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It's official: You're WMHS graduates



DURING SATURDAY morning's commencement exercise for the Class of 2025, Adeline Moon (left photo) and Sarah Marsh received diplomas. Afterwards, class advisor Andrea Keogh adjusted the tassel on Adeline's cap and Sarah's was adjusted by class advisor Caleigh Bryson. The adjustment makes graduation official. (Mark Sardella Photos)

Input sought on Lake structures

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield Town Council has received a proposal for the installation of two chess/checkers picnic tables to be located at the Spaulding Street Playground off the Lower Common.

In accordance with the Town's Bench and Structure Policy, there will be a 30-day public comment period ending on July 9, 2025.

Community members are encouraged to review the proposal and submit their comments.

To ensure your feedback is included in the discussion at the July 14, 2025, Town Council meeting, please email your comments to Sherri Dalton, Chief Administrative Officer at sdalton@wakefield.ma.us by July 9, 2025.

The town thanks you for your participation in this important community initiative.

No sampling beer or wine at Farmers Market

By MARK SARDELLA

WAKEFIELD – Beer and wine vendors will not be allowed to give out samples during the 2025 Wakefield Farmers Market season, which opens this Saturday, June 14. After discussing the matter last night, the Town

Council voted 4-2 against allowing sampling of alcoholic beverages at the Farmers Market.

The board did vote unanimously to allow a new beer vendor at this year's market, "Time and Materials Beer" of Reading. Owner Brian Shirley said that

his application for a permit to sell at the Farmers Market was not contingent on sampling, although he said that he would welcome the ability to offer samples if allowed.

The Town Council first voted to grant Time and Materials

Beer a permit to sell its product before taking up the issue of whether alcohol vendors would be allowed to offer samples at the Farmers Market. It was noted that in 2023, the Town Council

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June is Pride Month

WAKEFIELD — On Monday, June 2, our community gathered for the Wakefield Human Rights Commission's commemoration of Pride Month at the Americal Civic Center. It was a moving event that was well attended by a supportive crowd of community members

from Wakefield and neighboring towns.

Jess Sutich, HRC Commissioner provided the welcome with a focus on kindness and building community. After the traditional Land Acknowledgment was read by Jill Dymant, HRC Vice Chair and Stacey

Constas, Town Councilor and new WHRC liaison kicked off an impressive and inspirational lineup. Voices of Steel, the Wakefield High School a cappella group performed "Come Go with Me". This musical interlude was followed by remarks from Adam Kaplo-

wicz, NAGLY; Mehreen Butt, Town Chair; and Jenn Garber, SpeakOut. Voices of Steel then performed "I Can See Clearly Now" followed by motivational words from Senator Jason Lewis and Rev. Brett R. John-

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Happy 80th Birthday
Richard Coleman!



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Looking Backward

By KRISTEN HENSHAW

JUNE 8, 1965

Sixty years ago, June 8th was a Tuesday. It was cloudy, hot and humid. The Item's ten pages cost eight cents.

Superior Court Justice David A. Rose had found in favor of the town as a result of a suit brought by Durbury Realty Trust (DRT) at 237 Albion st., regarding the construction of a building on Tuttle st., south of the old railroad depot and for which a cellar foundation has been constructed.

Town Counsel Francis C. McGrath, Jr., received the court's decree yesterday, in which Judge Rose heard the appeal of DRT as the result of a decision of the Wakefield Board of Appeals, which prevented construction of the building.

The Appeals Board denied DRT's appeal from the refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a building permit because of the lack of parking facilities on the building lot. The proposed building was to house a store and offices.

John E. Durant is trustee of DRT, which acquired the railroad property in 1959 and 1960. When asked if he intended to appeal the decision, he had made no decision, he told the Item re-



Bertram A. Hudson

BERTRAM A. HUDSON, veteran member of the town's Finance Committee, was appointed administrative assistant to the DPW, director Richard C. Boutiette announced.

porter.

Crystal Lake, according to DPW Water Superintendent Matthew P. Curran, is just 13 inches below the high water mark. MDC has agreed to Wakefield's request for millions of gallons of water before June 15, in preparation for the upcoming peak demand of the summer months.

DPW Director Richard C. Boutiette predicts that by June 15, Crystal Lake will be full to the brim and ready for summer demands on the town's water supply.

Homeowners have been asked to water their gardens and lawns at night, so that water pressure is adequate during the day for Wakefield's citizens. Watering at night also conserves water; during the day, when the sun is out and the air is very warm, water is lost to evaporation.

Bertram A. Hudson, veteran member of the town's Finance Committee, has been appointed administrative assistant to the DPW, Director Richard C. Boutiette announced today.

Director Boutiette said that his new assistant will be in charge of all purchasing in the department, as well as coordinating many of the DPW activities.

Mr. Hudson has a BBA degree with a major in accounting Northeastern University, where he later earned a master's degree in Business Administration. He



JOHN MALATESTA, 35, Eunice Circle, was among the 2,500 Northeastern University (NU) students who received degrees on June 1965. John, who dropped out of Malden High and fought in Korea, earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Management.

is active in local civic and social organizations, and has served on various committees over the years.

He is married to the former Betty Luciano, and they have three children.

In 1960 he was honored for his more than 20 years of service in the Accounting Dept. of Esso Standard Division of Humble Oil and refining Company.

The WSSC's 4th of July Celebration's Fund-raising Committee volunteers will be canvassing for donations in the early evening; the weather has been so agreeable on recent weekends, very few people were at home to answer the door and make a donation.

A 14-year-old boy from Stoneham received a bad cut on his foot when he stepped on glass at the public bathing beach off Spaulding st. yesterday afternoon. Paul Alabiso was taken by police cruiser to the Winchester Hospital for treatment.

THE ITEM HEARS...that one of the noisiest crowds of young people seen in recent weeks in front of the Beebe Library "took over" last Friday about 4:00 and made it rather rough for pedestrians...that Keven Wood, 23 months, of Chapman rd. and Donald Patton, 4, of Lynnfield, were both bitten about the face by dogs over the weekend, according to police reports...that Motorcycle Officer James W.



TROUBLES CONTINUED to brew with no peace in sight in South-east Asia.

Foley cleaned up a number of broken bottles on the Cooper st. Bridge in Greenwood on Saturday afternoon...that Police Chief J. Merritt Wenzel advises the public not to swim in the so-called Hathaway's Pit off Rte.128 at the Lynnfield line, as the shores are littered with broken bottles and rusted cans, most of which are under water. Several serious cuts were received by swimmers over the weekend...that Bradford Mulhern of Stedman st. found a number of Indian Head pennies near the railroad depot on Tuttle st. Friday, and is holding them for the owner, he informed police...that Patrolman Robert Malonson apprehended a 17-year-old boy for destroying shrubs owned by the A&P early Sunday morning. Restitution will be made.

Littering is a problem, and the Commissioner of Public Safety Richard R. Capies announced today that the State Police will be doing something about it.

The Mass. State Police has stepped up its enforcement campaign of those who throw trash on the highways or dump household rubbish in roadside trash containers.

During the Memorial Day weekend on Cape Cod, State Police filed complaints against 15 people who were caught dumping their household rubbish in highway trash containers.

Statewide, the fine for littering in 1965 was \$25 [\$343 today].

JUNE 9, 1965

Sixty years ago, June 9th was a Wednesday. It was cloudy,

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THE CABIN WAS open for summer weekend camping and these local Girl Scouts in Troop 447 took full advantage.

The end of year is near at Wakefield Memorial High

WAKEFIELD — *The following was sent to Wakefield Memorial High families by Principal Amy McLeod. Some editing of internet links may be necessary.*

We had a great week celebrating our Seniors — from Awards Night all the way through to Graduation. Thank you to the many people who pitched in to make it a successful and fun week for everyone. The Class of 2025 was truly a special group of students who will leave their legacy at WMHS. We will miss them greatly and wish them the best of luck in their next endeavors.

Before sharing a few last updates for the year, I'd like to thank everyone — teachers, staff, students, and families — for working together to make it such a great year. It's been a busy year with a NEASC visit and the continued construction on the new building, but these are all exciting steps in our work forward as we continue to grow and evolve as a learning community. I hope that you all take some time this summer to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy the time with family and friends.

The building will be open daily during the summer - and close at noon on Fridays - so please contact the main office if you need anything. We will look forward to greeting students back to school on September 2, 2025. We will be in touch later this summer with information to prepare for the 25-26 school year.

As a last note, I'd like to recognize and thank some of our faculty members who will be moving on from WMHS this year:

- Suzanne Burns, Adjustment Counselor
- John Deluca, Special Educator
- Paula Guttadauro, Social Studies teacher
- Simon Kigwana, Math teacher
- Sarah Weisenborn, ELL teacher
- Susan Molinari, Special Education ISP

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

— Thursday (6/12) Last Day of classes - modified schedule



WMHS PRINCIPAL AMY McLEOD addresses the Class of 2025.

(Mark Sardella Photo)

— Fri (6/13) - Wed (6/18) Final Assessments

— Friday (6/27) Final Report Cards posted

SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICES

If your student has a school-issued laptop, please have them return it to the main office OR please make sure it is kept safely over the summer so that it comes back to school with your student in excellent, usable condition next year.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Youth Council, in collaboration with the Environmental Sustainability Committee, is organizing a school supplies drive to collect gently used supplies. Instead of throwing out old crayons, binders, and school supplies, donate them! This will help support our classrooms, enrich our students' educations, and make our town a greener place to live. Collection boxes are located in the main office lobby. Feel free to reach out to Youth Council member Ellie Pritchard at

elliepritchard530@gmail.com with any questions.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

A reminder that the WMHS international trip to Italy and Greece taking place from April 15 to April 25, 2026. This unforgettable experience is open to all World Language students in the WMHS Classes of 2026 and 2027. The final registration is June 15, 2025. To register: Visit the website - passports.com and enter Tour ID: EMANZI2026. For any questions or additional details, please contact Erin Manzi at erin.manzi@wpsk12.org.

FINAL ASSESSMENTS (JUNE 13-18)

The June Final Assessment Schedule and information (for grades 9-11) is available online. Please note that students are required to be in attendance for all periods (except for ASCs) as teachers will be giving assessments OR facilitating closing activities during these blocks. Also, students who have a conflict with an as-

essment period and cannot be present must get prior approval from their Assistant Principal before an assessment can be rescheduled.

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Summer SAT Prep Course with Revolution Prep

Revolution Prep is offering a small group SAT prep course for WMHS students this summer:

- A live, online course taught by an expert, professional Revolution Prep tutor.
- Weekly parent progress video updates from the tutor and students.
- Full length practice exams as well as additional studying resources. For more details go to SAT Prep Course - Revolution Prep.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. All Principal's Updates are archived on the WMHS website here: <https://www.wpsk12.org/schools/wakefield-memorial-high-school>. Have a great summer!

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son, Rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church provided a heartfelt blessing. The flag was then raised and Voices of Steel concluded the event with a performance of "Symphony".

On the sidelines, participants could check out a WHRC table with various free Pride swag and candy and tables with informational materials about PFLAG, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

and NAGLY, North Shore Alliance for GLBTQ+ Youth.

The HRC thanks WCAT; the Americal Civic Center; the Wakefield Recreational Department; Town Administrator Steve Maio; the Town Council; School Committee; the Wakefield Police Department; Speak-Out; NAGLY; PFLAG; and Ana Morel, Director of Voice of Steel for their assistance and support in this even

Yesterday's Lottery Numbers

Daily: 2-3-8-3 • Evening: 0-9-2-3

Mass Cash: 1-12-26-32-35

Community Calendar...

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- Come to the Hartshorne House for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a beautiful, healthy meal created from the finest ingredients by the "Butter Ur Biscuit" food truck restaurant. Whether you want to "grab 'n' go" or relax and enjoy your meal at tables set up in our lovely gardens or inside the historic house, the breakfast continues a tradition established by the Hartshorne House Association in the 1930s. You can enjoy the meal even more, knowing that all proceeds go directly toward the maintenance and preservation of Wakefield's oldest public building!

- Opening Day for the award-winning Wakefield Farmers Market at Hall Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Organizers been hard at work preparing for another vibrant season filled with the local farms, food producers, artists and live music you know

and love. From crisp veggies and creamy cheeses to fresh seafood and small-batch baked goods, there's something for everyone. And yes, your favorite vendors are coming back with some exciting new faces too.

- State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian's her 4th annual Recycling & Sustainability Day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Wakefield Memorial High School. In partnership with the Wakefield Department of Public Works, Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department, and organizations local to the town, this one-day event is a unique hub that allows Wakefield residents to consciously clear clutter while making a difference and learning how to further their sustainability initiatives.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

The West Side Social Club's 4th of July Commit-

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Comments

Tough choices

For all the grief the state Legislature receives, lawmakers do important work and fund critical initiative. As the budget season moves on, we completely sympathize with what they are facing.

This comes from Sam Drysdale of the State House News Service.

We're 20 days out from the start of a new fiscal year, and "uncertainty" has become to 2025 what "unprecedented" was to 2020.

The question is, what will that mean for the state budget?

Both branches have passed their own versions of the fiscal 2026 spending plan, now shuttered in private negotiations led by House and Senate Ways and Means Chairs Aaron Michlewitz and Michael Rodrigues. The earliest budget that pairing has produced was in 2022, when it was signed only two weeks late on July 16.

But they've been budgeting on quicksand, as "uncertainty" heightens around President Donald Trump, a Republican-led Congress, and the "Big Beautiful Bill" that could cost the Bay State \$1 billion annually in Medicaid payments. Though the news shifts depending on the week, day, or hour.

Lawmakers are essentially sitting on a political hot potato.

They could wait it out. Michlewitz and Rodrigues have warned of uncertainty at every turn, and that cuts from Washington could undo much of their work from the past six months. If they want more control over how the budget ends up, they could wait to see what the U.S. Senate does with that "big, beautiful" bill and adjust accordingly. To do so, they'd have to wrangle their 198 colleagues to get in agreement behind them.

However, if they're expecting cuts, they may not want to be the ones holding the potato when it burns.

Michlewitz and Rodrigues might choose to speed up negotiations this year to complete a budget before the deadline and pass off the tough choices to Healey before news from Washington breaks.

Once Healey signs the budget, Rodrigues said a few weeks ago, the Legislature's role is "done."

If D.C. developments later reduce state revenue, the governor will have the power — and blame.



WAKEFIELD DAILY ITEM

FORUM

Expecting bad things on June 14

We're quickly moving towards Saturday, June 14th the date I expect that Mr. Trump will preempt his grand \$85 million military parade on his birthday in Washington, DC by announcing that he is invoking the Insurrection Act. That will make him our first dictator.

A few days ago, Mr. Trump usurped California Democratic Governor Newsom's power without even notifying him! The president activated and federalized the California National Guard. The president ordered the Guard to protect federal buildings from any destruction in Los Angeles which protesters are targeting. The unruly group is protesting the president's order about arresting, detaining, and deporting all undocumented aliens in the United States without due process.

Think about these circumstances in LA. What is the cause for the rioting? President Trump's actions are the cause! Then, think about this. Wannabe dictators have to create a problem, like the one in LA, so he can call it an insurrection. Governor Newsom and the LA Police do not consider it an insurrection although President Trump thinks differently so he put into effect the Insurrection

Act. See, the president will solve the problem he created plus it makes him dictator.

Mr. Trump has been following the 889-page how-to document of the Heritage Foundation 2025's Plan very closely to reach this point. The far-right Republicans want a strong-arm far-right Republican leader like Mr. Trump. They sincerely adore him. He can do no wrong... Well almost no wrong. But, what they are not expecting is this! They're not expecting that Mr. Trump will cross a very dangerous line by changing our republic into an authoritarian state with a dictator as its head by using the Insurrection Act! I firmly believe that Mr. Trump will make his move on June 14th because it fits his orchestrated agenda.

Take a look at Mr. Trump! Do you think he understands any of us? ... where we come from... what we've been through in our lives... He doesn't have a clue! He was brought up in a world much different than the common man and common woman. Mr. Trump hates our American spirit because he doesn't have any deep understanding of it. He sees it as a great flaw in most of us. Neither does he understand empathy. With his lack of these abilities, he views life much dif-

ferently than us. Every weekday, he causes another day of utter chaos at the White House. Then, he plays golf on the weekends at Mar-a-Lago. Mr. Trump is not like most of us. He thrives on chaos. He only understands money and power, and what he can buy with it. He doesn't understand dignity and respect. Mr. Trump wants to extinguish our light, our hope, and the love that carry in our hearts and offer to all who come to our shores wanting a better life for themselves and their families. Mr. Trump's existence is based on: causing constant chaos in other people's lives; seeking revenge; greedily preying on wealthy corporations in order to bilk them of their services and money by his power and force; and, hiding under a rock away from the light where we can not see his heart and being, and how it works. We don't really know the man. He doesn't show us his heart and his being. He is forever hiding it behind his hate. That is because his feelings towards us are not sincere. They are evil.

June 14th is the day that he will show us who he really is.

Respectfully,

Sam Stella

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Joyous occasion



EVERYONE ENJOYED themselves during the 2025 Grand March for Wakefield Memorial High seniors. It was sponsored by The Savings Bank and held before the prom.
(Ann Hadley Photo)

WFP: Help stock the town's Little Free Pantries

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield Food Pantry (WFP) is asking for the community to help stock the Little Free Pantries (LFP) located around the town. The LFP is a community-driven program where the WFP relies on Wakefield residents to stock the little pantries with nutritious, non-perishable foods for our neighbors in need. Donations can be made anytime to any location or you can sign up for various times and locations through the WFP's Sign Up Genius link at bit.ly/43mTHOu.

Suggested items include canned tuna, salmon, chicken or ham; peanut butter or other nut butters; nuts or trail mix; protein or cereal bars; canned or dried fruit; pasta, pasta sauce (in cartons or plastic jars), canned ravioli; mac & cheese, instant noodles; rice and other grains; canned beans, baked beans, dry beans; cereal, oatmeal; crackers, pretzels; soups, stews, broths, chili (cans or cartons); juice boxes, shelf-stable milk. *Please avoid items in glass containers and items that will melt in the sun, such as chocolate granola bars. Please do not donate open, expired or perishable food. Give what you would want to receive.

Our Little Free Pantries are located at First Baptist Church of Wakefield on 70 Common St.; Wakefield Town Hall, 1 Lafayette St.; Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 8 Grove St. back parking lot; The Wakefield Lynnfield United Methodist Church, 273 Vernon St. left side; and a new location First



THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES, like this one between Artichokes and the First Baptist Church, always need non-perishable food items.
(Frank Conte Photo)

Parish Congregational Church The Stone Church, Lake Ave.

Please feel free to take a picture of yourself filling the LFP and post on social media to spread the word! Tag the WFP @wakefieldfoodpantry.org.

Janis Mamayek, Marie Rej are 2025 Commonwealth Heroines

BOSTON — Each year, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and in their communities. The MCSW recently announced the full list of the Class of 2025 Commonwealth Heroines and their nominating legislators.

Wakefield residents Janis Mamayek and Marie Rej were nominated by State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian and are part of this year's Common-

wealth Heroines Class of 2025. The MCSW looks forward to honoring their incredible contributions to our state on June 26 in the Gardner Auditorium at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Elected officials were encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable efforts and extraordinary acts of service who are making a big difference in their communities but not necessarily making the news. This year, the Class of 2025 Commonwealth Heroines comprises of 125 women from across

the state, leaders in industry, business, nonprofit, advocacy and more. Their work truly makes a difference in our local communities all across the state.

The MCSW will be celebrating the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2025 on Thursday, June 26 at the Massachusetts Statehouse in the Gardner Auditorium. Opening remarks will be made by MCSW Chairwoman Mary-dith Tuitt followed by a special recognition of all honorees.

Retirees meet Wednesday

WAKEFIELD — The next meeting of the Retired Men and Women's Club of Wakefield will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m., but people gather as early as 8 a.m. for socializing.

Club meetings are now being held at the Masonic Hall, 370 Salem St., Wakefield.

The speaker this week is the club's Treasurer, Bob Curran.

Those who know Bob are aware of the interesting life he

has led. His history was very well told in the "Seniors to Seniors" series in the Wakefield Daily Item a few weeks ago. If you have not seen this, you are urged to find it online. You will be amazed at what this man has accomplished (and we have him right here among us)!

Bob will be speaking of his years spent in the Air Force, and more specifically, an event he participated in while on duty,

Men and women who are at least 60 years of age and who are wholly or partially retired are welcome to join the club. Living in Wakefield is not a requirement. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses and friends.

The meetings are held at the Masonic Hall, 370 Salem St. in Wakefield.

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The Dad I Remember . . .

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." MARK TWAIN

As June is Father's Day month, my thoughts drift back to all the vivid memories of my late Dad, Fred Rich.

He was a Wakefield native born in 1908 to recent Italian immigrants and grew up on Water Street. When I was 10 he acted as Master of Ceremonies at a Red Men's Marching Band reception honoring his boyhood friend, John Volpe. (He played baritone and to this day my eyes swell up when I hear a John Philip Sousa patriotic march on the Fourth of July.) I remember him saying with pride: "Son, shake hands with the next Governor of Massachusetts." That was in 1960.

So I now publicly confess to all my fellow Wakefieldians that yes, it's true; I once, and only once, supported a Republican!

My earliest memories of Dad were those of him teaching my six brothers and me how to box. He was a collegiate (Tufts University) / amateur pugilist and built a boxing ring for us in the barn out back of the family homestead at 1 Franklin St. where I still live. Those boxing skills paid off during my weekly bouts with my boyhood friends, Steve and Brian Murphy, and for the record, I never lost a fight!

Dad took me to the exhibition charity matches at Boston Garden and introduced me to some of the legends like Middleweight Champ Sugar Ray Robinson. I remember down and out, homeless former boxers asking him for money. He never gave them any saying most had become alcoholics and would only spend it on booze. But he always took them to a nearby restaurant and treated them to a hot meal. At his wake some of these same boxers showed me the watch Dad had given them during the Depression when he was a prize fighter.

Boxing, then, became a metaphor for life's greatest lesson and Dad would often quote his hero, Teddy Roosevelt, a fellow pugilist and true Progressive Republican:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and



shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

TEDDY ROOSEVELT
THE MAN IN THE ARENA

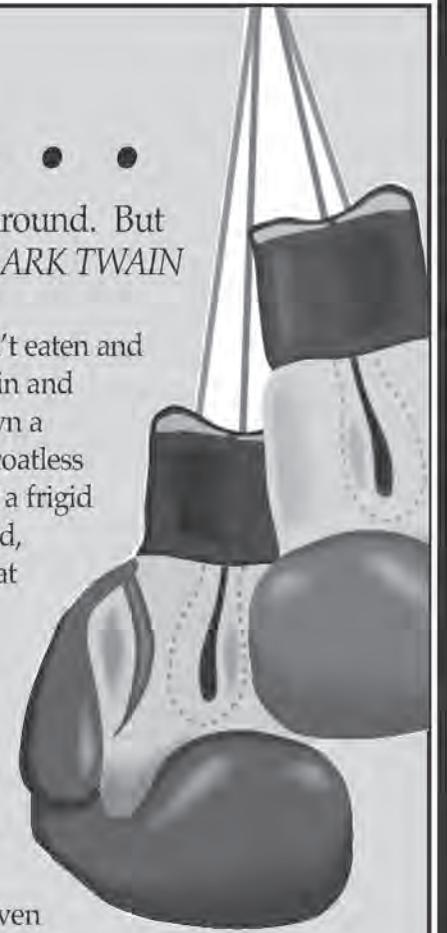
Excerpt from the speech "Citizenship In A Republic" delivered at the Sorbonne, in Paris, France on 23 April, 1910.

My Dad's greatest disappointment was having to drop out of college because his family couldn't afford the tuition. He was a whiz at math and went to work at the WMGLD where he worked for 47 years as a bill collector/accountant. At his wake in 1973 former customers told me how he never cut off their power if they couldn't pay their bill on time.

Just before her death in 1986 my mother told me a story that took place shortly after they were married. It was the Great Depression and Dad got laid off. Desperate to find work he left his family and hitched a freight train to New York.

My Mom called her brother to fetch Dad home and when he got back he looked like a

hobo—he hadn't eaten and was down to skin and bones, had grown a beard and was coatless in the middle of a frigid winter. Horrified, Mom asked what he had done with the new overcoat she had recently bought for him? Dad said he had given it to a homeless man who was even worse off than he was.



Later in life I learned that Dad was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis—a lay Catholic fraternal group that followed the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, who stripped naked in his town square and gave up all his inherited wealth to live a life of poverty following the teachings of Christ. When my Dad died at the age of 65 after suffering a heart attack the previous year, he asked to be buried in his sackcloth robe.

My greatest regret is in knowing that after raising 10 kids and working so hard to provide for his family—my Dad never lived long enough to enjoy one day of retirement. If I could have him back for just one minute I'd tell him that he was the greatest man I'll ever know.

So all you sons and daughters out there—if your Dad is still alive—don't make the same mistake I made. Tell your Dad today and every day for the rest of his life how much you love him.

"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I need to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example."

MARIO CUOMO

Fred Rich LaRicca

(NOTE: The writer was born on June 29, 1950 and celebrates his birthday and favorite holiday, the Fourth of July, by honoring and paying tribute to his late father.)

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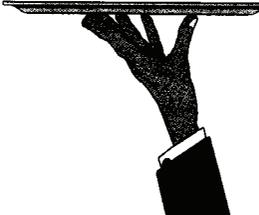


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In 1854, U.S. Naval Academy held first graduation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, June 10, the 161st day of 2025. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On June 10, 2018, the rover Opportunity sent its last message from the surface of Mars. Originally expected to serve a three-month mission, Opportunity functioned for over 14 years, traveling over 28 miles (45 kilometers) across Mars and unveiling critical discoveries about the planet's geology.

Also on this date:

In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1854, the U.S. Naval Academy held its first graduation ceremony.

In 1940, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini declared war on France and Great Britain, formally entering Italy into World War II.

Today in history

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.

In 1967, six days of war in the Mideast involving Israel, Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated ceasefire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Tennessee with six others. He was recaptured three days later.

In 1978, racehorse Affirmed, ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the 110th Belmont Stakes to claim the 11th Triple Crown. Alydar, ridden by Jorge Velasquez, finished a close second in each of the Triple Crown races.

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Du-

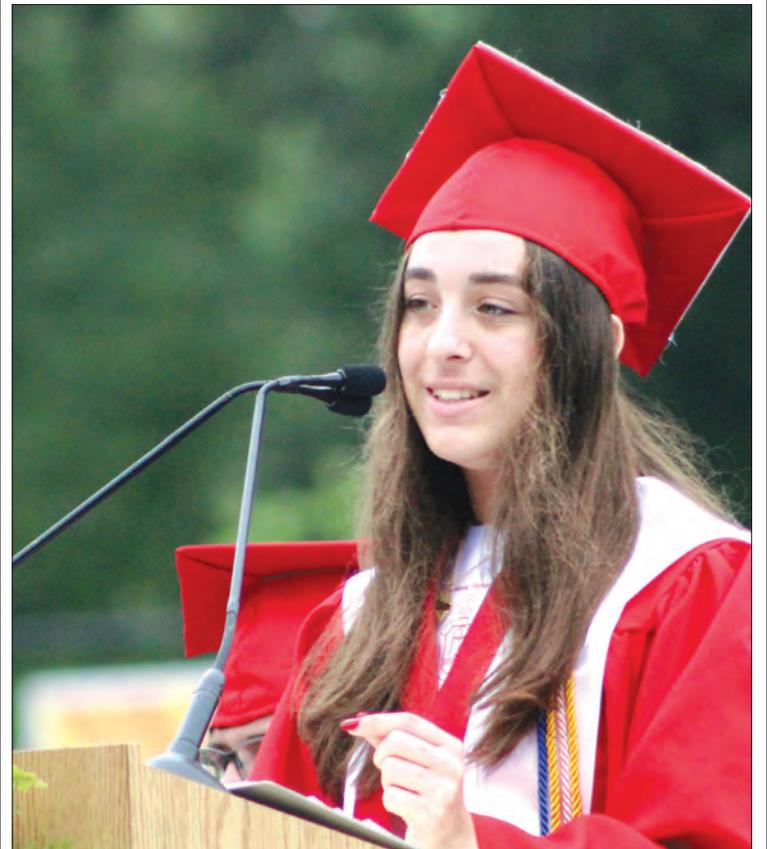
gard of Meyers, California, was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Dugard was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

In 2009, James von Brun, an 88-year-old white supremacist, opened fire in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., killing security guard Stephen T. Johns. (Von Brun died at a North Carolina hospital in January 2010 while awaiting trial.)

In 2020, protesters pulled down a century-old statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Virginia, the former capital of the Confederacy.

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator Jeff Greenfield is 82. Actor Frankie Faison is 76. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 74. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 72. Actor Gina Gershon is 63. Actor-model Elizabeth Hurley is 60.

Trust in yourself



CLASS ESSAYIST KONSTANDINA DELEIDI told her fellow 2025 Wakefield Memorial High graduates Saturday to value others, but to have self-confidence in knowing what is right. (Mark Sardella Photo)

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cil had voted to prohibit market vendors from offering samples.

Wakefield Farmers Market board member Laurel LaRoche and assistant market manager Laura Imhoff spoke in favor of allowing sampling.

LaRoche claimed that the market recently lost a couple of adult beverage vendors due to lack of sales blamed on the inability to offer samples. LaRo-

che maintained that the loss of these vendors has resulted in less overall traffic at the market. She said that sampling increases sales, as customers are more likely to purchase a product if they can taste it first.

Another Farmers Market vendor, Jeff Venuti of Bliss Point Meadery, said that most other farmers markets allow sampling as part of a vendor's license to sell

beer or wine.

Imhoff claimed that several other alcoholic beverage vendors have expressed interest in joining the Wakefield Farmers Market but then declined when informed that sampling was not allowed.

Wakefield Police Chief Steven Skory was present at last night's meeting to offer his input.

"I was here in April of 2023 to oppose sampling at the Farmers Market," he reminded the board. "My position has not changed."

The Police Chief said that there was no enforcement mechanism to control or limit sampling and

WPD does not have the ability to have an officer present at every Saturday's market.

Elizabeth Parsons, the Prevention, Outreach and Youth Services Manager for Wakefield's Health and Human Services Department, also opposed allowing sampling of alcoholic beverages at the Farmers Market.

She insisted that limiting the availability of alcohol in general improves health and safety. She also raised enforcement and compliance issues.

Councilor Jonathan Chines said that he would prefer to ad-

dress the issue of sampling in the context of looking at the town's alcohol policies in general.

Town Councilor Stacey Constas favored allowing sampling at the market this season while keeping a close eye on it.

Councilor Douglas Butler accused sampling opponents of "demonizing" the issue by raising all kinds of hypothetical concerns and "what ifs." He asserted that the board was spending more time debating Farmers Market sampling than it does on some liquor store licenses. He insisted that no vendor was going to give away enough product to get anyone intoxicated.

"Nobody's going to be getting drunk at the Farmers Market," he said. He wondered what was different about Wakefield, given that most other Farmers Markets allow sampling. "Why do we think that our people can't be trusted to sample?"

Ultimately, Butler made a motion to allow beer and wine vendors to offer samples at the Farmers Market. Constas seconded the motion. The motion failed, however, with councilors Jonathan Chines, John Crisley, John Carney and Mehreen Butt opposed.



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Wakefield baseball shuts out Bishop Stang 4-0, advances to Final Four



THE WARRIORS are off to the Div. 3 Final Four. Wakefield beat Bishop Stang 4-0 on the road Sunday. They will take on North Reading in the D3 semifinals tomorrow, 4 p.m. at Fraser Field in Lynn. (Courtesy Photo)



PATRICK MALONEY pitched a complete game shutout on Sunday in the state quarterfinals, allowing just 2 hits and no walks while striking out 6 in a dominant start against No. 5 Bishop Stang to send the No. 13 road Warriors to the Div. 3 Final Four where they will meet No. 9 North Reading tomorrow at Fraser Field. (Courtesy Photo)

NORTH DARTMOUTH — Following a thrilling 5-4 victory in the Div. 3 Round of 16 over previously undefeated Shawshen Tech last week, the No. 13 Wakefield High baseball team shut out No. 5 Bishop Stang 4-0 in the Elite 8 on Sunday afternoon in North Dartmouth.

Unfazed by the long bus ride to Buzzards Bay, the Warriors gave the rock to sophomore Patrick Maloney, who had previously earned his first state tournament win, throwing 5.1 innings of shut out ball in Wakefield's 10-0 first round victory over Greater New Bedford.

His second start was even more impressive. Maloney pitched a complete game shutout on Sunday, allowing just 2

hits and no walks while striking out 6 to lead the Warriors to the Final Four.

"Pat once again was outstanding on the mound. Kept the ball in the zone and kept them off-balance the entire game with his mix of pitches," said head coach Kevin Canty.

Offensively, the Warriors collected 6 hits and came through with timely hits, scoring one run in the 3rd, two in the 4th and one more in the 6th.

Seniors Cam DePrizio (2-for-2, 2 runs) and Charles Gagne (2-for-3, 1 RBI) paced the offense.

Senior Nicolo Labieniec — moments after snagging a liner at second and doubling up a runner at first to end the 2nd

inning — got the bats going in the 3rd with a leadoff base hit to left. He moved to 2nd after a bunt by senior Jayvith Chea. Gagne came through with an RBI knock to score Labieniec, getting the Warriors on the board for what would end up being the game winner.

That, of course, was mostly thanks to Maloney. The southpaw struck out two in the 1st inning, a statement to Spartan hitters that he was locked in for this one.

He sat Stang down in order in the 3rd,

something he did in four of his seven innings as the Spartans couldn't get any sort of momentum.

Wakefield's two-run 4th was started with a leadoff walk by junior Jack Penacchia. Some more small ball with another sacrifice bunt by junior Dylan McDermott advanced the runner and a DePrizio single put them at the corners with one out. A balk made it 2-0 and a bunt by junior Aidan Bligh moved De-

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NICOLO LABIENIEC celebrates after scoring the first run of Wakefield's 4-0 win over Bishop Stang in the quarterfinals on Sunday. (Courtesy Photo)

Wakefield Twi League set to return June 16

Sign up for draft tomorrow

The Wakefield Twi League is returning to Moulton Park next week. The Twi League, an adult men's baseball league, has been a Wakefield summertime staple for over 50 years.

The league is set to start their season on Monday, June 16.

A draft for all incoming players will be conducted tomorrow, June 11. Prospective players can still sign up on the

league's website: wakefieldtwileague.com. Contact the league through the site or by: wakefieldtwileague@gmail.com.

The Twi League has six teams. It is intended for residents and Wakefield natives although a certain number of out-of-town players are permitted per team.

Red Sox prospect Roman Anthony makes MLB debut

By JIMMY GOLEN

BOSTON (AP) — Roman Anthony was in Worcester, waiting for the 275-mile bus ride that would take him to Allentown, Pennsylvania, for his next Triple-A game, when WooSox manager Chad Tracy told the team their departure would be delayed because someone might need to head an hour east to Boston instead.

"I didn't really think anything of it, to be honest," Anthony told reporters in the Red Sox dugout at Fenway Park before making his major league debut in Boston's 10-8, 11-inning loss to Tampa Bay on Monday night.

"I was just kind of waiting around in the food room with a few of the guys, and then all of a sudden he came out and just said, 'Hey, you're going to the big leagues,'" Anthony said. "From there on out it's kind of been a little bit of a blur. But it was amazing. You dream of that every single day. So, to finally hear it was definitely awesome."

Anthony, who played right field and batted fifth, received the biggest cheer of all during

pregame introductions and then a standing ovation from the crowd of 31,422 when he came to bat in the second inning, with a runner on first and nobody out. He popped up to left field and got another cheer as he returned to the dugout.

In the fourth, he may have been robbed of his first major league hit when he lined a ball up the middle that hit pitcher Shane Baz — at 111 mph. It deflected to the third baseman, who made the throw to first for the out. Anthony also struck out looking with runners on first and second in the sixth and walked in the seventh.

In the ninth, with the crowd again on its feet, he came up with runners on second and third and hit a hard bouncer up the middle for an RBI groundout. He was due to lead off the 11th, but manager Alex Cora pinch-hit for him against left-hander Ian Seymour.

"It was nice to finally take the field, forget about all the outside noise and just be able to take the field with the guys," he told reporters afterward. "Unfortunately

we couldn't get a win, but it was a good experience — good to just get the first one over with."

Anthony fielded two balls easily in right field — a pair of singles in the fourth inning — but in the fifth he let a rolling ball go under his glove for a two-base error that led to an unearned run, giving Tampa a 3-0 lead.

"It just can't happen," he said. "It's tough when you lose a game like that, you feel like that's the reason we lost — little things like that. Just got to learn from it and be better."

A 21-year-old second-round draft pick who went viral over the weekend when he hit a 497-foot grand slam in Worcester, Anthony was the top-rated prospect in the minors before his call-up. He batted .288 with 10 homers and 29 RBIs in 58 games in Triple-A this season.

His accomplishments in the minors had Red Sox fans clamoring for his call-up, especially with the team languishing in fourth place in the AL East, 8 1/2 games behind the rival New York Yankees. But while fellow prospects Kristian Camp-

bell and Marcelo Mayer got the call, the Red Sox remained patient on Anthony until an injury to Wilyer Abreu left them needing another outfielder.

"It's been a long time coming," said Mayer, who was called up about two weeks ago. "It's been talked about for a very long time, and it's kind of crazy that today's the day that we're all going to share the field together in the big leagues. I'm super excited. I think we have a really good team, and he's just another great addition to that."

Cora said he noticed something was wrong with Abreu after Sunday's game against the Yankees. When the team realized it would be more than a day or two, they decided to make the move and put Abreu on the 10-day injured list with a left oblique strain. The Red Sox made room for Anthony on the 40-man roster by designating first baseman/outfielder Ryan Noda for assignment.

"We're trying to win ballgames," Cora said. "The kid has done an amazing job getting ready for this moment. We're ex-

cited. It's a big day for the organization."

Anthony was perhaps known only to the most dedicated fans before his homer on Saturday that was the longest measured this year by Statcast, which tracks the major leagues, Triple-A and the Class A Florida State League. Since Statcast started tracking in the majors in 2015, only five home runs have gone farther, including Nomar Mazara's 505-foot shot in 2019 for the Rangers.

After getting the promotion, Anthony had time to call his parents and siblings and an old baseball coach and gather most of his equipment — his own glove, a single bat and a borrowed pair of cleats — before driving down the MassPike to Boston. He arrived in Boston a few hours before game time and by 7:30 p.m. he was taking aim at the historic red seat that marks Ted Williams' 502-foot homer that is the longest ever at Fenway Park.

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CAM DEPRIZIO went 2-for-2 with 2 runs scored in Wakefield's victory over Bishop Stang on Sunday. (Alicen Encarnacao Racca Photo)

Prizio to 3rd. Junior Nik Dhingra came through with an RBI single up the middle to make it 3-0.

Maloney's only truly stressful inning came in the bottom of the 4th when he worked around a single and hit batter, getting a line out to Gagne in left for the third out.

Maloney preserved his shut out in the 5th even after an error put the leadoff hitter on. The lefty promptly picked off that runner at first and followed with a strikeout and a groundout to end it.

DePrizio got a one-out single in the 6th and true to their gameplan, Wakefield bunted him over to scoring position, having faith in their lineup 1-9, that anyone stepping up would come through. This time, it was Dhingra again as he hit a hard grounder to first and dug it out after an error, allowing DePrizio to score and make it 4-0.

"Offensively, it was a real team effort," said Canty. "We had a significant amount of guys get on that were sacrificed over and then guys who came through

with clutch hits in big situations like Nik Dhingra, Cam DePrizio and Charles Gagne."

It was three up and three down again in the bottom of the 6th with a strikeout, pop up and ground out, a feat Maloney duplicated once again in the 7th to emphatically keep Wakefield's magical state tournament run going.

That run will continue at Fraser Field in Lynn tomorrow when the No. 13 Warriors (18-5) take on No. 9 North Reading (19-4) in the Div. 3 Final Four.



NIK DHINGRA came up with a clutch RBI single in the 4th and dug out a grounder to allow another insurance run to score in the 6th during Wakefield's quarterfinal win. (Alicen Encarnacao Racca Photo)

The Hornets have defeated No. 24 Medfield (8-0), No. 8 Weston (6-4) and No. 16 Apponequet (5-4) in the tournament.

"We're looking forward to our game against North Reading," said Canty. "They are somewhat of a mirror to what we do offensively and defensively. Should be an outstanding game."

To Canty's point, it's no surprise to see the Hornets — another well-coached team with a myriad of offensive and defensive plays ready to use in any moment — in the semifinals.

Both teams pride themselves on pitching and defense. Both teams are aggressive on the base paths. Both teams deserve to be in the Final Four. Only one can move on and play for a state title.

The other semifinal game in Div. 3 will feature No. 7 Sandwich (18-5) vs. No. 11 Arlington Catholic (15-6) who will also be playing tomorrow, 4 p.m. at Durfee High School.

Trump targets health care payments

**By COLIN A. YOUNG
State House News Service**
BOSTON — As the U.S. Senate prepares to take its own crack at legislation that includes hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts to Medicaid, the president late last week made his thoughts on one provision clear and it could impact how Massachusetts and other states finance public health care.

Late on Friday, President Donald Trump issued a memo ordering U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert Kennedy Jr. to “eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid, including by ensuring Medicaid payments rates are not higher than Medicare.”

The move targeted state directed payments, a Medicaid financing mechanism that gives states flexibility to require managed care organizations to pay providers specific rates or to implement rate increases to advance delivery system or state policy objectives, most commonly improving access to care. State directed payments came about as a result of a 2016 Medicaid reform, but they have grown significantly in popularity since then.

There were 250 unique directed payment arrangements approved between July 1, 2021 and Feb. 1, 2023, according to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC). The commission said the number increased by almost 21% to 302 unique arrangements approved between Feb. 1, 2023 and Aug. 1, 2024.

The arrangements approved as of Aug. 1, 2024 were projected to spend a total of \$110.2 billion a year, a 59% increase over the \$69.3 billion in projected spending identified by the commission’s analysis of arrangements approved as of Feb. 1, 2023.

“This trajectory threatens the Federal Treasury and Medic-

aid’s long-term stability, and the imbalance between Medicaid and Medicare patients threatens to jeopardize access to care for our seniors,” Trump wrote in the memo.

Trump said states and health care providers have used state directed payments “to game the system,” echoing concerns previously raised by experts. The president outlined the scheme: states charge assessments on health care providers in order to nudge up reported state spending to score higher federal reimbursements, but then send “the same money back to them in the form of a ‘Medicaid payment,’ which automatically unlocked for healthcare providers an additional ‘burden-sharing’ payment from the Federal Government.”

“Instead of paying Medicare rates, many States that utilize these arrangements now pay the same healthcare providers almost three times the Medicare amount,” the president said.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service has approved 63 such arrangements for Massachusetts since March 2023, according to CMS data.

The budget reconciliation bill passed last month by the U.S. House and expected to be taken up this month by the U.S. Senate would, among many other things, extend Trump’s first-term tax cuts and reduce Medicaid spending by nearly \$700 billion to help pay for it. Officials at MassHealth, which combines Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, have said the Bay State could be in jeopardy of losing more than \$1 billion annually, with hundreds of thousands of residents at risk of losing coverage.

Health policy nonprofit KFF said the bill directs U.S. Health and Human Services to revise state directed payment regula-

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Obituaries

Gregory Melanson, 67 Always striving to make the world a better place

WAKEFIELD — Gregory Melanson, a man of unwavering dedication and integrity, passed away on June 2 at the age of 67. Born on June 16, 1957, Gregory grew up in Wakefield where he developed a deep sense of responsibility and commitment that would define his life.

An Eagle Scout, Gregory exemplified the values of service, leadership and community from a young age. He carried these qualities with him throughout his career and personal life, always striving to make the world a better place.

Gregory served the town of Wakefield, MA, as a police of-



ficer, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community he protected. His dedication to justice and public safety was a hallmark of his character. After his time in

law enforcement, Gregory continued his professional journey as the SIU Manager for MetLife Insurance where his diligence and expertise made him an invaluable member of the team.

Above all, Gregory cherished his role as a father. He is survived by his beloved daughters Mishelle Melanson and Karaline Melanson who were the light of his life and his proudest legacy. Gregory will be remembered for his kind heart, sharp wit and unwavering moral compass. His impact on those who knew him is immeasurable and his memory will be cherished forever.

Public Meetings...

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

School Committee, possible executive session at 6 p.m. with a regular session scheduled in-person at the WCAT studio with remote access via Zoom at 7. Retiring school system employees will be recognized and the committee will be reorganized.

Planning Board, remote meeting, 7 p.m. A public hearing for a subdivision at 154-158 Salem St. will continue.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Housing Trust, remote meeting, 5 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, remote meeting, 7 p.m. Contin-

ued hearings include a request to modify two Special Permits for 62 Foundry St. New hearings include a request for a new sign at Pleasure Island Sunoco, 481 Salem St.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Northeast Metro Tech School Committee, school library at 100 Hemlock Rd., 7 p.m.

Environmental Sustainability Committee, in-person in Town Hall with remote access via Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Permanent Building Committee, in-person at the Public Safety Building Community Room

with remote access via Zoom, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Housing Authority, in-person at Crystal View Apartments on Broadway with remote access available, 4 p.m.



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tee and the Wakefield Independence Day Committee put on an Independence Day extravaganza. The West Side kicks things off in the morning on and around the Common with a Fishing

Derby, various children’s events and races, and then takes a little break. The Wakefield Independence Day Committee then runs the annual parade that steps off at 5 p.m. The 4th of July Com-

mittee then returns to put on a show at the bandstand before a fireworks spectacular lights up the sky over Lake Quannapowitt around 9 p.m.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 10, 2025

- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ figure (mysterious person)
 - 8 Pronoun duo
 - 13 "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" subject
 - 14 Dryer brand
 - 15 Exercise named for a large mammal (In this answer, note the first letter + the last four letters)
 - 16 Crinkle-cut fry feature
 - 17 Paddle relative
 - 18 Milk option
 - 19 Run in neutral
 - 20 ___ cook
 - 22 "Seriously?" (... first letter + the last two letters)
 - 26 Sharpton and Roker
 - 29 Happy Meal item
 - 30 Mined over matter?
 - 31 ___ dejeuner (breakfast, in French)
 - 33 "Mazel ___!"
 - 34 Sets (down)
 - 35 Occasion to play Candy Land (... first letter + the last four letters)
 - 38 Deets
 - 39 One lumen per square meter
 - 40 Moscow's state
 - 41 "About Me" blurb
 - 42 Aussie pop star
 - 43 Sunbathe
 - 44 Pic taken on Edge? (... first three letters + the last two letters)
 - 48 Toothed whale in the Vancouver Canucks' logo
 - 52 Did karaoke
 - 53 Shirts, e.g.
 - 56 Outfielder's asset
 - 57 Four: Prefix
 - 59 Boxing ref's directive ... or a theme hint
 - 61 "You ___ kidding!" (... first letter + the last two letters)
 - 62 Trashed the place?
 - 63 Analyze in language arts class
 - 64 Fez features
- DOWN**
- 1 Social media button
 - 2 That lady
 - 3 Curved paths
 - 4 "The ___ Side of the Moon"
 - 5 Broadcast booth sign
 - 6 Challenge from a talent judge
 - 7 French fashion monogram
 - 8 Barely
 - 9 Actress Blunt
 - 10 "Are you done?"
 - 11 Dutch financial giant
 - 12 Fannie ___
 - 13 Duct droplet
 - 15 Hit on the head
 - 19 "That's music to my ears!"
 - 21 Outdoor dining area
 - 23 Chemical building block
 - 24 Prefix with -dontist
 - 25 Adam of "Batman"
 - 27 Tiny, briefly
 - 28 Hair school activity
 - 31 ___ button
 - 32 "A Passage to India" author
 - 33 Tariff, e.g.
 - 34 "Maple Leaf Rag" instrument
 - 35 Small lies
 - 36 Green dip, for short
 - 37 Co. secrets contract
 - 42 Capitol Hill body
 - 45 Merits
 - 46 Sunlit lobbies
 - 47 Verse writers
 - 49 Parts of mortgage quotes
 - 50 "Damn!"
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 - 54 Light touches
 - 55 "I Wish" rapper ___ - Lo
 - 57 Touch to a card reader
 - 58 Stretch of history
 - 59 Sandwich similar to a club
 - 60 How LARPer meet offline

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Non-Sequitur — Lennie Peterson

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Proud grandmother is worried by what she's seeing

DEAR ABBY: I'm blessed at 38 to have my first and likely only grandbaby. She's PERFECT. My daughter, "Robin," is stressed. She's left alone with the baby all day, every day while her partner works. Robin sleeps only when he's home. I understand her frustration. I raised her and her brother, 12 months apart, on my own. I don't get to see my grandbaby often as I don't have a vehicle and Robin doesn't have a driver's license.



Dear Abby

I cherish every picture I receive. I want to memorize every aspect of my grandbaby. There's a recurring theme in her photos. I think the baby has a lazy eye. I've compared pictures from birth until now at 10 months of age.

Robin is in a fragile state with stress and postpartum depression. Should I tell her or let a doctor catch it? I know the longer it goes untreated, the worse it gets. Right now, I can't say or do anything right to her. Apparently, "I don't know what it's like to raise a kid!" -- WATCHFUL GRANDMA IN MISSOURI

DEAR GRANDMA: If your daughter is suffering from postpartum depression, it is very important that she be treated by her doctor for it. You should be telling her that. I cannot stress this too strongly. Your granddaughter should be having regular examinations by her pediatrician because if there is something wrong with her eye, her pediatrician should catch it and recommend treatment.

DEAR ABBY: My father divorced my mother when I was 7. He was never around much prior to their divorce. They married young, and I have three siblings. My parents "had" to get married (those were the times), so it wasn't a happy union. Dad was self-absorbed and immature. He moved out of state, never supported us and sat on the sidelines, watching us flounder.

My mother worked three jobs during my whole childhood. She was the best parent you could imagine, but it was a real struggle for all of us. In a way, we were blessed that he left. Two of my siblings maintained a relationship with this man, who later in life remarried and had two more children. I have never understood how they could forgive him, but they must have.

My father is 86 now. Years ago, he moved back to where we grew up. He is dying and has two to six months to live. It is a strange feeling, and I have sympathy for what my siblings have been going through. How do I support them?

I haven't spoken to my father in 40 years, and we never speak of him to each other. I can never forgive him for what he did to me and my mother. Of course, I will know when he passes. I want to be sincere and support my siblings. -- EMPATHETIC IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EMPATHETIC: No one can predict how the death of a parent will affect them, and that includes you. Don't be surprised if it comes as a jolt. You do not have to mourn your father's death in order to be sensitive to your siblings' feelings. Often, it's helpful just to be a good listener and help with whatever details need to be attended to if asked.

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The Last Word in Astrology

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Upton, 33; Leelee Sobieski, 42; Shane West, 47; DJ Qualls, 47.

Happy Birthday: Your emotions, imagination and desire to create something magical will help you expand your purpose and lifelong goals. Put your beliefs into practice, talk the talk and walk the walk; the results will help you fine-tune your journey and pay attention to what's meaningful. Set your path, and refuse to let anyone mislead you or take over. Study, document and implement a healthy, happy lifestyle. Your numbers are 4, 17, 26, 31, 38, 44, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep situations, thoughts and feelings in perspective. Wait for things to unravel before you act. Pay attention to your responsibilities, and stick to a budget regardless of what someone else suggests. Put your time and effort into taking care of business and advancement. An offer will lack substance. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Contain your emotions and actions to avoid controversy. Take care of financial and medical issues by paying attention to detail and researching your options thoroughly. Don't let a last-minute change to your plans unsettle you. Carry on, and you'll discover skills you didn't realize you had. Your charm will help you gain favors. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your gifts to build wealth, position and reputation among your peers. Be aware of who is on your team and who is there to observe and interfere. The less chaos, the simpler the plan and the more efficient the outcome. A change of space, direction and associates will change your perspective and vision. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Honesty and integrity will prevent trouble. Listen, elaborate and align yourself with people who share your values. An unexpected change will disrupt your plans or cost you if you are too abrupt. A little charm and persuasion will encourage better results. Size down rather than elaborate mentally or financially. Expect delays while traveling. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What you put out into the world, you will get back. Offer your skills, time and energy to help a meaningful cause. Focus on what's important to you, and refrain from letting what others do create a barrier that sends your efforts in a futile direction. Know what you want to achieve and make it so. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let life's little dramas dominate your energy and cause you to lose sight of what's important to you. Recognize and fix whatever runs amok quickly; you'll maintain your flow and reach your goal. Events, interactions and travel will lead to interesting encounters and connections. Romance, research and reunions are favored. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Promising too much will backfire. Make suggestions, ask for help and do your part, and you'll make inroads and allies. Share thoughts, feelings and plans with someone you feel aligned with, and you'll find out where you stand and how best to proceed. Only offer what's tangible. Exaggeration and empty promises will be damaging. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your energy into educating yourself in areas that will enhance your earning, investing and financial maintenance. A business partnership works best if you saddle up with someone with potential in areas you lack. Allowing one another to do their part without interference will lead to victory. Personal growth is in the stars. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let go of the past. Pay attention to domestic matters and personal relationships. Emphasize and structure your time and effort on what's essential to you and your survival. Look for opportunities, research what's entailed, change your routine and how you handle responsibilities, and raise your income and status to meet your demands. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Communication will require specifics to avoid trouble. Misleading information is apparent. Be clear, deal directly with the source and listen, digest and formulate your response carefully before you engage in talks. Your goal is to maintain integrity without prematurely divulging incriminating information or circumstances. Proceed with caution, precision and detail. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Anxiety will sprout and cost you if you act hastily. Discipline and hard work will pay off. Life is simple when you consider what's happening around you and confirm your findings before responding. Take a deep breath and a backseat while the show unfolds; you'll find it easier to control the outcome. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Situations will escalate if you are aggressive or unpredictable. Be open to suggestions and patient with those who don't share your beliefs. Refuse to let emotional interference cloud your vision or prompt you to engage in banter that can hurt you personally or publicly. Make home improvements, budgeting and saving your goals. 2 stars

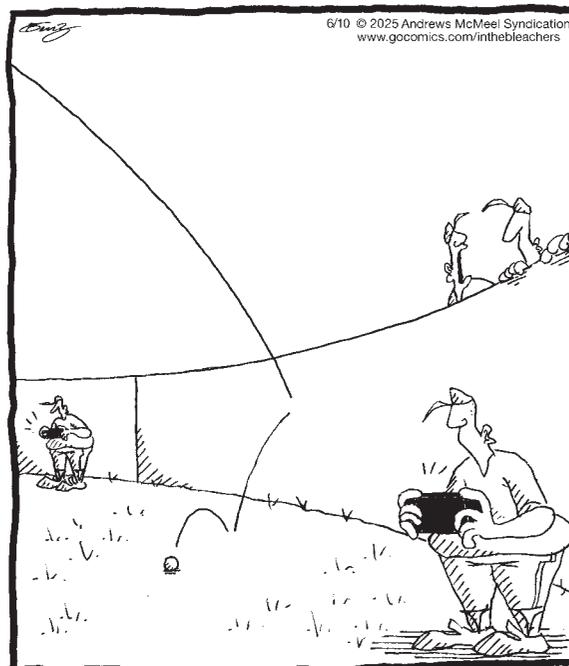
Birthday Baby: You are energetic, hands-on and impressive. You are dedicated and stubborn.

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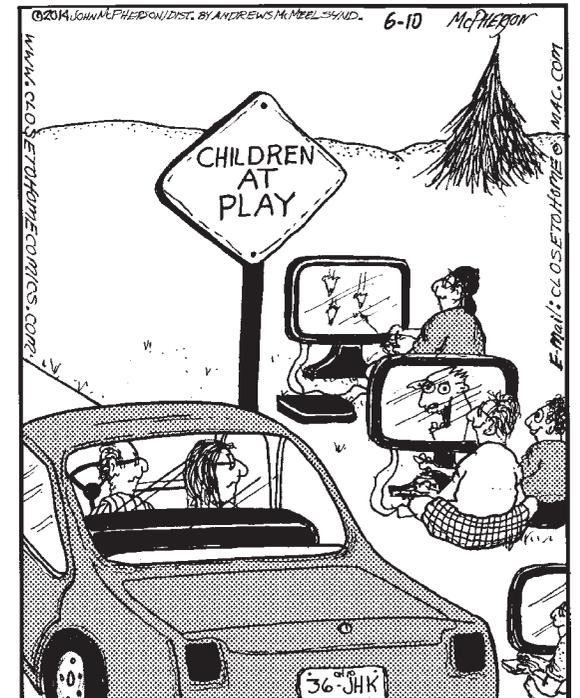
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warm and humid, with scattered showers. The Item's 14 pages cost 8 cents.

Some 380 children were led to safety from the Montrose Elementary School on Lowell st. shortly after 10:30 this morning, after an alert custodian discovered a curtain in flames on the auditorium stage.

Box 531 was sounded directly from the school by custodian Paul Burbine, who then fought the blaze with three fire extinguishers.

The children were led outside and walked in an orderly fashion, as they are accustomed to in frequent fire drills.

Smoke from the fire drifted through some of the first floor of the school building.

Firefighters and other responders thought this was another fire drill and the alarm was accidentally set off, as happened yesterday morning at the Dolbeare School.

A booster line from one of the engines was rushed into the building to extinguish the flames. The side curtain was completely consumed in the blaze

Burbine told an Item reporter that the curtain burned with such fury that he could not control it with the extinguishers.

It was an obvious act of arson, as matches were found on the stage floor by Lt. Francis Goldsmith, who summoned Motorcycle Officer William F. Hovey to assist in the investigation.

Children were kept out of the building until it

could be cleared of smoke.

A 35-year-old man who received three Bronze Stars for combat service in Korea will be among the 2,500 Northeastern University (NU) students to receive degrees on June 20.

He is John Malatesta of Eunice cir. , who will receive a bachelor's degree in Industrial Management.

Malatesta, who has been studying since 1956 in University College, an evening undergraduate program at NU, dropped out of school while in his junior year at Malden High School.

Soon afterward, he joined the Army, and discovered the lack of a high school diploma would impede his future progress.

After he left the service in 1953, he enrolled at Newman Prep School in Boston and earned a high school equivalency diploma. A few years later, he decided to go to college and enrolled at NU and received an Associate's Degree in Management in 1953.

He is employed as an expediter at the B.F. Godrich plant in Malden, where he has worked for the last 15 years.

He served with the 8th Field Artillery attached to the 25th Infantry in Korea, where he was in combat for 14 months.

"I'm certainly aware of the value of an education. I found out how much it's required if a person is going to get anywhere in this world," he said.

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tions so that the total payment rate for inpatient hospital and nursing facility services is capped at 100% of the total published Medicare payment rate. The 100% limit would apply to Massachusetts and other states that have adopted the Medicaid expansion, and the limit would be 110% for the 10 states that have not adopted the expansion.

But the U.S. House version of the bill would grandfather in any state directed payments submitted for approval and approved prior to the legislation's enactment.

MassHealth has previously said that so-called safety net providers could sustain cuts of hundreds of millions of dollars annually if Congress or the president blocks renewal of Massachusetts's existing state directed payments. MassHealth and the Mass. Executive Office of Health and Human Services did not respond over the weekend or Monday to a request for comment on the president's memo on state directed payments.

Manatt Health Senior Managing Director Patricia Boozang said in March that Massachusetts uses state directed payments "extensively" and that the Trump administration was likely to act on its own to address them if the president's favored policies don't advance as part of the reconciliation package.

The Congressional Budget Office said last month that the bill as passed by the U.S. House will mean \$698 billion less in federal subsidies for Medicaid, \$267 billion less in federal spending for SNAP, \$64 billion less in net spending for all other purposes, and a \$3.8 trillion increase in the federal deficit all over the next decade.

The CBO also said it expects the reductions in federal spending to lead to about \$78 billion in additional spending among the 50 states "accounting for changes in state contributions to SNAP and Medicaid and for state tax and spending policies necessary to finance additional spending." The office said it was still analyzing "expectations of the states' responses to changes in federal funding."

The budget plans that House and Senate negotiators are attempting to reconcile into a final fiscal 2026 state budget assume about \$15.76 billion in federal revenues, an increase over the \$14.3 billion in the current budget, including \$14.2 billion in federal MassHealth reimbursements alone. Most of the cuts in the U.S. House bill would hit in federal fiscal year 2027, which begins Oct. 1, 2026 (three months into Massachusetts' fiscal year 2027).

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Doug Lyons addresses graduating seniors Saturday at Landrigan Field. (Mark Sardella Photo)

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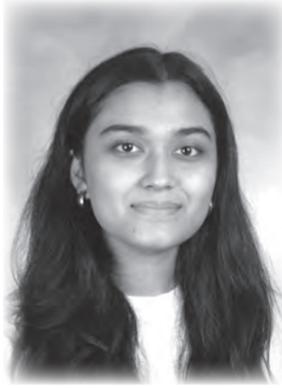
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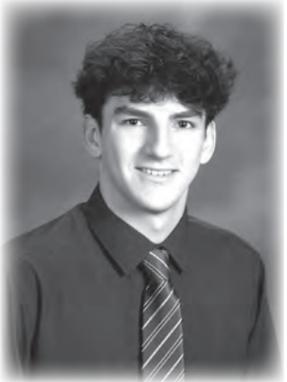
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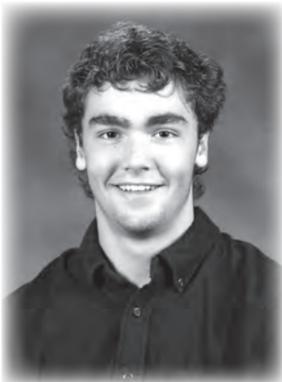
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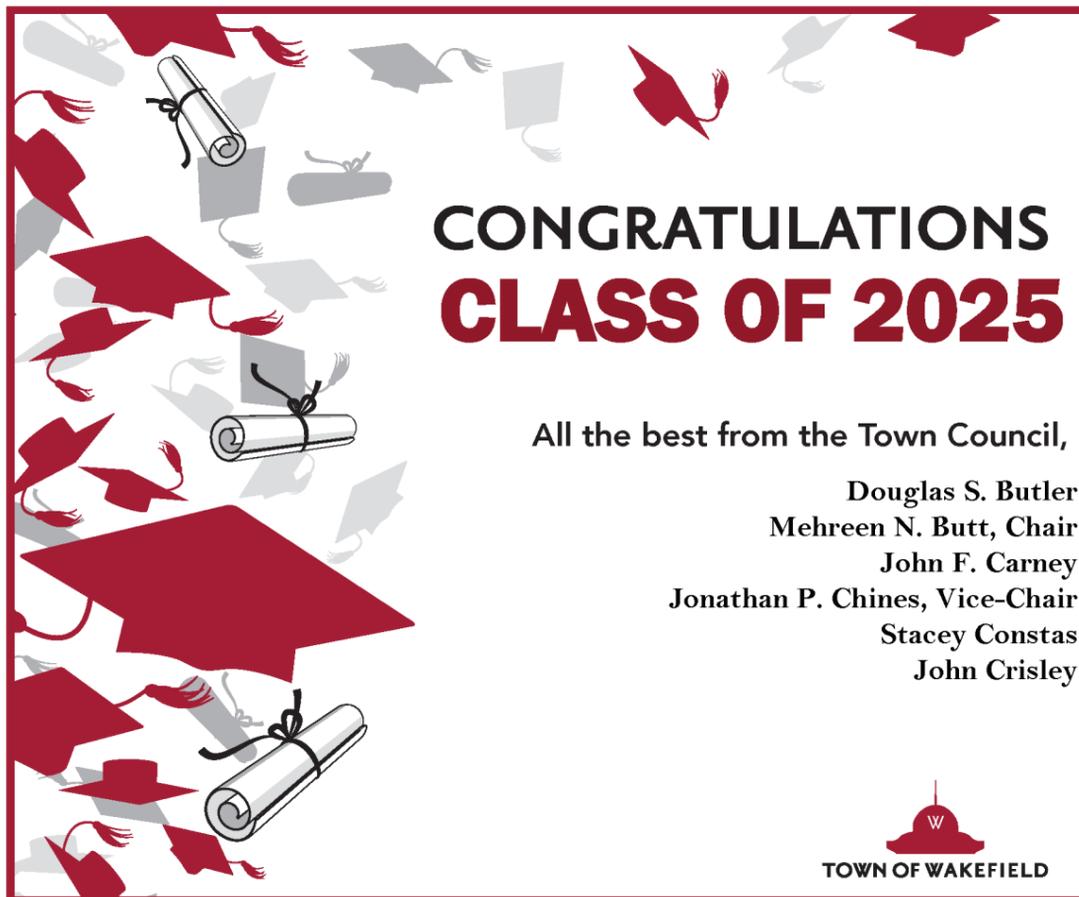


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Boston College Scholarship Award:

Marc Gagne

Dan Blanchard History/Athletic Award:

Aliza Margolis

Bob Crawford Unsung Hero Award

Owen Kelley

Ann Lee Award

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CULINARY ARTS

Excellence in Culinary Arts

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Achievement in Math

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Molly McGee, Liam Mertens,
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Descartes Award: AP Calculus AB

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Descartes Award: AP Calculus BC

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I'Hôpital Award

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Excellence in Banking

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Portuguese

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Latin

*Samuel Carpenter, Liam Mertens,
Gabriela Trainor, Zacchaeus Zivan*

Excellence in World Language Spanish

Ali Atoui, Jhalak Patel

Italian

Cassidy Silva, Marcello Caruso

French

Uriel Bourque

Latin

Eleanor Butler

Leadership

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Achievement in World Language Spanish

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Michaela Lyons, Deyalin Medina,
Abigail Myette, Andrew Nett,
Brandon Nett, Lily Sallee,
Ahmed Othman, Gabriella Padilla Mujo,
Riya Patel, Jhalak Patel, Yash Patel,
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Italian

*Marcello Caruso, Giuliana O'Neill, Nick
Roerich, Cassidy Silva*

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Uriel Bourque, Benjamin Olivieri

Catalyst Awards in Chemistry
Ali Atoui, Konstandina Deleidi

Biology Awards
Ali Atoui

Environmental Award
Jhalak Patel, Charles Gagne

Computer Science Award
*Nicholas Wedemeier, Andrew Nett,
Brandon Nett*

Engineering Award
Nicolo Labieniec

Genetics and Microbiology Award
Elizabeth Leon

Anatomy and Physiology Award
Brendan Lynch, Casey Hotz

Deep Dive Awards in Oceanography
Tyler Galante, Kaylee Griffin

**Stellar Achievement Award
in Astronomy**
Jupiter Nelson

**Science, Technology and
Engineering Appreciation**
Liam Mertens

SOCIAL STUDIES
Sociology
Emma Burns

Justice & Criminology
*Ava Serino, Daniel McHugh,
Giuliana O'Neill*

Psychology
Elizabeth Leon, Michaela Lyons

Frank Favorat Memorial Award
Lily Sallee

Government
Ava Serino

Modern World History
Thomas Berinato

US History
Ali Atoui

Civics Award
Alexis Lee

HEALTH, WELLNESS, ATHLETICS
**Dr. Robert Dutton
Scholar Athlete Award**
Marc Gagne & Aliza Margolis

**Charles J. Doyle Award - Most
Outstanding Male Athlete**
Brody Wyatt

**Katherine Nichols Award - Most
Outstanding Female Athlete**
Lily Sallee

Coaches Award
Rachel Caplan, Luke Greif

Sports Medicine Award
Dan McHugh

Michael Angelo Sportsmanship Award
Michaela Lyons, Charles Gagne

Bernie Plansky Memorial Award
Brooklyn Calder

**Marjorie Boyages Wakefield Basketball
Association Award**
Kevin DeGray

**Wakefield Basketball Association
President's Award**
Shea Suntken

Peter Gonnella Memorial Award
Jackson Fitzpatrick

John DeComandrea Award
Grace Brackett, Ethan Mezikofsky

VISUAL ARTS
Excellence in Visual Art
Audrey Cook

**Frida Kahlo Award for
Achievement in Visual Arts**
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Contemporary Artist Book Award
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Visual Arts Appreciation Award
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Jordan Hart

Claude Garamond Award for Achievement in Graphic Design
Leticia Fortes Correa

Ansel Adams Award for Achievement in Photography
Ava Gagnon

Excellence in the Digital Arts
Ariel Shaw

Ceramics Achievement
Vera Chankhour

Excellence in Ceramics Award
Ali Atoui, Anna Karolina Dourado

DaVinci Award - Excellence in Conceptual Innovation
Aliza Margolis

Yayoi Kusama Award - Rewarded for taking risks
Janiessa Andrade

TV Producers Award
Hudson Little, Luke Shea, Evie Mertens, Alexandra Morton, Blai Early, Kip King, Gus Sanni

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National Art Honor Society:
Janiesa Andrade, Allyson Bligh, Rachel Caplin, Daisy Cassesso, Dierdre Coleman, Leah Connors, Audrey Cook, Brianna Cribbie, Jessica D'Antona, Audrey Dick, Sarah Fletcher, Ava Gagnon, Samantha Goc, Jamie Green, Jordan Hart, Casey Hotz, Kimberly Lima, Hudson Little, Danika Marchino, Aliza Margolis, Molly McGee, Deyalin Medina, Ethan Mezikofsky, Adeline Moon, Francesca Nardone, Teagan Norton, George Palmer, Ella Santaniello, Allanah Schuster, Ariel Shaw, Luke Shea, Cassidy Silva, Shea Suntken, Madeline Taylor, Gabriela Trainor, Addison Ursitti, Wyli Wagner, Jade Waterhouse, Toni Marie Whitson, Ayla Willis

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Zanzotto, Siobhan Lombardi, Brendan Lynch, Aidan Martin, Jhalak Patel, Elizabeth Police, Amber Smith, Nicholas Wedemeier, Zacchaeus Zivan

Instrumental Award
Christopher Lock-Zanzotto, Aidan Martin, Nicholas Wedemeier

Terrance F. Holmes Band
Samuel Carpenter

Jazz
Nicolo Labieniec

Orchestra
Konstandina Deleidi, Zacchaeus Zivan

Choral
Samantha Bordonaro, Jhalak Patel

WMHS Theatre Performance Award
Alexandra Morton, Elizabeth Police

WMHS Theatre Production Award
Audrey Dick, Elizabeth Leon

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Lily Sallee*

AP Literature & Composition Award

Ali Atoui

Excellence in English

*Eleanor Butler, Sarah Fletcher, Giavanna
Gervasi, Wyli Wagner*

Mark Twain Award for Best Storyteller

Thomas Berinato, Sean Callanan

Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Fiction Writer

Elizabeth Police, Cassidy Silva

Ralph Waldo Emerson American Orator Award

*Yasmin Almeida de Jesus, Stella
Bangston, Owen Kelley*

James Jackson Jarves American

Newspaper Editor Award

Michaela Lyons, Madeline Taylor

Maya Angelou Award for Best Poet

Zaena Oubihi, Madison Chapman

Walt Whitman Spirit for the Word Award

Thomas Berinato, Sean Callanan

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Bowdoin College Book Award

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Ginny Brodeur Award (2)

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Ginny Brodeur Award (3)

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Addison Butland

Lasell University

Lucy Wagner

Rensselaer Medal Award

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Rochester Institute Of Technology - Science & Math Award

Yongyi Zhao

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Yale University

Elizabeth Pritchard

Jae S. Lim Foundation - Math Award

Jonathan Zhang

Jae S. Lim Foundation - Science Award

Alla Othman

Guidance Appreciation Awards

*Michaela Lyons, Sarah Marsh,
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Principal's Leadership Awards

Class President - Abigail Myette

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*Tawrence Dujour, Demario Passley Clark,
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PA for Compassion in Action

Julia Robertson

Advocate for Belonging Award

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Presidential Education Award for Achievement

*Ella Santaniello, Taylor Dubiel,
Jolene Dhungana*

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