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Timothy Ryan — Courtesy

Sondra Murphy, Director of the Gladys E. Kelly Library in Webster, and Thomas Klebart, Chairman of the Webster Board of Selectmen, present former State Senator Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) with a wall plaque naming a room after him in the library.

*Dudley officials
decide FY2027
financial plan
following
special election*

DUDLEY — Following the Sept. 29 Special Election, the Town of Dudley is moving forward with a financial plan designed to address immediate needs, stabilize critical operations where possible, and strengthen financial oversight while the Town manages unavoidable service-level reductions.

Voters rejected the proposed \$717,630 operating override for the Police, Fire and Highway departments. As a result, the Town must operate within its existing recurring revenues, current appropriations and available one-time resources.

The Board of Selectmen Thursday approved the financial package going before voters at the Special Town Meeting set for 7 p.m. Oct. 19 in the Connie Vanco-Galli Auditorium at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 68 Dudley-Oxford

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Stock up on your winter reading at Oxford Library's fall book sale

OXFORD — The Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library Fall Book/Bake Sale is scheduled for Oct. 15-17. The sale will be held on Thursday, Oct. 15 from noon to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 16 from noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oxford Free Public Library, 339 Main St., Oxford, in the downstairs meeting room.

We accept cash or check only. Great books at bargain prices. Thousands to choose from, and all are in good to excellent condition. Hardcover and trade size paperbacks are \$1, smaller size paperbacks are 50 cents and children's books range from 25 cents to \$1. There is also a selection of "Special books at special prices." We offer a great "half price" deal on classroom books for teachers on Thursday and Friday. The last hour of the book sale on Saturday, from 1 to 2 p.m., you have the option of buying a provided bag and filling it for only \$10. Dealers are welcome on Saturday only.

The Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library was formed and incorporated in 1992. As a non-profit, our purpose is to maintain a membership of people who are

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Donor support makes Auburn Historical Society's Harvest Supper a success

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society and Museum held their annual fundraising Harvest Supper on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Pakachoag Church. Offering take-out as well as sit down dinner, the fundraiser was a success!

The Society would like to thank all those who helped to make it success-

ful, starting with Doreen Goodrich and her staff who catered the event. Also, those who donated raffle baskets and gift certificates and cards which included AAA Northeast, A Great Notion, Farmer's Daughter, Fuller's Automotive, Heritage Coffee Shoppe, Hometown Bank, Jasmine's Restaurant, Major League

Roast Beef, Bells Lawn &
Garden Center, Town Pizza,
Weepin' Willie's.

Lastly, thank you to those who braved the weather and came to the event to enjoy the evening. The Auburn Historical Society & Museum appreciates all the support of its volunteers and the town's people.

This article is made possi-

ble 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.

Local man becomes licensed funeral director



Lee Gendron

W E B S T E R
— Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home and Scanlon Funeral Service are proud to announce that Lee A. Gendron, a recent cum laude graduate of Cape Cod Community College, has earned his Associate's degree in funeral service, and has passed the state examinations to become a licensed funeral director in Massachusetts.

Gendron looks forward to becoming a productive

member of our community. He is a native of Quinebaug, Conn., a son of Teresa E. "Tess" (Kowalewski) Gendron and the late James P. Gendron. He graduated with honors from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in 2015 and was a member of the National Honor Society.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in communications from Eastern State CT University in Willimantic, Conn. in 2018 and was a

member of the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society.

Gendron is an Eagle Scout, and was active for many years in Boy Scout Troop 66 in Thompson. Previously he served as an altar boy at the former St. Hedwig Parish in Southbridge and is a current member of Saint Stephen's Church in Quinebaug, Conn. He is also a Second-Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do.

Shepherd Hill celebrates academic excellence at 38th Annual First Honors Dinner



DUDLEY — On Wednesday, Sept. 23, Shepherd Hill Regional High School (SHRHS) hosted its 38th Annual First Honors Dinner, honoring exceptional students who achieved first honors distinction for four consecutive academic terms.

To mark the occasion, the high school staff transformed the school cafeteria into a fine dining venue complete with candlelight, cloth tablecloths, and seasonal fall decorations. Demonstrating their dedication to student achievement, SHRHS staff members

personally prepared and served a gourmet meal to the honored guests.

The evening traditionally features guest speakers from the school's distinguished alumni.

network, who share inspirational words about their professional journeys and expertise since graduating from Shepherd Hill. This year, the honored speaker was 1992 graduate, Kimberly Snow. Snow is the Executive Creative Director at Sundogs, a creative intelligence start-up that's using

data and tech in service of creative excellence. Before that she spent 11 years at Google as a Global Creative Director, acting as collaborator and consultant to the world's top agencies and brands. She previously worked at Digitas in Boston and New York.

The enduring tradition of First Honors Dinner is made possible through the continued commitment of the Quo Vadis Club, whose generous financial support allows SHRHS to celebrate its highest-achieving students year after year. Ahead of this year's

celebration, Quo Vadis Club Secretary Steven Szlyk presented Principal Elwell with a generous donation of \$6,000 to help fund the event.

“We are extraordinarily proud of our students’ unwavering dedication to academic excellence,” said Principal Darren Elwell. “This event is a labor of love for our faculty and staff, and we are deeply grateful to the Quo Vadis Club for their steadfast generosity in keeping this special tradition alive for 38 years.”

Webster residents to participate in 38th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber Presented by Hyundai

WEBSTER — Seven residents from Webster will participate in the 2026 Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber presented by Hyundai on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Dawn Brody, Karen Alberta, and Michael Shaw, along with several other Webster residents and thousands of other walkers, will participate in the annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Last year marked a historic milestone, with the Walk raising more than \$11.2 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and setting the stage for an even greater impact in 2026.

“Each year, the Walk brings our community together in a powerful way, with people of all ages supporting Dana-Farber’s groundbreaking research and patient care,” said Jessica Abbott, assistant vice president of the Jimmy Fund. “For more than three

decades, this event has been a celebration of hope, where every step helps fuel breakthroughs, support patients, and inspire progress.”

Together Against Cancer

The Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber takes place along the famed Boston Marathon® course. Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options ranging from a 5K to a full marathon. Walkers can also participate virtually at a time and location that works for them.

Whatever route participants choose, they will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Walkers will be motivated

by posters of Heroes, the Walk’s adult and pediatric patient partners, that appear along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber Finish Line sponsored by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

To register for the Walk or to support a walker, visit JimmyFund.org/Walk or call 866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk Day.

Join the fun at Seventh Annual Scarecrows on the Common event

OXFORD — Fall is in the air, and it’s time once again for one of Oxford’s favorite autumn traditions! The Oxford Community Center is delighted to host the Seventh Annual Scarecrows on the Common on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of extremely inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 25.

Community members of all ages are invited to help transform the Town Common into a festive fall display by creating and entering a homemade scarecrow. Whether you are a resident, school group, town department, community organization, or local business, this is your chance to showcase your creativity and community spirit. Participants will have the opportunity to compete for prizes in categories such as Most Creative, Best Town Spirit, and Funniest Scarecrow.

In addition to the scarecrow contest, visitors can enjoy a lively day filled with fun and entertainment, including a vendor fair, live performances by DW and The Shakemakers, appearances by the beloved Sutton Dancing Witches, and exciting children’s games hosted by Oxford Community Center staff.

Scarecrow entry forms will be available beginning Oct. 1 at the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, and at Oxford Town Hall. Registration and additional event details can also be found online at oxfordma.myrec.com.

Bring your imagination, celebrate the season, and join your neighbors for a memorable day of family-friendly fall fun. We look forward to seeing the Town Common filled with creativity, laughter, and community spirit!

For more information, visit oxfordma.myrec.com or contact the Oxford Community Center.

Charlton Library Friends hold Trivia Night

CHARLTON — The non-profit Friends of Charlton Public Library will hold a Trivia Night on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Charlton Beagle Club, 103 Bond Rd. in Charlton. The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

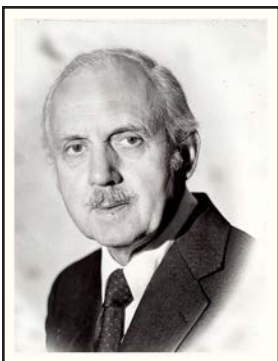
The Friends invite the general public to test their knowledge and challenge their friends as they attempt to answer a variety of questions provided by Wise Guys Trivia. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to enter a raffle to win prizes such as gift cards to a variety of local businesses, including grocery stores, book and coffee shops, entertainment venues, photography and fitness studios, restaurants, and more. Other prizes include seasonal gift baskets. A cash prize will be awarded to the overall winner.

The Friends extend sincere thanks to Savers Bank our most generous sponsor for their support. We also thank Better Life With Yoga, Blush Photography, Volume Hair Studio of Southbridge, Alternatives For Health, Booklover’s Gourmet, Entertainment Luxury Cinema, Golden Nails, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Ted’s Package Store, Worcester WooSox, and Tree House Brewery for their donations.

Tickets are \$10 per participant and can be purchased at the Charlton Public Library circulation desk or at the door the evening of the event. All proceeds enable the Friends to support the mission of the Charlton Public Library as it brings enrichment, musical, and educational programs, and more to the community-at-large. The Friends of Charlton Public Library appreciate your ongoing support.

For more information, please email charlton-friends@gmail.com or call 774-230-1410.

Francis N “Skip” Sczepanski 1914-2005 Floral Collection on exhibit at Gladys E. Kelly Public Library



Francis “Skip” Sczepanski

WEBSTER — Francis N. “Skip” Sczepanski expressed his love of the natural world and beauty of flowers, not only in the loving care and the enjoyment of tending his home garden, but also in creating a series of floral paintings. He had a passion to capture the beauty of flowers before they faded. This persistent passion is revealed in many oil

paintings that include anniversary floral arrangements, landscapes, as well as fresh cut flowers from his own garden.

“Skip’s” paintings span the 1950s through the late ‘90s. This exhibit will make for a beautiful backdrop to the Friends of the Library’s annual fundraiser, Bites, Books, and Blooms. “Skip” Sczepanski’s work will be on display in the Community Room at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library through Oct. 13.

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St. Roch Church to hold annual yard sale Oct. 17

OXFORD — St. Roch Church will welcome bargain hunters and treasure seekers to its annual yard sale Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 334 Main St.

The annual sale will offer shoppers an opportunity to browse donated items while supporting the St. Roch community. Organizers are inviting residents to stop by throughout the day to search for bargains and unexpected finds.

Community members can also help make the sale a success by donating items ahead of the event. Donations will be accepted at the Saint Ann Center, located at St. Roch Church, during three scheduled Saturday drop-off periods.

Donations may be brought to the center Saturday, Sept. 26; Saturday, Oct. 3; and Saturday, Oct. 10. Drop-off hours on each date will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

The church is encouraging residents who may be cleaning out closets, basements, attics or other areas of their homes this fall to consider contributing suitable items to the sale rather than discarding them.

The yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the event of rain, the sale will be postponed to Saturday, Oct. 24, during the same hours.

St. Roch Church is located at 334 Main St. in Oxford.

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BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Now come the tough decisions

The voters of Dudley made their decision Sept. 29. Now comes the more difficult part. The rejection of a \$717,630 operating override for the Police, Fire and Highway departments means town government must live within the financial boundaries voters established. That does not make the needs behind the override disappear. It means town officials must determine how to address the most pressing of those needs without the recurring revenue they had sought. The financial package headed to the Oct. 19 Special Town Meeting appears to recognize that distinction.

Dudley recently had \$678,672 in state-certified free cash available. The temptation could have been to use much of that money to temporarily restore what the override would have funded. Instead, the proposal directs \$219,000 in one-time support to police, fire and highway while putting significant amounts into reserves and paying other necessary expenses. That is an important distinction because free cash and an operating override are fundamentally different things.

An override would have provided recurring revenue. Free cash is one-time money. Using temporary revenue to support permanent operating expenses can postpone difficult decisions, but it does not solve the underlying problem. Eventually, the money runs out while the expenses remain.

The proposal instead calls for \$130,000 to go into the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Reserve Fund, \$80,000 into the Capital Improvement Account and \$131,172 into general stabilization. Other money would address legal expenses, Senior Center heating repairs, information technology, auditing and assessing work.

Residents attending the Special Town Meeting should examine those individual expenditures carefully. That is what Town Meeting is for. But maintaining reserves while facing financial uncertainty is not wasteful. It is part of responsible municipal budgeting. A town without sufficient reserves has fewer choices when an emergency arrives.

The more difficult part of Dudley’s situation can be seen in the operational changes that are already taking shape. Town Hall will close to the public two days each week. Administrative positions have been eliminated. Vacant positions will require Board of Selectmen approval before being advertised. Department heads must defer discretionary spending and provide monthly reports on budgets and service levels. The town will explore consolidation, automation, shared services and other ways of reducing recurring expenses. Those changes demonstrate something residents should understand clearly: Rejecting an override does not eliminate its underlying consequences.

There is nothing unreasonable about taxpayers deciding they cannot absorb another permanent increase in their property tax bills. Household budgets have limits, too. Voters were asked a question and answered it. But there is also no responsible way for town government to pretend that the same level of municipal service can always be maintained with fewer resources. That is why the new monthly reporting requirement may prove especially valuable. If service reductions are necessary, residents deserve to see where they are occurring and why. If savings materialize through vacancies, insurance changes or lower expenses, residents should see that as well.

Transparency becomes particularly important when money is tight. Difficult choices are easier to understand when the public can follow the numbers rather than encounter reductions only after services disappear.

Dudley now has an opportunity to begin its FY2028 planning earlier and ask some fundamental questions about how town government operates. Some services may be delivered differently. Technology may reduce certain costs. Shared services may make sense in some departments. Other positions or services may prove difficult to reduce without consequences residents consider unacceptable. There will be no single solution.

The Sept. 29 vote settled the override question. It did not settle Dudley’s financial challenges. The next phase requires discipline from town officials, scrutiny from residents and candor from everyone involved. One-time money can provide breathing room, but it cannot substitute indefinitely for recurring revenue.

The most responsible course now is to use that breathing room wisely, protect Dudley’s capacity to respond to emergencies and make the coming decisions openly, before circumstances make those decisions for the town.

Viewpoint

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An expression of gratitude

To the Editor:
I would like to thank Dudley Assistant Town Administrator Olivia Antonson for taking it upon herself to arrange an alternate site on three occasions when the Dudley Senior Center was unavailable.

My thanks also goes out to Dudley Library Director Nicole Messier and her staff for

once again hosting the Dudley Senior 13 Card Pitch League in the Fels Community Room on those three occasions. They displayed excellent cooperation and hospitality. It allowed me to continue my weekly card playing without any interruption.

GARY BARONOSKI
DUDLEY

Vote life!

To the Editor:
With all the political advertising overtaking our televisions, it is time to reflect on whom we want to lead the state of Massachusetts.

Has our current Governor, Maura Healey, earned the right to be our governor for another four years?

Currently, Massachusetts is considered a sanctuary state. Did we, the citizens, ever vote for this designation? Why did the governor not support federal immigration agents from removing illegal immigrants with deportation orders, as well as dangerous illegal immigrants from our state? Past practice was that state agencies cooperated with federal immigration agents and allowed them to remove these individuals before releasing them back into society. If that course of action was followed, we would not be demonizing ICE agents, who are doing their job, enforcing the law.

Why did our Governor not support the lives of the unborn by signing into law the egregious Abortion Up Until Birth Bill? With the stroke of a pen, she signed a death sentence for these defenseless babies whose voices she silenced, and in whose deaths, in

my opinion, she is complicit. This act was not to be celebrated as was apparent after the signing. Pregnancy is not a health issue. It is a gift from God given to women to continue the chain of human life.

In the words of the Psalmist:
... You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, so wonderfully you made me;
wonderful are your works.
My very self you knew;
my bones were not hidden from you.
When I was being made in secret,
fashioned as in the depths of the earth (WOMB).
Your eyes foresaw my actions;
In your book all are written down;
My days were shaped, before one came to be. (Ps.139:13-16)

As a Catholic, our Governor must have forgotten that all life is sacred from womb to tomb. If you value human life, your choice for governor is clear, and it is not Maura Healey!

JOAN COMEAU
WEBSTER

No way to treat a friend

To the Editor:
Many of us know that a true friend is a true treasure, and generally irreplaceable. Maintaining a true friendship sometimes requires compromise, commitment, patience, trust, alliance, and the test of time. To be a true friend, one must commit to being reliable and trust worthy.

The friendship with the United States of America and the sovereign country of Canada has exemplified all those mutual efforts over many decades. However, the US is currently demonstrating its lack of integrity and trustworthiness through our elected leaders.

Canada has been indiscriminately attacked by the US government leadership for reasons that appear to have no basis in fact. Canada produces many quality products that American customers want and buy. Canadians chose to buy many products that America is good at. Free trade is memorialized in formal agreements the US has with Canada and Mexico and updated since the 1990’s. These mutual agreements are effective free trade agreements in place, opera-

tive words being free trade. Trashing those agreements and attempting to use the market to leverage more concessions demonstrates how unreliable and not trust worthy the US has become under the current regime.

Destroying centuries long relationships out of personal fragility and hubris is not in the best interest of America. I come from a border state and very well aware of the importance of the trading relationship with Canada with regard to our economy, security and favorable friendships. The voters in America need to take all necessary steps to shut down the attacks and damage being caused by Washington to our friends to the north and we need to take all possible steps to restore stability, harmony and good will.

When politicians do not do what is best for the country, but instead act in a self-serving way, they must be fired. Nov. 3 is the next time to call the leadership to account. Please reflect on the facts of current events and make plans to vote. We are in this together.

BILL MAY
DUDLEY

If only Nichols committed itself to making a difference in its community

To the Editor:
If you read the promotional material published by Nichols College, the place sounds idyllic.

The college raves about its scenic hilltop location in Dudley Center, its golf course, its sparkling residential halls, and the conference center that is often available for hire. It boasts about the support it receives from the Dudley community, in particular, the town’s Police Department, which ensures the safety and comfort of its 1,500 students. That also includes all the other municipal services - those same services afforded residents who actually pay property taxes.

And just how does Nichols reciprocate? The sad truth is that it doesn’t. In a sense Nichols doesn’t even give the town the time of day, never mind contribute financially.

Case in point: For years, Dudley Selectmen have tried to convince Nichols — a tax-exempt not-for-profit institution — to make payments in lieu of taxes, just as many other civic-minded educational institutions do, recognizing the important services provided free of charge by their municipalities and, no less, a token of gratitude for their generosity.

Selectmen have characterized the college’s response as ranging from “stringing us along” to no response at all. After Nichols repeatedly ignored invitations to discuss a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program, last January, selectmen sent Nichols a letter suggesting the college pay \$108,222.25 in lieu of a tax bill that would have been four times that amount if Nichols were not exempt. Nichols never even gave selectmen the courtesy of a reply. This from an institution that, according to 2025 tax filings published by ProPublica’s Non-profit Explorer, reported \$64.8 million in revenues and \$109 million in total assets against \$68.3 million in expenses and \$22.6 million in other liabilities.

And it is not only about that bucolic campus along Dudley Center Road. According to the Dudley Assessors’ records, the college owns four houses on Tanyard Road and multiple lots of open land on Grandview, Beacon and Woodland Avenues. The Dudley Hill

Golf Course, also owned by Nichols, is taxed under Chapter 61C, which limits its property tax appraisal to no more than 25 percent of its true value, because it is open to the public — at a price, of course.

Memberships cost \$1,559 a year for individuals and \$1,999 a year for a family. Currently there are more than 100 active members. Businesses can buy a corporate membership for \$6,800, which includes 4 passes. And oh yes, Nichols faculty and students can get a membership discounted to \$250 a year, a bargain considering tuition, room, board and fees can reach nearly \$68,000 a year. Meanwhile, the rest of us can play for \$31 a day weekdays and \$38 on weekends. (\$42 and \$49 respectively if you want a cart.)

According to ProPublica, Nichols pays its several top executives — presumably the same ones who ignore Dudley’s entreaties — more than \$920,000 a year. I can only wonder if those officials might have been just a little embarrassed by Boston University’s recent decision to pay the city of Boston \$104 million in cash and other benefits over the next five years under its PILOT program. The university made that decision on its own. It didn’t have to be cajoled, threatened or browbeaten by the city to do it. And the city didn’t have to beg them for it. BU President Melissa Gilliam said the payment “reflects the priority we place on service and partnership with Boston.”

Meanwhile, the best civic gesture that Nichols can come up with seems to be “partnering” with an organization called the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, which provides financial aid to cancer patients. It is unclear just what the college’s role is but Nichols President William C. Pieczynski said it reflected Nichols “commitment to preparing students to become leaders who make a difference in their professions and communities.”

If only someone could convince Nichols to make a difference in its own community.

FRANK MAGIERA
DUDLEY

The great October thermostat standoff

There comes a morning every October when a man wakes up and realizes that his house has become an experiment in refrigeration.

You know the morning. You get out of bed, put your feet on the floor and immediately reconsider every decision that brought you to this point in life. The floor is cold. The bathroom is colder.

And somewhere downstairs, your wife is wearing a sweatshirt and giving you the kind of look that says the heating season has officially begun, whether you have accepted it or not.

I have always believed there should be rules about turning on the heat. Not actual rules, mind you. Nothing involving town meeting or the Legislature. We have enough regulations already. I mean personal rules.

Mine is that the furnace should remain off until sometime in October when it becomes absolutely necessary. The trouble is defining “absolutely necessary.” My wife and I have different standards. To her, the appearance of frost on the lawn is compelling evidence. To me, frost is merely nature making a suggestion. She will walk past the thermostat and glance at it. I will notice her glancing at it. Neither of us will say anything. This is marriage after 30 years. You don’t need words for the important negotiations. The thermostat sits there quietly between us, waiting to see who cracks first.

I usually attempt several delaying tactics. First comes the sweatshirt. Then the heavier socks. Then I begin making helpful observations such as, “It’s supposed to warm up this afternoon.” This is technically true, although warming from 43 degrees to 58 degrees isn’t quite the argument I think it is. Eventually, my wife asks the obvious question: “Why don’t we turn the heat on?” I never have a particularly good answer.

There is something psychological about that first firing of the furnace. Once you hear it rumble to life, summer is officially over. There is no going back. Windows that were open every evening suddenly get locked. The ceiling fans stop spinning. The extra blanket returns to the bed. Somewhere in the garage, the snow shovel begins plotting its comeback. Turning on the heat feels like signing paperwork acknowledging that another New England winter is on its way.

And winter never arrives alone. It brings heating bills, icy windshields, frozen door locks, driveway shoveling and the annual mystery of where I put the good gloves. So I resist. Not effectively, but symbolically. I suspect generations of New Englanders have done the same thing.

We live in a part of the country where stubbornness is sometimes confused with thrift, and thrift is occasionally confused with sitting in your own living room wearing a winter coat. Eventually, of course, common sense wins.

One evening the temperature drops, the house gets genuinely chilly and somebody finally walks over to the thermostat. Click. A few seconds later comes the familiar sound of the furnace starting. Warm air begins moving through the house. And almost immediately, I wonder why I spent three days pretending I wasn’t cold.

That is another October tradition around here. The leaves change. The days shorten. The pumpkins appear on front steps. And grown adults engage in silent contests with their thermostats.

I know how ours will end. The heat will go on. My wife will be comfortable. And I will stand near the vent enjoying the warm air while maintaining, purely for the historical record, that I could have held out another week.

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.

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The October featured artist is Beata Bzura. A variety of her pieces will be on display for you to enjoy in the Fels Room whenever the Library is open.

Pearle's Picking Parlor Jam, a "mostly" Bluegrass Focused Jam Session

Saturday, October 3rd
10:00-12:00 in the Fels Room
This is the group that played at our 15 Year Celebration! This is an unplugged acoustic jam. All talent levels welcome...beginners on up! Don't want to play? No problem, listeners are welcome too!

Gentle Yoga
Every Monday-NO SESSION
Monday, October 12th
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 Pearl
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-NO SESSION
Friday, October 9th
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.

Once Upon A Crime Book Club-A Deadly Game: Killer Show: The Station Nightclub Fire By John Barylick
Friday, October 2nd
11:00-12:00
Do you have a passion for true crime and examining the details of each case? This book club is for you! The "Once Upon A Crime Book Club" meets the first Friday of every month in the adult reading area. All books will be pre-ordered and available for pick up at the circulation desk.

Pearle's Genealogy Group
Monday, October 5th
4:00-5:30
Let's regrow our genealogy group! Facilitated by Patricia M. St. Marie, Professional Genealogist.

The Missing Piece Puzzle Race
Monday, October 5th
6:00-7:30
Teams will compete against each other, with the ultimate goal of completing a puzzle faster than their opponents. Registration is required- ONLY ONE PERSON FROM EACH TEAM SHOULD REGISTER. Teams can have up to six members. The first team to assemble the puzzle wins!
Korean Knot Workshop
Thursday, October 8th
6:00-7:30
Join us for Korean Traditional Knot Workshop- Bracelet & Keyring Making. Using Korean traditional knots, create either a bracelet or a simpler keyring. See how traditional Korean decorative knots are used in clothing, accessories, and daily life. Through this activity, we build design and pattern awareness, focus and problem-solving skills, and interest in Korean traditional arts. Ages 17+ please.

Music of the West African Kora
Saturday, October 10th
11:00-12:00
Join us for songs played on the kora- a 21 stringed West African harp. The kora is traditionally played by oral historians known as Griots. Many songs featured on the kora preserve an 800 year history dating back to the founding of the Mande empire.
Sean Gaskell studied under the extensive instruction of Moriba Kuyateh and the late Malamini Jobarteh in Gambia, and both Youssoupha Cissokho and Mamadou Cissokho in Senegal. Gaskell has presented adult, youth

and family programs at over 400 libraries and a multitude of k-12 schools, colleges, universities and assisted living facilities throughout the United States and Canada.

National Grid Community Advocates
Friday, October 16th
1:00-4:00
National Grid has a team of Community Advocates dedicated to assisting low- to moderate-income customers in navigating their utility needs. Our Advocates provide personalized support and can help residents with many services.

AI for Everyday Life
Monday, October 19th
6:00-7:15
Join us for a 60-minute intermediate session designed to demystify Artificial Intelligence.

The Radikals
Thursday, October 22nd
6:00-7:30
Investigators & archivists of the unknown. Radikals are a paranormal investigative duo consisting of Danny and Lauren Perez. Described as "one part open-minded skeptic, one part true believer," they specialize in residential paranormal cases, haunted objects, and psychometry (reading the history or energy of an object through touch).

Crawford Library Book Group
Thursday, October 22nd
Becoming Madame Secretary by Stephaine Dray
6:00-7:30
Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month before the discussion.
No Registration Required

"Cook the Book" Book Club-Super Italian by Giada De Laurentiis
Monday, October 26th
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 rehear 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.

Dudley Board of Selectmen Office Hours
Saturday, October 30th
10:00-12:00
Have a question, concern, or idea to share? Stop by the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library during Board of Selectmen Office Hours. This is an informal opportunity to meet with members of the Board, ask questions, discuss town issues, and learn more about what's happening in the community. No appointment is necessary-residents are welcome to drop in during the scheduled office hours. There might even be refreshments!
Children's & Family Programming
Storytime with Polly
Every Monday at 10:00-10:45
For ages 2.5-5 and their caregiver (but babies and toddlers are welcome to join as well!)
Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, scarves, shaker eggs, moving our bodies to music, activities, bubbles, a craft, and free play!

Stage Fright-The Magic of Dan Bowen
Thursday, October 1st
6:00-7:00
"Stage Fright" is a family-friendly Halloween magic show. Best for ages 5+
This is a FREE ticketed program: tickets will be handed out starting at 5:00 pm; once all of the tickets are handed out, the event will be considered full.
Poetry Slam at The Dudley Fun Zone Playground!
Thursday, October 15th
5:30-6:30 PM
Bring a poem, spoken-word piece, or creative writing to share and perform solo, with a parent, or with friends. Whether you're an experienced writer or have never performed before, everyone is welcome. This is a safe and supportive space to express yourself, share your voice, and be heard. No poetry experience necessary! If you'd like to share a piece, simply sign up when you arrive.

Wiggles & Giggles for Littles
Oct. 1,8,15,22,29
10:15 - 10:45 am
YFCP is pleased to offer a FREE 7-week music series for children, ages 6-24 months, with a parent/caregiver. Ms. Laine will introduce music, movement, instruments and stories to your little ones. Registration is required.

Please note, you are registering for a 7-week series.

This series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP) and hosted by the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library. YFCP is a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wiggles & Giggles
Oct. 1,8,15,22,29
11:00 - 12:00
Join YFCP and Ms. Laine for a FREE 7-week music series held here at the Pearl L. Crawford Library. Children (ages 2-5) with a parent/caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm, and listen to stories. Siblings are welcome. Please note, you are registering for a 7-week series.

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Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, October 8th
6:00-6:45
Do you love graphic novels? Join us for the Graphic Novel Book Club! Each month we will meet to discuss the graphic novel of the month. Copies of the book will be located at the circulation desk in the Children's Room. Best for ages 8 and up. Registration not required. This is not a drop off program.

Make Your Own Stuffie-Acorn the Autumn Fox
Friday, October 9th
2:00-2:45
Join us to make an adorable NO SEW stuffed fox to call your very own! We'll supply all the materials, including a rainbow wishing star to place inside your stuffie, and a take-home bag with a birth certificate! If you attended the Make Your Own Stuffie in September, you won't be able to register for this program. This program is for ages 6-12 and registration is required.
Pokemon Club
Thursday, October 15th
6:00-6:45
Do you love everything Pokemon? Join us for Pokemon Club where you can meet other Pokemon fans and trade cards if you want to! Best for ages 6 and up. No registration required. This is not a drop-off program.

Mindful Movement with Buffy
Friday, October 16th
11:00-11:45
Get moving together with certified health instructor Buffy in this fun, 45-minute family movement class! Through playful movement, stretching, and mindfulness activities, caregivers and children ages 3+ will enjoy time together while building healthy movement habits. Registration is required as space is limited.
Town of Dudley Spooky Parade-Make Your Own Monster Craft
Thursday, October 29th
4:00-4:45
Make your own monster at the Library before the Dudley Spooktacular Parade!

Town of Dudley Spooky Parade
Thursday, October 29th
5:00-6:30
Town of Dudley Halloween Spooktacular Spooky Parade starts at 4:45pm at the Library!
Police escorted SPOOKY PARADE: Children gather at the Library, in costume and march up Brandon Rd. to the Town Hall.

Teen Programming
Off the Hook Crochet Club
Thursday, October 1st
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)!

Pop-Up Art Make and Paint a Clay Dragon's Eye
Thursday, October 15th
4:30-6:00
Ages 12-17 only. Create and paint your own clay dragon's eye with a realistic glass eyeball. Make it magical! Registration is required.

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Special Events
Horror Talk: Conversation with Ryan La Sala – Wednesday, October 14th 6:30-7:30PM

Join us in welcoming bestselling and award-winning author Ryan La Sala to the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library for a spook-tacular author talk. Ryan is known for his genre-defying, queer-centered horror and fantasy young adult novels, including The Honeys, which is in development to become a major motion picture, and The Dead of Summer duology. He has been featured in The New York Times Book Review, Entertainment Weekly, NPR, and more. He writes to you from New York, overseen by his cat, Haunted Little Girl. A signing will follow the moderated conversation and books will be available for purchase through Booklovers' Gourmet.

This program is for teens and adults and registration is recommended.

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

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

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

Losing a loved one is never easy. Please know that you are not alone. If you need support in trying to navigate the changes in your life, join us in a place of safety and comfort with others who have also experienced loss. This grief support group is a place to find understanding as we explore our grief, share coping strategies, and begin to heal.

Yoga – Saturdays at 9:15am
Join Meg 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.

Digital Literacy Course: Essential Computer Skills – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm, beginning September 29th

Ready to get comfortable using a computer? This six-week course is designed for adults with little or no computer skill or experience who want to build confidence using technology for everyday life, work, and education. Students will learn the essential computer skills needed to navigate today's digital world. Through hands-on instruction and guided practice, participants will gain confidence using a computer, the internet, and common online tools in a supportive, beginner-friendly environment. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through November 10th, at 5:30-7:30PM. If you have any questions, email websterabelink-ages@webster-schools.org or call (508) 949-8282 to register.
Registration through Adult Basic Education is required.

Angel of the Battlefield: Author Talk with Paul Macek – Thursday October 15th 6:00-7:30PM
Join us in welcoming local author Paul Macek, for a talk about his recent book, Angel of the Battlefield. Discover one week in the life of Clara Barton at the Battle of Antietam. Learn how Clara cooked her famous hardtack meal, or how she survived giving water to a soldier as a bullet passed through the sleeve of her dress and killed the soldier. Clara, as the greatest heroine America ever produced, reminds all of us that the finest side of human nature embodies the value of compassion for those in need.

"The perfect harmony that existed between them" Queer Stories from Historic New England's Collection – Monday October 19th 6:30PM
For more than a decade, Historic New England has told stories about its collections that engage not simply with the ideas of gender and sexu-

ality, but with specific histories of queerness that have so often been suppressed and overlooked within material and archival history. Curator of Collections Erica Lome shares stories about queer life in New England. These stories include those who lived and worked at Historic New England's sites and stories intimately tied to objects in the collection.

Art Guild Northeast Artist Reception – Tuesday, October 20th, 5:00-7:00PM

Have you seen the October art exhibit? Stop by for our artist reception to get to know the artists and ask questions about their incredible work.

Marching Still: A Musical Tribute to Civil War Poetry – Thursday, October 22nd, 6:30-7:45

Marching Still is a collection of poems about the American Civil War set to original music composed, arranged, & performed by composer Ryan Mascilak.

Programming for All Ages
Library for All: Crafts –Mondays and Fridays 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 Monday and Friday! September-February, the crafts will rotate between coloring and painting. We'll provide the space and supplies, you bring the creativity!

Puzz Fest: Halloween Edition – Thursday, October 22nd 6:00-8:00PM

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. Please only register 1 person per team; you cannot complete the registration process online if you say there are more attendees. We do not need to know how many people are on your team, but the maximum is 5.

Children's and Young Adult Programming
NEW Toddler Storytime – Mondays, 10:30am

Join us every Monday from 10:30–11:30am for a storytime designed for toddlers and their caregivers! We'll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy fingerplays together before diving into hands-on sensory free play. Together we'll build early literacy skills, spark curiosity, and discover the joy of learning through play!

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!

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.

STEM Beginnings: Young Scientists – Thursdays starting 10/1, 10:30AM

Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, storytime, challenges, and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to help their child and join in the fun during each class! Siblings are welcome and must be supervised. Registration is required. "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.

Autumn Slime – Thursday, October 15th 4:00-5:00PM

Celebrate Fall by creating your own fall-inspired slime! This fun, hands-on activity is perfect for kids who love to mix, stretch, and get a little messy. Drop-in anytime between 4:00-5:00 PM

Haunted Library – Thursday, October 22nd 4:00-6:00PM

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 1:00-4:00 PM in order to set up for this event. Thank you for your understanding.

Poets at Large presents Arsego and Aeroelastic Flutter Oct. 24

POMFRET, Conn. — Poets at Large will continue its seventh season on Saturday night, October 24th with a wide variety of spoken word. The show begins at 7 p.m. at The Vanilla Bean Café, 450 Deerfield Rd. in Pomfret, Conn. and featured that night will be Sharon Arsego and performance artist duo Aeroelastic Flutter. Suggested donation is

\$10.00. Sharon Arsego is from Bristol where she works as a senior administrative assistant for the city. She has three published collections including Scenes and Sonnets which is an ekphrastic collaboration with Massachusetts photographer Wendy Tobin. Arsego is an active participant in various arts and culture communities, has been a featured spoken word performer for two seasons of The Soul Session in Bristol, and also writes for The Bristol Magazine. Learn more at sharonarsego.com. Aeroelastic Flutter is a spoken word and sound collaboration, combining the often-absurdist poetry of Jim Whitten with the guitar work and sound exploration of Nicholas Pecsok. Their project experiments with lo-fi audio and borderline performance art, challeng-

ing audiences to reevaluate how poetry can be performed and defined. Linda Blakesley will do an extended read in the open mic segment. Blakesley is a poet from Coventry, CT who hosts a monthly open mic in connection with the Coventry Arts Guild, providing a platform for new and veteran poets. Linda works in adult education. Poets at Large has brought more than 150 published and awarded poets to the area since 2020 and dozens of people have participated in the open mic portions during that time. Poets at Large is a project of Windham Arts. All events are ADA compliant and are recommended for ages 16 and up. Readings for the rest of the season are sponsored in part by donations from bankHometown, Charter Oak FCU, WHZ Financial and The Putnam Area Foundation. Contact karen.warinsky@gmail.com to sign up for the open mic; 5-minute max as time allows.

Walk to support the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

OXFORD — Join Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf volunteers and others on Sunday, Oct. 18, for the annual Crop Hunger Walk. Everyone is welcome! The walk begins at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., Oxford, at 1 pm. Please arrive at 12:30 p.m. to sign in and gather to walk an easy three and a half miles through Oxford together. A small monetary donation is suggested. We're looking to raise \$4,000 this year, which will help stock the shelves of the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, Oxford's community food pantry, in the weeks ahead. To participate, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/oxfordma> and follow the steps from there, or just show up on the 18th. Volunteers will be at the church to help you get started. For more information, check the Oxford Food Shelf page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OxfordMAFoodShelf>) or call 508-987-1062. The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf is a free non-profit food pantry in Oxford MA. We are available to every resident in Oxford who needs groceries to help feed themselves or their family. Thank you for your continued support of the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf.

First Congregational Church of Dudley to host turkey dinner

DUDLEY — First Congregational Church of Dudley will host a turkey dinner Saturday, Nov. 7, with two seatings available for area residents. The dinner will be held at the church, 135 Center Road, with seatings scheduled for 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6 to 12. Children age 5 and younger may attend for free. Reservations are required by Friday, Nov. 6, and may be made by calling 508-943-7320. Takeout meals will also be available, but must be ordered in advance. First Congregational Church is located at 135 Center Rd. in Dudley.

Girl Scout troops welcome new members

AUBURN — Girls entering grades K and 1 in the fall are invited to join Troop 65600, which meets in Auburn every other Tuesday 5:30-6:30 p.m., and Troop 655999, which meets every other Thursday in Dudley from 6-7:15 p.m. Girl membership registration fee is \$111, and is active until September 30, 2027. Financial Assistance is available. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, the outdoors, community service, science and technology. Girl Scout programming is customizable for all types of learners! Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary. You can register for a spot in the troop at <https://go.gscwm.org/troop65600> Questions? Email info@gscwm.org or call 508-365-0115. About Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves nearly 6,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of over 2,500 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together while building their personal leadership qualities. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience, and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

Amropali Karmakar makes Academic Achievement List at Georgia Southwestern State University

AMERICUS, Ga. — Amropali Karmakar, a resident of Auburn, made the Summer 2026 Academic Achievement List at Georgia Southwestern State University and was among 613 students recognized for scholastic achievement. To be eligible for the Academic Achievement List, a student must previously earn at least 12 credit hours at GSW, be enrolled in 3 to 11 hours of courses, and earn a 3.5 or higher GPA. Georgia Southwestern State University, located in Americus, Ga., is a public, four-year unit of the University System of Georgia with approximately 4,000 students. Georgia Southwestern offers outstanding professional programs of study as well as degrees in the arts, humanities, sciences and graduate programs in business, computer science, education, and nursing. Founded in 1906, Georgia Southwestern is recognized as one of the best value colleges in the nation. Visit www.gsw.edu for more information.

Pearle L. Crawford Library, Dudley Recreation Commission to host Poetry Slam

DUDLEY — The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library and the Dudley Recreation Commission invite residents of all ages to take the stage for a community Poetry Slam on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the wooded stage area of the Dudley Fun Zone Playground, 71 West Main St., Dudley. Participants are encouraged to bring a poem, spoken-word piece, or other creative writing to share. Performers may take the stage solo, with a parent, or with friends. No poetry or performance experience is necessary, the event is designed to provide a safe, welcoming space where everyone can express themselves and be heard. No pre-registration is needed. Those wishing to perform can simply sign up when they arrive. Creative pieces should be three minutes or less and must be family friendly. Performances should be free of profanity and adult subject matter. A prize will be awarded for the best creative piece, and light snacks and refreshments will be provided for attendees. All ages are welcome to attend, whether they plan to perform or simply come out to listen and support local creativity.



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Saint-Gobain invests \$300,000 in Advanced Manufacturing at QCC

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College and Saint-Gobain North America, a global leader in sustainable construction and advanced materials, today announced a \$300,000 partnership to support an advanced manufacturing learning space and cutting-edge equipment in the college's future QCC Center.

"This partnership with Saint-Gobain reflects our shared commitment to education, innovation, and

hands-on learning," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "By investing in our students, we are preparing the next generation of skilled professionals who will shape the future of manufacturing in Central Massachusetts and beyond while building a strong pipeline of talent for employers across the region."

"At Saint-Gobain, we know that the future of manufacturing depends on investing in people and creating pathways to rewarding careers," said Mark

Rayfield, president and CEO of Saint-Gobain North America and CertainTeed. "Our partnership with Quinsigamond Community College reflects our commitment to strengthening the workforce, advancing innovation, and supporting hands-on learning experiences that prepare students for success in modern manufacturing. We are proud to support the Saint-Gobain Advanced Manufacturing Center at QCC and help equip the next generation of talent with the skills needed to drive our industry forward."

In recognition of Saint-Gobain's three-year, \$300,000 investment, the advanced manufacturing space within the future QCC Center will be named the Saint-Gobain Advanced Manufacturing Center at QCC. The three-year sponsorship will fund lab and classroom furnishings and equipment, allowing QCC's advanced manufacturing program to expand and integrate computer science, engineering, and robotics programming that aligns with current industry standards.

"Saint-Gobain's extraordinary investment in our Advanced Manufacturing Program represents a transformative opportunity for our students and our region," said Dean of the School for Computing & Applied Technologies Dennis Dean. "This support will help ensure that QCC graduates are equipped with the skills, technologies and hands-on experiences needed to succeed in today's advanced manufacturing workforce. We are deeply grateful for Saint-Gobain's confidence in our students, faculty and



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(From left) Jorgo Gushi, President, QCC Foundation; Sean Nelson, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, QCC; Lee Duerden, Professor of Manufacturing Technology, QCC; Dennis Dean, Dean of Computing & Applied Technologies, QCC; Melanie Bonsu, Community Engagement Manager, Saint-Gobain; Sean Harris, Director of Community Engagement, QCC; Pat Baliva, Vice President of Sales, Saint-Gobain; Dr. Linda Maykel, Chair, QCC Board of Trustees; Deb Spotts, Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director of Development, QCC; and Maricelis Gonzalez, QCC Board of Trustees.

future."

Scheduled to open next year, the QCC Center will be a modern, multipurpose facility featuring advanced manufacturing classrooms, student engagement spaces, a gymnasium, and dedicated space for the hospitality program. Investments from committed industry partners like Saint-Gobain are helping bring this vision to life by expanding opportunities for hands-on learning and workforce development.

"We are proud to partner with organizations like Saint-Gobain that help create opportunities for students while strengthening the workforce of tomorrow," Pedraja added.

Booklovers Gourmet to host parenting workshop

WEBSTER — Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 East Main St., Webster, is hosting a free workshop with Jessica Butler, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk," on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To RSVP, please call 508-949-6232 or email deb@booklovers-gourmet.com.

Do you struggle to find the right things to say to your kids? Do you feel like your child "tunes you out" when you talk? Does it feel like you and your child fight more than talk?

Based on the celebrated book "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, this interactive session will provide attendees with an introduction to practical, effective methods of communication that will make their relationship with children of all ages less stressful and more rewarding.

- This discussion will help you:
- Learn specific skills that help children recognize and cope with their negative feelings, such as disappointment, envy, frustration, anger.
 - Understand ways to accept children's feelings, limit unacceptable behavior, and still maintain goodwill.
 - Learn ways to invite cooperation that will leave everyone feeling good about themselves and each other.
 - Understand alternatives to punishment that enable parents to express their strong disapproval as well as encourage children to assume responsibility for their behavior.

Dudley's annual Spooktacular returns

DUDLEY — Those known to haunt the halls have been scurrying about, transforming parking lots and lawns in preparation for a frightfully fun—and free—Halloween celebration for ghosts and goblins of all ages.

Dudley's annual Spooktacular returns Thursday, Oct. 29. Hosted by the Dudley Recreation Commission and Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, the event promises plenty of tricks, treats and Halloween fun from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Festivities begin at 4 p.m., when families are invited to gather in costume at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, 40 Schofield Ave., for some family-friendly fun before the parade begins. At 5 p.m., a gaggle of ghosts, goblins and other costumed characters will receive a police escort as they parade up Brandon Road to Town Hall, 71 West Main St.

Once there, families will be greeted with plenty of frightfully free fun, including games, live music, a balloon artist and the always-popular Cauldron of S'mores.

And no Halloween celebration would be complete without a costume contest! Prizes will be awarded for the scariest, funniest and most unique costumes.



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Westwood Drive, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Richinick to Sovereign Bank, and now held by **Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank**, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47972, Page 164, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** November 5, 2026 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being lot #3 on plan of Westwood Acres, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the lot herein described at land of owners unknown on the easterly side of Burnett Street;

THENCE S. 2 degrees 18 minutes E. by said Burnett Street, eighty-nine and forty hundredths (89.40) feet to a point;

THENCE by a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet, connecting Burnett Street and Westwood Drive, fifteen and seventy-one hundredths (15.71) feet to a point on Westwood Drive;

THENCE N. 87 degrees 42 minutes E. by Westwood Drive, ninety-five (95) feet to lot #4 on said plan;

THENCE N. 2 degrees 18 minutes W. by said lot #4, ninety-two and eighty-one hundredths (92.81) feet to a point;

THENCE N. 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds W. by land of owners unknown, one hundred five and twenty-one hundredths (105.21) feet to the point of BEGINNING.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of J.E. Murray ET UX dated October 18, 1963 and recorded at Worcester district registry of deeds, book 4414, page 1. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any. Being the same premises conveyed to William James Richinick from William J. Richinick by deed (subject to a life estate of William J. Richinick) dated 1/8//2003, and recorded on 9//3//2003, at book 31498, page 18, in the Worcester County, MA. Assessors Parcel Number: MAP: 3: BLK: 32

ATI order Number: 201109210604

Source of Title: Book 31498; Page: 18

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 January 8, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31498, Page 18.

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 Santander Bank, N.A.
f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
October 2, 2026
October 9, 2026
October 16, 2026

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
26 SM 002424
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Kelly L. Oliveira, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gail A. Fleming a/k/a Gail Morton; Kelly L. Oliveira; Kimberly J. Rizzo; William J. Fleming

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Longbridge Financial LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 28 Rock Avenue, given by Gail Morton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Longbridge Financial, LLC, dated September 16, 2021, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66630, Page 114 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 November 9, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 1, 2026.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
29715
October 9, 2026

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
Docket No. WO26P3015GD
Massachusetts Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Probate and Family Court**
In the interests of
**Tay Ricardo Morales
of Webster, MA
Minor
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608**
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/14/2026 by Melinda A Titus of Webster, MA will be held 10/23/2026 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located **Worcester Probate & Family Court**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.

4. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

5. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form (MPC 263). Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)
IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Resignation or Peition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date listed above. **Service must be made by the sheriff, constable, or other person approved by the Court.** If service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party. **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Resignation or Peition for Removal of Guardian be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least

fourteen (14) days prior to the date of hearing listed above.

If the identity of whereabouts of an interested party is **not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Resignation or Peition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Webster Times, Webster** publication to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing.

Date: September 14, 2026
Stephanie K. Fattman
October 9, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 192 Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA 01571

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard M. Reddick to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns, and now held by **Freedom Mortgage Corporation**, said mortgage dated November 6, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49917, Page 312, as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 29, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65688, Page 27; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Incorporated, doing business as Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment dated February 12, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 64453, Page 256; said mortgage was assigned from Wells Fargo Bank, NA to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated August 6, 2026 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 73995, Page 115; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** October 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the northeasterly side of Southbridge Road, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 9A on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in Dudley, Massachusetts, Scale 1” = 40’, September 5, 2001, Prepared for Richard Chojnacki” recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 774 Plan 8 and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description of said lot.

Lot 9A contains 44,236 square feet according to said Plan. For title see deed of Richard Chojnacki recorded with said Deeds in Book 49917, Page 311.

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 November 6, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49917, Page 311.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
September 25, 2026
October 2, 2026
October 9, 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.WO26P3180EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate Of:
**Arthur Francis Laprade, Jr.
Date of Death: 08/09/1999**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Russell F Laprade of Thorn Hill TN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: .

Russell F Laprade of Thorn Hill TN 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 10/27/2026.**

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 28, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 9, 2026

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
26 SM 003131
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Elissa Michelle Robertson; Jeffrey Burdett
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 21 Browns Brook Road, given by Elissa Michelle Robertson and Jeffrey Burdett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, dated October 27, 2021, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66392, Page 277, 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 November 9, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on September 28, 2026.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
October 9, 2026

LEGALS

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 Wayne R. Miller and Carol M. Miller to Beneficial Massachusetts, Inc., dated April 23, 2004, and recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33459, Page 156, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by an assignment of mortgage from Beneficial Massachusetts Inc., by Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. as Attorney in Fact, to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., dated October 30, 2017, and recorded at said Deeds in Book 57976, Page 229; by an assignment of mortgage from DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. its Attorney In Fact, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for BCAT 2019-22TT, dated October 7, 2022, and recorded at said Deeds in Book 68376, Page 276; by an assignment of mortgage from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for BCAT 2019-22TT, by Meridian Asset Services, LLC, its Attorney-In-Fact, to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, dated February 6, 2025, and recorded at said Deeds in Book 71669, Page 222; by an assignment of mortgage from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by Fay Servicing, LLC, its Attorney-In-Fact, to US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for Pad Annex Series VI Trust, dated May 8, 2026, and recorded at said Deeds in Book 73589, Page 231. For breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 P.M. on the 21st day of October 2026, at 12 Dragon Road, Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
FIRST TRACT: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN WEBSTER WHICH IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A BLACK OAK TREE BEING THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF ONE BIXBY'S LAND, NOW OR FORMERLY; THENCE E. 21 DEGREES N.; THENCE FROM THE SAME CORNER N. 10 DEGREES 30' E. TO RUN AN EQUAL DISTANCE ON EACH OF SAID LINES AND COURSES, A SUFFICIENT DISTANCE; TO INCLUDE TWO (2) ACRES BY A STRAIGHT LINE CUTTING ACROSS ABOVE WRITTEN; BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY SOUTH ON LAND OF CAP. JEREMIAH KINGSBURY, WEST ON LARNED, EASTERLY ON SAID BIXBY.
SECOND TRACT: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF CEMETERY STREET, AND IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A WALL IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID CEMETERY STREET AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE GRANTED PREMISES: THENCE EASTERLY BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF MORES LARNED AS THE WELL AND FENCE BOUNDED ON SAID LARNED LAND, NOW STAND TO A FENCE; THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTHERLY BY LAND FORMERLY OF WLADYSLAW AND JOSEPHINE WACKIEWICZ AND AS THE WALL AND FENCE BOUNDED ON LAND OF SAID WLADYSLAW AND JOSEPHINE WACKIEWICZ AND OF H.W. SLATER

ESTATE AND OTHERS NOW STAND TO A FENCE. THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING WESTERLY AS THE WALL AND FENCE NOW STAND AND BY SAID SLATER LAND TO CEMETERY STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING ABOUT 25 ACRES AND BEING THE FIRST DESCRIBED TRACT RECORDED IN BOOK 1912, PAGE 480 IN WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS. BOTH TRACTS BEING THE SAME PREMISES AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2903 PAGE 382, EXCEPT FOR THE PREMISES CONVEYED IN BOOK 3025 PAGE 557; BOOK 3126 PAGE 509; BOOK 3237 PAGE 175; BOOK 3412 PAGE 212; BOOK 3763 PAGE 329; BOOK 3880 PAGE 533; BOOK 4023 PAGE 191; AND IN BOOK 4476 PAGE 310.

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 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 dollars (\$10,000) 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 wire transfer to Demerle & Associates P.C., 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 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.

U.S Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for Pad Annex Series VI Trust, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle & Associates P.C. 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444 September 25, 2026 October 2, 2026 October 9, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John A. Matteau, Jr. to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. dated July 30, 2009, recorded with Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 44693, Page 174, which mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage by Assignment dated March 21, 2013, recorded in Book 50738, Page 90; further assigned to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Assignment dated December 22, 2016, recorded in Book 56573, Page 23; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust XI-A by Assignment dated November 20, 2025, recorded in Book 72921, Page 65, of 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 11:00 AM, on the

17th day of November, 2026, at the mortgaged premises described and known as 21 Linwood Street, Oxford, Massachusetts described in said mortgage, to wit: Being Lot #1 as shown on a Plan of Lots drawn for A. Esposito by Vincent F. Kubic, Surveyor, dated February 26, 1954 which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 215, Plan 77. Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly line of the Old Worcester Road one hundred eighty-six and 3/100 (186.03) feet northerly of a Massachusetts Highway bound; Thence N 38 deg. 45' E by Old Worcester Road ninety-five (95) feet to an iron pin; Thence N 63 deg. 47' W one hundred ten (110) feet along a proposed road to an iron pin; Thence S 40 deg. 10' W ninety-five (95) by Lot No. 10 to an iron pin; Thence S 63 deg. 47' E one hundred twelve and 42/100 (112.42) feet by a Lot No. 2 to the place of beginning.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to open the bidding at the time, date and place appointed for sale, and if no bids are received, or the bids received are deemed unacceptable to Mortgagee, to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation.

Said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to bid and be paid in cash or by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within

thirty (30) days of the date of the sale at the Law Office of Michael J. Murphy, 5 Commonwealth Road, Suite 4A, Natick, Massachusetts 01760. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of any typographical error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST XI-A Present holder of said mortgage, By its attorney, Michael J. Murphy, Esq. Law Office of Michael J. Murphy 5 Commonwealth Road, Suite 4A Natick, MA 01760 Tel: (508) 650-9252 October 9, 2026 October 16, 2026 October 23, 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. WO25P3265EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of:
Jack Grill
Date of Death: 07/03/2024**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Lexis Grill of Oxford MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 10/27/2026.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2026
Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
October 9, 2026

Webster Five Foundation
awards nearly \$186,000 to 54
nonprofits in first half of 2026

AUBURN — The Webster Five Foundation has awarded 54 grants totaling \$185,917 during the first half of 2026, continuing its long-standing commitment to strengthening the communities it serves. (To view the complete list of grant recipients, visit web5.com/bank-news.) Through its grant program, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that expand access to education, arts and culture, social services, community development and other charitable initiatives. The Foundation's largest grants awarded during the first half of 2026 include: Open Sky Community Services, Inc. — \$15,000.00 toward the organization's Aurora Staff-Supported

Activities which offers long term rental assistance and supportive services for young adults who need support in accessing behavioral health services, income and employment supports and tenancy stabilization skills. CASA Project Worcester County, Inc. — \$10,000.00 to support the CASA Child Court Advocacy Program. As the only agency in Worcester reporting to the courts on the best interest of thousands of at-risk children, the priority of the program is to support abused and neglected children from across the 60 cities and towns that comprise Worcester County. YMCA of Central Massachusetts — \$10,000.00 for the Achievers Program towards the organization's Achievers

Program which provides workforce development, leadership skill-building and college and career readiness to 150 teens. "Supporting dozens of nonprofit organizations during the first six months of the year speaks to both the depth of need across our region and the incredible work being done to meet it," said Brian Westerlind, President and CEO of Webster Five. "Each organization has its own mission, but together they're helping create healthier, more connected and more resilient communities. It's a privilege for Webster Five to support their work." Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has awarded \$4,633,321 to 321 organizations.

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Friday's Child

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Jeremiah

Age 14

Registration #8413

Jeremiah is an easygoing and friendly boy who enjoys staying active and loves all kinds of sports. Football is one of his favorites, and he especially enjoys shooting hoops and spending time playing basketball with his friends. When he wants some quiet time to himself, Jeremiah enjoys playing video games. Jeremiah is described by his friends and teachers as funny, kind, and a natural leader. He is a positive role model to those around him and enjoys making others laugh. His easygoing personality and ability to connect with others make him a great friend and someone people enjoy spending time with.

<https://www.mareinc.org/child/21182352036>

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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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OBITUARIES

Theresa L. Joy, 93



Southbridge: Theresa L. Joy, 93, passed away after living a full enjoyable life on Sept. 27, 2026 at Christopher Heights in Webster, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Southbridge, the daughter of Rodolph Tremblay and Beatrice (LeClair) Tremblay, her brother William (Billy) and her sister Pauline (Paquin). She grew up in Southbridge graduating from Mary E. Wells High School where she was a majorette leading parades down Main Street in Southbridge. She met her husband at a dance at the Quinebaug Dance Hall and subsequently married and formed a 64-year marriage to Walter "Skippy" Joy. Terry and Skip had 4 children: Allen, Kenny and his wife Kathy, Bruce and his wife Judy, and Gail.

Terry was a proud homemaker and as the children grew, she worked many years as a home cake decorator, a Park and Shop cashier and a bank clerk at Savers Bank. She also volunteered at the voting station at Charlton Street School. She is a devout Catholic and a true believer in God and Jesus Christ. She enjoyed making many quilts and with Skip made numerous beautiful stained-glass items for her family as well as trips to the golf course! Music was always in the air with her and she enjoyed many camping trips with her family and that was where she brought memories and lifelong friends into her life. She was always a cheerful and friendly person to all she came across and as a result bonded

with many people from all walks of life. She loved games of all sorts; Bingo, cards with friends, the occasional casino trip, and lately "KLUPPA" defined as Keno between LUNCH and SUPPA. She had many winning streaks in KLUPPA, resulting in her being named "Keno Boss."

Theresa was predeceased by her husband Walter in 2015, her son Allen in 1971, her siblings William and Pauline and a host of other relatives and friends. She has had the benefit of enjoying life with 7 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and lots of loving nieces, nephews and in laws.

Theresa's parting wishes were that everyone should find a way to love each other deeply and appreciate that we're all in this together and find ways to love each other. The family wishes to express the greatest of thanks, love and respect to Christopher Heights family and staff, Summit Eldercare, and Price Chopper Pharmacy staff, all of whom cared for her wellbeing and comfort.

Her funeral was held on Thursday, Oct. 1st, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial in Old Notre Dame Cemetery will be private. Calling hours in the funeral Home were held on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu flowers donations may be made to Blood Cancer United, Attn. Donation Services, P.O. Box 22324, New York, NY 10087 or online at <https://bloodcancerunit-ed.org/give>.

Alice M. Foote, 100



OXFORD – Alice M. (Johnson) Foote, 100, of Depot Road, died Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in her home.

She was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Proctor Brigham Foote who died in 2013. She is survived by four children, Andrew Foote and his wife Susan of Oxford, Matthew Foote and his wife Linda of Oxford, Amy Clouthier and her husband James of Oxford, and Jon Foote of Quinebaug, CT; her daughter-in-law, Karen Foote of Wareham; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Timothy P. Foote; her infant daughter, Melanie Foote; four brothers, Howard Johnson, George Johnson, Homer Johnson, and Robert Johnson; and her sister, Lois Janse.

She was born in Woodstock, CT, daughter of the late Harry and Anna (Johnson) Johnson, and lived in Oxford since 1954.

She graduated from Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, CT.

Mrs. Foote was a homemaker for most of her life, caring for her home and family. In her younger years, she worked at American Optical in Southbridge. She was a long-time member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford, and volunteered for Central Mass Hospice in Auburn. She enjoyed living on the farm and gardening.

The family would like to thank Alice's Tri-Valley caregivers, Fran and Josie; VNA Care Hospice who were extremely helpful; and her longtime housekeeper Jean.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 585, Oxford, MA 01540, or to the VNA Care Hospice, 67 Millbrook St., 500 North, Worcester, MA 01606.

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

DUDLEY

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Rd. The plan calls for the use of recently state-certified free cash of \$678,672, which is unspent revenue, or surplus, from the last fiscal year.

"We are providing limited relief now while preserving emergency capacity and rebuilding reserves, because the town still has difficult operating decisions ahead and one-time revenue cannot be used to avoid them," Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said.

Of that amount, \$130,000 would be directed to the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory (FAA) Reserve Fund for extraordinary or emergency expenses. Another \$211,172 would be placed into the town's savings accounts, known as stabilization: \$80,000 for the Capital Improvement Account and \$131,172 for general stabilization.

If approved at town meeting, free cash would also be used to fund \$83,000 for police, \$86,000 for fire and \$50,000 for highway. Additional funding is proposed for legal expenses, repairs to the Senior Center heating system, information technology, required auditing costs and assessing work.

"This plan does not attempt to recreate the override with free cash," Ruda said. "Police, Fire and Highway are receiving \$219,000 in one-time support, compared with the \$717,630 in recurring revenue that was proposed—less than one-third of that amount. The balance is being used for required costs, rebuilding stabilization, and a \$130,000 FAA reserve that cannot be spent as a routine departmental supplement."

Under state law, the use of the FAA reserve fund is limited to extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures and requires a vote of the FAA before funds can be transferred.

Along with the financial package, the Board of Selectmen Thursday also voted to approve cost-saving measures and budget-management directives for town departments.

Town Hall will close to the public two days per week, allowing staff to focus on essential department work without having to cover the administrative duties of department assistants who have been eliminated. The department assistants cut from the budget since the start of FY2027 aided the selectmen's office, the highway department, the accounting office, the treasurer/collector's office, and the assessor's office. Also cut was the coordinator who managed the town website, information technology and Dudley Cable Access TV.

Town employees will be offered a health insurance opt-out policy intended to reduce town insurance costs when eligible employees voluntarily use other qualifying coverage.

Vacant positions are now subject to Board of Selectmen oversight and will require board approval before they are posted, with departments required to justify the need and consider alternatives such as consolidation, automation or shared services.

Department heads are required to defer discretionary spending.

Mandatory monthly budget status and service-level reporting has been established for department heads to expose potential financial or operational problems and offer recommended correc-

tive actions. This will allow the Board of Selectmen to make cuts and reductions as needed through June.

"Monthly reporting will give the board and FAA early warning of developing financial problems so they can act before the Town reaches the point where few choices remain," Ruda said. "Further reductions are likely, and the margin for delay is limited. As vacancies occur through attrition, health-insurance savings are realized, energy costs stabilize, and other expenses become clearer, department heads will identify the least disruptive options. The board will then have to decide where reductions are necessary and where verified savings are sufficient to support backfilling or restructuring critical positions."

The Building Department staffing and compensation model will be modified to more closely tie costs to actual inspection and permitting activities.

The town will also begin preparing for FY2028 earlier than usual, examining opportunities to reduce recurring costs and considering alternative ways to provide services, including technology, automation, shared or contracted services, staffing changes and other operational efficiencies.

The overall approach of both the supplemental budget going before town meeting and the new directives are intended to provide limited relief for immediate needs while maintaining emergency capacity, rebuilding reserves and giving town officials earlier warnings of financial problems so that decisions can be made before available options become limited.

BOOK SALE

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supportive of the library and its ongoing programs. All money donated through dues or fundraisers goes directly back to the library to support children's pro-

grams, reading programs, museum passes, and other services. We are always looking for new members, supporters, and volunteers. Membership dues for the current year can be paid at any time. The membership year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. If you have already

renewed your membership or are a new member, thank you. Membership forms are available at the library adult circulation desk and also at the book sale. Please include your email address. This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on books for your winter reading.

Boat America - Safe Boating Certificate course offered at Bay Path in Charlton Oct. 13 & 15

CHARLTON — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing the Boat America Course that meets current state mandated educational requirements offered in a two-night 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.

The Hanson-Milone Boater Safety Act, signed into Mass. Law, now requires all Massachusetts motorboat operators over 12 years of age 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. Personal Watercraft / Jet Ski operators are required to be at least 16 years of age also included. A certificate, required to be carried onboard, will be issued by the state to resident motorboaters.

Successful completion of this BA course offered meets this requirement and inclusion into the Mass. Environmental Police Boating Safety Database, 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 NH, RI and CT. You will receive the additional USCG Auxiliary certification and a possible discount on premiums for most boating insurance companies for successful completion of this course. Some basic marlinespike seamanship (knots etc.) will also be included as part of the course. Participants 16 years old and under must be

accompanied, in person, by a registered parent/guardian. SPACE IS LIMITED so register soon:

Register online at www.baypath.augusoft.net Personal Enrichment – Sports& Leisure – More recommendations - Class ID 43489 or by calling Sheri Dreitlein (508) 248-5971 email sdreitlein@baypath.net You can also contact our Flotilla Commander Kyle Cimochowski (860) 227-7274 or Marc French at (508) 318-7152 for additional information.

To locate these and other USCG Auxiliary courses go to: https://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org

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**Featured New Listing!
24 Laurelwood Dr
Webster Lake Waterfront**



ON DEPOSIT

On the shores of prestigious Webster Lake! Experience ultra-luxury lakefront living with direct water access. This young modern craftsman lake home is masterfully designed to maximize panoramic Western views through a two-story architectural tower. The home boasts 3,790 +/- square feet of sophisticated, three-story living space, complete with multilevel waterside decks, a radius stone faced patio, and a tiered landscape with its own waterfall. From morning coffee to sunset gatherings, you will enjoy every minute overlooking your waterfront. The 1,735 +/- square feet main level features a spacious open floor plan, welcoming you into a kitchen, dining, and living area tailored for intimate social hosting. The living room flows seamlessly onto an expansive open deck and into an exquisite sun-drenched sitting room. A magnificent primary bedroom suite offers a private full bath, double sink vanity, walk-in closet and dressing room. The purposely designed lower level delivers effortless, large-volume entertainment, featuring a full second kitchen and a sprawling recreation room that opens to a substantial lakeside patio. With 2 additional bedrooms and bath, this level easily serves as a private guest floor. This Lake property is designed to create long-lasting memories! **MLS#73563787 \$1,750,000**

Webster ~ 33 Slater Street



ON DEPOSIT

Sprawling fieldstone faced Ranch! Located on a +/- 0.5-acre, 2 car garage. Offers: 1,860 sf main level plus 1,000 sf +/- finished lower level, 3 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 2 stone fireplaces-FHW BB heat. Open floor plan kitchen, living rm, dining rm, breezeway w/sliders to rear deck, and 3 season sunroom **MLS # 73500183 \$464,900**

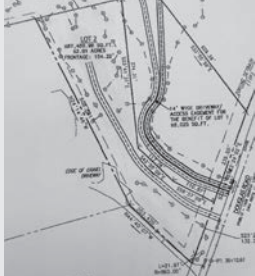
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Webster Lake Waterfront - 86 Bates Point Rd**



ON DEPOSIT

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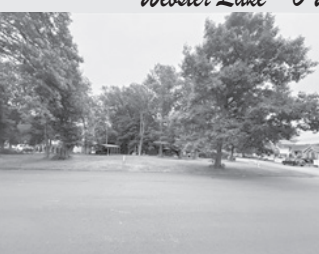
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Booklovers’ Gourmet spotlights local artist Judy Murphy

WEBSTER — An Art Show titled “The Colors of Life” by Judy Murphy, will be on display at Booklovers’ Gourmet in Webster Oct. 6-31 in the cafe gallery. A public meet and greet with the artist will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, call 508-949-6232.

Booklovers’ Gourmet is located at 72 East Main St. in Webster, and has been a community gathering space since 1995.

As a child, Murphy won coloring and poster contests, but never pursued art until she retired. Color is her main inspiration. She can stop and find the beauty in any person, place or

thing. Her style is said to be unique, quirky, fun, illustrative and easily recognizable. While most of her paintings are watercolors, she continues to expand her skills through courses at the Worcester Art Museum and as an active member of the Blackstone Valley Art Association.



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Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov
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THE WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER CRAFT FAIR WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM! THERE WILL BE NO OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS DAY.

Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events, and our monthly lunch menu. You may also join our email list to view our newsletter online. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least three business days in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation for 65 and up, and \$5 for 55- 64 is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and dessert. This week’s menu: Tuesday, 10/13: Pork ribs with barbecue sauce, mac and cheese, and green beans. Wednesday, 10/14: Sloppy joes, herbed potatoes, and mixed vegetables. Thursday, 10/15: Chicken cacciatore, gemelli pasta, roasted broccoli and carrots. Friday, 10/16: Soup du jour, Caesar chicken salad, and pickled beets.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 508-248-4299 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center from April through December. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Our annual Craft Fair will be held on Monday, October 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm! Please stop by and support your local artists!

Please join us on Thursday, October 15th at 12:00 pm to learn how the Registry of Deeds and the Probate Court work together for Massachusetts landowners. Learn how to protect your home from Deed Fraud with Consumer Notification Service.

The Webster Senior Center will be hosting a Halloween Party on Monday, October 26th. Come for snacks, fun games, prizes, and a pizza party! Doors open at 12:00 pm for this event, \$5 per person. Please register and pay by Tuesday, October 20th.

Come down to 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.

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.

Line Dancing with Forty will be held on the 19th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm for \$3 a class. Donations go directly to Shriner’s Children’s Hospital. Everyone of any skill level is welcome! Closed toed shoes are required.

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.

We offer Movies every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm! October’s movies will be: ‘The Addams Family’ on 10/14, ‘The Witches Of Eastwick’ on 10/21, and ‘Carrie’ on 10/28.

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.

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

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 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. 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.

Dudley Woman’s Club meets Oct. 8

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman’s Club will welcome local charity The Pink Exchange as the featured guest at its October Club Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St.

Representatives from The Pink Exchange will share information about the organization and its work supporting women throughout their breast cancer journey.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Dudley Woman’s Club will also hold a voluntary Giving Project to benefit PinkHippy.org. A list of suggested items will be shared on the club’s Facebook pages prior to the meeting.

The October gathering provides members with an opportunity to learn more about local efforts supporting women affected by breast cancer while contributing to a meaningful community cause.

For more information about the Dudley Woman’s Club, visit dudleywomansclub.org or email dudleywomansclub@gmail.com.

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