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## 2025 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

Looking back through the lens of a camera

Photographers working for The Eagle-Tribune covered all sorts of events in 2025, many of which

focused on graduations, sports, bands, events and other activities at your schools.

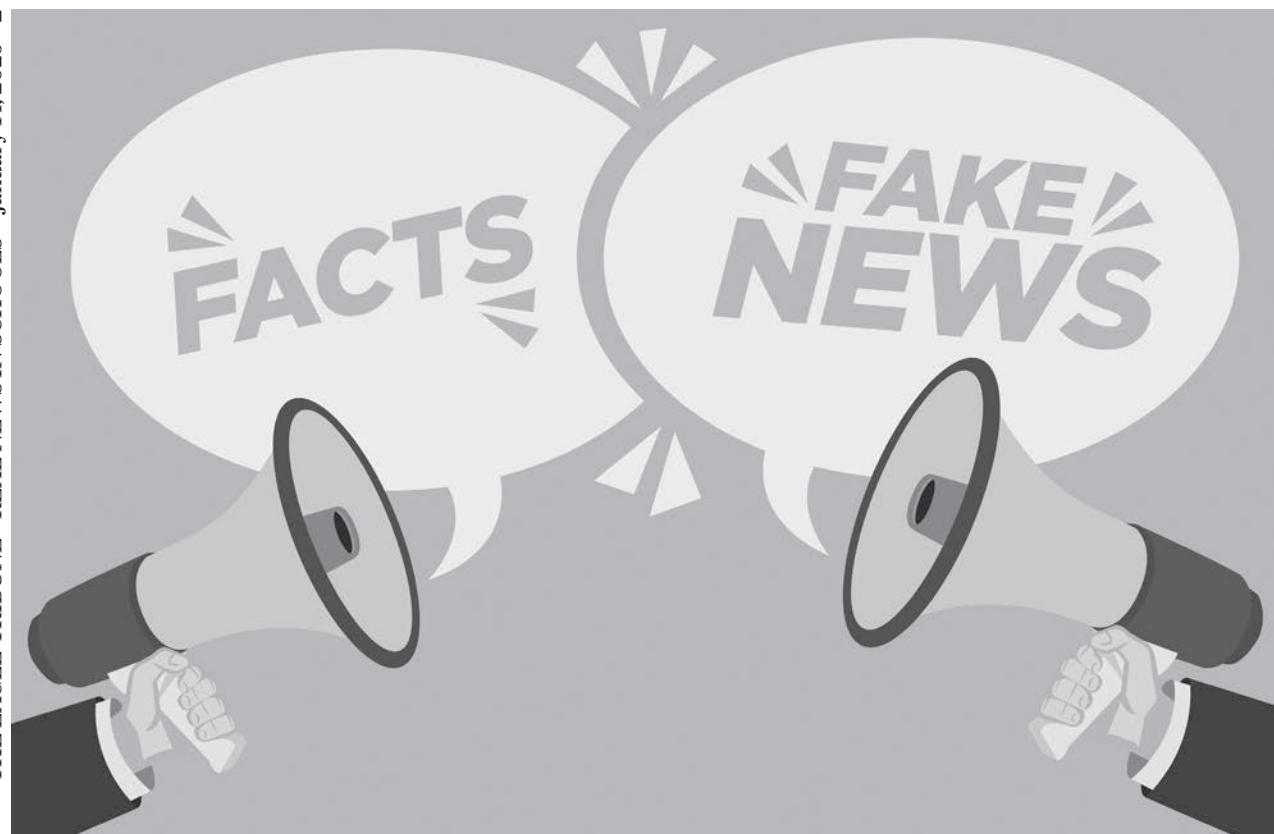
This is just a small sample of the work by Tim Jean and Carl Russo and a few shot by freelancers this

year. And if you look closely — sometimes just glance — you'll often see yourself, a classmate, or a close friend.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Under a dramatic sky, Lawrence High School seniors wait patiently to receive their diplomas at Veterans Memorial Stadium on May 30.



## Looking to combat fake news?

Here are some resources to help you determine if what you've read is true:

» **Politifact** is the Pulitzer Prize-winning fact checking operation run by the nonprofit Poynter Institute. The site fact-checks statements by politicians and debunks myriad Facebook hoaxes.

<https://www.politifact.com/>

» **FactCheck.org**, run by Annenberg Public Policy Center, performs much of the same tasks, and also lets you ask questions of the fact checkers. An example question: Did the Supreme Court rule that it is illegal to take the oath of office with anything but the Bible? (The answer is no.)

<https://www.factcheck.org/>

» **Snopes** is the original fact-checking website. Use the site's search bar to get to the bottom of political statements, viral videos and urban myths.

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» **A Google reverse image search** is the best way to find out if that photo you saw making the rounds on Twitter or Facebook is real. This story from PC Magazine walks you through how to do it on your desktop or your phone.

<https://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2492468,00.asp>

» **Still need help?** Contact us at the Eagle-Tribune, and we'll get the answer for you, no matter the topic. Email editor Tracey Rauh at [trauh@eagletribune.com](mailto:trauh@eagletribune.com).



## REAL NEWS IN SCHOOLS

### How the program works

Your school can have access to local, trusted journalism from The Eagle-Tribune on a daily basis. We report on news throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire, covering all things local – from schools, to sports, to government, people profiles, business, entertainment and more. You get the facts – the real news – from experienced reporters, photographers and editors you can count on at no cost to your school.

#### Here are the basics of the program:

**What is it?** The Eagle-Tribune partners with local businesses to provide free digital access to our newspaper to anyone within the school at no cost to the school. This access encourages students to value the vital news coverage being produced by The Eagle-Tribune. They will build awareness and gain critical thinking skills in the process.

#### Who can participate?

This program will benefit teachers, students, and the broader school community.

**Where does it take place?** You can access our newspaper online. Teachers can incorporate the program into their curriculums, even having reporters, photographers and editors visit your class.

**When can we start benefiting?** As soon as we have your commitment to participate in Real News in Schools we will go to work to find a local business who wants to sponsor you. Once we have one, we will work with your IT Department to get the program up and running.

**Why is this valuable?** There's a lot of fake news out there on social media and elsewhere. The Eagle-Tribune, founded in 1868 as the Lawrence Daily Eagle and a twice Pulitzer Prize winning publication, has a long track record of fair and accurate reporting that cuts through the misinformation.

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Methuen High School Class of 2025 graduate Colin Robinson celebrates with a back flip after receiving his diploma June 8.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Class Valedictorian Alexander Hale addresses the class of 2025 during a graduation ceremony at North Andover High School on May 30.



Dehkontee Cooper waves to her family seated in the stands as she walks into the stadium during a graduation ceremony for Haverhill High School on June 8.

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**Members of the Salem High School Blue Devil Marching Band and Color Guard perform along Main Street during the Salem Holiday Parade on Nov. 30.**



DEBORAH GUELFI PHOTO

**Vanessa Mabley, 17, a senior at North Andover High School, plays taps during the Memorial Day ceremony in Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover.**



REBA SALDANHA/Photo

**Members of the Lawrence High School JROTC program cheer on participants during the Great Stone Dam Classic.**

**Elijah Chico, 13, a Boy Scout with Troop 51, VFW Post 8349 in Methuen, serves hot coffee during the weekly, Wednesday night dinner for the homeless hosted by the Movement Family at the old Buckley garage.**

CARL RUSSO/  
Staff photo



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**Lawrence Mayor Brian De Pena, center, helps cheer on the walkers with members of the Central Catholic High School Cheer Team during Lazarus House Ministries annual Walk for Hope and Fall Festival held at Lawrence Veterans Memorial Stadium.**



**More than 90 students of all ages from five Lawrence high schools gathered at the Lawrence High School Performing Arts Center to celebrate the art of dance, and showcase what they have worked on throughout the year.**



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

**Whittier Tech captain Corey Deziel makes a head-first slide while stealing second base during the Wildcats' 13-3 win over Greater Lawrence Tech in April.**



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

**Methuen's Connor McCarthy is reflected in a puddle as he competes in the boys high jump during the MVC track championship held at Andover High School.**



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

**Central Catholic captain Julie Hall goes to the floor for the ball with help from Mia Romansik during a game against Newton North in the state semifinal volleyball match in November.**



REBA SALDANHA

**North Andover's Ethan Ackerman-Vallala sets a school record in the 100 yard breaststroke at Haverhill High School on Sept. 16.**



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