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FY26 budget aims to “hold the fort as best you can”

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT



**On Monday, April 28, the General Ebenezer Learned Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was pleased to recognize the staff of the Oxford Free Public Library for their contributions to the town of Oxford in the area of literacy promotion with the Literacy Champion Award. State Chairwoman, Helen Poirier, and Library Director, Brittany McDougal Bialy, presented the certificates to Erika Brooks, Amy Finkel, Bereliz Guardado, Cathleen Sullivan, Deborah Bilis, Emma Tyler, Fiona Halloran, Kelcy Beaudry, Nicole Feige, Patrica Lareau, Suzannah Lambert and Rileigh Zacek. Congratulations to these dedicated, hard-working ladies and thank you for helping to make a difference in the community of Oxford!**

*Courtesy*

Upgrades to Dudley police and fire systems forthcoming

DUDLEY—South Worcester County Communications Center Director Gregory Lynskey along with Dudley Police Chief Marek Karłowicz and Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski are pleased to announce that major upgrades to the Public Safety Radio Communications System in Dudley are coming in the near future.

Following many years of planning, the Dudley Public Safety Agencies will transition from antiquated analog radio channels to P25 digital radio channels effective May 13 and May 14. These upgrades are a major step in improving operational safety for First Responders in the community and bring the Dudley Public Safety Departments in compliance with national Public Safety Radio Interoperability standards.

Director Lynskey stated, “This is a major milestone in what has been a nine-year project that would not have been possible without the support and assistance of the State 911 Department through grant funding opportunities. We are extremely pleased to have such a great working relationship with both the communities we serve and the State 911 Department, as is evidenced by their continued funding support to improving Public Safety in Webster and Dudley.”

Director Lynskey added that funding for this project, along with the corresponding project in Webster, consisted of \$139,467 in State 911 Support & Incentive Grant funding and \$1,037,629 in State 911 Regional Development Grant funding. Grant funds were obtained over a total of ten years through nine different awards. Additionally, a total of \$378,000 was approved between the May, 2022 and May, 2023 Webster Annual Town Meetings. \$60,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds

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The steaks are raised!



Jeff Lopez

pete in the final round of LongHorn Steakhouse’s eighth annual Steak Master Series.

LongHorn Steakhouse’s Steak Master Series is a national competition that gives LongHorn Grill Masters from across the country the opportunity to put their skills to the test. Lopez is one of seven finalists, out of thousands of participants, who will compete for a \$15,000 grand prize and the title of Steak Master Series Champion on May 15 during a one-day grill-off in Orlando, Fla.

“The Steak Master Series has been a great experience so far. The hardest part has been staying cool and calm,” said Lopez. “Being a finalist makes me proud of myself for the good I have done. The Marlborough LongHorn team is also proud of me, and as I move forward in the competition their advice is to stay calm and be confident!”

Here are a few things to know about Lopez, who has been a part of the LongHorn Steakhouse team for ten years:

Favorite menu item from LongHorn: Outlaw Ribeye

Favorite part about working at LongHorn: “I like to cook and grill great steaks!”




Career goals: “My career goal is to learn more English and be a

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WEBSTER RESIDENT TO COMPETE IN FINALS OF NATIONAL GRILLING COMPETITION

MARLBOROUGH — Webster resident Jeff Lopez from the Marlborough LongHorn Steakhouse team knows how to bring heat to the competition. His grilling expertise and passion has him on the cusp of elite grilling status as he prepares to com-

Hands-on learning flourishes at Oxford High



AP BIOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS LEAD THE WAY

OXFORD — At Oxford High School, students are trading desks for dirt

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# Science program author Nancy Larson visits Saint Joseph School

primary area of expertise.

During her visit, Miss Larson spoke with students about how she created and continues to refine the program. She shared that the idea was born out of her desire to make science more accessible and enjoyable for both teachers and students. She emphasized the importance of clarity and simplicity, which is why she uses straightforward language that is easy for students to understand and remember. Many of her former students, she noted, have told her that they held on to their booklets well into high school and college, where the material continued to serve as a helpful reference.

Miss Larson also took time to answer students' questions about the development of the program—explaining when she started it, what inspired her, and the ongoing work involved in keeping it updated and relevant. One important message she shared was about the value of constructive criticism. She encouraged students to embrace feedback as a way to grow and improve, reminding them that all great work is the result of careful review and revision.

In a particularly memorable moment of the visit, Miss Larson spent time personally greeting each student in Grades 3 through 6 and signed their Nancy Larson Science workbooks. Her kind and encouraging words made a lasting impression, and students were thrilled to have a personalized keepsake from the author of a program they know so well.

Students and staff alike were inspired by Miss Larson's visit and grateful for the chance to learn from someone whose work has had such a direct and positive impact on their education. Her passion for science and dedication to learning made for a memorable and motivating day at Saint Joseph School.

Courtesy  
Science program author Nancy Larson autographs the science booklet of 3rd Grade student Kenny Maurer during her visit to Saint Joseph School. As Miss Larson signs his book, Kenny smiles while examining a special Nancy Larson Science bookmark that she gifted to the class—an unexpected keepsake from a memorable day of learning and inspiration.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, April 29, Saint Joseph School had the pleasure of welcoming a very special guest, Nancy Larson, author and developer of the science program used in grades 3 through 6. Her visit was a meaningful experience for both students and faculty, offering a unique opportunity to hear directly from the creator of a curriculum that plays a central role in the school's science education.

Program is known for its structured, student-friendly approach that builds a strong foundation in science through the use of clear language, engaging lessons, and comprehensive booklets. Each unit focuses on one major area of science—such as life science, physical science, or earth and space science—and builds students' knowledge through reading, discussion, hands-on experiments, and written work. The program is also designed to help teachers confidently deliver content, even if science is not their

The Nancy Larson Science

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5. Perform on stage
8. Soda
11. Small growth
13. In support of
14. Step taken when walking
15. Hollyhocks
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Feel pain
18. San Diego ballplayer
20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
22. Create again
25. Honors once more
30. Thin coating of gold
31. Welsh river
32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn
38. Green vegetable
41. Showing guilt
43. Soldier
45. Photographers
48. Language spoken in Nigeria
49. Mimic
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Beverage container
57. Night monkey genus
59. Lace bugs
60. Hogheads (abbr.)
61. Frameworks
62. Keyboard key
63. Greek goddess of the dawn
64. Influential Korean independence figure

### CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind
2. Helped (archaic)
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bleached
5. Continent
6. Fruit preserved in syrup
7. Impediment to one's freedom
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Earthy pigment
10. Relieved oneself
12. Golf score
14. Tech hub \_\_ Alto
19. Sportscaster Andrews
23. Records electric currents
24. Popular Hitchcock film
25. Revolutions per minute
26. NY Giants legend
27. Sports radio host Patrick
28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport
34. Thai river
35. Rocker's accessory
36. Extra charge
37. Influential American president
39. Pain in the head
40. Great Plains people
41. Consumed
42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
44. Improves
45. Secret clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fallow deer
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. College's Blue Devils
58. Midway between south and southeast

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# Saint Joseph School attends funeral mass for Pope Francis



Pictured following the Funeral Mass for Pope Francis at Saint Joseph Basilica on Monday, April 28, are the Saint Joseph School Altar Servers alongside Pastor and Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz, and Fourth-Grade Instructor Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski. Also shown are the 4th Grade students who participated in the liturgy, offering the Liturgy of the Word, Prayer of the Faithful, and the Offertory with reverence and grace. The photo captures a moment of faith, unity, and reflection as the Saint Joseph School community honored the life and legacy of Pope Francis.

WEBSTER — On Monday, April 28, students from Saint Joseph School in Kindergarten through grade 8 gathered at Saint Joseph Basilica to attend a solemn and heartfelt funeral Mass in memory of Pope Francis. The service was a meaningful opportunity for the school community to come together in prayer and reflection.

The fourth grade students, under the guidance of Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski, reverently led the Liturgy of the Word, Prayer of the Faithful, and the offertory procession. Their participation added a touching and personal element to the liturgy.

Fr. Gregory, the main celebrant, was joined at the altar by student servers from Saint Joseph School. In his homily, Fr. Gregory encouraged all in atten-

dance not to focus solely on death, but instead to celebrate the life of Pope Francis. He reminded students and parishioners alike that even though the Pope has passed away, he continues to serve God.

“Live your life by helping others and serving God,” he said, pointing to the Holy Father’s legacy as a model of humility, simplicity, and service.

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acknowledged that for many of the students, this was their first experience with the loss of a Pope. He encouraged them to carry the lessons of Pope Francis’ life into their own: to live with

compassion, faith, and purpose.

The Mass was a powerful expression of faith and unity, as the Saint Joseph School and parish community honored a remarkable spiritual leader.

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Adult Programming  
YOGA – Saturdays at 9:30 AM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath.” A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Yoga Nidra – Wednesday Mornings in May at 8:15AM

Join Adult Services Librarian Jess for a relaxing yoga nidra practice to start your day on Wednesdays in May to honor Mental Health Awareness Month. Jess will guide participants through a few simple yoga asanas to release physical tension. Participants will then settle into a reclined position for a guided relaxation (yoga nidra). This program takes place before the library officially opens. Registration is required and Jess will meet you at the program door. If you have your own yoga mat, please bring it and be sure to dress in comfortable clothing. This program requires registration.

Steve Gerling’s Artist Talk – Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00PM

Join Stephen Gerling as he shares his creative journey, techniques, and inspirations. Enjoy a visual showcase and an engaging discussion with the artist. Perfect for art lovers and aspiring creators!

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Thursday-Saturday May 15th-17th

Join us in the Community Room for the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale, Thursday-Saturday. Paperbacks \$0.50; Hardcover \$1.00; Large Coffee Table Books \$3.00 Games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs available, too!

Library for All – First Two Mondays; Last Two Fridays 10AM (Chair Yoga or Craft)

This program includes one chair yoga class and one craft project that will be held on first two Mondays and the last two Fridays of the month. Either join Jess for a one-hour relaxing Chair Yoga class or join us for our craft program. Check the online calendar to see which event is scheduled. No experience necessary. This program is for teens and adults of all abilities and their caregivers. Please call ahead if special accommodations or requirements are needed. We are happy to accommodate!

Adult Book Group – Monday, May 19th at 6:30PM

Join our Adult Book Group for a discussion on The Rose Code by Kate Quinn.

Genre Book Group – Tuesday, May 27th at 6:00PM

Join Jess for our new genre book club. We’ll be exploring a variety of genres throughout the year, from romance to memoir. This month we’ll be reading Science Fiction: The School for Good Mothers by Jessamine Chen for Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Programming for All Ages

Family Cooking Day: Ice Cream Social – Saturday, May 10th at 12:30PM

Join Paige and Jess for an ice cream social! We’ll provide all you need to make a delightful sweet treat. This particular gathering is especially dear to us because it will be Paige’s last event with us here at the Gladys E. Kelly Library. Come wish her well!

Children’s and Young Adult Programming  
Scavenger Hunt---- All Month Long

What’s more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children’s room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you’ve completed the scavenger hunt, check in with the Children’s Librarian to redeem a prize.

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT--- All month long

Take and Make craft kits are available for pick up upstairs in the Children’s Room. Each month will feature a different craft to create and instructions will be provided with the supplies. New

Take and Make kits will be available for pick up on the 1st of every month, while supplies last, and are limited to one per patron.

PLAY-DOH STORYTIME – Mondays at 10:00AM

Join Youth Services Librarian Andrew for stories, play-doh, and fun! This storytime is geared toward ages birth to 3, but siblings are welcome.

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test!

TODDLER PLAYTIME--- Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Kids 0 to 6 are invited to get their wiggles out with weekly obstacle course and fun.

STEM BEGINNINGS: Young Scientists – Wednesdays at 10AM

Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series. Registration required through the YFCP website.

ME AND MY MINI – Thursdays at 10:00AM

A creative movement group for ages 0 through 2.5. Get groovy to upbeat music with fun props and a story.

BEGINNER ORIGAMI- Fridays at 3:45PM

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Steam Museum – Thursday, May 22nd 2 sessions: 4:00 and 4:45PM

A state-of-the-art, hands-on children’s museum focused on STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Stations kids can experience include robots, virtual reality, 3D printing, art, engineering, and more! Registration is required.

Music Together – Saturday, May 10th and Saturday, May 24th 11:15AM-12:15PM

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.

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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least two business days in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation for 65 and up, and \$5 for 55- 64 is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and fruit or dessert. This week’s menu: Tuesday, 5/13, Chicken in BBQ sauce, sour cream and chive mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, fresh fruit. Wednesday, 5/14, Roast pork with gravy, herb stuffing, roasted brussels sprouts, apple crisp. Thursday, 5/15, Beef with onions and peppers, red bliss potatoes, green beans, Lorna Doone cookies. Friday, 5/16, Soup du Jour, Caesar chicken salad, pickled beets, graham.

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Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

We are now offering MOVIE MATINEES every Wednesday at 1:00 pm! Popcorn is provided. No registration needed. May movies include In the heat of the Night on May 14th, You’re Cordially Invited on May 21st, and Billy and Molly on May 28th.

Let’s celebrate Mother’s Day! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are hosting a Mother’s Day party on Monday, May 12th. Come in for coffee, snacks, and live music from Dan Fontaine, an Elvis impersonator! Please come in or call 508-949-3845 to sign up.

May’s Forget-Me-Not Memory Café will be hosted on Friday the 23rd. There will be live music from Tony Funches. Please come in or call us to sign up before May 21st.

Chair Dancing Exercise classes with Forty Arroyo are the perfect workout for any fitness ability! The cost is a recommended \$3.00 donation per class.

Knitting/Crochet group meets on Mondays from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Bingo is every Tuesday and starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.

Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center! Come join us for six-card or thirteen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!

Calling all bridge players! Are you looking to spend an afternoon playing Bridge? We’re looking to get a group together! If you’re interested, please leave your name and number with the front desk. Once we have enough sign-ups, we’ll see what day works best for everyone!

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center at (508) 949-3845. If you are interested in having a house number sign made for you.

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# WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of April 27 to May 3.

Shain Paul West, age 27, of Springfield was arrested on April 28 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, Possession of a Firearm After a Prior Violation for a Violent or Drug Related Crime, Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, Improper Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute, and multiple counts of Possession of Ammunition Without FID Card.

A 21-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 29 for multiple counts of Assault & Battery.

Brian Jose Scully, age 37, of Webster was arrested on April 29 in connection with a warrant.

Matthew A. Blair, age 29, of Dudley; Jessica Lynn Blair, age 50, of Webster; and Arelys Ramirez-Narvaez, age 35, of Webster were arrested on April 30 for Disorderly Conduct. A 30-year-old male from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

A 51-year-old male from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest on April 30 for Resisting Arrest and Vandalization of Property.

James J. Veronick, Jr., age 59, and Philip Raymond Dupuis, age 59, of Webster were arrested on May 1 for Possession of a Class B Drug. Nancy Natalie Dibonaventur, age 63, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Nathan Froio Chaput, age 21, of Webster was arrested on May 1 in connection with a warrant.

Chad Merullo, age 29, of Webster was arrested on May 2 in connection with a warrant.

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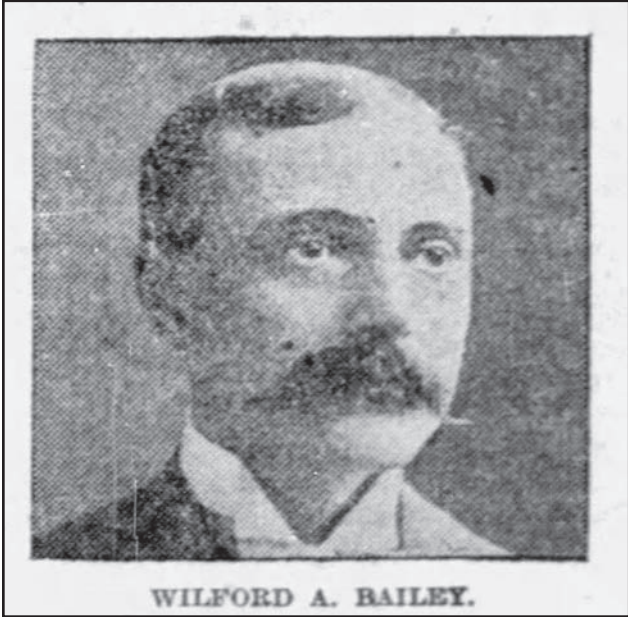
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# Historical Society examines Auburn’s greatest con man



Wilford A. Bailey

AUBURN — A confidence man is a man who persuades people to give him their money or property by lying to them. Through the years, the term has been shortened to con man. This month, the Auburn Historical

Society & Museum will be presenting a talk on who were some of the greatest con men in history and how they got away with it, or not. Auburn did not escape unscathed and had its share of con games

pulled on them. The most notable one was done by Wilford A. Bailey, who was the man behind the Worcester Southbridge Railway and Pinehurst Amusement Park. Bailey was a multi-state con artist. Come to the Thursday, May 15 meeting at the Auburn Sportsman’s Club at 6:30 p.m. and hear about the particulars in the great swindle of Auburn. This event is free and open to the public. This event is made possible by the Auburn Historical Society & Museum, 41 South Street. The museum is open to the public on Tuesday and Saturday mornings 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and may be reached at 508-832-6856, auburnmuseum@verizon.net at our Web site: www.auburn-historicalmuseum.org or follow us on Facebook at Auburn Historical Museum.

# Register for Charlton Dudley Youth Football & Cheer Saturday

CHARLTON — Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer will be holding an in person registration for the fall season, this Saturday, May 10.

We’ll be at the Grange (Upper Hall), 10 Main St. in Charlton, and at the Dudley Town Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cheer and Football athletes who live in or attend school in Charlton, Dudley, Woodstock or Thompson are invited to register. You can also visit our Web site for additional details at cdrams.com or email questions to CDYFCRAMS@GMAIL.COM.

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The Oxford Senior Center will be CLOSED on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.  
SCAM Presentation: Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 PM, presented by the Worcester County D.A. Office

Lunches are served on Tuesdays and Fridays @ 11:45 am. Meals are prepared by our in-house cook! Please call at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a lunch or come in and sign up. DINE IN for \$5.00 and TAKEOUT for \$6.00. (suggested donation) All meals come with a beverage and dessert.

Weekly Activities:  
Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 am – Cribbage  
Tuesdays @ 9:15am – Strength & Balance w/ Donna Freeland – Cost \$3.00 per class  
Wednesdays @ 9:15am – Chair Yoga w/ Heidi Gambaccini – Cost \$3.00 per class  
Tuesdays and Wednesday @ 10:15 am - Needleworkers (Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint)  
Bring your favorite project and come join the group for conversation and laughs.  
Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm – Chair Volleyball – Lots of laughs and only two rules (1) stay seated (2) have fun!  
Thursdays @ 10:00 am – Dominoes

Monthly Activities:  
Let’s Talk Oxford History – 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1pm - Sponsored by the Oxford Historical Commission  
Blood Pressure Clinic – 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 11:00am  
Men’s Coffee Group – 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10:30am – coffee and pastry are served.  
Tri-Valley Inc. Options Counseling - 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. By appointment.  
SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) – 3rd Wednesday of each month. By appointment.  
Book Club – 1st Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – reserve your book from the Oxford Public Library  
Movie Matinee – 2nd Friday of each month @12:45 – April movie is “5 Flights Up” w/ Morgan Freeman & Diane Keaton  
BEANO – 4th Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – arrive by 12:30pm to purchase your BEANO sheets.

BUS TRIPS:  
Rhode Island Boat Cruise & Lunch at Quonset “O” Club – June 12th \$149 pp  
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class, where she can share her talents and connect with other young artists. With her combination of compassion, imagination, and charisma, Jai is sure to thrive wherever she goes.

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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](http://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.







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# EDITORIAL

## Health screenings are an investment in your future self

It's easy to put off routine health check-ups. Life gets busy. We feel fine. We assume we're too young to worry. But catching a problem early, when it's most treatable can make all the difference. Preventive health screenings aren't about fearing the worst; they're about giving ourselves the best shot at living well. From your 20s through your 60s and beyond, here's a decade-by-decade breakdown of essential screenings that everyone should prioritize.

In your 20s, the focus is on building a health baseline. This is when your long-term habits start taking shape. Even if you feel great, it's important to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. These simple screenings can reveal early signs of heart disease risks. If you're sexually active, regular STI screenings and, for women, a Pap smear starting at 21 are critical. A mental health check-in should be part of the routine too, especially in a decade filled with transitions. It's also smart to begin annual skin checks, particularly if you've had a lot of sun exposure.

By your 30s, it's time to pay closer attention to subtle shifts in your health. Continue monitoring your blood pressure, cholesterol, and STI status. Add in screenings for diabetes risk especially if you have a family history or carry extra weight. If you're trying to conceive or just want to know where things stand, a fertility check can offer insight. Watch for signs of thyroid issues like fatigue or weight changes, and keep up with dental and eye exams every year or two.

Your 40s are when chronic conditions often start creeping in, sometimes without symptoms. This is the decade to stay vigilant. Women should begin mammograms at 40 or earlier if there's a family history of breast cancer. Everyone should consider a baseline colonoscopy by age 45. Diabetes, cholesterol, and heart screenings are more important than ever, and it's a good idea to test for glaucoma during your eye exam. This is also a smart time to check in on your mental health, as burnout and midlife stress can take a toll.

By your 50s, screenings shift from preventive to potentially lifesaving. Colonoscopies should continue every 10 years or as your doctor advises. Women should consider bone density tests, and men should discuss prostate screenings with their doctor. Hearing loss becomes more common, so a hearing test is worth scheduling. This is also the age for a shingles vaccine, and if you've had ongoing risk factors, a cardiac stress test might be wise.

In your 60s, staying ahead of health issues becomes even more important. Annual flu and pneumonia vaccines are recommended, and if you've ever smoked or been around secondhand smoke regularly, you may qualify for a lung cancer screening. Continue yearly vision and hearing checks, and consider cognitive screenings if memory issues arise. Osteoporosis becomes more common in both women and men, and regular skin checks should continue to catch early signs of skin cancer.

No matter your age, health screenings are a way to invest in your future self. They help you catch issues early, manage risks, and stay in control of your well-being. Ask questions, track your numbers, and make time for the care you deserve. After all, staying healthy isn't something that just happens it's something we have to work for. When was your last check-up?

# VIEWPOINT

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

## Happy Mother's Day

Think about the women who have influenced the world and impacted our contemporary society! The role of women is undeniable. We could debate about which women, and what type of women, have had the greatest effect throughout history. Are they the women of power in politics or business or society, or are they the women of humble sacrifice and service?

Of course, we could lift up many women and argue certain virtues and accomplishments of each type. What is significant, however, is to reflect on the women who have touched our lives.

On the second Sunday after Easter, which was this past Sunday, the Orthodox Church highlighted the myrrh-bearing women, the female disciples of Jesus Christ who were the first of His followers to witness His resurrection from the dead. These women represent believers who passionately loved their Lord, who courageously stayed by his side even through His passion and crucifixion, and who devoutly wanted to anoint his body with their myrrh and precious oils after He had died. By honoring these myrrh-bearing women, the Church acknowledges women who, throughout history, have expressed an extreme love, a courageous faith and a deep devotion to Jesus Christ.

So often, women are the ones who openly display a burning love for Jesus; women are the ones who courageously express their faith in countless ways, not giving in to the fears and ridicule of society; and women are the ones who present a sincere religious zeal and piety, a devoutness to following the ways of God. The Gospels offer a thought-provoking contrast when they show the women disciples staying close by the Cross of our Lord while the male disciples hide in secret out of fear.

While last Sunday we remembered the faithful myrrh-bearing women, this Sunday our American Society remembers and honors another group of cherished women – the mothers and mother-figures in our lives. On Mother's Day, we offer tribute to not only our own mothers, but all women who have fulfilled their calling as loving angels to their children and others. Whether one is a birth mother; a step-mother; a grandmother; a godmother; an adopted mother; a surrogate mother; or even a woman who offers motherly care and concern to others as an aunt or friend or teacher; we pause to honor and thank God for these women of love and sacrifice for the role and impact they have had and continue to have in the lives of countless people. And the best way of honoring and thanking such women is to lift up their virtues and strive to imitate them in our own lives.

“To become a mother is not so hard;” I have heard it said, “But being a mother – a mother in the ideal sense - is extremely difficult.”



BEYOND THE PEWS  
• • • • •  
BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS SACS, AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

Abraham Lincoln summarized the attitude of countless great figures when he reflected, “All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.” Some could possibly argue that no earthly influence can impact a person in the same way as a mother!

What is it that makes mothers so unique and special? Mothers sacrificially and loving give of themselves from the moment that a child enters into their lives! Mothers lose countless hours of sleep, change untold numbers of diapers, sacrifice their time, their schedules and their ambitions, all for the purpose of incarnating love for another being and helping mold the likeness of God into them. Throughout their lives, mothers work as nurses, doctors, psychologists, and counselors. Mothers serve as teachers, guides, disciplinarians, and coaches. Mothers act as chefs, cleaning ladies, and chauffeurs every day. Mothers help develop personalities, cultivate attitudes, nourish faith, and build up spirits. Mothers constantly give, and give, and then give even more! They don't think of themselves too often but willingly place the needs of others before their own.

And motherhood doesn't end with childhood or adolescence but continues throughout one's life. Mothers sacrificially and willingly offer constant love and care, never-ending prayer and guidance, limitless forgiveness and concern no matter how their children respond and no matter how old their children become. In many ways, ideal motherhood strives to mirror the divine and unfathomable love and grace that God showers upon us all.

“The heart of a mother is a deep abyss, at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness,” reflected Honor de Balzac.

“The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom,” offered Henry Ward Beecher.

“People are what their mothers make them,” the writer Emerson once noted.

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers,” teaches a Jewish proverb.

By lifting up and honoring the precious mothers in our lives, we should not simply remember particular individuals but reflect upon the deeper meaning of motherhood itself. And from a Christian perspective, we should honor and lift up the virtues of sacrificial and unconditional love, of humble and continual service to others, of seeing and understanding the “other” as Christ Himself, and thus, caring for them with divine concern.

Let us thank God for our mothers and the lessons they taught us – of extreme love, courageous faith and deep devotion, as well as sacrificial love, humble service and divine care for the other!

Happy Mother's Day!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Celebrate Easter every day!

To the Editor:  
Jesus knew that He was going to die. If you don't know Him, then you wonder why. He also knew that He would rise up and win! Because of this mystery, we can be born again. Being brand new, is His desire for all. “Look up,” He says, “and answer my call.” Easter is here! All things are brand new.

He's come for me, and He's come for you. His miracles still happen – they're not old news, Because of Jesus, you really can't lose. “Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” is what I want to shout. Because He was buried, and now He is out!

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## An ode to teachers

POSITIVELY SPEAKING  
TOBY MOORE

Professor Fowler sat in his home, recently retired, alone with his thoughts—and none of them were kind. A teacher who had dedicated his entire life to shaping young minds, he now sat convinced he had failed.

Looking back over decades in the classroom, all he could see was the void—the faces forgotten, the lessons lost to time.

He spoke the words aloud, his voice thick with regret: “I walked from class to class...teaching unhearing ears...unwilling heads...I moved nobody, I motivated nobody, I left no direct imprint on anybody.”

His retirement had not come by choice. It had been forced upon him by an institution eager to make room for the next generation. And now, with his life's work behind him, he sat in the darkness of his own doubt, convinced his efforts had vanished like chalk dust after the final bell.

This story, by the way, is from an old episode of “The Twilight Zone,” titled “Changing of the Guard.”

And yet, as I think about Professor Fowler, my mind drifts to teachers today—living in the modern world, dealing with pressures he could scarcely have imagined.

The teacher today faces crowded classrooms, shrinking budgets, endless paperwork, shifting standards, the strain of technology, and the silent burden of wondering if any of it is making a difference.

I wonder if, after long and weary days, teachers ever question whether the hours spent planning lessons, listening to struggling students, breaking up conflicts, inspiring curiosity—if any of it will truly matter.

I wonder if they ask themselves whether their voice will linger, whether their encouragement will echo, whether their belief in a student who didn't yet believe in themselves will survive the tests of time.

It's easy in the haze of exhaustion and bureaucracy, to feel invisible.

To feel, like Fowler once did, that no imprint has been left behind.

But here's the part of Fowler's story that every teacher today needs to hear: That night, sitting in his despair, something remarkable happened. One by one, the faces of his former students appeared—visitors not of the body, but of the heart.

They came to tell him what he could not see: that he had changed lives.

That a word of encouragement had saved one from despair. That a lesson on courage had inspired another to give their life to a cause greater than themselves. That a belief in decency and kindness had taken root and flourished long after the final grades were given.

They stood before him—not as students he once taught, but as proof that his life had mattered far more than he ever realized.

It's more than just an old television episode—it's a truth lived out in classrooms daily.

Some days it feels like you're shouting into the wind, wondering if you are reaching anyone, if any of it matters. It does.

Somewhere right now, there is a student who carries a seed you planted—something you said and taught when they needed it most.

And that seed will grow, often quietly, invisibly, sometimes over decades.

You may never see it bloom. But it blooms nonetheless. Every encouraging word. Every ounce of patience. Every lesson, even the ones you think fell flat. Every moment you chose to believe in someone who didn't yet believe in themselves—these things matter more than you will ever know.

You are building lives. You are shaping futures. You are winning victories for humanity that no history book will ever fully record.

So, in this week where we celebrate teachers, I want you to know: You are not invisible. You are not forgotten. You are not wasting your time. You are changing the world, one student at a time. And for that—for everything—you have my deepest thanks.

I, like so many others, am grateful—forever grateful.

Each of us carries something you gave us: a word, a hope, a strength, a belief.

I want to thank you—for believing in us, for guiding us, for helping to shape who we became.

In the end, teachers have lived a very good life, a very full life, a very rich life. And I hope, like Professor Fowler came to realize, you wouldn't have it any other way.





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LOYALTY DAY CELEBRATED WITH LOCAL VETERANS

Every May 1, our nation celebrates Loyalty Day. Loyalty Day was first established 1955 but made a national recurring holiday in 1958 as a day to honor America. This year, the students of All Saints Academy joined local veterans to celebrate the combined love and respect of, and loyalty to, our country. Students led the veterans in the opening and closing prayers of the ceremony, and in the Pledge of Allegiance, and each of them was given a flag as a keepsake of the day and ceremony. A veteran bugler played the national anthem as the flag was lowered and raised again with both veterans and students standing at attention. As an important day in our nation's calendar, it is vital that students understand what our veterans and current military have done and continue to do for our country to keep it "the land of the free and the home of the brave." It is also a day that kicks off the National Military Appreciation Month. The ceremony was held across the street from the Veterans Home on Veteran's Way in Webster.

Celebrate Spring with Old Fashioned Lemonade Recipes

Last week's record high temperatures remind us that bright sunny days, shade tree breezes and a comfortable backyard chaise are the perfect elements for warm weather "easy living." And what could be more delightful than taking a well-deserved rest with cool, refreshing drink (even better if you can enjoy it on a porch with a friend or neighbor)!

There's no doubt about it, nothing quite "hits the spot" on a hot New England spring day better than a tall glass of ice tea or lemonade. The sweet taste and clanging ice cubes of the thirst-quenching drinks have prompted recipe contests, starred at country fair refreshment booths, and spawned generations of young roadside entrepreneurs.

With summer just around the corner, here are some great old-fashioned lemonade and iced tea recipes guaranteed to refresh both body and spirit.

When people call for Tea Time, this season, it's usually iced tea - in

frosty glasses filled to the brim. Here are a couple of delicious ways to serve up the perennial favorite drink:

Citrus Tea Cooler: The carbonation and orange juice add sparkle and zest to this alternative to traditional iced tea. Perfect for a punchbowl at an outside get-together.

Ingredients: Three bags or one tbsp loose black tea; one and a half cup boiling water; one half cup fresh lemon juice; one bottle (28 oz) lemon-lime -carbonated beverage or ginger ale, chilled; three quarters to one cup sugar (or conversion measurement of Stevia or other non-sugar sweetener); one tray ice cubes ;one half cup fresh orange juice.

Directions: Place tea bags or loose tea in bowl. Pour boiling water over tea. Let stand five minutes. Remove bags or strain to remove leaves. Add sugar and stir until all is dissolved. Place ice cubes in two-quart serving pitcher. Pour hot tea, lemon and orange juice

over tea. Stir briskly several seconds until mixture is cold. Stir in chilled lemon-lime carbonated beverage. Pour into glasses and serve at once. Makes two quarts

Lemon Sparkler: Here's a quick and easy version of a classic lemon sparkler:

Ingredients: Two cups tea, brewed; one half cup lemon juice; one half cup sugar (or conversion measurement of Stevia or other non-sugar sweetener); juice cubes (ice cubes made with lemon juice and a little water); two quarts of ginger ale, chilled.

Directions: In a pitcher, combine the tea, lemon juice, and sugar stirring until sugar is dissolved. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and pour over juice cubes.

Lemonade and sunny days have gone together forever. Many a summertime memory is sparked by sipping a chilled tumbler of sweet lemonade.

Old Fashioned



TAKE THE HINT KAREN TRAINOR

Lemonade

Most lemonade aficionados agree the secret to a great lemonade is to make a heated syrup as a base. This nostalgic recipe from Hamilton Beach, calls for fresh lemons, oranges and mint leaves!

Ingredients: Two cups granulated sugar; two and one half cups water; juice of six lemons; juice of two oranges; grated peel of one orange; one cup fresh mint leaves

Directions: In a medium saucepan, combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium high heat five minutes. Let cool.

Add lemon juice, orange juice and orange peel to syrup. Add in mint leaves. Cover and let stand one hour. Strain lemon syrup into a jar or

pitcher. Store in refrigerator until ready to use. For each serving: Put one third cup lemon syrup into an eight ounce glass filled with crushed ice and cold water. Mix or shake well.

Quick Old Fashioned Lemonade

No time for the recipe above? Try this easy version:

Ingredients: Two or three ice cubes; two tablespoons lemon juice; one and one half tablespoons lime juice; two tablespoons superfine sugar (or conversion measurement of Stevia or other non-sugar sweetener); six to eight ice cubes; two cups cold water.

Directions: Pour lemon and lime juice into a pitcher, add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add ice cubes and water and stir. Serve in tumblers.

Serves two.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send

in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Always room for tomatoes

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Keep them close at hand by growing one or more in containers on your patio, balcony, or front steps.

Any tomato can be grown in a pot, but determinate varieties are shorter and more compact, making them a bit easier to manage in a container. They produce fruit in a relatively short period of time, making them great choices for preserving as well as using fresh. Look for a D or determinate on the plant tag, seed packet or in the catalog description.

Indeterminate tomatoes, often designated with an I, are usually much taller and continue to grow, flower, and produce fruit until frost kills the plant or you pinch out the growing tip. These are usually staked or grown in wire cages to save space, reduce pest problems and make harvesting easier. Many new containers have built-in trellises or creative gardeners craft their own, making it easier and more attractive to grow these bigger plants in pots.



GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA MYERS

14 inches but preferably 20 inches wide will yield greater results. Adding flowers and herbs to the container boosts the beauty and diversity of your container garden but will reduce the number of tomatoes produced.

Growing tomatoes in containers also allows you to start the season earlier. Just move the planter inside when the weather is harsh and back outside when the weather is warm and sunny. As the weather turns cold at the end of the growing season, cover the planter or move it into a frost-free location as needed. Some gardeners even move a pot or two inside to finish off the tomato season.

Plant tomatoes in a container with drainage holes and fill it with a quality potting mix. Reduce the time spent watering with a self-watering pot that has a reservoir to hold water and extend the time between watering. Further reduce the need to water by adding an organic, sustainable soil amendment like certified organic Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) to the potting mix. Made from wool waste, this product reduces



Melinda Myers

If gardening space is limited, grow tomatoes in hanging baskets or containers.

watering by up to 25 percent.

Water thoroughly when the top few inches begin to dry. Mulch the soil with evergreen needles, shredded leaves, or other organic mulch to keep the soil consistently moist and suppress weeds. Consistent soil moisture encourages more flowering and fruiting, while reducing the risk of blossom end rot, cracking, and misshapen fruit.

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when fully colored or leave them on the plant a few more days for an even sweeter flavor. You'll enjoy the convenience of harvesting fresh tomatoes right outside your door for use in salads, sauces, and other favorite recipes.

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# OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford Middle School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

**High Honors**  
Grade 8 — Brenna Burke, Alexander Campbell, Chase Checkoway, Bella Coghlan, Nikolas Coraccio, Kendra Cutroni, Emma Farrar, Emmary Gustafson, Ashlyn Halliday, Tucker Harrity, Ali Johnson, Keigan McIlvaine, Tyler Melton, Catalina Montalvo, Gunjan Niroula, Brooke O'Connor, Kaliyana Padilla, Savannah Pratt, Destiny Purcell, Samuel Yagaratnam

Grade 7 – Abigail Burke, Sadie Crouch, Karoline D'Alessandro, Lily Dolbec, Zachary Dubsky, Jillian Gustafson, Liam Harrity, Willow Keller, Sophia Meneguzzo, Maxwell Palaia, Pedro Paniagua, Michael Peck, Ava Peters, Mateo Quintero, Megan Riley, Heather Stebbins, Jordyn Torteson

Grade 6 – Emile Bourbeau IV, Hazel Burlingame, Bradley Bush, Sadie Coghlan, Amber Conway, Kaiden Corriveau, Brynn CzernickiNasis, Kendall Donnelly, Joshua George, Margaret Griffin, Kellen Harrison, Caroline Montalvo, Stella Pantano, Jenna Shenette, Sarah Stebbins, Sadie Stewart, Raeann Teal, Liam Valipour, Marissa Worden, Makenzie Zwang

**Honors**  
Grade 8 – Michael Annancy, Zachary Barberio, Lucas Bergman, Kaylin Cabana, Ethan Campbell, Mason

Case, Kayden Chuong, Kellsey Dunn, Sophia Francis, Joseph Greska, Ethan Hamilton, Brianna Judge, Sophia Kinhan, Victoria LaMountain, Chloe Lavallee, Elijah Lyons, Riley Maki, Samantha Marrier, Olivia Martinez, Agnes Molloy, Mark Olney, Joseph Peters, Dionne Quarshie, Gabriel Rodriguez-Carpenter, Jayden Rosado, Zachary Rucho, Harper Shoblom, Ava St. Peter, Colton Toedt, Jameson Tyrrell, Jude Worden

Grade 7 – Cameron Aquafresca, Lilah Archambeault, Gemma Balboni, Marina Biancaniello, Olivia Boulette, Haley Capistran, Ryan Day, Noah Durand, Kohen Garney, Ava Graika, Alana LaFrance, Lucas Laurie, Brookelynn Mangano, Ashton O'Malley, Jenselys Ramos, Sophia Renaud, Hunter Rodriguez, Rachel Rodriguez-Pacheco Clara Santana-Rocha, Rhegan Stopyra, Lilliana Tervo, Parker Tyrrell, Harrison Voas, Anabelle Watters

Grade 6 – Clayton Almstrom, Saige Angell, Diego Aponte, Lucas Bush, Riley Capistran, Hadley Coraccio, Olivia Daoust, Anthony Degaetano, Caleb Dubsky, Trevor Gould, Ethan Gustafson, Jackson Harvey, Travis Kogbe, Isabella LaMountain, Mason Livingston, Joseph Menke, Ava Montalvo, Beowulf Morin, Landon Morris, Brandon O'Connor, Aria O'Neil, Matthew Peck, Tessa Peloso, Mya Skeates, Chad Sliwoski, Mia St. Peter, Bradley Toedt, Aislyn White, Lilliana Woods

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# OBITUARY

## Pauline R. Daskowski, 75



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WEBSTER – Pauline R. “P” (Verdone) Daskowski, 75, died Saturday, April 26, 2025 at home surrounded by the love of her family after a brief illness. She leaves her husband of 56 years, Arthur P. Daskowski; 2 sons, Thomas “TJ” Daskowski of Webster and Todd M. Daskowski and his wife April A. of Chicago, IL; 2 grandchildren, Ty and Olivia “Livy” Daskowski ; a brother, Thomas W. Verdone of Dudley; 2 sisters, Jean Silvestri and Johnna Lussier and her husband Richard of all of Webster; she leaves a brother-in-law, Emile Malboeuf of Webster; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Roberta A. Malboeuf. She was born in Webster on October 2, 1949 and raised there, a daughter of William B. and Maryann B. (Gurski) Verdone and was a 1967 graduate of Bartlett High School. She attended the Ward’s School of Business and Becker Junior College both in Worcester. Mrs. Daskowski was first employed as a keypunch operator for Paul Revere Insurance Company in Worcester; she then left work to take time to raise her family. Upon returning to work she was employed as a cafeteria worker at the Park Avenue School in Webster. She continued her studies and became a pre-school teacher and later the program director at Webster Fundamentals. She retired after 21 years in 2012. Pauline was a women of deep faith and was an active member of Saint Louis Church where she taught CCD for many years. She enjoyed cooking and baking, however, her family was her life, her purpose and her joy. A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 1:00 PM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Webster (please meet at church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Pauline and Arthur were able to adopt their sons through the Catholic Charities, because of this, it was Pauline’s wish that donations in her memory be made to Catholic Charities, 10 Hammond Street, Worcester, MA 01610 or to Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.websterfunerals.com

teacher Emma Harper, “but it’s another to actually count living organisms and calculate it yourself.” This lab wrapped up the AP Biology curriculum and reinforced the program’s aim of providing students with a college-level experience, including the requirement that at least 30 percent of class time be spent on lab work. Agriculture students grow more than just plants. Meanwhile, juniors and seniors enrolled in the Pirate Patch Agricultural Program have been getting their hands dirty—literally. From maintaining compost systems to analyzing greenhouse soil, students have explored everything from plant biology to commercial agriculture. The class has cultivated a wide range of crops—lettuce, peas, cucumbers, radishes, yellow squash, and even Mother’s Day flowers for the school’s preschool. They’ve built rain barrels, taste-tested new cafeteria food ideas, and held open discussions on how to boost student morale in the lunchroom.

Next up for these agricultural adventurers: a field trip to Smith’s Country Cheese on April 30, where they’ll observe dairy cattle and cheese production in action.

Mark your calendars: The Sound, Sight & Soil Show. To celebrate all this hard work, Oxford High will host the “Sound, Sight & Soil Show” on May 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.. This newly expanded event features: The Art Show in the Community Room. A Concert in the Auditorium. A Greenhouse & Courtyard Garden Open House.

## FRESHMEN NAMED TO BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School congratulates the following grade 9 students honor roll for the third quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

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Honors  
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Chase Michael Anthony, Nyahlise Lillian Aviles, Yaniel Aviles, Gianna Rae Bedard, Elizabeth Susan Bennington, Julia Rose Bukowski, Sydney Rae Cavan, Julie Elizabeth Chenier, Cassidy Lynn Chickering, Sadie Ann Cleary, Ayva Marie Coffey, Noah James Cole, Bryan Colon Serrano, Brody James Coughlin, Jackson Murray Coughlin, Addyson Kaeleigh Coutu, Blake Nicholas Curboy, Holly Marie Dailey, Tavish McKinley Davis, Warren James Day, Allan Carreiro De Belli, Arielle Grace Deauesault, Elaina Nichole Defazio, Oliver Gage DeLorge, Aaron Justin Desautels, Symeon Downie, Alice Marie Dufault, Rylie Anne Dwyer, Dominik John Dziubasik, Emanuel Jesus Feliciano Rodriguez, Madyson Riley Fitzgerald, Kylee Marie Fournier, Anthony Joseph Fredette, Melody Starr Fuentes, Autumn Rae Gatto, Matthew Donald Graves, Evelyn Ann Gray, Ryan James Gruppso, Marcus Roy Hamilton, Addison Katie Harrington, Eva Rose Harvey, Shaylan Rose Hesselton, Chloe Rose Hosley, Emma Mae Jalbert, Veronica Mae Jensrud, Colin Henry Joyce, Jannie Mahoney Kabba, Brooke Marie Kasprzak, Cadence Gillian Kilderry, Alana Dianne Kowalewski, Olivia Corinne LaMountain, Wesley Patrick Lawless, Kaitlin Angela Lulu, Amelia Layne Magorian, Julia Danielle Marini, Aydan Michael Marsh, Sherlyn Mazariegos Hernandez, Isabella Adeline Monahan, Logan James Mondino, Carly Jane Moody, Marieliz

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were also contributed to the project by the Town of Dudley. The total project costs for both communities was \$1,615,100.

Chief Karlowicz stated, “Improving radio communication has been a priority for the Dudley

Police Department for the last couple of years. SWCCC Director Lynskey dedicated great efforts to secure funding and planning for this much needed project. His efforts will improve officer safety and add reliability to our current radio system.”

Chief Kochanowski stated, “Reliable fire-ground communications

is not an option, it is a necessity. These upgrades will assist us in improving firefighter safety at incidents by having state of the art, reliable communications at our fingertips.”

While there are no plans to encrypt any of the public safety radio channels and while the operating frequen-

cies will not change for Dudley Police, we must note that many older home scanners will not be capable of receiving the new digital channels. Additionally, the operating frequency for Dudley Fire will change to a new frequency. Residents who wish to monitor the public safety departments via a home scanner will need

to ensure their current scanner, or any newly purchased scanner, is capable of receiving P25 digital transmissions.

The completion of this multi-year project marks a major step forward in public safety technology in both the communities of Dudley and Webster, technology that will serve both communities well

for many years to come.

Dudley Public Safety P25 Digital Radio Frequency Information:  
Dudley Police: 155.430 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 179  
Dudley Fire: 154.3325 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 127

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The town is also adding funds to Animal Control, which was “extremely part time” but absorbed into the police department as a fulltime AC officer and animal inspector. The police are also getting several items in the capital budget, prompting Lafond to observe that they and the public both expect them to have good-quality equipment for safety.

One committee member said the police are “consistently asking for help and not getting it” staff-wise, with officers transferring out and other concerns. Lafond agreed, saying the town used to be able to set aside money to pay for new officers when the federal

government was providing grants to pay the first couple years of such jobs, but those grants are gone. The department has a “compelling” case, but to fund them, Webster needs to see “some easing of fixed shared costs. ... If we could fund a new position tomorrow, it’d be in the Police Department, but we’ve got to keep the trains running.” He noted, for example, that town buildings need professional maintenance and other issues “almost don’t even get to the plate.”

“For all of our departments ... the revenue we’re getting is not keeping up with the compliance needs and the fixed costs across our community,” Superintendent Monique Pierangeli said. “We can’t afford them all.”

As mentioned in previous stories, the schools are seeing a lot of those costs, particularly in special education services and transportation. Lafond said a third of this year’s school budget is “required special ed services ... That’s astounding. It’s safe to say we don’t have a choice.” The district is looking at how to keep some of those kids in town, and thus reduce transport costs, but “we have to have an appropriate place to put students” before even hiring teachers to do it, he said.

Not coincidentally, Treasurer Tim Bell brought forth an additional \$400,000 cost for transportation which hadn’t been known before the schools submitted their budget. (He also cited a new police request for

\$10,000 for cameras.)

Later, the town’s reliance of state and federal money prompted a committee member to ask what will happen if those grants get cut. He observed that Massachusetts sends more to D.C. than the state gets back, so might there be more money available from Boston?

Pierangeli doubted that. She said she could see the state matching what the feds had paid, but “I don’t anticipate getting any more funds.” Lafond also noted he

expects the state to revamp the special ed funding formula over the next couple years.

Bell said this year’s free cash is going toward \$939,500 in capital items and projects, \$250,000 for snow & ice, \$70,260 for a general insurance deficit, \$1.3 million to reduce the tax rate, \$50,000 to stabilization, and \$25,000 to Webster Lake maintenance. Adding in the two late requests cited above will leave about \$2.9 million in free cash after Monday’s meeting. The town also has about \$6

million in Stabilization.

While those reserves are healthy now, Lafond said they’re allowing Webster to “hold the fort as best you can.”

Wil Cournoyer agreed, expressing concern for the future.

“Something’s got to change, because the train is heading to a bridge that isn’t there in a few years,” he said.

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**CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION**  
Docket Number: WO25P1509PO  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200

**Estate of:** Florence Marie Stelmach  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: Jayne Hinchcliffe of Webster MA requesting Ratification of the Deed of Executor recorded with the Registry of Deeds as set forth in said petition, and for such further relief as this Court deems proper ..

**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 . 6/3/25**

**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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

WITNESS, Hon. Leliah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court  
Date: April 24, 2025  
Register of Probate:  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
May 9, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Worcester Probate & Family Court  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS**  
Docket Number: WO25P1508EA  
Estate of: Edwin J. Kus  
Date of Death: September 18, 2008  
A Petition for Determination of Heirs has been filed by:  
Jayne Hinchcliffe of Webster, MA  
Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such relief as requested by the Petition.

**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: 10:00AM on the return day of 6/3/25.**

Massachusetts Determination of Heirs  
The determination of heirs of the decedent may be reconsidered if it is shown that 1 or more persons were omitted from the determination and it is also shown that the persons were unaware of their relationship to the decedent, were unaware of the death or were given no notice of any proceeding concerning the estate, except by publication.  
WITNESS, Hon. Leliah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court  
Date: April 24, 2025  
Register of Probate:: Stephanie K. Fattman  
May 9, 2025

**Form 299**  
**Date: April 2, 2025**  
**Attorney General's Notice Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32**  
**Town of Oxford -- Case No. 11575**  
**Special Town Meeting of October 2, 2024**  
**Article # 6**

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing  
Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.  
Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing  
The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):  
No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of

the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town....In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the Planning Board hearing notice was published on August 30, 2024 and September 9, 2024, which is not two successive weeks as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For this reason, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Article 6 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32. Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32  
The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32. Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments  
The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice  
The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Oxford Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Oxford. Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial  
Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Oxford, any resident of the Town of Oxford, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Oxford or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice  
After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).  
Resumption of Attorney General's Review  
Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.  
May 9, 2025

**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 Melissa Glidden to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, dated May 25, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65266, Page 278, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, recorded on March 9, 2022, in Book No. 67240, at Page 3  
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of fore-

closing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on June 11, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Elm Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:  
A certain parcel of land with the building thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Town of Webster, Worcester county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the ground on the Northerly side of Elm Street at the Southwest corner of the granted premises;  
Thence Northerly by land of one Daniel F. Casey, now or formerly, one hundred thirty-nine (139) feet, more or less, to a pin at wall on land of A.J. Bates Company, now or formerly; (by field survey 129 feet);  
Thence Easterly by said wall fifty (50) feet to an iron pin;  
Thence Southerly by land of said Daniel F. Casey, now or formerly, one hundred forty-five (145) feet to said Elm Street at an iron pin: (by field survey 134 feet);  
Thence by said Elm Street Westerly fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning. This conveyance is not a conveyance of all or substantially all of the assets of the Grantor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Grantors herein, hereby voluntarily releases all rights of Homestead, if any, as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 188 and acknowledge that there is no other person or persons entitled to any homestead rights.  
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65266, Page 275.

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.

**ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC**  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
**HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.**  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
27314  
May 9, 2025  
May 16, 2025  
May 23, 2025

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**Town of Dudley Planning Board**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Town of Dudley Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:15p.m. in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, on the application of Diamond Communications, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 1441Main Street, Suite 1100, Springfield, MA 01103, for a Special Permit under Section XI and other applicable sections of the Dudley Zoning Bylaws to install a new Personal Wireless Service Facility on land at 2 Carroll Drive in Dudley, further described as Assessor's Map 124, Lot 009, located in the IND 43 Zoning District. The Applicant proposes to construct a 150-foot tall mono-pole style tower which will house up to twelve (12) panel antennas (3 sectors, 4 antennas per sector), remote radio head units, accessory junction boxes, surge suppressors mounted alongside the proposed antennas, as well as additional hardware and cable equipment all to be enclosed within a 50-foot x 50-foot fenced compound.  
A copy of the application and accom-

panying plans and documents may be viewed in the Planning Board Office or the Town Clerk's Office, which are located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, during regular working hours.  
Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.  
Steve Watroba, Chairman  
Dudley Planning Board  
May 2, 2025  
May 9, 2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT WARRANT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING**

To: Cheryl Balkus, District Clerk  
Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District Greetings:  
You are hereby directed to notify the VOTERS of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District to meet in the Town Hall Auditorium, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts fifteenth of May, two thousand and twenty-five (May 15, 2025) at seven-thirty P.M. (7:30 P.M.), then and there to act on the following articles:

**ONE:MODERATOR**  
To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and for a period of one (1) year thereafter.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of moderator for a term of one (1) Year.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This article is an annual procedural article as the Moderator is the individual that will preside over tonight's meeting as well as the beginning of the 2026 Annual Meeting at which time the process is repeated. Additionally, the candidates have met the District By-law requirement of which "Candidates for office must notify the clerk of the district in writing at least three (3) days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date before seeking an office for the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District".

**TWO: REPORTS**  
To act on the reports of the District.  
**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District accept the printed reports of the District as printed in the 2025 Annual Report which is in the hands of the voters present.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The printed report of the Water Commissioners provides the District members with an annual update of the District's activities during fiscal year 2025 and the report of the District Treasurer provides the District members with an update of the District's audited activity during fiscal year ending 2024, respectively.

**THREE: COMMISSIONER**  
To elect the following officer by ballot: A resident from the Cherry Valley service area to hold the office of District Commissioner for a period of three (3) years.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of Commissioner representing Cherry Valley area for a term of three (3) Years.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The Board of Water Commissioners has three members each serving a three year term. One Commissioner is elected representing the Greenville service area, the Rochdale Service area and the Cherry Valley service area. Each Commissioner must reside within his/her representative service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date.  
The winner of the election will take effect when the annual meeting closes. Absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

**FOUR: PART TERM COMMISSIONER**  
To elect a Water Commissioner for a term of two (2) years

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of Commissioner for a term of two (2) years.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Due to the passing of a commissioner the District needs to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term which is for (2) years in the Greenville service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date.  
The winner of the election will take effect when annual meeting closes absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

**FIVE : PART TERM COMMISSIONER**  
To elect a Water Commissioner for a term of one (1) years

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast



# Strawberry shortcake tickets now available for Dudley Grange’s 68th Annual Strawberry Festival

DUDLEY — Strawberry shortcake tickets are now available at Courtesy Booth at the Dudley Park N Shop on Airport Road and at the Treasurer’s Office at the Dudley Town Hall on West Main Street. Tickets are \$8. Get your tickets early and beat the rush!

We are looking for volunteers to help hull strawberries on June 18 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Dudley Grange, 139 Center Rd. in Dudley. If you would like to help and have some fun, bring a knife and wear a hat. Light refreshments will be available. For more information or to sign up, contact Kenny Laferriere at (508) 596-0105.

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ballots for the election of Commissioner for a term of one (1) year Rochdale Service Area.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The District needs to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term which is for (1) year in the Rochdale service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date. The winner of the election will take effect when annual meeting closes absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

**SIX: BUDGET**  
To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or other available means, for the operating budget for fiscal year 2026, to provide for the District's annual operating requirements, including but not limited to, salaries, related services, office expenses, maintenance, construction and any other items related thereto; to execute any instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish said purposes; or take any action in relation thereto.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$1,440,087.58 (One million four hundred forty thousand eighty seven dollars and fifty eight cents for the operating budget for fiscal year 2026 as set forth in the 115TH Annual Report, to provide for the District's annual operating requirements, including but not limited to, salaries, related services, office expenses, maintenance, construction and any other items related thereto; to execute any instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish said purposes.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This article funds the fiscal year 2026 operating budget, which includes funding all operations of the District, debt service payments and the purchasing of water from the City of Worcester. This will result in a rate increase.

**SEVEN: REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION**  
To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for legal services, administrative services and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction, or to take any action thereon.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for legal services, administrative services and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project(s) being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This is a non-money article. This is a house keeping article.

This article establishes a “revolving account for review of new construction projects within the service area of the district”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds from the proposer of the new construction project to pay costs including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project being constructed and associated with new construction projects with no impact to the FY26 operating budget and no expense to the district rate payers.

**EIGHT: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR METERS**  
To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts Of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and installation of water meters or take any action thereon.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit **fees** paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and installation of water meters.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This article establishes a “revolving account for water meters”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds to pay costs as outlined in the motion and associated with new construction projects with no impact to the FY26 operating budget.

This is a non-money article. This is a house keeping article.

**NINE: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR TERMINATION EXPENDITURES**  
To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District's Service Termination Process, including but not limited to construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances or take any action thereon.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District's Service Termination Process, including but not limited to, construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The Board of Water Commissioners are responsible for the financial stability of the district and unfortunately have to implement the termination process in the collection of unpaid water bills. The District would rather work with Individuals in establishing a payment plan to address outstanding water bills. Termination is implemented as the last resort in the collection process.

This article establishes a “revolving account for termination”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds to pay costs as outlined in the motion and associated with district's termination program with no impact to the FY26 operating budget.

**TEN-FUNDING STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**  
To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to fund the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District transfer \$30,000 from free cash and move it to the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This will fund the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

**ELEVEN - USE OF STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**  
To see if the District will allow the use of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if any issues arise including but not limited to the changing out of the arsenic media, uranium media, pumps, electric parts, etc.. As well as maintenance on the well.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District be allowed to use up to \$25,000 out of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if work needs to be done on the Grindstone Well.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This allows the District to authorize the board to use the funds that are set aside for Grindstone Well. THIS REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE.

**TWELVE - SWAMP LEAK**  
To see if the District will transfer \$300,000 from free cash to cover the cost of the Emergency Swamp leak.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District transfer \$300,000 from free cash to cover the

cost of the Emergency Swamp leak.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Back in October 2024 the District had a leak in the middle of a swamp. We received DOR approval to use these monies in advanced. This is a house-keeping article to ratify the expense.

**THIRTEEN-AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 105 ACTS OF 1996**  
This will update our enabling acts for the purpose of improving the administration and staffing of the district.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
Section 2. Amend section 9 of chapter 105 as follows: Delete the sentence: The district shall also at a legal meeting called for the purpose elect by ballot a district clerk and a treasurer to hold office for the term of one year and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Section 3. Amend section 9 of chapter 105 as follows: Delete the last sentence in section 9 in its entirety.

Section 4. Insert section 9A following section 9 as amended as follows: The board of water commissioners shall appoint duly qualified individuals to manage and direct the operations and business of the district to serve in the positions of Superintendent, Treasurer and Clerk of the district and to appoint such additional personnel to ensure the proper operation of the water source protection, treatment and distribwtion systems required to comply with the regulations governing public water suppliers within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Updating the enabling acts for the treasurer, clerk and superintendent will make it match to the District By-laws. It will also ensure that qualified personal are in these positions.

**FOURTEEN - FEASIBILITY OF MERGING THE CHERRY VALLEY & ROCSDALE WATER DISTRICT AND CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT**  
To authorize the board of water commissioners to initiate discussions with the board of sewer commissioners of the Cherry Valley Sewer District to consider the feasibility of merging the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and the Cherry Valley Sewer District into a single Water and Sewer District within the town of Leicester, and, to draft legislation for consideration of the district's membership for voting in the coming year

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move to transfer \$30,000 from free cash to authorize the board of water commissioners to initiate discussions with the board of sewer commissioners of the Cherry Valley Sewer District to consider the feasibility of merging the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and the Cherry Valley Sewer District into a single Water and Sewer District within the town of Leicester, and, to draft legislation for consideration of the districts membership for voting in the coming year.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
This article will let commissioners of the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District know if District members are interested in the merging of the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and The Cherry Valley Sewer District into one District. If this article passes the District's will work together to see what is needed and how to merge the two districts.

**FIFTEEN: RISK AND RESILIENCE**  
To See if the District will vote to raise and appropriate from free cash and/or available funds to fund Risk and Resilience.

**MOTION:**  
I move that the district vote to transfer \$20,000 from free cash to fund Risk and Resilience Assessment.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
On October 23, 2018, America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) was signed into law. AWIA Section 2013 requires community (drinking) water systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update risk assessments and emergency response plans (ERPs). The law specifies the components that the risk assessments and ERPs must address, and establishes deadlines by which water systems must certify to EPA completion of the risk assessment and ERP.

This needs to be completed every 5 years.

**SIXTEEN: ENGINEERING OF THE MAIN TRANSMISSION LINE**

To see inf the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash and/or available funds to fund the design improvements of the 8” transmission line in the swamp from Henshaw St to Route 56 servicing all of Rochdale.

**MOTION:**  
I move the District vote to transfer \$175,000 from free cash to fund the design work associated with the improvements and upgrades to the 8” Transmission line servicing the Rochdale Service area.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
In October of 2024 the District responded to a major water main break on the Transmission line servicing the Rochdale Portion of the District. The current 8” Transmission line is the original water main from the early 1900s. This leak exposed the District to a major portion of the infrastructure that is need of updating and replacements. Unlike most of the water mains in Cherry Valley, the transmission main connecting Rochdale to Cherry Valley portion of the system is located in both wooded areas and swamp areas spanning over 1.5 miles. This article will allocate funds to start the design of replacing the current transmission main with a new and possibly larger transmission main to better service the Rochdale service area for years to come.

**SEVENTEEN: KETTLEBROOK CROSSING WATER MAIN**  
To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to enable the District to fund the construction of the replacement of the water main crossing over the Kettle Brook on Main St. and to pay all costs related thereto including engineering services, administrative services, legal services, and construction services, or to take any action thereon

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to transfer funds from free cash not exceeding \$350,000 for the Kettle Brook Crossing Water Main project.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Last year District voters authorized the design of this project. This article is designed to partially fund the construction and installation of the water line and cover any additional engineering expenses for the project. The District has applied for a grant to fund this project as well. In the event of receiving the grant successfully the funds from this article will only be utilized to cover any match portion of the grant.

**EIGHTEEN - CLOSE OUT OF PRIOR PROJECTS**  
To see if the district will vote to close-out the below projects that were previously approved at prior annual Water District Meetings,

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
I move that the District Close out the Sargent Street Water line and Technologies upgrades projects and return to the general fund the unused funds appropriated for said projects in the amount of:

Sargent Street Water Line \$38,276.51  
Technology Upgrade \$3,237.50  
**Total: \$41,514.01**

**DESCRIPTION:**  
These projects were completed, and these are the remaining funds left in each account. This article will move the money back into the general fund.

You are hereby directed to serve this WARRANT by posting an attested copy at the Leicester Fire Department, Company No. 2, 226 Main Street, Cherry Valley, MA; Rochdale Post Office, 1138 Stafford Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Church Building, 672 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Leicester Town Hall and the Oxford Town Hall seven (7) days at least before said meeting.

Given under our hands, this 29th day of April, two thousand twenty-five (April 29, 2025). spectfully submitted,

Joseph M. McGinn, Commissioner  
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:  
Cheryl Balkus Clerk- District Clerk  
Donald G. Manseau, Chairman (SEAL)  
May 9, 2025





MUSIC  
FACT:

Cinco de Mayo celebrations often feature this type of traditional Mexican folk music.

Answer: Mariachi

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.  
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.  
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

10	6		28
	5	20	25
11			15
21	14	33	

1	3	11
20	5	0
12	6	10
Solution		

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1639: William Coddington founds Newport, Rhode Island.

1927: Charles Nungesser and Francois Coli disappear after attempting to make the first non-stop transatlantic flight from Paris to New York.

NEW  
WORD

MASA

dough made from ground corn

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

VIEYLL SUCMI

Answer: Lively music

How they say that in...

English: Party

Spanish: Fiesta

Italian: Festa

French: Fête

German: Fest

Did You Know?

Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration that commemorates Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Guacamole

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to building safety.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 5 = E)

A. 18 23 7 17 5 4 16  
Clue: Assess condition

B. 17 5 19 10 18 16  
Clue: Document that gives authorization

C. 4 11 26 5 7  
Clue: Regulations that govern building

D. 17 19 11 16 5 4 16 18 11 23  
Clue: Act of keeping something safe

SUDOKU

4								
5	3	2				9		
		9	5				7	
	9				2	4		
			4	8			5	
2								
					6			4
	7	5	9	2		8		3
8								

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	2	7	5	1	3	6	4	8
1	7	5	9	2	4	8	6	3
9	2	3	8	7	6	5	1	4
2	5	4	6	3	7	1	9	8
3	6	1	4	8	9	2	5	7
7	9	8	1	5	2	4	3	6
6	9	5	4	1	3	7	2	8
5	3	2	7	6	8	9	4	1
4	1	7	2	9	3	6	8	5

ANSWER:





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*New Featured Listing*  
NEW CONSTRUCTION Craftsman Style Home! Tucked away on Cooper Rd, Webster Lake w/Access at Lakeside Beach/Boat Ramp. 3rd of 4 Homes being built at this Site. Offers 2,155 SF +/- of Living Area, 7 Rms, 4 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 9' Ceilings. Open Concept Plan. Wood Flooring Throughout w/Ceramic Tile Floors in the 2-1/2 Baths. Spacious Main BR Suite w/Walk-in Closet & Private Full Bath w/5' Tiled Shower, Double-Sink Vanity! Lower level walkout w/Slider. Basement-rough plumbed for future expansion. FHA Heat & Central AC! Garage.  
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**WEBSTER - 25 SLATER ST**  
**SORRY, SOLD!**



Location! Location! This Oversized & Well Maintained 2 Family offers 2,472 sf Total! Apt 1 >1st Floor Unit >has 1,052 sf, 3 BRs & 1 Bath! Apt 2 >2nd & 3rd Floor Unit has 2 levels >1,420 sf, 5 BRs, 2 Baths. Corner lot w/.30 acre, Two Car Garage! Patio.  
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**\$329,000**

**On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg**



**ON DEPOSIT**

*Featured Listing!!*  
**Webster Lake Waterfront 88 Union Point**  
Excellent opportunity! Natural Western Facing Shoreline- Beautiful Sunsets - Views of Middle to North Pond! 7,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Waterfront Lot! Winterized cottage Fireplaced living room ! 12 X 30 one car garage. Beautiful Pine trees at the water's edge!  
**\$660,000**

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# Oxford Middle School celebrates National Junior Honor Society induction



OXFORD — Oxford Middle School (OMS) proudly hosted its annual National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 30, celebrating the achievements and character of its newest members.

The evening began with NJHS officers delivering heartfelt speeches, each highlighting one of the society's five core pillars. Brooke O'Connor spoke on the importance of scholarship, emphasizing academic commitment.

Bella Coghlan inspired the audience with reflections on leadership, while Destiny Purcell shared the impact and necessity of service. Catalina Montalvo reminded attendees of the role citizenship plays in building strong communities, and Niko Coraccio concluded with a powerful message on the enduring value of character.

The ceremony was enriched by special guest speakers. Representing Oxford High School's National Honor Society,

President Emma Martin and Historian Kayla Belmore shared their personal journeys, underscoring the profound influence of leadership, citizenship, and service. The keynote address was delivered by Michelle Blackburn, a former OMS student and NJHS member, and a 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing survivor. Blackburn recounted her remarkable story of resilience—how she transformed the trauma of her injuries into determination. Though setbacks delayed her dream of completing the Boston Marathon in 2023, she triumphantly crossed the finish line in 2024, a testament to perseverance and unyielding spirit.

Adding to the ceremony's significance, the NJROTC presented the colors and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A special thank you to OMS Principal Ms. Joseph who welcomed families and students with an opening address. Additional thank yous

to Ms. Wagner, NJHS advisor, for her dedication to the program, and Superintendent Lucas for presenting the inductees with their hard-earned honor cords.

The evening concluded with a reception in the cafeteria, where families, students, and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of these outstanding young leaders.

Congratulations to the following seventh graders:

Abigail Burque

Karoline D'Alessandro  
Lily Dolbec  
Jillian Gustafson  
Liam Harrity  
Willow Keller  
Alana LaFrance  
Sophia Meneguzzo  
Ashton O'Malley  
Maxwell Palaia  
Pedro H. Paniagua  
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