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EPS, Worcester State partner to offer direct admission to EHS seniors

Special to the Independent

Worcester State University and the Everett Public Schools (EPS) have partnered to expand access to higher education and simplify the college admissions process for Everett High School students in good academic standing.

Worcester State will offer direct admission into its undergraduate day programs to Everett High School seniors with a weighted cumulative GPA of at least 2.5. To remain eligible, Everett seniors must also complete all necessary coursework at the college preparatory level or higher by the time they graduate.

EPS Superintendent William D. Hart and Worcester State

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Supt. of Schools William Hart, School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, and Everett High School Principal Dr. John Braga welcome Worcester State University President Barry M. Maloney (left) to the city for the historic announcement of the educational partnership agreement between Everett Public Schools and Worcester State University.



Everett Superintendent of Schools William Hart presents a Crimson Tide jersey to Worcester State University President Barry M. Maloney.

Matewsky stuns colleagues with announcement of resignation

By Cary Shuman

In a stunning moment at the end of the May 26 City Council meeting, Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky announced his retirement from the Council after 40 years in city government.

Matewsky, who turned 68 last Thursday, cited “recent health concerns” for his decision. Matewsky noted in his brief remarks that he suffered “a very serious health scare four years ago.”

“This is a point of personal privilege,” said Matewsky two hours and 20 minutes into the meeting. “I’ve enjoyed serving over 40 years on the City Council, and I’m retiring as of



Longtime city official Wayne Matewsky.

this evening. I wish everybody the best of luck. I wish the mayor [Robert Van Campen]

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City to host Brazil vs. Morocco Watch Party at Rivergreen Park

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett will host Everett Fan Fest, a free community watch party celebrating international soccer, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rivergreen Park.

The event will feature a live broadcast of the Brazil vs. Morocco match on a 20-foot screen with full sound. Set against the backdrop of the waterfront, the festival will also feature live music, local food and beverage

vendors, and community organizations. Family-friendly activities will be offered throughout the evening, and the New England Revolution will be on site with community engagement opportunities. Alcohol will be available for purchase to guests age 21 and older with valid ID. Fan Fest activities will begin at 4 p.m., with match kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m.

“Everett is a city where soccer brings people together across cultures, generations,

and neighborhoods,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “This event is an opportunity to celebrate that energy and create a welcoming space for residents to enjoy the exciting international match together right here in our community.”

Everett Fan Fest is supported through the Commonwealth’s Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant Program, a statewide initiative admin-

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A HERO RECOGNIZED



Everett Police Detective Dan Wall (Center) is joined by Mayor Robert J. Van Campen and Chief Paul Strong after receiving the Medal of Valor. Det. Wall was honored Tuesday for risking his own life to pull a driver to safety from a hijacked garbage truck during a chaotic armed rampage last summer. See Page 13 for the full story.

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CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2026

High school graduation season is upon us, the time of year when communities across America celebrate the accomplishments of young people receiving their high school diplomas.

Graduation is a bittersweet occasion, marking both an ending and a beginning. For the grads, they will realize that the past four years, which they began as adolescents, are now culminating as they step into adulthood. They will be saying goodbye to their friends, teachers, and mentors who guided them through their formative high school years.

For every parent, watching a son or daughter stride across the stage as their name is called to receive their diploma will bring a flood of emotions, pride, and nostalgia. The sentiments expressed in the song, Sunrise, Sunset from Fiddler on the Roof, often come to mind:

Is this the little girl I carried?

Is this the little boy at play?

I don't remember growing older

When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty?

When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

Even those without a direct connection to a graduate will smile at the sight of brightly-colored balloons and other festive decorations marking graduation parties in our neighborhoods. We will recall our own high school graduations and think about the happiness and expectations that filled our hearts and minds at that stage of our lives.

Today's graduates will be tomorrow's leaders who soon will be shaping our future. We will be counting upon them to make the world a better place. Let's hope that we have supplied them with the tools they need to ensure that they can meet the challenges we are facing today and in the years ahead, both for the sake of their own generation and of those before and after.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and their families, wishing them sunshine and blue skies not only on their Graduation Day, but in the years ahead.

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN WITH IRAN

For those of us who were around during the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis in Tehran from late 1979 to early 1981, the present situation involving the closing of the Strait of Hormuz by the Iranian government is deja vu all over again.

Both crises illustrate the two strengths of the Iranian regime: They excel at taking hostages and they know how to play the long game. In 1979, the Iranians seized and held 54 members of the U.S. Embassy, while today they are blocking the passage through the strait of hundreds of ships, wreaking havoc on the world economy.

Just as the administration of then-President Jimmy Carter made a series of miscalculations that underestimated the fanatical Iranian government, so too has the present U.S. administration failed to realize that the Iranians play by their own rules and on their own timetable.

The hostage crisis that undermined the Carter presidency lasted for 444 days, with the Iranians releasing the hostages only upon the swearing-in of President Ronald Reagan after Carter signed the Algiers Accords (which made a number of concessions to Iran) on his last day in office. The Iranians had simply wanted to humiliate Jimmy Carter up until the last day of his presidency.

The current conflict with Iran now is approaching 100 days with no end in sight. The disruption to the world economy and the rising rate of inflation in our country caused by the closing of the strait have served to underscore that this so-called war -- which has not accomplished any of its supposed objectives (regime change? eliminating Iran's nuclear bomb capabilities? destroying Iran's missile and drone weapons? convincing Iran to support its proxies?) -- was a fool's mission undertaken by those who failed to learn the lessons of 45 years ago.

As the oft-quoted philosopher George Santayana put it: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

World Cup Watch Parties
Parlin YA Room. Watch the World Cup at the library! The Parlin Memorial Library is excited to host watch parties for select World Cup games, so bring your team spirit and love of fútbol to the stacks! Next week's schedule:

Thursday, June 11th at 3pm - Mexico v. South Africa

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesdays at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Connolly Center Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, June 11th at 12pm. 1912: Discuss Alyson Richman's The Missing Page. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, June 8th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, June 10th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Creative Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesdays at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Explore, create and get dramatic with this fun interpretive program for kids ages 6-14.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Fridays at 11am. Join Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical

adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Our Pollinators: Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, June 12 at 3PM. Learn about the fabulous pollinators of New England! Discover the wonderful things our butterflies, bees and hummingbirds do to help our planet thrive. Check out our very own butterfly display in the children's room while you're here. Appropriate for ages 4 and up.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party! Saturday, June 13th 11-1. Join us at the Parlin Library for a fun-filled day of games and special activities as we kick off our annual Summer Reading Challenge, with special guests, Captain American and Betsy Ross. In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, this year's Summer Reading Challenge will incorporate patriotic themed reading challenges.

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World Cup //

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istered by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism within the Executive Office of Economic Development. Everett was one of just 17 communities selected to receive funding for World Cup-related events designed to encourage community engagement, tourism, and economic activity across Massachusetts. The City was awarded \$10,000 to support event operations, entertainment, safety planning, and community engagement efforts tied to the 2026 World Cup.

Residents are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets, as seating will not be provided. To help protect the turf at Rivergreen Park, chairs must have flat bases with no spikes or narrow legs, and sharp-heeled shoes will not be permitted. Outside alcohol is prohibited.

Additional event information, rules, and updates are available at cityofeverett.com/fan-fest.

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Everett High School’s Dr. Seiders is STEM Teacher of the Year

Special to the Independent

Everett High School math and engineering teacher Dr. Anna Seiders has been named the 2026 Massachusetts STEM Teacher of the Year, a glowing testament to her unyielding commitment to empowering her students by exposing them to authentic learning experiences inside and outside of school. Dr. Seiders was officially recognized during the annual

STEM Summit, held on May 20, 2026, at UMass-Lowell. Funding for the award, which was launched in 2012, is provided by The Patriots Foundation, while The Patriots Hall of Fame presented by RTX announced the honor on its website. “We are thrilled to join state educational leaders and the Patriots Foundation in con-

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COURTESY EMILY BOYLE/GOVERNOR’S PRESS OFFICE
Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll takes a selfie with STEM Teacher of the Year Dr. Anna Seiders.

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the best of luck. It’s been a long run. I got elected at [age] 20. I enjoyed serving with so many nice people. I really appreciate the support I’ve received in this community for so many years. This is just a personal decision.”

Former councilor John Hanlon, who finished sixth in the councilor-at-large race last November, and will succeed Matewsky in the position. “I wish him [Hanlon] the best of luck, and I wish the

new mayor of Everett the best of luck. Thank you all very much,” concluded Matewsky.

With that dramatic farewell on live cable television, Matewsky then made it official, handing his resignation letter to City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.

Council President Stephanie Smith summed up the sentiment in the Chambers and across the city, stating, “That was definitely a surprise. So, thank you Mr. Matewsky.”

Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pi-

etrantonio immediately paid tribute to Matewsky’s four decades of service to the City of Everett.

“I just want to thank Mr. Matewsky for his service to this city,” said Pietrantonio. “He was dedicated. He gave every ounce of his bone and his blood to this city. I was very proud to serve with you for these last two years, and I hate to see you go.”

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es. Don’t miss this fun for the whole family event!

Origami Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Saturday, June 13th at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided.

Shute Adult and Teens

Ready Player One Games, Shute Meeting Room, Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. Level up your Wednesdays with our ultimate gaming hangout! Grab your friends and dive into fun Nintendo Switch and PlayStation games. No registration required. Recommended for ages 11 and up.

Shute Children’s

Miss Val’s Storytime Pals Shute Children’s Room. Mondays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 12 PM. What’s better than

a good story? Sharing it with friends! Join Miss Val at the Shute Library for Fairytale Fun!

Master Builders: Lego Free-play: Shute Children’s Room. Thursdays from 3-5PM. Free-play session with Legos and

other building blocks. Bring a buddy, or make a new one, as you explore your imagination brick by brick! We provide the space and the materials to let your vision take shape. What will you create?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES ANNOUNCE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF PARTY

The Everett Public Libraries are excited to invite the community to the official kick-off of their 2026 Summer Reading Challenge on Saturday, June 13, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This year’s celebration will feature a special theme honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, bringing a festive, patriotic spirit to this beloved annual tradition. Children, teens, and adults are all encouraged to attend and take part in a fun-filled afternoon designed to inspire a love of reading throughout the summer and beyond.

The kick-off party will include:

- Food and refreshments
- Games and activities for all ages
- Music and entertainment
- Information about the Summer Reading Challenge and how to participate

Whether you’re a longtime library supporter or a first-time visitor, this event is the perfect way to kick off a summer of learning, exploration, and community connection. Mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable start to summer! For more info, please visit the Parlin or Shute Memorial Library.

EHS CLASS OF 1978 MEMORIAL MASS

The Everett Class of 1978 will be sponsoring the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Grace (OLG) on Sunday, June 7, in memory of deceased classmates of Everett High and the Everett Vocational High School. OLG is located on Nichols St on the Everett/Chelsea line.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF EVERETT

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PETITION FROM MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID OF NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

To all parties interested in the public hearing. Be it hereby ordered:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, Massachusetts requests permission to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

The following are the streets and highways referred to:

WR# 31307113- Irving Street - National Grid to install underground facilities on Irving Street. Beginning at a point approximately 20 feet Southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Union Street and Irving Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a Southerly direction. National Grid to install approximately 10’ of 2-4” conduit from existing pole #694-0 to private property to provide a permanent overhead to underground service at 41-47 Union Street. Everett, MA

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Irving Street - Everett, Massachusetts.

Hearing to be held with the Everett City Council, held on Monday at 7:00PM, on the 22nd of June, 2026 at the Everett City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Everett City Hall.

E CLUB OF EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

The E Club of Everett held its 54th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner May 21 at Spinelli's.

E Club Dinner Chairperson Holly Garcia did an outstanding job as the master of ceremonies.

E Club President Michael LaCourt welcomed the many guests to the dinner.

Mayor Robert Van Campen brought the officials greetings of the City of Everett.

Executive Director Carl Colson led the presentation of

scholarship awards to the following Everett High School seniors:

Casey Martinez (Founders Scholarship Award)

Gaetano Foster (Pisacreta Scholarship Award)

Nicole Damaceno (Agnes

Scholarship Award)

Emma Perry (Medugno Scholarship Award)

Anthony Whitlow (Costin Scholarship Award)

Jeremy Whitlow (Ross Scholarship Award)

Juliette Romboli (Farnell

Scholarship Award)

Rileigh Marie Kenny (Reynaldi Audate Scholarship Award)

Kervens Joseph (Jack McGrath Scholarship Award)

Lindsey Cherichel-Paul (E Club Scholarship Award)



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Clerk of Committees John Burley, School Committeewoman Millie Cardello, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Amanda Burley Patterson, and former School Committeeman Frank Parker.



E Club President Michael LaCourt welcomes Stoneham Bank President and CEO Edward F. Doherty Jr. to the Awards Dinner.



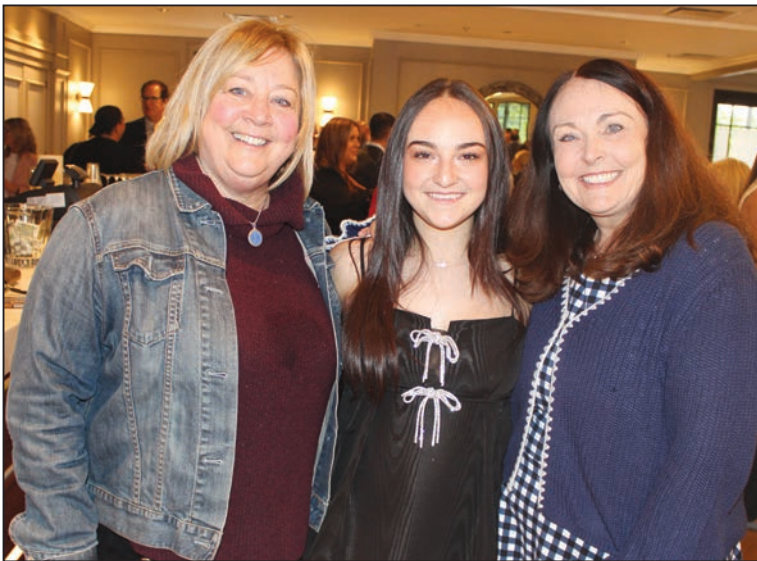
Frances Merenda Outstanding Running Back Award recipient Tyler Freni, pictured with his parents, Marc Freni and Colleen Freni, and E Club President Michael LaCourt.



Everett Bank Chief Operating Officer John Citrano, Board Chair Dennis Leonard, E Club President Michael LaCourt, Board Member Joseph Sachetta, President and Chief Executive Officer Richard O'Neil Jr., and E Club Executive Director Carl Colson.



Everett schoolteachers Janet Colameta and Randy Boudreau, showing their support for the E Club.



Everett schoolteacher Janet Colameta, Medugno Scholarship Award recipient Emma Perry, and Everett Teachers Association President Kim Auger.



City officials (from left), Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, and Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro.



E Club President Michael LaCourt welcomes Special Assistant to the Mayor Christopher Connolly to the E Club Awards Dinner.

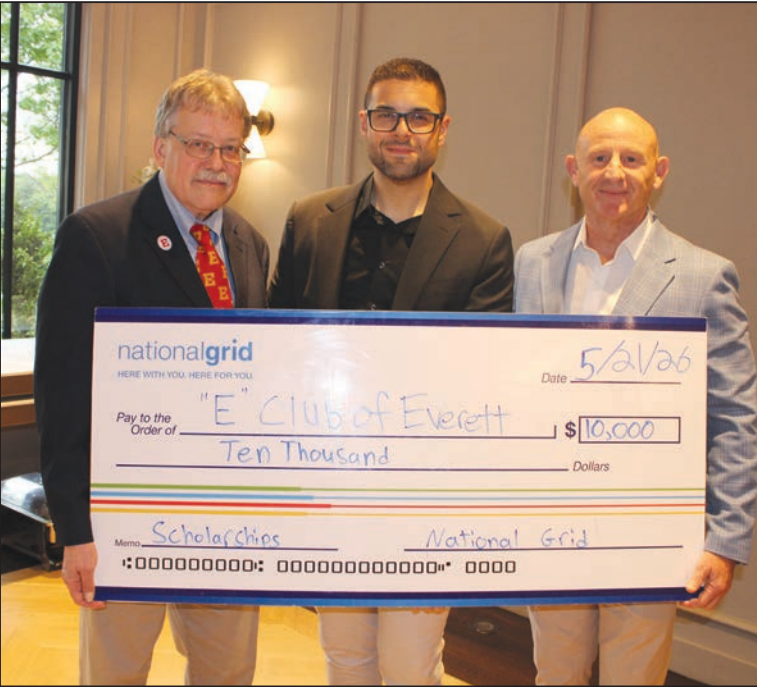


Mayor Robert Van Campen, pictured with Raymonde Sainristil and Carlot Sainristil at the E Club Awards Dinner.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND ATHLETIC AWARD PHOTOS WILL APPER IN NEXT WEEKS EDITION

E CLUB OF EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



E Club Executive Director Carl Colson (left) and E Club President Michael LaCourt (right) accept a \$10,000 donation for scholarships from National Grid, represented by John Prudente, Community Engagement Manager at National Grid.



E Club President Michael LaCourt welcomes friends and guests to the 54th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. From left, Jay Holt, Robert Fialli, Joe Massa, Michael LaCourt, Mark Rotondo, Mark Farrell, Ronnie Canon and Steve Guskiewicz.



Everett High School basketball players Jayden Alsaindor, Samir King-DaCosta, Alpha Ba, Raul Guimares and Jayden Fragilus pictured with the Crimson Tide head coach, Gerard Boyce, for a photo at the E Club Awards Dinner.



E Club Dinner Chairperson Holly Garcia, pictured at the podium.



Everett High School baseball players Luke Wood, Tyler Freni, M.J. Guida, and Nick Young, pictured with head coach Malik Love.



Former School Committeeman Frank Parker and Assistant City Clerk Michael Mangan (seated); Clerk of Committees John Burley, Mayor Robert Van Campen, and Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro (standing).



Student Representative to the School Committee Emma Perry, School Committeewoman Joanna Garren, School Committeewoman Robin Babcock, Supt. of Schools William Hart, School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Mayor Robert Van Campen, School Committeewoman Joseph D'Onofrio, and School Committeewoman Millie Cardello.

E CLUB OF EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Legendary Everett High School softball coach Stacy Poste Schiavo and members of the 2026 Crimson Tide team, pictured at the E Club Awards Dinner.



Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin (right) greets Raymonde Sainristil and Carlot Sainristil at the E Club Awards Dinner.



Some of the distinguished guests who can always be counted upon to renew their support for the E Club at the annual Awards Dinner.



E Club Executive Director Carl Colson, his daughter, E Club Treasurer Daryl Colson-Wing, one of the unsung contributors to the E Club's ongoing strength and stability, and her husband, Michael Wing.



First Lady Lisa Van Campen, Special Assistant to the Mayor Christopher Connolly, Boston sports personality Paul Perillo, Mark Farrell, Executive Office Manager Kristin Leonard, and Mayor Robert Van Campen.



Representing an outstanding Everett sports family, Scholarship Award recipient Juliette Romboli, pictured with her grandfather, John Romboli, and her mother, Andrea Romboli.

E CLUB OF EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley and EPS Director of Communications David O'Connor had the honor of the guests serenading them with happy birthday wishes at the E Club Awards Dinner.



Tyler Freni, winner of a Mike Sainristil Washington Commanders NFL jersey, is pictured with Mike's parents, Raymonde Sainristil and Carlot Sainristil, at the E Club Awards Dinner.



Everett Teachers Association President Kim Auger, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, Scholarship Award recipient Emma Perry, and Mayor Robert Van Campen.



Supt. of Schools William Hart congratulates Nathan Fortune on receiving the James "Tank" Agnetta Outstanding Lineman Award and completing his requirements in the health and medical assisting program.



The Audate and Sainristil families, Hantzley Audate, Henriette Audate, Raymonde Sainristil, Carlot Sainristil, and Rhandy Audate.



Everett High School head softball coach and former All-Scholastic Stacy Poste Schiavo, pictured with her father, all-time great Little League coach Al Poste (left), and her husband, Michael Schiavo (right).



E Club Board Members Paolo Lambresa and Sandro Colarusso.



The E Club of Everett officers and board members (seated, from left), Linda Maloney, Daryl Colson-Wing, Holly Garcia, and Samantha Uga. Standing (from left) are Paul Lucci, Steve Gallagher, Carl Colson, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Michael LaCourt, Sandro Colarusso and Paolo Lambresa.

City of Everett honors fallen heroes at annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Special to the Independent

On Monday, May 25, the City of Everett held its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery, bringing together veterans, families, elected officials, and community members to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States.

Despite steady rain throughout the morning, attendees gathered in solemn remembrance, reflecting Everett's enduring commitment to honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The ceremony was led by Director of Veterans Services Erika Corbeli, who delivered the welcome remarks, introductions, and reading of the official proclamation.

"While freedom is often spoken about in grand terms, today reminds us that freedom has always come at a human cost," said Director Corbeli. "Behind every flag placed at a grave is a story. A son. A daughter. A husband. A wife. A friend. A neighbor. Someone who was deeply loved and whose absence was deeply felt."

Bishop Robert G. Brown offered the invocation and benediction, while Veterans Agent Gerri Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance. School Committee Member and U.S. Air Force veteran Millie Cardello conducted the Roll Call of Honor, and State Representative Joseph McGonagle delivered remarks recognizing the significance of Memorial Day.

Everett Police Sergeant John Cristiano, a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army National Guard, delivered the keynote address.

Mayor Robert Van Campen



PHOTOS COURTESY THE CITY OF EVERETT

Chief Paul Strong, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Chief Joseph Hickey, Director of Veterans Services Erika Corbeli, and State Representative Joseph McGonagle stand alongside the Honor Guard during the Memorial Day Ceremony.



Everett Police Sergeant John Cristiano smiles after delivering the keynote address during the City of Everett's Memorial Day Ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery.

addressed attendees with remarks reflecting on the meaning of Memorial Day and the responsibility shared by all Americans to honor the legacy of those who served.

"From the flags placed

throughout our cemeteries to ceremonies like this, and to the veterans, families, students, and community members gathered here today, we ensure that those we lost will never become just a passing memo-



State Representative Joseph McGonagle places his hand over his heart while Sgt. John Cristiano and Bishop Robert G. Brown salute during the National Anthem at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

ry," Mayor Van Campen said. "May we do more than look back with pride. Let us look forward with purpose. Let us recommit ourselves to the values for which these heroes gave everything: unity over division,

service over self-interest, and hope over fear."

Mayor Van Campen and Director Corbeli also recognized Gold Star families, as well as veterans whose service and sacrifices continue long after their time in uniform.

Though the ceremony took place under rainy skies, the weather did little to deter the community from gathering in tribute and remembrance. Following the program, attendees shared coffee and donuts as residents continued conversations and reflections together.

The City of Everett thanks all who helped organize, participate in, and attend this year's Memorial Day Ceremony and remains committed to preserving the memory and legacy of the nation's fallen heroes.

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In a classy gesture emblematic of the Supt. William Hart administration, Everett High School officially welcomed Worcester State University President Barry M. Maloney to the city.



Shown to the left, Everett High School Assistant Principal Karen Hughes, School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Everett High School Principal Dr. John Braga, and Everett Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dennis Lynch.

Shown below, Everett Public Schools Assistant Supt. Dennis Lynch, Director of Safety and Security Lauren O'Connor, and Phil Massa of the Everett Public Schools.

Partnership // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

President Barry Maloney made the announcement during a formal ceremony at Everett High School (EHS) on Thursday, May 28, 2026. School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, EHS Principal Dr. John Braga, Student Ambassadors, guidance staff, district administrators, and faculty were on hand for the announcement of EHS's first-of-its-kind Direct Admission partnership.

In addition to broadening access, the partnership streamlines the admissions process by waiving application fees, SAT or ACT scores, and requirements for letters of recommendation and college essays for qualifying students.

The partnership is the first of its kind for Worcester State.



Everett Teachers Association President Kim Auger, Everett Public Schools General Counsel Brackett Smith, and Everett Public Schools Director of Planning and Compliance Colleen Mejia.

University President Barry Maloney said the goal is to make admissions easy for students who have already proven they can do the work.

"Partnerships like these are vital because they send a clear message to young people in our community: your hard work has earned you a place here and we are invested in your success," he said.

Added Superintendent Hart: "Most crucially, this makes a college education more accessible to a greater percentage of our students. I thank President Maloney and Worcester State leadership for joining the EPS in its efforts to expand opportunities for our graduating seniors — in this case, at a university known for its MajorPlus academic framework, which gives students the opportunity to graduate with two majors or a major and minor within four years."

Worcester State Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Ryan Forsythe further noted the agreement reflects the university's commitment to making higher education as accessible as possible for students not only in central Massachusetts, but across the entire Commonwealth.

"Our goal has always been to remove barriers to higher education," he said. "This partnership serves to clear a path to college for Everett high school students, and at the same time brings added transparency and newfound simplicity to the admissions process."

The EPS-Worcester State partnership will remain in effect indefinitely. Qualifying students are expected to receive their direct admission offers by November of each academic year.



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City of Everett

EHS Roundup

KAYSHAUN EVEILLARD IS THE D-2 STATE CHAMP IN THE 400M DASH

Everett High track star Kayshaun Eveillard won the Division 2 State Championship in the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.38 this past Sunday afternoon at Bridgewater State University.

Then on Sunday evening, Kayshaun ran a leg of the Tide's 4 x 100 relay team that earned a seventh-place medal with a clocking of 44.24.

Eveillard qualified in both the 200 and 400 for the MIAA Meet of Champions, which will be held later this week at Merrimack College.

Teammate Kervens Joseph also turned in a superb weekend at the D-2 meet. Kervens brought home an eighth-place medal in the 200 dash with his time of 23.33 (Kervens ranks as the second-fastest boy in the 200 in the EHS record books

behind Eveillard) and was a member of the seventh-place 4 x 100 relay team, along with teammates Sandesh Pun and Saymon Silva.

Kervens also competed in the 100 dash and finished 15th with a sprint of 11.43.

Another highlight of the meet for the Tide boys was the performance of the 4 x 800 relay quartet of Lucas Nunes, Carlos Pagan Landeo, Cristopher Portillo Cruz, and Jeremy Whitlow, who broke their own school record, running a time

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SPEED DEMONS -- Kayshaun Eveillard and Kervens Joseph give their medals the "Olympic bite" after their performances in the 200 meter dash at this past weekend's Division 2 State Meet. Eveillard, who took second place at the meet in the 200, holds the EHS school record in that event, and Joseph, who finished seventh at the meet, is the second-fastest 200 runner in school history. Kayshaun also won the D-2 championship in the 400 dash (see accompanying story).

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A happy group of the Everett High boys and girls 4 x 100 relay teams are shown displaying their medals after finishing in seventh place at this past weekend's Division 2 State Meet that was held at Merrimack College. Standing are Kayshaun Eveillard, alternate Benley Byram, Kervens Joseph, Saymon Silva, and Sandesh Pun. In front are the girls team of Emelly DeJesus, Marissa Cadet, Zoe Massiah, and Shinead Riley, who set a new EHS school record of 52.12, breaking the previous mark of 52.22 that was set in 2015.

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Altogether, coach Jehu Cimea's Crimson Tide boys' squad tallied 21 points, which was good for 15th-place in the D-2 team standings.

On the girls' side, the quartet of Emelly DeJesus, Marissa Cadet, Zoe Massiah, and Shinead Riley brought home a seventh-place medal with a time of 52.12 that broke the previous EHS school mark of 52.12 that had stood since 2015.

Riley also competed individually in the 100, finishing in 13th place with a dash of 13.32.

EHS FLAG FOOTBALL AWAITS PLAYOFF STATUS

The Everett High girls flag football team split its final two contests of the regular season last week at Bertram Field in Salem, defeating KIPP Academy, 36-6, but falling to Triton, 22-8.

The split leaves the Crimson Tide with a 6-10 record in its inaugural season, a record that placed the Crimson Tide in 12th place in the 20-team Northeast Division.

Coach Duane Sigsbury and his squad were awaiting confirmation of their playoff status and first-round opponent as the Independent was going to press.

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Patricia A. (Monsini) Russo of Everett, entered into eternal rest at home, surrounded by her loving and caring family, Saturday, May 30, 2026. She was 71 years old. Born in Everett, Patricia remained a lifelong resident.

Patricia was the dear daughter of the late Ambrose and Angela (Sachetta) Monsini; the beloved wife of John S. Russo for over 46 years; the dear and devoted mother of John A. Russo and Steven B. Russo and his wife, Shauna all of Everett; the dear sister of Albert Monsini, Diana Pasquariello and the late Ronald Monsini. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Patty's greatest treasure was her family, especially her husband and two children. Her boys were her world, and she poured her heart into being their biggest cheerleader & supporter. She never missed a baseball game, proudly watching her boys from the sidelines.

Her presence was a constant source of strength and encouragement, creating lifelong memories for her kids.

She had a passion for cooking and loved preparing meals that brought family and friends together. Her skill in the kitchen was unmatched, and created a place of love, that will be remembered fondly by all who were lucky enough to enjoy her



food.

Patty also enjoyed the magic of Disney World. She loved the excitement, and family adventures it offered. Those trips became some of her most treasured experiences.

Patty's legacy lives on in the love she gave so freely, the memories she created, and the example she set as a mother. She will be deeply missed but forever carried in the hearts of her family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Patricia's visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Monday, June 8, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a funeral home service to follow at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Patricia's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St., Ste. 201, Newtonville, MA 02460, would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

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Funeral Services were held privately in Holy Cross Cemetery – Community Mausoleum in Malden for Paulette A. (Scrapchansky) Gray, who passed away on May 21st at 76 years of age.

Paulette was raised by Robert and Emma Constantine in Everett, where she received her education and she was a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1966. Shortly after graduating from high school, she married Gary G. Gray and together they started a family.

Paulette held several jobs over the years and was most notably a waitress in various restaurants in the Boston area. She also worked as a manager of the advertising department for Malden and Medford newspapers for over five years, until her declining health forced her into retirement.

She was fastidious about her household and was known for keeping an impeccably clean home. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed reading books in her spare time.

The mother of Lisa M. Gray and her partner, Gary Powell of Raymond, New Hampshire, she was the grandmother of Stephen Porterfield of New Hampshire, Channele Fuller of Georgia, Gabrielle Finley and



her husband, Zachery Finley of Tennessee, and great grandmother of Greyson and Zachary Jr.; dear sister of Robert Constantine and his wife, Janice, Roberta Constantine and her husband, Michael Actor, and the late Bettyann Woods. She is the former wife of Gary G. Gray of Revere. She is also survived by her special aunt, Irene Constantine, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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gratulating Dr. Seiders on this deserved honor,” said Everett Public Schools (EPS) Superintendent William D. Hart. “I have seen and admired the op-

portunities and exposure Dr. Seiders creates for our students. She is a credit to the EPS and to teachers everywhere.”

Through a network of relationships, Anna helps provide students with opportunities to support their learning through internships and job opportunities. She leads the STEM Club at her school, competing in Ten80 Education’s Racing and Autonomous Vehicle Challenges, earning multiple awards,

top-five finishes, and even the national title. Additionally, she works with Mass Learning Project as a Community Lead for Project Lead the Way, leading professional development and connecting teachers to valuable resources.

“I see my students for who they are,” Dr. Seiders said, “Not every student is necessarily interested in STEM, but every student can benefit from a STEM education and that can



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Everett High School teacher Dr. Anna Seiders accepts the 2026 STEM Teacher of the Year Award from Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll on May 20, 2026, at UMass-Lowell.

be made accessible by providing opportunities that personally resonate with them.”

“Massachusetts is a global leader in innovation because of incredible STEM educators like Anna Seiders,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Anna’s dedication, inspiration, and excellence in the classroom help

students build the skills they need to shape the future. We’re so excited to congratulate her on being named STEM Teacher of the Year and grateful to the Patriots Hall of Fame for presenting this award.”

As this year’s recipient of honor, Everett will receive \$5,000 in Dr. Seiders’ name to be used for STEM education. She will also be appointed to Governor Maura Healey’s STEM Advisory Council, chaired by Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

“As a math and engineering teacher, Anna will bring an important voice and perspective to the STEM Advisory Council,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Educators like her are preparing students with the knowledge and confidence they need to succeed in whatever path they choose, and we are thankful for her dedication.”

“Congratulations to Anna Seiders on being named STEM Teacher of the Year,” said Education Secretary Steve Zrike. “Across Massachusetts, educators like Ms. Seiders are helping students develop curiosity, confidence, and problem-solving skills that prepare them for lifelong success. I want to thank the Patriots for shining a light on these dedicated and passionate educators who are inspiring the next generation of innovators, scientists, engineers, and leaders.”



Everett Teachers Association President Kim Auger, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, STEM Teacher of the Year Dr. Anna Seiders, and her Everett High STEM faculty colleague, Dr. Chris Backlund.

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# Everett Police Detective Dan Wall awarded highest honor for heroic actions during violent armed rampage

Special to the Independent

Detective Dan Wall of the Everett Police Department was awarded the Medal of Valor during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 26, in recognition of his heroic actions during a violent and dangerous incident that unfolded across several communities in July, 2025.

The Medal of Valor is one of the department's highest honors and is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves through acts of extraordinary courage involving imminent danger to their own lives while protecting others.

Detective Wall, a seven-year veteran of the Everett Police Department and Marine Corps veteran, was recognized before family, fellow officers, city officials, and residents during a ceremony led by Everett Police Chief Paul Strong.

The incident began during the afternoon of July 31, 2025, when multiple police departments across the region responded to reports involving a suspect driving erratically, engaging in shoplifting, and refusing to stop for police. The situation eventually entered Everett, where the suspect crashed his SUV into multiple vehicles on Lower Broadway near McDonald's before climbing onto the roof of the vehicle while waving a knife.

The suspect then got back into the SUV and drove at a



Shown left to right: Representative Joseph McGonagle, Police Chief Paul Strong, District Attorney Marian Ryan, Police Detective Dan Wall, and Mayor Robert J. Van Campen.

high rate of speed along the sidewalk before the vehicle became disabled near Encore Boston Harbor. After getting out of the SUV, the suspect attempted to force his way into several nearby vehicles while still armed with the knife. Massachusetts State Police troopers and Everett Police officers surrounded the suspect and repeatedly attempted to subdue him with tasers after he swung the knife at responding officers.

Despite those efforts, the suspect continued running through traffic and approached a garbage truck stopped at a red light on Route 99. According to Chief Strong, Detective Wall feared the suspect was about to seriously harm the driver when the suspect opened the driv-

er-side door of the truck.

Detective Wall discharged his weapon, striking the suspect multiple times. Despite being shot, the suspect was still able to climb into the truck and struggle with the driver inside the cab.

"Seeing this, Detective Wall immediately and without any regard for his own safety and without hesitation jumped up into the cab of the truck and was able to pull the driver to safety," Chief Strong said during the ceremony.

The suspect then drove the garbage truck approximately a half mile before crashing on the Alford Street Bridge, where officers took him into custody. Chief Strong noted that Detective Wall also applied a tourni-

quet to the suspect's leg to stop severe bleeding following the arrest.

Chief Strong spoke not only about Detective Wall's bravery during the incident, but also about his character afterward, recalling that one of the first questions Wall asked following the ordeal was about the condition of both the victim and the suspect.

"That describes exactly the kind of person you are," Chief Strong said. "Compassionate, thoughtful, kind-hearted and caring."

During the ceremony, Chief Strong recognized Encore Boston Harbor's Security and Investigations team with the Award of Recognition for the assistance they provided fol-

lowing the incident. Encore staff worked closely with investigators and provided extensive surveillance footage that helped Everett Police track the suspect's movements, establish the timeline of events, and support the ongoing prosecution of the case.

Mayor Robert J. Van Campen praised Detective Wall's actions and the professionalism of the Everett Police Department.

"Chief Strong knows that I consistently say with great pride that we have the best trained, best equipped police department in all of Massachusetts," Mayor Van Campen said. "Detective Wall's act of heroism on the day in question is really just one example — a pretty big example — but one example of what our officers do every single day. This is a big deal."

Mayor Van Campen also reflected on the significance of the Medal of Valor itself.

"This honor is reserved for those who demonstrate extraordinary bravery in the face of danger," Mayor Van Campen said. "It reflects not only decisive action, but also a deep commitment to protecting others even at great personal risk. Detective Wall exemplifies everything this award stands for."

The City of Everett congratulates Detective Dan Wall on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued service to the community.



The Encore Boston Harbor Team accepting the Award of Recognition on behalf of the Encore Boston Harbor's Security and Investigations team.



Detective Dan Wall pictured with members of his family. From left, his sister Casey Hill, mother, Mary Gillis, wife Demetria Wall and father, Dan Wall.



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# MSO Youth Public Safety Academy registration now open

Special to the Independent

Registration for the 2026 Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) will open on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 9 a.m., Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced today.

YPSA is open to children ages 8-12 living in any of Middlesex County's 54 cities and towns. Individuals ages 13-15 may register as a Counselor in Training.

"I am so excited to once again offer this exceptional and low-cost summer program," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "Generations of Middlesex County youth have enjoyed the opportunity to learn directly from the public safety professionals that serve their communities every day."

Hosted at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) Training Academy in Chelmsford, the program consists of five, one-week sessions where youngsters engage in hands-

on activities alongside YPSA staff and area first responders. The academy includes focuses on public safety lessons, teamwork and leadership.

Registration is \$125 per child for each week and includes transportation to and from designated bus stops, daily breakfast, lunch, and snacks, as well as a graduation ceremony each Friday. Cadets from Billerica and Chelmsford must be dropped off and picked at the MSO's Training Academy.

Registration will close Monday, June 15 at noon. As a result, the sheriff's office encourages interested families to register early to secure their spots.

This year, the MSO is utilizing a new online system designed to streamline registration. In order to complete the process, families will need to set up accounts and payment will be required at the time of registration. Those applying

for a limited number of scholarships may also do so as part of registration.

2026 YPSA bus stops will be in the following communities for the designated weeks. Participants are not required to reside in communities with a designated bus stop, but they will be picked up and dropped off at these locations.

July 6-10 – Chelmsford, Lowell, Tewksbury & Wilmington

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July 20-24 – Bedford, Belmont/Watertown, Billerica & Newton/Waltham

July 27- 31 – Acton/Boxborough/Maynard, Framingham/Natick, Hudson & Marlborough

Aug. 3-7 – Arlington, Burlington, Malden & Medford

To register beginning on June 1 at 9 a.m., please visit [www.middlesexsheriff.org](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org).

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Stephanie Smith (left) and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia present a citation to Joe Polson

and Jesse Polson in recognition of their outstanding service to the City of Everett notably to

the Everett Little League where a board member. Mr. Polson served as president and his wife, Mrs. Polson, was



Mayor Robert Van Campen offers his personal gratitude to Joe Polson and Jesse Polson for their outstanding contributions to the city. Also pictured are the Polsons' three children (from left), Adon, Ainsely, and Archer. The Polson family is returning to South Carolina after making a positive impact to Everett during its residency here.



Mayor Robert Van Campen (far right) and City Councilors Peter Pietrantonio, Holly Garcia, and Stephanie Martins join Joseph Polson, Jessie Polson and their family and friends for a photo following the citation presentation ceremony in their honor May 26 in the City Council Chambers.

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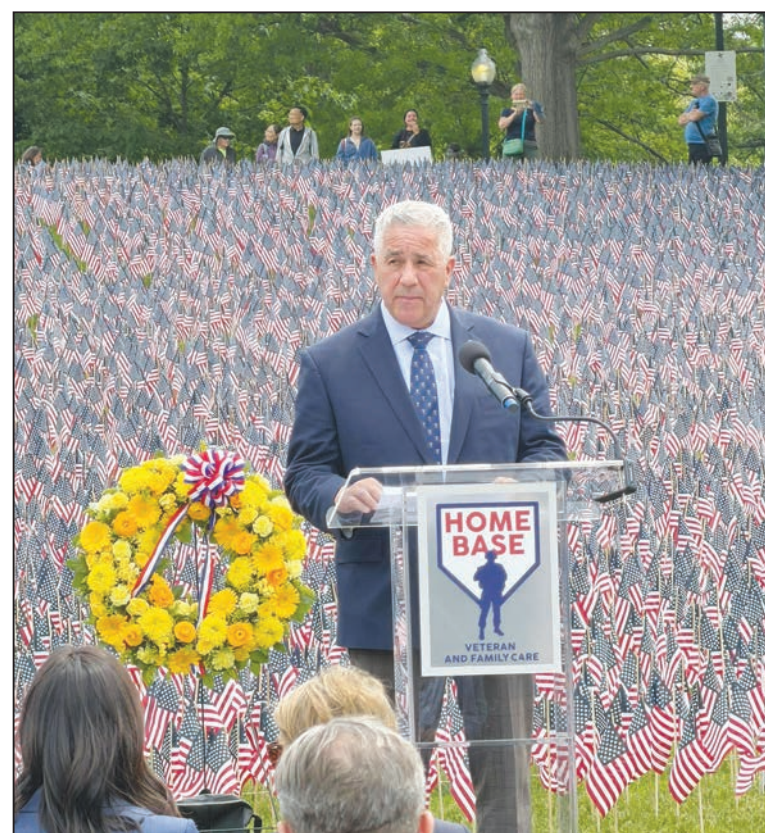
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## MCGONAGLE PARTICIPATES IN HOME BASE MEMORIAL DAY NAME READING

Rep. Joe McGonagle joined Home Base, Gold Star family members, colleagues and service members to honor fallen servicemembers at the Memorial Day Flag Garden on Boston Common. Home Base and their volunteers planted over 37,000 flags, one for each Massachusetts servicemember who sacrificed their lives since the Revolutionary War. The service featured talks from Governor Maura Healey, Home Base Executive Director Retired Brigadier General Jack Hammond and Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Dr. Eric Goralnick. After a wreath was laid by two Gold Star family members, McGonagle and several others read names of Massachusetts fallen.

"I was thrilled to be able to attend and participate in this beautiful ceremony on Boston Common," said McGonagle. "Last year, we were inside due to rain and it is just an incredible sight to look out and see over 37,000 flags. It's a moving tribute and I am



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so honored to be a part of it. Thank you to Home Base for conducting this terrific ceremony as well as Governor Healey

and Dr. Goralnick for being staunch advocates for veterans and their families."

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