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Dudley Historical Commission to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with Declaration Reading, community bell ringing

DUDLEY — The Dudley Historical Commission will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States with a public reading of the Declaration and a community-wide bell-ringing celebration on Sunday, July 5.

The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the front steps of the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd., a location chosen for its historical significance. In 1776, the church also served as the seat of Dudley's town government, making it a fitting site for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Historical Commission Secretary David Proulx will open the ceremony with remarks on the historical context of the Declaration and its significance to the founding of the nation. He will then introduce Dudley Historical Commission Chairman Fredrick "Butch" Meyer, who will deliver a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Following the reading, Meyer will lead attendees in three cheers for the United States. Veterans Services personnel will accompany each cheer with a ceremonial salute.

At noon, church and institutional bells throughout Dudley will ring for five minutes in celebration of the nation's founding. Participating bell ringers include:

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Oxford's Brooke Goodrich crowned 2026 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA



OXFORD — Eighteen-year-old Brooke Goodrich of Oxford was crowned Miss Massachusetts Teen USA at a regional competition held at the Danvers DoubleTree by Hilton, earning the right to represent the Commonwealth at the 75th national Miss Teen USA competition in Miami, Florida this August.

Goodrich, a 2025 graduate of Worcester Academy

and current sophomore at the University of Alabama, competed among delegates in three portions of competition: a choreographed "evening gown" on-stage runway, a high fashion styled "athletic wear/swimsuit" runway showcasing physical fitness and health, and a private "interview" with an esteemed panel of judges from around the country.

Dudley Senior Center Director honored with 2026 Commonwealth Heroine Award

DUDLEY — Deborah Johnson, Director of the Dudley Senior Center and a community volunteer, has been recognized with the prestigious 2026 Commonwealth Heroine Award, an honor presented annually by the Massachusetts Legislature to women whose selfless contributions make a lasting impact in their communities.

Johnson was presented with an official citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives on June 24 at the State House in Boston, recognizing her exceptional dedication to the Town of Dudley and its residents.

"I'm so happy Deb was recognized for all the work she does for Dudley seniors," State Rep. John Marsi said. "She also does a lot for the community behind the scenes, which is the intent behind this award. She is very deserving of this honor."

The Commonwealth Heroine Award honors women across Massachusetts whose volunteerism and leadership



Deborah Johnson

create meaningful, lasting change within their communities. Johnson's recognition reflects decades of service and an enduring commitment to making Dudley a better place for residents of all ages.

For more than two years, Johnson has served as Director of the Dudley Senior Center, dedicating countless hours beyond

her paid responsibilities to expand programming, organizing meals and events, coordinate dementia education initiatives, and enhance services for local seniors.

Her commitment extends well beyond the daily activities of the Senior Center. Johnson successfully secured private funding from the Dudley Woman's Club for much-needed ren-

ovations to the facility.

"Mrs. Johnson has a way of making people feel cared for, welcomed, and valued," Dudley Town

Administrator Jonathan Ruda said. "That is exactly what she has brought to the Dudley Senior Center and to so many parts of this community over the years. This recognition is truly well deserved, and we are very fortunate to have her in Dudley."

A Dudley resident since 1978, Johnson and her husband of 56 years Jon, raised two sons while she pursued a college education part-time at Nichols College, becoming the first member of her family to earn a college degree. Throughout the years, she has devoted herself to numerous organizations, including Abby's House, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, the Dudley Woman's Club, and initiatives supporting local veterans.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives recognized Johnson for embodying the spirit of the Commonwealth Heroine Award through her unwav-

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Friends of the Auburn Library announce upcoming events



AUBURN — The Friends of the Auburn Public Library announce their next Book Sale, Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St., Auburn. Choose from hundreds of gently used fiction, non-fiction, how-to, cooking, children's books, DVDs and more. Please stop by and support the Friends of the Auburn Public Library. All proceeds of the book sale will be used to fund and enhance services, expand programs and purchase other extraordinary items not included in the municipal budget.

Summer Reading Kick Off! (all ages!) The Friends would like to offer our appre-

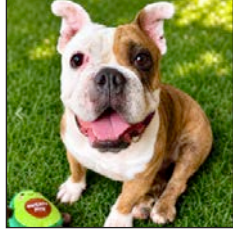
ciation and thanks for the fabulous donation of \$2,000 from Savers Bank for the Summer Reading program at the Auburn Library. Summer Reading at the Auburn Library officially begins the week of June 21. It is not too late to sign-up at the library to receive your paper reading log. Participants will earn drawing tickets towards 12 prize baskets by reading each week. Participants can also complete reading activities to earn up to four small prizes. Visit <https://auburn-library.org/> for additional information.

Volunteer Drive - Do you want to help support the programs at the Auburn Library? Do you have a friend or neighbor that loves

the library? We love to meet new friends and volunteers to support our projects. The Friends will get together on July 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the library to discuss future volunteer fundraising opportunities to support the library. All are welcome.

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library is an independent, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to raising money through donations, book sales and other activities, and to donate those funds to the library for materials, services and programs not funded through the municipal budget. Questions or to join the contact list, please email friendsofauburnplibrary@gmail.com.

PET of the WEEK



MEET Big Bertha

Big Bertha is a new arrival at Baypath, and while we're still getting to know her, she's already won us over with her sweet, happy personality! This adorable Bulldog is friendly, social, and loves spending time with her people. She greets the world with enthusiasm, enjoys being part of the action, and has a playful, active side that keeps life fun. Whether she's joining you for an outing or simply soaking up attention, Big Bertha is happiest when she's surrounded by friends.

One of Big Bertha's most charming qualities is the collection of hilarious snorts, snores, grumbles, and other uniquely Bulldog noises she makes throughout the day. Her expressive personality and entertaining sounds are guaranteed to keep you smiling!

As a brachycephalic (short-nosed) breed, Big Bertha is looking for adopters who understand the special needs that come with Bulldogs. She'll need a family that can help keep her safe and comfortable during warm weather, monitor her activity level, and provide the care these lovable breeds require. As we learn more about Big Bertha, we'll continue to update her profile. For now, if you're looking for a sweet, social companion with a big personality and an even bigger heart, come meet Big Bertha and see if she's the perfect addition to your family!

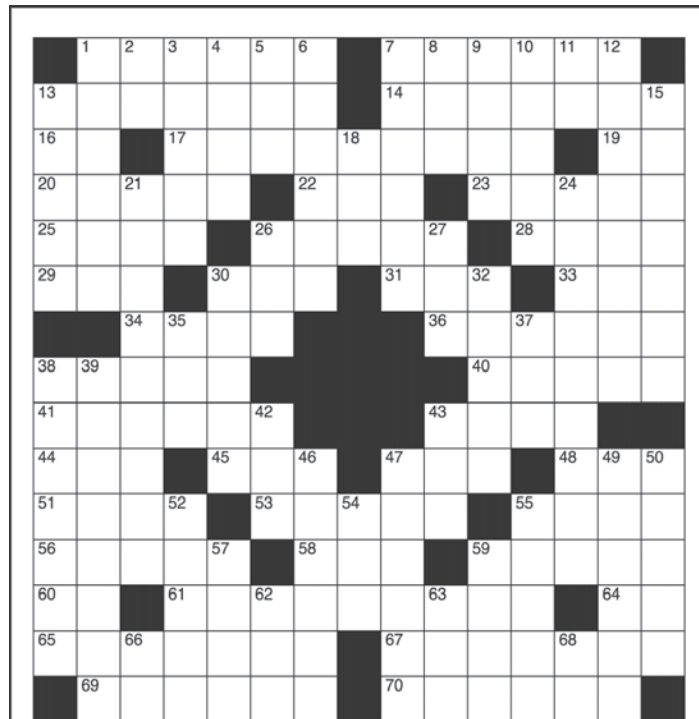
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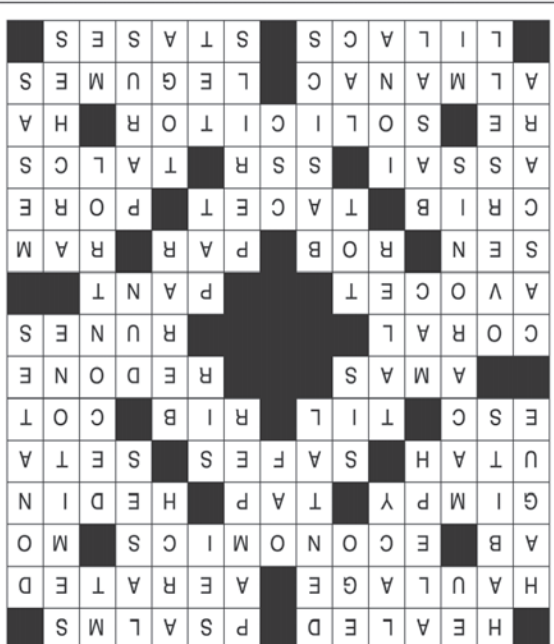
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mended
- 7. Hymns
- 13. Commercial transport of goods
- 14. Poked holes in the ground
- 16. They precede C
- 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
- 19. Larry and Curly's pal
- 20. Injured
- 22. Popular type of dance
- 23. Moon crater
- 25. American state
- 26. Places to lock valuables
- 28. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. ' _ death do us part
- 31. A type of cage
- 33. A place to sleep
- 34. Annual music awards show
- 36. Made over
- 38. Hard, stony substance
- 40. Incantations
- 41. Long-legged, wading bird
- 43. Breathe noisily
- 44. Congressman
- 45. Rip off
- 47. Golf score
- 48. Popular pickup truck
- 51. Where infants sleep
- 53. Music term
- 55. Small opening in a surface
- 56. Musical term meaning "very"
- 58. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 59. Treats with powder
- 60. Email subject line feature
- 61. A British lawyer
- 64. Expression of laughter
- 65. Farmer's calendar
- 67. Seeds used as food
- 69. Eurasian shrubs
- 70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hard things to kick
- 2. Collective of countries
- 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
- 5. One's sense of self-esteem
- 6. Of the teeth
- 7. Treat with care
- 8. Type of whale
- 9. Curved structure
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Netherlands seat of government
- 15. Gives to charitably
- 18. Lout
- 21. Pastas
- 24. Release from restrictions
- 26. Female sibling
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Silver coins
- 32. Region in India
- 35. Partner to cheese
- 37. Dark or dusky
- 38. Pacific Northwest tree
- 39. Exaggerate
- 42. Toddler
- 43. Touch lightly
- 46. Fundamentals
- 47. Jeopardies
- 49. Curved structures
- 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
- 52. Forming the bottom layer
- 54. Reciprocal of sine
- 55. Genus of Old World birds
- 57. New York college
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
- 63. Vietnamese offensive
- 66. "The Great Lakes State"
- 68. "_, myself and I"

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Nicole Dube of Dudley earns degree from Belmont University

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Belmont University held its spring 2026 commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 in the Curb Event Center. As part of Belmont's Class of 2026, Nicole Dube earned a Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work.

Across four ceremonies, the University collectively recognized more than 1,500 candidates among bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates in its 2026 commencement proceedings.

Belmont President Dr. Greg Jones presided over the events and delivered the commencement address at all ceremonies, calling graduates to embrace resilience as a defining posture and to shape their lives with excellence, creativity and hope.

"I hope you'll go forth from this place and make your life a work of art," Jones said. "As you cultivate that sense of art and nurture that sense of resilience, you will be an agent of hope - a sign of God's grace and goodness. Your life will be blessed, and you will bless the people around you."

The three individuals also accepted honorary Doctor of the

University degrees in recognition of their achievements across music, film, architecture, philanthropy and service: Brad Paisley, Kimberly-Williams Paisley and Richard «Dick» Miller.

Recordings of all ceremonies are available on the University's YouTube channel.

About Belmont University

Located near the heart of thriving Nashville, Tenn., Belmont University consists of nearly 9,000 students who come from every state and 33 countries. The University is nationally recognized for its innovative approach as well as its commitment to undergraduate teaching (U.S. News & World Report). As a Christ-centered, student-focused community, Belmont's mission is to develop diverse leaders of purpose, character and wisdom who possess a transformational mindset and are eager and equipped to make the world a better place. With more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees,

Belmont University aims to be the leading Christ-centered university in the world, producing leaders who will radically champion the pursuit of life abundant for all people. For more information, visit belmont.edu.

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Local resident graduates from William & Mary

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Bronson Dubey from Dudley recently graduated from the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Founded by royal charter in 1693, William & Mary is the second oldest educational institution in the nation. During the past 300 years, the college has educated three U.S. Presidents—Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler—numerous senators and members of congress and other national and international leaders. William & Mary is currently ranked among the nation's top 10 public universities and has been designated a "Public Ivy."

Student records to be destroyed in accordance with state regulations

WEBSTER — In compliance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulation, the Webster Public School District will destroy the Special Education records of any Webster student who transferred, graduated, withdrew or terminated from Special Education programs services prior to June 30, 2019. This is in accordance with the requirement to destroy such records after a period of seven years.

Any parent/guardian or student, ages 14 years or older, can obtain their original record within two weeks of this notice. They may do so by contacting the Student Support Services Office at 508-943-3646 no later than by Monday, July 15.

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\$440,000, 19 Oakwood Ave, Comoli, Nicoleta, to Bolanos, Daniela A S, and Sibrian, Ronal B.
\$405,000, 3 Inwood Rd, Philip Lee Johnson Irt, and Schena, Kathleen J, to Zimaga, James.
\$360,000, 702 Heritage Ln, Banks, Pamela M, to Loftus, Malgorzata, and Loftus, Amanda.

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\$565,000, 280 Dudley Southbridge Rd, Barrow, Roger S, and Barrow, Ann E, to Guasp, Marcus A.

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\$435,000, 35 Dudley Rd, Izbicki, Adam, to Jones, Abigail F, and Richardson, Thomas A.
\$380,000, 6 Allen Ave, Blanchette, Jacqueline C, and Wilga, Garrett N, to Snape, Rosa Mia-Gloriana.

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\$510,000, 436 School St, Blaine Properties LLC, to Drozdowski, Eva Wanda, and Drozdowski, Piotr.
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\$410,000, 442 School St, Blaine Properties LLC, to Drozdowski, Eva Wanda, and Drozdowski, Piotr.
\$395,000, 38 Hillside Ave, Moura, Juliana P, and Moura-Junior, Divaldo M, to Hps Properties LLC.
\$300,000, 12 New St, Cox, Hollister B, to Sullivan, Jack.
\$210,000, 10 Vecchia St #C, Richardson, Klea E-F, and Richardson, Klea, to Carabba, Rose, and Linhart, Joshua.

Local residents to participate in 2026 Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research

NEEDHAM — This August 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC's mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.

Local participants include: Christopher Bolduc of Auburn Makenzie Parella of Auburn Pamela Fenby Lazerick of Auburn Mary Chaves of Auburn Carol Fraini of Auburn John Chaves of Auburn Maureen Grensavitch of Auburn Dawn Allard of Auburn Melissa Sellers of Dudley Riley Bowes of Dudley Melissa Leonard of Dudley Carol Watroba of Dudley Payton Parent of Dudley Kimberly Aucoin of Dudley Holden French of Dudley Sean Bowes of Dudley John Glowacki of Dudley Mike Allain of Dudley Brooke Bowes of Dudley Heather Bowes of Dudley Olivia Bowes of Dudley Amanda Suss of Dudley Lauryn Collins of Webster Cynthia Sherman of Webster Courtney Desrosiers of Webster Amanda Collins of Webster Emme Shippey of Webster Brenda Williams of Webster Dina Kujawski of Webster Brittany Caron of Webster Wilfred Desrosiers of Oxford Cynthia Podles of Oxford Janet Fiorentino of Oxford Mark Baker of Oxford Jeanne Malone of Oxford

The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising

goal of \$79 million. This year's PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation's top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

"The theme for this year's PMC, which is 'now, more than ever,' underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure," said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. "We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer."

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization's largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber's community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefitting patients across the world.

During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and volunteers come together from across the world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of

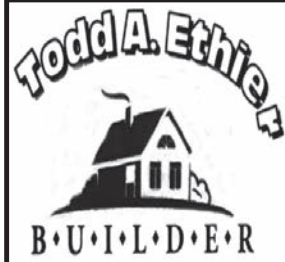
the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment.

There is still time to participate in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. Founded in 1980 by Billy Starr - who remains the event's founder & chairman, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser - the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. As Dana-Farber's single largest contributor, the organization generates 67 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to fueling cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber. In addition to its two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, the PMC is powered by further "spokes in the wheel," with initiatives including the PMC Winter Cycle, an indoor spin event; PMC Unpaved, a gravel bike ride; and PMC Kids Rides, mini bike-a-thons for children ages 2 to 15. The PMC attracts riders and volunteers from 47 states and 12 countries and over 300,000 individual donors. Across events, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, all of whom are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information, visit www.pmc.org.

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Cynthia Iwanski joins Dudley Board of Selectmen



Cynthia Iwanski

with a Master's Degree in Law Enforcement in 2004.

"My father built the house that we moved into in Dudley. My roots have always been in Dudley," she said.

Iwanski is a retired police officer, having served the Town of Southbridge for more than thirty-one years. She was the first female hired on the force, the first female to obtain a Master's Degree, and the first female to retire.

"Through that experience, I've learned that good governance comes down to three things: listening

carefully, making informed decisions, and being accountable to the people we serve," she said.

Over the years, Iwanski has been involved in community service through the Toys for Tots

program, planning and chairing church festivals, planning trips for youth, and volunteering with local organizations.

In her new role on the Board, Iwanski said her priorities are to maintain fiscal responsibility, support smart, sustainable growth, and ensure transparency in how decisions are made.

"I believe in open communication, respectful dialogue, and working collaboratively—even when we do not all agree," she said.

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DUDLEY — With 827 votes at the June 15 Annual Town Election, Cynthia Iwanski became the newest member of the Board of Selectmen.

Iwanski unseated long-time Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz Sr., who garnered 337 in his bid for re-election.

"This is a town where people look out for one another, where families put down roots, and where local decisions truly matter. I want to help ensure those decisions reflect the values that we all share," Iwanski said.

Iwanski was born in Webster and graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1975 and from Curry University

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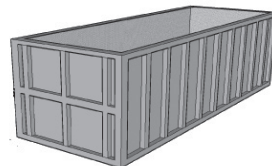
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Green Path Cannabis in Southbridge, Massachusetts, is proud to offer a monthly record expungement program! Each month, Green Path will choose one interested person to receive legal services to evaluate and assist their petitions to seal or expunge a criminal record of cannabis possession. Green Path will give hiring consideration to qualified participants as well as their spouses and children if an employment vacancy exists.

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EDITORIAL

The quiet heroes who hold a community together

Every community has its public figures. They chair meetings, cut ribbons, and stand behind podiums when milestones are celebrated. But every community also depends on another kind of leader, one whose work is rarely accompanied by applause.

The Commonwealth Heroine Award exists to recognize those women whose influence is measured not by headlines, but by lives touched. Deborah Johnson's selection as Dudley's 2026 Commonwealth Heroine is a reminder that some of the most important contributions to a town happen quietly, consistently, and often without expectation of recognition.

For many people, the local senior center is simply another municipal building. In reality, it is often one of the community's most important gathering places. It combats isolation, promotes health, provides education, offers companionship, and gives older residents a place where they continue to feel connected and valued. Behind every successful senior center is someone who understands that the job extends far beyond office hours.

Johnson has clearly embraced that philosophy.

Her work has not been limited to overseeing daily operations. She has expanded programming, organized meals and special events, promoted dementia education, secured private funding for improvements, and continually sought ways to improve the lives of Dudley's older residents. Those accomplishments would be impressive on their own.

What makes this recognition especially meaningful, however, is that it acknowledges the work most people never see.

Community service is often built upon countless small acts rather than a few grand gestures. It is making phone calls to check on someone who hasn't been seen in a while. It is staying late to finish preparations for an event. It is writing grant applications, coordinating volunteers, arranging transportation, or finding resources for someone facing a difficult situation. These are the kinds of responsibilities that rarely generate publicity, yet they form the backbone of a caring community.

The Commonwealth Heroine Award intentionally honors those behind-the-scenes efforts. In doing so, it reminds all of us that leadership is not measured by titles but by service.

Johnson's story also reflects another important lesson. Her commitment to Dudley did not begin when she became director of the Senior Center. For decades she has volunteered with organizations including the Dudley Woman's Club, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Abby's House, and programs supporting local veterans. She has invested in her hometown across generations, proving that community involvement is not something reserved for a particular stage of life. It is an ongoing choice. That example matters.

Across Massachusetts, volunteer organizations continue to face challenges recruiting new members. Many longtime civic groups depend on a small number of individuals who repeatedly step forward to organize events, raise funds, and solve problems. As those volunteers retire, communities will need a new generation willing to carry that responsibility forward.

Awards like this one do more than recognize past accomplishments. They shine a light on the value of public service and remind others that one person's commitment truly can make a difference.

There is another lesson worth remembering as well. Our older residents deserve more than basic services. They deserve opportunities to remain active, engaged, and connected to their neighbors. Communities that invest in their seniors are investing in decades of wisdom, experience, and volunteerism that continue to enrich local life.

Dudley has every reason to celebrate Deborah Johnson's recognition. It honors not only one exceptional individual, but also the spirit of compassion that strengthens small towns throughout the Commonwealth.

Communities rarely become stronger because of a single dramatic event. They improve because people like Deborah Johnson quietly choose, day after day and year after year, to care for their neighbors. Those contributions may not always make headlines, but they leave an enduring mark on the places we call home.

Viewpoint

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

Tasty cool down places in Auburn

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Summer is here, and with the hot days, one's thoughts could be cooling down with ice cream and the many flavors that can make deciding which kind to choose difficult. There was a time in Auburn when where to get your ice cream could be a tough decision also. There were many ice cream places to visit in Auburn's history. This article will be the start of a multi-part series highlighting different ice cream stores that were in Auburn from past to present. To help gather information, a survey was put on the Auburn Historical Society & Museum's Facebook page asking for the best place, past and present, to get ice cream in town and why, as well as favorite flavors. There were standalone ice cream shops, ice cream at convenience style stores, restaurants, and unexpected places of business like a filling station. The consensus so far is 3-1 hard ice cream over soft serve with novelty treats coming in third.

A long time West Auburn resident remembers a Sunoco gas station at 887 Southbridge St. run by Ralph R. and Grace E. Ross, who were originally from Vermont. Besides selling gas, there was a small room attached to the main house on the Route 20 side where they sold candy and ice cream. That was his favorite place to get his ice cream cone.

Where the 99 Restaurant is now located originally started out as Dutchland Farms, which was a chain of ice cream and lunch shops that started in Brockton, Massachusetts on a dairy farm established by Fred F. Field in 1897. A picture of the Dutchland Farm Store, which was built by L.O. Irish Co. of Auburn in 1933, can be found in our "Images of Auburn"



book, which is available for sale at the museum. Eventually, the company expanded to 50 roadside stores that sold milk, butter, eggs, served toasted sandwiches, hot dogs, and fountain treats including ice cream. However, the Dutchland chain did not do well during the Depression and was sold to their rival, Howard Johnson's by 1940. Howard Johnson's was located where J. Anthony's is now at the Auburn/Oxford line. On Auburn side of the restaurant, 28 flavors of ice cream were served.

The former Dutchland store became a short-lived furniture store, then the China Terrace motel and restaurant, Hawaii 12/20, and is now Pub 99.

The Mt. Auburn Dairy was located on Route 20 in front of what was the Auburn Airport and is now a furniture store. The dairy was opened in the 1930s by Frederic O'Shea who built and ran it, and who also worked for the town as the sealer of weights and measures. He sold it in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The O'Shea family lived upstairs over the dairy. A picture of the diary can also be found in the "Images of Auburn" book.

Mt. Auburn Dairy was a staunch supporter of the Auburn High School yearbook, taking ads out

from 1937-1952. There were many different meetings held at Mt. Auburn during the years including Democratic Town meetings, the Golden Rule Committee of the district nurses, and the Tuesday Luncheon Club to name a few. There was even a meeting hosted by Dr. Manford R. Spalding where A.A. Robertson, special agent for the Auburn Board of Health, spoke on the work he was doing in town. It was also interesting that the Mt. Auburn Dairy was used as a geographic reference in many types of articles about accidents, selling pets and getting dressed or fresh turkeys and so on.

The ice cream survey is still on the Auburn Historical Society and Museum Facebook page for people to chime in their opinion. There is also email, leave a message by phone or come visit the Auburn Historical Society & Museum, 41 South Street. 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.

What favorite Auburn Ice Cream place would you like to see in future articles?

Small habits help shape a stronger financial future



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Financial security doesn't have to come from a big salary, a lucky investment or some dramatic turning point. For most people, wealth is built more simply, through small habits repeated many times over.

If you're like many young people, you may feel you don't have enough money to start investing. The reality is that you're in a great position to build the small habits that will help you create lasting wealth. Here are five tips to help you get started.

Automate savings before you spend. One of the most powerful financial habits you can build is among the easiest. Set up an automatic transfer such as by contributing to an employer retirement plan or exploring if you can direct part of your paycheck to a savings or investment account.

This helps remove the temptation to spend that money instead of saving it. Even setting aside 1 to 5 percent of your income can help build momentum over time.

Watch the small stuff. It's easy to dismiss a \$15-a-month streaming service or a \$6 coffee twice a week. But those small purchases add up. Forgotten subscriptions, food delivery fees and impulse buys can quietly drain your bank account.

"Just \$25 a week, if invested well, can grow into the thousands in a few short years." Scan your recurring charges regularly, cancel what you don't use and put that money to work instead.

Don't let your lifestyle outpace your income. When you get a raise or bonus, it's tempting to upgrade your apartment, car or everyday spending. This "lifestyle creep" can be a significant hindrance to building wealth.

Here's an alternate approach: Every time your income goes up, increase your savings rate before anything else. Even saving half of a raise while spending the rest puts you ahead.

Start now, even imperfectly. Don't wait to start investing. Even if you can only set aside a small amount each month, do it. Starting just five to 10 years earlier can result in significantly more wealth down the line, even if the early contributions are small, thanks to compounding.

Compounding means your contributions earn interest, and even that interest earns interest. Over decades, that snowball effect can make a world of difference.

Stay aware, not obsessed. You don't necessarily need to track every dollar you spend. But you do need to be aware of your money habits. A quick weekly or monthly check-in on your accounts, spending patterns and progress toward savings goals can help you catch problems early.

Financial awareness also means protecting what you build. An emergency fund covering three to six months of total expenses keeps one bad month from becoming a financial crisis. Avoiding high-interest debt does the same. These defensive habits make everything else possible.

Your financial future likely won't be shaped by one big decision. Instead, it will probably be built by small choices you make every day. And the best time to start making good choices is now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need to protect energy choice in Massachusetts

To the Editor:

Massachusetts lawmakers are currently considering legislation that would directly impact your ability to choose an energy plan that fits your needs. For years, customers like you have had the freedom to select the energy option that works best for your household or business, whether that means price certainty, a clean energy option, or a plan that better aligns with your budget and preferences. That could change if S.3143 moves forward in Massachusetts.

This legislation does not expand customer choice. Instead, it would reduce your ability to choose by making it harder for families to maintain access to competitive energy options and limits flexibility. If protecting your ability to choose your energy plan is important to you, now is the time to speak up. Your voice is important and lawmakers need to hear directly from you. Send a message to your state representative and urge them to protect choice in

At 250, Dudley can choose the better work of self-government

To the Editor:

As America marks its 250th anniversary, Dudley has an opportunity to remember something larger than any one election, budget debate, board meeting, or ballot question.

We are neighbors before we are opponents. We are Americans before we are factions. Disagreement, even sharp disagreement, is not disloyalty. It is part of the inheritance of self-government.

Dudley has just come through a spirited local election season. Voters chose a new Selectman and rejected an override by a clear margin. Those results deserve respect. Every candidate willing to serve deserves credit. Every voter deserves to be heard. Those newly elected deserve the opportunity to lead, and those who previously served

Massachusetts.

Sample of Letter:

I'm writing as a constituent to ask you to protect energy choice in Massachusetts as you consider S.3143. For years, I've had the ability to choose the energy supplier that works best for my needs — whether that's a plan with stable pricing, clean energy options, or something that fits my specific needs. The legislation being considered would take that choice away by allowing municipalities to force me onto a default utility service of their choice — even if I'm satisfied with my current provider.

I urge you to support Amendments 23 and 67 to S.3143 and oppose any version that removes or limits energy choice so that flexibility for Massachusetts customers is preserved.

Thank you for your time, and for representing our community.

PAUL LARIVIERE
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deserve thanks for their commitment.

That is democracy.

But democracy does not end when the votes are counted. Dudley still faces real questions about public safety, roads, schools, senior services, equipment, health insurance, retirement costs, utilities, and basic municipal operations. Those challenges did not begin with one election, and they will not disappear because one vote is over.

There will be further public discussion about how Dudley addresses these issues. That may include whether a smaller or more limited financial question should be considered. Nothing should be assumed, rushed, or treated as automatic. If considered, it should be done carefully, publicly,

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The freedom found between the fireworks

Every Fourth of July seems to arrive with the same familiar soundtrack.

Somewhere in town, someone is already testing fireworks a few nights early. Flags appear on front porches that looked bare only a week before. The grocery stores suddenly have mountains of hamburger buns stacked where the breakfast cereal used to be, and every weather forecast becomes the most important broadcast of the week.

In Massachusetts, Independence Day has always carried a little extra weight. We live where so much of the nation's story began. We grow up hearing about Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and the Boston Tea Party. Schoolchildren memorize dates that happened just down the road from where they ride bicycles today. This year, as the nation marks its 250th birthday, those connections feel even closer. Communities across the Commonwealth are celebrating not only with fireworks and parades, but with historical programs that remind us how much of America's story started here.

Yet, I suspect most of us don't spend the Fourth thinking about history books. Instead, we remember our own traditions.

Maybe it's the neighborhood parade where every kid decorated a bicycle with crepe paper. Maybe it's sitting on a blanket waiting for darkness while trying to guess where the first fireworks will appear. Maybe it's a backyard filled with folding chairs that have somehow become family heirlooms. There is comfort in traditions that don't need improving.

Every year, someone insists they know the perfect way to grill corn on the cob. Every year someone burns the hot dogs while insisting they're "just getting flavor." Every year someone forgets the bug spray until it's too late. Some things are worth repeating.

The older I get, the more I think Independence Day isn't really about the fireworks at all. They're beautiful, certainly, but they're over in half an hour. The holiday lasts because of everything surrounding them. It's neighbors waving

LANTERNS
ALONG
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By CHARLES

from across the street. It's children staying up far later than they should. It's veterans quietly standing when the national anthem is played. It's grandparents explaining to curious youngsters why the holiday matters without turning it into a lecture. Those moments don't make headlines, but they make

communities.

Our towns have changed over the years. Storefronts come and go. Schools expand. Roads are rebuilt. New families arrive while others move away. Yet on the Fourth of July, people still gather in the same parks, line the same sidewalks, and spread blankets across the same fields their parents and grandparents once used. That's a remarkable kind of continuity.

We spend much of the year talking about what divides us. Turn on the television for ten minutes and you'll be reminded of every disagreement imaginable.

Then Independence Day arrives. For one evening, we all look in the same direction.

Nobody argues about whether the red burst was prettier than the blue one. Children don't care who their parents voted for. The only debate that matters is whether the grand finale has started or if the biggest shells are still coming.

Perhaps that's the lesson hidden beneath all the celebration. A community doesn't become stronger because everyone thinks alike. It becomes stronger because people choose, again and again, to share the same spaces, the same traditions, and the same hopes for tomorrow.

So this weekend, enjoy the parade. Eat one too many hamburgers. Wave to someone you haven't seen in a while. Stay for the fireworks, even if you've seen hundreds before.

And when the last echo fades into the summer night, remember that the brightest part of Independence Day was never what exploded overhead. It was the people standing beside you, looking up together.

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and with respect for the vote that already occurred.

Residents have every right to support, oppose, question, or reject any future proposal. Government has a duty to listen, explain clearly, and earn public trust.

What makes that harder is the example too often set by higher levels of government. Too much of state and federal politics has become performance: blame first, listen last, turn every issue into a weapon, and treat compromise as surrender.

Dudley does not have to copy that.

We are close enough to know better. We see each other at school events, youth sports, church, the grocery store, town meeting, the senior center, and along the same roads. We do not have the luxury of pretending that the people who disagree with us are strangers.

Social media makes that easy to forget. At its worst, it turns complicated issues into slogans, rumor into "fact," sarcasm into argument, and neighbors into targets. A Facebook thread is not a town meeting. A meme is not a budget analysis. A personal attack is not accountability.

Criticism is healthy. Cynicism is not. Questions are healthy. Character assassination is not. Oversight is healthy. Cruelty is not.

A person who supported an override does not hate taxpayers. A person who opposed it does not hate police officers, firefighters, seniors, schools, roads, or public services. We can disagree strongly without deciding the worst about each other.

The founding generation understood that lesson. At the Constitutional Convention, large and small states nearly broke the project apart over representation. The answer was not humiliation. It was compromise. Benjamin Franklin signed a Constitution he did not believe was perfect because he understood that self-government required humility. James Madison listened to public

concerns and helped advance the Bill of Rights. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson went from allies, to bitter rivals, to friends again.

They did not avoid conflict. They kept conflict from becoming ruin.

For Dudley, ruin would not arrive all at once. It would look like slow erosion: fewer resources for services that keep the community safe, slower response capacity, delayed repairs, reduced maintenance, less support for seniors, and fewer tools for employees to do their jobs.

That is not a scare tactic. It is math. Health insurance, retirement, utilities, equipment, public safety, roads, schools, and compliance are not likely to become cheaper in 2028. If recurring costs keep rising faster than recurring revenue, the gap must be closed. Reserves, deferrals, and reductions can only go so far. Eventually, difficult choices become service reductions, and service reductions often mean staffing reductions.

At some point, a community must decide not only what it does not want to pay, but what it still expects to receive.

At 250, America reminds us that self-government asks more of us than voting, posting, criticizing, or winning an argument. It asks us to listen when we would rather dismiss, compromise when compromise is hard, accept outcomes when they do not go our way, and stay engaged when the next hard question comes.

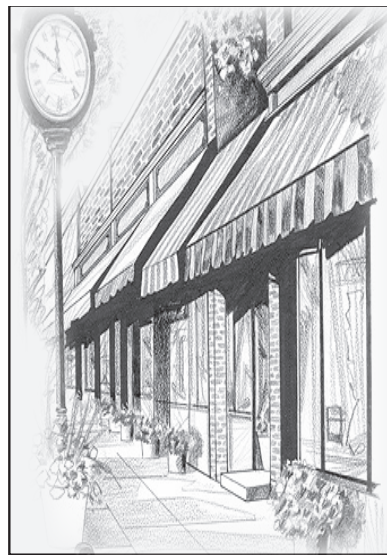
Dudley does not need the politics of Washington or Beacon Hill. It needs the better work of citizenship: facts over slogans, respect over suspicion, humility over pride, and the understanding that no one side owns this community.

That was the challenge of the founding generation. It remains ours now.

Dudley belongs to all of us. Its future will depend on all of us.

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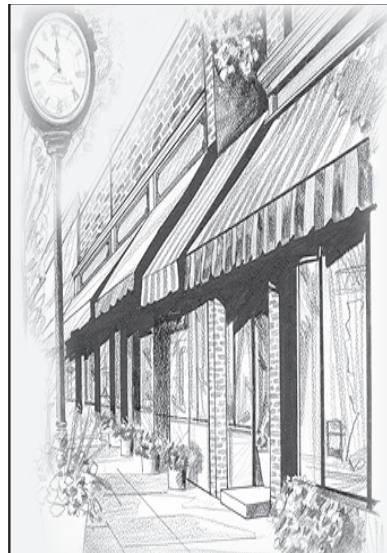
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Special Events

Family Capoeira Workshop Series – Thursdays, June 25th-August 20th at 3:00pm

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art form originally developed in Brazil by enslaved peoples as a form of resistance. It incorporates elements of acrobatics, dance, and music. In this class, parents and kids will learn together – beginning with basic capoeira movements, songs and rhythms.

No experience needed, and all athletic levels are welcome! Come ready to move and wear something

comfortable. The class is led by instructors from Mass Capoeira Culture Center, located right here in Webster. See you there!

Women in the American Civil War – Monday, July 6th at 6:00pm

Women in the American Civil War explores the often-overlooked effects of the war on women. The program will look at the acceptable roles for women in 1860. It will investigate women's many and varied important contributions to the Union and the Confederacy during the four years of the War. The program will use examples of women whose efforts and sacrifices changed the concept of acceptable women's work.

Ready, Set, GROW! Magic Show – Wednesday, July 8th at 4:30pm

Mike Bent visits the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library with a fun filled magic show for everyone to enjoy! Using hilarious comedy, amazing magic tricks, music, sound effects, and riveting storytelling this show will help even the most reluctant readers cultivate fun associations with books, and inspire kids to read all summer long.

Cookbook Club –

Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00pm

Join our cookbook club this month as we cook recipes from the same book. We always have a great time eating and discussing our experiences with the book. In July we are reading Stephen and Evie Colbert's book, *Does This Taste Funny?*

Abigail Epplert's "Stars, Stripes, and Strings" – Thursday, July 9th at 6:30pm

Celebrate beloved American classics with an engaging sing-along. This one-hour program features patriotic favorites such as "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," and "Yankee Doodle," with solo violin accompaniment and brief stories about the music's history. This program is ideal for audiences of all ages seeking a lively and interactive musical experience.

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 and Generations in Webster

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.**Saturday Sessions for July and August will be held offsite at Generations in Webster.**

Yoga – Tuesdays at 6:30pm

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.

The Final Frontier Sci-Fi Book Group – Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00pm

Want to explore outer-space from the comfort of your own home? Want to discuss speculative futures? Join Assistant Director Evan Hale for a Sci-Fi Book group where we will look at classic and modern sci-fi titles.

Programming for All Ages

Library for All – Mondays and Fridays in June 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! The 1st week of the month is coloring, the 2nd week is LEGO, the 3rd week is chair yoga, and the 4th week of the month is painting.

Children's and Young

Adult Programming

Sensory Bin Explorations – Mondays at 10:30am

Bring your little ones outside for sensory bin exploration! Each Monday morning will feature a new theme, offering hands-on fun for children ages 2-6.

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! July's Theme: Button Art! Kids will have an array of buttons to choose as they make their wildest creations. From button fish to button trees anything the ideas are endless. All creations left behind will be displayed in the Children's program room for the rest of the month.

Tiny Groovers – Tuesdays at 10:30am

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

Mighty Builders – Tuesdays at 4:00pm

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

Messy Art Storytime – Thursdays at 10:30am

Join Miss Paige for storytime and messy, hands-on fun! Each week, children ages 2-6 will enjoy a new art project that lets their creativity shine. Dress for a mess and get ready to create! No registration

required.

Apple Country Music Together – Fridays, July 10th-August 14th at 10:30am

A music and movement program available to children from birth to age 6 and their families based upon on-going scientific research, and designed to help nurture children's musical, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. Classes include singing and dancing. The program brings families together by providing a rich musical environment in the classroom and by promoting and facilitating adult participation.

BenAnna Band – Wednesday, July 1st at 10:00am

Come join the BenAnna Band at Gladys E. Kelly Public Library for a family friendly music concert!

Kids will go bananas for this high energy musical duo that will have kids and adults singing, dancing, and playing along on live instruments! Bring your dancing shoes and big smiles to make this musical performance to remember. BenAnna Band is a children's band that focuses on inclusion and music for all ages, abilities and identities. Both members, Ben and Anna, work in the fields of Early Childhood Education and Music Therapy, so their music as the BenAnna Band reflects their experience and passion for learning, fun, and growth, adding a hearty dash of good old-fashioned silliness while being auditory and sensory aware of their audience's needs!

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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Senior Center hours are Monday- Friday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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, 7/7: Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas. Wednesday, 7/8: Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli. Thursday, 7/9: Beef with onions and peppers, herbed potatoes, honey glazed carrots. Friday, 7/10: Soup du jour, turkey salad sandwiches, bean salad.

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

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.

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

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 6th, 20th, and 27th 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! July movies will be "Paris Where It Sizzles" on 7/8, "Sweet Bird Of Youth" on 7/15, "Between friends" on 7/22, and "The Mirror Cracked" on 7/29.

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

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

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

We now have an official Bridge group! We will be meeting every Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the upstairs activity room. All that are interested are welcome to join!

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

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



Courtesy

Izabella Coughlin of Dudley received a presidential scholarship to attend Nichols College in Dudley and graduated with a degree in Communications. She graduated being awarded their highest distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She will be continuing her education at Nichols to earn her MBA in the Fall. Her brother, Carter Coughlin, received a presidential scholarship to attend Western New England University, College of Engineering in Springfield, and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded their highest distinction, Summa Cum Laude as well.



Oxford artist's work on display at Booklovers' Gourmet

WEBSTER — Booklovers' Gourmet, located at 72 East Main St. in Webster, is hosting a local art show & sale featuring the paintings of W.J. Yacino of Oxford.

"Through the Eyes of an Artist" will be on view July 1st-31st in the cafe gallery and may be viewed during regular business hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Wednesday 10am-6pm.

The public is invited to a meet and greet with the artist on Saturday, July 25, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call 508-949-6232 or visit bookloversgourmet.com/events

Wayne Joseph Yacino is a native of Oxford who is of Metis (French – Abenaki), Italian and Polish descent. He began painting at the age of five years. As a self-taught artist, and with over 60 years of experience, he has had the opportunity to live in Europe for two years during his military tour with NATO. He has displayed sev-

eral of his pieces in Vicenza, Italy. He has also displayed his woodwork and paintings throughout the United States.

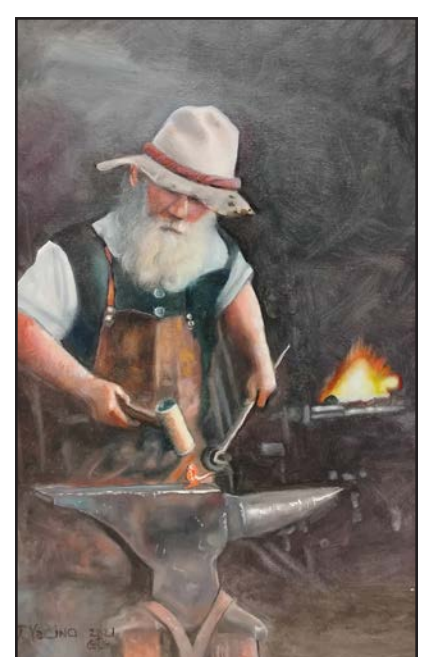
The artist has done extensive research into Native American imagery and has taught the Ancient American Skills the first weekend in October, at the Annual Water's Farm Days event in Sutton, Massachusetts, from 1996-2022.

The artist's goal is "To share with the viewer my emotions and Spiritual experiences through my art; to rise above the mundane, and to bring honor and Glory to my God."

Whatever his subject, he finds great joy and blessing in the way the eye moves through a painting and follows the interaction of all the colors.

Vision looks to tomorrow and sees the reality that should exist today. Vision is the ability to dream – to dream better things in a better world.

Vision brings power to a life that might otherwise be meaningless.



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To register for events or sign up for the newsletter, go to www.crawfordlibrary.org or call 508-949-8021.

The Library will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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

Mahjong at the Pearle
Every Wednesday
10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room
The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy. Everyone is welcome; registration is not required.

Quilting Group
Every Wednesday
1:30- 3:30
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

Knit & Crochet Group
Every Thursday 5:30-7:45 and Friday 10:00-12:00.
All stitchers are welcome to this informal group. Bring your project and enjoy the company!

Step by Step Flowers & Book Painting
Thursday, July 2nd
6:00-7:30
Artist Julie Harrold from Julieart will walk you through a step-by-step process on how to paint a “Flowers & Books” masterpiece! All materials will be provided.

Once Upon A Crime Book Club-The Peepshow by Kate Summerscale
Friday, July 10th
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.

Gentle Yoga
Every Monday
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.

Yoga with Buffy
Every Friday- NO SESSION Friday, July 3rd
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.

Pearle’s Picking Parlor Jam, a “mostly” Bluegrass Focused Jam Session
Saturday, July 11th
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!

Pearle’s Genealogy Group
Monday, July 13th
4:00-5:30
Let’s regrow our genealogy group! Facilitated by Patricia M. St. Marie, Professional Genealogist

Learn To Paint Watercolors with Kalia
Monday, July 13th
6:00-7:45
Learn to paint with watercolors with local artist Kalia Pfeiffer.
Ages 17+
All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Canadian Genealogy
Thursday July 16th
6:00-7:00
On December 15, 2025, the landscape of Canadian nationality law changed forever. The implementation of Bill C-3 struck down the unconstitutional “first-generation limit,” retroactively restoring citizenship rights to subsequent generations born abroad.

For family historians and genealogists, this creates an unprecedented demand for verified, line-of-descent vital statistics.

We invite you to join professional genealogist Patricia St. Marie of Professional Genealogy Research Services of New England for an upcoming 1-hour presentation: From Ancestors to Citizenship: Navigating Canada’s New Bill C-3 & Tracing Your Canadian Lineage.

SARJ-Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam
Saturday, July 18th
10:00-2:00
An acoustic only music jam. Open to all 18+. From September through May the group meets at Charlton Public Library, and from June through August at the Dudley Library. Email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com for more information.

Introduction to Zentangle
Monday, July 20th
6:00-7:30
Zentangle is a simple, relaxing art method that uses easy-to-learn patterns to create beautiful designs. No artistic experience is needed—just one line at a time. The process encourages mindfulness, reduces stress, and allows creativity to flow naturally, with no mis-

takes and no pressure.

Participants will get to take home the materials that you use.

Registration is required. Ages 17+

Tuesday Crafternoon- Pressed Flower Art Bookmark
Thursday, July 21st
1:00
Make a fun pressed flower bookmark. Registration is required.
Ages 17+ Only

CrafterNIGHT- Pressed Flower Art Bookmark
Thursday, July 23rd
6:00-7:00
Pressed flower art with Jubilee.
Registration is required.
Ages 17+ Only

Crawford Library Book Group
Thursday, July 23rd
The Briar Club by Kate Quinn
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-More is More: Get Loose in the Kitchen by Molly Baz
Monday, July 27th
6:00-7:00
“Cook The Book” Book Club will meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00
You will pick one recipe from the book selected for the month—the dishes don’t have to be complicated or fancy, any recipe from the book is fair game, except alcoholic beverages-sorry! Prepare the recipe at home and share it at the library. We cannot reheat or keep food warm, so consider this when choosing your recipe.
You are responsible for bringing serving utensils. We will provide paper goods and utensils for eating.
Children’s & Family Programming

Once Upon a Storytime with Kelcy
Every Monday
10:00-10:45
For ages 3-5 and their caregiver (siblings always welcome!). Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, scarves, shaker eggs, moving our bodies to music, activities, bubbles, a craft, and free play!
Peaceful Projects with Raleigh
Every Wednesday
2:00-3:00
Join Raleigh for a drop-in craft. There will be something a little different every week! Painting, slime-making, doodling, watercolor, and more! Best for ages 5-12.
Registration requested! Best for ages 5-12. This is not a drop off event.

Science Heroes-Digging It!
Monday, July 6th
1:00-2:00
Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that’s all around us! If you didn’t already love science, you’ll really ‘dig it’ after experiencing Science Heroes! Learn about pressure and energy with the Toilet Tornado! Or how about the effects of angles and trajectory with the Hydro-Cannon?
Like all Science Heroes programs, “Digging It!” features tons of audience interaction and opportunities for your children to volunteer.
This is a ticketed program: tickets will be handed out starting at 12:00 pm at the Adult Circulation desk; once all of the tickets are handed out, the event will be considered full.

Officer Pacheco & Maverick on “Pawtrol”
Thursday, July 9th
4:00-4:45
Join Dudley Officer Luis Pacheco and K-9 Maverick for a fun and interactive kids’ event! Meet a real police K-9 team, learn about their important duties, and enjoy the chance to ask questions. A great opportunity for kids to engage, learn, and have fun!
Registration not required.

Pokemon Trading Card Club
Thursday, July 16th
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.

Family Yoga
Friday, July 17th
11:00-11:45
Stretch and grow this summer! Join certified Yoga instructor, Buffy, for a 45-minute yoga class for families! Caregivers and their children between the ages of 3+ are welcome to register. Please bring your own mats. Registration is required as space is limited.
Interactive Bubble Show
Wednesday, July 22nd
11:00-12:00
Bubbles make everything more fun!! Let’s have a popping good time! Bubble show and interactive bubble session too! Bubbles for all ages! Bubbles for everyone! Outside weather permitting.

Teen Programming

Off the Hook Crochet Club
Thursday, July 2nd
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)!

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Spring Dean’s List

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2026 semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI students are named to the Dean’s List based on the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on real-world, open-ended problems on campus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and lasting impacts in our partner communities,” said Provost Andrew Sears. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

The following students were recognized:

Auburn resident Jaden Fall, class of 2029, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Auburn resident Justin Bernier, class of 2029, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Auburn resident Nicholas Palumbo, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering
Auburn resident Omar Abu-Lail, class of 2028, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Auburn resident Tien Nguyen, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science
Auburn resident Zachary Cote, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering
Oxford resident Adrianna Roszkowski, class of 2028, majoring in Civil Engineering
Dudley resident Benjamin Perry, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology
Dudley resident Domadious Tawadrous, class of 2029, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Oxford resident Dylan Dipietro, class of 2029, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Webster resident Gabriel Colebourn, class of 2027, majoring in Chemical Engineering
Webster resident Kayah Jadczyk, class of 2029, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dudley resident Luke Poirier, class of 2028, majoring in Civil Engineering
North Oxford resident Matthew Arndt, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Dudley resident Rami Rachid, class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering
Webster resident Samantha Loy, class of 2028, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology
Dudley resident Sofia McCarty, class of 2028, majoring in Computer Science

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a top-tier, STEM-focused university with an R1 research classification and global leadership in project-based learning. Founded in 1865, WPI’s distinctive approach integrates classroom theory with real-world practice, preparing students to tackle critical challenges through inclusive education, impactful projects, and interdisciplinary research. With more than 70 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments and over 50 global project centers, WPI advances knowledge and innovation in fields such as life sciences, smart technologies, advanced materials and manufacturing, and global innovation. Learn more at www.wpi.edu.

BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade 12

High Honor: Niel Duszlak, Annalisa Krasnecky, Georgia LaPierre, Eryk Piwowarczyk, Aiden Turner, Luigi Villegas
Honor: Izayah Barjolo, Ivy Bucasas, Nathan Cole, Chloe Drisco, Vanessa Dwomoah, David Fernandes, Ruth Jallah, Naomie Orelie, Travis Russell, Joshua Torres, Luis Villa Jeres

Grade 11

High Honor: Caden Case, Oluwatose Edebiri, Megan Milligan, Morgan Minor
Honor: Zainab Abshir, Jayden Azu, Xavieer Butler, Nathan Casper, MaKayla Chauvin, Brayden Greene, Cheyanne Grundel, Omar Medina Perez, Teagan Napolitano, Dhyey Patel, Michael Stawiecki, Tyler Whiting

Grade 10

High Honor: Willow Dennis, Jordan Miller, Kaylee Podles, Angela Sarfo, Don Ta
Honor: Jordyn Casper, Jasmine Coleman, Matthew Czernicki, Natalia DosSantos, Xenia Gauthier, Daphcar Joseph, Daniela Kotey, Elijah McKenna, Olivia Shelburne, Julia Urato

Grade 9

High Honor: Emma Farrar, Jordyn Marin Caceres, Amira Seddiki
Honor: Elian Zion Azu, Raiza Colon Ramirez, Janisa Dabhi, Heloise De Rezende Oliveira, Norma Elmaola, Sophia Felix, Yaran Gonon, Mason Grzyb, Matthew Lamontagne, Mya Leatham, Kaitlyn Mckinstry, Makayla Place, Jazhel Jaireh Portante, Jordan Reeves, Adreanna Rose, Karisa Safford, Devontay Vega

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Courtesy

On June 24, Saint Louis Church sponsored a trip to Six Flags in order to thank the youth altar servers and members of the Youth Ministry for their service to the church community. It was a beautiful day filled with fun, laughter, friendship, and great memories.



Courtesy

The 2026 Dudley Grange Strawberry Festival Frog Jumping Contest winners: Abby P., fourth place; Gabriel K., 2nd place; Anna M. 3rd place; Hudson H. 1st place. Cam, Jack, Maggie, Ray and Julia.



Courtesy

The 'Friends of Saint Louis Church' recently awarded their annual \$1,000 scholarship to Tyler Heath of Webster. Applicants had to submit an essay answering the question, "What does St Joseph teach me about quiet strength in a noisy world?" Heath will be going on to pursue studies in management and accounting at Worcester State College.

Friday's Child



Richard
Age 14
Registration #8694

Richard is an engaging, energetic, and friendly boy with a great sense of humor. He enjoys playing video games, watching movies, and participating in sports. Richard has built many positive relationships with both peers and adults at school and is known for being kind, respectful, and easy to connect with. Those who know Richard describe him as compassionate, intuitive, and exceptionally polite. He cares deeply about others and strongly believes in standing up for people when needed, while also advocating for himself. Richard's caring nature, strong values, and outgoing personality make him a joy to be around.

He would benefit from a supportive and encouraging family that can continue to help him grow and thrive.

<https://www.mareinc.org/child/21181269059>

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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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Local students earn Dean's List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the spring 2026 Dean's List.

Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

The following local students have achieved Dean's List honors for the spring 2026 semester:

Daniel Handfield of Auburn
Tyler Kohler of Auburn
Ryan Johnson of Auburn
Kyle Banfill of Auburn
Anthony Casillo of Auburn
Abigail Boggio of Dudley
Alexander Card of Dudley
Chase Marengo of Dudley
Marc Dinary of Dudley
Tomasz Pater of Dudley
Daniel Vitkus of Dudley
Joseph Salonis of Dudley
Pancham Patel of Dudley
Brea Brunelle-Jacoby of Oxford
Marta Hellstrom of Oxford

Anna L'Esperance of Oxford
Madeleine Jean of Oxford
Paige Almon of Webster
Aiden Wolfram of Webster
Felicia Benoit of Webster
Ethan Minarik of Webster
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Alymarie Rodriguez of Webster
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OBITUARY

Susan R. LaBonte, 79



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE, CT – Susan R. (Arpin) LaBonte, 79, died Tuesday, June 23, 2026 in UMass/Memorial University Campus in the presence of family.

Susan leaves her beloved husband of 57 years, David B. LaBonte; a son, Jason P. LaBonte and his wife Christine of Thompson, CT; eight grandchildren, Brian, Mikayla, Brandon, Mikenzie, Carlos, Derick, Brendalis and Heaven; four great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Veda, Ryleigh and Bentley Brian; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Brian F. LaBonte in 2022.

She was born in Worcester on March 29, 1947 and grew up in Webster, a daughter of Oliver and Irene M. (LePain) Arpin. David met her at work and they dated

for five years before marrying in 1968. They lived on Schoolhouse Pond Road in Thompson for 53 years before moving to North Grosvenordale in 2023.

Susan first worked as a shoe polisher at Sandlerette Company in Webster and then as a solderer at the American Optical Company in Southbridge. She and her husband owned and operated LaBonte's Country Store on Thompson Road in Thompson, CT for 28 years. She retired as a cashier at Rite Aid in Dudley in 2018.

Susan's main activities in life were her husband and family, especially the grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.com.

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Local students earn President's List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the spring 2026 President's List.

President's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

The following local students have achieved President's List honors:

Tommy Burny of Auburn
Alex Mercadante of Auburn
Alex Leblanc of Auburn
Trystan St. Pierre of Auburn
Lorenzo Santos-Diaz of Auburn
Tyler Poshuk of Auburn
Anthony Pellegrine of Dudley
Daniel Adamuska of Dudley
Nico Borgia of Dudley
Izabella Coughlin of Dudley
Jackson Checkosky of Dudley
Zachary Hebert of Dudley
Owen Marengo of Dudley
Samantha Buchanan of Dudley
Cy Ducharme of Dudley
Ava Murray of Dudley

Myla Leite of Dudley
Anthony Jancewicz of North Oxford
Anthony Burke of Oxford
Ryan Bray of Oxford
Samantha Tremblay of Webster
Leah Monti of Webster
Nevaeh Rodriguez of Webster
Lexani Lewis of Webster

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ering service, leadership, and commitment to

improving the lives of others.

“Deborah Johnson exemplifies the compassion, dedication, and community spirit

that define a

Commonwealth Heroine,” the award nomination states. “Her efforts have strengthened the Town of Dudley in countless ways, and this recognition is a fitting tribute to her years of selfless service.”

DUDLEY

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- First Congregational Church of Dudley
- St. Andrew Bobola Church
- St. Anthony of Padua Church
- Nichols College Academy Hall

Dudley Grange #163 (home of the Annual Strawberry Festival) will be

serving light refreshments.

The First Congregational technical committee will record the program and live stream it to the church's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@firstcongregationalchurch582.

Following the bell-ringing ceremony, the historic Black Tavern, 138 Center Road, will be open for tours.

“I wish to thank everyone who has been and will

be a part of this celebration,” said Proulx. “In these modern times of political division, it is important to remember and celebrate how we came to be one nation.”

Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend this unique community celebration honoring the ideals, history, and enduring legacy of American independence.

Area residents named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Clark University announces students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Hailey N. Alexander, of Auburn was named to second honors
Isadora R. Johnson, of Auburn was named to second honors
Morgan T. Ryan, of Auburn was named to second honors
Sydney M. Lyons, of Auburn was named to first honors
Sadie-Mae Nobert, of Dudley was named to first honors
Ali V. Lotter, of Dudley was named to second honors
Rowyn E. Magee, of Dudley was named to first honors
Lillian M. Nelson, of Dudley was named to second honors
Sofia Poplawski, of Dudley was named to second honors
Nicole Ucher, of North Oxford was named to first honors
Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 44 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

Isabella Sund of Auburn graduates from University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Isabella Sund of Auburn has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architectural Design and Technology from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture.

1,093 UHart students were awarded graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the Class of 2026.

Please join us in congratulating all our students on their hard work and academic success!

The University of Hartford blends raw passion with emerging talent, offering intentional preparation across six career-focused schools and colleges so every student can thrive. Located on a 350-acre campus neighboring Connecticut's capital city-and positioned midway between New York City and Boston-the University is home to approximately 4,300 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from 42 states and 53 countries. Here, students are guided to discover their place, their people, and their purpose.

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Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its Career Technical Initiative (CTI) program last evening, marking a significant milestone in the program's continued growth and impact.

The CTI program, launched in 2024, provides adult learners with access to high-quality, hands-on technical training designed to meet regional workforce demands. Last night's graduates represent a diverse

group of individuals who demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to building new career pathways. Many balanced work, family, and personal responsibilities while completing rigorous 200-hour training programs that prepare them for immediate employment in high-demand industries.

"This graduating class represents the heart of what the CTI program is all about—opportunity, access, and workforce readiness," said Marci Komssi, Program Coordinator. "We

are incredibly proud of these 59 graduates and the determination they demonstrated throughout the program."

The success of the CTI program is made possible through continued state investment and workforce development partnerships. As part of the Commonwealth's commitment to economic recovery and growth, \$24.2 million was awarded to 23 organizations throughout Massachusetts to train 2,490 individuals. These strategic investments, led by the

Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet, are designed to expand access to career pathway programs and better position residents to fill critical workforce needs across the state.

Building on this momentum, Bay Path is expanding its program offerings to reach even more adult learners. For the first time, the school will offer a 200-hour Building Maintenance program in a five-week hybrid summer format, running from June 29 through July 31. This program is offered in partnership with

MassHire, with applications opening this week.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026, Bay Path will offer nine CTI programs, further increasing access to career training opportunities. These programs include:

- Building Maintenance
- HVAC
- Culinary
- Manufacturing
- Auto Collision
- Auto Technology
- Diesel Mechanic
- Welding
- Electrical

Since its inception, the CTI program has continued

to expand in both enrollment and program diversity, attracting students from local communities as well as across the region. The program remains a critical component of Bay Path's efforts to support workforce development and provide meaningful career pathways for adult learners.

For more information about the CTI program or to apply for upcoming opportunities, please contact Marci Komssi at mkomssi@baypath.net.

Cornerstone Bank names Leah Cox Senior VP, Chief Credit Officer



Leah Cox

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank has appointed Leah Cox as senior vice president and chief credit officer, adding a seasoned banking executive to its leadership team as the bank continues to support commercial growth and maintain strong risk management practices across its market.

In her new role, Cox will oversee the Bank's com-

mercial credit function, including portfolio risk monitoring, credit policy, regulatory compliance and the development of credit staff. She will play a key role in helping ensure the Bank's lending decisions align with its long-term strategic goals.

"Strong credit leadership is essential to supporting our customers while maintaining the safety and soundness of the bank," said Daniel Zona, president of Cornerstone Bank. "Leah offers extensive expertise, sound judgment and a collaborative leadership style that will help us continue serving our business cus-

tomers and communities for years to come."

Cox brings 24 years of experience in commercial credit, risk management and loan administration. She is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and holds professional certifications from the Risk Management Association and the American Bankers Association.

Cox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and sociology from Boston College. She resides in Swanzey, New Hampshire and volunteers with her local Humane Society.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone, which is a subsidiary of PeoplesBankCorp, MHC, operating independently under its own name and brand, provides the highest level of service and

expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations. With the addition of Athol Savings Bank, a Division of Cornerstone Bank, in 2026, Cornerstone offers customers access to 17 branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts, the most in Worcester County. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstone-bank.com or call 800-939-9103.

BHS Class of 1986 seeks community's help locating classmates for 40th reunion

REGION — As the Bartlett High School Class of 1986 prepares to celebrate its 40th reunion on Sept. 26, organizers are asking the community for assistance in locating classmates who have not yet been reached through social media or via text.

To make the process simple, the reunion committee has created a short contact-information form and is encouraging residents, friends, and former classmates to help spread the word. If you know someone on the "missing classmates" list, organizers ask that you text them the link to the form so they can update their information.

Contact Info Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BHS1986-40Years>

If it's easier, you may also complete the form on a classmate's behalf—so long as you have their current contact details. Organizers emphasize that any help tracking them down is truly appreciated, as personal connections often succeed where digital outreach falls short.

A list of classmates the committee is hoping to locate appears below. With the community's support, they hope every member of the Class of '86 will have the opportunity to join this milestone celebration.

- Peter Allain
- Beth Antonopoulos
- Marie Aperges
- Andrew Baca
- Austin Bailey
- David Beardsley
- Frank Belanger
- Carolyn Belbenek
- Richard Bernier
- Sheila Bialoncik
- Beth Bialy
- Jason Borski
- Doreen Bourget
- Eric Brisbois
- Kathleen Brown

- Paul Browning
- Paul Bugan
- Cindy Bullens
- Sandra Butt
- Mont Canterbury
- Stephen Carlson
- Daniel Chapdelaine
- Kelly Cobb
- Ken Courmoyer
- Timothy Decker
- Tammy Deschenes
- Aaron Dorcas
- Daniel Doyle
- Dorothy DusoSelina Fife
- James Gardner
- Jeffrey Gatto
- Tina Giakoumis
- Alicia Goudreau
- Richard Guerin
- Robert Hamm
- Scott Horanzy
- Jane Houle
- Todd Hufault
- Joseph Hughes
- Melissa Jankowski
- Thor Johnson
- Nena Johnston
- Lisa Kozlowski
- Robert Krasnecky
- Jill Krause
- Michael Kryger
- Rick Lawson
- Deborah Leite
- Linda Lifer
- Patricia Majewski
- Renee Marchand
- Jennifer Marsh
- Jennifer Mason
- John Meagher
- Fumiyo Mochizuki
- Deborah Munsch
- Brett Napierata
- Wayne Parmentier
- Brian Poplawski
- Gary Poplawski
- Edward Powers
- William Radcliffe
- James Remy
- Debra Ross
- Collin Salmon
- Dale Schleis
- Theresa Sergel
- Henry Skiba
- Alan Standowicz
- Jeffrey Surozenski
- Karen Toukonen
- Joseph Veronick
- Douglas Waldron
- Robert Wheeler
- Edward Zdrok

Central Mass. farmers' market season starts now!

REGION — May marks the semi-official beginning to farmers market season, with many of the seasonal farmers' markets in our region starting their regular schedules, with more starting in June. Central Mass Grown is proud to support more than two dozen farmers markets across the Worcester County area.

Just in the city of Worcester, residents can choose from no less than six different markets, including the markets run by the Regional Environmental Council, both the Beaver Brook Market (306 Chandler St.) Friday mornings starting June 12 and the University Park Market (965 Main St.) Saturday mornings starting June 13, plus the Out To Lunch Market on the Worcester Common Oval behind City Hall every Wednesday from June 24 to Aug. 26. On Sundays, there's both the Market on Exchange Street starting May 17th and the Brussels Street Market starting June 7. And on Thursdays, check out the Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness at 78 Burncoat St. for their new farmers market starting May 14th. Some of

these markets feel like festivals, while others are farmers markets in the truest sense, focused on offering fresh food and agricultural products directly from local farms.

Throughout the region, there's a market nearly every day of the week: for example, the

Sturbridge Farmers Market on Sunday, Holden on Tuesday, Grafton on Wednesday,

Westborough on Thursday, and Westminster on Friday. And so many, many more markets featuring a wide variety of items you won't find anywhere in supermarkets, including purple cauliflower, celeriac, husk cherries, goat cheese, duck eggs, or alpaca wool socks!

Every farmers' market is important to the farmers and other vendors that are there.

According to Central Mass Grown Executive Director David Reed, "Farmers markets are a vital source of revenue for farmers, because every dollar goes right back to them. And they are an important way for consumers to see where their food, flowers,

wool, and soap all come from. If you usually shop in a big box store or online, you've never had a real chance to know anything about what you are buying."

Most farmers markets in our region have one or more farms that participate in the Healthy Incentives Programs, a benefit connected to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP recipients can use their EBT card to purchase fresh produce from participating farms and receive an immediate refund to their card, up to a monthly limit that is based on household size. The end result? Free farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, and the reward of knowing you supported your local farm!

So this summer season, visit a farmers' market and take a second to say hi to your local

farmers. The farmers want to meet you. They want to say hi. Because farming is hard work, and they do it because they love it and they want you to love it, too.

Find out more about local farmers markets at centralmassgrown.org.

Webster Five expands Board of Directors



Tracy LeMire

AUBURN — Webster Five has appointed Tracy LeMire to its Board of Directors. A seasoned CPA and entrepreneur, LeMire brings extensive expertise in financial accounting, auditing and small business leadership to the role.

LeMire joins Webster Five's Board as an established accounting professional and the owner of Evolve CPA Consulting, LLC, which she founded in 2021 in response to the complex accounting and finan-

cial challenges faced by the cannabis industry. She currently serves as a consulting CFO for cannabis companies across Massachusetts and the Northeast.

"Tracy has built her career helping businesses navigate complex financial terrain, and that kind of experience is exactly what we want informing our vision," said Brian Westerlind, President of Webster Five. "Tracy's values and leadership experience are reflective of Webster Five's, and we look forward to the meaningful impact she will have on the Bank."

Before founding her firm, LeMire spent 11 years at AAFCPAs, where she led financial statement audits for privately held companies across a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, technology, healthcare, nonprofit and

professional services.

"Webster Five has deep roots in the communities it serves, and that's something I admire," said LeMire. "I look forward to contributing my experience and perspective as the Bank continues to grow and innovate."

LeMire holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University. A member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Massachusetts Society of CPAs, she serves on the Cannabis Committee and Consulting CFO Roundtable. In 2018, she was honored with MassCPAs Women to Watch Emerging Leader Award.

"Tracy is a wonderful addition to our

Board," said Steve Charniak, Chairman of the Board, Webster Five. "Her expertise will enhance the value we provide to Worcester County residents, businesses and nonprofits."

Outside of work, LeMire volunteers as a coach for Girls on the Run Worcester County, while residing in Sutton with her husband and two daughters.

About Webster Five
Webster Five is a full-service financial institution delivering personal, small business and commercial banking solutions backed by deep expertise in banking and local markets. With a relationship-driven approach and forward-looking products, the Bank helps clients navigate financial decisions with confidence and efficiency.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry
St. Mary's Church
4 Howard Street, Brookfield, MA 01506
Distribution: Wednesday 9:30 AM-11 AM:
Saturday 9:30 AM-11AM

CHARLTON

Chip - In Food Pantry
McKinstry Building
37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507
Distribution: 3rd Saturday 9 AM-12 Noon

St. Joseph's Church, Charlton
Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9-11 a.m.
Everyone is welcome.

LEICESTER

Leicester Food Pantry
St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish
759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524
Distribution: Tuesday 5 PM-7 PM

NORTH BROOKFIELD

St. Joseph's Food Pantry
Located in the church hall at 296 North
Main St. North Brookfield
Distribution is the 1st Thursday of the
month from 5:00-6:30PM
the 3rd Thursday of the month from 12
Noon-1:15PM
Any questions should be directed to the
Rectory office 508 867-6469.
St. Joseph's Food Pantry is a community
partner affiliated with the Worcester County
Food Bank.

First Congregational Church
North Brookfield.
Open every Thursday 10 - 12
located in the church office building at
144 North Main Street.

OXFORD

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf
Oxford Community Center
4 Maple Road
Oxford, MA 01540
Distribution: Thursday 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

ROCHDALE

The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry
Greenville Baptist Church
674 Pleasant St.
Rochdale, MA
Distribution: Every Monday from 12:00 -
2:00 p.m. Open to everyone.

SOUTHBRIDGE

St. John Paul II Parish Food Pantry
279 Hamilton St., Southbridge
Tuesday 3-5 p.m., Wednesday 9-11 a.m.
(508) 765-0245

Southbridge Food Share
Located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,
lower level
446 Hamilton St,
Southbridge, MA 01550
Email:
Southbridgefoodshare.org@gmail.com
Phone: 508-764-6583
Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
from 10:00 am to 11:15 am.

SPENCER- EAST BROOKFIELD - RESIDENTS ONLY

Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry
60 Maple St, Spencer, MA 01562
Distribution: Thursday 10 AM-12 Noon

STURBRIDGE

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry,
Located in the St. Anne Church basement,
16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518
Stocked by donations
Contact: 508-347-6398

UXBRIDGE

Fellowship Church in Uxbridge.
All are Welcome!
Manna Food Pantry
Open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
6 to 8 pm (Doors open at 5:45)
Located on the lower level, right-hand side
of the building,
647 Douglas St., Uxbridge, MA

WEBSTER

Webster-Dudley Food Share
4 Church St #2
Webster, MA 0570
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday from
8:30 -11:00 am. Open to Webster and
Dudley residents.
Please call ahead: 508-943-9171

WEST BROOKFIELD

Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry
First Congregational Church
36 North Main Street,
W.Bookfield, MA 01585
Distribution: Wednesday 10 AM-11:30 AM
Thursday 7 PM- 8 PM



Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year, including Natalie Burdett of Dudley.

To be eligible for this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester, a total of 721 students from 25 states and five countries were recognized.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

Dean College announces Spring Dean's List

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College. Students achieve a place on the Dean's List when they have earned a semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.500 or higher with no grade below a "C" and no "RW," "RP," "RF" or "WF" grades for that semester. Part-time students are eligible after earning 12 credits. Full-time students must complete at least 75% of attempted credits to be eligible for Dean's List consideration.

Paige Evora of Webster
Paul Wright of Dudley

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

All Saints Academy announces honor roll

WEBSTER — All Saints Academy is proud to recognize the students who have earned Honor Roll status for the final marking period of the 2025-2026 school year. These students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement through their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

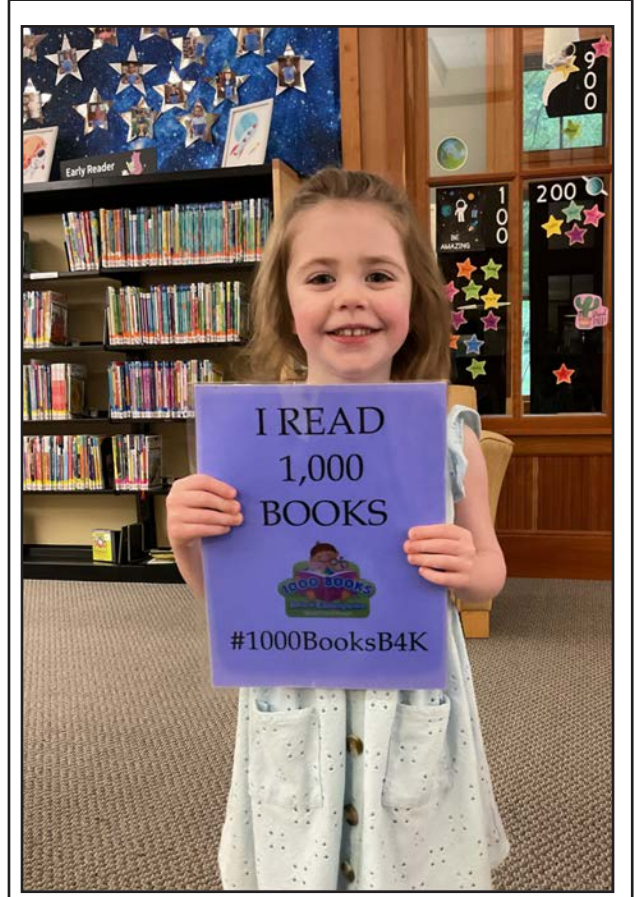
Head of School
Grade 8: Connor Shelburne
Grade 7: Cristian Cruz, Raegan Duquette, Lucy Messenger
High Honors
Grade 8: Alanna Yelu-Attigah
Grade 7: Lydia Burke, Jackson Dunkley, Fiona Radcliffe, Nathan Ruiz, Charlotte Wentworth, Keon Yelu-Attigah
Grade 6: Mia Beaudette, Felicity Sweetland
Grade 5: Sydney Duquette
First Honors
Grade 8: Kallie Fales, Samantha Gardner, Maggie Keegan, Benjamin Mukuha
Grade 6: Rozlyn Rekowski, Camden Trainor, Graceanne Troiano, Olive Wilson, Francesca Zicaro
Grade 5: Ayrianna Botelho, Nayvalee Ruiz, Isabella Wester
Recognition
Grade 8: Noah Beaudette, Dominic Kistner, Caleb Latino, Gianna Monticelli
Grade 7: Nola Boulmetis, Gavin Tetreault
Grade 6: Julia Hansen, Norah Healy, Leila Montilla, Lila Turner
Grade 5: Landon McGrail, Brayden Shelburne

New Bocce League open to community

SOUTHBRIDGE — Bay Path Continuing Education & the Southbridge Italian Club have teamed up to launch an exciting new bocce league on Tuesday nights throughout May and June.

Bocce is a game that all can enjoy—no special skills or talents are required! If you can roll a ball, you can play! These two community organizations are thrilled to bring this sport to a wider audience. Both Bay Path Continuing Education and the Southbridge Italian Club are dedicated to offering various events for people to engage, socialize, and have fun. This new league is a perfect fit. Here are the details:

Tuesdays: May 12 – June 30 (eight weeks)
Teams of four to eight players
\$240 per team



Courtesy

Maeve Gregoire of Dudley is the latest child to complete the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. Maeve has a special love for books featuring Bluey, with her favorite title being Copycat. Congratulations, Maeve, what an accomplishment! The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program encourages families to read together every day, helping children develop early literacy skills while strengthening the bond between parent and child. The mission of the 1000 Books Foundation is to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers, laying the foundation for a lifetime love of books and learning. The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is generously funded by the Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. Families with children from birth through age five are encouraged to stop by the library to register for this free early literacy program and begin their own reading adventure.

Dean College announces Spring Semester President's List

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have earned a place on the President's List for the Spring 2026 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Makaylah Gagnon-Deneault of Auburn
Kyrie Sullivan of Auburn
Natalie Zona of Auburn

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Niccola Zona of Auburn graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Niccola Zona, of Auburn, graduated with a Master of Architecture in May as part of the Class of 2026.

About RWU

Roger Williams University offers professional studies and liberal arts programs, with campuses in Bristol and Providence, Rhode Island. We provide real-world learning that empowers students to become the changemakers and leaders our world needs next.

One game per week at either 6 or 7 p.m.
Maximum of eight teams – don't wait!
Only team captains need to register for their team.
A brief informational captain meeting will be held before the season starts.
Gather your friends (18 and older), form a team, and come join us for a fantastic time on the court!
Games will be held at:
Italian American Club
20 North St., Southbridge

To register your team, call Bay Path Continuing Education at 508-248-5971, ext. 1715. Spots for teams are limited, so don't hesitate—call today!

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 Jo Ann Ross to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated March 18, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67310, Page 363, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Longbridge Financial, LLC, recorded on February 17, 2026, in Book No. 73204, at Page 49

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on July 31, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Warren Road, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in the westerly part of Auburn, in Worcester County, on the easterly side of Warren Road and southerly side of Greenwood Drive and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound set at the intersection of the easterly line of Warren Road with the southerly line of Greenwood Drive;

THENCE S. 80° 41' 27" E. one hundred (100) feet by said Greenwood Drive to a stake and nail at a corner of Lot #11 on a plan hereafter described;

THENCE S. 9° 18' 33" W. one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #11 to a drill hole in rock at a corner of Lot #7 on said plan;

THENCE N. 80° 41' 27" W. one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #7 to a stake and nail set in said easterly line of Warren Road;

THENCE N. 90° 18' 33" E. 100 feet by said Warren Road to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 10,000 square feet and being Lot #9 on a plan of Westwood, owned by Arthur W. Warren, dated May 1947, R. B. Cullinan, Registered Land Surveyor. The above described property is conveyed subject to the same restrictions as are set forth in a deed from Arthur W. Warren to Franklin A. Pierce, dated November 8, 1947, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3099, Page 135, providing in substance, among other things, for only a detached, single family dwelling not to exceed 2½ stories and private garage for not more than two cars, setback 45 feet from the center of line of Warren Road and 25 feet from the Street line of Sherman Avenue and 10 feet from the side lines, except garage or outbuildings, 50 feet from the street line.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58766, Page 328.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 29397 July 3, 2026 July 10, 2026 July 17, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

**Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01876
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO26P2019EA
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Estate Of:

**David Emil Berglund
Also Known As:
David E. Berglund**

Date of Death: February 25, 2026

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David MacGregor of Schenectady NY**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David MacGregor of Schenectady NY has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 3, 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. WO25P3533EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

Estate Of:

**Paul Michael McMahon
Also known as: Paul McMahon, Paul
M McMahon**

Date of Death: 09/22/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Michael J McMahon of Webster MA**

requesting that Robert E Stansky of Weston MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 **07/07/2026**. 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 within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: June 04, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

July 3, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO25P3533EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate of:

**Paul Michael McMahon
Also known as: Paul McMahon,
Paul M McMahon**

Date of Death: 09/22/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition for has been filed by **Michael J. McMahon of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that:

Michael J. McMahon of Webster MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 07/07/26.**

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.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can 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: June 04, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

April 17, 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.
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Estate Of:

**Bonnie Marie Wade
Date of Death: 8/3/25**

To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Denis Casaubon of Chicago IL

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 3, 2026

**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**

TO:

Wayne R. Miller and Carol M. Miller

ORDER OF NOTICE

Docket Number: 26 SM 001896

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

U.S Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for Pad Annex Series VI Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, 12 Dragon Road, given by Wayne R. Miller and Carol M. Miller to Beneficial Massachusetts Inc., dated April 23, 2004, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33459, Page 156, 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 07/27/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 6/11/2026

.Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

July 3, 2026

**A.C. 78A
Docket Number WO25P1184
THECOMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS
PROBATE COURT**

To all persons interested in the estate of Tod Porter of Douglas, in said county, person under conservatorship. A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell - private sale -certain real estate of said Tod Porter for maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney shall file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twen-

ty-eighth day of July 2026, the return date of this citation.

Witness Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of June 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

July 3, 2026

**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**

26 SM 002025

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Virginia D. Gogolinski

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 Webster, numbered 26 Perryville Road, given by Virginia D. Gogolinski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., dated September 28, 2011, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47914, Page 339, 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 August 10, 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 June 25, 2026. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

July 3, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO26P1903PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO
G. L.c. 1908, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Virginia Dupuis
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT**

(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Webster Manor HealthCare & Rehabi of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Virginia Dupuis is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Eva Fraher of Winthrop, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/14/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: June 15, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

July 3, 2026

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 8 Windy Ridge Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael A. Medeiros and Jacqueline L. Fraser to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust**, said mortgage dated March 13, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40837, Page 54, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July 12, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65949, Page 75; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated August 4, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47731, Page 309; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka Countrywide Home Loan Servicing LP to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated February 13, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52652, Page 184; said mortgage was assigned from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated March 25, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52655, Page 84; said mortgage was assigned from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Westvue NPL Trust II by assignment dated January 15, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57279, Page 213 as affected by a confirmatory assignment from Silver Hill Capital, LLC F/K/A Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II dated May 5, 2026 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 73559, Page 124; said mortgage was assigned from Westvue NPL Trust II to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II by assignment dated June 6, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57279, Page 216; said mortgage was assigned from U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II to TXCO Mortgage Holdings, LLC by assignment dated February 14, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 63293, Page 67; said mortgage was assigned from TXCO Mortgage Holdings, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for SC Park Lane II Trust 2019-1 by assignment dated November 2, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 64147, Page 271; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for SC Park Lane II Trust 2019-1 to Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by assignment dated July 20, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 65859, Page 71; said mortgage was assigned from Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated May 31, 2022 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 67787, Page 85; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on August 6, 2026 at 01:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Tract I:
A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 18 on Plan entitled Brian Acres in Webster, Mass., George Asselin & Sons, Inc., dated March 3, 1973, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 401, Plan 99. Lot 18 Contains 25,973 square feet according to said plan. Reference is also made to Plan Book 515, Plan 22. There is specifically excluded any fee in the proposed road as shown on said plan.

Tract II:

A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Parcel A on Plan entitled Plan of Land in Webster, Mass., being conveyed by Robert & Barbara Shead, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, dated December 31, 1983, and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 515, Plan 22. Parcel A contains 1,872 square feet according to said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed recorded in Book 28185, Page 031.

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 22, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28185, Page 31.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
July 3, 2026
July 10, 2026
July 17, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01876
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO26P1727EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate Of:
JANICE ELAINE MCJUNKINS
Date of Death: DECEMBER 31, 2025
To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **DONALD J COURNOYER JR of DUDLEY MA**
DONALD J COURNOYER JR of DUDLEY MA

has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
July 3, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO10P3015EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of:
Rebecca J Belliveau
Date of Death: 08/30/2010
To all interested persons:
A Petition for has been filed by **Jessica L Belliveau of Southbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that: **Jessica L Belliveau of Southbridge MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate

to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 07/21/2026.**

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.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can 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: June 24, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

July 3, 2026

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Under G.L. c.255 Sec.39A Notice is hereby given by School Street Towing, 17-31 School St., Webster, MA 01570 Pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A. that on 11 July 2026 at 9am at 17-31 School St by Private Sale. the following motor vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle:

Vehicle Description: Year 2018

Make:Dodge

Model:Ram1500

Registration#/State: Un Reg

VIN:3C6JR6DGOJG312327

Name and Address of vehicle owner:

KATELYNN MARRIE RICHARD

21 BRANDON RD

DUDLEY, MA 01571-3425

Dafted: 10 June 2026

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c. 2S5, Section 39A

June 26,2026

July 3, 2026

July 10, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

9 Birch Dr, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Cynthia M. Bourbeau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, an Arizona Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated June 22, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 41372, Page 162, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee to Aurora Loan Services LLC recorded October 22, 2009 in Book 44995 at Page 213, the mortgage was assigned to Aurora Loan Services LLC, by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its Attorney-in-Fact to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded October 21, 2013 in Book 51649 at Page 98, the mortgage was assigned from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-8, recorded April 11, 2025 in Book 71844 at page 149 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction on July 21, 2026 at 2:00PM local time upon the premises 9 Birch Dr, Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED IN WEBSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A RAILROAD SPIKE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF BIRCH DRIVE AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; SAID SPIKE BEING THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LAND OWNED BY IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG; THENCE N. 88 DEG. 16' 13" E.

ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF BIRCH DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 72.46 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE;

THENCE: S. 22 DEG. 07' 52" W. ALONG LAND OF JOHN JOHNSON AND DONNA A. JOHNSON FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.27 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: IN A GENERAL WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG LAND OF MARY DOW AND THE FORMER EDGE OF A SWAMP FOR A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET MORE OR LESS TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 52 DEG. 16' 46" E. ALONG LAND OF IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG FOR A DISTANCE OF 36.10 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: S. 54 DEG. 00' 45" E. ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PARCEL B FOR A DISTANCE OF 14.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 35 DEG. 59' 15" E. ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF PARCEL B FOR A DISTANCE OF 49.56 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;

THENCE: N. 52 DEG. 16' 46" E. ALONG LAND OF IRWIN YOUNG AND EUGENIA YOUNG FOR A DISTANCE OF 29.01 FEET TO THE RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE -DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 9,975 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS.

BEING A PORTION OF THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO LEO A. BOURBEAU AND CYNTHIA M. BOURBEAU BY FOUR DEEDS RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 7670, PAGES 259, 261, 263 AND 264.

SAID PREMISES ARE SHOWN AS PARCEL A ON PLAN OF ALBERT L. FITZBACK, R.L.S. DATED DECEMBER 16, 1982 AND RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 503, PLAN 80.

The premises are to be sold and conveyed "as is" subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, improvements, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer liens, municipal liens and assessments, and any other encumbrances of record which are in force and applicable having priority over said mortgage whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, encumbrances is made in the deed and will be subject to any rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order at the time and place of sale will be required to be Paid by the purchaser in the form of certified funds at the time and place of sale. The Deposit shall be forfeited to the mortgagee if the successful bidder does not comply strictly with the terms of the Memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified funds to Albertelli Law, 5404 Cypress Center Dr., Ste 300, Tampa, FL 33609. A deed will be provided to the purchaser for recording upon receipt of the full purchase price. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. By order of the present holder of said Mortgage which hereby gives notice of its intention to bid as said sale or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman Mortgage Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-8, Present Holder of said Mortgage
By Its Attorney,
Patrick D. Beaton, Esq.
Albertelli Law
400 Trade Center, Suite 5900
Woburn, MA 01801
Phone: 813-221-4743
25-002508
June 19, 2026
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Master Masons hold MYCHIP Community Outreach event

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
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SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, June 27, Master Masons from the Major General Salem Towne Lodge (MGSTL) set up pop up tents and tables for the Family Fun Day event at the Southbridge common. Children lined up waited to complete their MYCHIP identification kits. The Massachusetts Youth Child Identification

Program (MYCHIP) event was sponsored by MGSTL. Chairman Brother Joel Reich of MGSTL says families can learn about this free child safety program and receive valuable child identification material. The Masonic MYCHIP program is one of the most comprehensive services of its kind and is offered to the public free of charge. All identification materials created during the event were provided directly to each child's family.

At these MYCHIP events, Freemasons set up the equipment and work with other volunteer Masons from the 24th Masonic District, along with additional volunteers as needed, to create child identification kits. Each child moves through several stations, which together take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The process collects key identification information, including voice recordings, fingerprints, a short video, and photographs. MYCHIP gives

law enforcement valuable tools to help recover a missing child quickly and safely. Thanks to the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and its members, this service is offered free of charge. Massachusetts Freemasons remain committed to providing this program to families across the state on an ongoing basis. Once completed, the child's information is given to the parent or guardian on a USB wallet card for safekeeping.

All information is confidential and the Masonic my Chip retains nothing but the permission form when the kits are complete. All other data is permanently erased after the child's USB drive wallet card is prepared. Privacy is our number one

focus. If you would like more information or would like to request one of these Masonic my chip events in your area, go to www.mychip.org to read more information and to schedule an event near you. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to massfreemasonry.org to read to and to find a lodge nearest you.



Courtesy

Two-year-old Ella Tully of Worcester in front of the height measuring chart, with her mother, Meg, at the video and photo station. Volunteer Taralin Mithcell and Brother Clay Tull operated the equipment to record the information onto a wallet Identification card.

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The Vinuela family of Southbridge waits in line to complete paperwork for their children's MYCHIP wallet Identification cards.

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The Samuel Slater Experience will be closing at 2:30 p.m. to accommodate this special performance. Please purchase tickets online, at the box office, or by calling 508-461-2955. Buy both museum admission for Friday, June 3 and performance tickets for a discount. Email admin@samuel Slater Experience, 31 Ray St., Webster.

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