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Correction officer dies on duty

'His loss is deeply felt'

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A longtime Bay State correction officer died after suffering a medical emergency at his post on Sunday, according to officials who announced the sudden line-of-duty death.

Correction Officer John Edwards was a 28-year veteran of the Department of Correction,

and he was assigned to North Central Correctional Institution in Gardner. Edwards was 56 years old, and he lived in Ashby.

Edwards on Sunday morning suffered a medical emergency at his post, and he passed away.

"Today, we mourn the loss of Correction Officer John Edwards, who served the Department of Correction for nearly three decades with unwavering dedication to our public safety mission," DOC Commissioner Shawn Jen-

kins said in a statement.

"We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and offer them our full support in the difficult days ahead," Jenkins added. "His service will never be forgotten."

Following Edwards' death, the correction officer's body was escorted from Heywood Hospital in Gardner to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.



Correction officer John Edwards, 56, died following a medical emergency at his post over the weekend.

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COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL OF LOWELL

STUDENT PROJECTS SHOWCASED IN STEAM FAIR



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From left, Collegiate Charter School of Lowell ninth grader Aangi Shah and 11th graders Ginelda Lima and Ciara Sackie during CCSL's STEAM Fair May 28, 2026, where Lima dissected a cow's eye.



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Collegiate Charter School of Lowell students from the top three winning teams of four at the school's STEAM Fair show off the awards they earned for their various science and engineering projects.

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LOWELL » The Collegiate Charter School of Lowell showcased dozens of student projects Thursday in a night celebrating the many disciplines of science education.

The gymnasium and busy hallways of CCSL were lined with student projects which demonstrated their skills in engineering, computer programming, agricultural sciences and many other disciplines during the school's STEAM Night.

STEAM commonly refers to disciplines that fall under the

categories of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, all of which CCSL Executive Director Adam Bakr said have been bolstered for the school with the awarding of three major statewide grants.

"Through the MA FRESH Grant, we expanded our STEM garden — raised beds, sustainability learning, and a growing partnership with Mill City Grows that connects science to this community and this city," said Bakr while addressing students and their families Thursday. "Through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute Grant,

we also put 150 new Chromebooks into the hands of our students — expanding coding, digital literacy, and equitable access to technology across every grade. And through the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Grant, we deepened our biotechnology and life science programming K through 12, giving students real lab experiences and real scientific inquiry."

Because CCSL serves students in all grades within a single building, Bakr said they can "nurture our scholars' unique journeys from elementary school to middle school to

high school, supporting and encouraging their aspirations in a STEAM career."

Among the students who showed off a project Thursday night was fourth grader Gabriel Camilo, who was on a team with three of his classmates. Gabriel and his teammates created a functional arm made of cardboard and powered by a hydraulic system using pipettes and surgical tubing filled with water dyed red.

Gabriel's team's project took second place in a contest be-

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ENERGY

Price at the pump starts to ease

Bay State gas prices drop amid optimism for U.S.-Iran peace deal

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Prices at the pump are finally heading in the opposite direction.

The average Bay State gas price has dropped 9 cents in a week amid rising optimism that the U.S. and Iran are edging closer to a peace deal that would reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Gas prices have now fallen for 11 straight days — but remain about 45% higher than when the war started.

On Monday, the average gas price in Massachusetts was down 9 cents from last week (\$4.48), averaging \$4.39 per gallon.

Monday's price was 16 cents higher than a month ago (\$4.23), and \$1.39 higher than this day last year (\$3).

"Northeast drivers are seeing signs of relief at the pump, but gas prices are still higher than they were a month ago and significantly higher than this time last year," said Mark Schieldrop, senior spokesperson for AAA Northeast.

"Prices are likely to remain elevated until a long-term peace deal is reached and the Strait of Hormuz fully opens," he added.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is 7 cents higher than the national average of \$4.32 per gallon.

The national average is down 18 cents from last week (\$4.50).

Hopes for an end to the 14-week conflict have been building over the past two weeks, leading to solid price declines across oil and gas markets.

Last week, crude prices settled about 10% lower for the week and about 18% lower to close out the month of May — spurring the largest weekly drop in gas prices since the war began.

As cheaper oil eases pressure on gas prices, narrowing supplies and solid demand over the Memorial Day holiday are tempering the pace of recent price declines.

Demand last week jumped by 489,000 barrels a day to reach 9.25 million barrels a day, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). That number is 196,000 barrels a day lower than the comparable week last year, as cool and rainy weather may have dampened fuel sales, particularly in the Northeast.

Demand remains strong, though, and coupled with high exports, led to a 15th straight week of shrinking inventories, which fell by 2.6 million barrels last week, according to the EIA. Stockpiles are now 6% below the five-year average, and are beginning to raise concerns about supply tightness as the summer approaches.



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Pleasant with sunny spells		Partly sunny and nice	
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Mostly sunny and very warm		Very warm with clouds and sun	

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Statistics through 4 p.m. Monday

Temperature
High/low 61/45
Normal high/low 73/55

Precipitation
24 hour total 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Year to date 11.96"
Normal year to date ... 20.73"

Sun & Moon
Sunrise today 5:10 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:17 p.m.
Moonrise today ... 10:46 p.m.
Moonset today 6:26 a.m.

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Jun 8	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 29

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Mid-Day: 4-5-7-5
Payoffs (on \$1 bet):
Exact Order:
All four, \$5,103
First, last three, \$714
Any two, \$61
Any one, \$6

Any Order:
All four, \$425
First three, \$119
Last three, \$238

Evening: 3-1-8-9
Payoffs (on \$1 bet):
Exact Order:
All four, \$5,103
First, last three, \$714
Any two, \$61
Any one, \$6

Any Order:
All four, \$238
First three, \$119
Last three, \$238

Mass Cash (Sun.):
1-7-16-17-20

Millionaire for Life (Sun):
3-11-26-45-56 (5)

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Afternoon
Pick 3: 7-1-0
Pick 4: 1-7-0-8

Evening
Pick 3: 7-0-4
Pick 4: 1-0-4-6

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WORLD CUP 2026

Get them while you can

Ticket prices soar for matches in Foxboro – but there are still deals to get through the door

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As the World Cup matches approach, ticket prices in the Boston area are hitting astronomical highs – but some deals may still be available for those still looking to make it to a game.

“France vs. Norway (June 26) is Boston’s most in-demand match by a wide margin – it’s the top seller in volume and commands an average resale price of around \$1,245,” SeatGeek spokesperson Cameron Papp said of the Massachusetts matches. “The Mbappé-Haaland draw is doing the heavy lifting there.”

Prices for matches at the temporarily-renamed Boston Stadium in Foxboro range from just under \$300 starting costs for the Norway vs. Iraq match-up on June 16 to well over \$10,000 seats for the quarterfinal on July 9.

Massachusetts will host a total of seven World Cup matches between June 13 and July 9 in Foxboro, with over two million visitors and a massive economic impact expected to hit the region during the highly anticipated events.

The four most popular games based on the resale market are Norway vs. France on June 26, then Haiti vs. Scotland on June 14, the quarterfinal on July 9 and England



ADAM HUNGER — GETTY IMAGES

Fans cheer prior to the United States World Cup roster reveal last week in New York.

vs. Ghana on June 23, according to StubHub data. “The average World Cup ticket at Gillette is selling for roughly 3.6 times the average price of a typical Gillette event,” stated Jill Gonzalez, StubHub head of consumer, product and tech communications.

For the July 9 quarterfinal matchup, the cheapest tickets could be found for over a thousand dollars as of the end of May. Some of the most expensive resale seats available for the match reached over a whopping \$14,000 at the same time.

The quarterfinal averaged around \$1,800 a resale ticket in late May, according to SeatGeek, with the knockout round on June 29 come in roughly 45% above the prior top group-stage match.

For fans “looking for a more accessible entry point,” Papp said, Norway vs. Iraq on June 16 still has tickets available under \$300 heading into June and the “lowest average resale price of the seven matches.”

Visitors are expected to

flock to the Boston-area matches from all over the world, and StubHub noted buyers have purchased from over 80 countries so far.

International buyers have made up approximately 10% of ticket demand for the Foxboro World Cup matches, according to StubHub data. Buyers from Massachusetts alone have comprised about 50%, while the total New England buyers have made up 60%, meaning “roughly three in five U.S. buyers” are coming from the local region.

The international crowd makes the events about a ten times jump from the typical share of international attendees at a Gillette Stadium event, StubHub stated.

For Foxboro and across all host cities, demand “spiked sharply after the December 2025 FIFA draw” SeatGeek said.

According to the site Ticket Data, the cheapest “get-in” price for World Cup matches has dropped slightly, around

6%, in the last 30 days. For Boston-area matches, the get-in price dropped 12.8% over the last 30 days and 4.6% over just the last three days.

Looking out for scams

With sky-high demand for World Cup tickets, experts are warning potential customers to look out for scams.

“The broad overview is that if the price is too good, don’t do it, and that holds true for this as well,” said LegalShield attorney Ben Farrow, adding “time pressure is a con man’s best friend.”

The attorney warned customers to take steps to avoid social media sellers, never use payment apps or wire transfers, screenshot listings for evidence, confirm ticket transfer before game day, and file a chargeback quickly if you paid by credit card.

The National Association of Ticket Brokers also lists trusted retailers to buy from for those shopping around for a good ticket price, Farrow said.

Farrow reminded buyers that if you’ve gotten burned or ripped off, you can always report it to a governmental agency.

“You may just be one straw, but you may be the straw that breaks the camel’s back, so that you can actually get relief for everybody,” Farrow said. ... “You can complain to a federal government or your state government, typically an attorney general at the state government level or sometimes the consumer board.”

Fair

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tween 20 entries during STEAM Night. While talking with The Sun after he said with a smile his team “wanted first place so bad,” but that he enjoyed the entire project.

“It was nice to show a lot of people my project, and how it worked,” Gabriel said.

CCSL STEM Curriculum Director Kritika Maheshwari told The Sun after the event Thursday that one of the purposes of the fair was to show the families of the students how the school’s “growing pathway for STEAM” functions.

“We have cool projects which kids can start learning in elementary, like 3D printing, so in elementary they design small stuff like keychains and fridge magnets, and then they go to middle school and design electromagnetic tools which float in the air,” said Maheshwari. “It builds, it grows with them. So this is the vision our STEM department is following to have a smooth, creative, collaborative K-12 pathway for engineering, design and technology where kids get those foundation skills like critical thinking and problem-solving early in elementary, and then we build upon those with coding and technology skills in later years.”



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A student at the Collegiate Charter School of Lowell gets an up-close look at a 3D printer during the school’s STEAM Fair May 28, 2026.



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A student at the Collegiate Charter School of Lowell uses a laptop to control a motorized sphere inside a small arena during the school’s STEAM Fair May 28, 2026.



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Collegiate Charter School of Lowell 10th grader Theresa Kusi-Frimpong talks about her interests in biotechnology during CCSL’s STEAM Fair May 28, 2026.