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## Highway superintendent and town clerk resign

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OAKHAM – The Select Board at their Tuesday, Jan. 20 meeting accepted the letters of resignation from Patrick Mardirosian as Highway Superintendent on effective Friday, Jan. 16 and from Christine Mardirosian as Town Clerk effective Friday, Jan. 23.

The Select Board would be advertising these posi-

tions. In the meantime, highway department employee Harold Black will make decisions on plowing and other work. He must obtain approval from the Select Board of any highway department purchases over \$500. The department will also need to purchase sand and salt.

The Select Board authorized repairs for one of the highway department vehicles that had an engine skip. They said the department

could not afford to be down a truck in winter with all the snow events.

Administrative Assistant Maribel LaRange will handle the administrative work of paying bills, submitting payroll and handling highway department mail. The Select Board will also have the U.S. Post Office deliver the highway department mail to Town Hall on Coldbrook Road rather than the highway building on Barre Road.

### Part-time seasonal driver

The Select Board approved the hiring of Eric Helley as a part-time seasonal driver. He has his CDL and worked part-time for the town in the past.

### Health and dental insurance

The Select Board voted to provide health and dental insurance for Patrick Mardirosian through February. They will mail Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

insurance information to him with his last check.

### Town Clerk duties

Karen Harper, Assistant Town Clerk, will do the Town Clerk's work until a replacement is found.

### STM

The Select Board set the date for the Special Town Meeting for Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Center School. The STM will have an eminent domain article for Schoolhouse and Skyline Drives. They opened

the warrant on Wednesday, Jan. 21 and closed it a week later on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m.

### Regional School Agreement

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Colleen Mucha sent a letter stating she was willing to meet with the Select Board to discuss the proposed new regional school agreement. All five mem-

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## Select Board heard financial update

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board heard a financial update from interim Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald at their meeting last Thursday.

He said their finance team is still looking through fiscal years 2024 through 2026, in order to determine a budget forecast for the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Fitzgerald said he is working to determine a budget format for FY 27 based on historical spending data in the town, over about a five year stretch. He said that format would likely be a zero base format, as it can facilitate analysis of the finer details of spending data.

Select Board member Heather Munroe said a top priority remains releasing the financial impacts on residents because of the fire truck purchase in 2017.

The board also discussed the impact of the school district on their finances. Fitzgerald said looking at Department of Education Data over the last five years, and analyzing trends in school population is needed. Fitzgerald said regular updates on town finances are important.

### Town Administrator Search Committee

The board voted to amend the search committee from seven members to nine members. Previously, the requirements were two town employees, one planning board member, one member involved in finance, and three residents.

The amended charge upgrades the number of town employees to three and the number of residents to four.

The board appointed the following members to the search committee: Residents Lee Perron, Kari Sacramone, Bella Kaldera and Faye Zukowski, Financial Committee Chairman Seth Knipe, town employees Elizabeth Clemence, Ryan Couture and Travis Brown, and a planning board member to be announced.

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A young team of oxen prepared to get hitched to a sled.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

## Knox's Noble Train stopped in Sturbridge

By Paula Ouimette  
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STURBRIDGE – In the winter of 1775-1776, Henry Knox and his men transported 59 pieces of heavy artillery across a frozen landscape from Fort Ticonderoga in New York, to Dorchester Heights.

According to the Fort Ticonderoga website, this artillery weighed nearly 60 tons, and this Noble Train of Artillery, was known as "one of the most challenging operations of the American Revolution."

At just 25 years old and a bookseller by trade, Knox and his men have long been recognized for their efforts, which proved to be a turning point in the war.

This past weekend, Old Sturbridge Village



A historian portraying Henry Knox enlisted the help of young visitors in attendance at Old Sturbridge Village to secure a cannon to a sled. The museum held a weekend-long commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Knox's Noble Train of Artillery.

partnered with Fort Ticonderoga to commemorate the 250th anniversary of this historic journey, offering a variety of demonstrations and activities for all to experience.

Historical re-enac-

tor and longtime village blacksmith, Robert Lyon, spoke about his participation in a reenactment of the march in 1976, when he was just a couple of years older than Knox was on the original journey.

The 1976 reenactment lasted 18 days, traveling through the Berkshires into Cambridge.

Lyons spoke about the challenges they faced on the journey, and shared some of the highlights, including a stay at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

While camped at a pavilion near the pond, a local woman offered to wash the clothes of the re-enactors, who had been on the road for quite some time. In exchange for this generous offer, all she requested was to have a

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## Select Board discussed school boiler

By Ryan Drago  
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HARDWICK – The condition of the boiler at Hardwick Elementary School was discussed during visitor's comments at the Jan. 28 Select Board meeting.

As of now, the Capital Planning Committee is looking into options on how to handle this project. Some of the options include repairing the currently existing technology of the school's circa 1990s boiler or replacing it entirely with new, modern technology.

Considering the weather, the board members questioned if fixing the boiler would fall under an emergency plan. With any decision, the subject would require a special town meeting vote.

Select Board Clerk Jeffrey Schaaf said he believes the project "happened too quickly" and thought it was done based off very little information to go on. Other committees could look at this project more, besides the Capital Planning Committee.

William Cole of the Planning Board wanted to comment on the boiler discussion and mentioned the town could look at grants and other alternatives. However, considering the current condition on the school's boiler, the town may not want to stretch out the timeline of this project considering its vulnerability.

Rebecca Bottomley of the Conservation Commission described the school building as a big asset, and the boil-

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## DCR responded to requests by Watershed Advisory Committee

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

RUTLAND – The Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee heard responses from the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding the committee's requests to increase access to the Rutland prison camp roads at their meeting last Thursday.

The committee said they submitted a request to DCR to partially re-open select prison camp roads for turkey hunting season, as well as a request to increase vehicle access to all prison camp roads a week prior to bear hunting season.

Dan Clark, who is a

representative from DCR presented the department's responses to the committee's requests. Clark explained that the DCR originally proposed to bar access to all roads of the prison camps except Coldbrook Road, before amending the proposal to be less restrictive.

He said the department carefully scrutinizes all requests to determine whether the reasons presented in the request are strong enough to justify approval.

The committee said their justifications for increasing access during turkey hunting season are to improve the relationship between turkey and deer, encourage youth

hunting, and that turkeys contain pathogens that can be spread to other animals and humans, citing COVID as an example.

In his response to this request, Clark said there is no literature that shows a significant correlation between turkey and deer populations. In terms of youth hunting, he said the DCR supports it, and offers it on much of their property.

He said the mission of the DCR is not to maximize hunting, and that increasing vehicle access would not increase the prevalence of youth hunting.

In response to the claim that turkeys carry harmful diseases, Clark said they

carry no more or less than other wildlife. Clark said the justifications were not sufficient, and the proposed changes would not be made.

The second request was to open all prison camp roads a week prior to bear season. The committee's justification was increasing access would control the bear population.

In his response to this request, Clark said the DCR has not received a request from Mass Wildlife to manage the bear populations, and that opening more roads would increase the prevalence of unauthorized vehicles entering. He said the justification was not adequate, and the request would

not be fulfilled.

Committee member Dennis Guberski said he provided Clark and the DCR with 600 peer reviewed references supporting the claim that turkeys have communicable diseases. He also said the references for deer relationships he sent in were not peer reviewed, but from various sportsman magazines.

He questioned the DCR's review process, saying that whether or not the references are peer reviewed, the DCR does not take them into account.

Committee member Steve LaRivee said he pre-

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# News of the Towns



## ROUND TOWN

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### Food Pantry holds distributions

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday Feb. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Feb. 11 or in the evening on Thursday, Feb. 19, whichever is more convenient for them. The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Feb. 11 and Feb. 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

### Quabbin Regional Agreement Working Group

The Quabbin Regional Agreement Working Group is holding listening sessions in each of the five member towns as they share the approved revisions to the Regional Agreement that will be voted on at upcoming town meetings. The meeting in Barre is Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. People unable to attend a meeting in their town may attend a meeting in another Quabbin District town. Other dates are Monday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Town Hall, 307 Main St., Gilbertville; Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hubbardston Town Offices, 48 Gardner Road, Hubbardston and Monday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial drive, New Braintree. The meeting in Oakham already took place on Monday, Feb. 2.

### Town election update

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announced the following candidates took out nomination paper for the annual town election on Monday, April 6. Candidates taking out nomination papers include Mark A. Regienus, 300 Spring Hill Road, Select Board for three years - candidate for re-election; Michael G. Landry, 463 West St., Board of Assessors for three years - candidate for re-election; Michael Collins, 55 Eagle Drive, Board of Health for three years; John J. Pimental, Jr., 785 Williamsville Road, Water Commissioner for three years - candidate for re-election; Raymond Robert Beaudoin, 460 Wheelwright Road and Shad Dereck Wells, 211 Everett Road; Glen C. Alt, 53 Summer St., Sewer Commissioner for three years - candidate for re-election; Catherine P. Chase, 120 Hardwick Road, Library Trustee for three years - candidate for re-election and Dylan S. Clark, 218 Walnut Hill Road, Library Trustee for three years - candidate for re-election (two positions); Jane M. Lynds, 872 Wauwinet Road, Felton Field Commissioner for two years and Frank E. Whitney, 148 Hancock Road, Felton Field Commissioner for one year and Raymond Robert Beaudoin, 460 Wheelwright Road, Planning Board Member for five years.

No papers have been taken out for the following positions at this time. The positions include: Constable for two years, Barre Housing Authority for five years, Felton Field Commissioner for three years, Planning Board Member for five years, Planning Board Associate Member for one year and Quabbin Regionals School Committee Member for three years.

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk Office, 40 West St., lower level until Thursday, Feb. 12 by 5 p.m. the last day for candidates to return their nomination papers is Tuesday, Feb. 17 by 5 p.m. The last day for candidates to withdraw their name from the ballot is Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m. For more information, people may email the Town Clerk at clerk@townofbarre.com or call the office at 978-355-2504, extension 5.

**Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations**  
The next induction for the Quabbin Athletic

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The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors has considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but has decided that the most responsible

path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Feb. 11 and Feb. 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, Feb.

10 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the Feb. 10, please call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

They should not volunteer on Feb. 10, 11 or 19 without first calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people may visit check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.



## OAKHAM

by Ellenor Downer  
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### Fishing derby set for Feb. 7

The fifth annual fishing derby will take place Saturday, Feb. 7 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lake Dean. Parking is available at Pine Acres Family Camping Resort, Bechan Road. Registration fee is \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Rutland Food Pantry. Last year \$1,400 was raised for the food pantry. There will be prize money in three categories: bass, pickerel and other species. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The derby follows state hunting and fishing rules.

### Church breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. This breakfast will benefit the church furnace fund. The church furnace is about 30 years old and needs to be replaced in the near future.

### Regional school agreement

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### Assessors office hour change

The Oakham Board of Assessors have new office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Previously the office hours were on Thursdays.

### Oakham COA events

On Monday, Feb 9 and Feb. 23 podiatry takes place from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reservations are required. On Thursday Feb. 12 at 11:15 a.m. there will be a blood pressure clinic. On Friday Feb. 13 at noon the Council on Aging meets in the Senior Center on the lower level of the Town Hall. Lunch Bunch meets the third Friday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Hitchcock Tavern, Route 9, West Brookfield. People may sign up at Senior Center sign up in the main room of the Senior Center.

On going activities include Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon puzzling; Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m walking group (meet at Senior Center); Tuesday through Thursdays at 11 a.m. walking group (meet at Senior Center); Tuesdays yoga \$40 for eight classes in Senior Center multi-purpose room, registration required; Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall - \$3 donation per class; Thursdays at noon Weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group and Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness at the New Braintree TownHall - \$3 donation per class. For walking groups, people may ask to be added to the text MSG group by calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number.

### Hot lunches

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal

Coordinator from 9 a.m.-noon by calling 508-882-4072.

### Corrections policy

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## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Feb. 9. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY - Sloppy Joe, herb potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

TUESDAY - Chicken cacciatore, Gemelli pasta, roasted Brussel sprouts, brownie, diet = half piece, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY - Pork rib-i-que, barbecue sauce, mac 'n cheese, green beans, fruited ambrosia, sandwich roll

THURSDAY - Ziti and meatballs, marinara sauce, California blend vegetables, strawberry mousse, Italian bread

FRIDAY - Beef stir fry, steamed rice, roasted broccoli, baked cinnamon pears, pumpernickel bread

\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

## Q-Munity Closet expands hours

NEW BRAINTREE - The Q-Munity Closet located at the New Braintree Grade School, 15 Memorial Drive, has expanded their hours.

Hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m.

One night a week will be added in March. More information with time and day will be announced soon. The Q-Munity Closet at New Braintree caters to adults and young children and currently has a great inventory of winter clothing in stock.

## Circle of Song holds rehearsals

BARRE - Song meets February 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. Rehearsal are every Thursday between now and Thursday, May 14 with the concert on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m at the Barre Town Hall.

Circle of song is particularly in need of altos this session. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome.

People may email director Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

## Silver Sneakers on the Move walk 877 miles in a month

BARRE - The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center Silver Sneakers on the Move program is off to an incredible start, logging an impressive 877 miles in just one month and the journey has only just begun.

Their walking adventure first took them to, Cleveland, Ohio, home of the world-famous Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From there, they moved on to Chicago, Illinois, widely known as the Windy City. Next, they reached Cedar Rapids, Iowa, proudly rec-

ognized as the City of Five Seasons, followed by Lincoln, Nebraska home of the National Museum of Roller Skating.

The walkers have now arrived in Kearney, Nebraska, home of the Great Platte River Archway, placing them nearly halfway to the final destination of Los Angeles, California. With 30 dedicated participants, Silver Sneakers on the Move is proving that commitment, teamwork and determination can take them far, literally. The group is

working hard to reach Los Angeles, California by the end of March, one step at a time.

Community members are encouraged to stop by the Senior Center to view their journal pages and progress map, highlighting each milestone along the way. It's never too late to join them.

For more information or to join Silver Sneakers on the Move, people may call 978-355-5031.

Together, they're moving toward better health, one mile at a time.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Water Commission – Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee — Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.  
 Historical Commission – Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.  
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – Feb. 12 at 5 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Feb. 17 and Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – Feb. 24, March 3, March 17 and March 31 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Feb. 26 at 11 a.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – March 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Town Election Day – April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – Feb. 5 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Feb. 9 and March 16 at 3 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Feb. 11 at 3 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Library Trustees – Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.  
 Agricultural Commission – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation – Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.  
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – Feb 12 from 11 a.m.-noon  
 Planning Board – Feb. 18 and March 18 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Conservation Commission – Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, March 5 and March 12 at 5:45 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Feb. 6 at 9 a.m.  
 Petersham School Committee – Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Health – Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee and Select Board Joint Meeting – Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.  
 Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.



**Auctioneer Paul Varney took bids on a Valentine's-themed teddy bear held by Clare Hendra at the Friends of the Stone Church's annual Valentine's Celebration fundraiser held last Saturday at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club.**

## Annual Valentine celebration benefited Stone Church

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
*Correspondent*

**HARDWICK** – The Friends of the Stone Church put on a Valentine's celebration at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club last Saturday.

The annual fundraiser celebration included a buffet dinner courtesy of the country club, live music by the Mason Tyler Duo, a silent auction and a live auction led by Barre's Paul Varney.

According to the organization's website ([friendsofthestonechurch.org](http://friendsofthestonechurch.org)), they are a charitable corporation who own the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville. Their goal is to preserve the building, and facilitate its usage to the public.

Built using Monson granite, this Tudor Gothic style church was designed by noted Worcester architect Elbridge Boyden; who also designed Mechanics Hall in Worcester, the Hubbardston Public Library and the Congregational Church in Brookfield.

Judy Edington, the president of the organization, said one of their biggest priorities is securing the steeple on the church. She said they have completed about 75% of the work on the steeple, but still need close to \$400,000 to finish the job.

She said the organization has received grants for this work from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund along with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Edington also said they have received many donations from private foundations. She said their next goals are making aesthetic fixes, and improving handicap accessibility.

The Stone Church's tower is the only one of three such towers of Boyden's still standing.

Phillip Warbasse, the project architect for the Friends, said the group



**Friends of the Stone Church President, Judy Edington, thanked everyone for their continued support of the organization's efforts to preserve the church.**

is close to completing its goal to repair and stabilize the church's tower. He said work on the tower has now reached the lantern level.

Warbasse said a steeple collapse in New London, Connecticut persuaded the group to further pursue stabilizing the steeple.

"That was the nudge to keep moving on ours," he said.

Warbasse said the challenge is always to raise enough money in order to put a grant together. Fundraisers such as the Valentine's celebration, and donations from people near and far, have helped to make

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**This planter was filled with things you'll need to get ready for spring gardening.**



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

**Paul Varney auctioned off a wooden tie.**

## HUBBARDSTON

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### Pie for Breakfast

Pie for Breakfast will be held at Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St., on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person and free for children under 5. Tickets are available at the Senior Center. There will be a Valentine Day raffle, a value of \$230, sponsored by the Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center. Tickets are \$2 each, three for \$5 and six for \$10.

### Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## Historical Society presents 'All Roads Lead to Rutland'

**RUTLAND** – The Rutland Historical Society presents, "All Roads Lead to Rutland," on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 1-3 p.m. at the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St. Transportation in Rutland evolved from 18th century colonial roads connecting rural farms to 20th century motorized transit including trains and later bus services.

People may browse through the various pictures, news articles and artifacts in the museum of this evolution. Light refreshments will be available.

## Quabbin Photo Group hosts program Feb. 21

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Quabbin Photo Group will be hosting a presentation at its February meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Belchertown Recreation Department, located behind Police Department, 66 State St. The program features Outdoor Education Specialist Jack Bonafini from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. For more information, people may visit [quabbinphotogroup.com](http://quabbinphotogroup.com).

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# Opinion



## Wood warms three times

By David St. Germain

They say that wood heats you three times: when you're cutting and splitting it, stacking it and burning it in the stove.

Growing up in the city, I never heard this truism, let alone appreciated it on a bodily level as I do today. As a child, I liked being warm and would crank the thermostat in my room, causing the electric baseboard heater to work overtime to toast my little sanctuary to 75 degrees. Nobody ever explained where the energy came from or how it all worked, though I eventually learned that it was too expensive to keep indulging like that.

Only in my twenties did I start becoming aware of these basics of life – where does my food and energy actually come from? where does my waste go? Although it's better late than never, I'm embarrassed to think about how deprived I was, despite apparently being well-educated.

How could there be such a glaring omission in the curriculum? Was there a grand conspiracy to keep us in the dark about how we keep the lights on? Or do we adults collectively, silently choose to look away from the uncomfortable truths that enable our lifestyles?

Thirty years ago, much of our area's electricity came from coal power, thanks to "mountaintop removal" in Southern states, a sanitary term for vast industrial destruction of the living world. Why was I always implored to consider the proverbial "starving kids in Africa" when I hadn't cleaned my dinner plate, but never shown my own country's stretching wasteland of coal mines, which powered the TV that flickered images of starving kids in Africa?

Nowadays, there's no excuse for us not to know where the power comes from. I don't have to visit a library to do extensive research. I can look at electricitymaps.com and see a real-time map and historical graphs that clearly illustrate the mixture of power sources.

Right now, about 60% of the power in New England comes from natural gas, which burns much cleaner than coal but certainly carries an enormous environmental impact from polluted water supplies, to dangerous gas leaks and devastating resource wars.

Without getting lost in the details, politics and propaganda of the relative benefits and costs of each power source, suffice it to say that none of them

allows us to have a clear conscience as we crank the thermostats. All depend on environmental destruction, typically "somewhere else" meaning, in distant, rural places that are easy to ignore or else they require industrial processes and supply chains that are only affordable because of unsustainable oil and gas extraction.

Underlying debates about how to power our lives is the unspoken assumption that we must maintain and in fact, grow our levels of energy consumption and material comforts, forever. Challenging the assumption leads to accusations of being a Luddite or anti-human or a hypocrite for even using technology while criticizing its impact.

Setting aside the burdensome weight of the moral questions around our individual responsibility as beneficiaries and participants in destructive systems, there's another truism about our predicament that we can all understand: things that can't go on forever, won't. Sustainability means the ability to live in a bioregion basically indefinitely, without exhausting the resources or compromising the ecology. Our distant ancestors managed to do this for hundreds of thousands of years.

There are still living cultures on earth who achieve it today, though they are being pushed off their land and eradicated by a cannibalistic global system that seeks to exploit and extract from every corner of the planet. Is our culture living sustainably? The verdict is a resounding "no."

If people hope to survive through an uncertain future, we will have to confront our past choices and beliefs about this lifestyle. We will have to grow up and realize that turning the knob on a thermostat has a cost far beyond the dollar amount and that our descendants will scarcely be able to imagine such luxuries.

We will have to appreciate the truism about being warmed three times. As I load up a handcart full of ash rounds and pull it down the road, back home where I'll split and stack it by hand, the interconnections become clearer in my body and mind. I knew the tree when it lived, tall and proud. And I will know the tree when I load it into the stove on a crisp December morning. Although I'm under no illusions that my way is sustainable, I'm learning the necessary cost of maturity to navigate through this world without turning away from uncomfortable realities.



## In Past Pages

### Look Back North Brookfield High School – 1953/54



File photo

This photo shows the freshman class at North Brookfield High School during the 1953-1954 school year.

#### 5 years (Feb. 11, 2021)

Hubbardston Town Administrator Ryan McLane gave the select board a financial update as of Dec. 31.

He said at the Feb. 1 zoom meeting the town spent below what was expected. He said the town expended 46.88% of appropriated funds. The percentage included education, but not the Rutland Regional Emergency Center. He said he identified any line item over 50%. He said both police department and fire department services were over 50%. He said vehicle repairs were the cause for both line items. On the revenue side, McLane said it was at 47%, but excise revenue would be coming in during February and March. He said the town should match last year's revenues and was in "good shape." He also said capitol projects were moving on schedule. He said cash flow was reconciled through December 2020.

Sanda Barry of the Hubbardston Parks Commission said the skating rink was a bit of failure this year, but hopefully, next year it would be better. She said when the town was in the process of applying layers of water, some children

with ice skates broke the liner in many parts. There was no way, the liner could be replaced. The middle ended up with no ice and both ends had ice. Select board member Patrick Girouard asked why the rink was not placed on the basketball court. Barry said the parks commission was concerned with ruining the surface of the basketball court and if there was an early spring, people would have to wait until the ice melted before being able to use the court. Park commission member Jason Guertin said the fire department was very helpful with the ice rink. The commission plans to hire a high school student to shovel snow off the rink next year and would include it in their budget.

Hardwick Board of Selectmen member Julie Quink said that she and Town Administrator Theresa Cofske were both emailed about attending a Ware meeting to discuss EMS. Quink said the board still needs to address West Brookfield Rescue Squad's offer. Young said that with Baystate Mary Lane Hospital closing in June, they should review with West Brookfield or Ware and see

if their positions on money and services have changed, given this new development. Quink said she would respond to Ware and arrange to meet with them in March. In the meantime, Quink will reach out to both West Brookfield and Barre and conference with both of them.

#### 10 years (Feb. 11, 2016)

The Heart to Heart Foundation of North Brookfield celebrated its 20th year of helping chronically ill children and their families throughout 2015, including a Christmas show at the North Brookfield Elementary School in December. The bands The Otters and the Korn Kobs, along with comedian-singer and impersonator Joey Noone, entertained the crowd, with the proceeds going to the foundation, who gives all of it away to families that are struggling with medical bills, special needs and everyday bills as they take care of their ill children. "I can't thank the people and the businesses that support the Heart to Heart Foundation enough," said Dick Fiske, the foundation's founder. "We couldn't do what we do without all of

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Thank you. Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet

Dear Army Vet:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service," which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special

Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time, but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may or may not result in a higher Social Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in



your case:

Serving between 1964 and 1967, if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for Social Security benefits or gave them a copy of your DD-214, they would have added up to \$1,200 per year to your military pay record.

FYI, those who served after 1966 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years. However,

whether those special extra credits would affect your monthly Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings record when you later claimed Social Security.

When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed

your lifetime earnings and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your Social Security full retirement age. If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military,

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We are still digging out from the 22 inch snowstorm and wonder where to put it all.

The front deck is shoveled and the driveway plowed, but the car stays in the garage. Thank the handyman for getting our mail. Thank the helper for getting the groceries.

I was sorry to hear the passing of long time resident, Charles A. Woodward, who passed Jan. 17 at age 86. He was born at Breezy Hill Diary and lived on High Street most of his life.

I have spent most of the week on projects in the sewing room. I worked on some snowmen and tree balls for Christmas next year. I use my scraps of fabrics to make holders.

I receive a letter from my Oakham penpal almost weekly. She is so interesting and tells such nice stories.

I often get nice letters from readers who enjoy this column and hopefully I can continue. My eye sight is not what it used to be so I have to use a magnifying glass quite often and it is not fun trying to thread a needles, especially on the sewing machine. I do have a needle threader for the hand sewing, but the one on my sewing machine broke a long time ago.

I like to make meals that are made in either the

cast iron fry pan or a larger stainless steel fry pan. Here is one I plan to make this week. You could substitute pasta shells for the rice if you want to. I am not a great rice eater, but guess I should be.

## SAUSAGE AND RICE SKILLET

- 1 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 lb. cooked bratwurst, sliced or kielbasa
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small red pepper, seeded and chopped or a green one
- 2 cups of broccoli florets
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice or pasta
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Heat a large fry pan with the butter and olive oil. Add sausage and onions. Cook about five minutes. Add peppers and broccoli. Cook five minutes and lower heat and add the rest of the ingredients except cheese with a cover over it. When heated well add the cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Serves four. Note: May be heated for leftovers.

## This and That

We have a water conditioner that is not working properly right now so I have to bail out brine almost every other day. The salt

brine is good for melting ice on the driveway. It is not asphalt so it will not destroy the pavement.

I guess it is time for a new water conditioner as it is 35 years old. Most of the area has iron in the water so it is necessary.

I have been going through files in my file cabinets and seeing what I can get rid of. I also am collecting for the taxes so need to keep those files also. I came across an interesting questionnaire that we gave to our two daughters; it might of been a school project.

Some of the questions were like this: Did your parents discipline you enough? Did your parents give you enough chores to do? It was interesting to read their responses. I may make a copy of it so they can read it as parents now.

We did teach them to be independent and that is very true. They are very independent. In today's world it is hard for our children to be independent with the high cost of living.

Hopefully food prices will go down. I was telling someone the other day when we were first married in 1957 my food budget was \$15. Today it is \$100 a week for two people. Is that called inflation?

Have a good week and enjoy life.



By Ellenor Downer



## Male gadwall

On Dec. 20, compilers at the Athol Christmas Bird Count recorded a total of 58 species including a Gadwall, a first time for this species during a Christmas count.

Male Gadwall have grayish-brown heads, sometimes showing cinnamon on the forehead and faint purplish iridescence on the crown. Females resemble female mallards, but they have a thinner, darker bill.

Gadwall nest in tall vegetation near water and show a preference for nesting on islands. Their choice of nesting location gives them some protection from predators. Female Gadwall produce an egg a day and lay a clutch of seven to 12 eggs. To meet their demand for protein during this stressful time, female Gadwall eat more invertebrates than males during this period in addition to using reserves of nutrients they've stored in their bodies during the winter.

Their winter habitat is fresh and brackish wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation on which they primarily forage. Gadwall often snatch food from diving ducks as they surface. Gadwall number have increased in North America since the 1980s. This is partly because of conservation of their habitat, wetlands and adjacent uplands.

The oldest known Gadwall was a male, and at least 19 years, 6 months old.

He was banded in Saskatchewan in 1962 and shot during hunting season in Louisiana in 1981.

## Christmas Bird Count

The National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Counts take

place within a 22-day period, there are many state count circles and volunteers must be available. Despite snowy weather, compiler Jon Skinner said of the Groton-Ayer count on Dec. 14, "I was surprised that we were able to scratch our way to 81 species in such snowy conditions. It has to be a testament to the relentless nature of both our team and the birds." Two new species were added 13 black vultures soaring over Lancaster and a killdeer at Devens. Some of the other highlights were evening grosbeak in both Harvard and Groton, red crossbills in Townsend, Lapland longspur at Fitchburg Airport and in Ayer, chestnut-collared longspur at Fitchburg Airport, American kestrel in Groton, two Baltimore orioles in Groton, eastern Phoebe in Shirley, redpoll in Lancaster and a long-eared owl in Devens. Species seen three days before or after the actual count date and noted as such were chipping sparrow, brown-headed cowbird, Peregrine falcon and sandhill crane.

## Bluebird

I received an email on Jan. 26 from Jeffrey Landry. He had a visit from a bluebird on Friday, Jan. 23. He thought it was either the male parent or one of its offspring from a previous summer. He said, "For several years I have called him, 'Sunshine' and he arrived at

my feeder on a bright beautiful winter's afternoon and this uncalled for visit was icing on my day's cake."

He offered to share this bluebird story. He said, "I was sitting on my meditation cushion yesterday watching my breath emerge from a deep silence and then gently return back into it. There was no counting, no manipulation, only watching, only flow. After some time had passed, I opened my eyes because I felt I was being closely watched."

"I have a bird feeder right outside of my window and sure enough a male bluebird or one of his offspring from a previous summer, was perched and staring directly at me. Two summers ago I named the parent bluebird, 'Sunshine' and last May he returned to the same nesting box in my front yard.

Quizzically, Sunshine leaned slightly forward. He was amazingly close."

"It was beautiful, glorious to see his blue rust colored body outlined by a background of white snow still clinging to frozen lilacs and tall trees. The sight of this sent ripples of love, that became currents of joy, to course through me."

"I felt a smile stretch a mile wide across my whole being. It was like being visited by a long absent friend. Within minutes this made me get up and fill another feeder with dried mealworms because bluebirds aren't seed eaters like many of the other birds that seek nourishment here. Like my breath, the mealworms disappeared into a well of silence. A contented peaceful silence that then took flight."

## Evening grosbeaks

A Cummington resident sent a photo of evening grosbeaks at her feeder. She said they are part of a flock that come to visit the feeders often.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

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Hall of Fame will take place in the fall. The committee is currently taking nominations of former athletes, coaches, teams and outstanding contributors to be selected for the next induction. To be considered, athletes must

be out of high school for ten years, coaches retired from their respective sport and contributors considered for their positive support of the Quabbin athletic program over the years. Athletic teams should have advanced to the highest level in district or state competi-

tion. Nomination forms are available on the qrsd.org athletic website. On the athletic page, look for Hall of Fame and AHF Hall of Fame form. Deadline for applications is March 1 and forms can be mailed to QRHS Hall of Fame Committee, P.O. Box 874, Barre, MA 01005.

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them and we really appreciate it."

The Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., presents "Guys and Dolls," a musical fable of Broadway, based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon. Music and lyrics are by Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, March 11, 12, 18, and 19 as well as Saturdays and Sundays, March 12, 13, 19 and 20. All shows take place at the Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors (65 plus) and \$9 for children 12 and under. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, "Guys and Dolls" is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend, nightclub performer Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the dough, but Sky ends up chasing the strait-laced missionary Sarah Brown.

Petersham Selectmen Rick Marsh and Henry Woolsey remained at an impasse on the choice of a consultant for the Nichewaug property, owned by the town. Selectman Nancy Allen, an abutter to the property, recused herself from any discussions or decisions regarding the Nichewaug. Woolsey, acting as chair during the discussion on the consultant, said that he and Marsh could weigh the pros and cons again. The consultants that responded to the board's Request for Proposal, Ted Carmen of Concord Square Planning and Development, Inc. and Albert Rex of MacRostie

Historic Advisors, proposed the same fee of \$25,000.

## 25 years (Feb. 8, 2001)

For many small town fire departments, which struggle every year to find extra money in budgets to pay for equipment upgrades and other new equipment, a major grant from the state is appreciated. The Barre Fire Chief Joseph A. Rogowski said the state's \$20,800 grant to his department didn't take care of all his wants and needs, but definitely was a "shot in the arm." "I don't know of any chief who is going to complain about what they got," Rogowski said. Every city ad town statewide received some money from a \$10 million appropriation to the Executive Office of Public Safety. The money was the result of action in the wake of the Dec. 3, 1999 Worcester Cold Storage Warehouse fire, in which six Worcester firefighters were killed.

The biggest storm to hit the area since the great blizzard of 1978 roared through early this week dropping as much as 20 inches of snow in some places and bringing most towns in the area to a standstill. But despite the heavy snow and near blizzard conditions, police and other officials reported few problems for emergency personnel in either responding to calls or in keeping vehicles on the road. Barre Fire Chief Joseph A. Rogowski said there was a single alarm at the elementary school and a minor car accident, both coming in at about the same time late yesterday afternoon.

Because of the snow storm, the town meeting originally scheduled for this past Monday has been postponed to Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Several articles that are sure to provoke considerable discussion one that would allow the town to purchase six and a half acres

of land on the corner of Mt. Jefferson and Malone roads to preserve it as green space and another that would add a wireless communication facility (cell tower) bylaw to the towns zoning bylaws. The parcel is a small section of land estimated to be between 240 and 270 acres, known as the Ryder property.

## 38 years (Feb. 11, 1988)

Crew No. 1 is working on Valley Road in Barre. When they are finished there, they will head up to School Street to Barre Center. Crew No. 2 is working on Trafalgar Square. When they are finished, they will work on Grove Street in Barre Center. Blasting is taking place. With the work in the streets, water lines can possibly be broken. Please keep some water on hand.

The Hardwick Council on Aging is bringing the service of a professional tax expert to the Senior Center, located in the VFW Hall in Gilbertville on Thursday, March 3 from 9 a.m. until late in the afternoon. Appointments for this service must be made in advance. A half hour of time will be allotted to each enrollee. This tax service is furnished to each Council on Aging by the American Association of Retired Persons.

The Oakham Selectmen received a letter from New England Telephone at their meeting Feb. 3 proposing the company will either install a guard rail at the driveway to the telephone booth outside the telephone building or move the booth to another location. The only other location on town property would be next to the Town Hall. The selectmen thought that would not be esthetically pleasing so they will suggest the company install the guard rail. The problem is that many cars, in backing out of the driveway, go into the ditch and have to be pulled out.

# Paige Memorial Library upcoming events

HARDWICK – Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, offers favorite person or people.

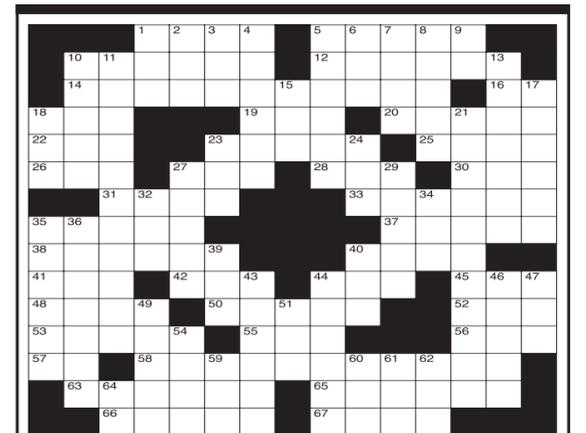
On Saturday, March 14 from 3-5 p.m. Shenanigans with Friends, an exciting cover band of western Massachusetts and southern Vermont will perform a wide range of songs. People may visit the library's Facebook book or website at

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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, FEB. 5

**35TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW** sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society at the Gallery at Briarwood, 65 Briarwood Circle, Worcester. Art work will be on display now through March 5. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The show is open to all Princeton Arts members. Artist can become a member anytime by visiting [www.princetonarts.org](http://www.princetonarts.org). For detailed information about the show, people may visit [www.princetonarts.org](http://www.princetonarts.org).

**CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS** are today from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. **CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS** Circle of song is particularly in need of altos this session. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome. The chorus sings in four-part harmony and there is a modest sliding scale membership fee with deep discounts for students. People may email director Julie Rawson at [julie@mhof.net](mailto:julie@mhof.net) or call 978-257-1192.

**Q-MUNITY CLOSET**, located at the New Braintree Grade School, 15 Memorial Drive, New Braintree has expanded their hours. Hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m. One night a week will be added in March. More information with time and day will be announced soon. The Q-Munity Closet at New Braintree caters to adults and young children and currently has a great inventory of winter clothing in stock.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 7

**A MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held today from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland. Menu includes pancakes (gluten free will be available) bacon, sausage and fruit. There will be live music and raffles. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 3 and under. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 508-886-4453.

**BIRD BANDING WITH FEZATTE**, entitled "Its Origins, Uses and Future in Conservation," and originally scheduled for Jan. 17, was postponed due to weather to today at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland.

**FIFTH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY** will take place today from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lake Dean. Parking is available at Pine Acres Family Camping Resort, Bechan Road, Oakham. Registration fee is \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Rutland Food Pantry. Last year \$1,400 was raised for the food pantry. There will be prize money in three categories: bass, pickerel and other species. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The derby follows state hunting and fishing rules.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 8

**'PATHWAY TO FREEDOM IN WORD AND SONG,'** a program in celebration of



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

**This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Feb. 9. Claire Bechan-Norberg, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and Bethany Stefano correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the playground at North Brookfield Elementary School, as seen from Oakham Road, North Brookfield.**

Black History month, the Lancaster Historical Society will take place today at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Unitarian, 725 Main St., Lancaster. Vocalist and Lancaster native Dr. Lanu Stoddard will be accompanied by pianist William Ness. Snow date is Sunday, Feb. 22. A tour of this iconic "Landmark" church venue is also available at 1:15 p.m. preceding the program. These events are free and open to the public. To make a tour reservation, people may call 978-621-7600. For general information, they may call 978-733-6907.

**VALENTINE'S DAY ICE CREAM SUNDAY CELEBRATION** will take place today from 1-3 p.m. in the New Braintree Historical Society Museum, 10 Utley Road, New Braintree. This is a free, all you can eat ice cream sundaes. There will be children's craft of making an old-fashioned paper Valentine. Materials are supplied. People can craft their favorite ice cream sundae with a choice of toppings.

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH** will take place today at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Lancaster. Snow date is Sunday, Feb. 22. The event features: Langston Hughes poetry: "Hold Fast to Dreams;" Dr. Lanu Stoddard will sing spirituals as well as songs by contemporary female black composers; Lucy Allen will talk about Barre's Quock Walker, the slave who sued for and won his free-

dom case in June 1781; Susan Worth will talk about the freed, celebrated, black Doctress Granny Adams of Hubbardston and Mary Marotta will share the story of Frances Drake's purse and the Drake House restoration project in downtown Leominster. A tour of the old Bulfinch Church is offered prior to the program from 1:15-1:45 p.m. People may call 978-621-7600 to reserve a place for the tour.

## MONDAY, FEB. 9

**STORY TIME** for preschoolers will be held today at 11:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. They will read winter themed stories and have a craft time. On Monday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a CFCE MOC coordinated science playgroup for target age group six and under. All are welcome. Parental supervision is required at both programs.

**QUABBIN REGIONAL AGREEMENT WORKING GROUP** is holding listening sessions in the five member towns as they share the approved revisions to the Regional Agreement that will be voted on at upcoming town meetings. Today at 6 p.m. they will meet at the Hardwick Town Hall, 307 Main St., Gilbertville. People unable to attend the meeting in their town may attend any of the following meetings. Other dates are Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hubbardston Town

Offices, 48 Gardner Road, Hubbardston; Monday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree and March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre. The meeting in Oakham was held on Monday, Feb. 2.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 10

**THE STORY EXCHANGE**, a new storytelling group, will hold its organizational meeting today at 6 p.m. at the Merrick Public Library Annex, 18 Common St., Brookfield. Participation will be limited to six to eight storytellers per session. There is no cost to participate, but advance registration is required. Interested individuals should send a brief introductory email to [joe.klimavich@gmail.com](mailto:joe.klimavich@gmail.com) and indicate whether they are interested in sharing a story during the first meeting. Following the organizational meeting, The Story Exchange will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Merrick Public Library Annex.

**BARRE WOMAN'S CLUB** meets today at 6 p.m. in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre for a public event focused on protecting seniors from online scams. Featured speaker Dr. Brian Bisceglia, a nationally recognized cybersecurity expert and law enforcement officer, will share vital tips and real-world insights on online safety. Dr. Bisceglia holds a Ph.D. in cybersecurity management from Nova Southeastern University, with research focusing on the human element of security, social engineering, and SMiShing (SMS phishing) susceptibility. He has developed cybersecurity training curricula for vulnerable groups like seniors, and his work has appeared in academic publications examining persuasion principles and user behavior during cyber-attacks. Dr. Bisceglia also earned a Master's degree in applied computer science and a Bachelor's in electronic engineering technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

**GOTHIC VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP** will be held today from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. This is card making with a Gothic twist like using black lace, silver, dark red, sparkles and Victorian-esque stickers.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 14

**EQLT WELLNESS WALKS** will be held today at 9 a.m. at the Pynchon's Grist Mill Preserve, 165 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield; Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m. at Grenville Park to Church Street via Mass. Central Rail Trail meet at Grenville Park parking lot, 73 Church St., Ware; Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Deer Park Preserve and Coxhall Kitchen Garden, 481 Barre Road, Hardwick; Wednesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Patrill Hollow Preserve, 1015 Hardwick Road, Hardwick. RSVP to East Quabbin Land Trust is requested, but not required by emailing [atrevett@eqlt.org](mailto:atrevett@eqlt.org).

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that possible.

"We keep pushing," he said.

Following the dinner, Edington recognized the event committee members, Kat McCrohon, Clare Hendra, Paula Roberts, Mary Warbasse, Michelle Webb and Cheryl Wolfe, and presented each with a bouquet of flowers. Wolfe then thanked the event volunteers, Ruth Baker, Becky Bottomley, Angie Broussard, Edington, Frank Hanson, David Salvatore and Phillip

Warbasse.

Keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, auctioneer Varney kicked off the live bidding by enticing the audience with a heart-adorned mug, followed by a teddy bear. This was followed by a unique wooden tie – an accessory that would surely set its wearer apart from the crowd.

The live auction also featured a one-year membership to the Baglio Center at Eagle Hill School donated by Eagle Hill School; a five day stay in Paris, France donated by Mark and Judy Edington;

a two-night weekend stay for two couples or a family of four to the Sugar Maple Trailside Inn in historic Florence donated by Kathy and Craig Della Penna; heating oil from R.J. McDonald Heating Oil; a six night stay at the Villa Camilla on Grace Bay Beach in Turks & Caicos and a night at Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor waterpark.

There were many items for auction in a silent auction including a painting donated by Christine Greene, a handmade quilt donated by Becky

Bottomley, a planter donated by Paula Roberts, and jewelry donated by Roberts and Dorothea Simmons, and much more.

Dozens of gift cards to area businesses were also available for people to place bids on.

### Upcoming events

Edington said other fundraisers for the organization include an annual appeal each November, and ticket price programs, like the concert series at the stone church.

Upcoming events include a Family Silent Film Night

featuring Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" (1925) on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. and a piano recital by Mackenzie Melemed featuring songs from his debut album on Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit [friendsofthestonechurch.org](http://friendsofthestonechurch.org).

Summer Concerts on the Lawn will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m. with the Weir River Concert Band and on Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. with the Weir River Jazz. Both of the Concerts on the Lawn are free to attend.



**A wintry tree displayed jewelry available at the silent auction**

## HARDWICK from page 1

er situation is something that can't be put on hold for an extended period of time.

"We can't delay this forever," Bottomley said.

The town wants to continue to support the school and keep the building maintained. The town will also assess what options are available in handling this project.

### Appointment

The Select Board appointed Nick Gaumond to the position of acting Fire Chief following the resignation of Fire Chief Josh Pease. Gaumond is currently the Deputy Fire Chief.

### Public records fees

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker discussed public record requests and how fees are assessed and collected.

Tinker shared three invoices with the rest of the Select Board and suggested the

petitioner who filed these requests be refunded \$650, due to only getting a portion of the request.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said this process is set by Massachusetts General Law, and a process set by the Attorney General. She said the town had spent time searching for the records that were requested. "That's the time this resident was billed for," Caggiano said.

Caggiano said she feels the town has complied with the law and the public records law. The Town Administrator is the backup Records Access Officer in the event the Town Clerk is not available.

Tinker said he believes it is in best practice to refund the money to the petitioner. He said about 20% of the requested information was provided to the petitioner.

The board members will continue the discussion of public records fees at their next meeting.

### Town Administrator's report

Caggiano shared in her report that the town is looking to make Americans with Disabilities Act improvements for the police station, the municipal building, and the next phase of the Gilbertville Memorial Park project. Caggiano also attended a meeting with the residents on Highland Terrace to discuss the new infrastructure project with the highway superintendent, highway clerk, and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

The town is also working on two police department grants, and after putting her report together Caggiano learned the town is being awarded one of them. The

grant is a wellness grant through the insurance company.

Caggiano said she is working on the fiscal year 2027 budget. She said the Select Board will have a preliminary budget in front of them at their next meeting.

Caggiano recognized Pease for his dedicated years to the Town of Hardwick, as the Chief of the Fire Department.

Caggiano announced that on Monday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. the Superintendent of Schools for the Quabbin Regional School District, Colleen Mucha, would be at the municipal building to do a presentation on the regional agreement.

State Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will be holding office hours on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 10-11 a.m. in the Select Board meeting room.

## WATERSHED from page 1

viously had conversations with Dave Wattles, who is a black bear expert from Mass Wildlife, who said the bear population is growing and needs to be addressed, prompting Mass Wildlife to extend the bear season. LaRivee recommended Clark to reach out to Wattles for more information. Clark said he may reconsider his position on opening roads for bear season after his conversation with Wattles.

### Prison camp structures discussion

Clark reiterated the DCR's position on the prison camp structures, which is to demolish the cells and block access to the root cellar, citing that these structures are structurally

unsound, and attract hate speech. He said DCR staff need to possess paint in order to paint over the hate speech, saying it is "unacceptable and intolerable."

He said he is awaiting solutions from the Rutland Historical Commission, whose position is to save the structures, to be submitted to him.

Historical Commission member Michele Van Reet said she believes the gates the DCR installed were an "attractive nuisance" rather than the alleged hate speech. She said she has not heard reports from people regarding seeing hate speech, and wants specific numbers and incidents of it from Clark.

The committee is scheduled to meet next on April 2.

# Public Notices

## BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Jesse M Klayman, Moonlight Run Farm LLC for a special permit for a commercial kennel for property located at 1140 South Street, Assessors Map G, Lot 430 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 63284, Page 16.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board, 40 West Street, Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005 or send email to barreboards@townofbarre.com. 01/29, 02/05/2026

## PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON February 7, 2026 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

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  - 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN 1C4RJFCG2GC505286
  - 2003 Mazda Mazda6 VIN 1YVFP80D835M34692
  - 2006 Jeep Liberty VIN 1J4GL48K66W206572
  - 2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross VIN JA4AT4AA8KZ001447
  - 2017 Hyundai SONATA VIN 5NPE24AF6HH522687
  - 2016 Chrysler 200 VIN 1C3CCAB0GN168079
  - 2008 Subaru Impreza VIN JF1GH616X8H831537
  - 2005 Honda CR-V VIN SHSRD78895U301771
  - 2014 Ford Fusion Hybrid VIN 3FA6P0LU5ER323350
  - 2012 Cadillac VIN SRX3GYFDE35CS649838
  - 2018 Honda Accord VIN 1HGCV1F34JA170753
  - 2018 Toyota Tacoma VIN 5TF5Z5AN4JX126280
  - 2002 Honda Accord VIN 1HGCG66832A123685
- THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT EARLY'S ON PARK AVE. 536 PARK AVE WORCESTER, MA 01603**  
01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2026

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN [seal] No. 22 TL 00076

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ber towns Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham must approve the new agreement at a Town Meeting before final approval by the Commissioner of Education. The Board would

## SOCIAL SECURITY from page 4

Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if any of your military earnings including the "special extra credits" were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and to any former officers, directors, members, creditors, and any other persons claiming any interest in Joseph Pilsudski Building Association, also known as Joseph Pilsudski Building Association of Gilbertsville, a dissolved Massachusetts corporation formerly located in Hardwick, Worcester County, and said Commonwealth; Paul S. Mitus, as he is Treasurer of said Joseph Pilsudski Building Association, now or formerly of Hardwick, Worcester County, and said Commonwealth; Bruce Darrah, as he is President of said Joseph Pilsudski Building Association, now or formerly of Ware, Hampshire County, and said Commonwealth; Joseph Siok, as he is Clerk of said Joseph Pilsudski Building Association, now or formerly of Ware, Hampshire County, and said Commonwealth; and as they are all officers and/or directors of said Joseph Pilsudski Building Association, also known as Joseph Pilsudski Building Association of Gilbertsville; or their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns:

A Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff Town of Hardwick. The Complaint asks the Court to enter a judgment ending any ownership rights or interests in the land described below. The Complaint is about one parcel of land located in the Town of Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, described in the Complaint as follows:

0.875+/- acres of land with buildings thereon located on 61 Joslyn Road as described in Book 2955, Page 400 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of deeds and shown on the Assessor's Map 63.0, Lot 20.0.

**To respond to the Complaint, you or your attorney must take these steps by the Deadline to Answer, which is March 23, 2026.**

First, prepare a written Answer. You may write your own Answer or use the form or the online guided interview program on the Court website. Second, file your Answer with the Land Court Recorder's Office, or in the Assistant Recorder's Office at the Registry of Deeds where the land is located, or using the Court's online eFiling system. Third, serve a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff by mail or e-mail.

**If you do not answer the Complaint by the above Deadline to Answer, this Court will find you in default.** You may lose the chance to answer or dispute the facts listed in the Complaint or pay the taxes owed. You may lose all ownership rights or interest in the land described above. If a judgment of foreclosure is entered, you will lose ownership of your property. If the property is worth more than the amount owed to cover the tax debt and foreclosure costs, you may be entitled to receive any remaining funds (ex-

cess equity) from the Plaintiff. It is ordered that this citation be published right away, once in Barre Gazette a newspaper published in Barre.

also discuss the need for a new computerized control panel for the school boiler. Currently, the boiler operates on a manual system after the computerized system failed. The new system would allow the temperature to be set remotely from any location

cess equity) from the Plaintiff. It is ordered that this citation be published right away, once in Barre Gazette a newspaper published in Barre.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year two thousand and twenty-six.

Attest with Seal of said Court.  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder

Plaintiff's Attorney:  
David E. Condon, Esq.,  
Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP,  
101 Summer Street,  
Boston, MA 02110  
Tel: (617) 439-0305  
02/05/2026

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF ADESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Project Description: Barre - Bridge Replacement, Br# B-02-004, Old Coldbrook Road over Prince River Project File No. 612084**

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Barre, MA.

**WHERE:** Barre Town Hall, Selectboard's Room 40 West Street Barre, MA 01005

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:30PM

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of a full bridge replacement is of Bridge # B-02-004, Old Coldbrook Road over the Prince River. The project limits extend approximately 150 feet in either direction from the ends of the current bridge. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities do not exist within this area; however, accommodations are currently being considered in the design. Options are also being investigated on routes that may be necessary for a detour during construction.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer,

rather than setting the thermostat on site.

**Assessors new hours**  
Assessor now meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The new hours overlap with some of the Treasurer/Collector hours.

benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 612084. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
01/29, 02/05/2026

## BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Select Board Room, Floor 1, Barre, MA on the application for Approval of Definitive Plan filed by Rotokawa Estates, LLC on January 13, 2026 in accordance with GL. c41, 81K-81GG relative to property located on the Southerly side of Wauwinet Road, Parcels D-71 and E-59 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 45829, Page 319.

Copies of the application and related materials can be viewed at the Boards' Office, Floor 3, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing. The plan can be viewed at the Boards' Office, 3rd floor.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
01/29, 02/05/2026

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2026.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural, and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

National Grid may utilize any of the herbicides noted the MA Sensitive Materials list. Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Cambistat as a tree growth regulator. Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2026:  
**Barre, Oakham, Rutland, Ware**

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2025 but may require some touch-up work in 2026:  
**Ware**

## TREATMENT PERIODS

Feb 1-May 30, 2026	May 30-Oct 15, 2026	Oct 15-Dec 31, 2026
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant stem	Basal	Dormant stem
	Cut stubble	

*\*The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.*

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):  
Marie Claire Rigby, National Grid,  
939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.  
Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or email:  
[mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com](mailto:mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com)

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## HUBBARDSTON from page 1

### Building Commissioner update

Fitzgerald recommended the board's approval to appoint Bob Garside as Building Commissioner for a term not to exceed 45 days, and pay to not exceed \$961 per week. The motion passed unanimously.

Fitzgerald said he has reached out to KP Law to determine the legalities of contracting an individual to serve as building commissioner. He said after he receives the legal advice,

he will come back with a recommendation for long-term hiring.

### Dedication of town report

The board voted to designate chairman Jeff Williams and Vice Chair Katie Young to work together and determine the individual for the annual town report dedication.

### Other business

Williams acknowledged Tricia Lowe for her service as executive assistant, as Thursday was her last day serving in that role. The board is scheduled to meet next on Monday, Feb. 9.



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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Frosty winter luminaries were made during craft night at the Haston Free Public Library.

## Crafters made frosty winter luminaries

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
rdrago@turley.com

won't "flake off" as Library Assistant Joyce Tibbetts put it.

NORTH BROOKFIELD – This past week was craft night at the Haston Free Public Library, which had another great turnout.

Library Director Lia Tulip was the instructor for this workshop, which involved frosty winter luminaries. A total of 12 crafters attended craft night and were ready to decorate a craft that symbolizes the cold winter taking place.

All the supplies were provided by the Haston Free Public Library and began with the base of the project, jars. There were mason jars and other varieties of jars such as sauce and salsa jars available for crafters to begin decorating.

One of the pieces to decorating these luminaries was Epsom salt, which served as frost or snow to make the luminaries look frosty. Spray was also used to keep the decorative salt intact. This way, the material

There were also pinecones, twine, and wooden pieces that served as additional decorations for the frosty winter luminaries. The flameless candles were provided to offer the glow behind these beautiful luminaries.

The next craft night will be on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Youth Services Librarian Brianna Lamb will be the instructor for the next craft and will be teaching needle felting. Lamb has taught a couple needle felting workshops at the library and will be bringing it back for a Valentine-themed felt project. There will be some hearts involved with this project.

For more information and events at the Haston Free Public Library, visit [www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org](http://www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org). Visit the library at 161 North Main St. or contact the library by calling 508-867-0208 or emailing [hastonfree-publiclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hastonfree-publiclibrary@gmail.com).



urley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Historians used rope to move a large cannon.

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cannon fired off in front of her flower shop.

Lyon, who was charged with carrying the black powder, was eager to oblige.

To repay her kindness, the re-enactors loaded a mortar and lit it, creating a loud and powerful boom, which was followed by the sound of tinkling glass – the force of the mortar's explosion had caused the shop's windows to break, along with several flower pots. Lyon said the woman seemed pleased with their efforts, and didn't mind the broken glass at all.

While on the trail, Lyon and his crew enjoyed a variety of meals, from breakfast at Friendly's, to multiple McDonald's stops. He said once they reached Palmer, they enjoyed a delicious (and historically



A historian carried a box of supplies.

accurate) venison stew.

The group traveled through Warren, Slab City and West Brookfield, where Lyon met his future



A historian described the conditions from Fort Ticonderoga to Massachusetts, and how the 59 pieces of artillery were moved 300 miles through a harsh winter.



A team of oxen arrived to pull a sled carrying a 300 plus pound cannon.

wife. This town later became his home.

Lyon recalled traveling Foster Hill Road, and noticing how little had

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## Panthers notch third win of the season

BARRE – Despite a lot of early pressure, Quabbin Regional boys basketball overcame Tyngsborough’s defense and scored a 57-45 win last Friday night at home. The Panthers improved to 3-11 on the regular season. The Panthers got revenge from an earlier loss to the Tigers, as they lost on the road at Tyngsborough on Jan. 6.



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**Collin Leclair tries to overcome full court pressure.**



**Isaac Patchen makes a no-look pass.**



**Brady Patchen flies to catch a pass.**



**Aiden Crane makes a line for the hoop.**



**Matt Wade is surrounded after he makes an offensive rebound.**

## Quabbin girls basketball defeats Worcester Tech

BARRE – Last Thursday evening, the Quabbin Regional High School girls basketball team defeated Worcester Tech 54-33. For the Panthers, it’s the third win of the season. The Panthers were set to face Littleton next at home on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.



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**Aubrey Thorpe takes a free throw.**



**Mia Ducos slings a throw.**



**Makenzie Casey makes a short-range shot.**



**Izzy Doty keeps the ball inbounds.**

## Pioneers unable to come back against Duggan

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—After defeating John J. Duggan Academy by 19 points in a home game at the beginning of January, the Pathfinder Tech Lady Pioneers made the trip to Springfield last Thursday night looking to sweep the season series.

Things didn’t go according to plan for the Lady Pioneers, who were hoping to move above the .500 mark. The Jayhawks built a 15-point lead in the middle of the second quarter and held off the Lady Pioneers during the second half for a 47-37 home victory in a Tri-County North League contest.

“I’m very disappointed because we defeated them pretty easily in our first meeting,” said Kevin Aldrich, who’s been coaching the Pathfinder Tech girls’ basketball team for the past twenty years. “If we don’t qualify for the postseason tournament or contend for the league title, this will be one of the games that we’ll look back on. The players probably thought it would be another easy game. Give Duggan a lot of credit because they played very hard against us. They just wanted it a little more than we did.”

The Lady Pioneers (5-6) will need to win at least four of their remaining regular season games to clinch a berth in the Division 5 state tournament for the third consecutive year.

A year ago, Pathfinder Tech defeated Boston United, 57-36, in a preliminary round home game before losing at the Renaissance School in the round of 32. It marked the first time that the Lady Pioneers had won a state tournament game since the MIAA changed the postseason format prior to the start of the 2021-22 regular season.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
**Cassandra Nykiel tries to get her hands on the ball.**

The Lady Pioneers probably won’t be one of the eight teams who’ll be competing in the Western Mass. Class C tournament, which starts next week.

Junior Megan Clark and senior Addison Doktor each finished with 14 points in the road contest against the Jayhawks (4-8).

Doktor, who fouled out late in the fourth quarter, scored 34 points in the first meeting with Duggan, which was a 50-31 victory on January 2. She made 16 field goals and two foul shots in that contest.

In the second meeting, Doktor scored eight first half points on four inside hoops. She only made two field goals and two free throws in the second half.

Clark doubled her point total from the home win against the Jayhawks. She scored nine second half points in last Thursday’s contest.

The Lady Pioneers only other scorers were junior’s Ciara Green (4 points) and Taylor Allen,



**Taylor Allen hustles down the court.**

who scored all five of her points in the fourth quarter. The only time that Pathfinder Tech held the lead was at 2-0 less than a minute into the opening quarter following a Doktor inside hoop.

Doktor also made a put-back basket, which sliced the Lady Pioneers deficit to 11-8 with 2:10 left in the opening quarter.

When Pathfinder scored again with two minutes remaining in the first half, they were trailing, 23-8.

“We struggled offensively in the first half,” Aldrich said. “We should’ve scored 50 or 55 points in this game. We just kept allowing them to get into their defensive sets. They played a man-to-man defense against us, which we didn’t handle very well.”

The Jayhawks reeled off twelve unanswered points during that ten minute stretch.

Senior Rosemary Santos scored 15 of her game-high 28 points for the home team during the first 16 minutes. She scored 10 points in the first meeting.

No other Duggan player



**Megan Clark attempts a bank shot.**

scored more than six points in the home win.

Clark finally ended the Lady Pioneers scoring drought with a 3-pointer from the left side.

Doktor also added an inside basket and a put-back, which sliced Pathfinder Tech’s deficit to 25-15 at halftime.

Pathfinder Tech battled back as they outscored Duggan, 10-5, during the third quarter.

With 2:25 left in the third, Green hit a jumper in the lane, which closed the gap to 28-25 before Santos made a lay-up.

The Lady Pioneers were trailing 30-27 less than two minutes into the final quarter following a Green lay-up. They couldn’t get any closer than that, as Duggan built a 41-32 lead with the help of an 11-5 run.

“We’ve been playing very well lately,” Aldrich said. “I really didn’t expect this outcome. We just need to bounce back from this loss.”

It was Duggan’s first win against Pathfinder Tech since 2023.

## Co-op hockey struggling

GARDNER – Last week, Gardner High School ice hockey, which co-ops with Quabbin Regional, was defeated by Amherst 4-0 at home. Gardner

also fell to Burncoat and Littleton in the past week. Gardner is now 2-10-1 on the regular season. Gardner is next facing Nashoba on Feb. 7 at 6:50 p.m.

## T-Birds get better of Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (16-20-4-2) muscled their way past their 1-91 rivals, the Hartford Wolf Pack (16-21-4-1), capturing a 4-1 win on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center.

For a second straight night, Steve Ott’s team got off to a quick start as Marc-Andre Gaudet jumped up through the slot area, received a drop feed from Matthew Peca, and picked the glove side on Dylan Garand to give Springfield the 1-0 jump at 6:55 of the first.

After a 2-for-3 night on the power play on Friday, the T-Birds man advantage did not get off to a strong beginning on Saturday, as back-to-back penalties brought an early end to a Springfield advantage and, instead, handed Hartford a 5-on-3. Brendan Brisson cashed in from there, one-timing a Justin Dowling pass through the wickets of Georgi Romanov at 13:20, equalizing the score, 1-1.

The T-Birds settled into the game as the second period began and, once again, a blueliner had the tone-setting goal for Springfield as Hunter Skinner glided down the left circle and snapped a bar-down wristed over Garand’s glove at 3:38 of the second, restoring the T-Birds lead, 2-1.

Just over four minutes later, Otto Stenberg made a savvy play, sneaking behind the net to steal a drop pass from Garand and setting up Dillon Dube for a wide-open net at the edge of the crease, extending Springfield’s advantage to 3-1 at 8:13 of the period.

Like Friday night, the Springfield defense and goaltending locked things down in the final period, as the penalty kill successfully thwarted a pair of Hartford advantages, and Chris Wagner added his fourth goal in as many games played into an empty net with 3:00 remaining to seal the T-Birds’ second straight win.

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The businesses in and around town remain the heartbeat of the community. Some are new, while others date back many generations. Turley Publications Inc. is happy to showcase them in the order of the year they were established. We hope you enjoy this special section.



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This is a view of West Street in Barre before the roads were paved.



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## Higgins Energy Alternatives and Higgins Powersports celebrate 50 years

By Karen A. Lewis  
Correspondent

What began in an 800 square foot barn in the country has grown into a 34,000 square foot retail complex for the Higgins family and their Higgins Energy Alternatives and Higgins Powersports one stop shopping spot in Barre.

Celebrating over 50 years in business, married founders Ron and Sue Higgins have seen the evolution of growth and progress, all while being able to keep the strong family values of service and loyalty to their customers. The hard work and persistence paid off, as the company employs a staff of over 30, including adult children Chris Higgins, Jenn Nadeau and many of the grandchildren. The unique combination of selling heat-

ing solutions and powersports has inspired people both near and far to purchase their products.

However, in the early years dating back to 1974, antiques were their first product line until the rise in oil and gas prices during the Energy Crisis had people looking for alternate energy and heating solutions. Realizing it was an opportune time to take a leap into a brand new direction, the business took a loan out from Worcester County National Bank for \$875 and bought five Better N' Ben Wood Stoves. Each stove sold for only \$369. From there the store was renamed, "Higgins Stoves and Antiques" and things took off.

Fast forward fifty years and Higgins carries doz-

ens of top brands of fireplaces, wood stoves, pellet stoves, along with plenty of Powersport options. Recognized for being one of the oldest and largest stove and fireplace small business dealers in the United States, they're also thrilled to carry premium brands including Harman, Vermont Castings, Lopi, Hearthstone, Fireplace Xtrodinair, Jotul and more.

With the customer always being the top priority, their expansion has continued as they now offer in-home sales appointments for those who wish to connect one-on-one with one of the hearth professionals in the comfort of their own home while making a stove or fireplace purchase. Their ongoing dedication, commitment and loyalty to their customers and their

mission to reach and engage new customers will continue to be a driving force for the Higgins retail business to propel into the future.

Nestled in the picturesque town of Barre, customers interested in the powersports have come from as far as Arizona, New Jersey and New York, as well as all over New England, while customers from all over Massachusetts appreciate the one stop kind of shopping experience they can have to fit every budget and service a wide variety of needs.

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ity products, they will forever remain part of the Higgins family of customers.

Ironically the jury is still out when trying to pin down an actual opening date of some could say dynasty, however they will always have fond memories including their first from their original barn on Route 122 in Barre near the current Athol Savings Bank. Moving across the street and finally in 2012, moving to their current location and building constructed to fully accentuate their product line and enjoyable shopping experience.

With each location came

new growth, new memories, new opportunities and new product lines. Hosting exciting events engaging the community and beyond have certainly been included in the 50 years of highlights, however

according to the owners, their best highlights are the customers and coworkers they grew to know as family, as some employees have hit the quarter century mark.

If it's seeking warmth or looking for high adventures on go-karts, electric scooters, ATVs and more, or perhaps something in between, a visit to the Higgins complex is always worth the trip.



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Stetson Home, located on South Street, Barre was an orphanage for boys at this time. Today it is Stetson School, Inc., Seven Hills Foundation and Affiliates. This building was demolished and only the clock tower was saved and sits on the property.

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Dave, Rick and John Caron, 1983.

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## E.P. Wine warms Barre and much of Worcester County

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

Heading out of the center of Barre on West Street, there is what may be one of the most venerable family businesses in Worcester County, if not the Bay State.

160 West Street is the location of E.P. Wine Propane, a company that has been keeping homes warm for near a century.

One might suggest that the family members who began the business picked the wrong time to do that.

Founded in 1927, two years later the nation would find itself in the Great Depression and there would be an epidemic of businesses closing nationally.

Not only would the young E.P. Wine company survive, but the business would also provide credit for customers during the economic crisis.

The history of the company was relayed to us by the current president, Rick Wine, grandson of the founders, during an interview on Jan. 5, 2026.

There was a husband and wife team behind the origin. The eponymous Edward P. and his wife Verna. Don't be fooled, everyone acknowledged that Verna, educated at Framingham State, was

the brains, and Edward the brawn. Certainly, the success speaks for itself. Apparently, Edward was not upset by the designation.

The company changed with the times. They had begun business selling oil and kerosene, but would move to propane in 1959 and that is what they are known for today.

The next generation would eventually come on board and that was Richard P. Wine Sr. who would take over and run the business until he passed away at 55.

Richard Jr., or Rick, whom we spoke with, had received a degree in accounting, but a life in that trade was not to be his fate, and he would join the company in 1981 and take the helm in 1991, becoming the third generation to run E.P. Wine. Still, knowledge of accounting can only be a useful skill in business.

The fourth generation of the Wine family is already serving the company. Ryan, Rick's son is a Merrimack

College graduate and has been an important part of the operation for a while now.

Four generations speaks to stability and experience and is rare these days. Another milestone coming up next year will be a century in business.

Employees are part of a close team. They include Collin Bennett and Vincent Messier. Rick paid tribute to Richard Holder, who was his right-hand man, and who would die of cancer at 86.

Two women keep the office running smoothly, Carol Anne Sargent Kelly and Michelle Linderson. Rick said of them, "They make me look good."

The team is important for many reasons, but especially so, as there is a large service area E.P. Wine covers. Roughly, it is a radius of 35 miles. Barre is the center as well as close by towns.

but that is only the beginning. There is also Wendell, Ludlow, Belchertown and Westminster and Leominster.



Generations of the family.

Heading south is Warren, Brimfield and Ware. To the east is the Tatnuck area of Worcester and further to Upton.

That is a lot of ground to cover. To provide propane to customers, a special type of truck is needed. That vehicle is known as a bobtail. A bobtail has a chassis with a sizable storage tank to deliver the propane. E.P. Wine has

two of them. Also, two service trucks are utilized by the ten employees.

Such equipment is necessary for a company that services the needs of residences, restaurants and other commercial enterprises.

E.P. Wine is also noted for civic engagement. From Little League teams to the Senior Center the company is involved. Rick spoke to his love of Barre.

The company is also involved in supporting students at Quabbin Regional High School. The school is in a district that includes Barre and four other towns as well as school choice students.

Each year a thousand-dollar scholarship is awarded to a boy and a girl. The scholarships are named after Verna O. Wine mentioned above and were established upon her passing in 1998. So far, \$110,000 in scholarships has been granted to district students.

When coaching himself, Rick has given out scholarships to students on his team.

Rick's personal sport of choice is golf and he pursues it avidly.

Of course, at the end of the day, Rick and his team know that it is E.P. Wine serving the customer that is the reason for the business.

As Rick put it; "I'm proudest of the fact if someone calls the office, they get a voice."

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Katie started working at the store when she was 13 and has taken over running the store from Betsy (Elizabeth Caruso). Her older sister (Stephanie Wiktor) works with her in the store paying the bills. Her brother Johnny (John Caruso) and Katie will be taking over the company from their father (John Caruso) when he retires in the next few years.

"We create a working environment that isn't just punching a clock day in and day out. We form bonds with one another, and make a safe space where we can talk to each other about the things that are going on with our lives and ask advice from one another. This is so important to me and gives me joy to come to work every day, not only to see my employees smiling faces but the customers, they help too," said Katie.

"At the retail store I try to keep the staff only female, this is for a few reasons. We hire high school students and for many of them this is their first job. I want to create a safe and comfortable working environment for them, not only to work in but to open up and talk. For many



**Katie is married to Steve Wick and has two labs, Sadie (chocolate lab) Daisy (yellow lab).**

of the young women that have worked for/with me at the store, they have never had a job before and this can be a scary thing. Over the years I have tried to help build confidence in many of them. They learn so many useful things working here like talking and helping customers, answering the phones, even simple things like writing out checks and envelopes. These are skills that will help them now but also in their future. I try

to be a role model for them – keeping a healthy lifestyle with exercise and food, and so many more things.

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me joy to come to work every day, not only to see my employees smiling faces but the customers too," said Katie.

Katie enjoys mountain biking, hiking, wood working, puzzles, time with friends and family members, travel and is always up for a new adventure and learning new skills. Katie has been a member of the Barre Sportsman Club since she was 18.



Photo Courtesy of Oakham Historical Association  
**The Park View Inn overlooking Oakham Common burned in 1907.**

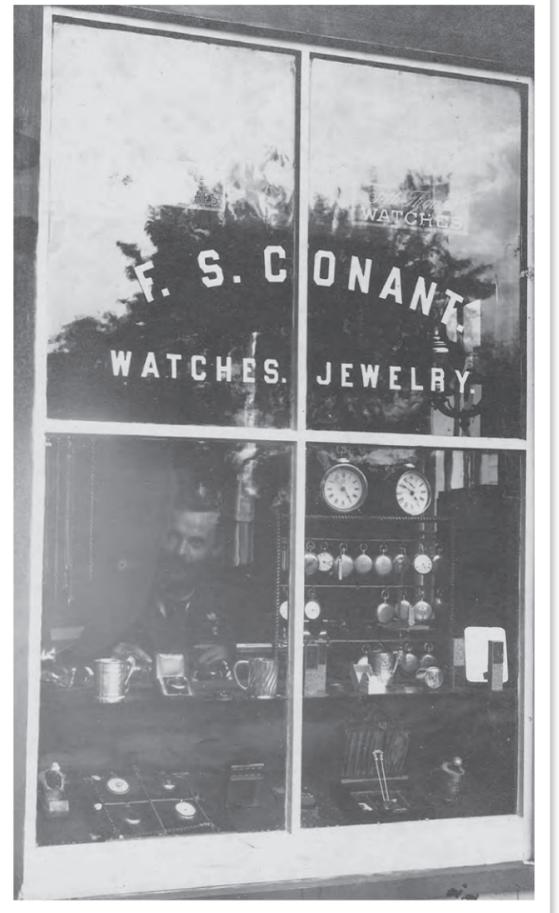


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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 9:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest Pease, Amber, 37, Erving  
 Charges Warrant – Default  
 12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Gilbert Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Responses, South Street, Report Filed  
 4:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
**Monday, Jan. 12**  
 11:10 a.m. Fire – Hazmat Incidents, Danvers, Mutual Aid Assist  
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
 12 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westboro, Dispatch Handled  
 12:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, South Barre Road,

Transported to Hospital  
 5:11 p.m. Serve Warrant, Maple Lane, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest Mahan, Robert  
 Thomas, 53, East Brookfield  
 Charges Warrant  
 5:23 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasant Street, Information Given  
 7:30 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, River Road, Fire Extinguished  
 7:36 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Butterworth Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
 4:11 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Sheldon Road, Report Filed  
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Skelly Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:07 p.m. Missing Person, South Street, Located/Found  
 9:51 p.m. Unwanted Party, Sheldon Road, Investigated  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
 6:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 9:55 a.m. Public Assist, Barre

Police Headquarters, Information Taken  
 12:46 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Police Department, Public Assist  
 2:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 3:32 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:23 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
 8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning  
 9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
 2:11 p.m. Safety Concern, Varney Lane, Investigated  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
 7:53 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Moulton Street, Report Filed  
 4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Adams Road, Removed from Scene  
 5:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 9:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest Pease, Amber, 37, Erving  
 Charges Warrant – Default  
 10:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Juniper Lane, transported to Hospital  
 10:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lincoln Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 3:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Information Taken  
 6:36 p.m. Vandalism, Maple Avenue, Call Transferred  
 9:04 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Monday, Jan. 12**  
 6:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 6:12 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Intervale Road, Removed from Scene  
 11:33 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 11:56 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Grafton, Investigated  
 12:56 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished  
 2:04 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Wilson Way, Officer/Chief Advised  
 2:19 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Irish Lane, Call Transferred  
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Wortman, Jason  
 Douglas, 48, Leominster  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, NO  
 4:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Investigated  
 4:54 p.m. Missing Person, Irish Lane, Located/Found  
 6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Crawford Road, Written Warning

Drive, Report Filed  
 7:30 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, River Road, Fire Extinguished  
 21:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Central Tree Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
 12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 7:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 9 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Welch Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Ferdinand, Michaelson, 30, Ludlow  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 9:43 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Miles Road, Information Taken  
 10:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
 11:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Mejiacastellon, Maria, 57, Brockton  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
 2:08 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Unfounded  
 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 3:27 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Vehicle Towed  
 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Ramos Ramos, Luis Osvaldo, 40, Gardner  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
 5:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Brooke Haven Drive, Cancelled  
 6:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Bullard Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

9:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Forbes Road, Written Warning  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
 7:51 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Report Filed  
 8:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital  
 3:46 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Returned  
 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Hood, Erick  
 Michael Joseph, 21, Petersham  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
 5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
 11:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Healdville Road, Transported to Hospital  
 1:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 4:20 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Sunnyside Avenue, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:32 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
 5:52 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken  
 6:05 a.m. Property Damage, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed  
 10:08 a.m. Property Damage, Campbell Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:55 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Haven Hill Road, Report Filed  
 1:12 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed  
 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 2:28 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 3:26 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Vehicle Towed  
 3:49 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Campbell Street, Returned  
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 10:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lincoln Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:19 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Scott Road, Information Taken  
 3:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Monday, Jan. 12**  
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
 5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 7:30 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, River Road, Fire Extinguished  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
 8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning  
 6:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Bullard Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
 5:17 p.m. Threats, Oakham Police Department, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:32 p.m. Emergency

Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
 2:39 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Dennis Whitney Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
 5:53 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town wide, Information Taken  
 8:08 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Robinson Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:57 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Gaffney Road, No Action Required

## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Jan. 19-Feb. 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 104 building/property checks, 77 directed/area patrols, 15 radar assignments, 10 traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, six assist other agencies, four complaints, two safety hazards, two investigations, one motor vehicle investigation, one fraud, one fire, one property damage, one scam, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.  
**Monday, Jan. 19**  
 8:28 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital  
 7:08 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled  
**Tuesday, Jan. 20**  
 12:23 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital  
 1:40 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Officer Handled  
 5:43 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 7:11 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Negative Contact  
 11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
 9:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Negative Contact  
 11:45 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Road, Investigated  
 11:56 a.m. Fraud, Turkey Street, Services Rendered  
 4:07 p.m. Fire/Other, Thayer Road, Services Rendered  
**Thursday, Jan. 22**  
 7:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Turkey Street, Services Rendered  
 10:38 a.m. Parking Complaint, Bridge Street, Spoken To  
 2:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

2:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 6:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Taylor Street, Negative Contact  
**Friday, Jan. 23**  
 9:25 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital  
 12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued  
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 5:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Negative Contact  
 5:13 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 5:30 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Unfounded  
 6:35 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, River Run, Officer Handled  
**Saturday, Jan. 24**  
 8:25 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
 9:37 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
 1:47 p.m. 911 Complaint, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
 5:34 p.m. Scam, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
 6:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Brook Road, Officer Handled  
**Monday, Jan. 26**  
 11:15 a.m. Property Damage, Lower Road, Report Taken  
**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
 11:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 12:29 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
 7:02 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital  
**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
 11:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
 5:18 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:23 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 8:23 a.m. 911 Utility Issues, North Street, Removed Hazard  
 10:29 a.m. Parking Complaint, Bridge Street, Services Rendered  
 10:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 2:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered  
**Friday, Jan. 30**  
 11:21 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Report Taken  
 4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 7:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Patient Refusal  
 7:38 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Peace Restored  
 10:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ridge Road, Officer Handled  
**Saturday, Jan. 31**  
 4:46 a.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 8:11 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
 1:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Officer Handled  
 4:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 8:27 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Pine Street, Negative Contact  
**Monday, Feb. 2**  
 12:20 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 2:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Monday, Jan. 12**  
 10:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact  
 2 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 5:45 p.m. Property Damage, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed  
 11:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Williamsville road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
 1:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
 2:55 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Worcester Police Department, Returned  
 7:30 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, River Road, Fire Extinguished  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
 4:11 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Sheldon Road, Report Filed

**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
 6:13 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Road, Call Transferred  
 10:36 a.m. Railroad Incident/Complaint, High Bridge Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, No Transport Required  
 8:37 p.m. Missing Person, Morgan Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
 4:30 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Cutoff Road, Negative Contact  
 4:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Natty Pond Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 5:30 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Templeton Road, Vehicle Towed  
 9 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, New Westminster Road, Investigated  
 9:09 a.m. Assault and Battery, Worcester Road, Report Filed  
 11:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Headville Road, Transported to Hospital

1:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:27 p.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 7:16 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Gardner Road, Report Filed  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
 5:50 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken  
 6:22 a.m. Fired – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed  
 6:46 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:56 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Templeton Road, Vehicle Towed  
 3:02 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 4:57 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Lombard Road, Officer/Chief Advised

## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Jan. 19-Feb. 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 23 building/property checks, 47 directed/area patrols, 15 radar assignments, seven traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, two scams, two complaints, one fraud, one safety hazard, two assist other agencies, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.  
**Monday, Jan. 19**  
 11:46 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Gilbertville Road, Patient Refusal

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**  
 1:18 p.m. Scam, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled  
**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
 10:40 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, West Brookfield Road, Spoken To  
**Thursday, Jan. 22**  
 6:13 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal  
 8:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal  
 11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed

**Saturday, Jan. 24**  
 11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning  
**Monday, Jan. 26**  
 9:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
 2:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
 5:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Cut Off Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
 8:51 a.m. Complaint, Unitas Road, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**  
 9:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Negative Contact  
 1:10 p.m. Complaint, Prouty Road, Spoken To  
**Friday, Jan. 30**  
 9:32 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
**Saturday, Jan. 31**  
 3:21 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal  
 8:51 p.m. Fraud, Wine Road, Officer Handled  
**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
 9:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

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