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Barton on the Run brings color, fitness, and fun to Clara Barton School



OXFORD — Eighty-five students at Clara Barton School recently laced up their sneakers for one of the school's most anticipated traditions — Barton on the Run, a culminating fun run that celebrates fitness, school spirit, and community.

Memorial Day celebrations planned in Webster and Dudley

WEBSTER/DUDLEY — Memorial Day observances in Webster and Dudley will take place Monday, May 25, with veterans' organizations, community members, and local officials gathering throughout the morning and afternoon to honor the nation's fallen service members.

Participating veteran organizations are asked to assemble with their colors at the Veterans Home in Webster by 8:30 a.m. Transportation will depart by bus at 9 a.m. for the first ceremony at Memorial Beach in Webster.

The day's schedule includes multiple memorial stops in both communities, with ceremonies planned at veterans' memorials and civic locations.

The first observance will begin at approximately 9:10 a.m. at Memorial Beach in Webster, with departure scheduled around 9:30 a.m.

The procession is then expected to arrive at Dudley Town Hall at approximately 9:40 a.m., with ceremonies continuing until about 10:20 a.m.

The group will next travel to the Zmetra Memorial, where services are expected to begin around 10:30 a.m. and conclude by approximately 11 a.m.

Following the Dudley observances, ceremonies will return to Webster with a program at Webster Town Hall beginning around noon and continuing until approximately 12:50 p.m.

The final scheduled stop of the day will be at the Urbanowski Memorial near the Slater Museum in Webster at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Organizers are encouraging veterans, family members, and residents to arrive a few minutes early at each location to ensure ceremonies begin on time.

Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the country serve as a time to honor and remember members of the United States Armed Forces who died while serving their country.

Each year, students in grades 3–5 have the opportunity to shine as they participate in the exciting event, cheered on by classmates, staff members, and proud families gathered along the route. The energy and encouragement from the crowd created a festive atmosphere that kept runners smiling from start to finish.

A highlight of the event

is the popular color run experience. Throughout the course, participants are showered with safe, vibrant, food-grade cornstarch powder at designated stations. Students begin the race dressed in white and cross the finish line covered in bright colors, symbolizing fun, teamwork, and celebration.

The event not only promotes healthy activ-

ity and perseverance, but also strengthens the sense of community within the school.

Special thanks go to Aidan Dolan and Hannah Quinn for their dedication and hard work in making the program such a success. Their commitment helped create a memorable experience for students and families alike.

The school also extends

appreciation to the staff at Clara Barton School for participating enthusiastically, cheering on runners, and remaining flexible with schedules to support the event. Barton on the Run once again proved to be a colorful celebration of school pride, fitness, and community spirit.

Busy summer ahead for Auburn Rec

AUBURN — Auburn Recreation & Culture is preparing for a busy summer season with a wide variety of programs and community events designed to bring residents together through fitness, music, recreation, and family activities.

Among the upcoming offerings is the Mason Jar Flower Arranging Workshop, scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, at 6 p.m. at Camp Gleason, 261 Central St. Participants will create decorative floral arrangements while learning flower arranging basics in a relaxed setting. All supplies are included. The cost is \$55, payable upon registration, and checks should be made payable to the Town of Auburn.

The department is also continuing its partnership with the United States Tennis Association through the "Tennis in the Parks" program, which introduces

children to the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and supportive environment led by a USTA-approved coach. The program focuses on helping players develop skills to serve, rally, and play using age-appropriate equipment.

Students participating in their first session will receive and keep a new tennis racquet and tennis ball. Sessions are scheduled at the Auburn High School tennis courts, 340 Southbridge St.

Programs include:
• Grades 1-2: Saturdays, May 9 through June 20, from 9 to 10 a.m.
• Grades 3-5: Saturdays, May 9 through June 20, from 10 to 11 a.m.
• Grades 6-8: Saturdays, May 9 through June 20, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Each session costs \$75. Residents can also look forward to the Town of Auburn Independence

Day Celebration on June 30 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex. A rain date is scheduled for July 1.

The annual celebration will feature free shuttle transportation provided by WRTA and Auburn Access Transportation, with pickup locations at Pakachoag School, the Senior Center, and Auburn Mall. Organizers noted that pets are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.

Another popular event returning this summer is the Town Wide Community Yard Sale on June 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents wishing to participate can obtain a yard sale permit through the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 104 Central St. The deadline to be included on the official address list is June 4.

Music lovers will once

again have plenty to enjoy during the Summer in the Park Concert Series at the Riley-Pappas Performance Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex.

Concerts are held Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., while the Farmers Market runs from 4 to 7 p.m. beginning June 4.

This year's concert lineup includes:
• June 4 — Robert Black, Elvis tribute
• June 11 — Alter Ego, party rock
• June 18 — Verona Rose, alternative power pop
• June 25 — On the Rocks, classic rock
• July 9 — Boys Gone Wild, 1980s rock tribute
• July 16 — The Brat Pack, 1980s tribute
• July 23 — XS Band, Motown to Top 40
• July 30 — She's Busy, classic rock

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Oxford Women's Club awards scholarships

OXFORD — The Oxford Women's Club is happy to award scholarships to three deserving high school seniors.

The three Scholarships that were awarded are the Josie Tyler Scholarship for a career in education to Ava Lieberis, Gwen Gustafson for the Clara Barton Scholarship for a career in the health field,

and Natalie Vigeant from the Oxford Women's Club to continue her chosen career of her choice. We wish them all success in their chosen future.

Our scholarships are \$750 each to graduates who reside in Oxford. The Women's Club make these possible by fund raising throughout the year, including a Craft Booth at the

Oxford High School Fairs and at the Annual Fall Festival.

We make many contributions to our town, Oxford Police department, Senior Center, Food Shelf, Library free passes, school supplies and many more.

We always welcome new members to join our organization to join us and help our community.

For information about the Women's Club, meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Oxford Senior Center. Our meetings are entertaining, informational and always, always fun!

For information, contact Paula at 508-987-2804 or email Phparker1951@gmail.com.

Auburn resident earns degree from University of Rhode Island



Courtesy

Jasmyrn Gates of Auburn will earn a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Rhode Island, where she also participated in the Honors Program.

KINGSTON, R.I. — It's good to have options, which is a big reason why Jasmyrn Gates decided to pursue a Bachelor's degree in kinesiology in the University of Rhode Island's College of Health Sciences.

"I chose kinesiology because of the program's remarkable flexibility," said Gates, who is from Auburn. "I knew it would lead to multiple graduate degree options and career pathways in the healthcare field."

The first-generation college student participated in the URI Honors Program; earned the Vasilius S. & Aphrodite Haseotes

Scholarship in her sophomore, junior, and senior years; and will graduate summa cum laude for having a grade point average of 3.70 or higher.

URI Dean of Students Daniel Graney taught two of Gates' honors courses and supported her Honors Program project, which focused on the opioid epidemic.

"Jasmyrn brings heart, purpose, and a deep commitment to helping others," said Graney. "She represents the very best of the College of Health Sciences. Jasmyrn is exactly the kind of graduate we're proud to celebrate as she begins her next chapter."

While at URI, Gates completed an internship at Specialized Orthopedic Physical Therapy in North Kingstown.

"The internship granted me hands-on patient care experience," said Gates. "By observing and working with clinicians, I not only expanded my knowledge of human anatomy, physiology, and biomechanics, but I also strengthened my ability to adapt to every patient to meet their health needs."

Another meaningful experience for Gates was working at the Multiple Sclerosis Specialty Center in Northborough, Massachusetts, in the summer before her senior year at URI. The center offers physical, occupational, and speech language/cognitive therapy exclusively to patients with multiple sclerosis.

"I primarily worked as a fitness specialist alongside the clinicians to guide patients through their exercise prescriptions, cue patients on errors that could pose safety concerns, and prepare treatment routines," said Gates.

She also gained administrative experience, which was eye-opening.

"I learned about the ongoing complexities of getting prior authorizations from insurance companies and how that can often interfere with delivering patient care," said Gates.

While insurance and administrative procedures are a necessary part of the healthcare system, assisting patients is what motivates Gates to enter the healthcare field.

"Anyone seeking medical care is undoubtedly experiencing a vulnerable time in their life," said Gates. "Every person is entitled to adequate care and to be treated with dignity and compassion, regardless of their background or identity. Knowing that I may be able to treat someone accordingly, on what may be one of their hardest days will always be important to me."

Following graduation, Gates plans to look for a job related to exercise science. She also plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in physician associate studies.

"My ultimate goal is to become a certified physician associate working at a level one trauma center," stated Gates. "Eventually, I would like to pursue a Ph.D. in public health as well. I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunities my education from URI has afforded me."

Explore Prince Edward Island This Summer or Fall

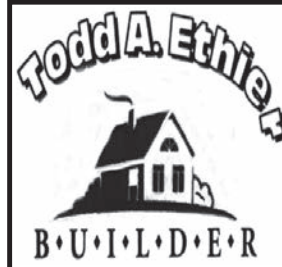
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Sight, Sound and Soil showcase brings community together at Oxford High School



OXFORD — On the evening of May 14, Oxford High School came alive with music, creativity, and community spirit during the annual "Sight, Sound and Soil" event. The showcase featured performances and displays from students in grades 6-12, highlighting the many talents of students across the district.

Families, staff members, students, and community residents filled the school throughout the evening, enjoying chorus and band performances, student artwork, and agricultural displays inside the greenhouse. Guests were able to walk through exhibits and perfor-

mances that celebrated the arts, music, and hands-on learning opportunities available to Oxford students.

The event lasted more than two hours and concluded with a powerful collaborative performance of "The Tempest" by the combined band efforts of the middle and high school students. The finale brought together musicians from Oxford Middle School and Oxford High School in an impressive display of teamwork and musical talent.

Special thanks were extended to Matt Kim, Chris Rubenacker, and Brad Sampson for coordinating the musical portion of

the evening. Additional appreciation went to Phil Standrowicz for not only performing alongside the students, but also helping organize the middle school musicians.

The agricultural showcase was made possible through the efforts of Emma Harper and Jodi Foster, while the high school art displays were coordinated by Evelyn Mwenye and Mitch Evertsen.

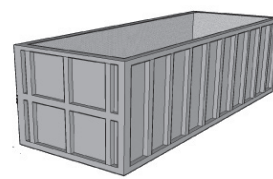
The evening served as a celebration of student achievement and collaboration, showcasing the many ways Oxford students express themselves through music, art, and agriculture while bringing the community together in support of their work.

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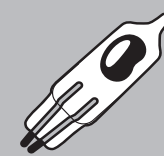
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EDITORIAL

More than a finish line

There is something refreshing about watching children run simply for the joy of it.

No rankings. No social media pressures. No worries about adult problems waiting beyond the school doors. Just children laughing, racing forward, cheering each other on, and crossing a finish line covered head to toe in bright colors and wide smiles.

That spirit was on full display recently during Clara Barton School's annual Barton on the Run event in Oxford. What could easily be viewed as "just a school fun run" is actually something much more meaningful. It is a reminder that schools are not only places where children learn math facts, spelling words, and science lessons. They are also places where confidence is built, friendships are strengthened, and lifelong healthy habits begin to take shape.

At a time when many families struggle to pull children away from screens and encourage physical activity, events like Barton on the Run matter. They show students that exercise can be fun rather than intimidating. Running does not have to mean intense competition or pressure to win. Sometimes it simply means participating, moving, laughing, and encouraging classmates along the way.

The color run portion of the event adds an especially joyful touch. Students begin dressed in white and finish splashed with vibrant colors, creating a visual reminder that every participant leaves changed by the experience. It is difficult not to smile seeing children proudly wear those bright colors afterward like badges of honor.

Equally important is the community atmosphere these events create. Families gather along the course to cheer on runners. Teachers and staff members step outside their daily routines to support students in a different setting. Volunteers and organizers work behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. For a few hours, the focus shifts away from schedules, tests, and responsibilities and centers instead on shared encouragement and school pride.

Those moments matter more than people sometimes realize.

Children remember the adults who showed up for them. They remember hearing applause as they rounded a corner. They remember classmates cheering when someone grew tired. They remember teachers smiling at the finish line. Long after they forget individual assignments or worksheets, many will still remember how events like this made them feel.

Oxford is fortunate to have schools that continue creating opportunities like Barton on the Run. Programs that encourage wellness, teamwork, and positivity help shape not only stronger students, but stronger communities.

Special recognition is certainly deserved for organizers Aidan Dolan and Hannah Quinn, whose hard work helped make the event possible, as well as the Clara Barton staff members who supported the program enthusiastically throughout the day. Their efforts helped create the kind of school memory children carry with them for years.

In many ways, Barton on the Run reflects the very best qualities of a small-town school community. It reminds us that education is not confined to a classroom. Sometimes lessons about perseverance, encouragement, sportsmanship, and belonging are learned while running alongside friends under a cloud of bright blue, pink, and yellow powder.

And perhaps that is exactly the kind of lesson worth celebrating most.

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The quiet things we carry home

There's a certain sound to Memorial Day in small towns.

It's the distant thump of a bass drum echoing down Main Street. The squeak of folding chairs being opened along a parade route. The soft flutter of little American flags planted in damp cemetery grass before sunrise by volunteers who probably didn't tell anyone they were doing it.

When I was a boy, Memorial Day seemed simple to me. It meant a day off from school, a parade, maybe the smell of charcoal grills drifting through the neighborhood by late afternoon. I remember old veterans standing straighter than usual in their uniforms, though I was too young then to notice how some of them walked a little slower than others.

As a kid, you don't fully understand why grown men go quiet during the playing of "Taps."

You just know they do.

Now that I'm older, Memorial Day feels different. Not heavier exactly, but deeper. The older you get, the more you realize every town has names carved into stone somewhere. Boys who grew up on the same streets we drive every day. Young men who probably fished the same ponds, sat in the same diners, worked summer jobs, complained about cold winters and muddy springs just like the rest of us.

And then one day, they left home wearing a uniform and never came back.

That's what Memorial Day really asks of us. Not grand speeches. Not perfect patriotism. Mostly remembrance.

Just remembrance.

I think that's why New England towns observe Memorial Day the way they do. There's something modest about it here. The ceremonies are rarely flashy. A few speeches. A prayer maybe. Flowers placed carefully at a monument. Veterans standing shoulder to shoulder, even when age has bent their backs a little.

People still show up.

That matters.

I've always noticed how children behave differently during Memorial Day ceremonies too. Even the fidgety ones somehow sense this is not quite like the Fourth of July. There's usually one little boy waving a flag too enthusiastically until his mother gently lowers his arm. Somebody's toddler starts asking questions halfway through the ceremony. Teenagers stand around trying to look uninterested while quietly paying attention anyway.

That matters too.

Because remembrance has to keep getting handed down.

The older generation understood that.

LANTERNS
ALONG
MAIN
STREET
By CHARLES

My father certainly did, though he wasn't much for emotional speeches. He belonged to that old school of men who believed you showed respect by showing up. Rain or shine. Suit jacket on. Hat off during the anthem. Handshake firm. No fuss made about it.

A lot of those men are gone now.

Truth be told, Memorial Day can feel a little lonely sometimes because of that. You look around town greens and realize many of the veterans who once led the parades now ride quietly in the passenger seat instead of marching. Some are missing altogether.

Time catches everybody eventually.

Still, there's comfort in the traditions staying put even as generations change. The local scout troops still help. High school bands still miss a few notes halfway through the march. Volunteers still place flags at gravesites. Somebody still brings extra donuts nobody asked for.

And somehow that ordinary kindness feels connected to the meaning of the day itself.

Memorial Day was never really meant to glorify war. At least I don't think so. It's about honoring sacrifice while quietly hoping future generations won't have to make the same sacrifices quite so often.

That may sound old-fashioned nowadays. So be it.

I suppose I've reached the age where I don't mind sounding a little old-fashioned now and then. There are worse things a man can be.

Over the years, I've noticed something else too. The people who attend Memorial Day ceremonies most faithfully are often not the loudest people the other 364 days of the year. They're usually steady people. Humble people. Folks who understand gratitude doesn't always need a microphone.

Maybe that's the lesson I keep carrying home from Memorial Day each year.

A healthy town remembers.

Not perfectly. Not dramatically. But sincerely.

It remembers the people who built the community, protected it, sacrificed for it, and never made it back to enjoy the peaceful little moments the rest of us often take for granted. Ballgames. Backyard cookouts. Kids riding bicycles at dusk. A quiet evening with family while the screen door creaks open and shut.

Ordinary American life.

The kind of life somebody else once gave up everything to protect.

And every Memorial Day, whether we realize it or not, we carry that gift home with us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dudley Grange #163 thanks Janet Malser Humanities Trust

To the Editor:

Dudley Grange #163 wishes to thank the Janet Malser Humanities Trust for awarding a grant to repair and preserve Dudley Grange's original Charter. The Charter was issued by the National Grange in 1888.

The Malser Trust also awarded funds to repair the Grange's red ticket booth which has served the community for nearly 70 years. The earliest mention of the ticket booth was in 1956, when it was loaned to Dudley's Civilian Defense. Most people recognize the booth as where they purchase their Strawberry Shortcake or Apple Crisp tickets every year.

Through the support of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, Dudley Grange continues its work in preserving the historical Dudley Grange Hall located at 139 Center Road, in the Dudley Hill Historical District. The Grange hall was built in 1840; it was first used as the Center School with a second floor added in 1849 by the townspeople as a meeting place, named Washington Hall. Today, Dudley Grange #163 contin-

ues to meet in the Grange as it has for the past 138 years supporting Dudley farmers, local agriculture and providing community service to Dudley and the surrounding towns. Membership in the Grange is open to the public.

The Grange Hall is used for community events of interest which are free to the public. It is also home of the long running Dudley Grange Strawberry Festival which this year is being held on June 18th ("third Thursday in June") and the Dudley Grange Apple Festival which will be held on October 3rd. The Janet Malser Humanities Trust, through their grant awards, has enabled Dudley Grange #163 to continue its work in preserving this remarkable, historical landmark which is part of Dudley's agricultural character. For more information about the Grange, membership or preserving a part of Dudley's history, contact karen.gillon@yahoo.com or visit our website at dudleyfarmers.com.

KAREN GILLON
DUDLEY GRANGE #163

The fish is rotting from the head down

To the Editor:

Even cynics like me have grossly underestimated the damage that Donald Trump can inflict on the world. It's worse now that he has accomplices_ a pathetically sycophantic cabinet, a tragically indifferent Republican majority in Congress and the shockingly activist super-majority on the Supreme Court. But as they say in "The Godfather," the fish rots from the head down.

Our country's health care, economy, and justice system are in freefall, while Trump obsesses about ball rooms and triumphant arches, slathering insipid gold leaf and his own name over every government building in town. In a journalistic sneer, the Washington Post columnist George Will called Trump's decor «gilded age brothel.»

Lately, Trump has given no-bid contracts

to some of his pals for painting the bottom of the reflecting pool and repairing the fountains in Lafayette Square. In just a few days the \$1.8 million estimate for the pool job saw a seven-fold overrun. But hey, it's a national emergency because we just have to get it done before our 250th anniversary celebration. Who cares if the new blue color will no longer allow the hallowed Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument to be reflected on the surface of the water. Trump says it will look beautiful, just like the swimming pools at his golf clubs.

Maybe it's better that Trump devotes his attention to redecorating. His other enterprises haven't turned out very well. He illegally imposed absurd tariffs on all our trading partners and then waged a mindless war with Iran, undermining decades

Turn To LETTER page A5

The Kiwanis Club of Auburn

By HELEN POIRIER
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Auburn has been blessed with many civic organizations that do volunteer service to improve the community. This was shown by a sign that was between the library and fire station at Drury Square. There were nine metal discs that showed logos of those organizations until recently when the sign was replaced by a Scout's eagle project that welcomes people to Auburn. The organizations that were on the sign include: The Exchange Club, P. H. Grange, Kiwanis International, Knights of Columbus, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Joel H. Prouty Lodge Masons, and the Women's Club. The former sign was donated to the Auburn Historical Society & Museum, who is very grateful to have that piece of Auburn history. Plans are in the works for an exhibit and, perhaps, restoration of the discs which show wear after being in the elements for so many years.

A new series that will highlight the historic background of each of these organizations will begin with this article about the Kiwanis Club International. Why start here? This was the organization that helped the Auburn Historical Society & Museum get a storage shed and it also started the same year as the Historical Society.

The Kiwanis Club started in 1915 in Detroit Michigan by Allen Browne as a business network. It was originally named, Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers". In 1916 the name was changed to Kiwanis, which in the Algonquian Native American language means, "we trade." In 1920 it was to "we build" until 2005 when the motto changed to "serving the children of the world." In 1916 it also became an international organization when a chapter opened in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. At the 1919 national convention in Birmingham Alabama, money was raised to buy the organization from the founder and create an independent Kiwanis which evolved into doing community service and improving lives of children. In 1987, the organization dropped its gender qualification of men only and allowed women to join. Kiwanis International has over 600,00 members in more than 80 countries. It supports literacy programs, health service and disaster relief. In local communities it promotes service projects and fundraising efforts.

The Auburn Kiwanis Club was started in 1967 and Theodore E. Cory of Oxford, sales manager of the former Yankee Drummer Inn was elected president. VP was Edward A. Coomey of Worcester, secretary H Charles Jones of Auburn, treasurer Frank Marron of Auburn, and the Board of Directors included: Edward J. Dickinson Jr., Donald P. Gamache, Samuel A. May, Samuel Hougasian, Floyd E. Holstrom, John L. McCarthy, Rev. Ernest A. Beergeson, David A. Sibley and Robert Hunter. It received its charter in September. One of the earliest things they did was to honor a 15-year-old Gary Pike with the "Outstanding Heroism Award" for saving his younger stepbrother from drowning on My 14, 1968 after the car he was in rolled into Rotary Beach Pond. That year they also sponsored a scholarship dinner dance on New Year's Eve to provide scholarships for Auburn High School seniors.

Through the years they've sponsored a cookout for students from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland who were visiting for three weeks during the summer and were guests of 28 Auburn families. There was a 4th of July go cart derby for children from grade 5 through grade 8. There was a gift of a manually operated outdoor scoreboard for high school football and baseball games in 1970. They were instrumental in getting the brook off Henshaw St. that went by the old dump cleaned also.

There were a variety of fundraisers that included a yearly charity golf tournament, "Bucks for Cancer Night" with a buffet and entertainment,

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LETTER

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of alliances and ravaging the world economy. He crammed his "Big Beautiful Bill" down our throats, abandoning not only the neediest of our own citizens but our struggling middle class, as well — Americans all — who rely on affordable health care, fuel and food. The only thing on the upswing, these days, is the cost of living.

Beyond this, Trump has lined his own pockets, those of his family and the already burgeoning vaults of his billionaire friends, while sending our country's budget deficit to astronomical heights. This month the national debt surpassed the nation's gross national product of \$31.21 trillion for the first time since World War II. Trump's signature on our dollar bills and his image on a new gold coin are actually very appropriate metaphors. (One wag suggested that would surely drive the country to a cashless society.) But worst of all, the President and his cronies just don't care.

Trump blows up small boats in the Caribbean, claiming, without a shred of evidence, that they are laden with drugs headed for the United States. In virtually his next breath, he pardons Juan Orlando Hernandez, the former president of Honduras, who actually was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 45 years in prison for importing more than 400 tons of cocaine into the United States. The list of Presidential pardons also includes a pantheon of scammers, fraudsters and white-collar criminals who contribute to Trump's political causes or his family businesses. Meanwhile, real crimes are ignored by a compromised Justice Department overwhelmed by bringing frivolous charges against Trump's perceived enemies.

Add to all that the rulings of the conservative super-majority of the Supreme Court which seems to thrive on overturning long-standing individual rights. Those six justices really need to go back to law school to understand the constitution, rather than simply rewriting it on their own. Bad enough that they have already invented a theory of immunity for

any crimes Trump commits while in office. Recently, they administered the coup de grace to the Voting Rights Act — a lifelong goal of Chief Justice John Roberts' — dispatching us back to the Jim Crow era. And in a gratuitously political gesture, the court suspended the usual 32-day waiting period and allowed the judgement to take effect immediately, prompting at least five southern states to eliminate minority-majority districts just in time for the mid-term elections.

The Republicans who control Congress don't seem to care either. They ignore Trump's mendacious megalomania and bend over backward to accommodate his demands: A billion dollars for Trump's new ballroom? No problem. A \$20 billion currency exchange to shore up the Argentinian economy? Si. Billions more for the thugs of ICE and its unspeakable system of concentration camps, which Miles Taylor, the Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Staff in the first Trump Administration, said could only be used to accommodate a police state? Where do we sign? A loan to the oil-rich United Arab Emirates? Poor guys, they really need our help; More than a trillion dollars for the Defense Department? Of course, because its all about national security. So what happens when you wind up no longer having a nation worth securing, thanks to the corruption and incompetence of its leaders?

Have we learned nothing from recent history — that pervasive fear of mutually-assured destruction during the cold war; the violent struggle for civil rights; the disastrous Vietnam War; Watergate; the costly forever wars in the Middle East, provoked by lies about weapons of mass destruction and fantasies of nation building. And have we become so gullible, apathetic, spineless and outright cruel that we can tolerate the insidious damage that the Trump Administration is imposing on us? I really hope not.

And most of all, I hope voters, who have supported Trump in the past, have also had their fill of him.

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Greendale Physical Therapy opens new Auburn location

AUBURN — Greendale Physical Therapy is proud to announce the opening of its newest state-of-the-art clinic located at 440 Washington St./Route 20 in Auburn. The new facility expands Greendale's growing network of seven locations across Central Massachusetts and increases access to high-quality, one-on-one physical therapy services for the Auburn community and surrounding areas.

Locally owned and operated by physical therapist Jon Dooley, Greendale Physical Therapy has been serving Central Massachusetts for more than 20 years with a focus on patient-centered care, clinical excellence, and strong community relationships. Greendale remains therapist-owned, allowing the company to maintain a strong focus on personalized care and long-term patient outcomes.

The Auburn clinic will

be led by Rachel Downer, PT, DPT, who will serve as Clinic Manager. Dr. Downer and her team will provide comprehensive orthopedic and sports rehabilitation services, helping patients recover from injuries, surgeries, and musculoskeletal conditions while returning to the activities they love.

The new clinic will specialize in the treatment of a wide range of conditions, including post-surgical rehabilitation, sports injuries, neck and back pain, joint replacements, balance issues, overuse injuries, and more.

A unique feature of the Auburn location will be its specialized gymnastics rehabilitation services. The clinic includes therapists with advanced training and firsthand experience as gymnasts themselves and working with gymnasts, allowing Greendale to provide sport-specific rehabilitation for athletes ranging

from recreational gymnasts to high-level competitors. The program is designed to help gymnasts prevent injuries as well as safely recover from injuries and return to peak performance.

"We are excited to bring Greendale's unique approach to physical therapy to Auburn," said Jon Dooley, Founder and Owner of Greendale Physical Therapy. "As a locally owned practice founded by a physical therapist, we have always focused on doing what is best for our patients and our team. Our model centers around providing every patient with 40-minute one-on-one treatment sessions with a licensed physical therapist. We believe patients deserve individualized attention and care, and we are proud to continue expanding access to that level of service throughout Central Massachusetts."

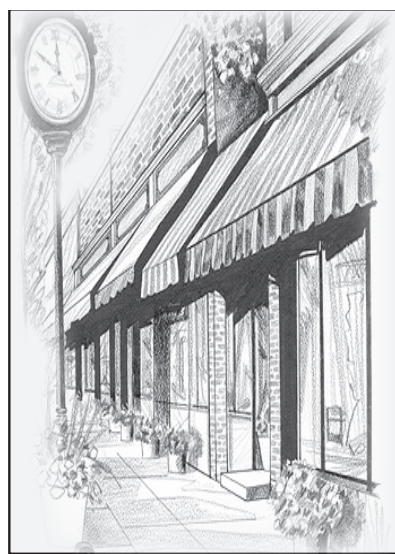
Greendale Physical Therapy has become known

throughout the region for its patient-centered care, experienced clinical team, and commitment to outstanding outcomes. The practice has multiple locations across Central Massachusetts and has earned a reputation as one of the area's leading providers of outpatient physical therapy services.

"We are thrilled to become part of the Auburn community," said Rachel Downer. "Our goal is to help every patient feel supported throughout their recovery while delivering the highest level of care possible. Whether someone is recovering from surgery, returning to sports, or simply looking to move and feel better, we are here to help."

The Auburn clinic is now accepting new patients, with next-day appointments often available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.greendalept.com or call 855-459-5000.



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Philip Guston Alston, Jr



WEBSTER - With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Philip G. Alston, Jr. on May 4th at his lakeside home in Webster, MA. Phil was born in Bronxville, NY in 1953, the second of four children of Philip G. Alston, Sr. and Jane "Dede" Durfee Alston. He spent his pre-Nichols College years in NY and Lovell, ME on Kezar Lake. Phil switched allegiances to the Bay State due to meeting the love of his life, Marilyn Gevry, when participating on different collegiate swim teams gave rise to their introduction.

Phil's Nichols College BSBA degree led to 30 years at State Mutual / Allmerica Financial in Worcester MA, progressing from auditor to Assistant VP of Financial Management. Upon early retirement in 2006, he traded his business suit for a pair of sneakers and shorts and began a second career as a certified USPTA tennis teaching professional. Phil delighted in instructing toddlers through elders at a variety of indoor and outdoor tennis venues and especially enjoyed coaching the Bartlett Boys and the Shepherd Hill Girls Tennis Teams. Of course, in his earlier years, Phil could be seen at the tennis courts with his own sons, and more recently with his grandson, as tennis commenced in their preschool years, repeating Phil's own childhood experience.

Phil cherished his time as husband, father, grandfather, son-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle, as well as time gathering with his entire NY family who migrated to VA. Indeed, family and friends both far and near were paramount. Free time found him learning carpentry skills, remodeling his home, kayaking, fishing, boating, distance swimming, snow skiing, snowshoeing, National Park trekking, traveling to the Rockies and the Alps,

kayaking with beluga whales, tracking Hudson Bay polar bears and Pacific rain-forest grizzlies, snorkeling among coral reefs, attending sporting events with his sons, and cheering on his grandson's athletic efforts. Phil volunteered as a Little League Coach, a Tri-Valley Inc money manager for senior citizens, and served as a lector, Parish Council Representative, and Finance Committee Member at St Anthony's Church in Dudley.

Phil is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marilyn Gevry Alston; son Barrett and wife Jessica of Manchester-by-the-Sea; son Tyler, wife Devon and grandson, Wesley of Oxford; sister Cynthia Alston Davis and husband Gary Mangus; brother William Alston; brother Jeffrey Alston and wife Shannon, all of VA; many nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws and dear friends both near and far.

Calling hours will be at the Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, on Friday, May 15th, from 4:00-6:00 PM. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 24 Dudley-Hill Road, Dudley on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00 AM followed by a reception at Point Breeze Restaurant, 114 Point Breeze Road in Webster. Private burial services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Phil's memory may be mailed to Dana-Farber Neuro-Oncology Dept for Adult Glioblastoma Brain Tumors at: P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 Attn: Dana-Farber Neuro-Oncology Dept for Adult Glioblastoma Brain Tumors or online at dana-farber.org/gift - once at this page, choose to direct your gift to "Family Chosen Area In Honor Or Memory" and write "Neuro-Oncology Dept for Adult Glioblastoma Brain Tumors" in the "Tell Us Why You Give To Dana Farber" section. www.websterfunerals.com.

Louis "John" Dalterio, Jr., 62



After a brief illness, Louis "John" Dalterio, Jr., 62, of Dudley passed away on May 15, 2026 leaving behind a lifetime of laughter, stories, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

John, also known as Lou, was born July 21, 1963 in Webster, MA, the son of the late Jack and Eunice Dalterio.

John is survived by his son, Louis John Dalterio, III and his wife, Lena, who lovingly brought into this world John's granddaughter Louisa, of Manchester, CT; his sisters, Amanda Combes Berard and Gladi Dalterio of Plainfield, CT; his brothers, William Dalterio of Manchester, CT, Steven Combes and his wife, Debora, of Cumberland, RI, and David Dalterio and his wife, Lisa, of Webster; his former wife, Tammy Dalterio; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

With his infectious laugh and his legendary beard, John lived life on his own terms. A Master Mechanic with a deep love for classic cars, John took pride in the many cars he restored. He also loved to cook, especially anything Italian. John was also a self-proclaimed fish & chips affi-

cionado who appreciated a good plate, good company, and a good laugh.

A proud Marine, John carried strength, loyalty, and humor through every chapter of his life. He was a true friend to many. As a member and Sargent-at-Arms of the American Legion Post 184 in Webster, John enjoyed spending time with friends and fellow Veterans.

John will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Though gone too soon, the laughter he shared and the memories he created will live on forever in the hearts of family and friends.

Family and friends are invited to gather for John's burial at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, at the Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council Honor Guard. A Celebration of Life will follow at the American Legion Post 184, 9 Houghton Street in Webster. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory to the American Legion are welcome. Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley is assisting with services.

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Lucille A. Pollett, 95



OXFORD - Lucille A. (Brooks) Pollett, 95, of Old Webster Road, died Saturday, May 2, 2026, in her home surrounded by the love of her family.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Robert J. Pollett Sr., who died in 2005. She is survived by two sisters, Joyce Giroux of Oxford, and Phyllis King of

Dudley; four children, Mary Lu Garrow of Oxford, Ruth J. Gagne of Oxford, Karen A. Keeler and her husband Billy of Texas, and Robert J. Pollett Jr. of Indiana; five grandchildren, Theodore Garrow, Kristel Garrow, Beau Archambault and his wife Hannah, Amanda Bazinet and her husband Martin, and Michael Gagne and his wife Adriana; four great-grandchildren, Evelyn Bazinet, Paul Bazinet, Gavin Gagne, and Quinn Archambault; and extended family members.

She was born in Oxford, daughter of the late Chandler C. and Ethel V. (Ellis) Brooks, and lived most of her life in Oxford. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1948, and received her diploma in nursing from Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in 1951.

Lucille was a registered nurse for most of her life, retiring from Fairlawn Hospital in Worcester many years ago. She was a member of the Oxford United Methodist Church. She enjoyed knitting, reading, crossword puzzles, gardening, and spending time with family.

A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Wayne A. Granat, 69 **DUDLEY** - Wayne A. Granat, 69, died Monday, May 4, 2026 in the presence of his family.

He leaves his beloved sister, Linda G. Bazinet and her husband Larry of Dudley.

He was born on December 28, 1956 in Worcester and raised in Auburn, the son of Rudolph C. and Alberta A. (Harrington) Granat and graduated from Bay Path

Edward F. Donovan, Jr., 63



WEBSTER - Edward F. "Eddy" Donovan, Jr., 63, died Friday, January 2, 2026 at home after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 26 years, Sharon M. (Kilpatrick) Donovan; 7 children, Matthew Z.

Kilpatrick and his wife Alisha of Coventry, RI, Kellie A. Kilpatrick of Danielson, CT, Bryan W. Kilpatrick of Uxbridge, Jessica L. Kilpatrick of Kileen, TX, and Amanda J. Donovan, Nicholas E. Donovan and Sean P. Donovan, all of Webster; a granddaughter, Liliana DeValle; twin sisters, Jean A. Donovan of Tampa, FL and Jody K. Houghton of Grosvenordale, CT; nephews and nieces.

Born on April 19, 1962 in Putnam, CT, he was the son of Edward F. Donovan, Sr. and Norma (Edwards) Donovan. He

lived in Webster most of his life, and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1979.

Mr. Donovan served in the United States Army as a ranger. He was a mechanic for Dodge Automobile, working at several dealerships before retiring in 2012 due to illness. He was an avid reader. He enjoyed things that involved electronics and cars.

Private services were held on Monday, May 4th at Corbin Cemetery, Corbin Road, Dudley, with military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. Arrangements were under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

lived in Webster most of his life, and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1979.

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James Mason Jeneral, 77



James Mason "Jim" Jeneral, 77 of St Louis Missouri passed away May 14th, 2026, after a period of declining health.

James was born in Worcester Massachusetts on

September 23rd 1948 the second of four sons born to Francis B. and Claire Mason Jeneral. He grew up in Webster Massachusetts, attended the St. Louis school, and graduated from Bartlett High School, class of 1966. He impatiently waited until his 18th birthday to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in the fall. He did a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam, stationed at Danang. He was there during the "Tet" offensive. He was always proud of his service in the Marine Corps.

Upon his return he was employed by Cranston Print works in Webster, Hammond Plastics in Worcester and Owensboro Kentucky, where he helped build a new plant and managed it. He then went to Ciba Geigy as a production manager. He later moved to the Saint Louis area and was employed by Contico as a shift supervisor. He later got his CDL and was a long haul trucker for 17 years. He resided in Granite city Illinois and was commander of VFW post 1300 for a period of time. He moved to Saint Louis in 2022 for health reasons.

Jim's hobbies in life

were his cars, in particular his Corvette. Many afternoons were spent adding performance parts and racing at the Dragway in Granite City. He was an avid runner in his younger years, completing many 10 K races. He was always a fisherman, enjoying the outdoors. He participated in two Grand Canyon backpacking trips that he really enjoyed with his family. Many miles training with a fully loaded backpack in the area of Cahokia Mounds, even being stopped by curious police officers.

James was preceded in death by his daughter Chelsea of Granite City Illinois, his parents, Francis B. Jeneral, Claire Mason Jeneral, younger brother Jeffrey Jeneral of Dudley Massachusetts, nephew Zachary Jeneral of Oxford Massachusetts.

James is survived by his brother Francis A. Jeneral and his wife Judith of Charlton Massachusetts, Neil R. Jeneral and his partner Ingrid Allen of Swanzy, New Hampshire, his daughter Debbie Jeneral of Sturbridge Massachusetts, a granddaughter, Sara of Cleveland Ohio, grandsons Mike, and Jimmy Freidman and several great grandchildren.

James will be laid to rest with his parents in Webster Massachusetts in the near future.

Randal W. Westerman, 78



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE, CT - Randal W. "Randy" Westerman, 78, passed away peacefully in his home on May 13, 2026 in the presence of his son and daughter-in-law.

He leaves his son John R. Westerman and his wife Cheryl of Webster, MA; Cheryl's children, Aaron, Ben and Sarah and her partner Gabe and their son Carson, "Randy's little book buddy"; three brothers, Franklin Westerman and his wife Ginny of Cape Cod, MA, Philip Westerman of Florida, and David Westerman and his wife Judy of North Dakota; two nieces, Jill (Westerman) Levesque of Centerville, MA and Charlene (Westerman) Wifall of Grand Forks, ND; two nephews, Justin and Jared Deal; and a former sister-in-law, Elinor (Gawle) Sullivan. He also leaves his friends and neighbors, Christian, JR, Nicole, Sandy and Gary who cared for and helped him throughout the years. He was preceded in death by his infant children Mark Westerman and Christine Westerman, by his son Gregory A. Westerman who

died in 2013, and by his former wife and the mother of his children, Justine (Gawle) Westerman in 2000.

He was born in Evans City, Pennsylvania on June 22, 1947 a son of Franklin and Theresa (Mathias) Westerman and was raised in Economy Borough, PA. He came to Webster, MA in the mid 1960's and lived in the area for 60 years.

Mr. Westerman was a forklift operator at Cranston Print Works, Company in Webster, MA before retiring.

Randy enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, whiskey and having a good time. He was a classic car enthusiast who enjoyed restoring classic cars.

John and Cheryl would like to thank Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care for helping fulfill Randy's final wishes. Thanks to all the nurses and aides, especially Stacey and Joann, who helped tremendously in Randy's final days.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Saturday, June 6 in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road, Webster, MA. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA. www.websterfunerals.com

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bankHometown promotes Bussiere to Vice President



Jo-Ann Bussiere

OXFORD — bankHometown is pleased to announce the promotion of Jo-Ann Bussiere to vice president, branch officer of the bank's 31 Sutton Ave., Oxford office.

In her expanded role, Bussiere will continue to lead branch operations while taking on a greater leadership role in driving retail strategy, mentoring team members, and enhancing the customer experience across the bank's network. She will play an integral role in supporting the bank's growth and ensuring consistent delivery of high-quality service.

Bussiere joined bankHometown in 2016 as branch manager of its 131 Main St., Lancaster

office. In 2019, she transitioned into the same role at the Oxford office, where she has continued to demonstrate strong leadership, operational excellence, and a deep commitment to both her team and the communities she serves.

An active community leader, Bussiere serves on the Webster Dudley Oxford (WDO) Chamber Event Committee. She is also a Mock Audit Team Member, a Dollar Scholars Mentor through the United Way Women's Initiative, and supports Financial Literacy programs for seniors and students.

About bankHometown
Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford. We have \$1.6 billion in assets and offer a complete line of consumer and business deposit and lending products and services through 15 locations throughout Central Massachusetts and northeast Connecticut. We're proud to fulfill our community banking mission—providing individualized financial support, comprehensive products and services, and banking tools—

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Through our charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, we support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2025 alone, The Giving Tree donated

more than \$550,000 and over the last decade donated more than \$3.3 million. bankHometown was named a Corporate Citizenship Award winner by Boston Business Journal for the past six years, reaffirming our status as one of Massachusetts' most charitable companies. Additionally, we were named a 2025 Top Place to Work

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Bartlett Girls' Track finishes season on multiple high notes

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School girls track and field team concluded their 2026 season last week at the CMAC D G league meet in Auburn. Multiple athletes posted personal records and contributed strong performances across the board.

On the track, Annabelle Reed recorded a personal-best in the 800m. Britney Jubin ran a personal best in the 400m and Nevaeh LaBaire posted her personal best record in the 200m sprint. Isabela Viana achieved her personal

best record in the 100m dash while Karielyz Morales and Kaylani Cruz followed with their personal best in the long jump. The 4x400 meter relay team consisting of Annabelle Reed, Chrisliany Ayala Rivera, Stephannie Avila Barrios, and Kathryn Nascimento ran their personal best as well.

Jordan Reeves, excelled in the discus event. She finished in second place overall, throwing a personal best (80'11"). Her accomplishment solidified an automatic invitation to

the CMAC Championships this Friday in Oxford. Savaeh Perry finished with a solid outing in the disc and took third overall in the javelin throwing 71 feet, 11 inches.

Additional team members contributing throughout the meet included Annalissa Krasnecky, Natalie De Leon Torres, Karisa Safford, Nya Perry, Liana Port de Luca, Deborah Lamptey, Ely Barrientos, Jeiry Morillo-Pena, Jordyn Marin-Caceres and Jordan Pereira.

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

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 8 Warren Road, given by Jo Ann Ross to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated March 18, 2022, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67310, Page 363, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 22, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on May 11, 2026. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
29397
May 22, 2026

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: FOR RECLAMATION, MILLING & PAVING

The Auburn Water District is seeking RFP's for the reclamation and paving of District's front parking lot located at 75 Church Street, Auburn as well as the 2-inch milling and paving of the shoulder and travel lane of Southbridge Street from Sword Street north to the Town line. Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained after Wednesday, May 13th, 2026 at Comprehensive Environmental Inc., 41 Main Street, Bolton, Massachusetts 01740 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Upon request, an electronic copy of the Contract Documents will be emailed to prospective bidders. Bids must be received by 9:00 AM June 3, 2026, at the District's office, located at 75 Church Street, Auburn MA 01501 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at such time
May 22, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeffrey A. Patterson, Melissa A. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., dated November 12, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42107, Page 356, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on February 24, 2023, in Book No. 68857, at Page 395

Nationstar Mortgage LLC to US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, recorded on December 18, 2024, in Book No. 71432, at Page 39

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of fore-

closing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on May 29, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 1/2 Sutton Avenue a/k/a 8.5 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

JEFFREY A. PATTERSON AND MELISSA A. PATTERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS SITUATED THEREON OFF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SUTTON AVE., OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, BEING SHOWN ON PLAT OF LAND OXFORD PREPARED FOR STANFORD SEED COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 30, 1991 AND RECORDED N PLAN BOOK 647, PLAN 121 BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ALONG THE DIRT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE 15,183 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL OF LAND SHOWN ON SAID PLAN;

THENCE N. 83 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 41 SECONDS W. 71.35 FEET BY SAID PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED ON SAID PLAN CONTAINING 15,183 SQUARE FEET; THENCE N. 6 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E. 62.30 FEET BY LAND OF PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD TO THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY CORNER; THENCE S. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS E. 131.34 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY BARRE;

THENCE S. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W. 139.26 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MILLER;

THENCE N. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W. 57.75 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY C. PARISEAU AND SAID DIRT DRIVE;

THENCE N. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E. 77.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 12,533 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE GRANTORS BY DEED OF HERITAGE EQUITY RESOURCES, INC. DATED APRIL 7, 1993 AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 15077, PAGE 389. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. MAP: 34C; LOT: E28

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19484, Page 253.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
23228
May 8, 2026
May 15, 2026
May 22, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO 26P1545EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
**Richey C Fields
Date of Death: 03/29/2026**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Daniel P Fields of Charlton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Daniel P Fields of Charlton MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/09/2026.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 11, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 29, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles Socia, Jr. to BNY Mortgage Company LLC, dated November 24, 2006 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds on November 30, 2006, in Book No. 40254, at Page 281, as assigned to Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc by Assignment of Security Instrument dated November 18, 2007 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 45099 Page 149, as further assigned to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 25, 2011 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 47795, Page 317, as further assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by Assignment of Mortgage dated December 18, 2012 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 50288, Page 295, as further assigned to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Assignment of Mortgage dated May 21, 2020 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 62440, Page 150, as further assigned to Windstream Capital LLC by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 20, 2026 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 73109, Page 197, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder Windstream Capital LLC, for breach of the conditions of

said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at 10:00 AM, on June 9, 2026 on the mortgaged premises being known as 6 Oak Drive, North Oxford, MA, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the Town of Oxford and being Lot #4 on plan of land in North Oxford, Massachusetts owned by John F. White, surveyed by Walter W. Brown, Town Engineer, Oxford, which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 163, Plan 40, bounded and described as follows:- BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the westerly line of a private road known as Oak Drive, also being the southeasterly corner of other land now or formerly of John White, and said pipe is located 229.75 feet southerly, measured along the westerly line of Oak Drive; from the southerly line of Southbridge Street; From said pipe: THENCE by the westerly line of Oak Drive, S. 23° 08' E. one hundred (100) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at other land of said White; THENCE by said other land of White, S. 74° 21' W. two hundred eighty-one and 7/10 (281.7) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Wilfred Boutillette et als; THENCE by said Boutillette et als land, N. 13° 55' E. one hundred (100) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at other land now or formerly of John White; THENCE by said White land, N. 71° 17' E. two hundred twenty-one and 1/10 (221.1) feet to the place of beginning. Containing 23,364 square feet and being the same premises conveyed to Camosse Bros., Inc., dated November 16, 1949 by deed of John White, recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 3390, Page 370.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Camosse Bros., Inc., dated October 1, 1955, recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book No. 3720, at Page 318.

The above described premises will be sold **SUBJECT TO** and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, building and zoning laws, to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer charges, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, if any.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of \$7,500.00 DOLLARS shall be required to be made to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or by cashier's check at the time and place of the sale as a deposit. The successful bidder will be required to execute an Auction Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, by certified check, by cashier's check, or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of BARSH AND COHEN, P.C., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, 500 Turnpike Street Suite 201, Canton, MA 02021, in exchange for which and at such time and place, the deed shall be delivered to the purchaser for recording.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to amend the foregoing terms of sale by written or oral announcement made before the auction sale, during the sale thereof or at the commencement of or during any postponed sale, the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, and to postpone the sale up until the time the property is declared sold by the auctioneer.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication. **OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.**

(signed:) Windstream Capital LLC
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Barsh and Cohen
Neil S. Cohen, Esquire
Attorney for the Mortgagee
500 Turnpike Street Suite 201,
Canton, MA 02021
(617) 332-4700
May 8, 2026
May 15, 2026
May 22, 2026

LEGALS

Please take notice that: Joyce Nierodzinski has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: 2.04.00 Density Regulations Location: 16 Lakeview Ave In the following respect: A 6ft variance on the left side setback. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday July 2, 2026 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall room 321A, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudley-ma.gov to attend the meeting.
George Slings,
Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals
May 22, 2026
May 29, 2026

TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA in Room 32 IA. If the meeting is cancelled for any reason, the public hearing will be held on June 29, 2026 at the same time and location. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on the Application for a New On Premise Restaurant All Alcohol License for KYRJLLOS LLC located at 4-14 Airport Road, Dudley, MA 01571.
Manager: NADER SHENOUDA
Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.
Jana Deschenes, Chair
May 22, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO26P1605EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Helen E. Dixon
Date of Death: 04/22/2026**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephen R. Dixon of East Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: .
Stephen R. Dixon of East Douglas MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/16/2026**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 14, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 22, 2026

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
Docket Number: 26 SM 001472
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOHN A. MATTEAU, JR.

And to all persons entitled to the benefits of the Service Members Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.,
c. 50 §3901et seq: **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST XI-A** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in *Oxford, 2 Linwood Street* given by *John A. Matteau Jr. to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. dated July 30, 2009, recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 44693, Page 174*, has/had filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108**, on or before 06/15/2026, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness: Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 05/04/2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
May 22, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust**, said mortgage dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155, as affected by a Loan Modification dated April 11, 2023 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69122, Page 86; said mortgage was assigned from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by assignment dated September 11, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52797, Page 325; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by assignment dated April 3, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 61008, Page 371; said mortgage was assigned from DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated September 15, 2022 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68285, Page 19; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on June 8, 2026 at 09:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being Lot #15 on plan of lots surveyed for Stanley Deren et al, Dudley, Mass., dated August 28, 1952, drawn by Henry A. Racicot, Engr., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry Of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stake on the westerly side of said D'Alessandro Avenue, said stake being at the northeasterly corner of Lot #16 as shown on the aforesaid plan; Thence North 82 deg. 18' West by the northerly line of said Lot #16 for a distance of ninety-eight and seventy-three hundredths (98.73) feet to a stake at land of John Ruda, Jr.; Thence North 6 deg. 18' East by land of said Ruda, a distance of eighty-three and sixty-five hundredths (83.65) feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of lot #14 on said plan; Thence South 81 deg. 19' East by the southerly line of said Lot #14 a distance of one hundred and fifty hundredths (100.50) feet to a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue;

Thence South 7 deg. 39' West by the Westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, a distance of eighty-two (82) feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the following restrictions: 1. NO BUILDING OR PART OF A BUILDING SHALL BE ERECTED OR MAINTAINED THEREON WITHIN THIRTY (30) FEET OF THE STREET LINE; 2. NO HOUSE SHALL BE BUILT THEREON AT A LESS COST THAN SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$6,000.00) DOLLARS; 3 THE PREMISES AND BUILDING THEREON SHALL BE USED FOR TRADE OR MANUFACTURE BUT FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY; 4. NO STABLE SHALL BE ERECTED THEREON AND NO HORSES, CATTLE, SWINE, OR POULTRY SHALL BE KEPT ON THE PREMISES. SUBJECT ALSO TO THE RIGHTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COUNTY AND THE WORCESTER COUNTY ELECTRIC COMPANY TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN POLES AND WIRES, AS RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3359, PAGE 56 AND IN BOOK 3489, PAGE 407. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM HENRY R. GELINEAU, NOT STATED TO SCOTT ROSEEN AND KAREN ROSEEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE/ T/B/E BY DEED RECORDED 5/29/1998, IN BOOK 20005, AT PAGE 130, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 29, 1998 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20005, Page 130.

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
May 8, 2026
May 15, 2026
May 22, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 4 Meringo Avenue, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Julian Vazquez Gonzalez and Marielly Gonzalez Reyes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., and now held by **Freedom Mortgage Corporation**, said mortgage dated February 11, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67115, Page 32, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for OCMBC Inc., its successors and assigns to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated March 9, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68900, Page 40; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on June 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon located at 4 Meringo Avenue a/k/a Meringo Court a/k/a 4 Meringo Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and more particularly described as follows:

The land with the buildings thereon located at 4 Meringo Avenue a/k/a Meringo Court a/k/a 4 Meringo Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situate on the southerly side of Meringo Court, so-called bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the N.E. corner thereof at said Court and land of one Rein, now or formerly; THENCE southerly by said Rein land and land formerly of one Haggerty 100 feet; THENCE westerly by said Haggerty land 50 feet; THENCE northerly by land formerly of one Towne 100 feet to said Court; THENCE by said Court Easterly 50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated February 8, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67115, Page 29.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701

May 15, 2026
May 22, 2026
May 29, 2026

TOWN OF DUDLEY Notice to Bidders

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction materials and services for various departments for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

ITEM #1 – All grades of medium curing asphalt and emulsion type asphalt.
ITEM #2 – Bituminous concrete, at plant.
ITEM #2A – Bituminous concrete, in place.
ITEM #3 – Gravel and Washed screened sand at owner's pit and delivered.
ITEM #4 – Screened stone at owners' pit and delivered.
ITEM #5 – Corrugated pipe, steel, and aluminum, delivered to highway garage.
ITEM #6 – Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage.
ITEM #7 – Cold Plaining
ITEM #8 – Asphalt Rubber SAM
Bidders of Items #2A and #8 must be pre-qualified and have a Certificate of Approval from Mass Highway Specifications.

Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer in the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until **11:00am on June 2, 2026**, at which time they will be opened and read. **All envelopes must be sealed and marked "BID" and appropriate "ITEM #"** indicated. The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders Chapter 149, §§26D and 27D of the Mass General laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bidding must follow all Mass. General Laws. Specifications are available at the Selectmen's office, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Thursday. Specific questions may be addressed to MJ Gatzke, Highway Superintendent at (508) 949-8020. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Jonathan Ruda
Town Administrator
Chief Procurement Officer
May 15, 2026
May 22, 2026

For Legal Advertising Information, Call 508-909-4127

email: legals@stonebridgepress.news

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2 Lake St., Webster
508-949-3880
Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25th

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Adult Programming

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

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

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

Losing a loved one is never easy. Please

know that you are not alone. If you need support in trying to navigate the changes in your life, join us in a place of safety and comfort with others who have also experienced loss. This grief support group is a place to find understanding as we explore our grief, share coping strategies, and begin to heal.

Yoga – Saturdays at 9:15am

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

Yoga Nidra with Jess – Fridays at 9:00am NO CLASS May 22nd.

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

Worcester County Sheriff's Office Hour – First Friday of the Month 9am-10am

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Webster Regional Resource Center offers a variety of support services including; support groups, case management, education (including Hi-Set), employment opportunities, health insurance assistance, MA State ID/B.Cert, substance use and mental health referrals, transportation, recovery coaching and overall support. Their friendly case managers will be offering support the first Friday of every month from 9-10am.

Silent Book Club – Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00pm

Looking for a quiet escape? Join us for our Silent Book Club. The community room will be as cozy as it gets. Bring a book or borrow one from the library and enjoy an hour or two of silent reading.

The Chatty Chapter Book Club – Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm

Join The Chatty Chapter, our genre book group! Each month we read a different genre. April's genre is YA Novel in Verse: Bright Red Fruit by Safia Elhillo.

Trivia Palooza 8 – Monday, June 1st at 6:00pm

Join Evan and Jess for General Knowledge Trivia. Assemble your team (up to 5 people) and put your thinking caps on! Registration is required.

Learn to Gel Print with Happy Arts Events – Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00pm

Gel printing is a fun and versatile way to create unique art. Discover (or practice!) using a gel printing plate, paint, brayers, interesting papers and stencil/imprint objects. You can produce wonderful works of art to use in collage, journals, greeting cards, scrapbooks, or framed art! You can even print on fabric!

Programming for All Ages

Library for All –Fridays in May at 10am

Library for All is an inclusive program for

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

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

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

Creators Club – Mondays at 4:00pm

Come explore our Creators Club, where each month features a new theme highlighting a different art supply for kids to experiment with and turn into their own masterpieces! April's theme is Origami! Kids will make their own origami masterpieces to share with friends and family. All creations left behind will be displayed in the Children's program room for the rest of the month.

Tiny Groovers – Tuesdays at 10:30am

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

Mighty Builders – Tuesdays at 4:00pm

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

Teen Therapy Dog Thursday – Thursdays in May from 3:00-4:00pm

Calling all teens! Join us every Thursday in May from 3:00-4:00 PM to de-stress and spend time with Sophie the therapy dog. Sophie and her owner, Robin, are registered with the Pet Partners Therapy Animal Program. Drop in anytime and relax with Sophie!

Whalemobile – Thursday, May 21st 30 minute sessions from 3:30-5:00pm

Explore the inside of a whale with us! Meet Nile, the life-size inflatable whale who will be traveling to the library for you to explore. Together, we will learn about whales and their important role in our oceans and ecosystems. During the Whalemobile, kids are invited to explore the inside of a life-size, inflatable whale. They are expected to sit quietly in the whale during the presentation. There will be some humming/fan type noise from the machine that keeps the whale inflated. This program is for kids ages 5+ and registration is required.

Spring Festival – Saturday, May 30th from 11:00am-2:00pm

Join us for our annual Spring Festival! This community event will offer 9 Hole Mini Golf from One Up Games, a dunk tank with some awesome volunteers inside, an ice cream sundae station, soccer darts, henna and more.

WEBSTER POLICE

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WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 10-16.

A 26-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Strangulation or Suffocation.

A 43-year-old male from Oxford whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 33-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 10 for multiple counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Joseph A. Maple, age 44, of Dudley was arrested on May 13 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), driving at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Cesar Benitez, Jr., age 39, of Webster was arrested on May 13 in connection with a warrant.

Iris Delia Vazquez, age 65, of Dudley was arrested on May 14 for Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation, and Failure to Stop or Yield. A 37-year-old male from Dudley received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Improper Storage of a Firearm.

Gilberto Diaz, age 40, of Webster was arrested on May 15 for Vandalization of Property, Threatening to Commit a Crime, Disorderly Conduct, and Nighttime Felony Breaking & Entering.

Niamke Daniels, age 45, of Webster was arrested on May 16 in connection with a warrant. A 39-year-old female from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Threatening to Commit a Crime.

Robert E. Russell, Jr., age 48, of Dudley was arrested on May 16 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), second offense, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Following Too Closely.

Jose S. Hernandez Sorto, age 41, of Webster was arrested on May 16 for Keeping a Noisy & Disorderly House and Disturbing the Peace.

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- Aug. 6 — Dock 10, 1970s and 1980s music
- Aug. 13 — Below Deck, yacht rock
- Aug. 20 — 4EverFab, Beatles tribute
- Aug. 27 — Aquanett, 1980s rock
- Sept. 3 — Petty Larceny, Tom Petty tribute

For student athletes, Auburn Recreation & Culture is also sponsoring Athletic Development Training for boys and girls in grades 5 through 12.

The ongoing Thursday evening program runs from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Auburn High School Fitness Room. The current session runs May 7 through June 25 and includes 10 classes for \$100, with a \$15 drop-in

option available.

The program is led by certified personal trainer and coach Josh, who has more than 25 years of coaching experience. Organizers said the training focuses on improving athletic performance, preventing injuries, building conditioning, and teaching proper strength-training techniques for athletes participating in all sports.

Space is limited, with organizers noting the class requires a minimum of five participants and has a maximum capacity of 10 students.

For additional information or registration details on any Auburn Recreation & Culture program, residents may contact the department at 508-832-7736 or email kpappas@auburnma.gov.

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and our monthly lunch menu. You may also join our email list to view our newsletter online. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!
Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least three business days in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation for 65 and up, and \$5 for 55- 64 is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 5/26: Turkey supreme, combread stuffing, and country blend vegetables. Wednesday, 5/27: Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, and honey glazed carrots. Thursday, 5/28: Greek chicken, steamed white rice, and brussels sprouts. Friday, 5/22: Soup du Jour, sliced turkey sandwiches, and macaroni

salad.
Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays-Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.
Come down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.
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Bingo is every Tuesday and starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.
Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!
Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center! Come join us for six-card or thirteen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!

We now have an official Bridge group! We will be meeting every Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the upstairs activity room. All that are interested are welcome to join!
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Nicole Faulkner of Dudley
Jessica Socia of Oxford
Jacob Barszcz of Auburn

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Kylie Lambert of Auburn
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Jordan Keefe of Dudley
Michaela Ebbeling of Dudley
Alyssa Tomaszewicz of South Grafton
Eryk Chamberlin of Webster
Mark Bennett of Webster
Shane DAndrea of Webster
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