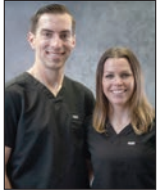




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Local Scoutmaster honored for decades of service



Courtesy

Retiring scoutmaster of Troop 237 Diane Anderson was recognized by the Dudley Board of Selectmen for her 30 years of service to Scouting.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen honored a longtime leader of local Boy Scout Troop 237 earlier this month as her decades of service as scoutmaster comes to an end.

Diane Anderson has dedicated 30 years of her life to Scouting, 28 as scoutmaster for Troop 237 in Dudley.

After announcing her retirement from her scoutmaster post earlier this year both state and local leaders sought to recognize her many years of dedication presenting her with compliments and commendations during the Board of Selectmen’s Oct. 6 meeting.

Anderson was presented with citations from the Board of Selectmen and both the State House and Senate. State Representative

John Marsi and the Board of Selectmen praised her devotion to scouting and its role in the maturing and growth of local youth.

Selectman Jason Johnson said Anderson has been a vital part of Troop 237’s success.

“As she’s decided to step down and still be involved with scouting and help with the transition, we wanted to get some folks to come and celebrate all that hard work

and dedication not only to the boys of Troop 273, but all the great work that she’s done for the town as well,” said Johnson.

He then read the citation from selectmen which complimented her for “making the town a better place.” Selectman Steve Sullivan added that Anderson has been an “unbelievable asset” to the community.

State Rep. Marsi, a former Dudley selectman whose

own kids have benefitted from scouting, added to the praise.

“To say that Diane has touched a lot of people’s lives and helped a lot of people’s kids, including my own, is an understatement,” he said.

While Anderson is retiring from scoutmaster duties she still plans to be involved and remain a dedicated volunteer for Troop 237.

Board of Health adds PFAS testing to building regulations

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Health has voted to add PFAS testing as part of the requirements for new wells to create better transparency for potential home and property owners regarding any remediation requirements.

In August, Acting Health Agent Thomas Purcell proposed the change due to the continued prevalence of PFAS as a topic of concern. His proposal sought to add PFAS testing as a requirement for new wells in case those water sources happen to be in an undetected area of contamination. At that time, the Board of Health tabled the matter but readdressed the request on Oct. 16 where they officially approved adding the new testing standards to the town regulations.

Purcell’s proposal to the board in August noted that the state has no specific requirements for testing new wells for PFAS, but towns can initiate their own requirements. He believed mandating the testing would provide peace of mind for anyone building or buying property in Dudley that depends on a dedicated well. While Purcell was not present for the Board of Health’s October meeting, the board members expressed agreement with his logic. Member Sandy Lieteau was the first to express her thoughts.

“I think it’s a good idea, considering where we’re at,” she said.

Board Chair Roberta Johnson repeated statement from Purcell from August comparing the test to other requirements for building new properties acknowledging it would be an extra cost, but one that would benefit all parties.

“It’s like when you test for Radon and then the potential buyer can say ‘before we buy let’s talk about adding a system,’” said Johnson.

If PFAS is detected on a site with a private well, home and property owners would likely be asked to install and maintain a Point of Entry Treatment (POET) system which could result in extra long-term costs to the homeowner. The new test will provide completely transparent information on the existing contamination or risk for PFAS on those properties.

The Board of Health estimates these tests currently cost less than \$300, although in August, Purcell noted that cost could reach as high as \$350. The Board of Health saw this as a small price to pay for homeowners and contractors to know what they may be walking into with new wells.

All Saints Academy students join in art and storytelling to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day

WEBSTER — First and sixth grade students at All Saints Academy came together for a special collaborative art project in observance of Indigenous

Peoples Day that combined creativity, culture, and storytelling. Students sat together to create relief paintings of Native American symbols, honoring the rich traditions and history of Indigenous people.

As an introduction to their artwork, students learned about Native Americans’ use of pictographs and oral histories in sharing their history, beliefs, and everyday life. It was from these that they were able to discover that before written language existed, Indigenous people shared knowledge and traditions through symbols carved or painted on rock surfaces, as well as stories passed down from one generation to the next.

After samples of Native American pictographs, students were challenged to create their own original stories utilizing the ancient symbols. With imagination and teamwork, first and sixth-graders created their stories—each symbol representing a person, place, or idea important to their story. To depict their tales, students created colorful relief paintings with pastel crayons and watercolors. The finished artwork not only showcased students’ artistic talent but also their understanding and appreciation of Indigenous cultures and oral traditions.

The project was a beautiful reminder of how art and storytelling bring individuals together across cultures and generations—a wonderful way to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day at All Saints Academy.



Chaffee Elementary Kindergarteners enjoy annual Pumpkin Hunt

OXFORD — Laughter and excitement filled the air on Friday morning, Oct. 17 as Chaffee Elementary School’s kindergarteners set out on a special fall adventure — the annual Pumpkin Hunt on the school playground.

Thanks to the Chaffee PTO and a group of generous parent volunteers, dozens of pumpkins were carefully hidden across the playground for students to discover. Each child had the joy of finding a pumpkin to take home — some big, some small, and all bringing smiles and giggles to the young hunters.

“The kids absolutely love this tradition,” said Mrs. Koziak, the school’s Principal. “It’s such a wonderful way to celebrate the season and see their faces light up when they find their pumpkins.”

As the children searched



behind slides, under swings, and around trees, the playground was filled with laughter, cheers, and the joy of discovery. For many students, this event is one of the highlights of the fall season — a time to play, explore, and make memories with friends.

Chaffee Elementary would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the PTO and all of the parent volunteers who donated their time, energy, and pumpkins to make this event possible. Your creativity, organization, and community spirit help make the Pumpkin Hunt a cherished Chaffee tradition year after year.



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Accelerated success

BAY PATH LPN SHARES HOW RIGOROUS PROGRAM PAVED THE WAY FOR A THRIVING CAREER



Chali Desrosiers

CHARLTON — For many aspiring nurses, the path to a license can feel long and daunting. But for Chali Desrosiers, LPN, a recent graduate of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, the accelerated nature of the program was its greatest asset, providing the intense, focused training needed to launch her career.

“If you can graduate from this program, you can do everything else!” Desrosiers said of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

She credits the program’s rigor and “guidance” and “rules to help us stay in line” with instilling the discipline and comprehensive skill set required to excel in the demanding field

of nursing.

The journey has been one of continuous dedication and learning for Desrosiers, who earned her Practical Nursing Certificate in June 2025. Her commitment is evident in her extensive certifications, which include Dementia Care, Mental Health First Aid, and Stop The Bleed, highlighting a holistic approach to patient well-being that goes beyond basic medical skills. She was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society. She is also an active community volunteer, donating her time to the Blood Pressure Clinic at the Charlton Senior Center and supporting the JAK-L Foundation Strides for Mental Health.

A diverse and driven career trajectory

Desrosiers brings a uniquely broad perspective to her new role as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Before and during her nursing studies, she developed significant experience in multiple areas of healthcare.

Her clinical experience spans a variety of settings, including medical-surgical units at UMass Harrington Hospital and Quaboag Rehabilitation, where she honed advanced nursing skills. She is proficient in essential clinical procedures like IV care, tracheostomy care, ostomy care, and head-to-toe assessments.

In addition to her clinical skills, Desrosiers possesses a strong background in administrative and management roles. She has served as an Office Manager for a local healthcare training institution, where she handled everything from admissions and student compliance to securing externships and job placements for graduates. Prior to this, she worked as a Medical Assistant at both UMass Harrington Hospital (Cardiology) and Reliant Medical (Cancer Center, OBGYN), where she was responsible for complex tasks like telephone triage, medication reconciliation, and assisting with in-office procedures.

Passion for mentorship and the future of nursing

Despite the demanding schedule of a working nurse, Desrosiers is eager to share her experiences with those considering a career in the field. She remains passionate about mentorship and connecting with future nurses, often reflecting on her time in the rigorous program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

Her advice to prospective students: embrace the structure and the accelerated pace. The discipline learned in the program is the same discipline needed to succeed in a fast-paced hospital environment.

With her dedication to patient care, continuous learning, and community involvement, Chali Desrosiers, LPN stands as a testament to the powerful foundation provided by the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and the promising future of the region’s newest generation of nurses.

Vendors wanted for Holiday Craft Fair at BHS

WEBSTER — Calling all creative vendors! The Bartlett High School Class of 2026 will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school gymnasium, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Prospective vendors are encouraged to register at <https://forms.gle/dew9b7vm9gctdfq8>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 24 – 31

Friday, Oct. 24 – Webster’s Night Glow Lanterns flicker by the lake at eight, At Memorial Beach—don’t be late!

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Dudley Harvest Fair From nine till three on Town Hall green, Pumpkins, pies, and crafts are seen.

Sunday, Oct. 26 – Oxford Church Supper At six o’clock, Saint Roch’s will serve, Roast beef and rolls with plenty of verve.

Monday, Oct. 27 – Library Lit Lounge Gladys E. Kelly Library, seven p.m., Book talk and cocoa—join the gem.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 – ESL Café At six sharp the learners meet, Practice English, sip and greet.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Yoga Nidra Flow Stretch and breathe at 8:15, Peaceful hearts and calm between.

Thursday, Oct. 30 – Trick-or-Treat Parade Oxford Main Street, five till eight, Little ghosts glide—costumes great!

Friday, Oct. 31 – Halloween Bash Auburn Town Hall, seven till ten, Music, cider, masks again!

CLUES ACROSS

1. Remark

5. Upper body part

8. Expression of dismissiveness

12. Alternate name

14. Popular beverage

15. Swiss river

16. Step-shaped recess

18. Rocker Stewart

19. Bright shade of color

20. Popular “street”

21. Wrath

22. Heat units

23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals

26. Fall back into

30. Remove from the record

31. Sound a splash made

32. Popular Dodge pickup model

33. Jamaican river
34. Notable event in Texas history

39. Cool!

42. Subset of Judaism

44. Newly entered cadet

46. Duct in urinary system

47. Exterminator

49. Snatch quickly

50. Have already done

51. Less healthy

56. Therefore

57. What couples say on the altar

58. Mysteriously

59. Look angry or sullen

60. Bird’s beak

61. Taco ingredient

62. Square measures

63. Google certification (abbr.)

64. Singer Hansard

CLUES DOWN

1. Pubs

2. Wings

3. Popular BBQ dish

4. Small sponge cake

5. Open-roofed entrance halls

6. Organize anew

7. Type of wine

8. Forums

9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)

10. Pond dwellers

11. Large integers

13. Signaled

17. Brief

24. Type of student

25. Tibetan monasteries

26. Revolutions per minute

27. NY Giants great Manning

28. Local area network
29. Residue from burning

35. Illuminated

36. Vasopressin

37. Notable space station

38. Wood sorrel

40. Adhering to laws

41. Chose

42. Hovel

43. Stood up

44. European city

45. Works ceaselessly

47. Mistake

48. Sun-dried brick

49. Sicilian city

52. A steep rugged rock or cliff

53. Murder

54. Other

55. “Deadpool” actor Reynolds

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The Boat America Course is offered in a one-day format developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences.

This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Basic marlinespike seamanship (knots etc.) will also be included. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory including Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The Hanson-Milone Boater Safety Act, signed into Mass. Law January 8, will now require ALL Mass. motorboat operators to complete an approved Safe Boating Certificate course before April 1, 2026 for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1998, and by April 1, 2028 for boaters born before Jan. 1, 1998. Enforcement of the new law will begin on Sept. 1, 2026.

This course meets the future Mass. requirement. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course.

Participants 16 years old and under must be accompanied, in person, by a registered parent/guardian. Space is limited, so register soon:

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Bay Path’s Bolandrina appointed to The Nurses Magazine Editorial Board

CHARLTON — Dr. Gretheline Ramos Bolandrina, DHA, MSN/Ed, RN, CRRN, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of The Nurses Magazine, a national publication dedicated to advancing nursing leadership, education, and professional excellence.

In an official announcement, The Nurses Magazine welcomed Dr. Bolandrina to its distinguished board of nursing scholars, writers, and thought leaders who help shape the publication’s direction and uphold its commitment to high-quality, inspiring, and educational content for nurses worldwide.

“We are honored to have Dr. Bolandrina join our Editorial Board,” said Mehrab Hossain, IT Director of The Nurses Magazine. “Her depth of experience, academic leadership, and passion for the nursing profession will bring tremendous value to our readers and contributors.”

Dr. Bolandrina served as Academy Director (2015-2025) of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton. With more than three decades of experience in nursing education and healthcare leadership, she is recognized for her commitment to developing compassionate and competent nurses who lead with integrity and skill.

She holds a Doctor of Health Administration and a Master of Science in Nursing Education from the University of Phoenix, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines. Dr. Bolandrina is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Upsilon Phi Delta Society, Pan Mass Challenge, and P.E.O. International.

In addition to her academic and administrative work, Dr. Bolandrina is a published author, journalist, and community advocate, known for her books Tenacious Nurse I, II, & III, and her editorial contributions to Planet Philippines New England and other health and lifestyle publications.

Her appointment to The Nurses Magazine Editorial Board reflects her continued dedication to advancing the profession through scholarship, mentorship, and the power of storytelling.

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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. No pre-registration is required. For more information, email us at info@lvscm.org.

Yoga Nidra – Wednesday Mornings in October at 8:15am
Join Adult Services Librarian Jess for a relaxing yoga nidra practice to start your day on Wednesdays. 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). If you have your own yoga mat, please bring it and be sure to dress in comfortable clothing. This program takes place before the library officially opens. Registration is required and Jess will meet you at the program door.

Library for All – First Two Mondays; Last Two Fridays 10AM (Chair Yoga or Craft)
This program includes one chair yoga class and one craft project that will be held on first two Mondays and the last two Fridays of the month. Either join Jess for a one-hour relaxing Chair Yoga class or join us for our craft program. Check the online calendar to see which event is scheduled. No experience necessary. This program is for teens and adults of all abilities and their caregivers. Please call ahead if special accommodations or requirements are needed.

Yoga – Saturdays at 9:30am
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, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Computer Basics: Hoopla and Kanopy – Thursday, October 23rd at 3:00pm
Interested in learning how to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks through Hoopla or watching movies on Kanopy? Join Assistant Director, Evan Hale, and Adult Services Librarian, Jess Fontaine, to learn how to use the apps with your Gladys E. Kelly Library Card. Bring your phone or tablet! *Please note that these services are only available to Webster residents*

“Beneath the Sheets” with Dustin Pari – Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30pm
Not everything people think is ghostly activity is truly paranormal. In this lecture, Dustin pulls back the curtain... or sheet in this case- in order to explain why some strange encounters can be rationally explained. Citing evidence from historic cases of paranormal fraud, coupled with rational scientific explanation, Dustin debunks some interesting paranormal occurrences and shines a light into the darkness. But- does this mean that ghosts don't exist? Well... you will have to take a look and see for yourself.
Jeff Belanger: Ghosts and Legends – Monday, October 27th at 6:30pm
This ghostly multi-media program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard, and around the world. Pulling from Jeff's 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows he's worked on, join one of the nation's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. This program changes every time it's given.

Programming for All Ages
Puzz Fest: Spooky Town – Thursday, October 30th at 6:00pm
Assemble your team (up to 5 people!) and join us to see which team can complete their puzzle first. We'll have snacks to keep you fueled as you tackle your 500 piece jigsaw. All teams will get to keep their puzzle. Registration is required.

Taylor Swift by the Book: The Literature Behind the Lyrics – Thursday, October 30th at 7:00pm
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL PROGRAM THAT WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM. Registrants will receive a link to access the Zoom Webinar via email Authors Rachel Feder and Tiffany Tatreau will deliver a fascinating presentation based on their recent book, Taylor Swift by the Book: The Literature Behind the Lyrics, from Fairy Tales to Tortured Poets. Taylor Swift's lyrics are filled with literary connections. Learn about the novels, poems, and plays that influence her songwriting. Let a literature professor and a musical theater artist guide you through the Taylor Swift canon—from Shakespeare to the Brontë sisters to Daphne du Maurier!

Children's and Young Adult Programming
Creators Club – Mondays from 4:00-5:30 PM
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masterpieces. October's theme is Watercolors. Kids can experiment with blending, textures, and colors to make unique works of art. Artwork left behind will be displayed in the children's program room for the rest of the month!

Tiny Groovers - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Join Miss Paige for a new storytime! Toddlers ages 2-5 and their caregivers will dance to popular kids' tunes using instruments and playful props, and enjoy an interactive story each week.

Mini Block Party – Tuesdays at 3:30pm
Play with magnets, marble mazes, and LEGO.

Busy Baby Storytime – Fridays at 10:00am
Join us for Busy Baby Storytime! Babies and caregivers will enjoy songs, movement, and simple stories that build early literacy skills in a fun and playful way.

STEM Beginnings: Young Scientists at 10:00am
Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series. Caregivers please register as a registrant only and not as attendees. Please add as attendees only children between ages 3 and 6. Please answer all questions to receive approval. “Young Scientists” is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant program funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.
Annual Pumpkin Glow – 2 Sessions on October 23rd at 4:00pm and 5:00pm
It's that time of the year again! Join us for our Annual Pumpkin Glow program where kids are invited to carve or paint their very own pumpkin to be put on display for Main Street Trick-or-Treat. In case of rain, this program will be moved indoors. Registration is required, please only register for one session.
Storytime with Author Susan Edwards – Saturday, October 25th at 11:30am
Join picture book author Susan Edwards Richmond for a scientific story time as she reads her book Night Owl Night. Signed books will be available for purchase.

Creepy Comics Club – Monday, October 27th at 5:30pm
Calling all young readers ages 8-12! Dive into the exciting world of graphic novels at Creepy Comics Club. Each month you'll read a spooky graphic novel before our meeting, and then we'll come together to discuss the book, enjoy some snacks, and have fun! This month's graphic novel book is: Maxwell Dark: Nightmare Hunter. Registration is required and copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Me and My Mini – October 30th (special Halloween edition)
Me and My Mini: A 45 minute creative movement group for ages 0 through 2.5 with a grown-up. Group is focused on adult and baby spending quality time together, fostering attachment, and baby interacting with others their age. Get groovy to upbeat music with fun props, instruments, and a story. Adult participation is required and 1-2 children per adult is recommended.

Haunted Library – Thursday, October 30th at 4:00pm
Step into our Haunted Library! Kids of all ages can explore the spooky Children's Room, enjoy gentle frights, and make a craft. Costumes encouraged! The Children's Room will be closed 2:00-4:00 PM in order to set up for this event. Thank you for your understanding.

Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade – Friday, October 31st at 10:00am
Join us for a special Halloween Storytime! We'll read some not-so-spooky books, then kids can show off their costumes in a parade around the library, collecting hauntingly delicious treats along the way.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 5-18.

A 23-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 5 for Assault & Battery.

A 48-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication as arrested on Oct. 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 47-year-old female from Charlton whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 36-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 27-year-old male from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 16 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. A 30-year-old female, also from Webster, whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 21-year-old female from Webster received a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 17 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. Heidi Jo Moores, age 44, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for simple Assault & Battery and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

A 30-year-old female from Worcester whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 17 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Threatening to Commit a Crime, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Larry Darnell Hart, age 46, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 18 for Trespassing.

Dudley Grange thanks community volunteers

DUDLEY — Dudley Grange #163 wishes to thank all the volunteers who came out to help put on the Dudley Grange Annual Apple Festival held on Oct. 4. Volunteers included area residents of every age, the National Honor Society Students from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and Shepherd Hill Regional School. Members of the Nichols College Women's Ice Hockey Team and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society members of Quinsigamond Community College, chapter Alpha Zeta Theta also volunteered their time at the Dudley Grange Apple Festival. Volunteers helped sell food tickets, served apple crisp, assisted with children's activities and many more tasks needed to ensure a successful community event.

Dudley Grange would also like to thank Records and Burpee Petting Zoo for their amazing animals that delighted attendees of all ages. Our thanks also go to The Dudley Police Department for their assistance with traffic details.

Dudley Grange has always relied on community volunteers to help put on their two annual community events, the Strawberry Festival, the third Thursday in June and the Apple Festival which is held in conjunction with the Black Tavern Craft Fair in October.

Dudley Grange is a fraternal, family oriented, community service organization. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information about your Grange and how you can serve your community, please text Dudley Grange Secretary at (508) 341 6289, visit dudleyfarmers.com or our Facebook page, Dudley Grange #163.

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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least three business days in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation for 65 and up, and \$5 for 55- 64 is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 10/28: Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, roasted California veggies, rice krispy treats. Wednesday, 10/29: Chicken fajitas, black beans and corn, pineapple. Thursday, 10/30: Hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, cinnamon pears. Friday, 10/31: Soup du Jour, sliced turkey sandwiches, macaroni salad, pudding.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.

Come down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

We are now offering MOVIE MATINEES every Wednesday at 1:00 pm! Popcorn is provided, no registration is needed. Our final October movie will be “The Conjuring” on 10/29. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MOVIE CONTAINS GRAPHIC CONTENT!

Are you ready for Halloween? The Friends of the Webster Senior Center will be hosting their Halloween Party on October 31st! Come and enjoy some snacks and music by Dave Mindell from 1-2:30 PM! Come dressed in your best costume for a chance to win a prize!

Chair Dancing Exercise classes with Forty Arroyo are the perfect workout for any fitness ability! The cost is a recommended \$3.00 donation per class. A new video class will be offered Thursday and Friday mornings, free of charge.

Knitting/Crochet group meets on Mondays from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Bingo is every Tuesday and starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.

Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center! Come join us for six-card or thirteen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!

We now have an official Bridge group! We will be meeting every Friday from 10 am to 12 pm in the upstairs activity room. All that are interested are welcome to join!

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center at (508) 949-3845. if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you.

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms, and that they are working properly. This is at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.





The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council held its annual golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Dudley Hill Golf Club at Nichols College. All proceeds of the tournament are dispersed to local veterans’ organizations directly impacting the lives of our veterans.

Park Avenue Faculty Spotlight



WEBSTER — Each year, Park Avenue is filled with remarkable student learning — made possible by the dedication, creativity, support, and most importantly, the hope carried by the extraordinary staff here in our town. This week, we are proud to highlight three more exceptional members of our PAE team: Cari Reed (School Secretary), Deana Mello (Kindergarten Instructional Assistant), and Michelle Alder (4th Grade Teacher).

Ms. Cari Reed serves as our dedicated School Secretary, and her commitment to Park Avenue shows in everything she does. She consistently goes above and beyond to support students, staff, and families alike. Parents often share how much they appreciate her kindness, professionalism, and care.

As one administrator shared, “Cari is the heartbeat of our front office — she manages everything with grace, care, and an unwavering commitment to our families.”

Reed works hard to meet the diverse needs of all families while skillfully balancing the many demands of her role. Her warmth and organization help keep our school running smoothly each day. Thank you, Ms. Reed, for all that you do to make Park Avenue a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

Ms. Deana Mello, our Kindergarten Instructional Assistant, is known for her exceptional work ethic and flexibility. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that every child feels supported and successful. Mello has a natural understanding of what each student needs and works closely with teachers to provide the best possible learning environment.

A colleague shared, “Deana is incredibly dependable and always willing to jump in whenever she’s needed — she brings calm, care, and positivity to every situation.”

Her dedication and kindness make a tremendous difference

in our Kindergarten classrooms. Thank you, Ms. Mello, for your outstanding support and care.

Ms. Michelle Alder, our energetic and caring fourth grade teacher, brings both fun and high expectations to her classroom. She engages students with creative lessons that challenge them to think critically while keeping learning enjoyable.

As one teacher noted, “Michelle finds the perfect balance between structure and joy — her students respect her, and they absolutely love being in her class.”

Alder is also known for being a great listener and problem solver, always taking the time to understand her students’ needs and support her colleagues. Her balance of structure, empathy, and enthusiasm helps her students grow academically and personally. Thank you, Ms. Alder, for your leadership and dedication to excellence in teaching.

Week 5 Wildcat win for the books

WEBSTER — The Webster Middle School Wildcats battled their way to a thrilling 22-14 win over a tough Uxbridge Middle School football team this week, marking a major milestone in the program’s history.

The first half was defined by the Wildcats’ dominant defense, holding Uxbridge’s offense in check and setting the tone early. Tackles, sacks, and smart coverage kept the scoreboard close and the energy high heading into halftime. Coach Stawiecki commented

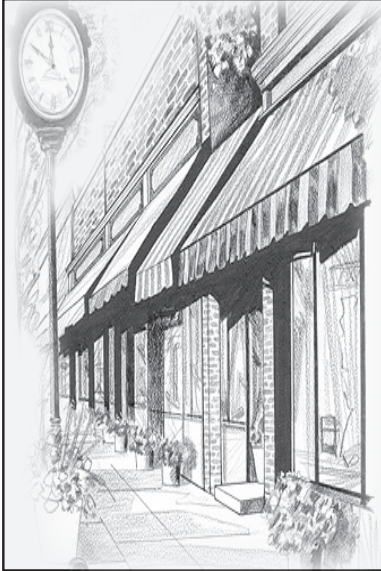
“Defense played tough for the entire game against a strong Uxbridge offense. Made key stops when we needed them allowing to offense to get back on the field. And once again had a take away for a TD”

When the second half began, Webster’s offense came alive. Key plays, strong runs, and timely passes helped the Wildcats find the end zone and take control of the game.

Coach Stawiecki also noted, “Great effort by the O line in the second half to help us control the ball.”

The offense’s determination and teamwork sealed the victory in front of an excited home crowd. Coach Bsoumai commented “At the end of the day, these boys did what they’ve been coached to do all season and found a way to dig deep and win the game”

With this win, Webster improves to 4-1 on the season—clinching the first winning record in program history. The Wildcats’ blend of grit, teamwork, and heart continues to make school history and set the bar high for future seasons.



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EDITORIAL

The gift of ordinary days

There’s a certain pressure, in the modern age, to make every moment feel remarkable. We rush toward milestones and spectacles—the fireworks over Webster Lake, the parades down Oxford’s Main Street, the first snow that dusts Auburn’s rooftops. Those moments matter, of course, but they’re not what give a community its soul. The real character of a town is written in the quiet, dependable rhythm of ordinary days.

Look closely, and you’ll see how much happens without fanfare. The teacher who straightens desks before dawn. The DPW crew that clears storm drains before the rain hits. The library volunteer who spends her Tuesday afternoon alphabetizing books no one will ever know she touched. It’s easy to overlook this kind of work because it asks for nothing. It isn’t flashy. It doesn’t trend online. But without it, a community starts to fray.

We live in a time that celebrates disruption and rewards spectacle—where noise often drowns out nuance. Yet the things that keep a town strong are rarely loud. They’re the patient habits that go on repeating themselves, season after season. The neighbor who checks in when your mailbox piles up. The crossing guard who still waves to every driver after twenty years. The shopkeeper who leaves the lights on a few extra minutes for the late commuter. These moments are invisible architecture. They build trust, and trust is what allows everything else to stand.

There’s also humility in the ordinary day—a quiet understanding that community isn’t built by a few grand gestures, but by countless small ones. Nobody gets a headline for returning a lost wallet or helping a stranger carry groceries. But those are the acts that make a place feel like home. They create a shared expectation that we’ll look out for one another, even when no one’s watching.

This fall, as the pace slows and the air cools, it’s worth remembering that steadiness is a form of strength. We don’t need constant novelty to feel alive or connected. What we need is consistency—the rhythm of familiar faces, reliable hands, and the reassuring hum of a town that takes care of itself.

The truth is, most of what sustains a community isn’t remarkable at all. It’s the repetition of good work done quietly and well. And that, in the end, may be the greatest gift our ordinary days have to offer.

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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

Who’s behind the exhibit:
The Auburn Cyclone Football Team, Part 2

BY HELEN POIRIER
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the last article, the history of the semiprofessional Auburn Cyclones exhibit was highlighted. In this article the person who started the Cyclones, William Edward May, known as Billy May, will be the focus.

Billy was born on April 7, 1908, in Worcester to Oliver Willcot May and Isabell Hogg.

They were married on Jan. 13, 1908, in Manhattan, New York City. In the 1910 census they were living at 20a Hope Ave in Worcester and his father was running a grocery store. Billy’s father did register for the World War I draft but didn’t serve. His mother immigrated from Ireland in 1889. Billy had a brother, Samuel Aldrich, who was born Jan. 20, 1910.

By the 1930 census, the May family was living in Auburn and was farming at 60 Old Common Road where Oliver remained until he died Dec. 11, 1970. He was a meat cutter at the Metropolitan State Hospital in charge of nine employees. Oliver also registered for the WWII draft April 26, 1942.

All this shows that Billy came from a hard-working family, which helps to explain the dedication to the Cyclone Football team for a decade.

Billy graduated from South High School in Worcester in 1926, as there was no high school in Auburn at that time, so students had to take the trolley into Worcester.

He then attended Becker Business School, which became Becker College, in Worcester. When he was 19, he organized the Cyclone Football team. It was a pickup team for fun, but it quickly became a serious contender for central Massachusetts football league. It was very popular on Sunday afternoons to watch this team play, with reports of six thousand fans attending home games and it wasn’t unusual to have 2,000 to 3,000 fans follow them to away games. As the team improved, Billy went from being a player to coaching, to business manager. The team had to pass the hat at the games to get funding as there was a law against charging admission. As the team progressed, publicity improved, and college football players wanted to be on the

team. The Cyclones needed them because other teams that they were playing against were using college players.

This is when Billy decided to work at the business end of the team and let Tom Callan a Holy Cross star, be the player coach. When the team disbanded in 1938 it was due to the present players wanting to move on and the new players wanted to be paid more. The Cyclones had an ending record of 72 wins, 14 losses and five ties.

Billy May met his wife, Mary White, at a Cyclone football game when she was a nurse for the Auburn school system, in the early 1930s. They were married in 1935 and had three children, William, Charles and Susan. Life after the Cyclones involved youth and sports. In 1947, he formed a youth football team in his neighborhood. Billy was also involved with youth ice hockey and according to a 1977 article by Nick Manzello, Billy was the first to bring youth ice hockey to Auburn and Auburn High School. The first appearance of the high school team in the yearbook was 1954. There is a picture of Billy with his son, Chuck, in a Red Wing hockey uniform from the 1960s at the Auburn Historical Museum.

Billy was a mailman delivering the mail by motorcycle for 18 years. He also worked for the George F. Blake Company in Worcester for 33 years when he retired in 1973. He was an active member of the Masons Lodge and was past master of the Joel H. Prouty Lodge in Auburn. He served on many committees as a long-time member of the First Congregational Church of Auburn.

Billy and Mary moved to Hayward California where he died in 1997 from cancer. Both Billy and Mary are buried at the Hillside Cemetery in Auburn.

This article is made possible by the Auburn Historical Society & Museum, 41 South St. The museum is open Tuesday and Saturday mornings 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and may be reached at auburnmuseum@verizon.net or 508-832-6856, www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org, or follow us on Facebook at Auburn Historical.

Simulation Theory

During an interview years ago, Elon Musk famously claimed there’s a “one in billions” chance that this is base reality. In other words, he believes it’s far more likely that we’re living in some simulation than in the original, foundational universe.

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But what kind of simulation? A digital computer program? A spiritual matrix? That idea may sound bizarre—after all, everything feels real, doesn’t it?

Yet this isn’t just late-night dorm room talk. Some of the world’s most respected thinkers are taking the idea seriously. It’s not about rejecting science—it’s about following it to its farthest, strangest conclusions.

Let’s start with String Theory. It’s a theoretical framework in physics proposing that the fundamental building blocks of the universe aren’t particles, but tiny vibrating strings. These strings, depending on how they vibrate, give rise to all particles and forces—even gravity.

The math checks out, even if we haven’t proven it experimentally yet. It’s one of the best candidates for a “Theory of Everything” that could unify quantum mechanics with general relativity.

At the 2011 Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate titled “The Theory of Everything,” theoretical physicist Sylvester James Gates, Jr. dropped a bombshell. He revealed that he found something astonishing embedded in the equations of string theory: patterns of “error-correcting codes”—the same kind used in computer programming to detect and correct mistakes.

Sitting next to him, astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson reacted with stunned amazement: “You’re blowing my mind right now!”

Why would error-correcting codes appear in the fabric of the cosmos? Gates himself admitted he doesn’t know the implications yet. But the mere presence of such codes leads to a wild yet serious question: Could the universe itself be structured like a vast, intelligent computation?

That’s where the idea of the simulation arises.

On late-night television, when asked if he thought we were living in a simulation, Neil deGrasse Tyson replied, “I wish I had a good argument against it, but I don’t…”

And while the science doesn’t prove this, it pushes our imagination into territory that philosophers, mystics, and spiritual traditions have been exploring for millennia: that reality is deeper than it appears.

It doesn’t mean we live in a video game controlled by aliens.

It might mean that the universe is information-rich, consciousness-infused, and governed by principles far beyond our current understanding.

My friend, physicist and laser pioneer Dr. Mani Bhaumik, wrote about this in his book “Code Name God.” He argues that modern physics, far from disproving a creator, points toward a transcendent source of intelligence.

That’s a powerful idea: that our minds are just beginning to awaken to truths already embedded in nature.

Dr. David Selbie, interpreting the implications of quantum physics, has emphasized: Our choices and behavior as conscious observers—not the accumulation of material goods—are what matter. Those things are transient illusions. True immortality lies in evolving consciousness beyond the physical hologram.

Similarly, Dr. Amit Goswami, a quantum physicist known for his explorations of consciousness, has stated: “Contrary to what they tell you, you are not a limited material being.”

This idea echoes something timeless. Whether through the lens of physics or philosophy, the message is the same: You are more than you think you are.

Quantum physics shows us that particles don’t even exist in fixed states until observed. They remain in a state of possibility. In a strange and very real way, attention shapes outcome. This isn’t just a metaphor—it’s physics, though interpretations vary.

So what does this mean for us?

It means we live in a participatory universe. That our focus, our awareness, our very act of observation—matters. That we are not passive passengers in reality, but active participants.

No, quantum physics doesn’t promise we can manifest Lamborghini with our thoughts. But it does suggest something far greater: that we are wired into the very structure of existence, and our consciousness has weight in the world.

And that, perhaps, is the most hopeful message of all.

We are not powerless. We are not accidents. We are not limited.

We are participants in something vast, intelligent, and alive.

The universe is not outside us. We are part of it. And the deeper we look, the more we realize: We are more than we think we are.

Mark the location of late emerging perennials



Melinda Myers

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) has red, orange, or yellow flowers and can be late to emerge in spring.

These late emerging perennials may have you worried they died overwinter. Linger winter weather and cooler than normal spring temperatures can further delay their appearance. Be patient and know this adaptation allows them to avoid damage from late spring frosts as they wait for the soil to warm and begin growing.

Hardy hibiscus, balloon flower (*Platycodon*), leadwort (*Ceratostigma*), Crocosmia, Red-hot poker (*Kniphofia*), whirling butterflies (*Gaura lindheimeri*), Butterfly bush (*Buddleia*), Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*), and blue spirea (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*) are a few you may have growing in your garden. Many native plants like butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*), Culver’s root (*Veronicastrum*), Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*), Joe-pye weed (*Eutrochium* spp. formerly *Eupatorium*), asters, liatris, and goldenrods can also be late to emerge. It’s easy to accidentally weed these out during spring clean-up. These plants are worth the wait

since they add extra color to our mid and late season gardens. They extend the beauty, pollinator appeal and food source for many insects, and songbirds visiting your gardens.

Try leaving the stems or a portion of the stems of these plants intact until the new growth emerges. Unfortunately, many of us have accidentally removed these, too.

Plant tags will identify the plant and mark their location but can be unsightly. Try placing a colorful dowel rod, golf tee or short bamboo stake at the base of these plants. Number each and mark them on your garden plans to help track the plant’s identity.

Stones or shells, where they are abundant, can be placed next to or surrounding these plants to mark the location. These tend to stay put and may be less obtrusive than plant tags. Just be sure to alert anyone helping in the garden of their purpose and that they need to stay put.

Or mark their spot with bulbs. Plant spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, hyacinths and alliums next to these plants to extend your garden’s bloom time and help prevent damage to the perennial plants.

Avoid tulips, crocus and other bulbs that animals love. Squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits and deer may move or eat your marker.

Consider using a mix of early, mid and late spring flowering bulbs to further extend the color in your garden. Or skirt these late emerging plants with early spring blooming perennials like woodland and creeping phlox, candytuft or rockcress. You’ll enjoy the added color as you wait for the other plants to make their appearance later in the spring.

When spring arrives, exercise patience as you wait for the return of beautiful, late emerging perennials.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the “Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition” and “Small Space Gardening.” She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Master Masons celebrate 250-year anniversary of “Knox Noble Train of Artillery”



Members of the Sons of the American Revolution demonstrating and firing their muskets.

STURBRIDGE — On Sunday, Oct. 12, the Sturbridge common was packed with spectators to watch the Master Masons celebrate one of the most pivotal episodes in American military history, leading to the founding of this great nation 250 years ago. In the winter of 1775-1776 Colonel Henry Knox’s Noble Train of Artillery passed through this area in Massachusetts on the way to Boston. Here is a little bit of history.

On Nov. 16, 1775, General George Washington sent Colonel Henry Knox to Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York to retrieve cannons and munitions from the Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnaold. Colonel Henry Knox was only 25 years old and traveled 300 miles in the dead of winter of 1775-1776 from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston. Knox selected 58 cannons that was transported by oxen-drawn carts in what became the “Knox Noble Train of Artillery.” After 56 days of traveling, Knox and his troops erected fortifications over Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston. The British were driven out of Boston to a flotilla of ships heading for

Nova Scotia. General George Washington claimed his first victory of the American Revolution, in a large part due to Colonel Henry Knox’s Noble Train of Artillery.

To commemorate Brother Knox’s achievement and contribution to American independence, a public celebration hosted by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts of Boston and the Major General Salem Towne Lodge AF & AM, of Southbridge MA, was held on the Sturbridge Town Common. This celebration included guest speakers by the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts’ Most Worshipful Brother George F. Hamilton. A guided walking tour of the old burial ground highlighting the grave sites of the Revolutionary war veterans. This includes Boston Tea Party participant Samuel Hobbs (1752-1785). There was firing volley demonstrations of revolutionary war era muskets by the Sons of the American Revolution and the firing of a revolutionary war-era cannon by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Henry Knox Noble Train Artillery cannoners.



Speaking on the Town Common Gazebo the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts Brother George F. Hamilton talking about the “Knox Noble Train of Artillery” as it came through this area during the winter of 1775-1776 heading towards Boston. Also in front of Gazebo is the Henry Knox Noble Train of Artillery ceremonial cannon a Tribute to Vision, Valor, and Victory on display.

Local civic organizations that participated in this event included the Sturbridge Historical Society, and both chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. The Charlton Grange No. 92 and the Rainbow Girls Assemblies of Oxford, Barre, and Worcester were on hand to share their role in supporting the community. Members of the Major General Salem Towne Masonic Lodge from Southbridge had a booth set up handing literature out to people who wanted to know more about Freemasonry and selling hot dogs. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org.



Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons Henry Knox Noble Train of Artillery cannoners demonstrating and firing their cannon.

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Your contributions are invaluable, and we are proud to partner with you for this wonderful cause. We also invite all attendees to strengthen our community ties by bringing non-perishable hot drink donations, such as coffee, teas, and hot cocoa, for the Dudley Webster Food Share. Each donation will earn you an entry for the door prize!

Together, we can make this event a resounding success and support those in need within our community. For more information, please visit: www.dudleywomansclub.org/pocketbook-bingo. We can’t wait to see you there!

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Barbara E. (Kozlowski) D’Alessandro 1942 – 2025



Webster - Barbara E. (Kozlowski) D’Alessandro, age 83, beloved wife of James “Jim” P. D’Alessandro, died Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in the comfort of her home that she so loved.

Barbara was born in Webster, MA, daughter of the late Bernard and Anna (Vajcovec) Kozlowski and lived in Webster. Throughout her life, she was a devoted homemaker who took immense pride in her home and loved nothing more than gathering her family around the table. She found her greatest joy in hosting, cooking, and creating a warm, welcoming space where everyone felt loved and cared for. She loved spending time on Webster Lake, especially waterskiing and doing water sports with her grandchildren. Barbara and Jim enjoyed spending time in Wellfleet, MA, and in Boynton Beach, FL.

Barbara leaves her husband of 63 years, James “Jim” P. D’Alessandro of Webster; a

son, David D’Alessandro and his companion Tamara Kruzel of Webster; a daughter, Gina and her husband Joseph Kreidler Jr. of Webster; a sister, Ann and her husband Jay Marchant of Rhode Island; six grandchildren, Lauren and her husband Steven Germain, Nicole D’Alessandro, Emily Kreidler, Kyle and his wife Alyssa Kreidler, Julianna D’Alessandro and Emilia Kreidler; three great-grandchildren, Lydia Kreidler, Nora Kreidler and Hadley Germain; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by a sister, Caryl Breen of Webster.

Family and friends are invited visit with Barbara’s family on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home & Cremation, 48 School Street, Webster, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am in Saint Louis Church, Lake Street, Webster. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Black Tavern Historical Society, 138 Center Road, Dudley, MA 01571. A memorial guestbook is available at www.shaw-majercik.com.

Kathleen (Dwyer) Bolduc, 76



Unity, NH- Kathleen Ann (Dwyer) Bolduc, 76, passed away peacefully on Oct. 1, 2025, embraced by her daughter, her sister, her beloved partner, and by the loving caregivers at the Sullivan County Nursing Home in Unity, NH.

Kathy was born on Jan. 11, 1949, in Worcester, MA, the oldest of six children of Charles and June (Spahl) Dwyer. She grew up in Webster, MA. Her father was a life-long employee of the former Cranston Print Works and her mother was a registered nurse. With both parents working, Kathy played a large role in raising her younger siblings, watching over them and making sure everyone got their supper. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1967. At the time, her parents did not view college as necessary for women. Kathy disagreed. With limited family means, she attended the Katharine Gibbs secretarial school in Boston. Upon completion, she began working in higher education and taking college courses one at a time until earning her B.S. from the University of New Hampshire in 1981. Kathy instilled in her siblings, her children, and her nieces and nephews the importance of higher education, and her perseverance set an example for them all. And, thanks to Kathy, her parents came around to believe that college degrees were important for men and women. Kathy married Peter Bolduc, a fellow Bartlett High graduate, in 1972 and later welcomed twins, Hannah Farrell and Charles Leo, in 1982. They settled in Warner, NH and Kathy worked at Dartmouth College. The kitchen was the heart of Kathy and Peter’s home where she inspired her children to cook, perfecting the family French bread recipe and Grandma’s chocolate mint brownies, and also taught her children to appreciate healthy, locally sourced food. In a time when baby oil was more prevalent, Kathy was at the forefront of understanding the importance of skin care and sun protection. She always made her children wear sunscreen,

tee shirts, and big floppy hats, and kept them out of the sun altogether during peak sunlight hours. They are thankful for that now! Upon her children’s graduation from high school, Kathy relocated to Newport, RI, where she began working at Brown University. She met her loving companion, Frank Gerardi, riding the daily bus from Newport to Providence. Kathy lived her best years sailing with Frank on the “Rosalie” to Menemsha Harbor on Martha’s Vineyard and other beautiful New England locations. In her later years as Kathy’s memory began to decline, she would often tell stories around Frank’s dinner table that grew more and more outlandish but always had threads of truth in them. She had everyone laughing and crying. These story time sessions reminded her children of their grandparent’s kitchen table back in Webster, listening to the hilarious tales from their aunts, uncles, and grandparents. All of Kathy’s stories had the same theme, helping people in need. Helping others is who Kathy Bolduc was to her core. She was incredibly supportive of her children, family, friends, and always welcoming and warm toward anyone she met. Kathleen is predeceased by her parents, Charles Edward Dwyer and June Elaine (Spahl) Dwyer. Surviving family members include her children, Hannah Farrell Young and her husband Matthew Young of Sutton, NH, and Charles Leo Bolduc and his wife Emilie Bolduc of Sutton, NH; her longtime partner, Frank Gerardi of Newport, RI; her siblings, John Dwyer of San Diego, CA, Jane Carrington of Putnam, CT, Timothy Dwyer of East Lyme, CT, Mary Hegarty of Harwich, MA, and Charles Dwyer of Medway, MA; and her grandchildren, Helen Bolduc, Clara McKenna, Isaac McKenna, and Evelyn Young. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1-3 PM at Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR): <https://www.nhpr.org/ways-to-give>

Constance “Connie” Murawski, 80



Constance “Connie” Murawski, 80, of Thompson, Conn., died Friday, October 17, 2025, at UMASS Memorial Medical Center - University Campus of Worcester, Mass.

Constance was born October 26, 1944, in Jackson, Mich. She is the daughter of the late Nicholas P. and the late Mildred M. (Haire) Giakoumis.

Connie leaves her daughter, Paula Bernier, and her husband, John, of Webster; her grandson, Jonathan Bernier, and his wife, Amanda; and two beloved great-grandsons, Max and Owen Bernier, all of Brookfield. Two Stepchildren James Murawski of Hartford Ct. and Debra Berthiaume of Webster . She is predeceased by her second grandson, Ryan Bernier; her brother, Nicholas Giakoumis; her husband, Frank Murawski; and her longtime companion, Maurice “Skip” Earle.

She also leaves three sisters: Helen Nolin of Webster, Carol Zachara of Webster, and Paula and her husband Bob Goddard of Oxford, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Connie was employed by Cranston Print

Works as a data entry supervisor at the CPW Headquarters in Cranston R.I. Later, she found joy working with children as an aide at Park Ave. School in Webster, where she was affectionately known by students as “Miss M.”

Connie was a friend to all, and to her, everyone was “honey.” She was a light—a genuine, kind, and generous soul. Always on the go, she was forever cleaning, tidying, and making sure no one around her ever went without. She loved Sunday drives, going out for breakfast, and taking family trips, especially to Ogunquit, Maine. Above all, Connie cherished her family, and her greatest joy was spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Connie will be remembered for her endless kindness and her comforting presence. Her love will live on through her family, who will always be grateful for her.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 11am on Thursday, October 23 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster, Mass. Burial will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster.

Calling hours will be Thursday morning prior to her Mass, from 9 to 10:30am at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Mass. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children’s Hospital www.st.jude.org

Stephen R. “Butch” Angelo, 74



WEBSTER — Stephen R. “Butch” Angelo, 74, of Webster, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Steve was the son of the late Stephen and Teresa Angelo and was also preceded in death by his brother, Jeffrey Angelo.

He spent his whole life in Webster and worked side by side with his family at Nipmuc Liquors, where he became a familiar face and a friend to just about everyone who came through the door. He loved collecting coins, tending to his

garden, playing Keno and being surrounded by the people he cared about most.

Steve leaves behind his son, Aaron Angelo, and his wife, Jessica; his grandson, Owen; his sister, Crystal Cotto (late husband Kurt Cotto); niece, Lindsey Gauthier; nephews, Nicholas Angelo and David Angelo; and special friends, Amie Masters and Gerry Baldyga.

Steve will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched over the years.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Cornerstone Bank launches annual can drive to support local families in need

REGION — Bank has kicked off its annual community can drive, inviting customers and members of the public to drop off non-perishable food donations at any Cornerstone Bank branch now through Nov. 3.

As temperatures drop and the holiday season approaches, many families experience increased financial strain due to higher heating costs, holiday expenses and food needs for family gatherings. Cornerstone Bank’s can drive helps alleviate some of that burden by supporting local food pantries across Central Massachusetts.

“Every can and box donated makes a difference,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “As a community bank, we’re proud to partner with local food pantries that directly support our neighbors in need during this especially challenging time of year.”

Donations collected at the following branches will benefit these local food pantries:

Leicester: Leicester Food Pantry

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West Boylston Street Branch, Worcester: Veterans Inc. Food Pantry
Rutland: Rutland Food Pantry
Shrewsbury: Shrewsbury Community Fridge
Cornerstone Bank’s Can Drive is a long-standing community tradition that began under its predecessor banks, Southbridge Savings Bank and SpencerBANK, well before Cornerstone’s formation in 2017. The drive has continued nearly every year since.

About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the

community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank’s local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone, which is a subsidiary of PeoplesBankCorp, MHC, operating independently under its own name and brand, provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities through a broad range of deposit and loan products and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

Auburn Knights of Columbus complete successful Tootsie Roll Drive

AUBURN — On the weekend of Oct. 11 and 12, the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Thomas Neary Council #13637 of St. Joseph’s Church and North American Martyrs Church of Auburn held our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

We conducted a “toll road” on Swanson Avenue, set up donation booths at local businesses, and collected voluntary donations after the weekend Masses at St. Joseph’s Church and North American Martyrs Church.

In total, we collected more than \$2,800. This was one of the largest total we have achieved since we first began participation in the Tootsie Roll Drive in 2004. To date, we have contributed about \$50,000 to this cause.

We proudly stood in our toll road and donation booths wearing our Knights yellow vests that read “Helping People With Intellectual Disabilities” knowing that we were helping to recognize the dignity of every person. And we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Special thanks go out to the Auburn businesses that supported our efforts: Shaw’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, Heritage Coffee Shoppe, and Park ‘n Shop, and Colony Liquors. A special thanks goes out to the Auburn Police Department for allowing us to conduct our very successful “toll road”.

The Knights of Columbus Council #13637 is very active in many charitable activities and service oriented events in the community. We currently participate in another fund raisers for the Alzheimer’s Association, provide scholarships for local students, and support many local charities including Auburn Youth and Family Services, Adopt-A-Student, Auburn Walk for Hunger, Coats for Kids, Problem Pregnancy of Worcester, Visitation House, and Wreaths Across America. We also financially assist our parishes and local seminarians, and volunteer our time to the many activities both churches conduct during the year.

We are an active force in our community and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports our activities and helps make our Council successful.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council, visit kocf.com.

org/join or contact our representatives, Steven Sinclair (smsmy21530@gmail.com) and Al Narris (alnarris@charter.net).

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Girls on the Run to host 5K celebration at Polar Park Nov. 16

WORCESTER — Girls on the Run Worcester County is excited to announce the return of its highly anticipated end-of-season 5K Celebration, scheduled for Nov. 16 at Polar Park in Worcester. This non-competitive, family-friendly 5K serves as the culminating end-of-season event for local Girls on the Run participants and as a community gathering focused on fun, connection, and empowerment.

Girls on the Run combines physical activity with engaging lessons to help participants build self-confidence, foster healthy relationships, and develop vital life skills. Over the course of the 8 week program, participants prepare to

complete a 5K, while learning how to set goals, overcome challenges, and make a positive impact in their communities. At the 5K Celebration, girls have the opportunity to employ the skills they have learned and achieve the goals they've been working toward all season long.

"We are thrilled to host our 22nd 5K Celebration and witness the joy and pride of our participants as they cross the finish line," said Karen Spencer, Executive Director of Girls on the Run Worcester County. "Since the first practice, these girls have been working hard to fulfill this goal all while learning new skills, building confidence,

and becoming a team. This fall season, we will have over 450 GOTR girl participants, plus their Running Buddies and our Community Runners at the starting line, and we can't wait to see the community unite again to celebrate the limitless potential of our GOTR girls."

Girls on the Run Worcester County is also looking for volunteers to help prepare, organize, and host the 5K Celebration. The council needs volunteers to serve at their check in, finish line, our Happy Hair Station, Greeters, etc. Throughout the 5K, Girls on the Run Worcester County requires every GOTR participant to have a 5K Buddy. 5K Buddies must be 16 years or

older, pass background checks if they are paired in advance with participants and did not sign up to support a specific girl, and stay side-by-side with the participant from start to finish. 5K Buddies support GOTR team members at their own pace and motivate them throughout the event.

Registration for the 5K on Nov. 16 is open to the public and all proceeds from the event benefit Girls on the Run of Worcester County. Registration is \$55 as a Community Runner through November 11. Same day registration is \$65 for Community Runners. Registrants can pick up their packets on race day at Polar Park. Doors open at 8:45

a.m., and the 5K will begin at 10:30 a.m. and early arrival is suggested. For more information about the event, how to register, and how to sign up for volunteer opportunities, please visit www.gotr-worc.org.

About Girls on the Run Worcester County

Girls on the Run (GOTR) Worcester County offers after-school empowerment programs designed for girls in third to eighth grades. The nonprofit helps girls in Worcester County build confidence, increase their level of physical activity, and learn essential life skills. Facilitated by trained volunteer coaches,

the research-based curriculum explores core topics relevant to eight- to 13-year-olds, including managing emotions, expressing empathy, and standing up for ourselves and others. The program includes a Community Impact Project and culminates with a 5K Celebration. GOTR Worcester County is one of more than 160 councils a part of Girls on the Run International (GOTRI). Since GOTRI was founded in 1996, this national movement has served more than 2.5 million girls in all 50 states and Canada. Visit www.gotr-worc.org to learn more.



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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 Grace Boro to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mega Capital Funding Inc., dated March 17, 2023 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68940, Page 170, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mega Capital Funding Inc., its successors and assigns to Mega Capital Funding, Inc., recorded on August 26, 2024, in Book No. 70937, at Page 59

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on October 31, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 Glenview Road a/k/a 15 Glen View Road, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in Auburn, County of Worcester, bounded and described as follows:

Being all of Lot #14 on a Plan of Highlawn Manor Estates, dated July, 1951, drawn by R.B. Cullinan, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 186, Plan 61, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone bound on the easterly side of Glenview Road, it being the northerly corner of said Lot # 14 as shown on said plan;

THENCE S. 50 degrees 35’ 40” E. 142.81 feet by Lot #13 as shown on said plan to a stake;

THENCE S. 35 degrees 14’ 30” W. by lots 9 & 10 as shown on said plan 100 feet to a stake;

THENCE N. 52 degrees 37’ W. by lots # 15 as shown on said plan 149.77 feet to a stake;

THENCE by a curve to the right a radius of which is 160 feet, a distance of 40.39 feet to a stone bound;

THENCE N. 37 degrees 23’ E. 19.07 feet to a stone bound;

THENCE by a curve to the right the radius of which is 124.29 feet, a distance of 47.05 feet to the point of beginning.

Said last three courses being by Glenview Road.

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For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68821, Page 330.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) 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. MEGA CAPITAL FUNDING, INC. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 26353 October 10, 2025 October 17, 2025 October 24, 2025

TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: Norman Boilard-Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section:

2.03.02 Density Regulations Location: 21 Intervale Road In the following respect: Variance of side setbacks for chicken coop moved to the back yard per previous ZBA decision.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday November 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall room

321A, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing.

Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting.

George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals October 17, 2025 October 24, 2025

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.WO25P3059EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate Of: Angel M Delgado Alvarez Also known as: Angel M Delgado Date of Death: 05/22/2025

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maria J Alvarez of Webster 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:

Maria J Alvarez of Webster MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond 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 11/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 10, 2025 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate October 24, 2025

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Peter H. Papit

Rafila D. Papit

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

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 117 Charlton Street, given by Peter H. Papit and Rafila D. Papitto Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., its successors and assigns, dated November 8, 2011, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48126, Page 3, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 1, 2022, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69808, Page 94, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 12/01/2025

or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 10/16/2025 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder October 24, 2025

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.WO25P3570EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate Of: Myles Austin Hibbard

Also known as: Myles A Hibbard Date of Death: 05/27/2025

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Austin J Hibbard of Douglas MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Austin J Hibbard of Douglas MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond 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 11/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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ministration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 14, 2025 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate October 24, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 177 Gore Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John B. Oliveira and Lillian Oliveira to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, and now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, said mortgage dated March 6, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62003, Page 233, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns to Flagstar Bank, N.A. by assignment dated September 20, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 71061, Page 177; said mortgage was assigned from Flagstar Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment dated March 13, 2025 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 71773, Page 151; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, situated on Gore Road, Webster, MA shown as Lot 2, on a “Plan of land in Webster owned by John D. Casey Date: September 3, 1996, Scale 1”=50’ , B.C. Survey & Engineering, which plan is recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 709 Plan 2, and to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said lot.

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 March 2, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62003, Page 230.

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

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

Other terms to be announced

at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 October 10, 2025 October 17, 2025 October 24, 2025

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. WO25C0466CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Nevaeh Skye Pepper A Petition to Change Name of Adut

has been filed by

Nevaeh Skye Pepper of Webster MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Nevaeh Skye Rodriguez IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 11/18/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 17, 2025 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate October 24, 2025

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