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Saint Joseph School students embark on memorable Washington, D.C. journey



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Students in Grades 7 and 8 from Saint Joseph School, along with their chaperones, gather on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial during their April vacation trip to Washington, D.C., pausing for a group photo while taking in the historic setting and reflecting on the legacy of one of the nation's Founding Fathers.

WEBSTER — During April Vacation week, students in Grades 7 and 8 from Saint Joseph School embarked on an enriching and faith-filled trip to Washington, D.C., combining history, culture, and fellowship into a truly unforgettable experience.

The group gathered in the early morning hours on Monday, April 20, meeting at the school at

4:30 a.m. before departing by coach at 5 a.m. for the nation's capital. Upon arrival, students immediately immersed themselves in American history with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where they observed the solemn Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Changing of the Guard. The day continued with visits to iconic memorials, includ-

ing the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Tuesday offered a meaningful blend of civic and spiritual experiences. Students toured the grounds of the United States Capitol and visited the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A highlight

of the trip was Mass at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, where Headmaster Fr. Richard Polek served as a concelebrant. Following Mass, students were warmly greeted by Sister Veritas Green of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, who presented each student with a Divine Mercy prayer card featuring the image revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska. She then spent time speaking with the students about the message and significance of Divine Mercy, offering a meaningful moment of reflection.

The afternoon

included a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, along with photo stops at the White House and the Washington Monument. Students concluded the day by visiting additional memorials honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Thomas Jefferson.

Wednesday's itinerary continued to bring history to life. Students visited Ford's Theatre, gaining insight into the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln. The group then traveled to Virginia to explore the

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All Saints Academy honors veterans at Loyalty Day celebration



WEBSTER — On May 1, All Saints Academy welcomed local veterans to its annual Loyalty Day celebration, a meaningful tribute honoring the service, sacrifice, and enduring patriotism of those who have defended our nation. Loyalty Day is a national observance set aside to affirm loyalty to the United States and reflect on the values of freedom, democracy, and unity. The event brought together students, faculty, and community members in a heartfelt expression of gratitude.

The ceremony opened

with a prayer offered by Benjamin Mukuha, who reflected on the courage of those who have given their lives in service, as well as those who continue to serve today. Camden Trainor then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Colonel Bruce Finley's informative remarks on the United States Flag Code. A solemn performance of Taps honored fallen service members, while Mrs. Rose's kindergarten class sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," bringing a sense of pride and joy to the occa-

sion. Following a moment of silence, Commander Randolph Snow of VFW Post 654 spoke about the origin and significance of Loyalty Day.

Lydia Burke then recited an original patriotic poem written by the seventh-grade class, titled "Where I'm From," celebrating the history, values, and pride of being American. The program continued with a flower presentation led by Graceanne Troiano, during which students presented red, white, and blue flow-

Turn To LOYALTY page A10

Dudley fifth graders grow plants for community

DUDLEY — The fifth graders at Dudley Middle School recently participated in a project called From Our Hands to Your Hearts. The project was funded by the Dudley Charlton Education Foundation, and included the fifth graders planting and growing almost 300 baby spider plants. Students made observations as the plants grew, painted clay pots, wrote notes, and put all the items together in decorated gift bags.

Some of the plants were delivered to family members, and more than 70 plants went to older adults in Dudley, delivered by Meals on Wheels, supported by Tri-Valley.

The outpouring of appreciation from older community members was such a pleasant surprise. Some



recipients wrote thank you notes, others sent emails through family members, and one wonderful recipient crocheted more than 40 mini thank you baskets that she filled with candy for the fifth graders. It has been amazing to see how such a small act of kindness has had a ripple effect throughout the community.

Four fifth graders were also able to present the project to the Dudley-Charlton School Committee on April 8. The fifth grade team looks forward to continuing and expanding this project in the future to show just how important the older members in the community are to the town of Dudley.

Oxford Community Center awarded \$16,310 grant from Janet Malser Humanities Trust

OXFORD — The Oxford Community Center is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$16,310 grant from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust to support a wide range of free, community-focused programs and events throughout the year.


The grant will help fund free community events at Joslin Park on the Oxford Town Common, the Summer Bandstand Concert Series, creative arts classes for youth and adults, and the Macaroni Kid-award-winning Youth Community Theater Program. In addition, funding from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust will support beloved seasonal events including Movies on Main, Scarecrows on the Common, the annual Holiday Lights Parade and Tree Lighting, and the Fun, Frost & Family Winter Festival in January.

Staff, volunteers, and participants of the Oxford Community Center are deeply grateful for this generous support, which makes it possible to continue offering inclusive, family-friendly programming that strengthens community connections and enhances quality of life in Oxford.


"The Oxford Community Center's mission is to provide opportunities to enrich the quality of life of its citizens through recreational, cultural, and health-focused programming," said Community Center representatives. "This mission would not be possible without the ongoing support of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and other valued community partners."

In addition to free community events, the Oxford Community Center offers year-round, fee-based programming for residents of all ages. Programs include a membership-based fitness program featuring more than 20 weekly group fitness classes; pickleball; recreational youth athletic programs; craft and educational programs for preschool and elementary-age children; Babysitting and CPR certification courses; and a summer activities program at Carburne Park.

For more information about programs and activities, visit www.oxfordma.us/234/Community-Center.




PAW of the WEEK
CHESTER
5 YR./59 LB./MALE/RETRIEVER/CATTLE DOG MIX




About Me: Hi, I'm Chester — equal parts sweet, silly, and snuggly. I'm the kind of guy who will happily toss a toy around one minute and then roll over for belly rubs the next. I love my people deeply and bond closely with "my" humans. Once you're in my circle, you're in for life. I'm happiest when I'm playing, relaxing near you, or soaking up affection. I have a big heart, a playful streak, and a soft side that just wants to feel safe and loved.

A Few Honest Notes (Because Communication Matters)
I'm not a cat guy — it's just not my vibe.
I've been around other dogs at the rescue and have done fine, but I didn't have much proper socialization before coming here. When dogs rush up to me, I can feel unsure and a little overwhelmed. Because of that, I'd feel most confident being your one-and-only pup while I continue building skills and confidence at my own pace.
Vet visits used to make me nervous too — especially nail trims and being confined for exams. But guess what? I've made amazing progress. With the help of our awesome trainer, Jackie, I learned to file my own nails (yes, I'm basically a DIY king), and I've been muzzle trained so I can safely and successfully handle checkups and vaccinations! With a little medication beforehand and the right support, I'm doing so much better already. I'm proof that patience and training truly work.




Milford Federal Bank is proud to sponsor the Pawfect Life Rescue PAW of the WEEK!

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Community baby shower provides mothers in need with essential supplies



WEBSTER — The United Church of Christ Federated launches its annual community baby shower/donation drive to benefit the Visitation House in Worcester. — The drive, running until May 31st, is aimed at providing essential supplies to mothers, allowing them to keep their pregnancies and their babies. With many single mothers struggling to afford basic necessities, this initiative seeks to collect diapers, clothing, hygiene products and other items to ensure mothers and children have a safe and healthy start.

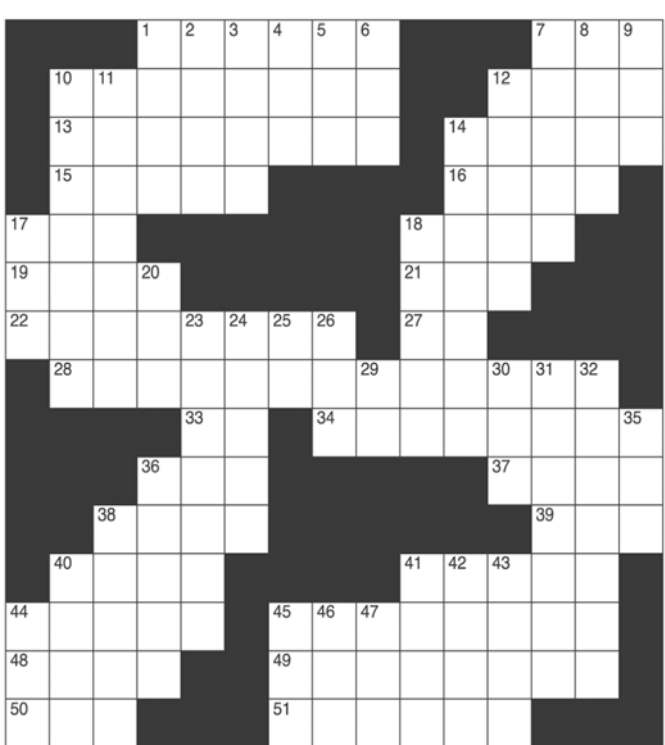
Community members are invited to drop off new and unopened items at the church office, from Tuesday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Sunday morning before 1 p.m. The drive is specifically focusing on collecting high-need items, including: Crib sheets, diapers, clothes (newborn to 12 months) including sets, baby bassinets, baby securi-

ty blankets, unscented baby wipes, baby grooming kits, Dreft detergent, feeding (formula: unopened, non-expired, bottles, nipples, bibs, and burp cloths), hygiene (diaper rash cream, baby wash, lotion, and shampoo), Mom Care Packages (nursing pads, nipple cream, toiletries [shampoo, conditioner, lip balm], and body lotion).

All donations will benefit the Visitation House in Worcester. Visitation House offers a program in Worcester County which provides women with unplanned pregnancies a path to cherish and sustain the life of their babies. They provide each woman a welcoming home and opportunities to develop the skills, confidence, and self-knowledge necessary to create a beautiful future for her and her baby. The House opened its doors on May 31,

2005. Since that time, they have welcomed over 300 women and their children.

The United Church of Christ Federated is located at 4 Church Street, across from Town Hall, 508-943-0061, uccfedwebster.org.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Large dung beetle | 28. Beloved March holiday |
| 7. Gambling game _-lo | 33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet |
| 10. Further along | 34. More impudent |
| 12. Type of tobacco | 36. Indicates center |
| 13. Looked for | 37. Young woman (French) |
| 14. Silk fabric | 38. A cause of distress |
| 15. Computer method to solve equations | 39. Santa's helper |
| 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.) | 40. Hillside |
| 17. Tear | 41. Many wombs |
| 18. Brews | 44. Is afraid of |
| 19. "Famous" cookie baker | 45. Popular baked goods ingredient |
| 21. Women's Army Corps | 48. Popular computers |
| 22. Front parts of an animal | 49. Conceiving of |
| 27. It's causing quite a stir | 50. Google certification (abbr.) |
| | 51. Sturdy |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Peruse quickly | 25. Trauma center |
| 2. Automobiles | 26. Habitual twitching |
| 3. Razorbill genus | 29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.) |
| 4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! | 30. Decimeter |
| 5. Consumed | 31. Hinged surface in a wing |
| 6. A place to sleep | 32. Shouting |
| 7. Small seeds | 35. Sports official |
| 8. Legendary law man Wyatt | 36. Volcanic craters |
| 9. Female sheep | 38. Supportive device |
| 10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia | 40. It's part of a rosary |
| 11. A place ships dock | 41. Two-toed sloth |
| 12. Reciprocal of sine | 42. Body art |
| 14. Discomfort | 43. Let out |
| 17. British Air Aces | 44. Foreign medical graduate |
| 18. Exit sleep | 45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.) |
| 20. Solar energetic particle | 46. Couples say it |
| 23. Plagues characterized by starvation | 47. Bird's beak |
| 24. Short musical composition | |

Dudley's Annual Plant Hop is set to bloom come rain or shine

DUDLEY — Ready to start your vegetable or flower garden? If you are, visit our local growers and farmers at the Fifth Annual Dudley Grows Together Plant Hop!

The Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission is excited to announce the 5th Annual Dudley Grows Together Plant Hop, taking place on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

The Plant Hop is a community event that gives local Dudley farmers and gardeners the opportunity to sell vegetable and flower seedlings and plants (no cannabis or hemp plants) directly from their locations throughout Dudley.

To view the map of the locations, visit www.dudleyma.gov or www.dudleyfarmers.com.

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\$425,000, 35 Waterman Rd, Wish, Alan, and Riccio, Cara, to Kallio, James.

DUDLEY
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OXFORD
\$835,000, 162 Sutton Ave, Gemme, John J, and Sihvonen, Hanna K, to Zanca, Joseph Daniel, and Zanca, Allen.

\$570,000, 6 Front St, Daviau Lt, and Forgione, Julie, to Nexora Corp.

\$75,000, 43 Larned Rd, Bastille, Jamie L, and Bastille, Jamie, to Crcbuilder LLC.

WEBSTER
\$450,000, 251 High St, Brerry, Marines Carmona, and Cabrera, Jesus Alberto, to Esposito, Sadie, and Starling, James.

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OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES

HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford High School has released its honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honors
 Seniors: Zack Bond, Alanna Borelli, Cassidy Burke, Jaelynne Caracciolo, Keegan Comeau, Craige Grenier, Gwen Gustafson, Alexander Hamilton, Matthew Hilman, Rosy Krantz, Madison Labay, Ava Liberis, Addison Monsen, Samuel Paradise, Ethan White

Juniors: Shayla Boliver, Jillian Chevalier, Marie Cosentino, Abigail Davis, Zaria Edison, Kate Mayo

Sophomores: Sabrina Adamiak, Haniya Awais, Andrew Collins, Calleigh Furtado, Olivia Hammond, Noel Jandrow, Zachary MacDonald, Brooke Nitti, Torin Stone, Mia

Urbacz, Keagan Vanarsdalen
 Freshman: Ashlyn Halliday, Ethan Hamilton, Ali Johnson, Tyler Melton, Brooke O'Connor, Haley Odom, Samuel Yogaratanam

Honors
 Seniors: Justine Anderson, Hailey Angell, Sarah Arndt, Tyler Blomquist, Delaney Burke, Alyssa Carrier, Savannah Cioppa, Anna Costa Heroux, Lilyan Daoust, Conner Dawe, Michaella Dwyer, Veronica Griffin, Abigail Hoyt, Amaya Rosario-Green, Hannah Taranto, Rachel Tebo, Ava Vincent, Vanessa Walker, Maddyson Wilson

Juniors: Michelle Annancy, Audri Chalifoux, Lilli Falkenheiner, Daymyin Lopez, Ethan Odom, Natalie Richards, Kaylani Rodriguez, Braden Stone

Sophomores: Gwenyth Auger, Kaeli Cordova Del Cid, Isabella Costa, Davi Fracalossi, Laura Grenier, Caroline Harty, Tatiangelys Hernandez Barreto, Ella Kasprzycki, Beatriz Luna, Wyatt McQuillan, Kyleigh Minardi, Lacey Parker, Devyn Quarshie, Adam Sliwoski, Krystiana Sobocinski


Freshman: Michael Annancy, Brenna Burke, Ethan Campbell, Chase Checkoway, Bella Coghlan, Michael Forbes, Alex Holt, Chloe Lavallee, Riley Maki, Samantha Marrier, Olivia Martinez, Agnes Molloy, Mark Olney, Kaliyana Padilla, Nathan Paquette, Dionne Quarshie, Gabriel Rodriguez-Carpenter, Harper Shoblom, Simon Spofford, Malayna Vieira



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HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford Middle School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honors
 Grade 8 - Zachary Dubsy, Ella Gasasira, Liam Harity, Willow Keller, Alana LaFrance, Sophia Meneguzzo, Pedro Henrique, Paniagua, Mateo Quintero, Megan Riley, Lilliana Tervo

Grade 7 - Clayton Almstrom, Jack Belmore, Narta Berisha, Hazel Burlingame, Sadie Coghlan, Amber Conway, Hadley Coraccio, Brynn Czernicki-Nasis, Olivia Daoust, Cora Descheneau, Kendall Donnelly, Joshua George, Trevor Gould, Margaret Griffin, Kellen Harrison, Jackson Harvey, Isabella LaMountain, Ava Montalvo, Caroline Montalvo, Aria O'Neil, Stella Pantano, Jenna Shennette, Chad Sliwoski, Mia St. Peter, Sadie Stewart, Raeann Teal, Aislyn White, Lilliana Woods, Marissa Worden, Makenzie Zwang

Grade 6 - Audrey Almstrom, Bridget Bejune, Rylee Cordova Del Cid, Tianna Delacruz, Eli Dexter, Jaelyn Halley, Bennett Harding, Liam Huambachano, Mia Mazzella, Hannah Riley, Harper Skowron, Slate Skowron, Kylie Stidsen, Logan Thomas,

Honors
 Grade 8 - Bethany Abrahamson, Lilah Archambeault, Gemma Balboni, Marina Biancanello, Olivia Boulette, Abigail Burke, Sadie Crouch, Isaac Deechaleune, Lily Dolbec, Shea Dunlavy, Noah Durand, Brielle Fournier, Fred Gurney, Jillian Gustafson, Destiny Kroma, Lucas Laurie, Brookelynn Mangano, Ashton O'Malley, Maxwell Palaia, Dylan Powers, Jr., Sophia Renaud, Hunter Rodriguez, Jordyn Torteson, Parker Tyrrell,

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Bartlett Girls Track puts up strong performances against Tantasqua

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School girls track and field delivered a number of standout performances at their meet against a well-coached and hardworking Tantasqua team. The meet highlighted several top-three finishes across both track and field events.

Leading the way for Bartlett was Savaeh Pery, who dominated the throwing events with a pair of first-place finishes. She captured first in the javelin and followed it up with another first-place finish in the discus.

On the track, Isabela Viana had an impressive day, earning a first-place finish in the 400 meters run while also taking third in the 100 meter dash. Britney Jubin contributed a third-place finish in the 400 meters and Jeiry Morillo Pena added another third-place finish with her effort in the 400-meter hurdles.

In the field events, Bartlett continued to find success. Jordan Reeves secured second place in the javelin, while Annalissa Krasnecky placed second in the javelin and third in the high jump. Karisa Safford added a strong second-place finish in the shot put, and Illeishka Cappas Monseratte took third in the same event. Rounding out the top performances, Liana Porto de Luca earned a third-place finish in the discus event.

Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library to hold book sale May 14-16

WEBSTER — Summer is just around the corner! Time to stock up on your summer books!

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Book Sale will be held Thursday, May 14 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Friday, May 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; and Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. until noon.

You will find a wonderful selection of adult and children's books, paperback 50 cents, hard copy \$1, coffee table books \$5 and a bag of books for only \$5.00. Also for sale: games, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs.

So come to the Gladys E. Kelly Library BOOK SALE and pick up bargains for summer fun!

Explore Prince Edward Island This Summer or Fall

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Friday's Child



Cristian
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Cristian, who goes by CJ, is a cheerful and affectionate young boy who brings joy to those around him with his frequent smiles and laughter. He is polite, respectful, and enjoys connecting with others. CJ thrives during community outings—whether it's going to the movies, visiting local parks, or spending time outdoors when the weather is nice. CJ has a special love for animals and enjoys sharing his drawings, proudly naming different animals and mimicking the sounds they make. He is creative and expressive, with interests in coloring, drawing, and practicing his writing skills. CJ's favorite color is red, and he especially loves Spiderman. If he could choose, he'd happily eat chicken and rice every day. CJ shows and receives affection through high-fives and hugs, making him a warm and engaging child who enjoys meaningful connections with others.

<https://www.mareinc.org/child/34301707102>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org. Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.





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EDITORIAL

A lesson in loyalty, a moment of unity

There are moments in a school year that go beyond academics, beyond schedules and routines, and remind us what education is truly about. The recent Loyalty Day celebration at All Saints Academy was one of those moments.

In a time when the word “community” can sometimes feel abstract, this event made it tangible. Students, veterans, educators, and local residents gathered not for a lesson in a textbook, but for something far more lasting: a shared understanding of service, sacrifice, and gratitude.

Loyalty Day itself is a national observance, but its meaning comes alive only when it is brought into local spaces like this one. At All Saints Academy, that meaning was not simply explained, it was lived. From the opening prayer to the final blessing, each part of the ceremony reflected a careful intention to honor those who have served while helping young people understand why that service matters.

What stands out most is not any single moment, but the way the entire program was shaped around participation. Students were not passive observers. They led the Pledge of Allegiance. They shared poetry rooted in their own voices. They created and presented flowers, each color tied to a deeper value: courage, purity, trust. These are not small gestures. They are formative experiences that teach lessons no worksheet ever could.

For the veterans in attendance, the event was clearly meaningful. But for the students, it may prove even more significant over time. When young people are given the opportunity to look directly at those who have served and hear their stories, the idea of service becomes real. It gains weight. It becomes something to respect, and perhaps one day, something to emulate in their own way.

Equally important is the tone of unity that carried through the day. In a world that often feels divided, especially in conversations about patriotism and national identity, this event struck a different chord. It focused not on differences, but on shared values. Freedom. Responsibility. Respect. These are ideals that can bring people together when they are approached with sincerity and care.

Schools play a unique role in shaping how the next generation understands those values. Events like this remind us that education is not only about preparing students for careers, but about preparing them for citizenship. That means fostering awareness, encouraging reflection, and creating opportunities for meaningful connection with the broader community.

It is also worth noting the role of tradition. Loyalty Day may not receive the same attention as other holidays, but its quiet presence offers something important. It invites reflection without spectacle. It asks for gratitude without expectation. In many ways, it is exactly the kind of observance that fits naturally into a school setting, where learning and reflection go hand in hand.

The success of this event speaks to the dedication of the educators and organizers who made it possible. It also reflects a broader truth about our local communities: when schools open their doors and invite others in, something powerful happens. Generations connect. Stories are shared. Values are passed on.

At its core, the Loyalty Day celebration at All Saints Academy was a reminder that respect for service is not something that should be reserved for a single day. It is something that can, and should, be woven into the fabric of everyday life.

If there is a takeaway here, it is a simple one. Moments like this matter. They shape how young people see the world and their place in it. And in doing so, they help ensure that the values we hold dear are not only remembered, but carried forward.

In the end, that may be the most meaningful form of loyalty of all.

Viewpoint

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor
Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news



Courtesy

On Sunday, April 26, Zion Lutheran's congregation and family guests were blessed to witness an important milestone, as six children received their First Holy Communion. Amira, Ryan, Cash, Dominic, Amelia, and Tessa Raelynn took joyful steps in their journeys of faith. During instruction from Pastor Michael Bastian, the children learned about love, grace and the meaning of following Jesus in everyday life. They contemplated the loving sacrifice that Christ made for all of us. Walking forward to receive the bread and the cup for the first time, this class displayed reverence and excitement. The upbeat contemporary music amplified the happiness of this celebration. Thank you to Pastor Michael, the parents and families who supported this class, and to the Zion church family who will continue to welcome and nurture these youngsters as they grow in faith.

The quiet way our mothers shape us

There's a certain quiet to a Sunday morning in May that feels different from the rest of the year. Maybe it's the way the light comes in softer, or the way people seem to move a little slower, a little more thoughtfully. Or maybe it's just that we all know what the day is, even before we say it out loud.

Mother's Day has a way of doing that. It doesn't need much announcement. It settles in gently, like a familiar song you haven't heard in a while but still remember every word to.

I was thinking the other day about how we tend to mark time in our lives. We remember the

big things, of course, the graduations, the weddings, the first jobs. But when you really sit with it, it's often the smaller, quieter moments that come back the clearest. And more often than not, there's a mother somewhere in the middle of those memories.

Not always in the foreground, mind you. Sometimes she's just off to the side, making sure everything is running the way it should. Packing lunches, folding laundry, reminding someone about an appointment, or standing in a doorway watching the whole thing unfold.

It's funny how much of that work goes unnoticed at the time. Not unappreciated, exactly, just... assumed. Like the sun coming up in the morning. You don't always stop to think about it because it's always been there.

I can remember, years ago, coming home after a long day, the kind where nothing seems to go quite right. You're tired, maybe a little irritated with the world, and not particularly good company. And there she is, asking how your day went, as if she's got all the time in the world to listen to the answer.

And she means it. That's the part that sticks with you.

There's a steadiness to mothers that's hard to put into words. Not all of them are the same, of course. Some are quiet, some are talkative, some are firm, some are gentle. But there's usually a thread that runs through all of them, a kind of quiet determination to make things better for the people they care about.

You don't always see it when you're young. In fact, I'd say most of us miss it entirely at the time. We're too busy growing up, figuring things out, making our own mistakes. It's only later, when life has had a chance to knock a few corners off us, that we start to understand what was really going on.

I've come to believe that a lot of what we carry with us into adulthood, the good habits, the sense of right and wrong, the way we treat other people, has roots that go back to those early days. To kitchens and living rooms and car rides where lessons were taught without ever feeling like lessons.

And if you're lucky, those roots hold firm.

Mother's Day, for all the cards and flowers and phone calls, isn't really about any of that, at least not entirely. Those things are nice, and they matter, but they're more like symbols than anything else. What the day really does is give us a reason to pause.

To notice. To think about the people who shaped us in ways we didn't always recognize at the time. To pick up the phone if we can. To say thank you, even if it feels a little overdue.

And for those who can't make that call anymore, it's a day to remember. To sit with those memories and let them come as they are, sometimes warm, sometimes a little bittersweet.

I don't think there's a right way to spend the day. Some folks gather with big family dinners, full tables and loud conversations. Others keep it quiet, maybe a visit, maybe a walk, maybe just a moment to themselves.

But however it's spent, there's something steady about it. Something that reminds us that no matter how much the world changes, some things remain constant.

The care. The patience. The way someone showed up, day after day, whether we noticed or not.

You don't need a grand gesture to recognize that. Sometimes it's enough just to stop, look around, and understand, maybe a little better than we did before, what was given to us along the way.

And if you happen to find yourself on Main Street this weekend, passing by the shops and the familiar faces, you might notice something else too. A few more people carrying flowers. A few more smiles exchanged. A few more quiet moments tucked into an otherwise ordinary day.

That's Mother's Day, I suppose. Not loud, not showy. Just present, the way it's always been.

And if you ask me, that feels about right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We could not succeed without your support

To the Editor:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped or attended the Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library April Spring Book/Bake Sale. It was a great success!

It is only because of the tireless efforts of the volunteers who set up tables, move the many boxes of books, unpack and organize the books, help during the sale, and come after the sale to sort and pack up boxes that the book sale is able to continue. We want to thank the Oxford DPW, Oxford High School JrROTC and all the young teens who showed up to dismantle and move the tables and store the boxes after the sale—we just could not have done it without you.

The popular bake sale portion of the event was again a hit so thanks to the wonderful bakers who contributed their time and talent.

We are grateful to everyone who came to the sale to shop and support the Friends in their mission to help fund library programs. The book sales could not succeed without the many hands that make it happen and the support of the community. Thank you all!

Sincerely,

Leanne Jezerski
Secretary

Friends of the Oxford Public Library

Academic con game?

To the Editor:

In case you missed it, there was what might be described as an Educational Miracle right here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In 2025, “Boston's four-year graduation rate was the highest in the district's history,” according to city officials. Boston's High School graduation rates increased by 1.6 percent over 2024, and 400 more graduated in 2025 than in 2024. The graduation rate for 2025 was up to 81.3 percent.

How did this happen, you might ask? Did some new pedagogical revolution take place? Did massive funding fall from the sky in 2025 resulting in a sudden surge in academic achievement?

According to Boston Mayor Wu in the Boston Globe, “We didn't get here by lowering any expectations for students who might be experiencing challenges or moving the goal posts and making it easier for people to get by.”

Didn't move the goal post, Mayor Wu? How about you tilted the field, removed the goal posts and turned the scoreboard off?

What Boston did was ban teachers from giving failing grades. “... instead requiring them to hand out ‘incomplete’ marks, allowing students to recover the grades later in often softer settings, such as through online courses.” Then, of course, Massachusetts in 2024 removed the requirement for high

school students to pass state tests in order to receive a diploma, saying it was a “barrier to graduation.”

Gee, what was a kiddo to do? It required an almost Herculean effort to fail at the district level, and now there was no state requirement. By virtue of just hanging around, one was pretty much guaranteed a diploma.

Before anyone thinks that the Boston model is the way to go consider that several Boston test scores actually fell. Public records state that, “Low-income students saw math scores decline by 5 percent between 2017 and 2025, yet that group's graduation rate rose by 12 percent in that same time period. Meanwhile, English language learners saw a 9 percent decline in reading scores and a 13 percent decline in math achievement, even as their graduation rate soared by 21 percent.”

Yes, miracles may well have occurred for individual students, but system wide this looks like an academic con game if ever there was one. The victims are the students and their parents who have been tricked into thinking their diplomas are the real thing.

Don't Massachusetts students deserve better?

Thank you,

Richard Clark
Dudley

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

Remonda Mankarios inducted into Stonehill College Honor Society

EASTON — Remonda Mankarios, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2027, from Dudley, was recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill College's honor society. The organization recognizes outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated an excitement for learning and sharing their knowledge.

Visit Stonehill College's website for more. About Stonehill College Stonehill College, a

Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional

fields, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

Remonda Mankarios recognized by Stonehill College at 2026 Student Life Awards

EASTON — Remonda Mankarios, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2027 from Dudley, was recently honored at the institution's Student Life Awards, held Sunday, April 26. This program celebrates campus community members for their outstanding contributions to the betterment of Stonehill.

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Historical Society to focus on Auburn's "Gentle Giant"

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society & Museum May meeting will feature the life and times of Dr. Richard Weagle, who for almost 60 years was an Auburn constant. He was the friendly neighborhood dentist, devoted family man with a penchant for public service and a wide array of talents and interest.

From his time as a

member of the Auburn High School class of 1961 up to his retirement as Superintendent of the Auburn Water District plus all that came in between, including his wood carvings that can be seen at the Auburn Sportsman's Club, Dr. Weagle proudly called Auburn his home for almost all of his life.

Come learn more about

the life of this "Gentle Giant" of Auburn as told through photos, original documents, and stories as shared by his daughter Michelle on Thursday May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Sportsman's Club, 50 Elm St., Auburn. This meeting is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible.

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Local singer brings the music of Paul McCartney to Oxford

OXFORD — Regional musician and singer Dan Kirouac will bring his

program "The Music of McCartney: The World's Most Successful

Songwriter" to the Oxford Free Public Library on Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.

The program, delivered on piano and vocals, will explore the music of Paul McCartney from the Beatles years through Wings and into the 1980s, highlighted by informational commentary. Dan Kirouac is a 40-year veteran of the New England music scene, and has appeared in two long-term Beatles tribute bands from 2000 to 2022.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at (508) 987-6003. For more about the artist, search Dan Kirouac Music on Facebook.

This program is sponsored by the Oxford Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



NOTICE:
 SPRING SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026
 TOWN OF WEBSTER - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL
 52 LAKEPARKWAY, WEBSTER, MA 01570

The Board of Selectmen has called a Special Town Meeting for Monday, May 11 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Anyone wishing to place articles on the Town Meeting Warrant should present them to the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours. Citizen's petitions must contain the signatures of at least 100 registered (certified) voters. The deadline to submit articles is Friday, March 27, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen has called an Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Anyone wishing to place articles on the Town Meeting Warrant should present them to the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours. Citizen's petitions must contain the signatures of at least 10 registered (certified) voters. The deadline to submit articles is Friday, March 27, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.



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The Library will be closed on Monday, 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

The Library will be closed on Saturday May 9th & Saturday, May 23rd.

Please join us in May to celebrate local artist John Gabrieli. A variety of his pieces will be on display for you to enjoy in the Fels Room whenever the Library is open.

Gentle Yoga
Every Monday-NO
SESSION May 25th
10:00-11:00

Join yoga instructor Patricia for a traditional “on the mat” yoga class with chair yoga modifications. This truly is a one-size-fits-all class. Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class. Registration is required.

Mahjong at the Pearle
Every Wednesday
10:00-12:30 Fels
Community Room

The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy.

Everyone is welcome; registration is not required.

Quilting Group
Every Wednesday
1:30-3:30

All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

Knit & Crochet Group
Every Thursday 5:30-7:45
and Friday 10:00-12:00.

All stitchers are welcome to this informal group. Bring your project and enjoy the company!

Yoga with Buffy
Every Friday-

10:00-11:00
Join Buffy for Friday
Yoga! Take time to relax,
stretch, and recharge at
this weekly Friday session.
Registration is required:
wideopenyoga@gmail.com.
A co-payment is required to
attend.

Electronic Recycling
Event with Green Day
Recycling
Saturday, May 9th
9:00-2:00 Library Parking
lot

Dispose of old computers,
small appliances, grills, TVs,
and more! This recycling
event is rain or shine. This is
not a free recycling program.
Cash, Venmo, and checks
(over \$30). Check our web-
site for full details.

Friends of the Library
Annual Meeting
Monday, May 11th
1:15-2:15

Join the Friends of the
Library for the monthly
meeting! All are invited to
attend!

Pearle’s Genealogy Group
Monday, May 11th
4:00-5:30

Let’s regrow our gene-
alogy group! Facilitated
by Patricia M. St. Marie,
Professional Genealogist

CrafterNOON-Mandala
Rock Painting
Tuesday, May 12th
1:00-2:00

Learn to paint intricate,
symmetrical designs (called
mandalas) onto smooth
stones or rocks. It blends
art, mindfulness, and sim-
ple technique—making it
suitable for beginners and
experienced crafters alike.
Registration is required.
Ages 17+

The Words & Wisdom
of Willie Nelson-Songs &
Stories performed by Matt
York

Thursday, May 14th
6:00-7:45
Longtime New England

musician/author Matt York
will perform The Words
& Wisdom of Willie
Nelson and talk about his
new book, which is a blend
of stories about Willie’s
career and York’s journey
traveling around and per-
forming.

In both 2022 and 2023,
York was nominated for
the Boston Music Award
for Best Country Artist and
his album Gently Used was
named one of Worcester
Magazine’s best albums of
2022.

This program is funded by
the Friends of the Pearle L.
Crawford Memorial Library.

Book Talk-Chasing
Bandits: America’s War on
Terror by Michael Neagle
Saturday, May 16th
11:00-12:15

Join us as Michael E.
Neagle, a professor of his-
tory at Nichols College,
discusses his newest book:
Chasing Bandits: America’s
Long War on Terror. The talk
explores how the U.S. “war
on terror” began long before
9/11. Since the early 1900s,
the U.S. has pursued per-
ceived threats across regions
like the Philippines, Latin
America, and the Middle
East. These enemies—once
labeled “bandits” and now
“terrorists”—have been por-
trayed similarly over time,
often to justify foreign inter-
ventions and build support
at home.

“Cook the Book” Book
Club- Dinner: Nothing
Fancy: Unfussy Food for
Having People Over by
Alison Roman
Monday, May 18th
6:00-7:00

“Cook The Book” Book
Club will meet on the 4th
Monday of every month at
6:00

You will pick one recipe
from the book selected for
the month-the dishes don’t
have to be complicated or
fancy, any recipe from the

book is fair game, except
alcoholic beverages-sorry!
Prepare the recipe at home
and share it at the library. We
cannot reheat or keep food
warm, so consider this when
choosing your recipe.

You are responsible for
bringing serving utensils.
We will provide paper goods
and utensils for eating.

Emily Dickinson: The
Poet and her Gardens
Tuesday, May 19th
1:00-2:00

This illustrated lecture,
presented by Ellen K. Duzak,
invites you to meet Emily
in her own gardens and
countryside as she embrac-
es nature and interprets its
meaning in her own unique
flavor of poetry. How won-
derful for Emily Dickinson
to find her most treasured
source of inspiration right
outside her Amherst, MA
home in her family gar-
dens, orchard, meadows and
woodland.

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the Pearle L. Crawford
Memorial Library.
Registration is required.

Crawford Library Book
Group
Thursday, May 28th
Beautiful Ugly by Alice
Feeney
6:00-7:30

Books are available at the
circulation desk for check-
out one month before the
discussion.

No Registration Required

Bemis Farms Nursery-
Plant a Spring Bowl
Thursday, May 28th
6:00-7:30

Join Bemis Farm Nursery
to make a one-of-a-kind
Spring Bowl. Ages 17+.
Registration is required;
space is limited.

Children’s & Family
Programming

Once Upon a Storytime
with Kelcy
Every Monday
10:00-10:45

For ages 3-5 and their
caregiver (siblings always
welcome!). Join us for sto-
ries, songs, fingerplays,
scarves, shaker eggs, mov-
ing our bodies to music,
activities, bubbles, a craft,
and free play!

Sunflowers with Kelcy!
Thursday, May 7
5:30

Moms + Sunflowers =
Love

It’s a special hands-on
event with Kelcy! Celebrate
with stories, smiles, and
something beautiful to grow
just in time for Mother’s
Day. All ages welcome!!
Registration is required.

Deb’s Sing & Swing-
Somewhere in the Ocean
Friday, May 8th
10:30-11:15

Pre-K Music & Movement
offers a 45-minute interac-
tive program featuring sing-
ing, guitar music, dancing,
rhythm instruments, sto-
ries, and a variety of fun
props, including a parachute,
beanbags, scarves, and pom
poms. These programs are
theme-based, and cover
everything from holidays
and seasons to dinosaurs
and bugs! Registration is
required.

Wiggles & Giggles for
Littles
Thursday, May 14th, 21st
& 28th
10:00-10:30

YFCP is pleased to offer
a FREE 5-week music
series for children, ages
6-24 months, with a parent/
caregiver. Ms. Laine will
introduce music, movement,
musical instruments and
stories to your little ones.
Registration is required.
Please note: you are regis-
tering for a 5-week series.

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Yoga for Children
Friday, May 15th
11:00-11:45

Join certified Yoga instruc-
tor, Patricia (also known
as Buffy), for a 45-minute
yoga class for children ages
3-5 and their caregivers!
Caregivers are encouraged
to participate in the class,
but it is not required. If you
will be participating, please
bring your own mat. (Yoga
mats will be provided for
the children.) Registration is
required as space is limited.

Teen Programming

Dungeons & Dragons
Game

Every Thursday
6:00-7:30
Ages 14-19

Off the Hook Crochet
Club

Thursday, May 7th
6:00-7:00
Ages 12-17

Welcome to Off The Hook
Crochet Club — where kids
turn yarn into awesome!

From colorful creations to
cool new skills, this club is
all about learning, laughing,
and stitching together. No
experience needed — just
bring your imagination (and
your needles)!

Cake Decorating 101
Thursday, May 21st
5:00-7:00

Cake decorating 101 with
Simply Baking. Each partic-
ipant will receive a complete
6” cake decorating kit and
step-by-step instructions!
Ages 14+ Registration is
required.

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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 informa-
tion, 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 nav-
igate 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 understand-
ing as we explore our grief,
share coping strategies, and
begin to heal.

Yoga – Saturdays at
9:15am NO CLASS on May
16th

Join Julie or Lauren at
the Gladys E. Kelly Library
for a vinyasa yoga class for
all levels. A typical class
involves centering the mind
with the breath, aromather-
apy, movement of the body
to release energetic block-
ages, 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 15th or 22nd.

Join Adult Services
Librarian Jess for a relax-
ing 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
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offers a variety of support
services including; sup-
port groups, case manage-
ment, education (including
Hi-Set), employment oppor-
tunities, health insurance
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tal health referrals, transpor-
tation, recovery coaching
and overall support. Their
friendly case managers will
be offering support the first
Friday of every month from
9-10am.

The Final Frontier –
Thursday, May 7th at 6:00pm

Want to explore
outer-space from the comfort
of your own home? Want to
discuss speculative futures?
Join Assistant Director Evan
Hale for a Sci-Fi Book group
where we will look at clas-
sic and modern sci-fi titles.
This month we’re reading
The Left Hand of Darkness
by Ursula K. LeGuin.

Friends of the Library
Book Sale – Thursday, May
14th-Saturday, May 16th

Check out the
Friends of the Library
Annual Book Sale! Setup in
the Community Room May
14th-16th.

Writing Group – Monday,
May 18th at 6:00pm

Do you enjoy writ-
ing but struggle to find the
time or excuse to sit down
and do it?

Join us for a low-pressure
evening where you can sit
and write creatively with oth-
ers in a cozy setting. There
will be prompts available,
and time to share and dis-
cuss our projects, or just chat
about the writing process,
but sharing is not required.
Bring something you are cur-
rently working on, or start
something new! Snacks and
drinks will be available.

Adult Book Group –
Wednesday, May 20th at
6:30pm

Join the adult
book group for their month-
ly book discussion! In May
they are reading and dis-
cussing Braiding Sweetgrass
by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
This group meets on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month.
Copies of the book are
always available at the cir-
culation desk, but please notify
Jess at jfontaine@cwmar.org.

org to be added to the list.

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.

Bead Therapy for Families
with ZMakes Beads –
Saturday, May 9th at 11am

Join Zangar of
ZMakesBeads for a fam-
ily bead therapy workshop.
Bead Therapy is an expres-
sive arts workshop that teach-
es participants the basics
of beaded jewelry making
and the difference between
semi-precious stones and
precious stones. The materi-
als used are semi-precious
stones and other natural
jewelry materials. Semi-
precious stones have been
appreciated for generations
for their unique beauty and
healing and grounding prop-
erties. This workshop is for
ages 6 and up; children must
be accompanied by a guard-
ian. This program requires
registration.

Friends Spring Concert
Series: Miss Maybell & Her
Ragtime Romeos – Thursday,
May 14th at 6:30pm

Miss Maybell and
Her Ragtime Romeos are
known for their large reper-
toire of Prohibition-Era Jazz,
Ragtime and early Blues.
Sourcing their tunes direct-
ly from dusty old records
and antique sheet music,
they bring new life to songs
created over 100 years ago.
With this unique sound
and dedication they were
recently featured on The
NPR Show “Person, Place,
Thing” With Randy Cohen.
Building a sizable local fol-
lowing in their hometown
of New York City from sold
out residencies at legendary

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Section 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MGL c.149 §50K to §150K

The **WEBSTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Gutter Replacement at State Aided Development: Golden Heights I (667-1) in Webster, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **NAULT ARCHITECTS INC.**

The Project consists of but not limited to:

Replacement of gutters and downspouts, repairs to fascias, clearing of sub-surface drain systems and tie-in of new downspouts to sub-surface drains at 10 low-rise apartment buildings.

The work is estimated to cost **\$134,200.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 05/19/2026 at 12:00PM EDT for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General Bids will be received until **22 May 2026 at 2:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **WEBSTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as “the Contractor”) agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at **6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities**. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled
Date and Time: 05/14/2026 at 8:00AM EDT

Address: 10 Golden Heights, Webster, MA 01570

Instructions: Pr-bid meeting will start at the Community Building.

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc.
433 Main Street

Hudson, MA 01749

978-568-1167

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venues such as Birdland Theater, this group has also performed across the country at countless Jazz and Ragtime festivals and even abroad.

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!

Teen Advisory Board – Wednesday, May 13th

at 2:45pm
Do you want to make the teen room and teen programs work for you? We want to do that, too.

Join Jess and Paige for informal conversation about what works and what doesn't in the teen room. Ideas? Bring them! Concerns? Bring those, too!

Whalemobile – Thursday, May 14th with multiple sessions from 3:30pm-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.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from April 12 to May 2.

A 61-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Christopher R. Lariviere, age 41, of Johnston, R.I. was arrested on April 13 in connection with a warrant.

Jonathan M. Martin, age 33, of Webster was arrested on April 14 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license, Receiving a Stolen Motor Vehicle, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, and driving at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit.

Juan Luis Torres Velez, age 39, of Webster was arrested on April 14 in connection with a warrant.

Ashley Marie Spencer, age 36, of Dudley was arrested on April 15 in connection with a warrant.

Raymond Albert Allard III, age 65, of Milford was arrested on April 15 in connection with multiple warrants.

Creig Allen Charron, age 50, of Webster was arrested on April 15 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor).

Sherry Mae Plitouke, age 35, of Southbridge was arrested on April 17 in connection with a warrant.

Tina M. Passmore, age 57, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on April 22 for Trafficking in Cocaine, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Possession of Heroin, and Possession of a Class C Drug. Kris Arthur Fitton, age 48, of Danielson,

Conn. was arrested during the same incident for Trafficking in Cocaine, Possess of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense), Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law,

and in connection with multiple warrants.

Kerry Beth Blackwood, age 42, and Michael Dennis Arsenault, age 50, both of Webster, were arrested on April 22 in connection with warrants.

Megan S. Bishop, age 54, of Southbridge was arrested on April 25 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Jason Stone, age 47, of Charlton was arrested on April 25 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor) and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. A 58-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for operating an Unregistered and Uninsured Motor Vehicle and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

A 43-year-old male from Nashua, New Hampshire whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Nicole Catala Cruz, age 20, of Webster was arrested on April 27 for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise and in connection with multiple warrants. A 21-year-old female and 23-year-old male, both from Webster, received a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise.

Nolan Ryan Laflamme, age 34, of Auburn was arrested on May 1 for operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, operating a motor vehicle after suspension of registration, and Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Brian Lee Orsi, age 44, of Webster was arrested on May 2 for operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle with no inspection sticker.



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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 southwest 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.

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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
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT WARRANT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

To: Cheryl Balkus, District Clerk
Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District Greetings:

You are hereby directed to notify the VOTERS of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District to meet in the Town Hall Auditorium, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts twenty-first of May, two thousand and twenty-six (May 21, 2026) at seven-thirty P.M. (7:30 P.M.), then and there to act on the following articles:

ONE: MODERATOR

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and for a period of one (1) year thereafter.

TWO: REPORTS

To act on the reports of the district.

THREE: COMMISSIONER

To elect the following officer by ballot: A resident from the Rochdale service area to hold the office of District Commissioner for a period of three (3) years.

FOUR: BUDGET

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or other available means, for the operating budget for fiscal year 2027, to provide for the district's annual operating requirements.

FIVE: REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees from which expenditures may be made for legal services, administrative services and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction, or to take any action thereon.

SIX: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR METERS

To see if the district will vote to authorize District to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees from which expenditures may be made for the purchase and installation of water meters or take any action thereon.

SEVEN: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR TERMINATION AND REPAIR EXPENDITURES

To see if the District will vote to autho-

alize the Board of commissioners establish a fund to receive and deposit from which expenditures may be made by the district for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District's Service Termination Process as well as service repairs due to leaking services, including but not limited to construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances or take any action thereon.

EIGHT: FUNDING STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to fund the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

NINE: USE OF STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the district will allow the use of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if any issues arise including but not limited to the changing out of the arsenic media, uranium media, pumps, electric parts, etc.. As well as maintenance on the well.

TEN: CLOSE OUT OF PRIOR PROJECTS

To see if the district will vote to close-out the projects that were previously approved at prior annual Water District Meetings.

ELEVEN: METER CHANGE OUT

To see if the district will vote to allow the district to purchase the remaining meters.

TWELVE: OPEB FUNDING

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to transfer funds to deposit into the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust, or take any action thereon.

THIRTEEN: DENNY PLACE WATER MAIN UPGRADE

To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), or any other sum, from available Free Cash to fund the replacement of an existing failing 2-inch water main, including all related labor, materials, equipment, and incidental costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

FOURTEEN: UPDATE TO WATER SYSTEM EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) from available Free Cash, or any other source of funds, for the purpose of updating the District's Emergency Response Plan; said plan to include review, revision, and compliance with current state and federal guidelines to ensure preparedness for natural disasters, contamination events, infrastructure failure, and other emergencies affecting the public water supply; or take any other action relative thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this WARRANT by posting an attested copy at the Leicester Fire Department, Company No. 2, 226 Main Street, Cherry Valley, MA; Rochdale Post Office, 1138 Stafford Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Church Building, 672 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Leicester Town Hall and the Oxford Town Hall seven (7) days at least before said meeting.

Given under our hands, this 28th day of April, two thousand twenty-six (April 28, 2026). Respectfully submitted,

John Shocik, Chairman Robert Jones, Commissioner

Michael McCormick, Commissioner

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Cheryl Balkus, District Clerk (SEAL)

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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO25P3680PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of:
Stephen Barsky
Of: Webster, MA Protected Person/

Disabled Person/Respondent
You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/26/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
April 28, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

May 8, 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. WO26P256EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Matthew Jay Pearlstein
Date of Death: 01/10/2026

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christina D. Higgins of Oxford 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:

Christina D. Higgins of Oxford 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 05/19/2026.**

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

Date: April 164, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

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LEGALS

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 con-

tained 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, P.C.
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

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 foreclosing, 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, improve-

ments, 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
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May 8, 2026

May 15, 2026

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 dated November 6, 2025 given by Michelle Ngila, Trustee of 791 School Realty Trust to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 (recorded in Book 67529, Page 292), said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 72839, Page 372, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2026** at 791 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: **791 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts**

The land with all the buildings and structures, now or hereafter standing or placed thereon, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Webster, on the easterly side of School Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe driven into the ground on the easterly line of said School Street and being the most northwesterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed;

THENCE easterly two hundred twenty-nine and one-tenth (229.1) feet partly along a stone wall to a stake;

THENCE S. 87 degrees 50' E. deflecting to the right 6 degrees 36', four hundred forty-three and seven tenths (443.7) feet to a stake;

THENCE southerly one hundred forty-eight and five tenths (248.5) feet to an iron pipe in the ground on the northerly line of a private way known as Phillips Avenue;

THENCE N. 87 degrees 50' W. four hundred eighty-two and two tenths (482.2) feet by said Phillips Avenue to a stake at land of Ethel F. Putnam;

THENCE northerly sixty and seven tenths (60.7) feet by land of said Putnam to a stake at the northeast corner of said Putnam's lot;

THENCE westerly one hundred thirty-six-and five tenths (136.5) feet by land of said Putnam to a stake on the easterly side of said school street;

THENCE northerly sixty-six (66) feet by said School Street to the point of beginning,

Along with a right of way over Phillips Avenue, so called, from the southeast corner of the above tract westerly to said School Street.

PARCEL II

BEGINNING at the southeast corner thereof on the northerly line of Phillips Avenue, at a point forty (40) feet northerly of northwest corner of land now or formerly of Otto M. Piehler et ex;

THENCE northerly sixty-five (65) feet by the easterly line of School Street to an iron pipe in the ground at land now or formerly of one Phillips;

THENCE easterly one hundred thirty-six and one-half (136 1/2) feet by said land now or formerly of one Phillips;

THENCE southerly sixty and seven

tenths (60. 7) feet by said land now or formerly of one Phillips to a stake on the northerly line of said Phillips Avenue;

THENCE westerly one hundred twenty (120) feet by said Avenue to an iron pin at point of beginning.

For title reference, see deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds herewith. [Book 72839, Page 353].

Premises to 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 and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, 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. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) 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 to Mirrione, Shaughnessy & Uitti, LLC 2 Batterymarch Park, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02169 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. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust

u/d/t dated May 2, 2022

Present holder of said mortgage

By his Attorneys,

Mirrione, Shaughnessy & Uitti, LLC.

2 Batterymarch Park, Suite 202

Quincy, MA 02169

April 24, 2026

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Docket No. WO26P1313EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

ESTATE OF:

Catherine Mary Keegan

Date of Death: 02/26/2026

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Anne K Torrance of East Lyme - CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: .

Anne K Torrance of East Lyme CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

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

Date: April 24, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

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OBITUARIES

Andrew J. Kosiba, 38



Andrew J. Kosiba, age 38, of Danielson, CT passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his home in Danielson, CT. Born in Worcester, MA and raised in Dudley, MA, Andrew was the

son of the late John Kosiba and Kathleen (Peterson) Kosiba.

Andrew graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 2006 and later earned a degree in Jazz Studies from Western Connecticut State University in 2010. A pianist since the age of 7, he dedicated his life to mastering the instrument. Andrew shared that passion with others through music education, aiding many students in pursuing their own musical dreams.

Over the last 20 years, Andrew collaborated and played with musicians across Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts in multiple ensembles, bands, and projects. Through hard work and creativity, he recorded and was featured on 13 albums and toured all across the Eastern US. He was one of the first members of the New Haven Jazz Underground, a guild of musicians dedicated to performing and producing concerts in the Greater New Haven area. Andrew often accompanied special guests and jazz luminaries through his work with the Underground.

More locally, Andrew was the Music Director and Organist at Sturbridge Federated Church for 15 years. Under his direction, the Music Ministry used their musical talents to praise God weekly at church services. The Ministry also performed in the community, including holiday performances at Old Sturbridge Village, and participated in ecumenical community choral workshops. Andrew was always eager to bring in small groups

and solo musicians to church services throughout the year to do God's good work through voice and instrumentation.

Andrew's professional commitment to youth music education began 15 years ago and included various roles including Private Lessons Instructor, Jazz Clinician, Classroom General Music Teacher, Choral Director, Band Director, Jazz Band Director, and Pep Band Director, in the communities of Shrewsbury, Framingham, Uxbridge, Dudley-Charlton, and his most recent employment at Sutton Middle School. Andrew had turned his interest towards working in Special Education where he hoped to spend his future.

In his free time, Andy could be found boating with family on Quaddick Lake, playing a round of golf with his late father, listening to vinyl records on his favorite sound systems, or going for a drive to find and enjoy himself a solid cup of coffee.

He is survived by his mother Kathleen (Peterson) Kosiba of Woodstock CT; Uncle James and his wife Marylee Kosiba of Dudley, MA; Aunt Kathie and her husband Bernie Faucher of North Grosvenordale, CT; and his life long friends Nick Di Maria of New Haven, CT and Dave Macuga of Storrs Mansfield, CT. Andrew will also be missed by numerous cousins, countless friends and colleagues, his Pastor David Cote, and his beloved Church family at Sturbridge Federated Church.

A celebration of life will be held 10:00 am on Saturday, May 16 at Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, MA with Pastor David Cote officiating. Burial will follow in Oakridge Cemetery in Southbridge. Calling hour at the church will be Saturday, May 16 from 9:00AM to 10:00 AM. Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA, is assisting the family with arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

David Gould, 88



David Gould 88 passed away peacefully after a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

David was born in Winchendon on October 12, 1937 to Burton Sr. and Eleanor Irwin Gould. He is predeceased by his wife, Elaine Carlson Gould who passed away in 2024. He leaves his son, Michael, and his wife, Carmina of Benicassim Spain and his daughter, Christine Gould Lavoie, and her husband Daniel of Dudley. David had four grandchildren: Andrea Gould and her husband Pratik Doshi, Alejandra Gould, and her husband Antonio Solsona, Brendan Lavoie and Sarah Lavoie. He had two great grandchildren, Siena Gould Doshi and Sasha Gould Doshi, as well as cousins nieces and nephews.

David graduated from Murdock high school in 1955. He played the saxophone in the marching band and was a member of the Boy Scouts. After high school he graduated from WITI - Worcester industrial technical Institute in 1957. He was a draftsman and later a rolling mill engineer for Morgan construction company in Worcester, retiring in 1998. He traveled the world and would often tell stories of his adventures.

David and Elaine married in 1961 and settled in Oxford to raise their family. They later moved to Dudley and then Webster. David was a Staff Sergeant in the

United States Army Reserves, discharging in 1967.

David was a member of the first congregational church in both Oxford and Dudley. He was active in several church committees, projects and town government.

David enjoyed playing softball, bowling, gardening, and watching the Red Sox. He loved listening to country music and attending events at the Dudley and Webster Senior centers.

From an early age, David served his community his church, his community through scouting and the Lions Club. He enjoyed volunteering at the Webster Dudley food share before officially retiring from serving his community.

David dedicated his life to his family and taught us the importance of humility, positively, honesty, acts of service, acts of kindness and hard work.

We love him and will miss his smile, laugh, and sense of humor the most. The family would like to thank the staff at the overlook Vista day program for seniors with dementia and Brookdale Eddy pond West - Carebridge neighborhood memory care for their excellent care and unwavering kindness and compassion.

We invite all who knew and loved him to join us for a service of life and remembrance on Saturday, July 18 at Bartel funeral home in Dudley. Calling hours from 9 to 11 and 11 for the service of remembrance. In lieu of flowers donations to HANDS P.O. Box 343 Dudley Ma. 01571

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ers to attending veterans. Each color symbolized a core virtue—red for courage and loyalty, white for purity, and blue for trust. All Saints Academy students created and distributed the flowers, with each veteran receiving a multicolored bouquet as a personal gesture of appreciation.

The ceremony concluded with a closing prayer by Eleanor Thompson, offering blessings and gratitude for the veterans' service and sacrifice.

The Loyalty Day celebration at All Saints Academy provided a powerful opportunity for reflection and unity, reinforcing a shared appreciation for the freedoms enjoyed in the United States and for those who have safeguarded them.



JOURNEY

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Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, part of the Smithsonian Institution. This stop proved to be a favorite among students, many of whom enthusiastically participated in flight simulators and explored historic aircraft. Another highlight was the National Museum of the United States Army, where hands-on STEM activities engaged students in interactive learning. The day concluded with visits to the Pentagon Memorial and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

While visiting the Kennedy Center's terrace, students were treated to a breathtaking sunset overlooking the city. With sweeping views of Washington, D.C. as their backdrop, students captured memorable photos, taking in the beauty of the nation's capital in a truly special moment of reflection and joy.

On the final day, students visited The People's House—an interactive museum experience focused on the White House—where many enjoyed stepping inside a full-scale replica of the Oval Office. The group also toured the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. While there, several students had the extraordinary opportunity to meet and listen to Holocaust survivor Rose-Hélène Spreiregen, who shared her story as a young Jewish girl in France during World War II. After her mother was arrested and deported to Auschwitz, Rose-Hélène fled Nazi-occupied Paris with her grandmother and survived the war in hiding, enduring fear, separation, and uncertainty at a very young age.

Her powerful testimony brought history to life in a deeply personal way and left a lasting impression on all who were present. The final Smithsonian stop was the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, providing students with a fascinating look at the natural world.

Throughout the trip, students demonstrated curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm as they explored the rich history and culture of the nation's capital. Supported by the expertise of a professional tour guide provided by the travel program—who offered meaningful historical context and engaging insights at each stop—students were able to deepen their understanding of the people, places, and events that have shaped our nation. Among their favorite experiences were the Air and Space Museum's flight simulators, the interactive exhibits at the Museum of the United States Army, the engaging exhibits at The People's House, and the powerful and inspiring visit to the Lincoln Memorial.

More than just an educational excursion, the trip fostered a strong sense of community and fellowship among students and chaperones. The experience was led by Principal Beth Boudreau, Headmaster Fr. Richard Polek, and Grade 5 teacher Susan Gallivan, whose leadership and dedication helped make the journey both meaningful and memorable.

This Washington, D.C. trip is quickly becoming a valued and emerging tradition at Saint Joseph School. Now in its second offering—following the inaugural trip in 2023—the experience is extended to students who demonstrate strong character, responsibility, and a genuine desire to participate. More than just a trip, it is an opportunity earned through consistent effort and positive contributions to the school community. As this tradition continues to grow, it stands as a meaningful way to celebrate student commitment while providing an unforgettable educational and faith-filled experience.

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Commercial Opportunity!**

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**Webster - 34 Eastern Ave Condos
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**Featured Listing ~ New To Market!
Webster ~ 33 Slater Street**



Sprawling fieldstone faced 1 Level Ranch, located on a +/- 0.5-acre level, w/24'x24' 2 car att'd garage. Offers: 1,860 sf main level plus 1,000 sf +/- finished lower level, 3 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 2 stone fireplaces w/pellet stove inserts, FHW BB heat by oil. Open floor plan kitchen, living rm, dining rm, breezeway w/sliders to rear deck, and 3 season sunroom, hardwood & c-tile floors, \$525,000

**Webster - 24 Cooper Rd
New Construction - Craftsman Style home**



Tucked away on Cooper Rd. Webster Lake with access at Lake-side beach/boat ramp. 3rd of 4 homes being built at this site. Offers 2,155 sq. ft +/- of living area, 7 rms, 4 brs, 2 1/2 baths, 9ft ceiling, wood flooring throughout with ceramic tile baths. Spacious main BR Suite w/ walk-in closet, and private full bath, double sink vanity, finished lower level walk-out w/ slider. Central AC, garage \$649,900.00

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**Webster Lake Waterfront
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**Webster Lake Waterfront Listing!!
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**Webster Lake -
302 Killdeer Island**



Lakefront home w/1,700+/- sq. ft. Open kitchen/dining/living w/cathedral ceilings + wall of windows. Full baths. Lower level family room w/ walkout to water. \$775,000

**Webster Lake Waterfront -
31 Bayview!!**



Panoramic View, from this absolutely lovely home, 2600 +/- SF, 3+ Beds, 2 full baths, 2 car detached garage! 63' +/- waterfront. .37 Acres! Sandy Waterfront! \$1,100,000



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Girls on the Run Worcester County will host 5K event May 17

WORCESTER — Girls on the Run Worcester County will host its 5K event on Sunday, May 17 at Polar Park in Worcester.

This spring season, Girls on the Run Worcester County is supporting more girls than they ever have in a single season, reaching 986 girls throughout Worcester County. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that uses fun running games and dynamic discussions to teach life skills to girls in 3rd to 8th grade. During the eight to ten-week program, girls participate in lessons that foster confidence, build peer connections and encourage com-

munity service while they prepare for an end-of-season celebratory 5K event.

Participation in the 5K event on May 17 is open to the public and all proceeds from the event will benefit Girls on the Run Worcester County. This season's 5K event is expected to bring together approximately 4,000 participants including program participants, their family, friends, and community members. Registration is \$55 or \$65 for day of registration and includes a finishers medal. This event is not chip timed as Girls on the Run volunteer coaches coach their girls to run at their "happy pace" and the goal is to cross the finish line.

The doors will open at Polar Park at 8:30 a.m., and the run will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 at Polar Park. Early arrival is suggested. For more information about the event, how to register and volunteer opportunities, visit www.gotr-worc.org.

About Girls on the Run

Based in Charlotte, N.C., Girls on the Run is a nonprofit organization with local Councils in all 50 states. Founded in 1996 with 13 girls, Girls on the Run has now served over 2 million girls. Over the course of the program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential social, emotional and phys-

ical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. With the largest 5K series by number of events in the world, Girls on the Run hosts more than 330 5Ks per year. Girls on the Run is included as

a top research-based program in a Social-Emotional Learning Guide developed by researchers at Harvard University and has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school programs. Girls on the Run is offered in more than 13,000 across the US. Visit {council website} to learn how to get involved in your community.

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