

## In Loving Memory 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

James "Joe" Thompson  
June 16, 1961 – April 23, 2022

As time continues to move forward without you,  
I am constantly reminded of your love and  
am forever grateful for the wonderful memories  
we made as a family.  
I know you are watching over us from above and  
would be so proud of our children and  
the wonderful young adults they have become.  
My heart is with you on this anniversary and always.

Michelle



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# From "Against the Odds" to nursing excellence *Free museum passes now available, including new historic New England offerings*

## BAY PATH ALUMNA ACCEPTED TO WORCESTER STATE

WEBSTER — For Nicole Colon, LPN of Webster, the path to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) has been defined not by the obstacles in her way, but by her decision to overcome them. This week, that journey reached a major milestone as Colon received her formal acceptance into the prestigious Nursing Program at Worcester State University for the Fall 2026 term.

A 2018 graduate of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Colon's story is one of profound resilience. Having grown up in the foster care system and navigated life as a teen mother, she faced statistics that often suggest a limited horizon. Instead, Colon used her circumstances as a catalyst for advocacy and excellence.

"I feel it's important to show others that you can make your life anything you want it to be, regardless of your current situation," Colon shared.

Her philosophy echoes the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."

A foundation of gratitude

While her tenacity is internal, Colon is quick to credit the mentorship that helped shape her clinical start. In a moving tribute to her former Academy Director, she noted the importance of a strong beginning.

"Dr. Bolandrina, I am honored to share my success, which is highly because of the role you



Nicole Colon

played to lay those initial bricks as my foundation," Colon stated. "My success is your success, and I'm forever grateful."

A decorated career

Colon's academic and professional record is a testament to her dedication. During her time at Bay Path, she was a standout competitor in SkillsUSA, securing a

District Gold Medal and a State Silver Medal in the Health Knowledge Bowl. Her commitment to the community remains extensive: Scholarship

recipient: Recognized by the Dudley Woman's Club for her potential and dedication.

- Global & local service: Active member of the UNICEF Club, Inspirational Speaker for the PN Class of 2021, and a volunteer for Site Mobile in Paxton.

- Preparedness: Certified in Mental Health First Aid and trained by the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

The next chapter

As a transfer student, Colon will enter Worcester State's nursing program this fall. Her acceptance is more than an academic achievement; it is a signal to other young parents and those in the foster care system that "the odds" are merely numbers, not destinies.

With her practical nursing foundation and a proven track record of clinical and competitive success, Colon is poised to become a transformative force in the healthcare field. As she prepares to walk the halls of Worcester State, she carries a powerful message for the next generation: your history informs your strength, but you alone decide your future.

## Young entrepreneurs in action

BAY PATH STUDENTS PARTNER WITH SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL FIFTH GRADERS



Courtesy

From left to right, Tatiana Smolynsky, Isabella Barrell, and Emily Macko—sophomore students from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School—assist customers during the "Kid-Made Business Day." As part of the SkillsUSA Skills Pathways Showcase, the trio, representing Bay Path's Business Entrepreneurship and Marketing (BEAM) shop, led a multi-day, hands-on project that brought real-world business concepts to life for Saint Joseph School's young learners.

WEBSTER — Saint Joseph School's Grade 5 students in Mrs. Susan Gallivan's class recently stepped into the world of entrepreneurship through a dynamic partnership with students from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. As part of the SkillsUSA Skills Pathways Showcase, sophomore students from Bay Path's Business Entrepreneurship and Marketing (BEAM) shop—Emily Macko, Tatiana Smolynsky, and Isabella Barrell—led a multi-day, hands-on project designed to bring real-world business concepts to life for younger learners.

The connection was especially meaningful, as Emily Macko is a 2024 graduate of Saint Joseph School, making this collaboration a full-circle moment of mentorship and community.

This project followed the SkillsUSA model of pairing high school students with elementary learners to design, develop, and launch a kid-friendly business. Over the course of several sessions, the Bay Path team guided the fifth graders through the full entrepreneurial process—culminating in a "Kid-Made Business Day" where students showcased and sold their products to peers, families, and the school community.

The experience began with branding and product development, where students explored the foundations of business identity. With guidance from their high school mentors, they brainstormed prod-

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## All Saints Academy students join National Junior Honor Society



WEBSTER — All Saints Academy proudly inducted its newest members into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) during a Mass and ceremony held at St. Louis Church on April 14.

To be considered for NJHS, students must demonstrate excellence in the five pillars: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. Each candidate completed a comprehensive application and wrote an essay reflecting on how leadership, service, and citizenship have shaped their character. Through these essays, students demonstrated qualities such as generosity, honesty, perseverance, kindness, bravery, tolerance, and cooperation.

Following a Mass in their honor, the induction ceremony celebrated the exceptional achievements of these students. Connor Shelburne, ASA Chapter President, presided over the ceremony. Current NJHS members presented each of the five pillars and lit a candle representing each one. Inductees were then called forward to light their own candles from the Candle of Knowledge, symbolizing the passing of responsibility and commitment. The ceremony continued with the recitation of the NJHS pledge, after which students received their NJHS pins and certificates.

The ceremony concluded with congratulatory and encouraging remarks from Joan Matys, ASA Head of

School, and a blessing from Fr. Javier Julio of St. Louis Church.

As members of the All Saints Academy National Junior Honor Society, these students will join their peers in service initiatives, both within the school and the broader community, while serving as role models and positive influences for others.

Congratulations to the newest members of the All Saints Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society — Mia Beaudette, Noah Beaudette, Emma Healy, Norah Healy, Fiona Radcliffe, Rozlyn Rekowski, Felicity Sweetland, Camden Trainor, Graceanne Troiano, Francesca Zicaro!

DUDLEY — The Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library is pleased to announce the expanded availability of free and discounted museum passes for the community, now including passes to Historic New England, the oldest and largest regional heritage organization in the nation.

These passes provide residents with an affordable way to explore history, art, culture, and nature across New England and beyond. With the addition of Historic New England properties, patrons can now enjoy access to historic homes, landscapes, and exhibitions that bring New England's past to life, including nearby Roseland Cottage in Woodstock, Conn.

In addition to Historic New England, the Friends also makes available free or discounted passes to Davis Farmland, Ecotarium, John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Magic Wings, Massachusetts State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Old Sturbridge Village/Coggeshall Farm, Providence Children's Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Samuel Slater Experience, Springfield Museums, and Worcester Art Museum.

"These passes are a wonderful resource for our community," said Jeanne Samples, President of the Friends. "We're especially excited to add Historic New England to our offerings, giving residents even more opportunities to connect with the rich history of our region."

Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be reserved online through the library's website. Many participating institutions now offer digital passes, which can be accessed without needing to visit the library for pickup or return.

Community members are encouraged to visit crawfordlibrary.org to view available passes, check availability, and review specific details for each destination. Those wishing to join the Friends can fill out a form at the circulation desk. Volunteers are always needed to help with fundraising events, such as the upcoming book sale the first week in June.

About The Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library

The Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to enriching our community by supporting, extending, and enhancing library programs, resources, and services.

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# Flaviah Namuwaya elected to membership in Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Flaviah Namuwaya of Dudley was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa

Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Framingham State University.

Namuwaya is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of

the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses

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## BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade 9  
High Honor: Emma Farrar, Jordan Marin Caceres, Makayla Pike, Amira Seddiki  
Honor: Raiza Colon Ramirez, Norma Elmaola, Sophia Felix, Yaran Gonon, Matthew Lamontagne, Mya Leatham, Kaitlyn Mckinstry, Patricia Paglalunan, Aoife Pyke, Jordan Reeves

Grade 10  
High Honor: Willow Dennis, Natalia DosSantos, Jordan Miller  
Honor: Jasmine Coleman, Matthew Czernicki, Allan De Belli, Daphcar Joseph, Daniela Kotey, Kaylee Podles, Kristie Remillard, Angela Sarfo, Don Ta, Julia Urato

Grade 11  
High Honor: Megan Milligan  
Honor: Jayden Azu, Xavian Bailey, Caden Case, Nathan Casper, Jacob Cerand, MaKayla Chauvin, Brayden Greene, Jean Juberline Jean, Omar Medina Perez, Morgan Minor, Gianna Moore, Teagan Napolitano, Dhyey Patel, Irelyn Pottle, Michael Stawiecki, Tyler Whiting

Grade 12  
High Honor: Ivy Bucasas, Georgia LaPierre  
Honor: Izayah Barjolo, Nathan Cole, Chloe Drisco, Niel Duszlak, Annalissa Krasnecky, Luis Villa Jeres, Luigi Villegas, Lilliana Wirf

## Documenatry on mill workers written and directed by Woodstock author

WEBSTER — The public is invited to attend a documentary titled "Threaded Together" will premiere on May 5 at 6 p.m. the Gladys E. Kelley Library, 2 Lake St., Webster. The 40-minute documentary reveals what life was like for mill and factory workers in and around Webster in the 1950s-'70s. The public may sign up on the library website, or

by calling the library at (508) 949-3380. This is a free event. Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky interviewed 14 people, researched about the era and wrote and directed the script. Those interviewed tell what it was like to work in the linen mills, and in shoe and mattress factories that were prevalent in the area at that time, as well as

what life was like in Webster. This project is a collaboration between the library, the Webster Senior Center, Nichols College and Mrs. Warinsky. Students Kyle Busha and Miles Wesolowski worked on the photography and editing, and the film is narrated by Elaine Davies.

## Webster Democratic Town Committee to host selectmen candidate forum April 30

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., Webster.

The forum will provide Webster residents with an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates about their priorities, qualifications, and vision for the town. Candidates scheduled to attend are Tom Klebart, currently Chair of the Selectmen, and Mark Rogers, currently Vice-Chairman.

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.

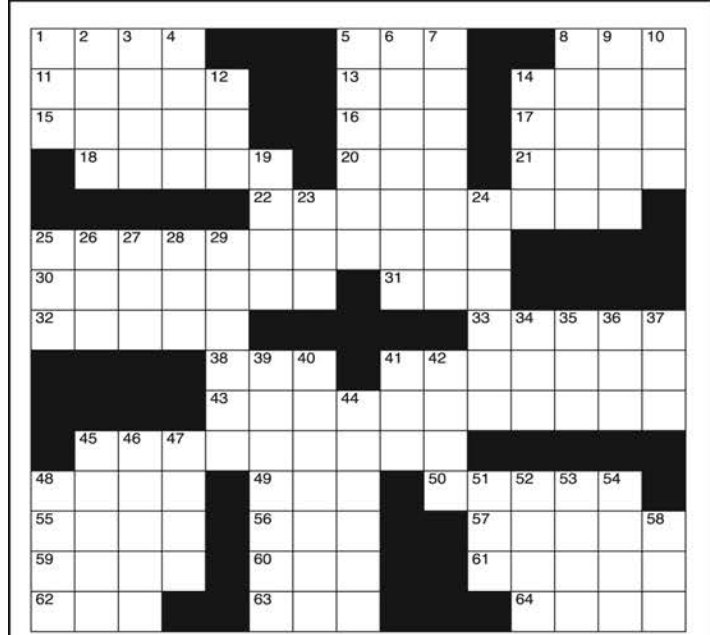
## Bartlett girls' track comes up short against David Prouty

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School Girls Track & Field team competed hard against a well-coached and determined David Prouty squad last week, ultimately coming up short by a score of 69-55. Despite the result, Bartlett had several standout performances with top-three finishes across both track and field events.

In the field events, Savaeh Butler led the way with dominant first-place finishes in both the javelin and discus, while Jordyn Marin-Caceras secured second in javelin and Jordan Reeves added a second-place finish in discus. Annalissa Krasnecky shined, earning first in the high jump and third in javelin, while Karielyz Morales contributed with a second placed finish in triple jump and third in long jump. In the shot put, Ileshka Capps Monserrate added a third-place finish.

On the track, Annabelle Reed had an outstanding day, capturing first place in the 2-mile, while Jordyn Pereira. took first in the mile. The 4x400 relay team of Chrisliany Ayala Rivera, Stephanie Avila Barrios, Kathryn Nascimento, and Annabelle Reed also earned a first-place finish, showing strong teamwork. Additional top finishes included Solianyz Burgos Cruz (2nd in the 400m), Jesandra Espinal Rodriguez (3rd in the 400m), Jordan Reeves (2nd in the 400 hurdles), Liana Porto de Luca (3rd in the 800m), Savaeh Butler (2nd in the 200m), Ely Barrientos (3rd in the 200m), and Isabela Viana (3rd in the 100m).

Overall, the team continues to demonstrate grit along with determination. The BHS girls track team will travel to Auburn High School on April 29 for their next meet.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Will Ferrell holiday film
11. "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
13. Error-related negativity
14. Volcanic crater
15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
16. True market value
17. Italian term for exchange rate
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Children's craft supply
22. Extra benefits
25. In an early way
30. A judge has one
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. Tractor unit
33. Defunct supercomputer developer
38. Promotional materials
41. A forgetful state
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Clergy's vestment
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Ancient Greek word for "earless"
59. Nigerian governmental area
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Places to hang things
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

### CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Romanian river
5. Communication
6. Stoats
7. Showcases
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. Large African antelope
14. Three are particularly notable
19. Meet one's needs
23. C. European river
24. Dictator
25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape a surface
34. Green vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Capital of Brazilian city
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN personality Kimes
44. One who moves slowly
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave by coating
54. North Carolina university
58. Midway between south and southeast

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\$120,000, 1 Buffum Dam Rd, Putis, Jacob S, and Guinee, Emily J, to Putis, Jacob.

#### WEBSTER

\$490,000, 26 Wakefield Ave, Casiano, Efrain, and Casiano, Jariel, to Nalewajk, Bruce P, and Nalewajk, Jeanne M.

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# 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 web-

site. 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.

## Explore Prince Edward Island This Summer or Fall

Explore Prince Edward Island This Summer or Fall. This two-bedroom cottage near Tignish provides sweeping views of the ocean, the beach, and the North Cape Lighthouse. Enjoy kayaking, bicycling, walking the beach, swimming in the warmer Gulf Stream waters, and exploring the community of Nail Pond and the many PEI attractions. Full Appliances. The cottage sleeps six comfortably. Weekly rent is only \$1,100. Contact Scott, for more information at 603-254-5032, or scottm@plymouth.edu.

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# Safe Boating certificate courses scheduled at Milford and Webster locations

REGION — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing two upcoming boating safety classes that meet current state mandated educational requirements.

The Boat America Course is offered in a one-day format developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Basic marlinespike seamanship (knots etc.) will also be included. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries

where boating safety education is mandatory including RI and CT.

The Hanson-Milone Boater Safety Act, signed into Mass. Law, will now requires ALL Mass. motorboat operators to complete an approved Safe Boating Certificate course before April 1, 2026, for anyone born after 1/1/1998, and by April 1, 2028, for boaters born before 1/1/1998. Enforcement of the new law will begin on September 1, 2026. This course meets the new Mass. requirement. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course. Participants 16 years old and under must be accompanied, in person, by a registered parent/guardian. SPACE IS LIMITED so register soon:

Milford High School – Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Milford High School courses offered at 31 West Fountain St., Milford. Registration is managed through the Milford Community School Use Program,

https://milfordcommunityprogram.activityreg.com/selectactivity\_t2.wcs#

Adult-Spring-2026 – Education - Boat America Certificate Class or call Laura Farrell (508) 478-1119,

email lfarrell@milfordma.com.

The registration deadline is April 26.

For additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778.

Webster Fire Department – Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Webster Fire Department Classroom, 55 Thompson Rd., Webster

The registration deadline is May 10.

Contact our Public Education Officer Phil Kubat for registration information: email phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or call (508) 478-3778.

To locate the BA meeting certification requirements, and other USCG Auxiliary courses offered go to: https://www.cgau.org/boating/class\_finder/index.php

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# Summit campus, QCC announce three-week summer college readiness program

WORCESTER — Summit Campus and Quinsigamond Community College's Student Accessibility Services today announced the Summer College Prep Program, a new collaborative summer program designed to help rising high school juniors and seniors develop self-advocacy, strengthen academic skills and prepare for meaningful post-secondary options.

The three-week summer self-exploration and college readiness program will provide diverse learners with an immersive college experience on QCC's campus that includes writing workshops and personal development sessions. The program also offers an optional dormitory living experience at Summit Campus, called Summit Summer Launch.

"I have always believed that students with learning differences need an experience to show them what they may not be able to envision on their own. This program can impact a student's vision of their future immeasurably and create a pathway to higher education that may not have seemed possible," said Nikki Koppel, director of Summit Campus. "This partnership creates a supportive environment where students can grow academically and personally while gaining real insight into college life."

"Quinsigamond Community College is proud to partner with Summit Campus to support students in our community as they prepare for their educational futures," said Kristen Proctor, director of Student Accessibility Services & Assistive Technology. "This program reflects our commitment to expanding access to college readiness opportunities and helping students see themselves as future college scholars."

All accepted students will attend sessions on study strategies, time management, college expectations, self-care and stress management. The program will also offer a variety of social events and excursions.

# Webster Democratic Town Committee to host selectmen candidate forum April 30

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., Webster.

The forum will provide Webster residents with an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates about their priorities, qualifications, and vision for the town. Candidates scheduled to attend are Tom Klebart, currently Chair of the Selectmen, and Mark Rogers, currently Vice-Chairman.

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.

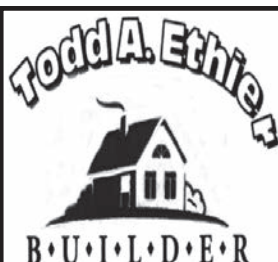
Members of the public are encouraged to attend and learn more about the candidates and the issues facing Webster.

For more information to get 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.

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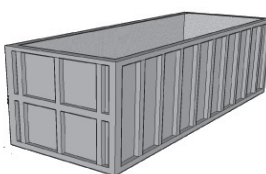
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## EDITORIAL

# A milestone worth celebrating in Webster

There are moments in a community when a single person's achievement reflects something larger than individual success. The recent acceptance of Webster's Nicole Colon into the Worcester State University nursing program is one of those moments.

Colon's story is not defined by ease or predictability. It is defined by determination. Growing up in foster care and becoming a teen mother are circumstances that too often narrow expectations placed on young people. Yet her journey shows that expectations are not destiny.

Her acceptance into Worcester State's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for fall 2026 is a meaningful accomplishment on its own. Admission to a competitive nursing program requires sustained academic effort, clinical readiness and personal discipline. But the significance of this milestone goes beyond transcripts and admissions letters. It speaks to perseverance, mentorship and the strength of community support systems that help people move forward.

Colon's path began at the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, where she graduated in 2018. Along the way, she distinguished herself academically and professionally, including recognition through SkillsUSA competition and scholarship support from the Dudley Woman's Club. She also contributed her time to service efforts such as the UNICEF Club and volunteer work in Paxton, and she completed training in Mental Health First Aid and with the Medical Reserve Corps.

These are not small accomplishments. They reflect sustained commitment to healthcare, to learning and to helping others.

Equally important is Colon's willingness to acknowledge the people who helped her reach this point. Her recognition of Academy Director Dr. Bolandrina as a foundational influence is a reminder that educators and mentors continue to shape lives in lasting ways across Webster, Dudley, Oxford and Auburn. Behind many individual achievements stands a quiet network of teachers, advisors and community organizations who believe in their students before the students fully believe in themselves.

There is another reason this milestone matters.

Healthcare remains one of the most important workforce needs across Central Massachusetts. Local residents depend on skilled nurses in clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities and home health settings every day. When someone from the community advances within that profession, it strengthens the region as a whole. It also helps ensure that patients are cared for by people who understand the neighborhoods they serve.

Colon's message to others facing difficult beginnings may be the most lasting part of her story. Her experience offers encouragement to young parents, students navigating foster care and anyone who believes their circumstances define their limits. They do not.

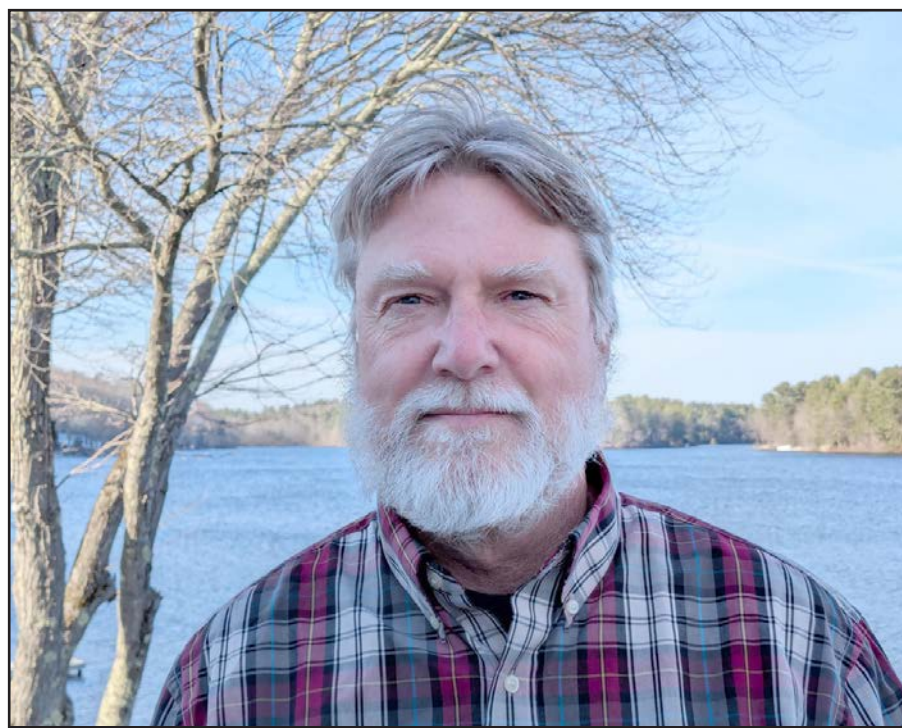
Communities benefit when success stories are visible and shared. They remind students in local classrooms that there are many possible paths forward. They remind families that persistence matters. And they remind educators and volunteers that their investment in young people produces real results.

As Webster celebrates this next step in Nicole Colon's journey, it also celebrates something broader: the idea that opportunity can take root anywhere when determination meets support.

That is a lesson worth recognizing, and one worth passing along to the next generation.

# Viewpoint

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news



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On Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, located at 72 East Main St. in Webster, is hosting a free public local history talk and book signing event with Jeff Stefanik, author of the newly released "Beside Blue Waters: A History of Webster Lake." Stefanik is a Webster native and has been a land surveyor working throughout the region for nearly fifty years. He has used his interest in history and his professional background to write the history of Webster Lake from the coming of the Europeans in 1600 to the present day. To RSVP, please call 508-949-6232 or email deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

## Balloon warfare and the Army Air Force in the Civil War and WWI

BY HELEN POIRIER  
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year, with the anniversary of Dr. Robert Goddard, the Auburn Historical Society & Museum is focusing on aeronautic history pertaining to the town. This month, the Historical Society & Museum would like to highlight those who served in the Air Force not only as pilots, but mechanics, navigators, bombardiers, anything to do with airplanes.

The use of balloons in the Civil War could also qualify for this project also. President Lincoln saw the possible benefits of using balloons for map making, reconnaissance, and directing artillery fire using flags so gunners could be more accurate at hitting the targets. They started off as tethered and used by the Union Army's Corps of Topographical Engineers to make maps about 1850.

Professor Thaddeus S.C. Lowe was the first Chief Aeronaut for the Union Army Balloon Corps. General Irving McDowell, who was the commander of the Army of the Potomac, had Lowe use his personal balloon at the first battle of Bull Run to direct the artillery fire. The Army of the Potomac fought mostly in Eastern Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. There were men from Auburn who were part of the Army of the Potomac, but none as of yet, were found working with the balloon unit. Units of the Massachusetts Infantry Regiment [MIR] that were part of the Army of the Potomac included: Major General Nathaniel P. Band's Division: 1st Brigade 2nd reg. Colonel George Gordon and Lt. Colonel George Andrews, 3rd Brigade 13th MIR Colonel Samuel H. Leonard, Dix's Division Baltimore, Major General John Dix- 17th MIF, Colonel Thomas I. C. Armory, Couch's Brigade Brigadier General Darius N. Couch -7th MIR, Colonel Nelson H. Davis

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The Confederate Army did not have quality balloons due to supply issues with the embargoes the Union army had on the south and the infrequent supply of gas that came from Richmond VA. Edward Porter Alexander was their first balloon pilot for the Confederate "air force". The use of balloons stopped altogether in 1863.

According to an article by Hannah Chan, FAA history intern, "In 1898 when the Spanish-American War started a balloon section within the U.S. Signal Corps, the Army's communication branch, was created. This section contained only one balloon, but it successfully made several flights and even went to Cuba. However, the Army dissolved the section after the war in 1898, allowing the possibility of military aeronautics advancement to fade into the background."

The main aviation training place for WWI was Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas. It was named after George Edward Maurice Kelly who was the first military pilot killed in a plane crash in 1911. This school trained pilots, mechanics and the support personnel for war duty. Some Auburn men who went to Kelly

Field included Sargent Albert H. Bonbard, Sargent 1st Class Herbert N. Eaton, and chauffeur 1st Class Ernest N. Lagesse. There was a U.S. transport note that stated Joseph A. Berthiaume was attached to the 13th Balloon Company Aviation Section Signal Corps.

Sargent Bonbard enlisted in the Army in March of 1918 and was sent to the aviation school until Apr. 1918 at which time he was assigned to the Aerial Squadron Mechanic Training Depot in St. Paul MN. He was eventually assigned to the Detachment 1 Branch of Aerial Photography in Washington D.C. He was honorably discharged February 1919.

The military record for Ernest Lagesse stated that he enlisted in the Reserve Army in March 1918 and was sent to the US Aviation School at Kelly Field. He was assigned to the 36th Battalion Company until Oct 1918, then the 55th Battalion Co., 67th Battalion Co., 40th Battalion Co. and finally the 94th Battalion Co. He was honorably discharged in January 1919. His military headstone application stated he was US Army 9th Ballon Co. USMC Headquarters. Eastern Procurement Division.

David Jamieson enlisted in the Reserve Army Aug. 1917 and was assigned to the 96th Aerial Squadron. A US transport service document has him leaving for Liverpool England as a private with the 96th Aerial Squadron in Oct 1917. He returned on Apr 1919 to Brooklyn NY where his sister, Jessie Daly, greeted him. He was honorably discharged May 1919.

Joseph a. Berthiaume enlisted in the Reserve Army in January 1918 and was assigned to the 13th battalion Company. A US Military Transport document has Joseph returning from Marseille France on May 31, 1919, arriving in New York and was in the 13th Balloon Company Aviation Section Signal Corps, which was organized under the Aviation Section U.S. Signal Corps. It was used in conjunction with the U.S. Army Air Service overseas. Joseph was honorably discharged on Jun 30, 1919.

Herbert Nelson Eaton was inducted in February 1918 and was assigned to School Aerial Photography unit until Apr 1918, then 66th Aerial Squadron to 10 July 1918, 8098 Depot Aerial Squadron until Sept. 1918. From there he went to the Detachment 1 Branch of Aerial Photography Washington DC. He was honorably discharged in February 1919 as a Sargent 1st Class.

The staff at the Auburn Historical Society & Museum have been diligently working to find the draft cards and military service records for those who were listed on the World War II Honor Roll in the 1942 town report as well as others who entered the military after the Honor Roll was created. Those who had relatives or friends who dealt with planes in the military, as well as those that were in other military branches, are encouraged to have their information recorded in the Auburn Veteran's Project which honors all veterans with some connection to Auburn.

This article is part of the Veterans of Auburn series and is made possible by the 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 auburnmuseum@verizon.net or 508-832-6856, www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org or follow us on Facebook at Auburn Historical.

# When the town clock still keeps time

There are some sounds you don't notice until they disappear.

In a lot of Massachusetts towns, there's still a clock somewhere that strikes the hour. Sometimes it's on a church steeple. Sometimes it's on the old town hall. Once in a while it's tucked into a square you pass every day without really looking up. But if you stand still long enough, you can hear it doing its quiet work.

I grew up with one of those clocks nearby. It rang out every hour, whether anyone was paying attention or not. As a boy, I

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By CHARLES

didn't think much about it. It was simply part of the background, like the sound of a screen door closing or a dog barking two streets over.

Later in life, I began to notice how steady it was.

The clock didn't hurry when the day felt rushed.

It didn't slow down when a summer evening stretched longer than expected. It kept time the same way every day, through snowstorms and parades and ordinary Tuesdays that nobody would remember except the people who lived them.

That kind of reliability leaves a mark on you.

Not long ago, I was walking through a downtown I have visited for years and suddenly realized the clock I expected to hear was silent. The tower was still there. The hands were still pointing somewhere near the right hour. But the sound was gone.

It surprised me how much I missed it. A town clock is not a dramatic thing. It does not announce emergencies. It does not gather crowds. Most people do not check their watches against it anymore. Still, it says something important without speaking directly. It tells you that your town has been keeping track of time longer than any one of us has lived here.

There is comfort in that. I sometimes think those clocks helped shape how people once moved through the day. Noon meant something when you could hear it ring. Six o'clock meant supper was near. Nine o'clock meant it might be time to head home. The sound traveled farther than any calendar reminder ever will.

Even now, when I hear one strike the hour, I pause for just a moment.

It reminds me that the same sound reached people who stood in that same place fifty years ago. Maybe they were carrying groceries. Maybe they were walking home from work. Maybe they were meeting someone they planned to marry. The clock marked their afternoons too, whether they noticed or not.

We talk a lot about preserving old buildings, and that matters. But sometimes what really stays with us is not the structure itself. It is the life that continues around it.

A clock that still rings is a sign that a town is paying attention to its own rhythm.

Every so often, when I pass through a center where the bell still sounds the hour, I find myself slowing down without meaning to. I listen until the last note fades. Then I go on with whatever I was doing before, feeling just a little more connected to the place than I did a minute earlier.

It is a small thing, I know. Still, in a Massachusetts town where the clock is still keeping time, it feels like something worth listening for.

## Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

# OBITUARY

Arthur Z. Greenseid, 80

DUDLEY - Arthur Z. Greenseid, age 80, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, surrounded by the loving presence of his family. Born in Joplin, Missouri, he was the son of Joseph and Sylvia Greenseid. Art graduated from Nottingham High School in Syracuse and attended Onondaga Community College before graduating from Nichols College with a degree in Business Administration. He later earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Anna Maria College and proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

Art's professional life was defined by a deep commitment to education. After graduating from Nichols College, he returned to serve as a recruiter and Director of Admissions. He remained a devoted alumnus, volunteering for phone-a-thons and the annual golf tournament. Art later spent many years as a Business Teacher and Guidance Counselor at Tourtellotte Memorial High School. His "giving spirit" was evident as a softball coach and through his work creating the school's Project Graduation program. A lifelong sports enthusiast, he spent countless hours supporting Tourtellotte and Nichols programs with his family by his side.

A dedicated member of Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester, Art served as Treasurer of the Brotherhood for many years and shared his love of learning as a substitute teacher in the Hebrew School.

Art will be lovingly missed and remem-

bered by his devoted wife of 54 years, Roberta "Bobbie" Greenseid of Dudley; his daughter, Sherri Berggren and her husband, Jeff of Alexandria, Virginia; his son, Joseph Greenseid and his wife, Jessica of Ellicott City, Maryland; his sister, Suggie Brumberger and her husband, Shelly of Saratoga Springs, New York; and his cherished grandchildren, Tanner, Mila, and Lily.

The family is eternally grateful for the loving care provided over the years that helped Art keep fighting "his way." A special thank you to Mo, Kelli, Linda, Vicky, Layzel, Maryann, and Scott for all they have done to support the family and for keeping Art moving and fighting with spirit and dignity.

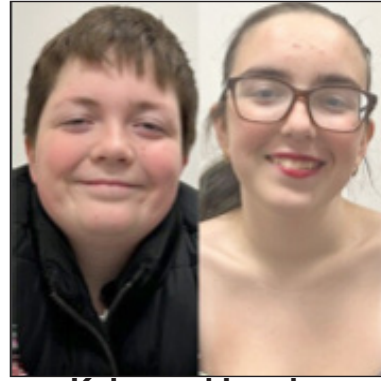
Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Congregation Beth Israel, followed by interment at B'nai Brith Cemetery. A memorial gathering was held at the synagogue following the burial, and Shiva was observed at the family home in Dudley.

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## Friday's Child



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Landon and Keira are a close-knit brother and sister who very much want to be adopted together. Their bond is strong, and they truly find comfort and confidence in one another. Keira is especially protective of Landon, often stepping into the role of encourager and cheerleader when he needs it most.

Keira is outgoing, social, and comfortable expressing her thoughts and feelings. She has a lively personality, a witty sense of humor, and a slightly sarcastic edge that makes people laugh. Beneath that confidence, she has a genuinely soft and caring side. Keira has a bold, unique sense of fashion and fully embraces her style — from coordinating outfits to accessorizing with a trendy pocketbook and bright lipstick that makes her look pop. She loves shopping for clothes and expressing herself creatively through fashion.

Keira's interests are wide-ranging. She enjoys swimming, playing board games, reading, watching TV shows and movies, and bowling. She is talented in Tae Kwon Do and participates in therapeutic riding lessons. Always full of ideas, Keira hopes to explore music and dance lessons in the future. She attends a technical school and is considering focusing on fashion design or animal science — two areas that reflect both her creativity and her love for animals.

Landon is a kind, loving, and thoughtful child with a big heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoys making others laugh and often surprises people with his clever observations. Landon is naturally curious and loves to figure out how things work — whether it's taking apart a concept in science, solving a tricky problem, or building something new. He is especially interested in science and engineering and thrives when he can work hands-on.

Landon loves building with Legos, where he can spend hours designing detailed structures and experimenting with new ideas. He enjoys video games, particularly those that allow him to strategize, create, and problem-solve. Over the summer, he attended a Robotics Camp and a Minecraft camp, both of which allowed him to combine creativity with technology. He enjoyed collaborating with peers, learning coding basics, and seeing his ideas come to life.

In addition to his technical interests, Landon enjoys spending time outdoors and benefits from opportunities to stay active. He appreciates one-on-one attention and thrives with encouragement and positive reinforcement. Landon does best in environments where his curiosity is nurtured and where he feels supported as he explores new interests.

Together, Landon and Keira are bright, engaging, and full of potential. They bring laughter, creativity, determination, and heart into every space they enter.  
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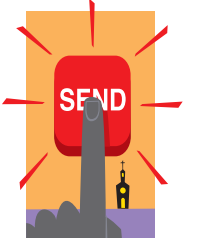
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# Park Avenue Faculty Spotlight



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Ms. Boisvert saying hello.

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 three exceptional members of our PAE team: Elizabeth Way-Betz, Special Education Teacher, Lisa Boisvert, Team Chair, and Sarah Cole, Kindergarten Teacher.

Elizabeth Way-Betz, Special Education Teacher, is a compassionate and dedicated educator who cares deeply for each and every one of her students. She holds high expectations while creating a supportive environment where students feel encouraged to grow and succeed. She is

also an avid gardener who has brought that passion to Park Avenue by creating our school's Garden Club—an opportunity so loved by students that it now has a waitlist. Her ability to connect her interests to meaningful student experiences speaks to her creativity and commitment to enriching our school community.

As one colleague shared, “Elizabeth brings such care and intention to everything she does—her students feel it every day, and the Garden Club has become something truly special for our school.”

Thank you, Ms. Way-Betz, for your dedication.

Lisa Boisvert, Team Chair, is an essential leader within our building who works tirelessly to ensure that all students receive the services and support they



Ms. Way-Betz and Ms. Cole smiling for the camera.

need. She is deeply committed to her role, collaborating closely with both families and staff and often going above and beyond—around the clock—to advocate for students. Her diligence, organization, and unwavering focus on doing what is best for children make her an invaluable part of our school community.

As one colleague noted, “Lisa is someone you can always count on—she works relentlessly behind the scenes to make sure every student is supported, and her dedication does not go unnoticed.”

Thank you, Ms. Boisvert, for your leadership and commitment.

Sarah Cole, Kindergarten Teacher, is a passionate and hardworking educator who consistently creates meaningful and engaging learning experiences for her stu-

dents. Cole works tirelessly to design lessons that are both impactful and developmentally appropriate, often incorporating hands-on activities that bring learning to life. She builds strong, positive relationships with her students and works just as hard to build

meaningful partnerships with their families, ensuring open communication and a strong home-school connection. Her classroom is a place where children feel safe, valued, and excited to learn. Her energy and enthusiasm are evident each day, and her students thrive

because of it.

As one colleague shared, “Sarah has a special way of connecting with her students—her classroom is full of joy, engagement, and purposeful learning.”

Thank you, Ms. Cole, for your dedication.

## Pasture Prime Players present “The Hot L Baltimore”

CHARLTON — Pasture Prime Players, Inc. is pleased to announce performance dates for “The Hot L Baltimore” by Lanford Wilson at the Charlton Arts & Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Rd., Charlton. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, April 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees on April 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. This play is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. of New York, N.Y.

The scene is the lobby of a rundown hotel so seedy that it has lost the “e” from its marquee. As the action unfolds, the residents, ranging from young to old, from the defiant to the resigned, meet, talk and interact with each other during the course of one day. The drama is of passing events in their lives, of everyday encounters and of the human comedy, with conversations often overlapping into a contrapuntal musical flow. In the resulting mosaic each character emerges clearly and perceptively defined, and the sum total of who they are, or wish they were, becomes a poignant, powerful call to America to recover lost values and to restore itself in its own and the worlds eyes. The play won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award for Best American Play of 1972–73, multiple Obie Awards and the John Gassner Playwriting Award.

The play is directed by Don Konopacki and features the acting talents of Madeleine Jean, Anthony Johnson, Rose Gage, Katie Walsh, Eric Hart, Tiffany Betty, Michael Chappell, Stephen Jean, Luis “Tito” Aviles, Erin Simpson, Angela Clark, Deborah Hollett, Aaron Kramer and Bruce Menin.

The play centers on the residents of a rundown hotel, including several prostitutes. It includes discussions of sex work, innuendo, and vulgarity and strong language. It is not recommended for children under 16. Please contact the box office for additional information. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors 60 and over and students 18 and under. Reservations are available at (508) 248-5448, [pasture.prime.players@gamil.com](mailto:pasture.prime.players@gamil.com) or our Web site, <https://pastureprimeplayers.carrd.co/>.

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The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Library will be closed on Friday, May 1st, Saturday, May 9th & Saturday, May 23rd.

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

Pearle's Picking Parlor Jam, a "mostly" Bluegrass Focused Jam Session

1st Saturday of every month

Saturday, May 2nd  
10:00-12:00 in the Local History Room

This is the group that played at our 15 Year Celebration! This is an unplugged acoustic jam. All talent levels welcome... beginners on up! Don't want to play? No problem, listeners are welcome too!

Gentle Yoga  
Every Monday-NO SESSION May 25th

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.

The Missing Piece Puzzle Race

Monday, May 4th  
6:00-7:30

Teams will compete against each other, with the ultimate goal of completing a puzzle faster than their opponents. Teams can have up to six members. The first team to assemble the puzzle wins! Registration is required. There is room for seven teams; only one person from each team should register.

Listen Up-Communication Workshop

Tuesday, May 5th  
10:00-11:00

Our library doesn't just

lend books- it lends perspectives. Join us for an exciting workshop focused on listening, sharing, and finding understanding. Real-life conversations matter—learn skills you can use in every area of life.

Matinee Movie @ The Pearle

Song Sung Blue  
Tuesday, May 5th  
1:00-2:30

Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. PG-13

Mahjong at the Pearle  
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 and enjoy the company!

Yoga with Buffy  
Every Friday- no session  
May 1st  
10:00-11:00

Join Buffy for Friday Yoga! Take time to relax, stretch, and recharge at this weekly Friday session. Registration is required: [wideopenyoga@gmail.com](mailto:wideopenyoga@gmail.com). A co-payment is required to attend.

Electronic Recycling  
Event with Green Day  
Recycling  
Saturday, May 9th  
9:00-2:00 Library Parking lot

Dispose of old computers, small appliances, grills, TVs, and more! This recycling event is rain or shine. This is not a free recycling program. Cash, Venmo, and checks (over \$30). Check

our website for full details.

Friends of the Library  
Annual Meeting  
Monday, May 11th  
1:15-2:15

Join the Friends of the Library for the monthly meeting! All are invited to attend!

Pearle's Genealogy Group  
Monday, May 11th  
4:00-5:30

Let's regroup our genealogy group! Facilitated by Patricia M. St. Marie, Professional Genealogist

CrafterNOON-Mandala Rock Painting  
Tuesday, May 12th  
1:00-2:00

Learn to paint intricate, symmetrical designs (called mandalas) onto smooth stones or rocks. It blends art, mindfulness, and simple technique—making it suitable for beginners and experienced crafters alike. Registration is required. Ages 17+

The Words & Wisdom of Willie Nelson-Songs & Stories performed by Matt York

Thursday, May 14th  
6:00-7:45

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform The Words & Wisdom of Willie Nelson and talk about his new book, which is a blend of stories about Willie's career and York's journey traveling around and performing.

In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and his album Gently Used was named one of Worcester Magazine's best albums of 2022.

This program is funded by the Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

Book Talk-Chasing Bandits: America's War on Terror by Michael Neagle  
Saturday, May 16th  
11:00-12:15

Join us as Michael E. Neagle, a professor of history at Nichols College, discusses his newest book: Chasing Bandits: America's Long War on Terror. The talk explores how the U.S. "war on terror" began long before 9/11. Since the

early 1900s, the U.S. has pursued perceived threats across regions like the Philippines, Latin America, and the Middle East. These enemies—once labeled "bandits" and now "terrorists"—have been portrayed similarly over time, often to justify foreign interventions and build support at home.

"Cook the Book" Book Club- Dinner: Nothing Fancy: Unfussy Food for Having People Over by Alison Roman

Monday, May 18th  
6:00-7:00

"Cook The Book" Book Club will meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00

You will pick one recipe from the book selected for the month-the dishes don't have to be complicated or fancy, any recipe from the book 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.

Emily Dickinson: The Poet and her Gardens  
Tuesday, May 19th  
1:00-2:00

This illustrated lecture, presented by Ellen K. Duzak, invites you to meet Emily in her own gardens and countryside as she embraces nature and interprets its meaning in her own unique flavor of poetry. How wonderful for Emily Dickinson to find her most treasured source of inspiration right outside her Amherst, MA home in her family gardens, orchard, meadows and woodland.

Funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. Registration is required.

Crawford Library Book Group  
Thursday, May 28th  
Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney

6:00-7:30

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

No Registration Required

Bemis Farms Nursery-Plant a Spring Bowl  
Thursday, May 28th  
6:00-7:30

Join Bemis Farm Nursery to make a one-of-a-kind Spring Bowl. Ages 17+. Registration is required; space is limited.

Children's & Family Programming

Local 4 Life-Junior Meteorologists: Tracking our Local Weather  
Saturday, May 2nd  
10:00-11:00

Session 2: Reading the Sky & Predicting Weather. Let's look up! In this session, we'll learn to identify cloud types and what they tell us about coming weather. Kids will make a homemade barometer and experiment with air pressure. We'll practice making predictions and get ready for our final field day at the farm! 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

Once Upon a Storytime with Kelcy  
Every Monday  
10:00-10:45

For ages 3-5 and their caregiver (siblings always welcome!). Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, scarves, shaker eggs, moving our bodies to music, activities, bubbles, a craft, and free play!

Deb's Sing & Swing-Somewhere in the Ocean  
Friday, May 8th  
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.

Wiggles & Giggles for Littles  
Thursday, May 14th, 21st & 28th  
10:00-10:30

YFCP is pleased to offer a FREE 5-week music series for children, ages 6-24

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Yoga for Children  
Friday, May 15th  
11:00-11:45

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.

Teen Programming

Dungeons & Dragons Game  
Every Thursday  
6:00-7:30  
Ages 14-19

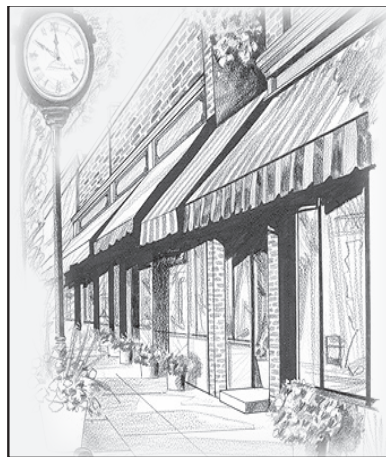
Off the Hook Crochet Club  
Thursday, May 7th  
6:00-7:00  
Ages 12-17

Welcome to Off The Hook Crochet Club — where kids turn yarn into awesome!

From colorful creations to cool new skills, this club is all about learning, laughing, and stitching together. No experience needed — just bring your imagination (and your needles)!

Cake Decorating 101  
Thursday, May 21st  
5:00-7:00

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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 speak 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 bestselling author of the Poppy War trilogy, Babel: An Arcane History, Yellowface, and Katabasis. 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.

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.

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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.

Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge – Thursday, April 23rd at 5:00pm

Massachusetts Center for the Book is hosting a reading challenge during National Library Week, and we're celebrating it with a Read-in! Meet other participants of the Reading Challenge, discuss the Monthly Reading Prompts for the 2026 Reading Challenge, find your next great read!

The Chatty Chapter Genre Book Club – Thursday, April 23rd at 6:00pm

Join The Chatty Chapter, our genre book group! Each month we read a different genre. April's genre is fantasy; and in preparation for her visit, we're reading Katabasis by R. F. Kuang.

Trivia Palooza 7 @ The Rose Room Café – Saturday, April 25th at 1:00pm

Join Evan and Jess for General Knowledge Trivia. Assemble your team (up to 5 people) and put your thinking caps on! Registration is required. Please only register 1 person per team; you cannot complete the registration process online if you say there are more attendees. We do not need to know how many people are on your team, but the maximum is 5. The winning team gets a prize!

This event is our final event for National Library Week and we're holding it offsite at The Rose Room Cafe at 4 E. Main St.

Writing Group – Monday,  
April 27th at 6:00pm

Do you enjoy writing but struggle to find the time or excuse to sit down and do it?

Join us for a low pressure evening where you can sit and write creatively with others in a cozy setting. There will be prompts available, and time to share and discuss our projects, or

just chat about the writing process, but sharing is not required. Bring something you are currently working on, or start something new! Snacks and drinks will be available.

Programming for All Ages  
Library for All – Mondays  
and Fridays at 10am NO  
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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.

Hearing Screenings –  
Friday, April 24th starting at  
10:00am

Beltone Hearing Care Center of Auburn will hold free hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings on Friday, April 24 from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Hearing Care Practitioner George Karamanakis will also give a hearing health presentation at 10:00 am. Come and learn about the signs and different types of hearing loss, and sign up today for your free hearing screening! Appointments will be in 15 minute increments. Ten appointments are available in total.

Grow Together: A  
Garden for Kids and Adults –  
Monday, April 27th at  
6:00pm

Join farmers Cassidy & Dillon Daigle for a fun, hands-on workshop designed for families, educators, and gardeners of all levels! Learn how to create a garden that everyone can enjoy — from kid-friendly crops like cherry tomatoes and sunflowers to practical vegetables and herbs for adults. Explore sensory plants, playful garden features, and simple strategies to teach children about nature, nutrition, and responsibility. After the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to plant seeds and start their own garden right away. Walk away with practical tips, creative ideas, and inspiration to grow a garden together as a family. This program requires registration.

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  
at 4:00pm

Come explore our Creators Club, where each month features a new theme highlighting a different art supply for kids to experiment with and turn into their own masterpieces! 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 groovy storytime! Toddlers ages 2-5 and their caregivers will dance to popular kids' tunes while using 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!

Laser Tag for  
Teens – Thursday,  
April 23rd at 5:00pm

Age 13-18, get ready for a Laser Tag Battle! Wear sneakers, bring any necessary meds, especially if you have asthma.

Music with Matt  
Heaton – Friday,  
April 24th at  
10:30am

Matt Heaton plays high energy, engaging music for discerning kids and the grown-ups who love them. With his bright orange rockabilly guitar, wry sense of humor, and formidable songwriting chops, he delivers smart little songs about big things.

It's like spinach tucked in a smoothie! While kids dance and giggle, they also learn simple math, how to share and be kind, how to rhyme.

Bob Bloom's Drumming  
About You – Saturday, April  
25th at 11:00am

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Meet the Author: Jerry  
Craft – Tuesday, April 28th  
at 5:30pm

Join us in welcom-

## Veterans' Service Officer Position

The Town of Sturbridge is accepting applications to fill the part-time, 10 hours per week, Veteran' Service Officer position. The position will act as a Veterans' Agent and thus requires all appropriate State and Federal certification. Applications are available on-line on the Town of Sturbridge website under job opportunities. <https://www.sturbridge.gov/your-government/pages/job-opportunities> The position is non-union and reports to the Town Administrator. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

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## TOWN OF DUDLEY MASSACHUSETTS

### Dudley Water Department HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Dudley Water Department will begin hydrant flushing beginning in May and continue through August 2026 (Due to Water Restrictions) Flushing of hydrants will be conducted during normal business hours in most areas. (Normally between 8am-2pm Monday – Friday)

During flushing operations, you may notice discoloration to the water, please do not be alarmed this is normal and does not pose a health risk.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call The Dudley Water Department at: 508-949-8007 or [sewerwater@dudleyma.gov](mailto:sewerwater@dudleyma.gov)

## TOWN OF DUDLEY MASSACHUSETTS

### The DEP is requiring the Dudley Water Department to implement a non-essential outdoor water use restriction, according to the new Water Management Act of 2011.

This will become  
effective May 1st, 2026,  
through September  
30th, 2026, between  
the hours of 9:00 am.  
until 5:00 p.m.

All restrictions and acceptable outdoor water use will be posted on the Town website: [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov), Cable Access, and Social Media.

## Mount Zion & Lakeside Cemetery Spring Clean-up

The Town of Webster asks citizens to help respect and preserve the memorial space so it is visibly pleasant.

Starting in May 2026 the Town of Webster will be conducting a cleanup program twice a year in the spring and fall.

This will include items not in compliance with our rules and regulations. These items can be removed without notice through-out the year. The town cemetery staff will also continue removing of shrubs/bushes/trees in an effort to secure, safeguard, dignity, and aesthetics of the memorial gravesite.

**Planting of bushes/shrubs/trees are no longer acceptable.**

The Town would also like to remind all citizens of the cemetery rules & regulations, which are located on the website at [www.webster-ma.gov](http://www.webster-ma.gov). Any questions or concerns please contact the Highway/Cemetery Department at 508.949.3862 ext. 1041.

# LEGALS

**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. WO26P0955EA**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
 Estate Of:  
**Sherrill A. Costa**  
**Also Known As:**  
**Sherrill Costa**  
**Date of Death: 12/31/2025**

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of **Becky A. Gardner of Jefferson MA Gregory J Costa of Shrewsbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Becky A. Gardner of Jefferson MA Gregory J Costa of Shrewsbury MA** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
 April 24, 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. WO26P1174EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
 Estate Of:  
**James Stewart Chase**  
**Also known as: Jim Chase**  
**Date of Death: 01/16/2015**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Elizabeth Ann Sullivan Chase of Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: .  
**Elizabeth Ann Sullivan Chase of Douglas MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/12/2026**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 09, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,  
 Register of Probate  
 April 24, 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. WO25C0572CA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO**  
**CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of:

**Virgen Milligros Torres**  
**A Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by

**Virgen Milligros Torres of Webster MA**

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

**Virgen Milligros Torres**  
**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 05/12/2026. 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. Kathryn M. Bailey**  
**First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 13, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,  
 Register of Probate

April 24, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate**  
**and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
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**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO26P1155EA**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
 Estate Of:

**WILLIAM H FOX**  
**Date of Death: FEBRUARY 1 2026**

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of **GERALD S CORKRAN of WEBSTER MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**GERALD S CORKRAN of WEBSTER MA** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
 April 24, 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. WO26P1032EA**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
 Estate Of:

**JOSEPH COSTA**  
**Also Known As:**  
**JOSEPH B. COSTA**  
**Date of Death: JANUARY 3, 2026**

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of **CRAIG COSTA of THE VILLAGES FL**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**CRAIG COSTA of THE VILLAGES FL** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties

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 April 24, 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. WO26P1211 EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
 Estate Of:  
**Ethel A Lecuyer**  
**Date of Death: 08/10/2018**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **William J Lecuyer of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: .

**William J Lecuyer of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 13, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,  
 Register of Probate

April 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated November 6, 2025 given by Michelle Ngila, Trustee of 791 School Realty Trust to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 (recorded in Book 67529, Page 292), said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 72839, Page 372, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026** at 791 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: **791 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts**

The land with all the buildings and structures, now or hereafter standing or placed thereon, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Webster, on the easterly side of School Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe driven into the ground on the easterly line of

said School Street and being the most northwesterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed;

THENCE easterly two hundred twenty-nine and one-tenth (229.1) feet partly along a stone wall to a stake; THENCE S. 87 degrees 50' E. deflecting to the right 6 degrees 36', four hundred forty-three and seven tenths (443.7) feet to a stake;

THENCE southerly one hundred forty-eight and five tenths (248.5) feet to an iron pipe in the ground on the northerly line of a private way known as Phillips Avenue;

THENCE N. 87 degrees 50' W. four hundred eighty-two and two tenths (482.2) feet by said Philips Avenue to a stake at land of Ethel F. Putnam;

THENCE northerly sixty and seven tenths (60.7) feet by land of said Putnam to a stake at the northeast corner of said Putnam's lot;

THENCE westerly one hundred thirty-six-and five tenths (136.5) feet by land of said Putnam to a stake on the easterly side of said school street;

THENCE northerly sixty-six (66) feet by said School Street to the point of beginning,

Along with a right of way over Phillips Avenue, so called, from the southeast corner of the above tract westerly to said School Street.

PARCEL II  
 BEGINNING at the southeast corner thereof on the northerly line of Phillips Avenue, at a point forty (40) feet northerly of northwest corner of land now or formerly of Otto M. Piehler et ex;

THENCE northerly sixty-five (65) feet by the easterly line of School Street to an iron pipe in the ground at land now or formerly of one Phillips;

THENCE easterly one hundred thirty-six and one-half (136 1/2) feet by said land now or formerly of one Phillips to a stake at land now or formerly of one Phillips;

THENCE southerly sixty and seven tenths (60. 7) feet by said land now or formerly of one Phillips to a stake on the northerly line of said Phillips Avenue;

THENCE westerly one hundred twenty (120) feet by said Avenue to an iron pin at point of beginning.

For title reference, see deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds herewith. [Book 72839, Page 353].

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Mirrione, Shaughnessy & Uitti, LLC 2 Batterymarch Park, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust  
 u/d/t dated May 2, 2022

Present holder of said mortgage  
 By his Attorneys,

Mirrione, Shaughnessy & Uitti, LLC.

2 Batterymarch Park, Suite 202

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April 24, 2026

May 1, 2026

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**ENTREPRENEURS**  
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uct ideas, selected business names, and created logos, slogans, and color schemes. Using a “Junior Entrepreneur Project Packet,” students developed their ideas while learning key marketing concepts such as target audience, niche markets, and brand identity.

On the second day, the focus shifted to advertising and promotion. Students examined different types of advertising—from print to digital—and created their

own promotional materials, including posters, flyers, and social media-style ads. They also developed slideshow presentations to showcase their brands, learning how effective marketing communicates a clear message to a specific audience.

Day three introduced the critical concept of pricing. Through interactive lessons and worksheets, students learned how to determine pricing based on materials, value, and profit. This lesson reinforced both financial literacy and real-world math skills, helping students understand that

thoughtful pricing decisions are essential to a successful business.

During the final sessions, students brought their ideas to life by creating their products and finalizing their brands. The classroom buzzed with creativity and collaboration as each group prepared for the culminating event.

The project concluded with the much-anticipated “Kid-Made Business Day,” where students proudly operated their own businesses. Families, staff, and peers were invited to attend and support the young entrepreneurs. A

wide variety of handmade products were available, including Magical Mugs (\$12), decorative clay penguins (\$2), clay sneakers (\$3), hand-decorated t-shirts (\$6), crystal necklaces (\$3), squishies (\$5, which quickly sold out), and wind chimes (\$5).

Beyond the products themselves, the event highlighted the deeper learning that took place.

Grade 5 student Julia Biela reflected, “Marketing isn’t just about the money, it’s about the experience.”

Benjamin Petrides shared, “One thing I liked best was that we made a lot

of people happy.” Carson Krajeik added that he discovered that “pricing matters.”

Students found joy in different aspects of the project—some loved the creative process of designing and making their products, while others enjoyed the excitement of selling and interacting with customers. One thing was clear: all appreciated the opportunity to collaborate and work as a team.

Most importantly, the project emphasized service and community impact. Students collectively raised \$470, which will be

donated to the Worcester Animal Rescue League, allowing their entrepreneurial efforts to support a meaningful cause.

This meaningful partnership not only provided Saint Joseph School students with valuable academic and life skills, but also embodied the spirit of collaboration and service at the heart of both schools. Through the leadership of the Bay Path team and the enthusiasm of Mrs. Gallivan’s class, this project was a powerful example of learning brought to life.

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\* June Cazeault \* Laurie Sullivan \* Lori Johnson-Chausse \* William Gilmore II \* Maureen Cimoch \* Bryan Pelletier

*Featured Listing ~ New To Market!*  
*Webster ~ 33 Slater Street*



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*Webster - 24 Cooper Rd*  
*New Construction - Craftsman Style home*



Tucked away on Cooper Rd. Webster Lake with access at Lakeside beach/boat ramp. 3rd of 4 homes being built at this site. Offers 2,155 sq. ft +/- of living area, 7 rms, 4 brs, 2 1/2 baths, 9ft ceiling, wood flooring throughout with ceramic tile baths. Spacious main BR Suite w/ walk-in closet, and private full bathr, double sink vanity, finished lower level walk-out w/ slider. Central AC, garage

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*Webster Lake Waterfront Listing!!*  
*On Indian Point # 10 "Private Rd"*



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*Webster Lake - 302 Killdeer Island*



Renovated + move-in ready lakefront home w/1,700+/- sq ft. Open kitchen/dining/living w/cathedral ceilings + wall of windows. Primary suite w/private bath! 2 add'l bedrooms, 2nd Full bath. Lower level family room w/walkout to water. Wraparound deck, new vinyl railings, terraced yard, sandy beach, professional landscaping. Many updates \$775,000

*Webster Lake Waterfront - 31 Bayview!!*



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# Zion Lutheran Sunday School students paint a Holy Week masterpiece

OXFORD — It has become a tradition for Zion Lutheran's Sunday School children to surprise Easter morning worshippers with an art exhibit. This year Allie, Amelia, Addison, Amira, Ryan, Cash, Raelynn, Talia, Dominic, Sophia, Weston, Nolan, Myles and Camden created a vibrant tableau depicting Holy Week. On stretched canvasses donated by Jackie Bonneau, the young artists used Q-tips, sponges, cotton balls, and a variety of brushes and acrylic paints to create their masterpiece. Recyclables were glued to add a three-dimensional aspect. The painters, ranging in age from three to 15, decided which of the ten canvasses they wanted to bring to life. The ten paintings begin with Jesus's triumphant Palm Sunday procession into Jerusalem and conclude with an angel at the empty tomb on Easter morning. Scenes of the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, Christ praying at Gethsemane, a crown of thorns, three crucifixion crosses at Golgotha, and the sealed tomb complete the tableau. Bud Fischvogt, a Zion member who is carpenter, constructed a brace to hold the canvasses together. He also added handles so that the children could carry the nine-foot tableau. Their happy excitement was palpable as they ever so carefully carried their project, covered with a purple drape, into the sanctuary. Smiles of pride and accomplishment lit up the faces of the children and worshippers as their work was unveiled. Each young artist commented on their special contribution. The tableau was hung on the entryway wall of the fellowship hall where it sparks conversations about faith with parents, teachers and the congregation. Most importantly, this display reinforces how important children are to our faith community and how much their contributions enrich the life of Zion.





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