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## Church packages more than 20,000 meals for impoverished children overseas



WEBSTER — Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church packaged 20,120 meals on Sunday, March 29 to help support impoverished children in the developing world. Seventy five volunteers joined forces with Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief non-profit organization

that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations.

“We are putting our faith into action,” Fr. Luke Veronis preached in his sermon that Sunday. “Saint James tells us that faith without works is dead. We show what we believe by what we do

and how we live. And this is what we, as a Church family, are trying to do through this event. It’s a day when our prayers take on hands and feet. For the children receiving these 20,000 meals, they may never know our names but they will feel Christ working through us. This is where everything comes

together. We are blessed not so that we keep God’s blessings for ourselves but so we bless others. We remember the words of St. John Chrysostom: ‘If you can’t find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.’”

Rise Against Hunger works in coun-

tries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. They provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing

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## Founder of Paragus IT to deliver Nichols College commencement address

DUDLEY — Nichols College has announced that Delcie D. Bean IV, founder and CEO of Paragus IT, will give the commencement address at the 2026 commencement exercises, which will take place Saturday, May 2, at the DCU Center in Worcester.

“Nichols College is honored to welcome Delcie Bean as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of the class of 2026. His entrepreneurial spirit, creative business acumen and deep commitment to underrepresented communities embody the values we seek to instill in our graduates,” says Nichols College President Bill Pieczynski. “We know Delcie’s words will inspire our students to trust their instincts and take risks as they pursue their dreams, while continuing to lift others as they advance in their careers. We look forward to commemorating this milestone with him and our Nichols community.”

Since founding the company at the age of 13, Bean has transformed Paragus IT into one of the most successful, fastest-growing information technology (IT) firms in the region. The company’s unique corporate culture and strategic approach to providing outsourced IT services to small- to medium-sized businesses have earned many accolades, including being named to Inc. magazine’s list of 5,000 fastest-growing businesses and Forbes magazine’s 25 Small Giants list.

As the company has grown, so has Bean’s commitment to equity and inclusion. In 2014, he created Tech Foundry, an educational nonprofit designed to address the need for a skilled IT workforce by providing in-depth training for individuals from marginalized or underrepresented communities.

In 2016, Bean began the process of transitioning Paragus to a 100 percent employee-owned company, which he completed in 2024. He is currently working to grow Paragus into a \$250-million firm with offices across the country. In doing so, he aims to create more than 100 employee-owner millionaires.

Bean has advised state leadership on economic and technology matters and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Bay Path University. He has received multiple Entrepreneur of the Year and 40 Under 40 honors from Business West and the Worcester Business Journal, and Paragus has been recognized by WBJ as Best Employee-Owned Company for 2026.

Bean and his wife of 15 years live in southern New Hampshire with their three boys. He will receive an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree at Nichols College’s May commencement ceremony.

Constantine “Gus” Alexander, a former member of the Nichols

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## Oxford High School Student Council earns national award

OXFORD — For its exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that improve the school and community, the Oxford High School Student Council has been recognized as a 2025 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

The NASC program is supported by its parent organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

A student council must



The Oxford High School student council attended the Massachusetts Annual Student Council Conference in Hyannis in March where they were also recognized as a Gold council in Massachusetts

meet a variety of criteria to earn the National Gold Council of Excellence Award. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings and a democratic election process, the councils must have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community.

Senior Anna Costa Heroux, who is serving

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## Cub Scout Pack 53 holds annual Pinewood Derby

AUBURN — Creativity, craftsmanship, and friendly competition were on full display as Cub Scout Pack 53 held its annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, March 29, at Faith Church in Auburn.

Scouts spent weeks designing and building their own wooden race cars for the beloved scouting tradition, which challenges participants to combine engineering, imagination, and teamwork. This year’s entries showcased an impressive range of themes and designs. Cars included everything from a pizza delivery vehicle and a recycling truck to an intricate miniature camp-ground landscape.


Sawyer Tubbs, age seven, overall winner of the 2026 race, remembered that “designing and painting my car was the funnest part. I liked looking at all the other cars and watching them race.”

Many scouts drew inspiration from their favorite characters and hobbies. Several cars featured designs based on popular figures from “Minecraft,” “K-Pop Demon Hunters,” “Ghostbusters,” and “Batman,” while others celebrated favorite animals such as dogs, dragons, and unicorns.

Ezra Hashey, age seven, and the 2025 defending champion, knew what it

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# Town Historian to be remembered at next Auburn Historical Society meeting

AUBURN — Ken Ethier considered himself the “unofficial town historian,” and spent his life preserving and disseminating the history of the town. He was a wealth of information as he grew up in town and knew the stories. He told these stories through “Tidbit of History From Chapins’ Crossing”

articles that he wrote and published in the Auburn News.

The next monthly meeting of the Auburn Historical Society & Museum will be held on Thursday, April 16, and will feature Ellen Ethier reading some of these historical readings and elabo-

rating on them. People are encouraged to add their stories after the meeting. The meeting will be at the Auburn Sportsman’s Club at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Auburn Historical Society & Museum, 41

South St. The museum is open Tuesday and Saturday mornings 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and may be reached at auburn-museum@verizon.net or 508-832-6856, www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org or follow us on Facebook at Auburn Historical.

# Webster Democratic Town Committee to host forum with selectman candidates

WEBSTER — On Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m., the Webster Democratic Town Committee will host a Selectmen Candidate Forum at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, 2 Lake St.

The forum will provide Webster residents with an opportunity to hear direct-

ly from the candidates about their priorities, qualifications, and vision for the town. Candidates scheduled to attend are Tom Klebart, currently Chair of the Selectmen, Mark Rogers, currently Vice-Chairman, and Jorge F. Delgado.

The Webster Democratic Town

Committee is hosting the event as a community forum to help voters become informed ahead of the local election. The format will include opening statements, moderated questions, and closing remarks.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and learn more about the

candidates and the issues facing Webster.

For more information about the Forum and to get involved with the Webster Democratic Town Committee, contact or text Raquel Colby at 203-314-8965 or email raquelcolby@gmail.com.

# Massasoit Art Guild announces Spring Small Works show at Leicester Public Library

LEICESTER — The Massasoit Art Guild will present its Spring Small Works Art and Photography Show from April 30 through May 27 at the Leicester Public Library, offering visitors a chance to view a wide range of compact-format artwork created by guild members from across the region.

The members-only exhibition will feature original pieces limited to a maximum size of 12 by 14 inches, measured by outside frame dimensions. Artists may submit up to two entries each. Organizers said the smaller format encourages experimentation and accessibility while allowing a broad range of styles and media to be displayed in a shared community setting.

The show will be judged as a single category rather than divided by medium. Awards will be presented for first, second and third place, along with an honorary mention. A People’s Choice selection will also be recognized. Ribbon prizes will be awarded to winners.

Artwork drop-off and check-in is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the library’s

ground-floor Community Room. Later that day, the guild will host a public meet-and-greet reception with participating artists from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the same location. Organizers encourage all participating artists to attend the reception to connect with visitors and fellow exhibitors.

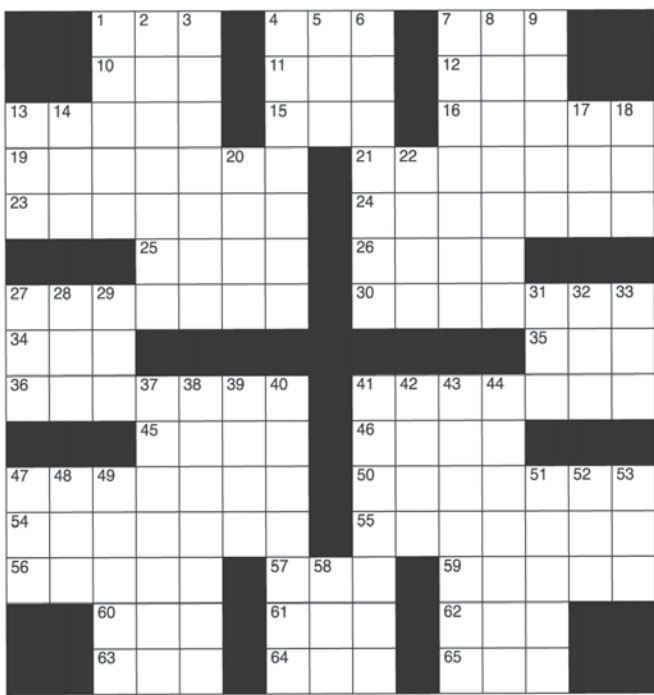
The exhibition will remain on display during regular library hours through May 27. Pick-up for submitted artwork is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., again in the Community Room.

Registration for the show opened Feb. 22 and continues through April 15, or until available space is filled. Advance registration is required, and artists must complete the entry process through the guild’s website.

Guild representatives said the annual small works exhibition provides an opportunity for artists to present new material while also introducing local audiences to the range of talent within the organization. The show is designed to be approachable for both established artists and newer members interested in exhibiting their work publicly.

Support for the exhibition is provided in part through a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Additional information about show rules and registration is available through the Massasoit Art Guild website. Questions may also be directed to the organization by email at massasoitartguild@gmail.com.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Health care pros
- 4. A person inhabiting Benin
- 7. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 10. Split pulses
- 11. Frozen water
- 12. Small constellation
- 13. Perennial mountain rice
- 15. Pick up
- 16. Japanese historical period
- 19. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 21. Unattached
- 23. Fishing port in SE France
- 24. Products for dogs
- 25. One point south of southeast
- 26. Having the skill or resources to do something
- 27. Involve oneself deeply
- 30. Immobile
- 34. \_\_\_ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
- 35. Move quickly on foot
- 36. Gathered
- 41. A way through
- 45. Another name for Thor
- 46. Sharp dueling sword
- 47. The supreme commander of a fleet
- 50. Seasoned sausages
- 54. Path
- 55. Christian hermit
- 56. Ancient region of Asia Minor
- 57. Where wrestlers go to work
- 59. Roman statesman
- 60. Explosive
- 61. Licensed for Wall Street
- 62. Where golfers start
- 63. Grow old
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. No seats available

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A legally binding command
- 2. General feeling of discomfort
- 3. Dribble
- 4. Soft touch
- 5. South American plant
- 6. Clouds of gas and dust in space
- 7. Warm-blooded vertebrates
- 8. Lines created by folding
- 9. Strong belief
- 13. Senior officer
- 14. Adult
- 17. Joint entrance examination in India
- 18. Passports and drivers’ licenses are two
- 20. Those who go against an accepted authority
- 22. One point east of northeast
- 27. Journalist Tarbell
- 28. One’s mother (British)
- 29. Nowhere to be found
- 31. A way to save for old age
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. The work of a sailor
- 38. Mark with striae
- 39. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 40. Sticky situation
- 41. Monetary units of Spain
- 42. Three-banded armadillo
- 43. Chooses
- 44. More disreputable
- 47. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 48. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan
- 49. Livestock owners assn. in Spain
- 51. Duplicating machine (abbr.)
- 52. OJ trial judge
- 53. Politician
- 58. Airborne (abbr.)

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# Lady Indians track team earns first win of 2026 season

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School (BHS) Girls Varsity Track and Field team worked through challenging conditions to earn their first victory of the 2026 season, defeating a competitive and well-coached Southbridge Pioneers squad. Battling steady rain throughout the meet, both teams demonstrated resilience and toughness from start to finish.

The Lady Indians delivered an impressive all-around performance in the field events. Annalissa Krasnecky led the way in the javelin with a first-place finish, followed by Isabela Viana in second and Jordyn Marin-Caceres in third. In the discus, Savaeh Butler took first place, Jordan Reeves finished second, and Liana Porto de Luca placed third. Christianys

Ayala Rivera earned first place in the shot put with Liana Porto de Luca taking third. In the high jump, Krasnecky contributed with a strong second place effort. The long jump saw Marin-Caceres take first, followed by Viana in second. Despite the wet and difficult conditions on the track, Bartlett girls persevered through. Britney Jubin sprinted to a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash, while Annabelle Reed showed determination in winning the two-mile run. Jada Long captured first in the mile, with Jahzel Portante finishing second. In the 800 meters, Kaylani Cruz led a strong showing with a first-place finish, followed by Liana Porto de Luca in second and Lilian Avalos Castillo in third.

The 100-meter dash showcased Bartlett's speed, with Isabela Viana taking first, Karielyz Morales finishing second, and Natalie Deleon Torres placing third. The 4x100 relay team of Jordyn Marin-Caceres, Darlene Macario, Karielyz Morales, and Isabela Viana added to the team's success with a second-place finish in a highly competitive race.

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# Viewpoint

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## EDITORIAL

# Faith in action close to home and far beyond

In small towns like ours, it is easy to think of service as something that happens nearby. We picture neighbors helping neighbors, food drives at local pantries, or volunteers showing up when someone needs a hand. Those efforts matter deeply. Yet every so often, a local group reminds us that the reach of a caring community can extend far beyond its own borders.

That is exactly what happened March 29, when volunteers at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church came together to package 20,120 meals for children in the developing world through the international nonprofit Rise Against Hunger.

Seventy-five volunteers working side by side in a single afternoon created something remarkable. It was not only the number of meals that stood out. It was the spirit behind the effort. People of different ages and backgrounds gathered with a shared purpose and turned a few hours of their time into something that will help families they will never meet.

There is something powerful about that kind of service.

Events like this remind us that compassion is not limited by geography. Hunger remains one of the most urgent challenges facing children around the world. Organizations such as Rise Against Hunger work through school feeding programs and local partnerships to address both immediate needs and longterm food security. Their efforts connect communities like ours to families thousands of miles away in a very real and practical way.

Still, what makes this story especially meaningful is not only the scale of the global need. It is the local response.

Volunteer service has always been one of the strongest traditions in central Massachusetts towns. Churches, civic groups, youth organizations, and neighbors regularly step forward when there is work to be done. Whether supporting a local food share, organizing a fundraiser, or helping after a storm, people here understand that community is something we build together.

This meal packaging effort reflects that same tradition, even though the recipients live far away. It shows that the habit of caring for others does not stop at town lines.

It also reflects something else worth noticing. The volunteers did not wait for a crisis to act. They made service part of a regular seasonal practice during Lent, choosing to turn reflection into action. That kind of intention matters. When service becomes part of a routine rather than a reaction, it strengthens both the volunteers and the community around them.

The scale of the accomplishment speaks for itself. More than 20,000 meals represent thousands of opportunities for children to attend school with the nutrition they need to learn and grow. Those meals also represent dozens of local residents who chose to spend part of a Sunday working together for a common purpose.

That is the kind of example that deserves recognition.

In a time when it can sometimes feel as though communities are more divided than connected, projects like this remind us what cooperation still looks like. People gathered in one room, focused on helping others, and left knowing they had made a difference.

It is a simple story, but an important one. It shows that even from our corner of Massachusetts, a group of volunteers can reach across the world with something as basic and essential as a meal. And it reminds us that the spirit of service, once set in motion, has a way of traveling farther than we might expect.



Oxford Middle School recognizes students each month who exemplify our Be The 3 goals of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety as well as showing that attendance matters, displaying citizenship, and showing growth in a variety of ways. This month, OMS celebrates Zachary Dubsy, Hannah Riley, Gavyn Lucier, and Maci Turner as our March Students of the Month.

# The comfort of a familiar hardware store

There are some places in a Massachusetts town that do more than sell things. A hardware store is one of them.

I stopped into ours the other afternoon looking for a replacement washer for a leaky outdoor spigot. It was not a complicated job. At least I hoped it was not. I stood in the aisle longer than I care to admit, holding two nearly identical little packages and trying to decide which one looked more trustworthy.

Before I could make the wrong choice, someone I recognized from town stepped around the corner and asked what I was working on. Not a clerk. Not someone wearing a name tag. Just another neighbor who had clearly solved the same problem once or twice.

That is how these places work.

You go in for a small repair and come out with advice, conversation, and sometimes a better understanding of how many other people in town are fixing the very same thing you are fixing that week. A loose hinge. A storm door closer. A stubborn lawn mower bolt that refuses to cooperate.

When I was growing up, hardware stores were part classroom, part meeting place, and part supply depot. The shelves were tall. The floors creaked. Somewhere near the counter there was always a bulletin board with handwritten notices about yard sales, lost cats, and community suppers.

Nobody hurried you.

If you asked where something was, the answer was rarely just a direction. It was usually a short story about how to install it correctly and what mistake to avoid the first time around. Sometimes you left knowing more than you planned to learn that day.

That still happens.

There is something reassuring about walking into a place where the people behind the counter understand not only what you need, but where you live and what kind of house you probably have. Older colonial. Mid century ranch. Cape with a drafty back hallway that always seems colder than the rest of the house in February.

Advice changes depending on those things.

In larger stores, everything is bigger. Brighter lights. Wider aisles. More choices than anyone really needs. There is nothing wrong with that. Sometimes you need those places. Still, there is a different feeling when someone hands you exactly the right size screw without checking a computer.

It feels like being known.

I noticed something else that afternoon while I waited at the counter. Two teenagers came in looking for sandpaper for a school project. An older couple asked about furnace filters. Someone else needed a length of rope and could not remember how thick it should be.

Nobody seemed out of place.

A hardware store welcomes beginners and experts the same way. It assumes you are trying to fix something and that trying counts for a lot. That is a generous attitude for any place to have.

Communities depend on locations like that more than we realize. Not because of what they sell, but because of how they connect people who might not otherwise speak to each other on an ordinary weekday afternoon.

You go in for a washer and leave with a short conversation about the weather, the garden, or whether it is finally time to put the snow shovels away for good.

I am never entirely sure how long I have been standing there when that happens.

But I always leave feeling like the town is still working the way it is supposed to.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It's people like Tom Klebart who make our community strong

To the Editor:

I am writing to share my deep respect and appreciation for Tom Klebart and the many ways he has given back to the Town of Webster, and to urge Webster Residents to vote for Tom as a Selectman in the upcoming Webster Elections on Monday, May 4.

Tom's commitment to Webster is rooted in something personal. He and his wife, Rena, grew up here, attended Webster public schools, and after spending some years away raising their family and building their careers, chose to return in retirement to the town they have always loved. That says a great deal about who Tom is. He did not come back simply to enjoy retirement. He came back ready to serve!

Over the years, Tom has devoted himself to Webster through a wide range of volunteer and public roles. He has served on the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Memorial Beach Committee, Economic Development Committee, Cable Committee, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Webster Lake Association, and was Treasurer of United Church of Christ for 10 years. This reflects both the breadth of his involvement and the sincerity of his commitment to our Webster community.

What stands out most to me is that

Tom's service has always been grounded in care for Webster's people, character, and future. During the Covid period, as a Selectman, he helped support the town through an extraordinarily difficult time. He has also supported improvements that benefit families and residents, including enhancements to Memorial Beach, and he has shown a strong appreciation for protecting Webster's natural resources and preserving what makes this town special.

Tom also brings with him a lifetime of professional experience, judgment, and integrity. His long career at IBM, combined with his legal degree and MBA, gave him significant expertise in management, compliance, negotiation, and problem-solving. But beyond his resume, what matters most is how he has chosen to use that experience in service to others.

People like Tom help make small towns strong. He has given his time generously, worked thoughtfully, and shown that he truly cares about Webster. I am grateful for his dedication and for all he has done for our town. Again, I urge Webster residents to vote for Tom in the upcoming elections on Monday, May 4.

Thanks,

RAQUEL COLBY  
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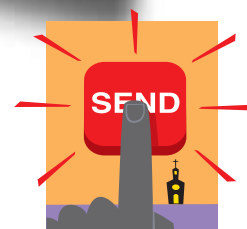
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The Library will open at 11:00 on Friday, April 10th due to a scheduled school visit.

The Library will be closed on Monday, April 20th in observance of Patriots' Day.

Please join us in April to celebrate local artist Tim Oliver. A variety of his pieces will be on display for you to enjoy in the Fels Room whenever the Library is open.

**Gentle Yoga**  
Every Monday-NO SESSION April 20th 10:00-11:00

Join yoga instructor Patricia for a traditional "on the mat" yoga class with chair yoga modifications. This truly is a one-size-fits-all class. Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class. Registration is required.

**Mahjong at the Pearl**  
Every Wednesday 10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room

The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy.

Everyone is welcome; registration is not required.

**Quilting Group**  
Every Wednesday 1:30-3:30

All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

**Knit & Crochet Group**  
Every Thursday 5:30-7:45 and Friday 10:00-12:00.

All stitchers are welcome to this informal group. Bring your project, enjoy

the company

**The Dangerous Art of Chainsaw Sculpture**  
Thursday, April 9th 6:00-7:00

A fun, interesting, interactive and engaging journey through the amazing career of world-famous Master Chainsaw Sculptor, Dr. "The Machine" Jesse Green (AMERICAN CHAINSAW on National Geographic Channel, ESPN/ Disney and more.) Through an incredible series of photos, the process of creating gigantic, death-defying works of art from trees is brought to life in a BIG way! Attendees will be able to ask questions throughout and fully participate in the discussion. You've never seen anything like it!

**Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**  
Monday, April 13th 1:15-2:15

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library. Voting on changes to bylaws. All are invited to attend!

**Pearle's Genealogy Group**  
Monday, April 13th 4:00-5:30

The genealogy group is growing! Join us in the Local History Room on the second Monday of every month. Facilitated by professional genealogist Patricia St. Marie.

**Gel Printing with Happy Arts**  
Monday, April 13th 5:30-7:30

Let's experience artist creativity using a gel plate. You can make beautiful prints and use them for cards, wall art, journal-making, and so much more.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a

local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is required.

**Corbin Cemetery Restoration Project**  
Thursday, April 16th 6:00-7:00

Join us to learn about the restoration project at the Corbin Cemetery in Dudley. Presentation by Betty and Carlo Mencucci of Burrillville, R.I. will tell the story of conserving gravestones in the Corbin Cemetery over the course of 4 summers. This cemetery has a very old section with graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. Many of these old slate stones were leaning, fallen or broken. The slide-show will show the labor involved to properly repair and reset these old, fragile gravestones to bring back the dignity and respect that they deserve.

**Crawford Library Book Group**

Thursday, April 23rd  
Looking for Alaska by John Green & The Art Spy by Michelle Young 6:00-7:30

Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month prior to discussion.

No Registration Required

**"Cook the Book" Book Club- Dinner: Changing the Game by Melissa Clark**  
Monday, April 27th 6:00-7:00

Any family recipe is fair game, except alcoholic beverages-sorry! Prepare the recipe at home and share it at the library. We cannot reheat or keep food warm, so consider this when choosing your recipe.

You are responsible for bringing serving utensils. We will provide paper goods and utensils for eating.

There will be a place to include your recipe selection in the reservation form. Registration is required.

**Tuesday Craftersnoon-Diamond Painting**  
Tuesday, April 28th 1:00- 2:00

Try your hand at diamond painting. Four designs to choose from. Don't panic, the designs are small and easy to complete.

Ages 17+ Registration is required

**National Grid Advocates**  
Wednesday, April 29th 10:00- 2:00

National Grid has a team of Community Advocates dedicated to assisting low-to moderate-income customers in navigating their utility needs. Our Advocates provide personalized support and can help residents with a variety of services. Drop in for one-on-one help.

**Meet the Artist-Tim Oliver**  
Thursday, April 30th 5:30-7:00

Let's celebrate our Artist of the Month, Tim Oliver, who continually pushes beyond the boundaries of traditional drawing, painting, and sketching, exploring bold and intriguing new directions. Cookies will be served.

**Children's & Family Programming**

**Mondays in April 10:00**  
Once Upon a Storytime with Kelcy

For ages 2.5-5 and their caregiver (but babies and toddlers are welcome to join as well!) Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, scarves, shaker eggs, moving our bodies to music, activities, bubbles, a craft, and free play!

Thursdays- 4/9 & 4/23 5:30

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Thursdays- 4/16 & 4/30 5:30

**Brain Boosters Story Hour with Kelcy**

For ages 5-8. We will read some books, learn a new skill, and then participate in an activity related to the new skill. Topics include sign-language, cursive writing, logic puzzles, journaling, magic crad tricks and more!

**Local 4 Life-Junior Meteorologists: Tracking our Local Weather**

Saturday, April 11th 10:00-11:00

Session 1: What Is Weather? Ever wonder how we measure the weather? Kids will explore what makes up our daily weather and build simple tools like a wind vane and anemometer using everyday materials. We'll start weather journals and learn how to observe the sky like a scientist! This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is required.

**Yoga for Children**  
Friday, April 17th 10:00-10:45

Join certified Yoga instructor, Patricia (also known as Buffy), for a 45-minute yoga class for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers! Caregivers are encouraged to participate in the class, but it is not required. If you will be participating, please bring your own mat. (Yoga mats will be provided for the children.) Registration is required as space is limited.

**Wicked Good Henna**  
Tuesday, April 21st

12:00-2:00

Mandy from Wicked Good Henna will be offering henna designs!

For all ages! Please note: because this is a drop-in program, there may be a wait time.

**Comic Mime Show with Robert Rivest: Spring Has Sprung**

Tuesday, April 21st 1:00-2:00

Join Comic Mime, Robert Rivest, as he shares Mime classics with humorous springtime stories and joyful audience participation activities. You won't want to miss this fun, interactive show! Best for children ages 6-12 and their families.

**Records & Burpee Petting Zoo**

Wednesday, April 22nd 1:00-3:00

Bring the family to the library for the Records and Burpee petting zoo! Funded by the Friends of the Pearl L. Crawford Library. Registration not required.

**Deb's Sing & Swing-Nursery Rhyme Time**

Thursday, April 23rd 10:30-11:15

Pre-K Music & Movement offers a 45-minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories, and a variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs! Registration is required.

**Teen Programming**

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**Adult Programming**  
One Book One Community: R. F. Kuang -

April 29th at 6:30pm

Join us in welcoming award-winning author, R. F. Kuang, this spring as part of our One Book One Community series. Kuang will be speaking about her writing process, and discussing some of her work, including Yellowface. Rebecca F. Kuang is the award-winning, #1 New York Times and #1 Sunday Times best-selling author of the Poppy War trilogy, Babel: An Arcane History, Yellowface, and Katabasis. She has an MPhil in Chinese Studies from Cambridge and an MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies from Oxford; she is now pursuing a PhD in East Asian Languages and Literatures at Yale. This

event will take place at the newly renovated Bartlett High School auditorium. The event begins at 6:30 and the doors open at 5:45pm. Thank you to our sponsors, Janet Malser Humanities Trust, Friends of the Gladys Kelly Library, Library Board of Trustees, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Webster Cultural Council, Mandile Family Fund.

**Literacy Volunteers: ESL Classes - Tuesdays at 6:00pm**

The Literacy Cafe is a free weekly English conversation class offered by Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts (LVSCM). This class is free to attend and is open to all

adults. For more information, email us at [info@lvscm.org](mailto:info@lvscm.org).

**Grief Support Group - 2nd Tuesday and 4th Saturday of the Month (6:30pm on Tuesdays; 10:00am on Saturdays) in the Local History Room**

Losing a loved one is never easy. Please know that you are not alone. If you need support in trying to navigate the changes in your life, join us in a place of safety and comfort with others who have also experienced loss. This grief support group is a place to find understanding as we explore our grief, share coping strategies, and begin to heal.

**Yoga - Saturdays at 9:15am**

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a

vinyasa yoga class for all levels. A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**Yoga Nidra with Jess - Fridays at 9:00am NEW TIME**

Join Adult Services Librarian Jess for a relaxing yoga nidra practice to start your day. Jess will guide participants through a few simple yoga asanas to release physical tension. Participants will then settle into a reclined position for a guided relaxation (yoga nidra). Registration is required and Jess will meet you at the program door. If you have

your own yoga mat, please bring it and be sure to dress in comfortable clothing.

**Threaded Together: Mill Work and Life in Webster, MA Film Premier - Wednesday, April 15th at 3:30pm**

An original 40-minute film featuring stories and memories of working in the Webster Mills from 1950-1975. A collaboration between the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Nichols College, Karen Warinsky, and the Webster Senior Center. Join us at the Conant Library at Nichols College for the premier of our original film: Threaded Together: Mill Work and Life in Webster, MA. The screening will be followed by a Q and A. Registration is

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# Oxford students build strength and confidence through self-defense training



OXFORD — A group of students at Oxford High School recently took part in an empowering self-defense and confidence-building program that left a lasting impact both physically and emotionally. This workshop was led by Caroline Deragon at CC Fit and Wellness.

The training, led by Deragon, who is passionate about equipping young people with practical safety skills, focused not only on self-defense techniques but also on cultivating inner confidence. Over the course of the program, students learned how to assess situations, trust their instincts,

and respond with strength and awareness.

“I had such a great time working with this group,” Deragon shared. “Every student brought something unique to the experience, and each one demonstrated strong individual qualities. It was inspiring to see their growth in both skill and

confidence.”

Participants engaged in hands-on activities designed to simulate real-life scenarios, helping them develop both the mindset and techniques needed to stay safe. Just as importantly, the sessions emphasized self-assurance, communication, and resilience—skills that

extend well beyond physical defense.

Principal Czernicki praised the program as a valuable addition to student development efforts, particularly in supporting young women as they navigate an increasingly complex world.

Programs like this contin-

ue to highlight the importance of providing students with tools that promote personal safety and self-confidence. Advocates believe that expanding access to self-defense and confidence training in schools and communities can have a meaningful, long-term impact.

## Park Avenue Faculty Spotlight



Lisa Falco-Foreman and Will Gammetto smiling for a picture.

Courtesy

WEBSTER — Each year, Park Avenue is filled with remarkable student learning—made possible by the dedication, creativity, support, and, most importantly, the hope carried by the extraordinary staff in our school community. This week, we are proud to highlight two more exceptional members of our PAE team: Will Gammetto, Special Education Teacher, and Lisa Falco Foreman, Special Education Teacher.

Will Gammetto, Special Education Teacher, is a dedicated and impactful educator who consistently works to meet the diverse needs of his students. He is flexible, communicative, and thoughtful in his approach, always adapting to ensure each student receives the support they need to be successful. He is a true point person when it comes to special education initiatives, often leading and supporting efforts that strength-

en our school community. Gammetto is known for being a hard worker and an innovative thinker, always looking for new ways to improve outcomes for students. The children in his class genuinely love him, and it is clear that his commitment and care make a difference each and every day.

As one colleague shared, “Will is someone we rely on—he is always willing to step in, problem-solve, and support both students and staff. His dedication and innovation truly set him apart.” Thank you, Mr. Gammetto, for your dedication.

Lisa Falco Foreman, Special Education Teacher, is a truly compassionate and committed educator who holds each of her students in a special place in her heart. She brings a heart of gold to her work, while also maintaining high expectations to ensure her students

grow and succeed. She creates a classroom environment where students feel cared for, supported, and challenged to do their best. Foreman is creative in her teaching and works tirelessly to meet the needs of every learner. In addition, she serves as a point person for special education training within the building, supporting staff and helping to build strong, effective practices across our school. Her dedication and warmth are felt by both students and staff, and she has built strong, meaningful relationships throughout the school.

As one colleague noted, “Lisa is someone who truly sees every child—she leads with kindness but never lowers her expectations. Students and staff alike feel supported and valued because of her.” Thank you for your dedication.



Courtesy

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as February Students of the Month at Saint Joseph School — Pre-K 3-year-old: Scarlett Rucinski; Pre-K 4-year-old: Noah Huynh; Kindergarten: Aceson Wright; Grade 1: Pheobe Anobah; Grade 2: Jacob Kolesnik; Grade 3: Asher Silva; Grade 4: Avery Benson; Grade 5: Rylan Shemansky; Grade 6: Connor Kippax; Grade 7: Grayson Dollar; Grade 8: Alexis Archambault. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

# Zion Lutheran Church hosts annual “Stoup” cookoff

OXFORD — Zion Lutheran Church, 70 Main St., Oxford, hosted its second annual “Stoup” cook off on Saturday, March 28. The event featured a diverse array of soups, stews, chili and chowders offered by contestants from eight to ninety years of age. The competition showcased an impressive variety of soups, including beef and barley, Indonesian chicken, Greek lemon and orzo, chicken taco, chicken lasagna with white beans, chilled tomato with grilled cheese croutons, kapusniak, and Louisiana seafood stew. A favorite option among the chilis was the Guinness short rib and another tasty choice was the Rocky Point clam chowder, one of three chowders sampled by the hungry guests. Sharing bowls of hot soup with an even split of attendees from the congregation and the surrounding community made for interesting conversations and renewed friendships as everyone perused their ballots, tasted their favorites for second time and cast their votes. Coordinator of the event, Caitlin Clark Seaman, announced the winners who were decided by clear margins. Marilyn Dalimonte, a home chef from the community, claimed the “People’s Choice” award with her Italian sausage and vegetable soup. Jay Costello, a Zion congregant, captured the “Most Unique” award for his Asian chicken and dumpling soup. Congratulations to both winners! A hearty round of thanks also goes out to Chef Tim of the Auburn Tuttle Post and to Akila of Simply Baking in Dudley for their contributions of corn and bacon chowder and loaves of bread. Mark this event on your calendars and plan to join us next Spring. All are welcome!

# Saint Joseph School Educator participates in United Nations CSW70 event



Courtesy

Mr. John Kottori, Social Skills Instructor, Grade 5 Social Studies teacher, and Athletic Director at Saint Joseph School in Webster, recently served as a featured leader for an official parallel event of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), sharing a powerful message of perseverance, dignity, and equal opportunity in sports and education.

WEBSTER — Saint Joseph School is proud to recognize Mr. John Kottori, who recently served as one of the featured leaders for “Progress and Paradox: Women’s Leadership in Sport After Title IX,” an official parallel event of the 70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), a global forum focused on advancing the dignity, equality, and opportunities of women and girls.

Building on this recognition, Athletes United for Peace – Level the Field hosted a virtual event on March 10, 2026, to explore progress for women and girls in sports since the passage of Title IX, and to address the ongoing need for equity, dignity, and leadership opportunities for all.

Mr. Kottori was born and raised in Webster, graduating from Bartlett High School ('87) and Springfield College ('93). While at Springfield studying Sports

Management, he learned about the significance of Title IX from Dr. Mimi Murray, who testified before Congress in support of it.

After graduating, Mr. Kottori returned to Webster and began his education career, coaching basketball at Bartlett under the mentorship of Mr. Donald Cushing, the school’s longtime Athletic Director. Observing Mr. Cushing’s implementation of Title IX first hand shaped Mr. Kottori’s perspective. Through this mentorship, Mr. Kottori succeeded in basketball and gained an even deeper appreciation for pursuing excellence in an equal-opportunity society.

Today, in his role at Saint Joseph School, Mr. Kottori serves as the Social Skills Instructor for Grades PreK through 8, the Grade 5 Social Studies teacher, and the Athletic Director. Through his work with students, he brings patience, encouragement, and a strong sense of compassion to both the classroom and the athletic field.

Athletes United for Peace sought Mr. Kottori to help lead and organize the event during the CSW70 at the United Nations. Recognizing the decline in female participation in sports, he suggested the Title IX topic, which was approved. Over six months of planning, he helped secure 4 of the 5 panelists, including the keynote speaker, Ms. Stephanie Dollar, a Webster resident. Ms. Dollar, a graduate of Saint Joseph School and Marianapolis, serves as the Executive Deputy of Athletics for UMASS Boston, with one of her main duties being compliance with Title IX. Notably, Kottori and Dollar previously coached a boys AAU basketball team together in the

'90s and have a longstanding friendship.

During his presentation at the event, Mr. Kottori shared his moving story of perseverance and faith. Born with arthrogyrosis, a condition affecting his joints and muscles, he underwent 23 surgeries on his feet as a young child and spoke about his determination not only to walk but to run and participate in sports. He reflected on how the spirit of Title IX opened doors for those too often overlooked, just as its call to fairness and dignity shaped his own journey as an educator and coach. Drawing a parallel between his early life and Title IX, he believes the legislation has enabled him to pursue equal opportunities in sports.

Continuing his remarks, he also expressed gratitude to the women who influenced his life and instilled in him the values of equity, compassion, and respect for others. His message served as a powerful reminder that every person is created with God-given dignity and that we are called to stand together in support of one another.

Reflecting on his 35-year career as an educator, including 25 years in Catholic schools, Mr. Kottori views supporting others in their struggles as his calling, stating, “How can I ask for others to support disability rights issues if I don’t support theirs?”

As a single parent to a daughter who plays soccer and basketball, he underscores the importance of ongoing improvement for all students and student-athletes, adding, “When I can no longer educate or coach, I would like to see the improvement growing for all students and student-athletes.”



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# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Westwood Drive, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Richinick to Sovereign Bank, and now held by **Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank**, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47972, Page 164, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on April 29, 2026 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

*The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being lot #3 on plan of Westwood Acres, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the lot herein described at land of owners unknown on the easterly side of Burnett Street; THENCE S. 2 degrees 18 minutes E. by said Burnett Street, eighty-nine and forty hundredths (89.40) feet to a point; THENCE by a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet, connecting Burnett Street and Westwood Drive, fifteen and seventy-one hundredths (15.71) feet to a point on Westwood Drive; THENCE N. 87 degrees 42 minutes E. by Westwood Drive, ninety-five (95) feet to lot #4 on said plan; THENCE N. 2 degrees 18 minutes W. by said lot #4, ninety-two and eighty-one hundredths (92.81) feet to a point; THENCE N. 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds W. by land of owners unknown, one hundred five and twenty-one hundredths (105.21) feet to the point of BEGINNING. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of J.E. Murray ET UX dated October 18, 1963 and recorded at Worcester district registry of deeds, book 4414, page 1. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any. Being the same premises conveyed to William James Richinick from William J. Richinick by deed (subject to a life estate of William J. Richinick) dated 1/8//2003, and recorded on 9/3//2003, at book 31498, page 18, in the Worcester County, MA. Assessors Parcel Number: MAP: 3: BLK: 32 ATI order Number: 201109210604 Source of Title: Book 31498; Page: 18*

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagee's Title see deed dated January 8, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31498, Page 18.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

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Sovereign Bank  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
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April 3, 2026  
April 10, 2026  
April 17, 2026

## (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 001022 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
Lenda D. Young  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
Computershare Delaware Trust Company, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for PRET 2025-RPL2 Trust  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 5 Hammond Street,

given by Lenda D. Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as Mortgagee, as nominee for Security First Mortgage Funding, LLC, dated September 4, 2015, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54262, Page 185, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated January 25, 2018 and recorded at said Registry in Book 60047, Page 289 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before May 11, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 27, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
April 10, 2026

## (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 001029 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Angela Cote; Joseph Orsi  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
NewRez LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 250 North Main Street, given by Angela Cote, and Joseph Orsi to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., dated May 30, 2025, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 72055, Page 266, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before May 11, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 30, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
April 10, 2026

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Town of Dudley, Brandon Road over Mill Race, Temporary Bridge Replacement, D5011\_019" will be received by the Town of Dudley at the 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 30, 2026 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Dudley, Brandon Road over Mill Race, Temporary Bridge Replacement, D5011\_019" Please refer to Combuys for bid information.  
April 10, 2026

INVITATION TO BID 00020-1  
CARPENTER POND DAM REMOVAL  
DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS  
Sealed bids for the Carpenter Pond Dam Removal will be received until May 8, 2026, at the Dudley Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, 71 W Main St, Dudley, MA 01571, until 11:00 a.m. local time. Please refer to Combuys for bid information.  
April 10, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family  
Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200**

## Docket No. WO19C0559CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

**Ryann Addison McAdam  
A Petition to Change Name of Minor**  
has been filed by  
**Ryann Addison McAdam of Dudley MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Ryann Addison DaSilva**  
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 04/28/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 26, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
April 10, 2026

## Public Announcement:

The Webster School Committee has proposed an operating budget for FY2027. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Michael Makara Conference Room, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

Copies of the budget and supporting documentation can be found immediately on the Webster Public Schools website at [www.webster-schools.org](http://www.webster-schools.org) on the Office of Business and Finance page. Hard copies may also be obtained from the Webster Public School Administration Offices, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Advertise: Weeks of March 23 & 30 and April 6 2026  
April 10, 2026

## Docket No. WO26E0011PP Petition to Partition Citation (A.C.92A)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Worcester Probate & Family Court**  
To Susan L. Grzyb and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Robert Grzyb, Bruce Grzyb, Sharon A. Basso of Webster, Dudley, New Smyrna, FL in the County of Worcester and Volusia representing that he hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Dudley in said County Worcester and described as follows:

## EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION

The land in Dudley, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more fully bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the easterly line of Mason Road, and also being the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Jenny T. Pulaski;

THENCE by land of said Jenny T. Pulaski, now or formerly, N. 86° 56' E., 154.80 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at other land now or formerly of Antone Krupinski, et ux;

THENCE S. 03° E., 20 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Aldemore Bibeault et ux; THENCE by land of said Bibeault now or formerly, N. 79° 48' E., 36.70 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Antone Krupinski et ux;

THENCE by said land of Antone Krupinski et ux, now or formerly, N 10° 12' W., 150 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground on the southerly line of Fairfield Drive, so-called;

THENCE by the southerly line of Fairfield Drive, S. 72° 32' W., 187.55 feet, more or less to an iron pipe driven into the ground on the easterly line of Mason Road;

THENCE by the easterly line of Mason Road, S. 15° 31' E., 85 feet to the place of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Susan L. Grzyb, Sharon Basso, Robert Grzyb and Bruce Grzyb by deed of Stanley M. Grzyb and Hazel M. Grzyb, Co-Trustees of the Grzyb Family Trust by deed dated May 17, 2018 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 58967, Page 237 setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than three hundred eighty thousand (\$380,000) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester

before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of April 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, Kathryn M. Bailey, Esq., First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

March 27, 2026

April 3, 2026

April 19, 2026

(SEAL)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Land Court Department  
Trial Court**

**WORCESTER, SS.**

**CASE NO. 25 MISC 000699 (MDV)**

**Steven J. Anderson and Susan  
Anderson v.**

**The unknown heirs and devisees of  
James M.D. Belliveau, et al.**

**TO:** James M.D. Belliveau, deceased, and Abby Christie, as the parent of Avery James Belliveau, now or formerly of Putnam, in the State of Connecticut or their unknown heirs, devisees, or legal representatives

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed by the above-named plaintiffs in which you are named as an interested party. This complaint concerns a certain parcel of land in Oxford, Worcester County, and said Commonwealth being known and numbered as 7 Linden Street, more particularly described in a deed (the "Deed") dated April 19, 2012 and recorded on April 20, 2012 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds, at Book 48846, Page 155 (the "Property"). Title is clouded by a potentially invalid or defective deed. The Property was owned by Rebecca J. Belliveau ("Rebecca"). Plaintiffs allege that on or about August 30, 2010, Rebecca passed away and was survived by her three children, Shiela A. Anderson ("Sheila"), Charles E. Belliveau ("Charles"), and Debra J. Belliveau ("Debra"). Plaintiffs further allege that on or about March 3, 2014, Charles passed away. On or about September 27, 2010, Shiela filed a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Executor, regarding Rebecca's Estate (Probate and Family Court, Worcester Division, Docket No. WO10P3015EA [the "Estate"]). Plaintiffs allege that is unclear based upon the language of the Will which beneficiaries were entitled to inherit the Property. As Executrix of the Estate, Shiela executed the Deed, conveying the Property to herself and her son and plaintiff, Steven J. Anderson, as joint tenants. Plaintiffs further allege that on or about August 24, 2022, Shiela passed away, survived by her two children, the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs allege they have been residing at the Property for approximately 15 years. The plaintiffs seek a judgment to ratify and confirm that Steven J. Anderson is the titled owner of the Property, while extinguishing any and all claims of the Estate of Rebecca J. Belliveau.

This complaint may be examined at the Land Court, Boston, Massachusetts, or online at [www.masscourts.org](http://www.masscourts.org). Information on how to search Land Court dockets is available on the Land Court website: [www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-land-court-case-docket](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-land-court-case-docket). A copy of said complaint may also be obtained from plaintiff's attorney.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon the plaintiffs' attorney, Ryan J. Lutrario, Esq., of Savage Law Partners, LLP, at 564 South Water Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, an answer to the complaint on or before the eleventh day of May, 2026, next, the return day, hereof, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the complaint.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any CASE NO. 25 MISC 000699 (MDV) claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiffs' claim, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

It is ORDERED that notice be given by publishing a copy of this notice once in the following newspapers at least thirty days before the eleventh day of May, 2026: (1) the Webster Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Oxford, Worcester County, and said Commonwealth and (2) the New Haven Register, a newspaper of general circulation in Putnam, Connecticut.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of the Land Court, the thirtieth day of March, 2026.

Attest:  
*/s/ Deborah J. Patterson*  
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder  
April 10, 2026

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hunger right now. They also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive.

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this Lenten activity, and we want to continue making this an annual spiritual practice that we take up during our Lenten journey. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the pillars of our Lenten struggle and through this effort we were able to make a little offering for the glory of God.

**AWARD**  
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as the council Historian this school year, was responsible for submitting not only the materials that earned them a state gold council of excellence recognition, but she also was driven to submit an application for the national gold council of excellence.

"I applied for this award because I knew our council deserved this honor because we put so much hard work into our events," Heroux states. "For all of our efforts, we truly deserve this recognition."

According to Oxford principal Rebecca Czernicki, "Our Oxford High School

Student Council continues to set the standard for what student leadership should look like—thoughtful, inclusive, and driven by a genuine commitment to community. Earning the 2025 National Gold Council of Excellence is not just an award, but a reflection of the heart, dedication, and integrity our

students bring to everything they do. I couldn't be more proud of this exceptional group of students and our two advisors, Lindsay Castonguay and Kristin Harvey. Congratulations on this award, you deserve it immensely."

"I am so proud of our council for receiving this recognition and I am espe-

cially proud of Anna for being driven to apply for this award," says Oxford Student Council Advisor Lindsay Castonguay. "This award validates all of the hard work we put into serving our school and community every year. It is very special knowing what a dedicated group of students from such a small school can accomplish when they work together."

Superintendent of Oxford Public Schools, Michael Lucas comments, "It is awesome to see the leadership, dedication, energy and enthusiasm that these students continually exhibit for their school and community."

**LEGALS**

**TOWN OF DUDLEY,  
MASSACHUSETTS  
CARPENTER POND DAM  
REMOVAL**

Sealed bids for the Carpenter Pond Dam Removal will be received in hard copy on May 8, 2026 at the Town of Dudley Board of Selectman Office, Town Hall, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until 11:00 AM local time at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bid documents will be available after April 8, 2026 and can be accessed by contacting Ineitch@parecorp.com or via the Town's Bid posting website. The work on Carpenter Pond Dam Removal includes stone masonry spillway and earthen embankment removal, and restoration of the stream to natural conditions. Contract substantial completion time for the project shall be 180 calendar days commencing upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. The successful bidder must commence work within ten (10) calendar days after receiving a written Notice to

Proceed.

**BID INFORMATION FOR  
CARPENTER POND DAM REMOVAL**  
Certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check or bid bond in the sum of five (5) percent of the Total Bid is required. Questions concerning this Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing to: Pare Corporation, 10 Lincoln Road, Foxboro, MA 02035; email Ineitch@parecorp.com. Written responses will be posted to the link provided for downloading documents. Bidders are responsible for checking for addenda. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. A pre-bid conference will be held at the project site on April 14, 2026 at 9:00 am at the parking lot adjacent to New Boston Road at the site entrance. All interested parties should attend this informational meeting. The estimated value of this contract is \$385,000. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all proposals.

April 10, 2026

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# OBITUARIES

## Myrtle Catherine Bacon, 91



OXFORD – Myrtle Catherine (Hamilton) Bacon, 91 of Oxford passed away peacefully on April 3, 2026.

She was born in Oxford, daughter of the late Bernard and Myrtle (Crosby) Hamilton, and lived there most of her life.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Roger D. Bacon Jr., who died in 2024.

She is survived by 4 daughters: Virginia Beamsley and her husband Alan of New Mexico, Catherine Looney and her husband John of Holland, Jane Bania of Oxford, and Sara Bacon of California.

Grandchildren: Meghan Looney and her partner Ray Gonyea, Heather Wilson and husband Michael, Daniel Looney and wife Rebecca, Jason Harty and wife Kelsey, Maureen Connery and husband Scott, Craig Beamsley, Cameron Beamsley and wife Kiana, Kristen Tecci and husband Matt.

Great Grandchildren: Dylan Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Peyton Thompson, Caiden Connery, Sean Wilson, Teagan Connery, Evan Wilson, Liam Wilson, John Connery, Luke Looney, Daniel Looney, Andrew Looney and Eva Beamsley.

Siblings: Jack Hamilton, Judy Labonte, Norma Parker, and Jane Faucher.

She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Martin Bania; her sisters, Joyce Casey and Lois Dion.

Myrtle was married to Roger on November 26, 1952, and they enjoyed 71 wonderful years together. They raised four daughters in Oxford. Myrtle worked for Worcester Junior College and ended her career at UMass Medical School when it

first opened. She was the 13th employee in the early 70s where she retired from and was active with the Alumni of UMass Medical School retirees.

She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Oxford, the Oxford Woman's Club along with the Historical and Huguenot Society of Oxford. She was an avid women's basketball fan and longtime ticket holder of the UConn Girls Basketball team. Myrtle worked for the MIAA alongside her husband for over 32 years, keeping the books and ticket organizing for the Central Mass Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament yearly. Myrtle and Roger enjoyed their beautiful cottage on Sebago Lake, where they participated in many fishing and community events, along with making life-long friendships.

The family would like to thank the staff at UMass Memorial Health Center, and Preferred Transitions, for the exceptional care given to Myrtle during her illness.

Calling hours are Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 4-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Oxford. Burial to follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Following the burial, a celebration of her life will be held at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster, and everyone is invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the First Congregational Church of Oxford, P.O. Box 585, Oxford, MA 01540, or the Roger and Myrtle Bacon Scholarship Fund, c/o Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, 343 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540.

## Sanni Maria Ryan, 85



OXFORD – Sanni Maria (Maloney) Ryan, 85, of Old Webster Road, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Overlook in Charlton, after a long illness.

She is survived by her son, William B. Ryan and his wife Christine of Charlotte, NC; and her cousin, James Sundstrom of Webster. She was predeceased by her former husband, William A. Ryan who died in 2024 and her son James J. Ryan who died in 2010.

She was born in Pacific Grove, CA, daughter of the late Joseph and Thelma (Matson) Maloney, and lived most of her

life in Oxford.

Ms. Ryan was a customer service representative for Commerce Insurance in Webster for many years, retiring in 2010. Previously, she worked for Norback's in Worcester, where she spent many years framing pictures, a job which she truly loved. She was an artist in her younger years, and was a racing fan of NASCAR and Formula 1.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

## DERBY

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would take to build a fast car. "It was a lot of work sanding by bullet train car, but it was worth it after the race!"

Throughout the event, scouts raced their creations down the derby track while family members and fellow scouts cheered them on. Leaders praised the participants not only for their creativity but also for their dedication and sportsmanship. Scouts, families, and spectators embodied the Cub Scout motto, which is "Do Your Best!"

Maura Looney, age five, showed support to her fellow Scouts "by clapping for the other people."

She added, "Everybody did a good job."

At the end of the day, several scouts were recognized for both speed and creativity. In addition, any Scout who finished in the top three spots in their den/grade level are eligible to enter the Quinapoxet District Pinewood Derby which will be held in

April. Best of luck to all of the racers!

Overall Winners:  
1st Place: Sawyer Tubbs, 1st grade  
2nd Place: Ezra Hashey, 2nd grade

Den Winners:  
Arrow of Light Den (5th Grade): Colby Hamilton  
Webelos Den (4th Grade): Dominic Troiano  
Bear Den (3rd Grade): Joseph Benoit  
Wolf Den (2nd Grade): Fiona Duffy  
Tiger Den (1st Grade): Jacob Cannon  
Lion Den (Kindergarten): Charlie Nowicki

Design Award Winners:  
Scouts' Choice: Adryan Chviruk (Recycling Truck)  
Fan Choice: Sebastian Ortega (Batmobile)  
Most Creative: Miles Biadasz (Camping Landscape)  
Silliest Car: Lucas Erb (Pencil Car)  
Best Brakes: Evan Looney (Irish Flag)

## BEAN

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College Board of Trustees, served as senior counsel in the law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish in their Corporate and Transactions Department for over 40 years and was a member of the firm's Life Sciences and Medical Devices practice group. He represented a diverse client base comprised of public and private corporations, investment banks, venture capital firms, and CEOs and other senior executives, and he was often retained by special committees of boards of directors for advice and representation. He will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the Nichols commencement ceremony.

Alexander acted as primary outside counsel to clients such as Anadys Pharmaceuticals, Autoimmune, BioLink, BridgeStreet Accommodations, Chadwick's of Boston, Commerce Insurance, Damon Biotech, Damon Corporation,

GenRad, Ground Round Restaurants, M/A-COM, Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, Phillips Screw Company, Provant and NewKidCo International. He has represented companies in numerous public offerings, private placements and other private financings and was lead counsel in more than fifty purchases or sales of companies.

Early in his legal career, Alexander was a law clerk to Wilson Cowen, the former chief judge of what is now the Federal Circuit of Appeals. He was also past chairman of the Securities Law Committee of both the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations and a past chairman of the Corporate Law Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association. He lectured and authored in the corporate and securities law fields and taught at the Boston University School of Law. He also served on the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Zoning Board of Appeals for two decades, acting as chairman for much of that time. In addition, he was

treasurer of the Boston Chamber Music Society.

A magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Tufts University and cum laude alumnus of Harvard Law School, Alexander lives in Cambridge with his wife, Linda Reinfield.

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**LIBRARY**  
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Adult Book Group – Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30pm

Join the adult book group for their monthly book discussion! This month we're reading *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Copies of the book are always available at the circulation desk.

Threaded Together Film Screening at Samuel Slater Experience – Saturday, April 18th at 11:00am

An original 40-minute film featuring stories and memories of working in the Webster Mills

from 1950-1975. A collaboration between the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Nichols College, Karen Warinsky, and the Webster Senior Center. Join us at Samuel Slater Experience for a screening of our original film: *Threaded Together: Mill Work and Life in Webster, MA*. The screening will be followed by a Q and A.

Programming for All Ages Library for All – Mondays and Fridays at 10am

Library for All is an inclusive program for teens and adults of all abilities and their caregivers. Please let us know if you need any special accommodations! Join us every Monday and Friday! The 1st week of the month is coloring, the 2nd week is LEGO, the 3rd week is chair

yoga, and the 4th week of the month is painting.

Mini Bookshelves – Thursday, April 16th at 5:00pm

Calling all book lovers! Join Paige and Jess for a fun, hands-on program where you'll create your very own miniature bookshelf.

Puzz Fest: Gardener's Nook – Thursday, April 16th at 6:00pm

Assemble your team (up to 5 people!) and join us to see which team can complete their puzzle first. We'll have snacks to keep you fueled as you tackle your 500 piece jigsaw. All teams will get to keep their puzzle. Registration is required.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Play-Doh Storytime – Mondays at 10:30am

Join us for an engaging storytime filled with interactive stories and Play-Doh fun! Kids are invited to explore, squish and make new creations each week. This sensory-friendly program is perfect for young learners and their grown-ups.

Creators Club – Mondays from 4:00-5:30 PM

We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Come explore our newly rebranded Monday night program: Creators Club! April's theme is: Origami!

Kids will make their own origami masterpieces to share with friends and family. All creations left behind will be displayed in the Children's program room for

the rest of the month.

Tiny Groovers – Tuesdays at 10:30am

Join Miss Paige for a new storytime! Toddlers ages 2-5 and their caregivers will dance to popular kids' tunes using while instruments and playful props, and enjoy an interactive story each week.

Mighty Builders – Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Unleash creativity in our free-build program featuring LEGOs, magnet tiles, wooden blocks, marble runs, and more!

Music at the Blissful – Saturday, April 11th 11:00-12:00

10x Boston Parent Paper Family Favorite and National Touring Musician,

Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller) from Boston, Massachusetts comes to the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library for a high energy, fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music experience for the whole family. Come join the fun as we sing, jump, shake, laugh and go slow and fast with Music at The Blissful. Featuring songs off his new album, "This." This program is generously funded by a grant from United Way of South Central MA.

Ed Popielarczyk Magic Show – Saturday, April 18th at 11:15am

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# Oxford Middle School hosts first aerial drone competition



OXFORD — Oxford Middle School took flight on Saturday, March 28, as students participated in the school's first-ever Aerial Drone Competition. The exciting

event showcased student skill, teamwork, and innovation as two teams proudly represented the middle school against competitors from across the Northeast.



Oxford Middle School fielded two teams for the competition: The Champs, made up of students Mia, Sylis, and Greg, and The Enthusiasts, represented by Seamus and Liam. Both teams demonstrated impressive drone piloting abilities, strategic thinking, and perseverance throughout the competition.

As the event progressed, excitement continued to build as both teams steadily improved their standings. By the end of the competition, The Champs earned an outstanding second-place ranking, while The Enthusiasts secured an impressive fifth-place finish among middle and high schools throughout the Northeast region.

The success of the inaugural event would not have been possible without the support of staff and volunteers. A special thank you goes to Aidan Dolan, who generously stepped in to serve as a judge for the competition.

Oxford Middle School congratulates both teams on their strong performances and looks forward to continued success in future drone competitions. With such an impressive debut, the future of Oxford Middle School's drone program is certainly headed in the right direction.

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