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‘Made with love’



Owner Hiba Saab at Homemade Mediterranean food truck on Wilbur Avenue in Somerset in July 2025. PHOTOS BY COLIN FURZE/ HERALD NEWS

Homemade Mediterranean food truck rolls into Somerset

Ashley Schuler The Herald News | USA TODAY NETWORK

SOMERSET — A new food truck has rolled into Somerset, serving up authentic Lebanese cuisine “made with love.” After making a name for themselves in Arizona, Homemade Mediterranean recently made the cross-country trek to its East Coast home on Wilbur Liquors’ Route 103 property, just across the street from Jillian’s, where it overlooks the water. The journey has been long and not easy for owner Hiba Saab, but she is excited to embark on this latest — and hopefully final — leg of it with her return to Massachusetts.

Food truck moves from Arizona to Somerset

A native of Lebanon, Saab immigrated to Franklin, where she lived for 23 years before deciding to pack up and get in on the sunshine, warm weather and food truck scene in Arizona. Saab, who has worked in restaurants and had a passion for cooking since she was 8, partnered with her mother — the first to show her the ropes in the kitchen — on her Tucson, Arizona, business. There, she first opened Homemade Mediterranean food truck, which she operated for four years before a family emergency prompted them to return to the Bay State. “It was a lot of money, and lot of struggle,” she said. Saab moved several times over the past year, staying with family before she eventually found a place in

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Owner Hiba Saab and her son Danny Fares at Homemade Mediterranean food truck on Wilbur Avenue in Somerset.



The chicken shawarma.

Labubu dolls take over these New Bedford, Fall River spots

Seth Chitwood The Standard-Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

NEW BEDFORD — Chanel Almeida has become a familiar face to Labubu collectors in the region, selling the colorful and quirky dolls from her table outside a gas station in New Bedford and at local fairs and festivals. “Labubu has been around for a while, since about 2016, but it really exploded in 2024,” Almeida said. She said a K-pop artist was seen with a Labubu on her backpack, and all of a sudden everyone wanted one. Labubu dolls, created by Pop Mart, can now be seen clipped onto bags and backpacks across the area.

What are Labubu dolls?

According to USAToday, the doll was designed by Hong Kong artist, Kasing Lung, around 10 years ago,

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Somerset train restaurant Railway Pie opens this week

Ashley Schuler The Herald News | USA TODAY NETWORK

SOMERSET — Somerset’s landmark train car will finally see some new life this week, and it’s high time — or should we say, pie time. After months of anticipation, Railway Pie is ready to get rolling this weekend, according to Paul Booras, owner and chef of the new craft pizza and bar car. Railway Pie will officially be welcoming people aboard the stunningly revamped train located at 938 Lees River Ave. for dine-in and takeout starting Thursday, July 31, at 4 p.m. “Looking forward to serving the community!” Booras said Wednesday, July 30, the eve of opening day, as he prepared to embark on an exciting new chapter for the town’s most unique dining destination. Due to this current stretch of extreme heat, Booras said they’ll be dinner-only to start, with lunch service to follow in the coming weeks. The initial hours of operation will be Wednesdays through Sundays, 4 to 8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

What to expect at Railway Pie

Since the spring, the Somerset train has undergone a top-to-bottom makeover both inside and out

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