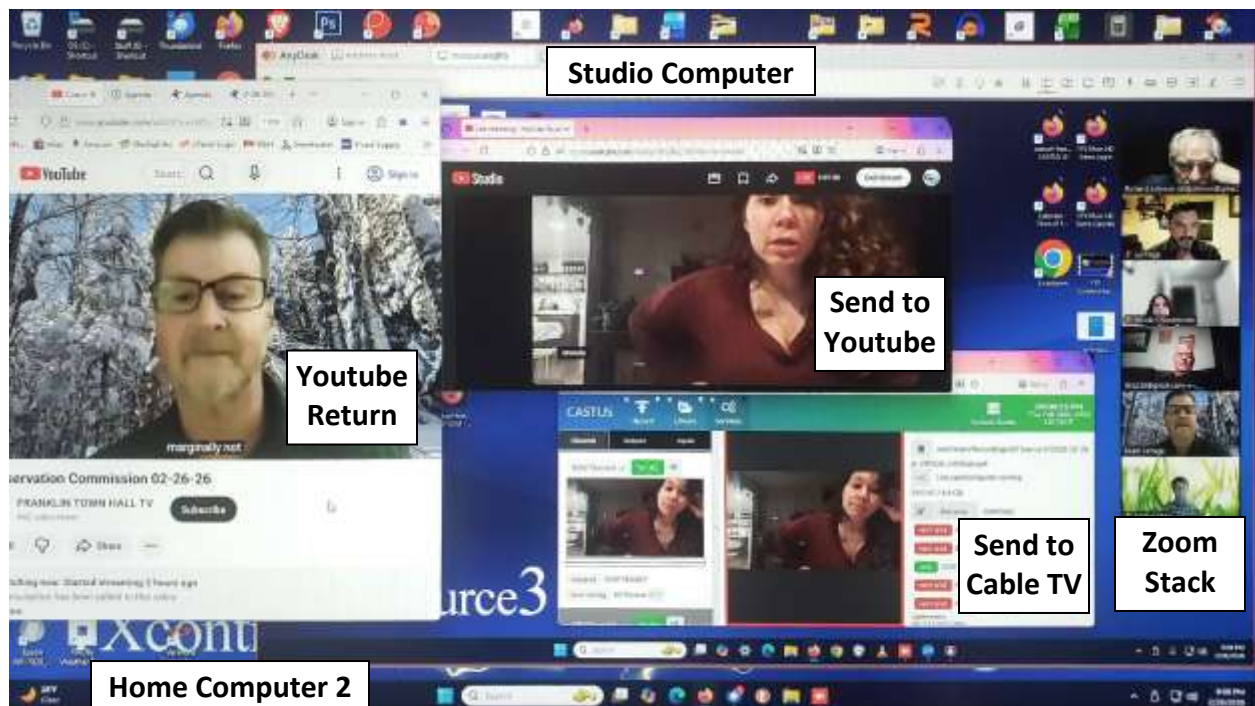
Computers – Lots of ‘em.

Stacking ‘em up – to get it done.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/08/2026

Due to the inclement weather our Conservation Commission held their recent meeting via Zoom. Sooo, about a half-dozen souls tied their computers together over the internet via Zoom. That’s a computer for each person, and an ‘invisible’ computer at Zoom to connect them all and record the proceedings.

We also join the meeting in order to connect it to our Government channel. So, I fire up a computer at home and join the meeting in order to coordinate that connection. Then I fire up a second computer at home to control another computer at the studio that will also join their meeting and send it to yet another computer that will stream it to our YouTube channel. I also connect the meeting to another computer that plays the meeting on our government cable channel while also recording it.



We set up this computing cascade well in advance of the meeting’s start – because you just never know... Total computer count – 12. What could possibly go wrong?

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It's Today. (Yikes!)

We Are Go for Launch at 2pm.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/14/2026

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It Happened.

Yesterday's impromptu festivities launched successfully.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/15/2026

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On Saturday 3/14 we marked the centennial of goddard's work. Franklin.TV and The Wonder Mission streamed the event live from Auburn, MA, on our All-Access Channel, Comcast 6 and Verizon 26. The severe Monday weather forced a move to Saturday with planned speeches and festivities. Public turnout was impressive. In spite of a few fizzles on launchpads and high winds, the crowd's enthusiasm rose ever higher – above it all – as each little rocket roared up into the blue yonder.

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Trigger Day

Return of the Re-Diet

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/22/2026

Spring happened – oh-fishly on Friday 3/10 at 10:46 AM EDT. The start of Spring is a useful trigger day – a day that tells you to change the HVAC filters. Same in fall. It's also a good time to check oil, change batteries in some devices, etc.

The first day of Spring is also a good trigger to honestly assess where my weight is. How much of that past lost weight has found its way back to me. Pernicious. It's well timed, given the end of Winter and 'The Eating Season' – with all those holidays and gatherings through those chilly months..

Welp – that honest assessment is in. (Ugh!) Time once again to buckle down on weight loss. (Sigh!) That said, the means and methods of engagement for successful dieting that I've cobbled over time are simple. I take it one step at a time.

And so it begins...

On Friday I launched my tried and true 'on ramp' – make it through **Just One Day**.

I start my slow weight loss march in March by dieting for just that first Spring day. This is about restarting some good (yet recently neglected) dietary habits.

My **Re-Diet** effort is now in play. Time to get serious – for **Just – One – Day**.

With Friday in the rear view – as I write this on Saturday I will not go food-crazy. It's about combining reasonable pacing between those dedicated diet **Days**.

I must now atone for my small (but many) gustatorial excesses. Therein lies another key concept. What we eat on any given day may appear reasonable enough, but a paltry 100 – or even 50 – additional calories over many days – more days than not – is how that weight gain gradually yet inexorably creeps in.

So, beyond Saturday, there will be other **Just – One – Day**, events – diet **Days** that will gradually yet inexorably get me to back to my goal weight. Patience is key.

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Massachusetts Media

Sports - & Media Tech - & Us

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 03/29/2026

Mass communication became a reality with the rise of radio after The Great War. Since then, sports coverage and technology have enjoyed a long, mutually beneficial relationship. Radio brought us the crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd, and the booth announcer's excitement. After WW 2 we embraced TV. We could hear and see the action unfolding - live - as it happened.

Note: A baseball game was first 'televised' as early as 1926 by Hollis Baird via an experimental, 32 line TV system - from Fenway Park. The fact that you couldn't see the ball at that low image resolution? Hey, he tried.

The de facto formation of a sports & media complex brought more energy and money to major leagues and major networks. The tech march continued with color TV in the late fifties, and eventually HDTV in 1997. (Now you could see the hockey puck.)

Along the way instant replays became common, and these days, even mission critical in validating the play action. From the batter's box to the 1st down line, inches matter. Now computer graphics underscore details of the play action. During half-time NFL coaches use video to analyze the opposing team's play and make adjustments.

Today, the only significant regular programming that remains truly live is sports. Almost everything else is recorded in advance. We at Franklin.TV know the power of sports at the local level. School sports is becoming part of the sports & media complex with licensing deals between schools, regional, state and national distributors - and as local community TV studios, we are slowly being forced off the field. First, for the big season playoff games - and eventually, the day may arrive where we can no longer carry school sports.

Where money is involved, what we've offered for years - for free - for everyone - may be constrained to those who can afford to subscribe to streaming services. Our own sports streams remain free - for now. Viewers who drop cable and 'cut the cord' can see our games, but we see no revenue as our annual budget continues to erode. Should we charge for streaming sports?

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Freedom of Assembly

‘Some Assembly Required’ – Indeed.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 04/05/2026

Getting All the Pieces to Fit. It’s a three-hour tour in patience while divining the assembly pictogram instructions that have no words. I was tasked with assembling a toddler-sized kitchen set.

‘Some assembly required’ – this is invariably a necessary, difficult challenge.

I don’t think that this is the type of ‘freedom of assembly’ that the Founding Fathers sought to enshrine as The First Amendment – the first of all human rights in Our Bill of Rights.



Freedom of Assembly – “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; *or the right of the people peaceably to assemble*, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances,”

It recognizes that a person’s faith – whether it commands them to kneel toward Mecca, light candles for the Sabbath, or pray in a language older than the ruins of Rome – deserves neither derision nor suspicion – whether it be Easter, Passover, Eid or – nothing at all. And it is this simple undeniable fact that the right to exist in peace doesn’t hinge on anyone else’s comprehension – or opinion. We don’t need to understand someone to offer respect. We need only be decent – as compassionate human beings. Respect is the simple daily act of tendering the same dignity to others that we expect for ourselves. As we all assemble in worship this weekend – or anytime common faith and ideals bring folks of like mind together – let’s also respect the first ‘instruction’ in the Bill of Rights. Rights are not privileges. Why? Because privileges can be taken away, Rights are also *obligations* – to exercise with consistency; to apply to all equally, and to defend vigorously.

In these notably authoritarian times ‘Some assembly *is* required’ – and is invariably our necessary, difficult challenge. And – through respectful abiding assembly, perhaps we can get all the pieces – of society – to fit. (We just need the right tools.)

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Sports, Take 2

Giving voice to the action.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 04/12/2026

We're watching football. Yes, we're 'Professional Football Watchers'.



Now there's a cool job title. Here you see Pete Royce and Jay Horrigan watching a game and calling the play action. They're broadcast sports announcers. That's the fancier way of saying, 'Professional Football Watchers'. All they need here? Buffalo wings and beer.

This was one of the rare instances where they called the game from our studio rather than at the field. I might be disassembling a bit of 'The Magic of Television', but yes, this actually happens with some national and international sports.

Consider that almost all soccer games are called by announcers in a Miami studio.

"Goal!!!!!!!"

As the World Cup plays out across the U.S. this year there will be announcers hither and yon - in studios around the world. They'll be calling the games in languages common to their respective national TV networks.

The "Tower of Babel" problem - solved. Not a towering task.

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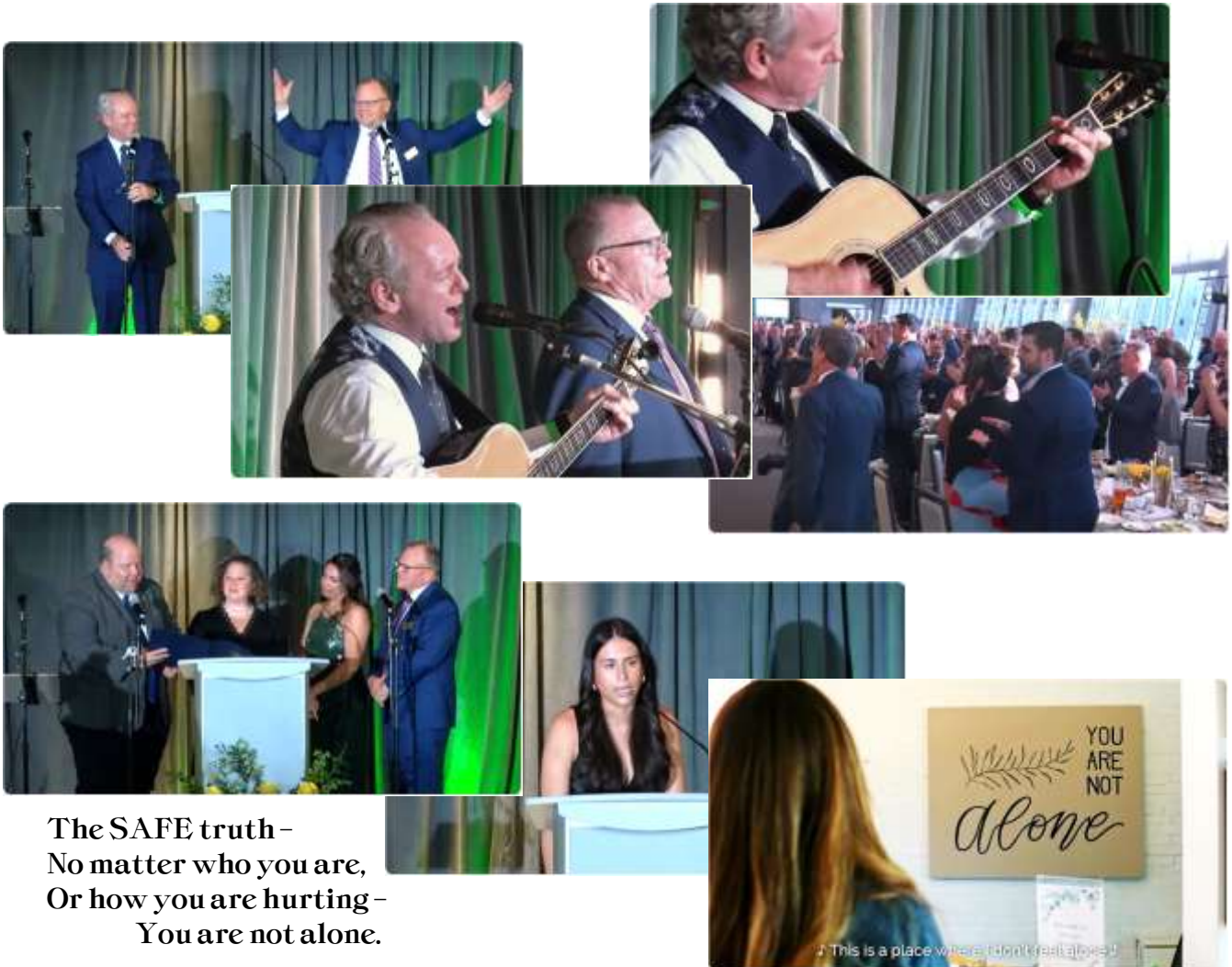
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SAFE, 10th GALA

SAFE Coalition Celebrates at Gillette Stadium

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 04/19/2026

When the SAFE Coalition began humbly in Wrentham who knew that its growth, and more importantly, its impact across the state would be so incredible? It's staff and volunteers are amazing. It's cause runs deep through every heart. When you understand the critical work they do there's only one response. "How can we help?" Now, 10 years on – time to enjoy a moment to celebrate. The evening's festivities were hosted (and serenaded) by Jim Derick and Jeff Roy. (Standing ovation.)



The SAFE truth –
No matter who you are,
Or how you are hurting –
You are not alone.

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The Magic Weeks

To these tiny leaves, I say 'Hello.'

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 04/26/2026

I regard this past week as the start of the 'magic weeks'. It's that time in the year when the trees get serious about doing their greening thing. Last Sunday? No green. Nothing but Wintersticks – naked branches on trees and bushes. But, life was awakening within them. Driving home on Friday. Green is happening, and rather quickly. By next weekend the dramatic change from Winter's emptiness to Summer's fulgent leafing will be in full sway.



Above: Leaves return; week one.

It's a time in the year that quickens the pace of life. I rise to an ever earlier Sun, and I enjoy an affirmative jump on the day – that is more challenging in Winter's dark. In every sense there's Spring in my step.

And the newly rustling leaves return my nod with their gentle, 'Good Morning'

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Our Tech To-Do List

It's alive. It never ends. It just evolves.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 05/03/2026

The technology that keeps Franklin.TV and wfpr.fm perking along has grown over the years. It continues to grow. It will never—ever—ever stop growing. (Help!) There's always something to fix, software to update, new widgets to install.

This week we began installing two teleprompter systems in our small studio. This project will wrap up when the additional parts arrive over the weekend. Once done, we begin preparing for graduations at Franklin High and Tri-County High. Next week we return to the Franklin High field and pressbox to restore HD video fiber line service from there back to our studio. How techno-geeky does it get?

Validate digital router settings and fiber lines in the Panther TV studio.

Trace/test video fiber from the field via the school TV studio,
and from there to the MDF room and back to our studio.

Add an MD-HX HD video TSG (Test Signal Generator) in the Pressbox.

Add/pre-configure a streaming web presenter in the Pressbox.

Install audio anti-feedback system in Panther P.A. rack.

Validate return mux video feed from our studio to Panther TV and Pressbox.

We move on to Town Hall Chambers for adds/updates:

Add a mechanical A/B program video backup switch.

Recalibrate all microphone and line audio levels.

Install 2 NIST internet clocks.

In the Town Hall 3rd Floor Training Room video system:

Add 2 small video displays next to ceiling cameras 2 and 4.

Add an MD-HX HD video TSG (Test Signal Generator) in the control system.

Recalibrate all microphone and line audio levels. Add HDMI audio embedder.

Fix 3 stand mics w/ XLR-F screw-on adapters.

July: Town Hall Chambers - install new 100-inch display behind the dais..

Run 3 HDMI fiber lines to the 100-inch display from all desks.

New Digital Signage Systems to be installed in 4-5 public locations.

And - other tech stuff will emerge before all of the above is completed.

And - by now you're probably asleep reading our techy To-Do list-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z.

Trouble sleeping?

Just read it again when it's time to retire for the night. (No need to thank me.)

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Celebrating Our Senior Students

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 05/17/2026



For us 'student season' has begun. This is the time of year when we local access TV studios highlight this year's local high school graduating class from Franklin High (Go Panthers), Tri-County high (Go Cougars), and King Phillip high (Go Warriors).

Our first event was this past week at Tri-County's Senior Night where talented and deserving kids receive recognition and some are awarded local scholarships.. Franklin High Senior Night is up next - this Thursday. King Phillips Seniors celebrate later on June 4th.

Then there are Graduation ceremonies. Tri- County graduation is May 28th. Franklin, June 5th (6/4 rain date). Finally, King Phillip graduates on Sunday, June 6 at 2P at Stonehill College.

There's much to celebrate every academic year.

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The Back Office

It's where the magic happens.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 05/24/2026

Srsly? Yep. The success (or failure) of any business relies on accurate information that comes from the back office – accounting data. How much ‘stuff’ did you sell? How much did it (really) cost you? Where’s your profit? Truth in numbers.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	FranklinTV																	
2	Production Services										PEG Total	Access	School	Gov't	Meets	Radio	Signs	\$\$ Total \$\$
3											\$1,561,801	\$617,801	\$361,764	\$582,237	\$24,135	\$214,392	\$8,600	\$1,808,927
4											86.3%	34.2%	20.0%	32.2%	1.3%	11.9%	0.5%	1,808,415
5	Shoot - 1 Cam & operator	6	1	6	57	1	57	0	1	0		4,368	41,496					45,864
6	Shoot - 2 Cam & operators	8	1	8	35	1	35	0	1	0		11,648	50,960					62,608
7	Shoot - 3 Cam & operators	10	1	10	52	1	52	4	1	4		21,840	113,568	8,736				144,144
8	Flypak Sr Switch & Control	4	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0		4,450	44,500					48,950
9	Flypak Jr Switch & Control	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0			30,198					30,198
10	Talent for Narration & Events	10	0	0	89	0	0	4	0	0		3,600	32,040	1,440				37,080
11	TV kitchen & lights	10	3	30	0	1	0	0	1	0		35,488						35,488
12	Studio 'A' - rental	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0								
13	Studio 'A' - 4 Cam ISO & crew	10	1	10	2	1	2	0	1	0		73,134	14,627					87,761
14	Studio 'A' Control - Live	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		13,952						13,952
15	Studio 'B' - 3 Cam ISO, 1 crew	110	1	110	0	1	0	0	1	0		388,541						388,541
16	GOV Chambers Meetings	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	1	140				554,680				554,680
17	GOV Training Rooms Meetings	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	4				4,798				4,798
18	Program Totals			144			146			148	438	144	146	148	74	393	46	
19											Programs	Access	School	Gov't	Meets	Podcasts	Posts	
20	Prepro / Scout / Plans / Scripts	18	1	18	8	1	8	4	1	4	30	13,836	6,149	3,075				23,060
21	Graphics, Post-production	75	1	75	45	1	45	15	1	15	135	46,800	28,080	9,360				84,240
22	Community Room - Meetings	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	74				24,061			24,061
23	Community Bulletin Board	30	1	30	4	1	4	12	1	12	46						8,600	8,600
24	Podcast Tech Kits (Volunteers)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	92					966		966
25	Radio Flypak & Mics	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	28					22,416		22,416
26	Radio Conference Studio 1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	124					67,041		67,041
27	Radio Production Studio 2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	112					116,303		116,303
28	TV Audio to Radio Programs	35	1	35	0	1	0	6	1	6	41					7,665		7,665

The above summary sheet is one of a few Excel worksheets that, together, divine the free-market value of our work – our social worth – as a community organization. If there's anything that we could consider our 'report card', this spreadsheet is it. Although we are a nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization, we strive to measure what we produce in terms of its value – it's actual market (street) value. Each year we attach commercial market rates to all that we do, item by item. If we didn't exist, this is what folks would have to pay a business for our programming efforts.

What does it mean? In cell R2 we (and our volunteers) created \$1,766,464. of 'stuff'. Our annual cable carrier funding is only \$560,000. (and falling) – yet we persist.

Persisting. Producing. Prevailing. It's what we do. It's there – in the numbers.

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Tri-County Graduates

A Lovely Poignant Evening

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 05/31/2026

Every graduation is a special event. This year Tri-County wrapped up another graduation, and the evening was spectacularly Summery. This graduation was also poignant. It's the end of an era as the current school building closes for the last time.



Hats in the air, and a new group of TC graduates become tomorrow's successes. Next year, a new era will begin for the undergrads as they move to their new venue.

Go, Cougars!

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FHS Panthers Graduate

Another Lovely Poignant Evening
by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 06/07/2026

Every graduation is a special event. This year our Panthers wrapped up another graduation, and the evening was spectacularly Summery.



Hats in the air, and a new group of FHS graduates become tomorrow's successes.

Go, Panthers!

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MIAA

Meet the talented student athletes.
by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 06/14/2026

Last week we were back in the studio interviewing some amazing student athletes with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association – the MIAA



It's always an inspiring session; listening to these students share their experiences. They brilliantly personify the MIAA's mission "Growing Courageous Leaders."

If you've ever had doubts or misgivings about this latest generation –find comfort in the MIAA's ongoing series "Winning Ways". It's definitely must-see TV.

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FIFA Fans Are – Great!

The Scots Partay! The Japanese Tidy Up.
by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 06/14/2026

After all the puffery and prep – FIFA is actually here. For me, the games are somewhat interesting; the big stats and records, a bit more so, but I'm really enjoying the fans, no matter which great country they come from.



And therein lies my key point.

They are people of the world who just want to enjoy the moment and each other where each is rightfully proud of his/her/their great country. There's that word 'great' again. This is a moment where we are all great – appreciating, and being appreciated by, each other. The Scots showed us that partying and kilts – and joy are never out of style. Tidying up the stadium, Team Japan demonstrated their national commitment to cleanliness and a shared respect for the public good. Having visited and greatly enjoyed both great countries, I can vouch. They're all great. See you at the Franklin watch parties. It'll be great.

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Independence Day!

May the Fourth Be With You.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 06/28/2026

At our Senior Scribblers radio session this past week we had a reading of the Declaration of Independence. You know the one. It started our revolution and move to self-governance because we were being oppressed by the King of England.

These days the current King is more popular than our President. King Charles does not present himself as a man to be feared. When he recently appeared before the U.S. Congress he quipped about the Revolution.

"Two hundred and fifty years ago - or as we say in the United Kingdom, 'just the other day'... they declared independence."

The brilliant punchline drew widespread laughter and applause from lawmakers in the House chamber. The King offered a self-deprecating historical quip to break the ice and highlight the long, shared history and bond between the U.S. and the U.K. before diving into heavier geopolitical topics. He knew how to read the room. He was engaging, eloquent, insightful, on point.

Our President does not know nor care about such things. He cares only about his ego, his personal power, and his ongoing usurpations as he spews his wilted word salad.

"When in the Course of Human Events..."

If you read The Declaration you will experience wave after wave of déjà vu.

250 years on - how did we end up back where we began as a nation?

If we truly value our independence we need to do more than fire up the grill, go to the parade, and watch the fireworks. If you want to celebrate our independence, the real party is in November. Celebrate - for all your worth - at the ballot box.

Party like it's - 1776.

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Independence Day – Part 2!

We all have rights – and obligations.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 07/05/2026

Freedoms and Rights. Yes, we all have them. Independence is a wonderful thing.

In his 1941 State of the Union address (A hum-dinger IMHO) President Franklin D. Roosevelt championed The "Four Freedoms" as fundamental human rights. These are: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. I would add a fifth freedom as my nod to our general "Pursuit of Happiness". We get to do what we want, including the pursuit of things frivolous – engaging in pastimes; satisfying our wants and so on. All well and good – in moderation.

(Bungee jumping? Not on my to-do list.)

However, some folks do make poor choices. Such choices can have negative consequences not only for the chooser, but for society as a whole. While society tries to be helpful through public policies and guidelines, we as individuals have an obligation to step up and do our part. This is the give and take of a free society.

The first order of business once the Constitution was penned – we added Ten Amendments as The Bill of Rights. As comedian George Carlin noted, "They are not The Bill of Privileges, - because privileges can be taken away."

We do dearly cherish our rights, and many of us are quick to defend our; especially in heated discourse. (Yes, you do have your rights, but we all share the planet.)

That said, I wish the framers of our Constitution also included a companion set of Amendments called The Bill of Obligations. Why? Because freedom isn't free. When folks hear that statement they assume the brave souls who gave their last.

However, in this uniquely great country that touts, 'All Men Are Created Equal', there are obligations to society that flow to each and all of us – equally.

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