

Soper

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

BUILT ON TRUST. DRIVEN BY FAMILY.

YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS IN:

- SEPTIC SYSTEM SPECIALISTS
- WATER & SEWER TIE-INS
- TITLE V INSPECTIONS

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

EXCAVATION ★ FOUNDATION ★ LAND CLEARING ★ SITE DEVELOPMENT ★ TRENCHLESS EXCAVATION

Thank You to our Customers, Community and Generations of Families who have Trusted Soper Construction.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE!

www.hiresoper.com | (508) 765-9003



SEND YOUR NEWS AND PICS TO
 NEWS@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS
 Friday, July 17, 2026

www.StonebridgePress.com

©2026, Issue #28

Big smiles and bright futures at Saint Joseph School Pre-K graduation



First Congregational Church invites community to celebrate 250 years of faith

AUBURN — The First Congregational Church, UCC, in Auburn is inviting the community to celebrate an extraordinary milestone - 250 years of faith, fellowship, and service - at its 250th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 25.

Founded on Jan. 25, 1776, First Congregational Church is the first church established in Auburn, with a history that predates the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, the church has been a place of worship, community, and service for generations of Auburn residents.

The celebration begins at 3:30 p.m. on the church steps with a ceremonial reading of the Declaration of Independence, honoring both our nation's beginnings and the church's unique place in history.

Courtesy

Congratulations to the Saint Joseph School Pre-K Class of 2026! These young graduates celebrated the completion of an exciting year of learning and growth before beginning their Kindergarten journey this fall.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 9, Saint Joseph School's Pre-K 4-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate an exciting milestone as the students marked the completion of their preschool journey and received their diplomas. The special graduation ceremony recognized a year filled with tremendous academic, social, and spiritual growth as the students prepared to take their next big step into kindergarten.

The ceremony began with the traditional Graduation March, followed by welcoming remarks from PreK 4-year-old

program Instructor, Ms. Robyn Dodge. Students proudly participated in several recitations, including the Pledge of Allegiance, The Hail Mary, and The Our Father, before delighting family members with a collection of songs that showcased both their enthusiasm and the confidence they developed throughout the school year. Musical selections included "Books! Books!," "I Might Be Small," "Thank You," "Kindergarten Here We Come," and the always entertaining "Tooty Ta."

Following their performance, the proud graduates were presented their diplomas by Principal

Beth Boudreau before joining their families to enjoy a special photo slideshow, highlighting memorable classroom moments, friendships, and the many milestones achieved throughout the 2025–2026 school year. The celebration reflected the joy and accomplishment of a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and growth.

This year, 23 students advanced to Kindergarten: Emma Artuso, Maria Attalla, Rita Dostoler, Fatima Sofia Garcia, Noah Huynh, Giavanna Khalil, Elias Kielinen, Grace Kubiak, Cameron LaFlash, Skylette Lancellotta, Grayson Larsen,

Avery Lewandowski, Forrest Lovett, Olive MacPherson, Divya Nasis, Max Piehl, Abigail Prendergast, Hunter Smith, Henry Surowaniec, Anzio Vega, Lucas Wierzchowiec, Freya Williamson, and Maximus Zona.

Saint Joseph School's Pre-K 4-year-old program is led by Ms. Robyn Dodge and supported by teacher assistants Mrs. Pier Cutler and Miss Molly Brennan, whose dedication and care helped create a nurturing environment where students were able to learn, grow, and thrive throughout the year. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Pre-K Graduates as they begin their Kindergarten journey!

Explore "History and Legends through Song" at Gladys E. Kelly Library

WEBSTER — On Thursday, Aug. 6, the musical duo Sultana will bring "History and Legends through Song" to Gladys Kelly Public Library at 2 Lake St. in Webster, at 6:30 p.m.

The program consists of songs, history and slides about fascinating historical or legendary people and events. The show will include songs about New England History, Ancient Mesopotamia, a character from Arthurian legend, a renowned radio broad-

cast and more. "History and Legends through Song" is part of the series "Live Music Making History Live." The other shows in the series are "The Roots of American Popular Music," "The Railroad in Song," and "Popular Music and Veterans."

The duo Sultana is Jon and Li Waterman, both lifelong musicians and

songwriters. Jon is also a licensed history teacher in Massachusetts. He created "Live Music Making History Live" in 2018 with the belief that history and entertainment go together - throughout the ages, songs, stories and theater have included history, and history

is — or should be — entertaining. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

"The Railroad in Song" coming to Oxford Public Library

OXFORD — On Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m., Oxford Public Library will present the program "The Railroad in Song" performed by musicians and songwriters Jon and Li Waterman.

The show consists of traditional and original songs, stories and a slide show about trains, workers on the railroad, train wrecks, heroes, hoboes and more. Oxford Public Library is at 339 Main St. in Oxford. "The Railroad in Song" is part of the Live Music Making History Live series designed to encourage the celebration and exploration of history through music. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Oxford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Courtesy

Saint Louis Parish held their annual summer picnic on July 10 in honor of the 250th anniversary of the USA. The community enjoyed eating great food, music and dancing, meeting new and old friends, and the kids enjoyed everything from getting their faces painted, making crafts, playing games, and racing through the inflatable obstacle course and bouncing in the play zones." God bless America.

The event is free and open to the public. Whether you are a current member, former member, neighbor, history enthusiast, or simply looking for a fun community event, all are welcome to join in this once-in-a-generation celebration.

Event Details

First Congregational Church, UCC
 128 Central St., Auburn
 Saturday, July 25
 3:30 p.m. — Reading of the Declaration of Independence
 4 p.m. — Anniversary Program
 Following the Program—Community Celebration with historic displays, cupcakes, colonial lawn games, food trucks, and an outdoor movie.

For more information, visit www.fccauburn.org or follow First Congregational Church Auburn on Facebook.



Local residents graduate from Eastern in 2025-26 academic year

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — More than 800 Eastern Connecticut State University students received undergraduate and graduate degrees in the 2025-26 academic year, culminating this past May in two commencement ceremonies at the conclusion of the spring 2026 semester.

Among the graduates are: Gavin May of Dudley, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art.

Ella Springer of Dudley, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

Delaney Kudron of Oxford, who graduated with a Master of Science in Elementary Education.

From first-generation college students to seasoned professionals pursuing advanced degrees, the Class of 2026 hails from nearly all of Connecticut's 169 towns, 24 U.S. states, and 28 foreign countries. The graduates range in age from 19 to 81, with 28 percent being the first in their families to graduate from college and 11% being NCAA Division III student athletes. Women make up 60% of the class, and approximately 30 percent of students identify as people of color.

The graduates went through the University's School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education and Professional

Studies, and Graduate Division. Popular undergraduate majors included business administration, psychology, English, health sciences, and art. At the graduate level, students received advanced degrees in applied data science, management, accounting, education (early childhood, elementary, secondary), special education, and educational studies/technology.

During her keynote speech at the undergraduate commencement ceremony, Beth Regan '79, justice and chairwoman of the Mohegan Tribal Council of Elders, urged the graduates to be flexible as they enter their careers. "The universe may have other plans," she said. "When those moments are presented to you, embrace them. If you allow yourself that flexibility, you may experience the best adventure you never could have imagined."

President Karim Ismaili offered his congratulations to the Class of 2026. "What you have accomplished is no small thing," he told the graduates. "You have navigated deadlines and exams, long nights and early mornings, work, family responsibilities, leadership roles, internships, athletics, and all the unexpected realities of life."

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal was among the special guests. "We live in difficult, sometimes dark and daunting,

times. ... We have been through tough times before. We are a resolute and resilient nation, and it is you whose service and dedication will help get us through."

During his remarks at the graduate ceremony, World Bank Executive Harold Tavares, recipient of Eastern's second annual Distinguished Public Service Award, told the graduates to lead with courage and to pave the way for others. Reminding them that they are in the minority of Americans with an advanced degree, he said, "Doors are opening for you. Be sure to hold them open for those around you. Each of you has the power - and the responsibility - to improve the human condition."

Eastern alumnus James Woulfe '09, chief of staff for the mayor of the City of Hartford, welcomed the graduates to the University's alumni family. He reminded the graduates that they are not alone on this journey. "Tonight, you become a part of the Eastern alumni family. Stay connected. Lean on one another, and lean on us."

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.

YEAR-ROUND SHORT-TERM RENTAL
Egrets Landing-31A - LIGHTHOUSE POINT
CONDOMINIUMS -TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA

Oceanfront 2-bedroom condo.
Gated community with pool. Full Appliances.
Ocean views of ships and birds with a short walk to the beach.
Bookings Contact: Oceanfront Cottage Rentals. (800) 786-5889
https://www.oceanfrontcottage.com/rentals/egrets-landing-31a

www.StonebridgePress.com

WANTED TO BUY Antiques & Old Stuff

- Bottles • Crocks •Jugs •Costume Jewelry • Pottery •Toys
- Pewter • Glassware •Sterling Silver • Coins • Gold
- Silver Plated Items •Watches •Typewriters •Sewing Machines
- Tools • Radios • Clocks • Lanterns •Lamps • Kitchenware
- Cookware •Knives •Hunting • Fishing • Military • Masonic
- Video Games • Advertising Signs & Much More

CALL DONALD ROY 860-874-8396

A sizzling Sunday burlesque brunch at the Rose Room



WEBSTER — Brunch plans in Webster just got a lot hotter! Join SweetFire and The Rose Room Café Sunday, July 19 at noon for a combination of delectable eats and dazzling burlesque performances—bringing temptation and tease to your Sunday afternoon.

The Rose Room Café, located at 4 East Main St., features sustainable, locally sourced breakfast, lunch, specialty coffees, and an array of in-house prepared artisanal baked goods.

The July 19 event will be hosted by Aurora Fire and features performances by performers from across new England: Dolores Sweet, Sasha Southend, Bootz, and Jynx Merlot.

\$35 ticket includes access to the show plus one drink ticket (alcoholic or non-alcoholic.) Food is sold separately. Purchase at: sweetfirepvd.com/events/.

SweetFire is a creative, woman- and queer-owned collaboration that brings bespoke, immersive performance experiences to Providence, RI, greater New England, and beyond. For more information, visit sweetfirepvd.com.

NOW OPEN
in Auburn

RENDAL

GREENDALE
PHYSICAL THERAPY

If you're interested
in becoming a
patient of our new
Auburn office scan to
receive more info.

440 Washington St./Rt. 20
508-426-8066 • greendalept.com

Where you don't have to be an Olympic athlete to be treated like one.

LOWEST PRICES • FULL SERVICE

Serving Worcester County for
almost 60 years!

Shrewsbury's Own...

AL'S OIL
SERVICE

www.alsoil.com

We accept
most major
credit cards

24-HOUR EXPERT BURNER SERVICE • 508-753-7221

For
Advertising
Information
Call
774-200-7308
email:
mikaela@stonebridgepress.news



ARTHRTIS?

Is your arthritis care all that
you would hope it to be?
If not we may be able to help.

Osteoarthritis
of Hands - Knees- Hips.
Back and Shoulder Problems
Rheumatoid Arthritis
Psoriatic Arthritis - Gout

Charles A. Birbara, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine, Umass-Chan Medical School
25 Oak Ave., Worcester, MA 01605 508-799-2674
"Committed to Advancing appropriate care to people with arthritis"

PEPIN
WASTE SERVICE
Your Local Roll-Off Specialist

SPRING
SPECIAL
10 yd. Rental 1 Ton
3 sizes available. Call for pricing.

\$375

Roll Off Containers
Weekend Dumpsters
for the Homeowner
Houses • Attics • Cellars
Construction Sites

10-15-20 Yd.

508-892-4193 • Leicester, MA
Fully Insured

MasterCard VISA

Discover NOVUS

FREE MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

VISIT WWW.PROJECTBREAD.ORG/SUMMEREATS

SUMMER
EATS

SCHOOLS' OUT
FUN IS ON

Webster Public Schools
Free Lunch for Youths
Summer 2026

Free meals and fun activities!

Summer service begins July 7th!

Open to anyone age 18 and under.
One meal per serving period per person.

ALL MEALS ARE:
✓ Free to anyone age 18 and under
✓ One meal per serving period per person
✓ No registration or I.D. required

FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES!

Facebook:
Webster Schools Food Service Department

Instagram:
[@webster_food_service](https://www.instagram.com/webster_food_service)

PROJECT BREAD

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION

Questions?
Contact the Webster Schools
Office of Food Services at
508-943-0016 ext 40016

Gladys E. Kelly Library
2 Lake St, Webster MA
Monday thru Friday
12 PM to 1 PM
July 7th through Aug 14th

Park Ave Elementary
(Cafeteria)
58 Park Ave, Webster MA
Monday thru Friday
12 PM to 1 PM
July 7th through July 31st

NO REGISTRATION
OR I.D. REQUIRED



A STONEBRIDGE PRESS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
25 ELM STREET, SOUTHBRIDGE MA 01550
TEL. (508) 764-4325 • FAX (508) 764-8015
www.StonebridgePress.com

FRANK G. CHILINSKI
STONEBRIDGE PRESS PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

EDITORIAL

A quarter-millennium of community

There are few institutions in any town that can honestly say they have witnessed nearly every chapter of its history. Even fewer can claim to have helped write many of those chapters. As First Congregational Church, UCC, in Auburn prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, the occasion offers far more than a birthday party. It is an opportunity to reflect on the enduring role that community institutions play in shaping the places we call home.

Founded on Jan. 25, 1776, the church predates the signing of the Declaration of Independence by several months. That simple fact is remarkable. Before the United States officially existed as a nation, this congregation had already taken root in what would become Auburn. Through wars, economic upheavals, technological revolutions, pandemics, and generations of change, it has remained a constant presence.

Buildings alone do not last 250 years. Organizations survive that long because people continually choose to invest their time, talents, and faith in something larger than themselves.

For generations, churches have served as much more than places of worship. They have been gathering places where neighbors celebrated marriages, mourned loved ones, organized charitable efforts, welcomed newcomers, and supported one another through life's greatest joys and deepest hardships. Whether someone attends every Sunday or simply drives past the familiar steeple each day, these institutions become woven into the identity of a community.

The anniversary celebration itself reflects that broader mission. A public reading of the Declaration of Independence reminds attendees that the church's history is intertwined with the nation's earliest days. Historic displays and artifacts invite residents to reconnect with Auburn's past. Food trucks, lawn games, cupcakes, and an outdoor movie transform the occasion into a community festival where everyone is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

That openness is worth celebrating.

In an era when many people feel increasingly disconnected from one another, opportunities to gather face-to-face have become more valuable than ever. Communities thrive when people know their neighbors, share traditions, and create new memories together. Milestone anniversaries like this one remind us that history is not something preserved only in museums or textbooks. It lives through the institutions that continue to serve their communities decade after decade.

It is also important to recognize the countless volunteers whose quiet efforts make organizations like First Congregational Church possible. Every historic building requires maintenance. Every community event requires planning. Every outreach program depends upon people willing to give their time without seeking recognition. While anniversaries often focus on the past, they are equally a celebration of those carrying the mission forward today.

Not every organization reaches 25 years. Very few reach 100. Reaching 250 years represents an extraordinary achievement that deserves recognition throughout Auburn.

Whether residents attend the celebration because of family ties, an interest in local history, or simply the chance to spend an enjoyable summer afternoon with neighbors, they will be participating in something much larger than a single event. They will become part of a story that began before the birth of the nation and continues today.

Communities are strengthened not only by new ideas and new investments, but also by preserving the institutions that have provided stability across generations. As Auburn celebrates this remarkable milestone, it is also celebrating the values that have sustained the town itself: faith, fellowship, service, and a commitment to future generations.

Two hundred fifty years is an extraordinary legacy. More importantly, it is a reminder that the strongest communities are built one generation at a time, with each leaving something meaningful for those who follow.

Viewpoint

Revolutionary soldier and a camp

BY HELEN POIRIER
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When driving through Auburn west on Route 20 going over Eddy Pond one can see a building with a beach. That building is the newly renovated Camp Gleason, which is accessed off Central Street. In the past, Camp Gleason has not only been used swimming but for many different organization meetings, private parties, V.F.W. posts events, churches for fireside services, picnics, wedding receptions and more. The Gleason name does have a history with the town of Auburn going back to when it was the “South Parish of Worcester.”

Deacon David Gleason was a descendant of the Watertown Gleasons, who originally came from England, according to the “David Gleason in North America Family Histories, 1500-2000.” Thomas first moved to Charlestown in December 1658 where he leased from Captain Scarlette a portion of the Squa Sachem lands. In 1639 Saua Sachem deeded her lands in what is now Medford, to Charlestown. She kept some of the land on the west side of Mystic Pond. When she died, she bequeathed all her land to Gov. John Winthrop and Edward Gibbons. Gibbons got possession of the land on the west side of Mystic Pond and was the land he leased to Thomas Gleason. There was a question of ownership after the lease was signed and it kept Thomas Gleason in litigation until he died.

Thomas Gleason II. was born in England around 1737. He settled in Sudbury on 40 acres of land bought from Benjamin and Mary Rice that was between Beaver Dam Brook, Gleason's Pond and Gleason Hill in Framingham. The pond was named after Thomas Gleason Sr. and for four generations of his descendants that lived on its border. It is still known as Gleason's Pond to this day.

Thomas III was born in Sherborn in 1671. He moved to Oxford about 1723 and deeded his home in Framingham to his son Thomas who sold it to Jacob Commings. Thomas III was one of the founders and signers of the Covenant of the church in Oxford and was one of the directors from 1723-1726. He gave his son, Thomas IV, a 40-acre home lot in Oxford Village and various other parcels of land lying in the Great Cedar Swamp in Oxford.

Thomas Gleason IV was born in Framingham but moved to Oxford sometime after 1715. In 1739, Lieutenant Thomas Gleason was chosen by the town of Oxford as a gamekeeper to prosecute those who illegally killed deer. On December 31, 1775, he was dismissed from the Oxford church to be part of a new church in the South Parish of Worcester of which he was a pew holder. The tax records of 1771 showed Thomas paying £18 for real estate, personal property was £5 14s. He lived to an old age and died at the house of his son-in-law, Joshua Merriam, in North Gore in Oxford.

Thomas V was born in 1721 in Oxford where he lived until the land was included in the forming of the South Parish of Worcester in 1773. He married Susannah Putnam of Sutton in 1746; they had 5 children, the oldest being David.

The name of David Gleason appears in



the South Parish tax list 1771; real estate valued at £27, personal £9 19s. He kept a tavern in the north part of Oxford from 1768 to 1773. Settled in North Gore and on June 23, 1773, moved with several other family members to form a town at Ward. In 1774 Elijah Gleason, David's uncle, sold him land in north part of Oxford, reserving ½ of the house during the natural life of Thomas Gleason their father.

Forming of South Parish 23 Jun 1773 David Gleason of Oxford was listed as one of the families who's “families and estate, erected into a Precinct and shall enjoy all the power and privilege which other precinct in this Province by law enjoy..... which was sent down for consideration to the House of Represent, Thomas Fluker, Sect. and J. Chasling Speaker.”

Throughout the process of creating the South Parish of Worcester, the names of David Gleason and his father Thomas appear in minutes of meetings and letters of correspondence. Both Thomas and David Gleason were listed as privates from South Parish taking part in the Revolutionary War. In the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors who fought in the Revolutionary War, David Gleason was with “Worcester Matross, Capt. James Swan's 1st Company, Colonel Crafts's regiment.” After the war, David continued giving service to the town by being a part of the Commission, School Squadron leader, assessor, constable and Thying man between 1779-1786.

In 1815, Jonah Goulding established the First Baptist Church of Ward with eleven men and seventeen women as members. Two of those members were David Gleason and his wife. The church disbanded in 1837, and a new church was formed in North Oxford which the Gleason family were members.

One could think that all this could warrant a place in Auburn being named after the Gleason family, but alas the history of Camp Gleason only goes back to American Steel and Wire who created this recreational center in the 1940s. It was named after George Gleason, a superintendent at American Steel and Wire.

This article 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.

shortcake tickets. We would like to thank the Dudley Cultural Council for providing grants for the entertainment by the Old Fiddlers of Rhode Island and Randy Orwig as the Living Statue. The volunteers of the First Congregational Church of Dudley sold their delicious burgers and hot dogs. Records and Burpee Petting Zoo have donated their time and animals for many years delighting children and adults with their amazing animals. We would also like to thank the National Honor Society students and their Faculty Advisors from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Bartlett High School, Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Quinsigamond Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, all who volunteered their time. Finally, we thank our community volunteers who came out to hull 1100 pounds of strawberries, set up the grounds, made hand cut French fries, whipped 150 quarts of heavy cream, sold shortcake tickets, served shortcake and many other tasks too numerous to mention. Without the help of our community, Dudley Grange would be hard pressed to successfully pull off a large event such as the Strawberry Festival each year. Thank you!

Save the date for the Dudley Grange Apple Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3. We still have spaces available for vendors or artisans. To reserve a space, contact karen.gillon@yahoo.com.

KAREN GILLON
DUDLEY GRANGE #163

The last place you can still wander

LANTERNS
ALONG
MAIN
STREET
By CHARLES

There are fewer and fewer places these days where you can simply wander.

Everything seems to have a purpose now. We drive to the store because we need something. We head to work because we have to. Even a walk is often measured by a smartwatch that reminds us how many steps we've taken, how fast we walked and whether our heart rate was acceptable. Somehow we've managed to turn wandering into another assignment.

But every once in a while, I find myself in an old hardware store.

Not one of the giant warehouse places where you need a map to find a box of screws. I mean the kind of hardware store with wooden floors that creak just enough to let everyone know you've arrived. The place where shovels stand in one corner, fishing lures somehow occupy another, and there's always a mysterious shelf full of oddball parts that haven't changed since the Reagan administration.

I never get through one of those stores in less than half an hour. It's impossible.

You walk in looking for a hose washer, and suddenly you're examining cast-iron hooks that would look good in the garage. Then you notice birdseed on sale. Around the corner is a display of flashlights that makes you wonder if yours still works. Before long you're comparing paintbrushes even though you haven't painted anything in years.

None of it is urgent. None of it was on the list. That's the beauty of it.

When I was younger, I thought efficiency was the goal. Get in, get out, cross another errand off the list. Now I'm beginning to appreciate places that don't rush you.

The best hardware stores aren't really selling tools. They're selling possibilities.

You start imagining projects you'll probably never tackle. Maybe this is finally the year you'll repair that loose porch step. Perhaps you'll organize the workshop. You stand there holding a packet of vegetable seeds, briefly convinced you're about to become the sort of fellow who grows prize-winning tomatoes.

Then your wife gently reminds you that the last basil plant barely survived because you kept forgetting to water it. She's usually right.

What I enjoy most, though, are the conversations. Someone asks where to find a particular bolt, and another customer answers before an employee has the chance. Advice travels up and down the aisles as naturally as if everyone were old neighbors. Nobody seems bothered by the interruption. That doesn't happen very often anymore.

In most places, people stare at their phones while waiting in line. At the hardware store, they're debating the best way to remove a stripped screw or whether oil-based stain still beats the newer products. Somehow complete strangers become temporary teammates, united by whatever stubborn home repair brought them there.

I suspect that's one reason these stores have survived when so many small businesses haven't. They offer something that can't be delivered to your front porch in two days. They offer human nature.

Of course, I rarely leave with only what I intended to buy. Somehow a five-dollar errand becomes a small bag full of things that “might come in handy someday.” My garage is living proof that someday hasn't arrived yet. Still, I don't regret it.

Those little detours through the aisles remind me that not every minute needs to be optimized. Not every trip needs to be timed. Sometimes it's enough simply to wander, discover something unexpected, exchange a few words with a stranger and head home feeling like the afternoon was well spent. That's getting harder to find.

So if you happen to disappear for a while on a Saturday morning, don't worry if you haven't traveled very far. You might just be wandering through the last place where nobody expects you to be in a hurry.

And honestly, I think we could all use a little more of that.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from June 21 to July 4.

A 32-year-old male whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 22 for Vandalization of Property and multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member (subsequent).

A 23-year-old female from Thompson, Conn. whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 22 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Midomio Antonio Gonzalez Gil, age 59, of Southbridge was arrested on June 23 for Failure to Stop for Police and a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation.

A 47-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 24 for Violation of a Harassment Prevention Order and Trespassing.

A 53-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 24 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Jennifer A. Konicki, age 53, of Webster was arrested on June 25 in connection with a warrant.

Yandry Vidal Vera Andrade, age 40, of Webster was arrested on June 26 for Vandalization of Property.

A 29-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 28 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, and Malicious Destruction of Property.

A 51-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publica-

tion was arrested on June 29 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. A 53-year-old female from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

George A. Shevchuk, Jr., age 45, of Worcester was arrested on June 28 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Anthony Paul Vallone, age 50, of Webster was arrested on June 30 in connection with a warrant.

Cary L. Degenova, age 57, of Charlton was arrested on June 30 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor-second offense) and Resisting Arrest.

Bryan Henry Yates, age 48, of Webster was arrested on July 3 for Assault & Battery.

A 36-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 3 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Withholding Evidence From a Criminal Proceeding, and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Logan Michael Benoit, age 20, of Danielson, Conn. was arrested on July 4 for Possession of Liquor by a Person Under the age of 21. A 19-year-old male from Danielson, Conn.; a 19-year-old male from Baltic, Conn.; A 20-year-old male from Killingly, Conn.; a 19-year-old male from Griswold, Conn.; and a 19-year-old male from Dayville, Conn. received summonses in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Possession of Liquor By a Person Under the Age of 21, and in one case for an additional charge of Keeping a Noisy & Disorderly House.

All Saints Academy celebrates Kindergarten graduation

WEBSTER — All Saints Academy proudly celebrated the graduation of its Kindergarten Class with a joyful ceremony attended by family and friends. The students delighted the audience with a heartwarming musical program that showcased the knowledge, faith, and confidence they have developed throughout the school year.

The program began with “Hello” and “Welcome,” followed by inspiring performances of “Show Me How to Spend This Day,” “Hold My Hand,” the Pledge of Allegiance, and The Star-Spangled Banner. The graduates continued with an uplifting collection of songs, including “I Am Special,” “It’s a Beautiful Day,” “Creation,” “One Small Voice,” “Friendship,” “The Butterfly Song,” “Chicken Soup With Rice,” “Thank You, Lord,” “I Know Numbers,” and “Kindness.”

Following the musical presentation, each student proudly crossed the stage to receive a kindergarten diploma, marking an important milestone in their educational journey. The celebration concluded with the touching songs “The End is Near” and “Goodbye,” bringing smiles, laughter, and a few happy tears from parents and grandparents alike.

The kindergarten graduation recognized not only the students’ academic accomplishments but also the growth they have shown in faith, character, and friendship throughout the year. All Saints Academy congratulates its kindergarten graduates and wishes them continued success as they look forward to beginning first grade in the fall.

Amanda Audette named to University of Tampa Spring Dean’s List

TAMPA, Fla. — Amanda Audette, of Webster, earned dean’s list honors at the University of Tampa for the Spring 2026 semester. Audette is a member of the Class of 2027 majoring in Marketing BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list.

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and community-engaged experiential learning in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves approximately 11,400 students from all 50 states and most of the world’s countries.

Local churches team up for Compassion VBS

OXFORD — Join the First Congregational Church of Oxford and Oxford United Methodist Church this summer for Compassion Vacation Bible School! Children ages five to 12 are invited Aug. 3-7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day for a fun-filled week of music, games, crafts, stories, and activities designed to encourage kindness, compassion, and faith. Space is limited to 20 children, so register early by calling (508) 987-2211 or e-mailing firstchurchoxford@gmail.com.

Hannah Swenson of Auburn graduates from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — Hannah Swenson, of Auburn graduated from the University of Tampa. Swenson received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing BS.

The commencement ceremony honored 1,992 undergraduate and graduate candidates and included remarks by President Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg.

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and community-engaged experiential learning in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves approximately 11,400 students from all 50 states and most of the world’s countries.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!

Email Us @

news@stonebridgepress.news

SEND

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dudley thanks community partners for memorable ceremony marking 250th anniversary of Declaration of Independence

To the Editor:

The Town of Dudley extends its sincere appreciation to the many organizations, volunteers, and community members who came together July 5 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a meaningful and patriotic community ceremony.

The event honored the enduring principles of liberty and self-governance while showcasing the spirit of collaboration that continues to define the Dudley community.

Special thanks go to the Dudley Historical Commission for organizing the event. The Town extends particular appreciation to Dudley Historical Commission Chairman Fredrick “Butch” Meyer, whose public reading of the Declaration of Independence brought the words of America’s founding document to life for those in attendance.

The town also recognizes the Technical Committee of the First Congregational Church for providing professional sound and live streaming of the event, allowing those unable to attend in person to view the celebration.

The Veterans Honor Guard is thanked for lending dignity and tradition to the occasion through its ceremonial rifle salutes and the stirring performance of “To the Colors,” honoring our nation’s flag and those who have served to defend it.

Appreciation is also extended to the Dudley Grange for generously providing refreshments following the ceremony, giving attendees an opportunity to gather and reflect on the significance of the day.

The town thanks the Black Tavern for opening its doors and offering tours to visitors interested in learning more about Dudley’s rich colonial history and its connection to the nation’s founding era.

In keeping with a tradition observed across the country, the bells of St. Andrew Bobola Church, St. Anthony of Padua Church, the First Congregational Church, and Nichols College rang out in celebration, helping commemorate the anniversary with a symbolic reminder of the call to liberty that has echoed through generations.

The Town of Dudley also thanks everyone who attended and all who contributed their time, talents, and resources to make this historic anniversary a fitting tribute to the ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago.

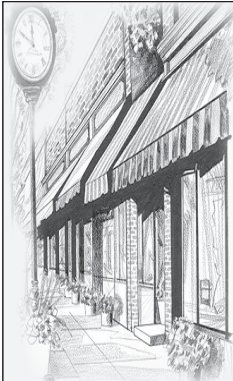
View a video of the event at <https://www.youtube.com/live/L4ErkE0Bulw?si=hu9Iea1UK9qV3441>.

DEBBI LAPLACA
FOR THE TOWN OF DUDLEY

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.



Community Connection

Morin JEWELERS
Fine Jewelry & Gifts

The Jewelry store where you buy with confidence

WE BUY GOLD

Specializing in Custom Designs

All types of Jewelry Repairs

MASTER JEWELERS

BRILLIANCE YOU DESERVE®

409 Main St. Southbridge, MA
morinjewelers.com • 508-764-7250
Located at CVS Plaza

Charlton Oil Company Propane

508-248-9797

Don’t Pay Too Much for Propane

PROPANE	PRICE PER GAL	PROPANE	PRICE PER GAL
0-50	\$4.99	301-500	\$2.25
50-75	\$3.49	500 PLUS	\$2.10
76-150	\$2.95	Duel Fuel	\$3.75
151-300	\$2.55	Drop off Tanks	\$3.00

Tanks Filled to 80% Driver Discretion

DON’T PAY TOO MUCH FOR OIL!

Wednesday price 7/8/26 was \$3.99 per gallon*

100 gallon minimum

ONLINE ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE AT www.charltonoil.com

“Call Us First!”

*prices subject to change

Crooked Creek Farm

East Brookfield, Massachusetts

Stock up now!

Retail Cuts, Quarter, & Half sides of Beef Available!

To purchase your meat packages
CALL/TEXT: (774) 200-7308
www.crookedcreekfarmma.org

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

For Advertising Information
Call 774-200-7308
email: mikaela@stonebridgepress.news

WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 6, the Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica. Fourteen 8th Grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each 8th Grade student received a Saint Joseph School Graduation Certificate as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Courtesy

The Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 gathers for a commemorative graduation photo alongside Principal Mrs. Beth Boudreau, Headmaster Rev. Richard Polek, Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz, and 8th Grade Instructor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver following the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, June 6th at Saint Joseph Basilica.

point average received a gold medal on a red ribbon inscribed with the words, “Outstanding Academic Achievement” and their name. The student with the second highest grade point average received a silver medal on a white ribbon inscribed with the words, “Recognition for Academic Achievement” and their name. English/ Language Arts: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Literature: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Science: Gold – Axel

Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Mathematics: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Social Studies: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Religion: Gold – Lukas Barbosa, Silver – Kalleia Agosto; Spanish: Gold – Kalleia Agosto, Silver – Axel Kapitulik. The student with the highest overall grade-point average received a medal with the words inscribed “First Overall Academic Achievement” and his/her name on it. Axel Kapitulik was the recipient of this

medal.

Finally, Headmaster, Rev. Richard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop's motto, "In Kindness and in Truth" and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an

enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Tenleigh Dowd; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student's name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Kalleja Agost.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Saint Joseph School Class of 2026!

366 E. Main Street, Rte. 9, East Brookfield

FRESHMEN NAMED TO BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School congratulates the following students in Grade 9 on being named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honors

Mya Ashley Borelli,
Hope Alexandra Ceppetelli,
Chloe Elizabeth Clifford,
Nikolas Stephen Coraccio,
Josiah Rafael Grimaldi,
Corpuz, Ashlynn Rose,
Cunniff, Gavin Kennedy,
Fitzgerald, Connor Keith,
Gasco-Albro, Laycie,
Adrienne Gordon, Tucker,
Hoopes Harrity, Virginia,
Heybeck, Lindsey Elizabeth,
Karlgren, Elise Georgiana,
Kokoszka, Sophia Rose,
Lambert, Maura Grace,
Lapriore, Lev Francis,
Lemansky, Valerie Abigail,
Lopez, Brianna Macario,
Charles James Maglich,
Matthew Joseph Monticelli,
Camden John Morgan,
Alexys Grace Nault, Irelyn,
Mackenzie Padden, Ellianna,
Rose Payson, Selina Yvette,
Piehl, Anthony Raymond,
Postale, Savannah Rose,
Pratt, Destiny Rose,
Purcell, Layla Sophia Reid,
Camden Francis Riley,
Gabriela Araceli Rodas,
Sophia Alexis Santa,
Laiza-Michelle Monice,
Spruill, Margaret Anne,
Straw, Nicholas Edward,
Tod, Kourtney Lucy-Lynne,
Tucker, Jayden Francis,
Warren, Camryn Grace,
Weagle

Honors

Jureyn Axel Ambayec,
Makenna Rose Anderson,
Jack Robert Angiolillo,
Emersyn Sue Bacon,
Andrea Violet Barnett,
Tyler Michael Beaty, Lukas
Joseph Bergman, Meredith
Alyse Bohenko, Naliya
Bonilla Jones, Alaina
Grace Boutotte, Camryn
Sophia Jean Boyd, Arianna
Elaine Breault, Hunter
Richard Brodeur, Brendon
Bui, Alexander Stephen
Campbell, Joshua Robert
Cardenas, Zachary Thomas

Carlsen, William Alexander
Cheney, Lilly Sky Connor,
Logan Thomas Curtis,
Hunter David Robert
Cusson, Kendra Lynne
Cutroni, Arthur Ribas Da
Silva, Elyse Kimberly
DaSilva, Tucker Anthony
Dean, Helen Sofia Defranc,
Yasmin Jakowatz Dos
Santos, Kellsey Ann Dunn,
OwenCaineEckert,Luciana
Amelia Edwards, Nathan
Charles Ferguson, Jailynn
Marie Flaherty, Abigail
Elizabeth Foley, Madilynn
Priscilla Forestreire, Olivia
Rose Forrester, Caleb
Joshua Fowler, Camila
Isabelle Garcia Montoya,
Ryan Steven Gaylord,
Kacey Jean Gemboski,
David Anthony Gil,
Emmary Dawn Gustafson,
Isaiah Kojo Owuna Hagan,
Joseph Earl Jaillet, Brianna
Michelle Judge, Zachary
Stephen Kaiser, Eva Isabel
Kaminski, Victoria Rose
LaMountain, Jason Roberto
Lareau, Joseph Nils
Larson, Anthony Aaron
Latour, Leandie Fariella
Leandre, Carrigan Frances
Linde, Stella Grace love-
ly, Camden Jeffrey Lucier,
Giavanna Louisa Lussier,
Hunter William Luukko,
Yanzel Armani Macahdo
Aponte, Cailyn Elizabeth
Mackenzie, Jathrian Angel
Martinez, Reyo Xavier
Matthews, Braylyn Ellen
McCarthy, Abbigail Quinn
McClendon, Keigan
Adori McIlvaine, Xavier
Nikolai Metcalf, Alexander
Wane Mikel, Mikayla
Rae Moorcroft, Ron
Wallace Mosong, David
Ruhamyia Mweze, Marlo
Ann Nashold, Kenzie
Macrae Nicoll, Andrew
Cunningham Nieves, Oliver
Parker Okolita, Finley
Ann O'Shea, McKinnon
Michael Pacheco, Matthew
Dylan Paquette, Addison
Lynne Paradis, Wyatt
Matthew Pelletier, Zachary
Ernest Edward Penney,
Joseph James Peters, Max
Rheault Peterson, Luke
Gibb Pettes, Gianna Grace
Pigeon, Colton Joseph
Porter, Kandace Rose

Quattrucci, Miguel Lopes
Ramos, Callen Michael
Reardon, Ayla Grace Reed,
Trey Leonard Reichardt,
Ryan Paul Reno, Lilyana
Paulina Rivas, Alysmae
Robles Aviles, Sophia
Lynn Rogers, Jayden
Manuel Rosado, Zachary
Richard Rucho, Alexis Rita
Savary, William Frederick
Schroeder, Daniel Ray
Shirley, Grace Ann Shivick,
Chloe John Skarzenski,
Nico Adrian Smolynsky,
Lilah Ann Soule, Lily
Jane Sperry, Aslynn Jade
St. Laurent, Ethan Daniel
Starkus, Michael William
Steuer, Brandon Scott
Stone, Daniel Edward
Sullivan, Junah William
Sweeney, Brandon Michael
Terry, Noah Eladio Torres,
Payton Rose Tremblay,
Juliana Velez, Abigail
Mae White, Landon Ryan
Whitsitt

Principal's List

Grace Pearl Aucoin, Ava
Elyse Bernard, Bradey
Alexander Camdzic, Ian
Michael Conley, Vincent
Joseph Corriere, Edwin
Rojeliomar Cruz, Devlin
Walker Davis, Dante James
Dawkins, Cristian Benjamin
Diaz, Lucas James Dowd,
Reagan Josephine Eddy,
Matthew Edward Gaudreau,
Lena Jean Goyette, Collin
David Grazulis, Joseph
Anthony Greska, Gabriel
Alexander Jebidiah Hayes,
Iyla Lillian Huckins, Brady
Larned Jackson, Jenni
Khounlamphay, Kelsey
Lynn Larson, Alan August
Levkoski, Vincent Richard
Lloyd, Nikolas Wayne
Mason, Jonas Aric Mather,
Avery Mathieu, Vincent
Andrew Menzone, Hayden
Joseph Monks, Keichalis
Zoe Morales Martinez,
James Kenneth Mort, Cora
Mae Motrucunski, Kohl
Evan Neeser, Eric Gabriel
Reyes Rivera, Alexandria
Anne Romero, Joshua
Andrew Rucho, Khloe
Anelise Sanchez, Donald
Joseph Sullivan, Mason
Joel Waters, Jacy Olivia
Whalen

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School congratulates the following students in grade 10 on being named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honors

Madeline Candice
Adugyamfi, Davian
Alexander Alica Aponte,
Arlind Aliu, Matheus
Holanda Antonelli,
Nyahlise Lillian Aviles,
Isabella Elizabeth Barrel,
Caterina Beverlianna Boon,
Benjamin Robert Brooks,
Morgan Lynn Brooks,
Julia Rose Bukowski,
Claire Elizabeth Calnan,
Keegan Jack Champlin,
Sydney Faustina Chisholm,
Noah James Cole, Alyssa
Marie Cuevas, Tavish
McKinley Davis, Norah
Abigail Dean, Rylie Anne
Dwyer, Christopher Jeremy
Feliciano, Kylee Marie
Fournier, Madelyn Helen
Frost, Melody Starr Fuentes,
Alivia Rose Gauvin, Jayden
Robert Afolabi Giwa-
Bello, Vanessa Diane
Gordon, Kasey Lee Harris,
Yadiel Enrique Hernandez
Navarro, Fatima Edilene
Herrera, Shaylan Rose
Hesselton, Emma Mae
Jalbert, Colin Henry Joyce,
Andrew Arthur Lashua,
Isabella Grace Leatham-
Wright, Kaitlin Angela
Lulu, Carly Jane Moody,
Marieliz Magdalena Morel,
Shea Alfred Mulligan,
Raider Keith Newton,
Adalynn Jane Niezsche,
Teagan Patrice O'Halloran,
Giavanna Bella Orsi, Jacob
Louis Pecore, Ava Sophia
Reed, Bo Carl Riley, Danna
Paola Rodriguez Lopez,
Emilyanis Joan Rodriguez,
Alexia Grace Rondeau,
Ava Victoria Rondeau,
Esmerelda Rosario Tirado,
Isabella Roszkowski, Rianna
Gathoni Ruo, Brianna
Jingchen Shi, Alejandro
Javier Sierra Varas, Paul
Joseph Skarzenski, Tatiana
Maria Smolynsky, Heather
Holiday Starr, Victoria

Marie Sullivan, Olivia
Ruth Torres, Shafick Yamal
Vasquez-Grande, Sadie
Mckenna Villegas, Ella
Violette Wall, Colby Deary
Wells, Madison Elizabeth
Wells, Spencer Thomas
Wisniewski, Benjamin
Richard Wolanski

Honors

Chase Michael Anthony,
Yaniel Aviles, Zachary
Barry Barsalou, Gianna
Rae Bedard, Elizabeth
Susan Bennington Lynch,
Nevaeh Mae Bourgeois,
Austin Gordon Brodeur,
Biran Bui, Abel Pax
Burdick, Derek Alexander
Campos, Andrew Mason
Carter, Julie Elizabeth
Chenier, Sadie Ann Cleary,
Ayva Marie Coffey, Elijah
Gabriel Cornier, Brody
James Coughlin, Jackson
Murray Coughlin, Addyson
Kaeleigh Coutu, Esme
Elizabeth Cyr, Holly Marie
Dailey, Arielle Grace
Deauseault, Tristan Nichole
Defazio, Nadya Anita
Delgado, Aaron Justin
Desautels, Symeon Downie,
Ayla Rose Drisco, Alice
Marie Dufault, Ava Marie
Dufault, Fable Dufresne,
Dominik John Dziubasik,
Emanuel Jesus Feliciano
Rodriguez, Brian Thomas
Finnegan, Madyson Riley
Fitzgerald, Adrie James
Ford, Danae Skye Fowler,
Anthony Joseph Fredette,
Mehki Styles Fuentes,
Daniel Angel Gonzalez,
Caleb James Goyette,
Addison Katie Harrington,
Chloe Rose Hosley,
Veronica Mae Jensrud,
Jannie Mahoney Kabba,
Victoria Rose Kaiser,
Brooke Marie Kasprzak,
Alana Dianne Kowalewski,
Brayden Albert Kraus,
Jordyn Kate Labrecque,
Brianna Ashleigh Laforest,
Olivia Croinne LaMountain,
Wesley Patrick Lawless,
Valentina Medeiros Lima,
Juliano Ligeniale Lopez,
Emily Ann Macko, Cynthia
Kagan Marc, Julia Danielle
Marini, Aydan Michael
Marsh, Madison Grace

McKinstry, Ginely Shantel
Molina, Dillon Philip
Morgan, Bryton Favor
Mosong, Martha Mumbi
Ngigi, Nathaniel Leif Noyes,
Gabriella Olivia Pace
Saverio James Palaia, Julian
Thomas Papierski, Matilda
Cecile Paradis, Michael
Thomas Payson, Jocelyn
Rose Peck, AJ Jesse Perron,
Kurtwood Russell Pettiford,
Parker Jonathan Piehl,
Joseph Lewis Pretty, Tianyu
Qi, Jackson Bruce Reed,
Blake Leonard Richard,
Nicholas Donald Richard,
Shaye Patricia Riley, Naomi
Joy Rivera, Riley Sebastian
Rodriguez, Keomar Arnaldo
Rosario Sanchez, Aiden Lee
Rubito, Jayden Jose Santos,
Kayla Elizabeth Shepard
Thomas Francis Shivick,
Victor Manuel Sobinski,
Nelson Tobias Sorto, Jade
Antonia Stien, Angela Sofia
Suarez Pineros, Gavin
Joseph Thompson, Nayelis
Nahir Torres Godineaux,
Gina Grace Vautour, Colin
Anthony Vega, Thomas Earl
Welch, Sydney Alexandra
Winer, Chloe Olivia Young

Principal's List

Azhan Nasir Ahmad,
Cameron Michael Barry,
Addam James Bergeron,
Aiden Michael Collins,
Bryan Colon Serrano,
Mason William Costa, Blake
Nicholas Curboy, John
Michael Rousseau Daniel,
Oliver Gage DeLorge,
Nicolas James DiGiola,
Charlotte Susan May
Fredette, Eva Rose Harvey,
Boston Joseph Howard,
Cadence Gillian Kilderry,
Caleb John Kozlowski, Alan
Nicholas Kulpa, Lindsay
Kanha Labonte, John
Steven McMahon, Ashlyne
Emily Monsen, Derek
Omar Morales, Jesus Morel,
Landen Spencer Olszta,
Camden David Rockwood,
Mckaelyn Carvalho Shine,
Jaelyn Doherty Thomas,
Joniel Leonardo Velez Diaz,
Logan James Verity, Riley
John West, Isabelal Anne
Zorena

Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its Career Technical Initiative (CTI) program last evening, marking a significant milestone in the program's continued growth and impact.

The CTI program, launched in 2024, provides adult learners with access to high-quality, hands-on technical training designed to meet regional workforce demands. Last night's graduates represent a diverse group of individuals who demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to building new career pathways. Many balanced work, family, and personal responsibilities while completing rigorous 200-hour training programs that prepare them for immediate employment in high-demand industries.

“This graduating class represents the heart of what the CTI program is all about—opportunity, access, and workforce readiness,” said Marci Komssi, Program Coordinator. “We are incredibly proud of these 59 graduates and the determination they demonstrated throughout the program.”

The success of the CTI program is made possible through continued state investment and workforce development partnerships. As part of the Commonwealth's commitment to economic recovery and growth, \$24.2 million was awarded to 23 organizations throughout Massachusetts to train 2,490 individuals. These strategic investments, led by the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet, are designed to expand access to career pathway programs and better position residents to fill critical workforce needs across the state.

Building on this momentum, Bay Path is expanding its program offerings to reach even more adult learners. For the first time, the school will offer a 200-hour Building Maintenance program in a five-week hybrid summer format, running from June 29 through July 31. This program is offered in partnership with MassHire, with applications opening this week.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026, Bay Path will offer nine CTI programs, further increasing access to career training opportunities. These programs include:

Building Maintenance
HVAC
Culinary
Manufacturing
Auto Collision
Auto Technology
Diesel Mechanic
Welding
Electrical

Since its inception, the CTI program has continued to expand in both enrollment and program diversity, attracting students from local communities as well as across the region. The program remains a critical component of Bay Path's efforts to support workforce development and provide meaningful career pathways for adult learners.

For more information about the CTI program or to apply for upcoming opportunities, please contact Marci Komssi at mkomssi@baypath.net.

SOPHOMORES NAMED TO BAY PATH HONOR ROLL



CASUAL WATERFRONT DINING ON LAKE LASHAWAY

LIVE MUSIC EVERY WEEK!

7/18 THE MOONSHINERS 7/19 RYAN HOOD
 7/24 JOHNNY TAYLOR 7/26 EASY SEASON
 7/31 EVAN COUTURE

**MUSIC
 BINGO
 EVERY
 THURSDAY
 7 TO 9**



Half Priced Apps

Tues-Thurs from 2-5pm

**Green Summer
 Mocktail Menu**





**OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK
 11 - CLOSE
 CLOSED MONDAYS**

Please visit our website
 or Facebook page
 for our full menu.

308 MAIN STREET
 EAST BROOKFIELD
 774-449-8333
 308LAKESIDE.COM

Please call 774-449-8333 for reservations,
 take-out or reserve online 308lakeside.com



**New
 Summer
 Menu
 & Hours
 (11-9)**

Find us on
 Facebook

BIG Summer TV SALE!
GREAT SELECTION!

SALE

OUR PRICES ARE THE BEST!

Great Selection! **A/C's**

GAS GRILL SALE!

weber

2025 CHOICE AWARDS

DEALS BETTER THAN the BIG BOX STORES!

MATTRESS SALE!

TWIN: \$199 / FULL: \$269 / QUEEN: \$299
(REG. \$299) (REG. \$499) (REG. \$599)

FRIGIDAIRE DISHWASHER REG. \$449.99 \$329.99	G.E. STOVE w/AIR FRY REG. \$699.99 \$699.99	SMOOTH-TOP STOVE REG. \$699.99 \$599.99	21 CU. FT. FREEZER REG. \$999.99 \$799.99
G.E. 27 CU. FT. FRENCH DOOR REFRIGERATOR REG. \$1999.99 \$1499.99	5 CU. FT. CHEST FREEZER REG. \$399.99 \$189.99	AMANA WASHER OR DRYER REG. \$599.99 \$489.99	ENERGY STAR 18 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR REG. \$699.99 \$599.99
FAMOUS-MAKER OVER-THE-STOVE MICROWAVE REG. \$249.99 \$229.99	LG WASHER OR DRYER Front Load - REG. \$1599.99 \$1,399.99	MAYTAG DELUXE WASHER OR DRYER REG. \$699.99 \$529.99	FRIGIDAIRE SIDE BY SIDE REG. \$1499.00 \$1099.99

BIKE SALE!

1000's IN STOCK! WE REPAIR BIKES!

E-BIKES IN STOCK!

SPRING BIKE TUNE-UP: \$49.99!

INSTANT FINANCING UP TO \$10,000!

WHITCO

Store Hours: Mon. thru Fri: 10am-8:30pm • Sat: 9am-8pm • Sun: 12 Noon-7pm

140 MAIN STREET, SPENCER, MA 01568

508.885.9343

WE INSTALL MICROWAVES, DISHWASHERS, and TVs!

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jo Ann Ross to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated March 18, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67310, Page 363, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Longbridge Financial, LLC, recorded on February 17, 2026, in Book No. 73204, at Page 49

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on July 31, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Warren Road, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

The land in the westerly part of Auburn, in Worcester County, on the easterly side of Warren Road and southerly side of Greenwood Drive and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound set at the intersection of the easterly line of Warren Road with the southerly line of Greenwood Drive;
THENCE S. 80° 41’ 27” E. one hundred (100) feet by said Greenwood Drive to a stake and nail at a corner of Lot #11 on a plan hereafter described;
THENCE S. 9° 18’ 33” W. one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #11 to a drill hole in rock at a corner of Lot #7 on said plan;
THENCE N. 80° 41 ‘ 27” W. one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #7 to a stake and nail set in said easterly line of Warren Road;
THENCE N. 90 18’ 33” E. 100 feet by said Warren Road to the place of beginning.
CONTAINING 10,000 square feet and being Lot #9 on a plan of Westwood, owned by Arthur W. Warren, dated May 1947, R. B. Cullinan, Registered Land Surveyor. The above described property is conveyed subject to the same restrictions as are set forth in a deed from Arthur W. Warren to Franklin A. Pierce, dated November 8, 1947, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3099, Page 135, providing in substance, among other things, for only a detached, single family dwelling not to exceed 2½ stories and private garage for not more than two cars, setback 45 feet from the center of line of Warren Road and 25 feet from the Street line of Sherman Avenue and 10 feet from the side lines, except garage or outbuildings, 50 feet from the street line.

For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58766, Page 328.
These premises will 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 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.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars 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 at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, 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. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
29397
July 3, 2026
July 10, 2026
July 17, 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.WO22P0091 EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
**Richard Paul Dube
Death:12/06/2021**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jonna Dee Dube of Dudley, 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: .
Jonna Dee Dube of Dudley, 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 08/04/2026**.

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: July 08, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 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.WO26P2238EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
**WO26P2238EA
Date of Death: 10/01/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Sean Kidd of Milford, 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: .
Sean Kidd of Milford, 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 08/04/2026**.

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: July 08, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 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.WO26P2256EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
**Ronald James Girard
Death: 04/20/2026**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Johnathan J Stegeman 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: .
Johnathan J Stegeman of Webster 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 08/11/2026**.

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: July 10, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

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

Premises: 8 Windy Ridge Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael A. Medeiros and Jacqueline L. Fraser to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust**, said mortgage dated March 13, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40837, Page 54, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July 12, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65949, Page 75; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated August 4, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47731, Page 309; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka Countrywide Home Loan Servicing LP to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated February 13, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52652, Page 184; said mortgage was assigned from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated March 25, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52655, Page 84; said mortgage was assigned from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Westvue NPL Trust II by assignment dated January 15, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57279, Page 213 as affected by a confirmatory assignment from Silver Hill Capital, LLC F/K/A Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in

its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II dated May 5, 2026 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 73559, Page 124;; said mortgage was assigned from Westvue NPL Trust II to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II by assignment dated June 6, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57279, Page 216; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II to TXCO Mortgage Holdings, LLC by assignment dated February 14, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 63293, Page 67; said mortgage was assigned from TXCO Mortgage Holdings, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for SC Park Lane II Trust 2019-1 by assignment dated November 2, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 64147, Page 271; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for SC Park Lane II Trust 2019-1 to Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by assignment dated July 20, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 65859, Page 71; said mortgage was assigned from Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated May 31, 2022 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 67787, Page 85; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on August 6, 2026 at 01:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

*Tract I :
A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 18 on Plan entitled Brian Acres in Webster, Mass., George Asselin & Sons, Inc., dated March 3, 1973, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 401, Plan 99. Lot 18 Contains 25,973 square feet according to said plan. Reference is also made to Plan Book 515, Plan 22. There is specifically excluded any fee in the proposed road as shown on said plan.*
*Tract II :
A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Parcel A on Plan entitled Plan of Land in Webster, Mass., being conveyed by Robert & Barbara Shead, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, dated December 31, 1983, and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 515, Plan 22. Parcel A contains 1,872 square feet according to said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed recorded in Book 28185, Page 031.*

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

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated November 22, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28185, Page 31.

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.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
July 3, 2026
July 10, 2026
July 17, 2026

Cornerstone Bank names Leah Cox

Senior VP, Chief Credit Officer

New Bocce League

open to community



Leah Cox

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank has appointed Leah Cox as senior vice president and chief credit officer, adding a seasoned banking executive to its leadership team as the bank continues to support commercial growth and maintain strong risk management practices across its market.

In her new role, Cox will oversee the Bank’s commercial credit function, including portfolio risk monitoring, credit policy, regulatory compliance and the development of credit staff. She will play a key role in helping ensure the Bank’s lending decisions align with its long-term strategic goals.

“Strong credit leadership is essential to supporting our customers while maintaining the safety and soundness of the bank,” said Daniel Zona, president of Cornerstone Bank. “Leah offers extensive expertise, sound judgment and a collaborative leadership style that will help us continue serving our business customers and communities for years to come.”

Cox brings 24 years of experience in commercial credit, risk management and

loan administration. She is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and holds professional certifications from the Risk Management Association and the American Bankers Association.

Cox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and sociology from Boston College. She resides in Swanzy, New Hampshire and volunteers with her local Humane Society.

About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank’s local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique

ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone, which is a subsidiary of PeoplesBankCorp, MHC, operating independently under its own name and brand, provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations. With the addition of Athol Savings Bank, a Division of Cornerstone Bank, in 2026, Cornerstone offers customers access to 17 branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts, the most in Worcester County. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstone-bank.com or call 800-939-9103.

SOUTHBRIDGE — Bay Path Continuing Education & the Southbridge Italian Club have teamed up to launch an exciting new bocce league on Tuesday nights throughout May and June.

Bocce is a game that all can enjoy—no special skills or talents are required! If you can roll a ball, you can play! These two community organizations are thrilled to bring this sport to a wider audience. Both Bay Path Continuing Education and the Southbridge Italian Club are dedicated to offering various events for people to engage, socialize, and have fun. This new league is a perfect fit. Here are the details:

Tuesdays: May 12 – June 30 (eight weeks)
Teams of four to eight players
\$240 per team
One game per week at either 6 or 7 p.m.
Maximum of eight teams – don’t wait!
Only team captains need to register for their team.
A brief informational captain meeting will be held before the season starts.
Gather your friends (18 and older), form a team, and come join us for a fantastic time on the court!

Games will be held at:
Italian American Club
20 North St., Southbridge
To register your team, call Bay Path Continuing Education at 508-248-5971, ext. 1715. Spots for teams are limited, so don’t hesitate—call today!

Home

Summer

Auto

AUTO BODY / REPAIRS

KEARNS
COLLISION REPAIR

Since 1969
Always Going The Extra Mile For Our Customers

Free Written Estimates • Damage Appraisal
Color Matching Specialists • Rental Car Services
Warrantied Work & Repairs
Diagnostics • A/C Repair
Tune Ups & Engine Repair
Brakes • Alternators • Starters • ABS
Alignments • Tires...and more

Major Insurance Referral Shop
Honoring All Insurance Estimates

1734 Providence Road (Rt 122)
Northbridge, MA 01534
Ph: 508-234-5211 • Fax: 508-234-2231
www.kearnscollision.com
Fully Certified • RS# 2678

LAWNMOWERS

Worcester County LAWMOWER

ALWAYS THE BEST SERVICE

Snowblower & Generator Repair
Tractor Service
Tune-Ups & Repairs
Pickup & Delivery

508-987-2775
492 Main St Oxford
WORCESTERCOUNTY
LAWNMOWER.COM

Stump Grinding

MILLER STUMP GRINDING

Asian Longhorn
Beetle Certified

Fully Insured • Free Quotes
REASONABLE RATES
PROMPT SERVICE
ROD MILLER • NICK MILLER
OWNERS / OPERATORS
508-688-2159

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!

news@
stonebridgepress.news

Painting

FRESH COLOR PAINTING

YOUR VISION IN COLOR

Brighten Your Curb Appeal
With a Power Wash

Locally Owned, Operated And Insured.
Ask About Senior And Veteran Discounts

Call Today For A Free Estimate

Over 15 Years Experience

Call Today: 774-241-6399

CHIMNEYS/MASONRY

CHIMNEY
CLEANINGS

Starting at \$99

ALL KINDS OF
MASONRY &
CONCRETE WORK

New & Repairs, Repointing,
Rebuilding, Re-lining,
Waterproofing, Foundation
& Chimney Repair, New
& Stair Repair, Concrete
Walkways, Stonewalls,
New Roofs, Construction
& Carpentry.

Need to get it done?
Call me!
-FREE Estimates-
Quality Chimney
(508)752-1003

FIREWOOD

HURLEY
FIREWOOD

Cut, Split,
Delivered
GREEN

\$230 PER CORD

Call John at
508-958-4350

GUTTERS

GUTTER
CLEANINGS

30+ years
exp
Licensed &
Insured

508-867-2877
508-754-9054
A. Eagle Gutters
aeaglegutters.com

For Advertising Information, Call 774-200-7308

email:mikaela@stonebridge press.news

Got Space?

we do.

Contact Mikaela Today

774-200-7308

mikaela@
stonebridgepress.news

www.StonebridgePress.com

Home Improvement

BONETTI'S
Home Improvement

Roofing
Siding
Decks
Remodeling
Windows
Doors
Basement Finishing
Gutters Cleaning
Pressure Washing
Painting Landscaping

Over 25 Years Experience
Residential Specialist

Licensed and Insured
128231
508-347-4906
Cell 508-688-0072

GJ LEDUC
PAINTING

Interior and Exterior

Power Washing
Wallpapering
General Repair
Fully Insured
Over 40+ Years
Experience

774-241-0216
774-230-8373

Plumbing

Commercial,
Residential,
New Construction

369 Main St,
Ste 4
Spencer, MA
1-833-969-4330
Fully Insured

MIKELAMBERTSPANDH
@GMAIL.COM

ROOFING

David
Barbale
ROOFING

Roofing/Gutters
Repair Work

Fully Licensed
and Insured

MA LIC #CS069127
MA HIC. LIC #1079721
INS. # CAC032585

C: 508-397-6709
O: 508-248-6709
davidbarbale.com

Roofing

SAUNDERS &
SONS ROOFING

When you need a new
roof hire a roofing
company .We are the
only local company
dedicated to roofing
only .We install roofing
only everyday

Read our reviews at the Better
Business Bureau. A+ rating and
accredited member since 2009.

Call Bill Toll-Free
1-866-961-Roof
508-765-0100

Lifetime material warranty &
25 yr. labor warranty available
MA Reg #153955 CSL #095459
CT-HIC #0638641

Fully Insured, Free Estimates
Family Owned and Operated

OBITUARIES

Bernard George Perry, 77



Bernard George Perry, 77, of Pinellas Park, FL, died peacefully on June 30, 2026, with his loving wife Sue by his side after a lengthy battle with COPD and heart failure. Bernie was born

on January 28, 1949, in Southbridge, MA. Bernie was the son of the late George and Claire (LaFleche) Perry of Southbridge, MA.

He attended the former Cole Trade HS and Marianhill CCHS in Southbridge.

Bernie grew up with a passion for working on cars and amateur radio. He worked for years at Russell Harrington in Southbridge before becoming a bus driver and eventually retiring from Peter Pan Bus Lines after 21 years of employment. In his younger years he was an on-call firefighter for the town of Southbridge. Later in life he was an Extra Class Accredited Volunteer Examiner and National Volunteer Examiner Coordinator call sign KB3SMQ.

Bernie enjoyed time with family and friends. He was always offering a listening

ear and quick to make you laugh when it was needed the most.

On August 14, 1996, he married the love of his life Susan. Together they enjoyed Sunday morning grocery shopping and traveling to different beaches in Maine, Maryland, and Florida.

He is survived by his wife Susan Perry, his children Marc Perry and wife Deb of Monson, MA, Crystal Palomino and husband Dan of Saint Petersburg, FL, and Brian Kerns and wife Stephanie of Nampa, ID. His grandchildren Cassandra Perry, Devaney Kerns, Kassidy Collins, Kyler Kerns, Kaetlynn Kerns, JK Kerns, and Briana Palomino (RIP). His siblings Louise Perry of Southbridge, Paul Perry and wife Diane of Dudley,

MA, Jeanne Lynskey and husband Paul of Hampton, NH, and many nieces and nephews as well as his beloved dogs Charlie and Hank.

A celebration of life will be planned by his family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Pinellas County Humane Society. <https://humanesocietytampabay.org/>

Pauline Collette Clouthier, 104



OXFORD – Pauline Collette (Rivard) Clouthier, 104, of Sutton Avenue, died Sunday, July 5, 2026, in her home. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell D. Clouthier who died in

1973. She is survived by two children, Robert Clouthier and his wife Carol of Oxford, and Janice Pierpont and her husband Richard of Uxbridge; six grandsons: Brian Clouthier of Beverly, Christopher Clouthier, Robert Pierpont of Uxbridge, William Pierpont of NJ, James Pierpont of TX, and Thomas Pierpont of NH; seven great-grandchildren: Benjamin, John and Ava Clouthier, and Anyssa, Brianna, Tyler and Brody Pierpont. Also, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Ronald Clouthier who died in 2022; her sister, Jeannette DuRoss; and an infant daughter.

Pauline was born in Auburn, daughter of the late Ernest and Anna (Ducharme) Rivard and lived most of her life in Oxford. She graduated from Holy Name of Jesus

Elementary School (k – 8) and Worcester Girls Trade School.

Mrs. Clouthier excelled as a quality control inspector: She worked at MKM Knitting Mills in Rochdale for 20 years until they closed in 1966, and then went on to American Bank Stationery for 20 years until they closed in 1986. From there she went to Woodbury and Company in the 1990's, from where she retired.

Pauline was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and made many beautiful items for her friends, family, co-workers and women at Visitation House. She was also an excellent baker.

A funeral was held on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St, Oxford. Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Friday, July 10, 2026, from 4–7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Kilinskas Scholarship Fund at St. Roch's Church, 334 Main St, Oxford, MA 01540.

Raymond E. Lotter Sr., 83



Dudley-Raymond E. Lotter Sr., 83, died at home with his family July 6, 2026 in Dudley, MA. Ray was born on October 5, 1942 in Upland, PA, Ray was the son of the late Edward and Edith

(Boyer) Lotter.

In the 1950s, Ray and his parents relocated to North Scituate, RI where Ray was a 1961 graduate of Scituate High School. After high school Ray entered the Coast Guard and proudly served his country for 4 years.

In 1965 he married the love of his life, wife of 61 years, Geraldine Thurston.

In 1969 they then relocated with their daughter to a small house on a once quiet road with a big yard in Dudley, MA where they then proceeded to proudly add 7 sons to their family. (the road was quiet no more)

Besides his wife, Ray is survived by his 8 children: Gerrie Nowicki and her husband Steve, Ray, Jr and his wife Linda, Kenny and his wife Jen, Scott and his wife Lacey, Dennis, Glenn and his wife Jen, David and his wife Melissa, and Keith and his wife Amanda.

His 20 grandchildren: Jeffrey Nowicki and his wife Kaitlin; Stephanie Kielinen and her husband Zak; Katelyn Healy and her husband Austin; Arin Landry and her husband Travis, Jacob, Steven, Megan, Heidi, Cameron, Jack, Kevin, Isabel, Alison, Samantha, Gabrielle, Ryan, Madelyn, Emerson, Max and Gabriel Lotter.

His 13 great-grandchildren: Kennedy, Elliette, Wilhelmina, Lockwood, Macklin, and Marketta Nowicki; Adam, Elias, and Isla Kielinen; Carter, Kinsley, and Annie

Healy; and Henry Landry. He was so proud of his large happy family. His great-grandchildren brought such great joy to him in his last days.

Ray was predeceased by his siblings: Edward H. Lotter, Jr and Elizabeth Brinsfield

Ray worked for many years as an auto-mechanic in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He retired in 2011 as a Service Manager for Knight Chevrolet in Southbridge.

Ray took pride in a well-equipped basement workshop where he repaired and crafted many items. He enjoyed surfing the internet and keeping up with baseball, football, and NASCAR. He was a longtime Dudley Little League coach & director. He also took great pride in his model train set that was enjoyed by both his children and grandchildren every Christmas.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to Janira & Jess his Visiting Angels & Kerry the family's Health Care advocate along with the Veteran's Association. These angels helped the family make Ray's last months comfortable and happy at home where he wanted to be.

Calling hours & Service will be held at Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Avenue in Dudley on Friday July 17, 2026 from 10AM to 12PM Noon. Prayer Service at 11:30 AM In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Veteran's Association's locally the Webster- Dudley Veterans Council C/O the Webster Veterans Home 4 Veterans Way Webster Ma. 01570 Att. Veterans Agent Stephen Rogerson . www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Ronald E. Clouthier, 77



LAS VEGAS, NV – Ronald E. Clouthier, 77, of Crystal Grotto Avenue, died on November 30, 2022, in Las Vegas.

He is survived by his son, Christopher H. Clouthier; his brother, Robert Clouthier and his wife Carol of Oxford; and his sister, Janice Pierpont and her husband Richard of Uxbridge.

He was born in

Auburn, son of the late Russell D. and Pauline C. (Rivard) Clouthier, and lived in Texas for many years before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ronald proudly served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War era. He was an active member of the Baptist Church while living in Texas.

Ronald will be buried on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester, with his mother who recently passed away.

Home Town Service,
BIG TIME RESULTS

Town-to-Town

CLASSIFIEDS

774-200-7308

Place your ad today!

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

WAR RELICS & WAR SOUVENIRS WANTED:
WWII & EARLIER CASH WAITING!
Helmets, Swords, Daggers, Bayonets, Medals, Badges, Flags, Uniforms, etc.
Over 40 years' experience.
Call David
(508) 688-0847.
I'LL COME TO YOU!

Now Hiring: Registered Nurse (RN)

St. Joseph's Abbey Resident Care Facility in Spencer, MA, is seeking a Registered Nurse (RN) for 3 morning shifts per week, 5:30 AM–9:30 AM, to provide nursing care, administer medications, and assess residents.

Current Massachusetts RN license required.

Interested applicants may call 508-885-8702, or email jamie@spencerabbey.org for more information.

FOSTER PARENTS WANTED:

Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need.
24/7 Support
Generous Reimbursement,
\$1000 Sign-On Bonus.
Call For Details.

Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care.
(508)829-6769

Devereux
ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Friday's Child



Angel
Age 14
Registration #8894

Angel is a bright, independent young man with a kind and compassionate heart. He is funny, witty, and enjoys connecting with others through his great sense of humor. An exceptionally talented athlete, Angel loves sports and especially enjoys playing baseball and football. Although he modestly describes his abilities as "just alright," his confidence and skill are evident every time he steps onto the field. His dedication, teamwork, and natural athleticism make sports an important part of his life. When he's not playing sports, Angel enjoys spending time playing video games and watching movies. Looking ahead, he dreams of becoming an athlete, though he remains open-minded and excited to explore other possibilities for his future. Angel is a thoughtful, determined young man with a bright future ahead of him. He is eager to continue pursuing his interests, exploring new opportunities, and building meaningful connections with those around him.

<https://www.mareinc.org/child/21181421315>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org. Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.



Send all obituary notices to
Stonebridge Press,
PO Box 90, Southbridge,
MA 01550,
or by e-mail to
obits@
stonebridgepress.news

Webster First launches ‘Pay a Person’

Send money to friends and family instantly, no extra apps required

WORCESTER — Webster First has announced an exciting update to its online banking platform with the launch of a new “Pay a Person” feature. Arriving this July, this convenient tool will let members send money instantly to friends and family straight from their account—no extra third-party payment apps to download or sign up for. With just a few taps, members can transfer funds in seconds, making it faster and easier than ever to pay back a friend, share expenses, or help out a loved one. Designed for speed and simplicity, “Pay a Person” puts effortless, secure payments right at members’ fingertips.

The Pay a Person tool was created to make everyday financial moments simpler. To send money, members only need the recipient’s name and phone number or email address. There’s no need to ask for account or routing numbers. Once a transfer is started, the recipient gets a quick notification and can accept the funds in just a few steps,

even if they don’t bank with Webster First.

The feature is built for the moments that come up in daily life. Members can split a dinner bill with friends, chip in for a group gift, pay a babysitter or dog walker, settle up on shared rent or utilities, or send emergency funds to a family member in a pinch. Pay a Person makes it easy to move money quickly and securely whenever the need arises.

Webster First designed the Pay a Person feature with flexibility and affordability in mind, giving members several ways to send money based on how quickly it needs to arrive. Sending money to another Webster First member is always free and lands in their account instantly, making it perfect for quick, everyday exchanges. When the money is headed to someone at a different bank, members can choose a free next-day delivery option that’s ideal for payments that aren’t time-sensitive. And for those moments when speed matters most, recipients at outside financial

institutions can accept the funds instantly for a simple, low flat fee of just \$2.50. No matter which option members choose, the recipient receives a text or email with clear, step-by-step instructions on how to accept the funds.

To make sending money as simple as possible, Webster First has built Pay a Person directly into its online banking platform. Members can access the feature right from their account dashboard, with clear prompts and an intuitive layout that guides them through each transfer in just a few taps.

About Webster First

Webster First is a community-focused credit union committed to helping its members make sound, responsible financial decisions. By providing modern digital tools and trusted local service, Webster First makes everyday banking simple and secure. For more information about the new online banking updates, visit websterfirst.com.



HOPE
REAL ESTATE GROUP

43 East Main Street Webster, MA 01570
Finest Realtor Associates to Serve You!

hope2own.com
508.943.4333

Sharon Pelletier - Owner Broker
Licensed in MA, CT & RI

We Want Your Listings!

*Webster - 106 East Main St (Rte 12)
Commercial Opportunity!*



Corner Lot, 275' +/- Road Frontage, Extremely High Traffic Count, 6,200 SF (75x80) Commercial Building, Currently 2 Units -> Potential for More. Economical, Efficient Natural Gas FHA Heat & Cooling. Its close proximity to Successful National Franchised Businesses generates Significant Commerce at this Location. Convenient Access.
MLS #73512426 List Price: \$ 615,000

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

Dudley - 3 Marshall Terrace



A Contractor's Opportunity! 8,000 SF (80'x100') level lot, great location, est. neighborhood, key resources > town water & sewer & natural gas in street. By appointment only!

MLS No. 73544127 \$155,000.

Webster - 18 DiDonato Ave



ON DEPOSIT

THIS IS THE ONE: AN AFFORDABLE-ONE-LEVEL-MOVE-IN-READY-RANCH! Offers 980 SF+, 2 BRs, 1 Bath & partially finished walk-out LL Family Room. Situated on a 7,104 sf level lot w/80' road frontage, a fenced backyard, & 2 CAR GARAGE! Conveniently located in East Village. First Time Offered!

MLS #7353410 **\$5333,000**

*Featured New Listing!
Webster Lake Waterfront
"Newly Constructed" - 26 Laurelwood Dr
Up & Ready For Your Viewing!*



Experience ultra-luxury lake-front living on prestigious Webster Lake. This masterfully designed, brand-new construction masterpiece spans 2,556 square feet of sophisticated, two-story living space optimized for panoramic Western water views and direct lake access. The upper level features a magnificent primary bedroom suite, anchoring an exquisite year-round sunroom that flows seamlessly onto an expansive open deck. Designed for seamless entertaining, the lower level serves as a private guest floor, complete with a full second kitchen, additional bedroom, and premium finishes throughout. From morning coffee to sunset gatherings, you'll enjoy every minute while overlooking the water from the lakeside deck, gorgeous covered patio, open 2nd story deck/sunroom. Every detail of this high-end estate redefines waterfront elegance.

MLS#73542689 **\$1,650,000.**

Webster ~ 33 Slater Street



Sprawling fieldstone faced Ranch! Located on a +/- 0.5-acre, 2 car garage. Offers: 1,860 sf main level plus 1,000 sf +/- finished lower level, 3 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 2 stone fireplacesFHW BB heat. Open floor plan kitchen, living rm, dining rm, breezeway w/sliders to rear deck, and 3 season sunroom MLS # 73500183 **\$479,900**

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



Tucked away on Cooper Rd. Webster Lake with access at Lake-side beach/boat ramp. 3rd of 4 homes being built at this site. Offers 2,155 sq. ft +/- of living area, 7 rms, 4 brs, 3 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

MLS # 73534271 **\$649,900.00**

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



*Webster Lake Waterfront
22 Union Point Snug Harbor Villa*

**Waterfront Lake Snug Harbor Villa End Unit!
Most Luxurious & Largest on the Lake!**

Presenting a distinguished condo residence that will provide an exceptional waterfront lifestyle! Offers an expansive 4600 sf+ featuring 4BRs, 4-1/2 baths, 3 frpics & more, all designed for relaxation & convenience! Nothing quite compares! Priced to Sell. **VIEW REALTOR MLS # 73507605 FOR MORE DETAILS\$1,050,000.**

*Webster Lake Waterfront!!
On Indian Point # 10*



SORRY, SOLD!

Astounding Panoramic Views across mid-section of Webster Lake! View the lake from all windows. Located on a peninsula providing 2 Shorelines. Fireplaced Living Room! 2 Baths. FHW Oil Heat! Central Air. Garage.

\$ 900,000.

Webster Lake Waterfront - 31 Bayview!



SORRY, SOLD!

Panoramic View, from this absolutely lovely home. 2600 +/- SF, 3+ Beds, 2 full baths, 2 car detached garage! 63' +/- waterfront. .37 Acres! Sandy Waterfront!

\$1,100,000



**PUT YOUR TRUST IN US
TEAMWORK AND EXPERIENCE**

Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044
Diane Luong 774-239-2937
Maria Reed 508-873-9254
Bob Berk 508-367-9226
Deb Listewnik 508-847-0872

ReMax Vision • 25 Union St., Worcester MA 01608
CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS Licensed in MA & CT

GRAFTON- ANTIQUE CAPE



NEW

*Updated Roof, Siding, Heating
*Wide Pine Floors *3 Bedrooms
*Town Services *1/2 Acre Lot *
UNBELIEVABLE Yard - 1/2 Acre of
Plantings, Privacy and Garage

41 Worcester Rd. \$449,500

HOLDEN- RANCH



*2 Baths * 3 Bedroom
*New Roof
*GleamingHardwood Floors

1994 Main St. \$559,500

SUTTON- 1.4 acres



*Open and Spacious Floor Plan
*1st Floor Family Room
*3 Bedrooms * Office
*Hardwood Floors *Garage

9 Colonial Rd \$565,000

SOUTHBRIDGE- 17 ACRES



*2 Bedroom Sided Ranch *2 Greenhouses Garage/
Barn *Potential to Animals *Small Seasonable Pond
* 300' Frontage offers Privacy from Neighbors

78 Blackmer Rd \$489,500

DOUGLAS- MAJESTICALLY SET ON 2.3 ACRES



*Hardwood Floors *Gourmet Kitchen w/ Center
Island Quart Countertops * Gas Heat- Fireplace
*2600 sq. ft. *Custom Built- Crown Mouldings

277 Yew St. \$799,900



REAL ESTATE





MEET YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

Perfect for Realtors, Mortgage Companies, Banks, Real Estate Attorneys, Home Inspectors, Chimney Inspectors, Lead Removal businesses, Insurance Companies, etc... any business involved in the buying or selling of real estate.

To join this section, please contact your local sales rep, 774-200-7308 or email mikaela@stonebridgepress.news



ERA Key Realty
REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Donna Flannery Realtor®
508-612-6771
Donnaflanneryrealtor.com
Donnaflannery@erakey.net

OVER 30 YEARS SELLING LOCAL REAL ESTATE
NATIONAL ERA FINALIST TWICE FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

TOP AGENT YEAR AFTER YEAR FOR # OF UNITS SOLD & SOLD DOLLAR VOLUME
ERA HALL OF FAME

415B Main Street Spencer, MA 01562



When Experience and Commitment Matter

Mary Vigliatura Stolarczyk
ABR, GRI, CRS, C2EX RE/MAX Hall of Fame

508.612.1382
MESRealty.com
Mary@WillSellit.com





"I SOLVE REAL ESTATE PROBLEMS"
ReMax Professional Associates
Licensed in MA & CT
We need properties to sell - any type!

Conrad Allen
508.400.0438
callen1995@aol.com





**SOUTHBRIDGE CONDO- NEW PRICE
PRIVATE LOCATION \$214,900**

*Seller Motivated
*Contemporary- Open Concept
*2 Bedrooms *2 Baths
*Wooded Setting but
Convenient Commuter Location
18A MARIA AVE
Available Immediately

ReMax Vision
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01608
CALL JO-ANN FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS Licensed in MA & CT



GLADYS E. KELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2 Lake St., Webster
508-949-3880
Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Library will be closed on Saturdays from July 4 – Labor Day

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!
Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website or contacting our Adult Services Librarian Jessica Fontaine at jfontaine@cwmmars.org

Special Events
Family Capoeira Workshop Series – Thursdays, June 25th-August 20th at 3:00pm
Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art form originally developed in Brazil by enslaved peoples as a form of resistance. It incorporates elements of acrobatics, dance, and music. In this class, parents and kids will learn together — beginning with basic capoeira movements, songs and rhythms.
No experience needed, and all athletic levels are welcome! Come ready to move and wear something comfortable. The class is led by instructors from Mass

Capoeira Culture Center, located right here in Webster. See you there!

The Music of McCartney with Kirouac – Thursday, July 16th at 6:30pm
This program will explore the music of Paul McCartney as he developed his songwriting through the 1960s with the Beatles and beyond. From the influences of his father, a jazz musician in the 1920s/30s, his incorporation of those sounds of ballroom and dance-hall big bands in his music, to his successes as a pop and rock performer in Wings and as a solo musician, the listener will re-visit a wide spectrum of musical styles covered over Sir Paul’s 65-year career. Regional musician Dan Kirouac has been performing throughout New England for 40 years, including 20 years combined with the Massachusetts-based Beatles tribute bands Yellow Submarine (2001-2006) and Beatles For Sale (2007-2022). Tonight’s show will be delivered on piano and vocals.

Joys of Nature: Helping Endangered Species – Thursday, July 23rd at 4:30 and 5:30pm
What is an endangered species? Why are many animals and their habitats

disappearing? Learn about endangered species in the wild here in New England, and around the world, and some things we can all do to help them. Don’t miss meeting some of their animal relatives up close and personal! This intergenerational program is designed for ages 4 and up, registration is required.

Dinosaurs with Dinoman – Tuesday, July 28th at 4:30pm
Dinoman Dinosaurs take the audience on a fact filled adventure through the Mesozoic Era with fun, magic and amazing props. What is a dinosaur? When were they here? How do we know? All this and more will be answered and some life-sized dinosaurs may appear. Suitable for folks age 4 and up, but visual enough for everyone. There is even time afterwards to visit and take photos with these gentle giants from the past.

Summer Soul Collage: Expressive Arts Workshop with Kaylah – Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30pm
You can either beat the heat or bask in it — either way, summer stirs something within all of us. Please join us for an expressive arts workshop where we’ll explore what warmth, light, and the summer season mean for our minds, bodies, and spirits through the meditative art practice of collage. We’ll invite creativity and conversation, touching on how heat and sunlight affect our mental health, and leave you with local resources to support your well-being all season long. This program is for adults and registration is required.

Sage and Emily Amick: “In today’s political climate, it’s hard not to get discouraged. Isolated, doom scrolling, lacking a sense of purpose or community...it’s easy to become overwhelmed by the dire state of democracy and do nothing. This book provides a new lens through which to see yourself: a new & powerful light which bridges the personal & the political. In the words of Joan Baez, action is the antidote to despair, and with this helpful guide, even if Mercury is in retrograde, our democracy doesn’t have to be.”

Programming for All Ages
Library for All –Mondays and Fridays in June 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.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming
Summer Eats – Monday-Friday until August 14th 12:00-1:00pm
This totally free-of-charge program provides free lunch to all kids and teens. Adults can also eat lunch for \$5. If weather is poor, this program will be held inside. Made possible by Project Bread, the Massachusetts Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers.
Sensory Bin Explorations – Mondays at 10:30am
Bring your little ones outside for sensory bin exploration! Each Monday morning will feature a new theme, offering hands-on fun for children ages 2–6.

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! July’s Theme: Button Art! Kids will have an array of buttons to choose as they make their wildest creations. From button fish to button trees anything the ideas are endless. 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 because of a concert!
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!

Messy Art Storytime – Thursdays at 10:30am
Join Miss Paige for storytime and messy, hands-on fun! Each week, children ages 2–6 will enjoy a new art project that lets their creativity shine. Dress for a mess and get ready to create! No registration required.

Apple Country Music Together –Fridays, July 10th-August 14th at 10:30am
A music and movement program available to children from birth to age 6 and their families based upon on-going scientific research, and designed to help nurture children’s musical, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. Classes include singing and dancing. The program brings families together by providing a rich musical environment in the classroom and by promoting and facilitating adult participation.

Kim the LEGO Lady – Tuesday, July 21st at 4:00pm
Do you love building, creating, and having fun with LEGO? Look no further! Kim the LEGO Lady is here and we want YOU to be part of our LEGO CLUB adventure. Join us for interactive building challenges, new skills and create fabulous imaginative builds. For ages 5 to 11. Registration is required.

Adult Programming
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.

Grief Support Group – 2nd Monday and 4th Saturday of the Month (6:30pm on Mondays; 10:00am on Saturdays) in the Local History Room and Generations in Webster

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.**Saturday Sessions for July and August will be held offsite at Generations in Webster.** JULY SATURDAY DATE IS JULY 18th

Yoga – Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Join Meg 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.

Computer Basics: EBooks and Audiobooks through Libby and Hoopla – Friday, July 17th at 11:00am
Interested in learning how to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks through Libby and Hoopla? Join Assistant Director, Evan Hale, and Adult Services Librarian, Jess Fontaine, to learn how to use the apps with your Gladys E. Kelly Library Card. Bring your phone or tablet!

Silent Book Club – Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:00pm
Looking for a quiet escape? Join us for our Silent Book Club. The community room will be as cozy as it gets. Bring a book or borrow one from the library and enjoy an hour or two of silent reading. Quiet discussion is permitted. We’ll provide the tea and atmosphere, you choose your book!

The Chatty Chapter Genre Book Club – Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00pm
This month we’re reading Democracy in Retrograde by Sami

Bay Path Continuing Education’s fall catalog available

CHARLTON — We are excited to announce that the Fall 2026 catalog is now available at www.baypath.net/bpce. There is something for everyone, featuring offerings in trades exam preparations, continuing education, professional development, health & wellness, art, food & entertaining, financial wellness, and much more.
Here are some of the new classes available:
Basket Weaving
Breadmaking and more
Gluten-Free Pasta Making
Japanese Ikebana Flower Design
Professional Writing
Tai Chi
and more

Additionally, we have returning favorites including:
Line Dancing
Ballroom Dancing
Stained Glass Making
Bob Ross Art Classes
Yoga for All
Classes for Two People to Take Together
Registration Opens on July 20 – Make sure to sign up early for the classes that catch your interest so you don’t miss this opportunity! You can reach us at www.baypath.net/bpce or call 508-248-5971, ext. 1715. Bay Path has been providing engaging adult continuing education classes for the past 30 years, conveniently located at 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd., Charlton.

Outdoor summer concert returns Aug. 21 in downtown Worcester with Jazz+ Live™ featuring The Love Dogs

WORCESTER — WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM, The Hanover Theatre & Conservatory for the Performing Arts, and the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District invite the community to celebrate summer at the 9th Annual Jazz+ Live™ concert, featuring the acclaimed jump blues and rhythm & blues band The Love Dogs. The outdoor concert will take place on Friday, Aug. 21, behind The Hanover Theatre in downtown Worcester. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.
For more than two decades, The Love Dogs, fronted by the charismatic Eddie Scheer, have entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, and Europe with their irresistible blend of jump blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, and early rock ‘n’ roll. Their powerhouse horn section, boogie-woogie piano, soulful vocals, and infectious stage presence have made them one of New

England’s premier live bands and a favorite among music lovers of all ages. “Jazz+ Live™ has become one of Worcester’s signature summer traditions because it brings together outstanding live music, strong community partnerships, and people who simply enjoy spending an evening together,” said Melanie Le-Boeuf, Executive Director of WICN Public -MORE-Radio. “At WICN, we believe music has the power to connect people.”
Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, along with food and non-alcoholic beverages, to enjoy during the performance. Food trucks and cash bars will be available throughout the evening. Outside alcohol is not permitted.
General admission tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the event. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs. VIP front-row tables for four are available for \$175 per table, offering reserved seating

with the best views of the stage. Tickets are available through The Hanover Theatre Box Office and online at TheHanoverTheatre.org.
About WICN Public Radio
WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM is an independent, non-profit public radio station serving Central Massachusetts and beyond. Through award-winning jazz, roots, blues, world music, and locally produced programming, WICN connects listeners with the arts, culture, education, and conversations that enrich the region. WICN’s mission is to inspire, entertain, and engage diverse audiences while supporting the cultural vitality of the communities it serves. Broadcasting throughout Central New England and streaming worldwide, WICN brings exceptional music and local voices to audiences wherever they are.

Summer Clearance Sale!

0% Interest - for 1 Full Year

We are in the process of selling out some of our current stock to make room for new Fall models. Because of this, we are offering savings throughout the store!

*Some items are one of a kind floor samples. *No orders will be taken on these items. Floor Sample Clearance items are sold on a first come first serve basis.*

www.sundeenfurnitureinc.com

Sundeen Furniture

241 Providence Rd., Whitinsville MA 01588 • 508-234-8777

FREE LAYAWAY • FREE DELIVERY

M. T. W. 9:30-6:00; TH., FRI. 9:30-7; SAT. 9:30-6:00; SUN. 11-5

- ❖ Bedrooms
- ❖ Living Rooms
- ❖ Recliners
- ❖ Occasional Pieces
- ❖ Entertainment Centers
- ❖ Sealy Mattresses