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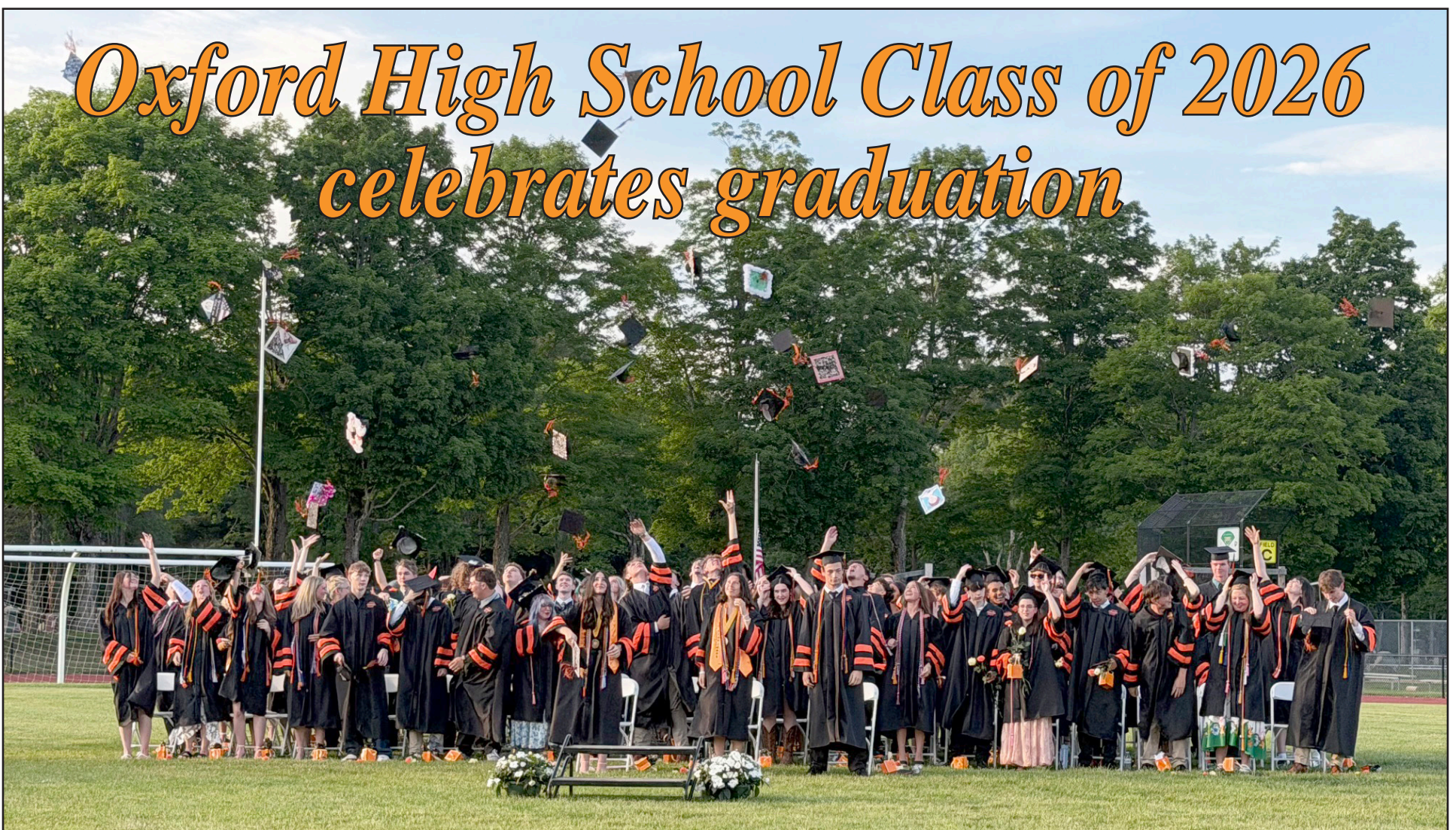


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Oxford High School Class of 2026 celebrates graduation

OXFORD — Family members, friends, faculty, staff, and community members gathered on the Oxford High School football field Friday evening to celebrate the graduation of the Oxford High School Class of 2026. With warm temperatures, a

gentle breeze, and the sun slowly setting in the background, the evening provided the perfect setting to honor the accomplishments of the graduating class. The ceremony began promptly at 6 p.m. as graduates made their way onto

the field to the traditional processional, “Pomp and Circumstance,” performed by the Oxford High School Band under the direction of Chris Rubenacker. The colors were proudly presented by the NJROTC, fol-

lowed by a moving rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” performed by the Oxford High School Chorus, directed by Bradley Sampson. Class President and Salutatorian Gwen

Gustafson welcomed attendees with a thoughtful and heartfelt address. Reflecting on her years in Oxford Public Schools, Gustafson shared lessons she learned along the way and encouraged her class-

mates to slow down, live in the present, and cherish the small moments that often become life’s most meaningful memories. Senior speaker Ethan White followed with a powerful message. Turn To GRADUATION page A9

Dudley gearing up for Sixth Annual Kids Bike Rodeo

DUDLEY — Calling all families to the Town of Dudley’s 6th Annual Kids Bike Rodeo from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 25 in the upper parking lot at Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St.

The Dudley Recreation Commission is our host for this free family event that offers bike inspections, helmet fitting and sizing by Boston Children’s Hospital, sunglasses provided by Gentex, hand signal practices, street signs station, bike courses, music, pizza and more!

We thank Big Al’s, Leoni’s and Jimmy’s Pizza for donating pizza for this event!

All families from Dudley and surrounding communities are welcome.

Interested in volunteering for this event? Email recreation@dudleyma.gov

Dudley Conservation Land Trust announces major milestones at open board meeting

DUDLEY — Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) celebrated its new headquarters at the historic Perron House during its open board meeting today, toasting the property and the Perron family’s generosity in making the conservation possible.

The barn roof has already been replaced thanks to funding from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, and sill replacement is scheduled for fall with support from both the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and Preservation Massachusetts on behalf of the 1772 Foundation.

DCLT also announced the successful acquisition of the 21-acre Kulisa-Tierney Preserve and significant progress on its \$1 million capital campaign. The outdoor event attracted around 35 attendees, along with two dogs, on a beautiful sunny day. Among the honored guests were Lou Perron and his sisters, Susan Lyman and Julie Perron, as well as Stacia Caplanson from Preservation Massachusetts.

The Perron House, formerly the Leonidas Ballard house from the 1830s, will become DCLT’s new head-

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All Saints Academy sends off Class of 2026



WEBSTER — All Saints Academy proudly celebrated the graduation of its eighth-grade Class of 2026 during a special Mass and ceremony attended by students, families, faculty, staff, and members of the parish community.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Lucas LaRoche, who encouraged graduates to continue living their faith as they embrace new opportunities and challenges ahead.

The ceremony marked a significant milestone as students completed their years at All Saints Academy and prepared to begin the next chapter of their educational journeys. It was also a meaningful opportunity to reflect on their academic achievements, personal growth, and the many faith-filled experiences that shaped their time at the school.

As Mrs. Ellen Tagg, Assistant Head of School, announced the graduates, diplomas were presented by Head of School Mrs. Joan Matys, Fr. Lucas LaRoche of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Fr. Javier of St. Louis Church, and eighth-grade homeroom teacher Mrs. Ann Scheffler. Graduates included Noah Beaudette, Kallie Fales, Samantha Gardner, Maggie Keegan, Dominic Kistner, Caleb Latino, Gianna Monticelli, Benjamin Mukuha, Connor Shelburne, and Alanna Yelu-Attigah.

Following the presentation of diplomas, school leaders recognized the graduates for their hard work, dedication, leadership, and commitment to living out the values of the Catholic faith. During their time at All Saints Academy,

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PET of the WEEK



MEET Colby

If you're looking for a puppy who can make you smile without even trying, Colby might be your perfect match. This sweet, playful boy loves making new friends and approaches life with a happy-go-lucky attitude. Colby recently spent the day at our Fore Paws Golf Tournament at Hopkinton Country Club, where he charmed everyone he met. Between collecting cuddles, watching all the activity around him, and taking breaks for puppy naps, he showed us just how adaptable and easygoing he can be. He took all the excitement in stride and was simply happy to be part of the fun. As with any puppy, Colby is looking for a family committed to helping him grow into the wonderful adult dog he's meant to be through positive training, socialization, and lots of adventures together. If you're ready to welcome a puppy into your home and watch him grow, learn, and blossom into a devoted companion, Colby would love to be part of your family.

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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 three 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 dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 6/23: Ziti with meat sauce and mozzarella cheese, California blend vegetables. Wednesday, 6/24: Hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw. Thursday, 6/25: Vegetarian chili with cheese, roasted potatoes, country blend vegetables. Friday, 6/26: Soup du jour, roast beef sandwiches, bean salad.

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A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center from April through December. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Come 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 will be having our Father's Day Party on Monday, June 22nd at 1 PM! Make sure you come in and sign up for an afternoon of fun... and dad jokes!

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. A new video class will be offered Thursday and Friday mornings, free of charge.

Line Dancing with Forty will be held on Mondays the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th from 11:00 am- 12:30 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.

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

We now have an official Bridge group! We will be meeting every Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the upstairs activity room. All that are interested are welcome to join!

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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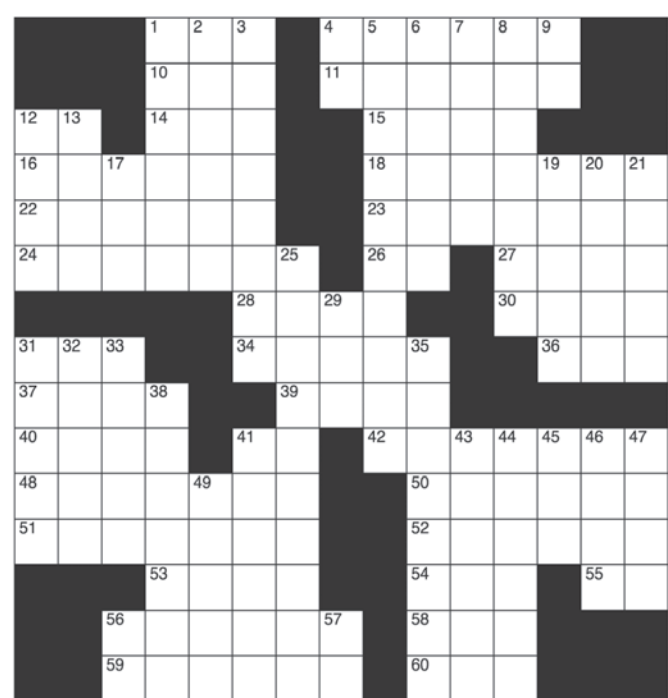
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| 1. Similar | 36. Patti Hearst's captors |
| 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal | 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel |
| 10. No (Scottish) | 39. Retired Brazilian footballer |
| 11. ___ Aires, city | 40. An Indian nursemaid |
| 12. Morning | 41. Atomic #24 |
| 14. Senior's son (abbr.) | 42. Immobile |
| 15. A notable achievement | 48. Insignia of royalty |
| 16. European nation | 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made |
| 18. Endings | 51. Begin again |
| 22. Puts into place | 52. Round root |
| 23. Former | 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.) |
| 24. Grenadier | 54. What newlyweds just said |
| 26. Sea patrol | 55. Empire State |
| 27. Algerian port | 56. Give back |
| 28. Norwegian river | 58. College hoops tournament |
| 30. Precipitation | 59. Unstable situations |
| 31. Sunscreen rating | 60. Young women's association |
| 34. New York is one | |

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| 2. Holy places | 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth |
| 3. Contrary opinions | 32. One who was compensated |
| 4. Blood type | 33. National symbols |
| 5. Gags | 35. Raising |
| 6. Micturating | 38. A type of talk |
| 7. Silly | 41. Cloud |
| 8. A type of "cuff" | 43. Middle Eastern peoples |
| 9. Spanish be | 44. Pouches |
| 12. Austrian river | 45. 007's creator |
| 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid | 46. A cut of meat |
| 17. Consume food | 47. Sports entertainment award |
| 19. California supermarket | 49. Christine __, actress |
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Madeline Grenier named to Champlain College Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Madeline Grenier of Dudley was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Grenier is currently majoring in Game Design.

Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

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The senior center will be closed on Thursday, June 18th and Friday, June 19th

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- Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 am – Cribbage
- Tuesdays @ 9:15am – 10:00 am Strength & Balance w/ Donna Freeland – Cost \$3.00 per class
- Wednesdays @ 9:15am – 10:15 am 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 – 2:15 pm Chair Volleyball – Lots of laughs and only two rules (1) stay seated (2) have fun!
- Thursdays @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Dominoes
- Fridays @ 9:00am – Walking Club (weather permitting)

Monthly Activities:

- Let's Talk Oxford History – 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1pm - Sponsored by the Oxford Historical Commission
- Men's Coffee Group – 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10:30am – coffee and pastry are served.
- Book Club – 1st Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – reserve your book from the Oxford Public Library
- Movie Matinee – 2nd Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – Senior Safety with Oxford Fire/EMS - 3rd Friday of the month @ 12:30pm- No Senior Safety in June
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The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

Please join us in congratulating:
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Isabella Sund - Auburn - Dean's List
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Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD/PORTLAND, Maine — Taya Lawrence of Dudley and Tori Granato of Webster have been named to the University of New England's Dean's List for the spring semester 2026. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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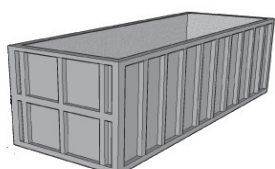
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EDITORIAL

The legacy they leave behind

Oxford High School's Class of 2026 graduated beneath a warm June sky, but the most important part of the evening was not the weather, the speeches, or even the diplomas. It was the reminder that a successful graduating class leaves behind something more valuable than academic records or championship banners. It leaves a legacy.

Throughout the commencement ceremony, the messages delivered by students and school leaders returned to themes that matter far beyond high school: gratitude, compassion, humility, community, and living fully in the present. Those are not lessons measured by standardized tests or grade point averages. They are the qualities that define character and shape the future of a town.

Class President and Salutatorian Gwen Gustafson encouraged her classmates to appreciate life's small moments. Senior speaker Ethan White challenged his fellow graduates to support one another and choose understanding over judgment. Valedictorian Cassidy Burke reflected on gratitude and the responsibility of leaving things better than they were found. Together, their messages painted a picture of a class that understood success is not simply about individual achievement. It is about how we treat others and the impact we leave behind.

That perspective deserves recognition.

In every community, there is a tendency to measure success through statistics. We celebrate college acceptances, scholarships earned, athletic victories, and academic awards. Those accomplishments are certainly worthy of praise. Yet years from now, most graduates will not be remembered primarily for their class rank or test scores. They will be remembered for the kindness they showed, the friendships they built, the challenges they overcame, and the ways they contributed to the lives of others.

Oxford's graduates appear to understand that truth.

The ceremony itself reflected the strong connections that define a community-centered school system. The presentation of diplomas by parents serving on the School Committee and by school employees presenting diplomas to their own children offered powerful reminders that education is not simply a profession. It is a partnership among families, educators, students, and the broader community.

The "Tradition of the Rose" reinforced that message by recognizing the countless sacrifices made by parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, and mentors along the way. No graduate reaches commencement alone. Behind every diploma is a network of people who offered encouragement, guidance, patience, and support.

Those relationships are among the greatest strengths of communities like Oxford.

As graduates move on to colleges, military service, careers, apprenticeships, and countless other paths, they will carry more than academic knowledge with them. They will carry the values instilled during their years in Oxford Public Schools. The lessons of perseverance learned during difficult moments. The friendships formed in classrooms, on athletic fields, and through extracurricular activities. The understanding that success is not only about personal advancement but also about lifting others along the way.

Communities often wonder what kind of future lies ahead. The answer can often be found sitting on a football field during graduation season.

If the speeches delivered by the Class of 2026 are any indication, Oxford's future remains bright. This class leaves behind a reputation for leadership, compassion, perseverance, and service. Those qualities will continue to benefit the community long after the caps have been tossed and the diplomas framed.

Graduation marks an ending, but it also marks a beginning. The legacy of the Class of 2026 now becomes part of Oxford's story, while the graduates begin writing the next chapters of their own.

That is something worth celebrating.

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



Oxford Middle School recognizes students each month who exemplify our Be The 3 goals of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety as well as showing that attendance matters, displaying citizenship, and showing growth in a variety of ways. This month, OMS celebrates Jaelyn Halley, Eli Bonafilia, Isabella (Bella) Bishop, Willow Keller, and Joseph Menke as our May Students of the Month.

Courtesy

A handshake, a hammer, and a few quiet lessons

Father's Day arrives every year with a familiar collection of neckties, coffee mugs and backyard cookouts. Those are fine traditions, but as I get older, I find myself thinking less about the gifts and more about the men who shaped us, often without realizing they were doing it.

My father was not much of a talker.

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By CHARLES

hours than many people could teach in a semester-long class.

My father believed that if a job was worth doing, it was worth doing correctly. He did not need a motivational poster on the wall to remind him. He simply got up every morning and went to work.

As a kid, I didn't always appreciate that philosophy. In fact, I spent a fair amount of time wishing he would hurry up. Whether it was fixing a lawn mower, painting a fence, or repairing something around the house, I wanted the shortest route between broken and fixed. He wanted it done right.

At the time, it seemed unnecessarily slow.

Today, I catch myself doing the exact same thing.

I hear his voice every time I reach for a shortcut. Measure twice. Check your work. Clean up after yourself. Leave things better than you found them.

Funny how those lessons settle in when you're not paying attention.

Fatherhood itself has changed quite a bit over the years. Today's dads seem more comfortable expressing emotions and spending time with their children in ways previous generations often didn't. That's a good thing. Yet many of the fundamentals remain unchanged.

Children are still watching.

They notice how their fathers treat their mothers. They notice whether promises are kept. They notice how a father responds when things go wrong. They notice whether he shows kindness to strangers and respect to neighbors.

Most of all, they notice consistency.

A father does not need to be perfect. No father ever has been. But children remember the man who shows up. They remember the one sitting in the bleachers on a rainy afternoon. They remember the one helping with homework after a long workday. They remember the one who drives across town when the car won't start or answers the phone at 10 p.m. because a son or daughter needs advice.

The older I get, the more I appreciate those ordinary acts.

My own children are adults now. One is away building her future. The other lives nearby and is creating a life of his own. Fatherhood changes as children grow. You spend years teaching them to become independent, and then one day you realize they actually listened.

That can be both rewarding and a little unsettling.

These days, conversations are less about curfews and homework and more about careers, relationships and life decisions. The role changes, but the responsibility never completely disappears. A father never stops being a father. The worries simply evolve.

On Father's Day, many of us will celebrate with our families. Some will be remembering fathers who are no longer here. Others may be thinking about grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, coaches, teachers or neighbors who stepped into that role when it was needed.

They all matter.

The truth is that some of the most important fathers in a community are not necessarily related by blood. They are the men who volunteer to coach Little League, teach Scout skills, mentor young people or quietly lend a hand when someone needs guidance. Every town in Massachusetts has a few of those men. They rarely seek recognition, but their influence stretches farther than they know.

This Father's Day, perhaps the best gift we can give is a little gratitude.

A phone call. A visit. A handshake. A simple thank-you.

And if your father is still around, maybe ask him a few questions. Ask about his first job. Ask about his childhood. Ask what worried him when he was your age.

One day you'll be glad you did.

The older I get, the more I understand that fathers rarely leave their greatest legacy in bank accounts or buildings. They leave it in habits, values and lessons that quietly travel from one generation to the next.

Sometimes, all it takes is a handshake, a hammer, and a few quiet lessons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Promotion of "Hallmark" families is Orwellian

To the Editor:

I have to agree with Richard Clark ("Goodbye, Hallmark" letter June 12) about the ungainliness of the New York State Legislature's new gender-neutral terms for parents. There is, however, nothing "Orwellian" about substituting "non-gestating parent" for "father" and "gestating parent" for "mother."

What is Orwellian is the attitude that the only way to characterize modern families is by the «Hallmark» concept of mother, father, son and daughter, as it existed in, well, 1984.

In today's world, many families comprise two mothers or two fathers or people of ambiguous gender or trans-gender, who may or may not be spouses, who may be parenting children, who might not have

been conceived in the conventional manner and who themselves might identify with a gender other than the one they were born with. Acknowledging their differences does not prevent anyone from celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day or using those traditional terms in our families or anywhere else for that matter.

Meanwhile, people who form unconventional families work just as hard, pay taxes and contribute immensely to their communities. They all deserve the recognition, respect and benefits that society has long bestowed on those Hallmark Families - and perhaps, more poetic terminology in the New York State Legislature.

FRANK MAGIERA
DUDLEY

Gratitude from Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library would like to extend their sincere thanks to all the volunteers who generously donated their effort and time to set up, oversee and break down the Book Sale held from June 4 through June 6. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jackie Koslowski for the quilts she generously donated for our Quilt Raffle.

Thank you to our wonderful community for making our Book Sale and Quilt Raffle a success! For books that were not purchased, Bay State Book Company ensures they are responsibly recycled, redistributed or reused, keeping them out of landfills while supporting community reading programs and local literacy initiatives. To learn

more about Bay State Book Company, please visit their website at <https://baystatebooks.com>.

The funds raised will help continue to support the wide variety of free programs offered by our library. To view our Event Calendar, go to <https://crawfordlibrary.org/event-calendar/>. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, we would be delighted to have you join us! You can sign up at <https://crawfordlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity and support!

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Special Events
Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Webster with the National Park Service – Saturday, June 20th at 10:00am

Join Allison Horrocks from the National Park Service for an historic walking tour of downtown Webster. Whether you're a lifelong resident, new to the area, or just visiting for the day, you're sure to learn something new! This event is for all ages and participants will meet in the lobby

before their guided tour.

Ayurveda 101: Building a Nourishing Daily Rhythm (Summer Edition) – Monday, June 22nd at 6:30pm

Ayurveda offers grounding practices to help us stay balanced, energized, and nourished throughout the season. This introductory session explores how daily rhythms—what we eat, when we eat, how we move, and how we care for our bodies—can support wellbeing during the height of summer. Designed for those new to Ayurveda, this one-hour program focuses on practical, accessible guidance around cooling seasonal foods, hydration, digestive balance, mindful daily routines, and gentle practices to help manage heat, overstimulation, and burnout. Participants will also experience a few short practices to cultivate calm, clarity, and sustainable energy. No prior experience is needed.

Movin' on Up Puppet Show with Tom Knight – Wednesday, June 24th at 10:00am

YFCP is celebrating children, ages 3 - 6, who are "Movin' On Up" to preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade in Fall 2026. Families will enjoy songs, movement and laughs with Tom Knight and his puppet pals. Every registered child will receive a book to take home. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required.

Family Capoeira Workshop Series – Thursdays, June 25th-August 20th at 3:00pm

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art form originally developed in Brazil by enslaved peoples as a form of resistance. It incorporates elements of acrobatics, dance, and music. In this class, parents and kids will learn together – beginning with basic capoeira movements, songs and rhythms.

No experience needed, and all athletic levels are welcome! Come ready to move and wear something comfortable. The class is led by instructors from Mass Capoeira Culture Center, located right here in Webster. See you there!

Taxation, Tyranny, and Treason Virtual Talk with Christopher Daley – Friday, June 26th at 10:00am

This dynamic lecture traces the turbulent decade that transformed colonial protest into outright rebellion. Britain's victory in the French and Indian War reshaped its empire—and saddled Parliament with staggering debt. In response, long-ignored colonies suddenly found themselves targeted by new taxes and strict trade controls. Rich with visuals and gripping storytelling, this presentation reveals how outrage became ideology—and protest became independence.

SUMMER READING KICK OFF – Saturday, June 27th 10:30am-1:30pm

Join us at 10:30am for an animal extravaganza with Rainforest Reptile Shows, followed by the Summer Eats Kickoff!

Adult Programming
Literacy Volunteers: ESL Classes – Tuesdays at 6:00pm

The Literacy Cafe is a free weekly English conversation class offered by Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts (LVSCM). This class is free to attend and is open to all adults. For more information, email us at info@lvscm.org.

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

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

Yoga – Saturdays at 9:15am

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

Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Yoga Nidra with Jess – Fridays in June at 9:00am

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

Silent Book Club – Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00pm

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

Programming for All Ages

Library for All – Mondays and Fridays in June at 10am

Library for All is an inclusive program for teens and adults of all abilities and their caregivers. Please let us know if you need any special accommodations! Join us every Monday and Friday! The 1st week of the month is coloring, the 2nd week is LEGO, the 3rd week is chair yoga, and the 4th week of the month is painting.

Mini-Bookshelves – Thursday, June 18th at 5pm and 6pm

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

Davis Bates Presents: Sea Songs & Stories from Shore to Deep Water – Thursday, June 25th at 6:30pm

Celebrate New England maritime traditions and folklore in this lively, participatory program by Davis Bates. Be sure

to join us for this wonderful program of traditional interactive entertainment celebrating the magic and power of the sea. Funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council.

Children's and Young Adult Programming
Play-Doh Storytime – Mondays at 10:30am

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

Creators Club – Mondays at 4:00pm

Come explore our Creators Club, where each month features a new theme highlighting a different art supply for kids to experiment with and turn into their own masterpieces! June's Theme: Paper Chain Jellyfish! Kids will practice cutting out paper and weaving pieces together to make some amazing jellyfish.

Tiny Groovers – Tuesdays at 10:30am

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

Mighty Builders – Tuesdays at 4:00pm

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

Me and My Mini – Wednesday, June 24th at 10:30am

Me and My Mini: A 45 minute creative movement group for ages 0 through 2.5 with a grown-up. Group is focused on adult and baby spending quality time together, fostering attachment, and baby interacting with others their age. Get groovy to upbeat music with fun props, instruments, and a story. Adult participation is required and 1-2 children per adult is recommended.

Lasell University students named to Spring Dean's List

NEWTON — The Spring 2026 Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Among the students named to the Dean's List were Drake Burek and Abigail Simpson of Auburn.

Quo Vadis Club awards scholarships

REGION — Since 1960, the Quo Vadis Club of Webster and Dudley has been proud to support education in our local communities in the form of scholarships, educator grants and sponsorship of scholar recognition programs.

Awards for the 2025-2026 school year were presented to Shepherd Hill graduates Natallie Habib, Hayley Phommala and Paige Cameron and to Dudley-Charlton educators Shaune Ducharme and Dr. Corey Stefan.

Webster award recipients were Bartlett graduates Luigi Diaz Villegas, Naomie Orelie and Fareeha Asiam.

The educator award went to Tim Paradise.

Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College recognized its Dean's List students for the 2026 Spring Semester. The following local students were recognized for academic excellence:

Jennifer Brzostek from Webster. Brzostek has a primary major of Mathematics.

Carly Cornacchioli from Oxford. Cornacchioli has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Liam Gravel from Dudley. Gravel has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

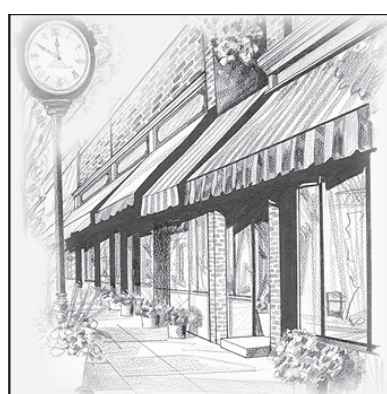
Anais Ortiz from Oxford. Ortiz has a primary major of Social Work.

Alexa Sherwin from Oxford. Sherwin has a primary major of Health Science.

Patrick Welliver from Oxford. Welliver has a primary major of Sport Management.

Jillian LaBonte from Auburn. LaBonte has a primary major in Exercise Science/Applies ES.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Student must not have been barred from Dean's List due to disciplinary action.



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students not only grew academically but also developed qualities of kindness, compassion, service, and respect for others.

The ceremony continued with special recognition of students who exemplified excellence in academics, leadership, service, and character.

The Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award, established by the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Worcester, is presented annually to a student who best exemplifies the bishop's motto, "In Kindness and in Truth," while demonstrating duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. This year's recipient, Alanna Yelu-Attigah, was recognized for her enthusiasm for learning and her commitment to serving her school, church, and community.

The Pearson Memorial

Scholarship honors the memory of Deborah Pearson and her dedication to enhancing the quality of life and education of students. Awarded to an outstanding eighth-grade student continuing at a private secondary school, the scholarship recognizes achievement and a commitment to excellence. This year's recipient was Kallie Fales.

The All Saints Academy Award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding effort, responsibility, honesty, maturity, positive peer relationships, service, and dedication to the school community. This year's recipients, Samantha Gardner and Connor Shelburne, were honored for their commitment to the mission and values of All Saints Academy.

Throughout their years together, the Class of 2026 shared many meaningful experiences, including classroom learning, school activities, service oppor-

tunities, prayer, and celebrations. Faculty members noted the strong bonds of friendship formed among classmates and the support they offered one another through both successes and challenges.

A heartfelt portion of the ceremony was dedicated to the families who supported the graduates throughout their journey. Members of the class shared personal messages of gratitude, thanking parents, grandparents, siblings, and loved ones for their sacrifices, encouragement, and unwavering support. Their reflections highlighted the essential role families played in helping them grow both academically and personally.

The school also expressed its deep appreciation to the parents, families, teachers, staff, and parish community whose guidance and encouragement helped shape the students into confident, faith-filled young adults.

Each graduate then received a special keepsake - a St. Francis prayer coin and prayer card - as a reminder of their connection to God, the beauty of creation, and their responsibility to care for others and the world around them. Students were encouraged to be "bridge-builders" who listen, include others, and lead with kindness and integrity, echoing Pope Leo XIV's call to "build bridges where the world raises up boundaries."

As they move on to high school, these graduates leave All Saints Academy with a strong foundation of faith, knowledge, and character. The school community wishes them continued success and God's blessings as they pursue their dreams, embrace new opportunities, and serve as peacemakers in the spirit of St. Francis.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and its award recipients. Their accomplishments reflect not only their hard work, perseverance, and faith, but also the steadfast support of the families, teachers, and community members who have accompanied them along the way.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from May 31 to June 13.

Clevon Clive Turner, Jr., age 36, of Worcester was arrested on June 1 for Assault, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Interfering with a Police Officer, and Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation.

Caleb O. Serkodee, age 24, of Dudley was arrested on June 1 in connection with a warrant.

A 57-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Malicious Destruction of Property.

Joseph Cleveland Lovely, age 52, of Webster was arrested on June 10 in connection with multiple warrants.

Alan Gerard Young, age 40, of Worcester was arrested on June 11 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license and in connection with a warrant.

A 30-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Mary C. Madden, age 43, of Worcester was arrested on June 11 in connection with a warrant. Jonathan P. Boutilette, age 34, of Dudley was arrested during the same incident for Use and/or Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol, Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), and Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense).

A 22-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 11 for Assault & Battery.

A 30-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Resisting Arrest, Assault with intent to Maim, and multiple counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Talison Lima, age 22, of Webster was arrested on June 13 in connection with a warrant.

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quarters, supporting board meetings, storage, and possibly a caretaker residence. Key stewardship efforts include invasive plant removal and connecting trails between nearby wild-life sanctuaries.

The newly acquired Kulisa-Tierney Preserve adds 21 acres of conserved land, featuring a tri-town marker, cemetery, and trails. DCLT thanked attendee Martha Tierney, daughter of conservationists Chet and Ann Kulisa, for continuing their legacy alongside her siblings. A future event at the Preserve is planned, and new signage will be installed consistent with the newly erected signs at

Antos Farm and the Perron House.

DCLT's \$1 million capital campaign to support its headquarters and replenish the endowment has raised \$435,000, aided by local businesses and families. An updated website will launch soon, enhancing community engagement and offering a free hat or T-shirt to new monthly donors contributing \$15 or more through Sept. 1.

"These milestones reflect the strength of community support and a shared commitment to conserving land in Dudley and Oxford," said Liza Moran, DCLT President. "We are grateful to the donors, volunteers, partners, and neighbors who helped make today's announcements possible."

In her address, Mrs. Matys reflected on the Franciscan Jubilee Year, commemorating 800 years since the passing of St. Francis of Assisi, and encouraged students to follow his example by living with humility, courage, and a deep love for God's creation.

She reminded graduates that true peace is not simply a feeling but a way of life.

Quoting Pope Leo XIV, she shared, "Peace is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain proclamation of Christ's victory over death." She challenged students to become peacemakers in their communities by making choices rooted in kindness, compassion, and faith.

Local student named to Marquette University's spring Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Gavin Cedrone of Auburn has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2026 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 8,000 undergraduate and 3,700 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

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Chaffee Elementary offers Kindergarteners summer learning backpacks



Courtesy Tara Koziak, Chaffee's Principal, and Dendra Bodreau, Kindergarten Lead Teacher, show off the new summer learning backpacks.

OXFORD — Chaffee Elementary School is preparing to welcome its newest scholars as it hosts its annual Kindergarten screening program from June 14–17. Families of children who will turn five years old before Sept. 1 are invited to participate in the screening process, an important first step in preparing students for a successful start to their educational journey.

This year, Oxford Public Schools is adding an exciting new component to the Kindergarten screening experience. Every incoming kindergarten student will receive a mini-backpack filled with school supplies and learning materials designed to support summer learning and help ease the transition into school this fall.

The backpacks include a variety of age-appropriate supplies such as a whiteboard and marker, crayons, scissors, playdough, math games, activity packets, and other educational resources. Families will also find games and activities they can enjoy together throughout the summer, helping children build important academic and social skills while having fun.

The initiative was launched through the efforts of Chaffee Elementary Principal Tara Koziak, who worked closely with the school's PTO to help fund the backpacks and supplies.

"We wanted to provide families with tools they can use at home to help children feel excited and confident about starting Kindergarten," said Koziak. "Learning can happen through play, and these resources will help make that possible all summer long."

A special thank you goes to Amy Winkleman for her help assembling the backpacks and preparing the materials for distribution. Appreciation is also extended to the Chaffee Kindergarten team, whose dedication and hard work make the screening process a positive and welcoming experience for families.

As the school year comes to a close, Chaffee Elementary looks forward to meeting its newest students and helping them begin their educational journey.

School leaders hope the backpacks will inspire plenty of "playing school" throughout the summer and build excitement for the first day of Kindergarten.

Oxford Public Schools wishes all incoming kindergarteners a summer filled with learning, exploration, and fun as they prepare for an exciting year ahead.

Park Avenue Faculty Spotlight



Courtesy Leslie Pietz and Kyle Kreidler posing for a picture outside Mr. Aronian's office

WEBSTER — Each year, Park Avenue is filled with remarkable student learning—made possible by the dedication, creativity, support, and, most importantly, the hope carried by the extraordinary staff in our school community. This week, we are proud to highlight two more exceptional members of our PAE team: Leslie Pietz and Kyle Kreidler, Physical Education Teachers. Together, they help create a positive, active, and engaging environment for students while demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the Park Avenue community.

Leslie Pietz, Physical Education Teacher, is a fantastic educator who brings organization, creativity, and passion to everything she does. She is a wonderful planner who thoughtfully designs lessons and activities that keep students engaged while helping them develop important skills and confidence. She is constantly looking for ways to bring out the very best in her students, encouraging them to challenge themselves and reach their full potential. Leslie pours her heart, energy, and effort into Park Avenue and is always

focused on creating meaningful experiences for children.

As one colleague shared, "Leslie is someone we can always count on. Her preparation, positivity, and commitment to students make her a true leader, and the kids absolutely love being in her class."

Thank you, Leslie, for your dedication.

Kyle Kreidler, Physical Education Teacher, may be new to Park Avenue this year, but you would never know it. He has quickly become an important part of our school community through his enthusiasm, positivity, and ability to connect with students. He brings a tremendous amount of fun and energy to his classes, creating an environment where students are excited to participate and learn. He has

embraced the Park Avenue community from day one and consistently gives his all to support students and staff. His ability to build relationships with children in such a short time has been remarkable.

As one colleague noted, "Kyle has fit right into our school family. The students love his energy and sense of fun, and he has a special way of making every child feel included and excited to participate."

Thank you, Kyle, for your dedication.

We would also be remiss if we did not recognize Leslie and Kyle for their tremendous efforts in planning and facilitating Park Avenue's annual Field Day. This special event is one of the highlights of the school year for our students and requires countless hours of preparation, organization, and teamwork. Through their hard work and dedication, Leslie and Kyle create a fun, safe, and memorable experience for every child at Park Avenue. Their commitment to making Field Day a success reflects the care they have for our students and the pride they take in our school community. Thank you both for helping create memories that our students will cherish for years to come.

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LEGALS

Request for Proposals

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Electrical Contractors:

Knob and Tube Wiring inspection and mitigation, bath fan/whole house fan installation.

To obtain a procurement package, please contact the Energy Department at Worcester Community Action Council, Inc., 18 Chestnut Street, Worcester MA 01608-1810. Inquiries may be made by calling Elizabeth C. at (508) 754.1176 x 116.

Completed packages must be received at WCAC Inc., no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30th, 2026.

This advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals.

Small, women, and minority owned businesses and individuals are encouraged to apply.

WCAC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

Marybeth Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, WCAC

June 5, 2026

June 12, 2026

June 19, 2026

TOWN OF WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Basin Improvement Project – Phase II" will be received by the Town Administrator's Office at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 until 2:00 p.m. local time on July 30, 2026 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have an outer envelope marked as "Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Basin Improvement Project – Phase II." Sealed Bids from Subcontractors addressed as referenced above will be received by the Town Administrator's Office at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570, until 2:00 p.m. on July 16, 2026 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Sub-Bids with the required Bid deposit will be received for the following items of work:

Subtrades

Miscellaneous Metals and Ornamental Iron Electrical Work

The work consists of upgrades to the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility including aeration blower replacements, upgrades to the fine bubble diffuser system, installation of a nitrate removal system including pumps, piping and mixers, slide gates, aeration tank structural modifications and repairs, controls, electrical improvements, and HVAC improvements. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A - 44J inclusive as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "Sewage and Water Treatment Plants". The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the Filed Sub-Bidders shall be for the category of Work for which they are submitting a bid.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference will be held at Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 38 Hill Street, Webster, MA 01570 on July 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

TOWN OF WEBSTER,
MASSACHUSETTS

June 19, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 8 Day Lane, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bruce Fortin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc., and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust**, said mortgage dated February 15, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40680, Page 85, as affected by a Judgment dated June 27, 2019 and recorded at said Registry in Book 60655, Page 248; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment dated March 11, 2008 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 42569, Page 373 as affected by a Confirmatory Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated February 23, 2009 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 43917, Page 362; said mortgage was assigned from Federal National Mortgage Association to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment dated July 19, 2010 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 46062, Page 240; said mortgage was assigned from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Federal National Mortgage Association by void foreclosure deed dated April 30, 2012 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48983, Page 289; said mortgage was assigned from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated March 15, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69252, Page 92; said mortgage was assigned from Federal National Mortgage Association to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated April 14, 2026 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 73457, Page 63; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on July 9, 2026 at 09:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Exhibit A

A certain tract of land, together with the buildings thereon and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Webster, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more particularly described in a deed dated May 25, 2006 and recorded on December 21, 2006 at the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 40384, Page 334.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated February 15, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40680, Page 83.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
June 5, 2026
June 12, 2026
June 19, 2026

Notice is hereby given by: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St, Dudley, MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on June 26, 2026 at 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St, Dudley, MA 01571, the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles:

Description of vehicles:

Vehicle: 2001 Nissan Pathfinder VIN# JN8DR07X31W503163 Owner: Pedro Ponce Cirilo 813 Locust St Fall River MA 02720 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c.225, Section 39 A

June 5, 2026

June 12, 2026

June 19, 2026

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 001899 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Michael Bhatti

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):

Guild Mortgage Company LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 6 Wall Street, given by Michael Bhatti to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, dated June 15, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67753, Page 241, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before July 27, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on June 11, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

June 19, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

9 Birch Dr, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Cynthia M. Bourbeau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, an Arizona Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated June 22, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 41372, Page 162, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee to Aurora Loan Services LLC recorded October 22, 2009 in Book 44995 at Page 213, the mortgage was assigned to Aurora Loan Services LLC, by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its Attorney-in-Fact to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded October 21, 2013 in Book 51649 at Page 98, the mortgage was assigned from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-8, recorded April 11, 2025 in Book 71844 at page 149 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction on July 21, 2026 at 2:00PM local time upon the premises 9 Birch Dr, Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED IN WEBSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A RAILROAD SPIKE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF BIRCH DRIVE AT THE

NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; SAID SPIKE BEING THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LAND OWNED BY IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG;

THENCE N. 88 DEG. 16' 13" E. ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF BIRCH DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 72.46 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE;

THENCE: S. 22 DEG. 07' 52" W. ALONG LAND OF JOHN JOHNSON AND DONNA A. JOHNSON FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.27 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: IN A GENERAL WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG LAND OF MARY DOW AND THE FORMER EDGE OF A SWAMP FOR A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET MORE OR LESS TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 52 DEG. 16' 46" E. ALONG LAND OF IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG FOR A DISTANCE OF 36.10 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: S. 54 DEG. 00' 45" E. ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PARCEL B FOR A DISTANCE OF 14.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 35 DEG. 59' 15" E. ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF PARCEL B FOR A DISTANCE OF 49.56 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 52 DEG. 16' 46" E. ALONG LAND OF IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG FOR A DISTANCE OF 29.01 FEET TO THE RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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BEING A PORTION OF THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO LEO A. BOURBEAU AND CYNTHIA M. BOURBEAU BY FOUR DEEDS RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 7670, PAGES 259, 261, 263 AND 264.

SAID PREMISES ARE SHOWN AS PARCEL A ON PLAN OF ALBERT L. FITZBACK, R.L.S. DATED DECEMBER 16, 1982 AND RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 503, PLAN 80.

The premises are to be sold and conveyed "as is" subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, improvements, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer liens, municipal liens and assessments, and any other encumbrances of record which are in force and applicable having priority over said mortgage whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, encumbrances is made in the deed and will be subject to any rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order at the time and place of sale will be required to be Paid by the purchaser in the form of certified funds at the time and place of sale.

The Deposit shall be forfeited to the mortgagee if the successful bidder does not comply strictly with the terms of the Memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified funds to Albertelli Law, 5404 Cypress Center Dr., Ste 300, Tampa, FL 33609. A deed will be provided to the purchaser for recording upon receipt of the full purchase price. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. By order of the present holder of said Mortgage which hereby gives notice of its intention to bid as said sale or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-8, Present Holder of said Mortgage

By Its Attorney, Patrick D. Beaton, Esq.

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GRADUATION

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erful message about compassion and community. White challenged his fellow graduates to support their neighbors rather than judge them and urged everyone to remain mindful of the people around them as they move forward into the next chapter of their lives.

The final student address was delivered by Valedictorian Cassidy Burke. Speaking about gratitude and humility, Burke reflected on the impact the Class of 2026 has had on Oxford High School and the greater community. She reminded her classmates that through their actions, leadership, and relationships, they have left both their school and community

better than they found them. Oxford High School Principal Rebecca Czernicki then addressed the graduating class. Noting that she began her journey at Oxford High School alongside the students when they entered as freshmen, she reflected on the remarkable growth she had witnessed over the past four years. Czernicki praised the graduates for the positive impact they have made on the school community and expressed her gratitude and pride in knowing that each graduate was prepared for future success.

Class Advisor Emily Reimer continued the ceremony by reading the beloved "Tradition of the Rose," a meaningful Oxford High School graduation tradition that celebrates the support and sacrifices

of loved ones throughout a student's educational journey.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Lucas offered his congratulations and best wishes to the graduates before formally certifying the Class of 2026.

The highlight of the evening followed as members of the School Committee, Principal Czernicki, and Superintendent Lucas congratulated each graduate individually. As names were announced by Dean of Students PJ Boggio, graduates proudly crossed the stage to receive their diplomas and celebrate the culmination of years of hard work and dedication.

Adding a special personal touch to the ceremony, two graduates who were children of School Committee members had the unique

opportunity to receive their diplomas directly from their parents. In addition, two Oxford Public Schools staff members were invited to the stage to present diplomas to their graduating children, creating unforgettable moments for families and attendees alike.

As the final diploma was awarded and the Class of

2026 was officially declared graduates, excitement filled the air. The ceremony concluded with the traditional tossing of graduation caps, followed by embraces, photographs, and celebrations shared among family members, friends, teachers, and classmates.

The Oxford High School Class of 2026 leaves behind

a legacy of leadership, compassion, perseverance, and community spirit. As they embark on new journeys, they carry with them the lessons, memories, and relationships forged during their time in Oxford Public Schools.

Congratulations to the Oxford High School Class of 2026.

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 26 SM 001696 Date Filed: 6/9/2026 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Linda Ann Mackowiak and Trisha M. Champney and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-RPL1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, 10 Rocky Road, given by Linda Ann Mackowiak and Trisha M. Champney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated February 22, 2005, and recorded or filed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry

of Deeds in Book 35779, Page 241, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 7/27/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 6/9/2026. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder. June 19, 2026



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OBITUARIES

Jean A. Williams, 101



Jean A. (Cypher) Williams - 101 of Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton, MA, previously of Healy Road, Dudley, died peacefully on Monday, June 1, 2026. Her husband of 55 years, Arthur

D Williams, died in 2000. She leaves a son, Richard Williams and wife Pamela (Robertson) of Dudley, a daughter, Jane and her husband Philip Rutledge of Webster, and a daughter-in-law Louise (Croteau) Williams of Dudley, MA. She leaves six grandchildren; Laurie and her husband Steven Schwartz, of Andover, MA, Debra and her husband Damon Styer of San Francisco, CA, Richard Williams and his wife Christina (Herzog) of Chantilly, VA, Kelly and her husband Eyer Santos of Aldie, Virginia, Matthew Williams and his partner Megan Lenhart, of Arvada, CO and Holly and her husband Brian Klee of Chantilly, VA. She also leaves four great-grandchildren, Brian Hubbard and his wife Lizzie (Raabe) of Toronto, OH, Valerie and her husband Zach Maskiell of Weare, NH, Kevin Williams of Chantilly, VA and Holden Klee of Chantilly, VA. She also leaves two great-great grandchildren, James and John Hubbard of Toronto, OH and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Brian Williams formerly of Dudley, a brother, George Cypher and a sister, Barbara (Cypher) Morey, both of whom had lived in Homestead, FL. Jean was born on December 19, 1924 in Worcester, MA, daughter of George and Mary (Weeks) Cypher. Her family moved to Oxford, MA before her first birthday where she lived until her marriage to Arthur Williams in 1945. She graduated from Oxford High School. When her children were young, she was a leader in Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts and helped in Boy Scouts. Once her children were older, she went back to school and attended the David Hall Fanning School of Nursing in Worcester and became a Licensed Practical Nurse.

She worked as a nurse at both Harrington Memorial Hospital and Heald Machine Co, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Dudley for almost 80 years where she and Art served a number of terms as Deacons. She served on many committees to include the pastoral search committee and as a mentor for new confirmands. She was the past president of the Ladies Benevolent Society. In 1991 when the church needed a fundraiser for an addition to the church, she started having church suppers open to the public which were very successful and continued to work on them for the next 15 years. The church continues to have those suppers. She was a 60-year member of the Dudley Grange #163 and worked at the Strawberry Festival from when they began until she moved to Overlook. She was a Charter Member of the Black Tavern Historical Society and held a number of positions there. She loved to travel and did so all over the world. She and Art enjoyed spending every summer for over 35 years at their camp on Pierpont Pond in Charlton, MA. She moved to the Overlook in 2007 and when she arrived, she continued to be active. In her over 19 years there, she was part of the scholarship committee; she was a floor representative and also delivered the newspapers to residents. For a number of years she took charge of baking for the Craft Fair, where the money made went toward scholarships for the employees' families. One year alone her committee baked 50 pies, 42 assorted sweet beads, 61 bags of cookies and 37 bags of candy. She enjoyed cooking and baking, but most of all, she enjoyed her beloved family. Services will be held at the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd., Dudley, MA on August 22, 2026 at 11:00. Calling hours are at 10:00. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be directed toward the Tiffany 300 campaign at the First Congregational Church of Dudley, to be used to restore the churches Tiffany-stained glass windows. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Marjorie Sanford, 83



Marjorie Sanford Passed away Saturday May 30, 2026 at the age of 83.

Marjorie was born in Charlton Ma to Donald and Arlene Burlingame. She lived her life in the surrounding towns until

2009 when she moved to New Port Richey FL.

Life was not easy for Margie. She was a single Mom and worked many jobs over the years to provide for her family.

Her most enjoyable was at Superior Cake where she would bring home chocolate eclairs for her family to enjoy.

She moved on helping the world to see at Gentex Optics until 1998. She always wished she could work, never quite enjoying her retirement to the fullest.

Marjorie would never ask for help but was the first one to offer it when needed.

Summer months you would find her with her toes in the sand and the sun on her face surrounded by friends and loved ones. Everyone has a memory of being at the Beach with her. Some of the best days were spent at East Matunuck in RI or Lake Chagogagoggmanchaugaugagoggchaubunagungamaugg in Webster MA.

She loved smelling the flowers and smoking her too. She was amazed on her first trip to a dispensary and her second and

her third. Then she had to go home, that was a very sad day for her.

She loved music, Country and classic being her favorites. She was no stranger to the dance floor.

She loved decorating for the holidays and singing Christmas carols.

Margie loved going out to eat but also enjoyed cooking, preparing everyone's favorites. She made the BEST fudge, Apple pie, and the family's traditional baked bean recipe.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society and enjoyed many afternoon lunches with the ladies.

She leaves many loved ones behind brokenhearted. Her Husband of 31 years Kenneth Sanford, their fur baby Benny. A Son Kevin Kozlowski and his wife Carmella. A daughter Holly Slauenwhite and her husband Jason. A Stepdaughter Kim Walker. Nine grandchildren Tonya, Kyle, Kayla, Jenson, Caza, Kenzie, Brandie, Megan, Brendan and 7 great grandchildren. Two Sisters Joan Cobb, Amy Catron and her husband William. Many Nieces and Nephews.

She lost many loved ones in her life. Her son Scott Kozlowski, Two step-sons Kenny and Kyle Sanford, Four brothers Kenny, Donald, Earl, Douglas & two sisters Dolly and Dolores.

Margie was treasured, and will be missed by all.

Services will be private.

David Hewey, 75

David Hewey, age 75, of Dudley died Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at UMass Memorial HealthCare of Worcester, after a long illness. David was born September 16, 1950 in Lancaster NH. He is the son of the late Llewellyn and the late Louise (Reid) Hewey.

He is survived by two brothers: Allen Scott Hewey and his wife Sue Hewey of Dudley, MA and Lewis Hewey and his wife Julie Hewey of Dudley, MA. Several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his circle of friends at Sinnis .

He graduated from Worcester Vocational Trade School and enjoyed a career as a Machinist.

He was employed Machinist for many years at Tristar plastics and later. by Morando Trucking in Grafton.

A Celebration Of Life will be Thursday July 9th from 6 to 8 pm at Sinni's Pub 6 Chase Ave Dudley. Bartel Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, David's on line guest book is at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Loretta Taylor-Bolduc, 93



Loretta Taylor-Bolduc, 93, died June 10, 2026 in Millbury, MA. Born on June 26, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY, Loretta was the daughter of the late James and Loretta (Walsh) Taylor.

Loretta grew up in Queens, NY, where she attended St. Mary Magdalene School. She raised her family in Webster, MA, and was later a resident of Thompson, CT before returning to Webster. She was a parishioner of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church for over six decades.

Loretta worked for many years as a department store clerk in several stores, including Keys and Walmart. She enjoyed crocheting, dancing and singing, puzzles, word games, and reading; she was a member of the Red Hat Society for a number of years.

Loretta is survived by her children: Loretta Millette (Gerald) of Dudley, MA; Laura Sweeney (Randall) of Brockton, MA; Clifford Schulze (Sharon) of Bristol, CT; Stephen Schulze (Donna) of Webster, MA; and Mark Schulze (Colleen) of

Dudley, MA; her grandchildren: Loretta, Thomas, Melissa, Carrie, Patrick, Gerald, James, Catherine, and Christina; twenty great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Loretta was predeceased by her husbands, Clifford C. Schulze and Harold Bolduc; her parents, James and Loretta Taylor; her brothers, Ronald and Robert Taylor; her grandson, Adam Schulze; and her daughter-in-law, Susan (Pyart) Schulze.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staffs at Christopher Heights, Harrington Hospital ICU, and CareOne of Millbury for their compassionate care of Loretta during her final days.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 from 4-7 pm at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, 14 Lake St., Webster, MA. Burial will be at a later date at St. Joseph's Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at stjude.org. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Shirley E. (Beal) Giakoumis 1930 – 2026



Shirley E. (Beal) Giakoumis, age 95, beloved wife of the late Frank P. Giakoumis, died on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Webster Manor after a long battle with dementia.

Shirley was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Walter S. and Thelma (Nason) Beal. She moved to Webster in 1949, where she raised her family. Shirley worked at N & J Donuts in Oxford, Massachusetts for more than 20 years.

Shirley enjoyed crocheting, especially baby blankets for Project Linus. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Webster and was a member of the Golden Bees, who make sleeping bags for the homeless. She loved to play cards, Yahtzee, and beat everyone at Scrabble. Shirley also never turned down an opportunity to go to the casino.

Shirley is survived by a daughter, Tina Giakoumis and her husband Jeff Turner of Walpole, NH; by a grandson, Marvin

Anderson and his wife Tracey Cosgrove of Dearborn, MI; the sister of her heart Joann Ligue of O'Fallon, MO, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughters, Nancy Giakoumis, Sheila Giakoumis, and Arlene Anderson, and by her son, Dennis Giakoumis. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Donald Beal and David Beal, and by her sisters, Marion Atwell and Pauline Re.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 10th at 11:30 am in Mount Zion Cemetery, Webster, MA. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or to DAV - Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Two charities that were very close to Shirley's heart.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home & Cremation, 48 School Street, Webster, has been entrusted with Shirley's arrangements. A memorial guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com or on our Facebook page: Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home.

Tina M. Cheever, 54



DUDLEY - Tina M. Cheever, 54, of Southbridge Road, died peacefully yet unexpectedly in her sleep, on Monday, June 8, 2026, in her home.

She is survived by her husband, David P. King; three children, Amanda F. Adair and her husband Joseph of Eastford, CT, Jackie E. Cheever of Oxford, and Brandon M. King of Barnstable; her mother, Gale Smith of Clearwater, FL; her father, Francis Cheever and his wife Nancy of Oxford; two sisters, Gale Strzelewicz and her husband Michael of Oxford, and Valerie Pelitier and her husband Christopher of Danielson, CT; three grandchildren, Gian, Braxton,

and Jaelyn; and four nieces and nephews, Ashley, Cody, Nick, and Makayla.

She was born in Brooksville, FL, and lived most of her life in Oxford before moving to Dudley in 2021.

Ms. Cheever was a dispatcher at Amazon in Worcester for four years. Previously, she worked as a certified nurse's aide - a job which she truly loved. Her grandchildren meant everything to her and spending time with them was the most important thing in her life.

Memorial calling hours are Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A Mass intention will be offered at St. Roch's Church in Oxford at the 8:30 a.m. weekday Mass on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

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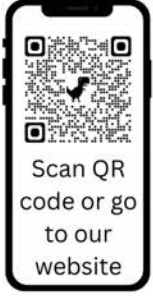
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Seniors celebrate summer at Sheriff's annual Senior Picnic



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This year, Mary Toomey, Jane Van Winkle (Pictured), and Sharon Lapointe, Auburn residents, were the lucky recipients of a raffle prize from the Sheriff's Office.

SHREWSBURY — Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, and the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association (WCRDSA) successfully hosted the annual Sheriff's Senior Picnic on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at SAC Park in Shrewsbury. The free drive-thru event welcomed one thousand seniors from across Worcester County, providing a festive kickoff to the summer season.

Seniors received BBQ boxed lunches, goodie bags, raffle prizes, and giveaways while enjoying music and greetings from Sheriff Evangelidis, members of the Sheriff's Office, volunteers, and dozens of community partners.

"The Senior Picnic continues to be one of our most anticipated community events, and this year's turnout and attendee enthusiasm were outstanding," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "It was a pleasure to spend time with seniors from across Worcester County, share conversations, and celebrate the many contribu-

tions they have made to our communities."

Evangelidis emphasized that it is the dedicated group of volunteers who make this event possible year after year.

The Sheriff's Office expressed its gratitude to the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association and the many community sponsors and partners whose support helped make the event possible, including, The Overlook, Table Talk Pies, Mercadante Funeral Home, Massachusetts State Lottery, Interstate Specialty Products, Chick-fil-A Worcester, Chick-fil-A Westborough, Automatic Rolls of New England, Pamela Massad in memory of David and Bette Massad, Commerce Associates & The Krock Family, The Cliff and Susan Rucker Foundation, Diamond Auto

Group, KAL Construction, Falcone Enterprises, Imperial Cars, NEPBA Local 550, and The Gun Parlor.

This year's drive-thru vendors included Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation, Audiology Associates of Worcester, St. Francis Nursing and Rehabilitation, Guardian Angel Senior Services, District Attorney Joseph Early's Office, CareOne at Millbury, Worcester Red Sox, Rockland Trust Bank, Centro, Senior Connection, Heart to Home Meals, Family Services of Central Massachusetts, Elder Services of Worcester Area, and MassEDP.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing this tradition and welcoming seniors back for next year's picnic.

Lindsey Remillard named to Champlain College Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Lindsey Remillard of Oxford was named to the Champlain College Online Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Remillard is currently majoring in Marketing.

Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a residential undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain. Additionally, Champlain College Online provides an expansive portfolio of online degrees and certificates, reaching students across all 50 states and U.S. territories, while fostering strategic partnerships with forward-thinking workforce organizations. The College is known for its distinctive and innovative approach to career-focused education and its Upside-Down Curriculum, which helps students be ready for work, ready for life, and ready to make a difference. Champlain is ranked as one of the "Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report for 2025, and was named one of the "Best 390 Colleges" by The Princeton Review for 2025, including among its "Best Northeastern colleges." For more information, visit www.champlain.edu.

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