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## Voters to act on two questions and elect candidates

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BARRE –Monday, April 7 is the Annual Town Election with the polls open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The ballot includes two contested races for Water and Sewer Commission, a Debt Exclusion Question and a Non-Binding question.

Precinct 1 Voters will vote at the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and Precinct 2 voters will vote

at the American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road. The last day and time for residents to register to vote for this election will be on Friday, March 28 by 5 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on March 28 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for voter registration. Online voter registration is also available at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr).

Absentee and early vote by mail ballots are available by either filling out an application at the Town Clerk's office, 40 West St. or online

by visiting [www.townof-barre.com](http://www.townof-barre.com). Monday, March 31 by 5 p.m. is the last day to apply for an early vote by mail or absentee ballot. The Town Clerk's Office will be open Monday, March 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Candidates include Joshua Edward Smith, 80 Pleasant St., Moderator for three years – candidate for re-election. Richard C. Stevens, 905 Old Coldbrook Road, is a candidate for Select Board for three years. John Dixon, the current Select Board member

did not seek re-election.

Ellen M. Glidden, 637 Cutler Road is a candidate for re-election for Town Clerk for three years.

Also on the ballot is Christopher J. Jenkins, 788 Dana Road, candidate for re-election to the Board of Assessors for three years and Anthony F. Mobilio, 414 North Brookfield Road, candidate for re-election to the Board of Health for three years.

Water Commissioner has three candidates on the ballot

for one three year position. They are Cory C. Bombredi, 473 Wauwinet Road; Catherine P. Chase, 120 Hardwick Road and Michelle Lynn Fatcheric, 107 James Road.

Sewer Commissioner has two candidates on the ballot for one three year position: Matthew Richard Lapointe, 346 Old Coldbrook Road – candidate for re-election and Devine E. Resnik, 14 School St. North.

All other positions on the ballot are unopposed and

include Suzanne M. Person, 951 Wauwinet Road, Barre Housing Authority for five years – candidate for re-election; three constable positions and all candidates for re-election – Dennis G. Fleming, 7 Exchange St., Apt. 3; Joseph Thomas Jalbert Jr., 147 Valley Road and Michael A. Larose, 196 Mechanic St. and Margaret N. Petracone, 600 West St. for Felton Field Commissioner for three

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## Board approves CDBG application to focus on East Side

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission Principal Planner Joe Ferguson said his organization has been working with the town for a number of years on multiple projects including One Stop grants, Open Space plans and Community Development Block Grant.

“Tonight’s focus is for the FY 2025 CDBG application round,” Ferguson said at the March 18 Board of Selectmen’s meeting. “The purpose is to propose a motion for the board at the end of my oral presentation to submit a funding application on behalf of the town, which is due on April 14.”

Ferguson said the Community Development Block Grant program began in the 1970s and is federally funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He said in Massachusetts, there are 11 entitlement communities which are granted larger federal funds automatically.

“These larger cities, Worcester, Lowell, Lawrence...get a direct wire of funding and they do not have to compete for fund-

ing,” he said. “Whereas non entitlements, which is where North Brookfield sits, have to compete on an 18-month basis by submitting funding proposals.”

Ferguson said CDBG projects must meet one of three national objectives including benefitting low to moderate income populations, preventing or eliminating slums and blight and for special circumstances such as natural disasters.

He said elderly and disabled persons are generally considered to meet the low to moderate income criteria.

“CDBG in my mind, is very important or valuable to these small towns because there’s no match, no municipal budget outlay at all. This is a 100% grant through the federal government that flows to the state and then flows down to these towns,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the state assigns a “needs score” to towns, with North Brookfield receiving a score of nine, which makes it more competitive for funding than surrounding towns.

Ferguson said a CDBG forum was held last month to present an eligible project for this year’s application.

He said they did due dili-

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## Seniors enjoy buffet last Friday



Photo courtesy of Chief Timothy Howe

Seniors lined up for the buffet style lunch held last Friday, March 21 at the Oakham Fire Station.

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OAKHAM – Fire Chief Timothy Howe said, “He loves to cook.”

His love of cooking was evident last Friday, March 21 when he prepared a wonderful Italian pasta buffet for Oakham seniors. About 30 people can out on a cold, blustery day to enjoy some good food and company at the Oakham Fire Station.

The large fire trucks sat outside in the station parking lot to make room for tables

where the lunch goes could sit and two tables for the wonderful menu selection. There was ziti with spaghetti sauce, plain ziti with just butter, meatballs, sausage and toasted garlic bread.

In addition, there were several dessert selections of cookies and brownie bites. Beverages included chilled bottle water and several varieties of canned soda.

Fire Chief Howe said he would take to the grill for a cookout of hotdogs and hamburgers in July

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Turley photo by Ellenor Downer

Clare Hendra, far left, checked people’s names off the sign up sheet.

## Historical Society hosts antique appraisal

By Ryan Drago  
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NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society hosted an antique appraisal show this past weekend.

The appraiser was renowned appraiser and auctioneer Kenneth Van Blarcom from South Natick. Van Blarcom conducted an individual appraisal and shared some history on each item presented.

The event had an excellent turnout with over 50 people showing up and bringing in various items for Van Blarcom to review. This is the first antique appraisal show the New Braintree Historical Society has done in over 20 years.

One of the qualities that Van Blarcom likes to look at



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Renowned appraiser and auctioneer Kenneth Van Blarcom of South Natick was the appraiser during the New Braintree Historical Society's antique appraisal event.

when appraising an item is the history behind it and if it tells a story in addition to the item.

“I like the history the antique tells,” Van Blarcom said. “Connection with antiques by using them.”

The guests received tickets at the door to go in order as many items were brought in and many of them were appraised based on Van Blarcom’s feedback. One of the first items was a miniature salt set.

Prior to giving retail value, Van Blarcom shared some helpful tips to owners on how to keep items in good condition. Van Blarcom valued the salt set at about \$100 to \$150.

Farm related items were

very popular during this antique appraisal show. One guest brought Van Blarcom a vintage milk sign and he valued the sign at about \$300 to \$500.

One item brought to the event that Van Blarcom likes to review are antique chairs. The chairs dated back to the 1820s and according to Van Blarcom, the chips on parts of the chairs tell a story about their use throughout history.

“The marks, it tells a story,” Van Blarcom said.

According to the expert appraiser, antique chairs are worth more if they come as a set. For example, as a set of four or a table set. One chair Van Blarcom valued at \$75.

Another unique antique was an old ledger that featured both 18th century paper and 20th century paper. There was one note

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## Pathfinder Tech proposes budget at annual dinner

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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PALMER –Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School presented its budget for fiscal year 2026 at an annual dinner.

On March 12, stakeholders from all nine towns serviced by Pathfinder were invited to attend the school’s annual budget presentation dinner. The towns were represented by school board members, finance committees, town administrators and managers, and the budget was presented by Superintendent Eric Duda.

Duda opened the ceremony with highlights from the past year, including competitive grants and improvements to the school, such as the new gym floor, which was funded by the town of Palmer.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Senior center hosts information fair

On Wednesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, will hold a free information fair. Attendees will explore a wide-range of local resources and discover the wealth of information, services and opportunities. They will learn about local businesses, community organizations, educational programs and connect with experts in the field. This is a great chance to find what they need and meet their neighbors. There will be raffle prizes and this event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Designer pancakes

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 5 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. People may design their specialty pancake. The menu includes pancakes, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. All are welcome.

Historical Society program

Two weeks from today, on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, the Barre Historical Society hopes people will join them for a fantastic presentation from research historians, Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven on their book entitled “Finding William Lewis.” Their book will be available for sale at the program or can be found online in advance. This story is a fascinating one, where numerous journals/records were found just over the last decade, that were written and kept by William over his lifetime during the 1800s. Included in the story are details about William and wife Abby Lewis when they moved into a farm on West Street on April 1, 1861, almost exactly 164 years ago. Christie and Bruce will plan to focus on aspects of William’s records that offer interesting details of this 19th Century Barre farmer, amongst his many jobs. Topics such as Abby’s work for the mattress factory and for hat manufacturers, William’s hired farm hands, the local greenhouse customers and their favorite plants and more. This is a free program and an incredible story about local history.

Historical Society membership

The Barre Historical Society is holding their 2025-2026 annual membership drive, which is now underway. New members are always welcome. Here are some of the member benefits: being the first to learn about upcoming speakers and presentations and walking tours and other events; receive periodic email newsletter; invitation to the annual member’s meeting; invitation to exclusive, members-only events such as the Summer Solstice sunset wine and cheese event free for members; early bird shopping and free coffee at the annual giant yard sale; free popcorn during the summer Barre Band Concerts held outside on Barre Common Sundays in July and August. Renewal fees are individual \$25, household \$40 include up to two adults and children under age 18 in household, life \$300 and corporate sponsor \$200 (names are published on the Historical Society website all year long and posted onsite in several areas and are included in marketing flyers throughout the year. Donations of \$500 or higher will be listed in the Impact Partner donor group on the Historical Society website and in their marketing all year long. Mailing address remains the same at P.O.Box 755, Barre MA 01005-0755. If people have any questions, they can leave a voicemail at 978-355-4978 and someone will call them back.

Lincoln program

The Barre Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship hosts a program on Abraham Lincoln with former State Senator Stephen Brewer on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the church, 30 Park St. Brewer will bring Lincoln

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Packard’s celebrate 65 years of family business



Submitted photos

This is a first birthday celebration at Pine Acres Campground in Oakham. Randy Packard in the center of first row is wearing the cowboy hat.

Note: This article appeared in an Outdoor Hospitality Industry newsletter and they granted permission for it to be published in the Barre Gazette.

OAKHAM – For Pine Acres Family Camping Resort’s 65th anniversary, it’s clear that the heart of the business remains its deep family roots.

Randy Packard, whose parents, Frank (Kim) and Grace, started the campground, reflects fondly on growing up there, playing as a “camp rat” in the woods before the park was even fully developed.

“It was all woods, and we used to go out and run around and play with sticks,” Randy recalls with a laugh, remembering how his parents built the park from the ground up, using their hands and a chainsaw. A photo posted recently on their Facebook page captures a moment from the early 60s, a birthday celebration around the campfire with a young Randy, sporting a black cowboy hat, alongside his dad. These early recollections, along with the story of the park’s transformation, paint a picture of what Pine Acres stands for: a family owned and operated park which provides today’s families with opportunities to make their own cherished memories.

The Packard’s story is a tribute to a family legacy that has grown over generations at their 350 site Oakham park. The first office on the property, now operating as Uncle John’s Bait Shop, was a product of his parents’ ingenuity, built by hand before they even had power. “It was a family cottage in the beginning and we spent many summers there. My sister and I shared a room with my parents in a little back room,” Randy shares. In addition, from 1961 to 1974, the Packard family operated a small ski area on the property, including an original ski lodge by the lake; in 1967, they built an A-frame home as a residence, which is now the Main Office and



Grace, Randy and Kim Packard are shown at their family campground.

Administration building.

In the 1989, Randy and his wife Denise made the decision to purchase the park, taking over the reins from Randy’s parents, who wanted to retire and enjoy their own camping adventures. Randy fondly remembers his father’s unwavering work ethic, continuing to contribute to the park even after he had sold it, escorting guests to their sites until he was in his 90s. “He just loved meeting people from all over,” Randy reflects, mentioning that his father’s warm hospitality left a lasting impact on guests. It’s clear that this family-first approach has been integral to Pine Acres’ success.

In addition to his long-standing involvement in his family’s campground, Randy Packard has played a significant role in shaping the Outdoor Hospitality Industry through his dedication to OHI (formerly National ARVC). Randy has served in leadership positions within the organization since 1995, including as OHI’s Board Chair in 2001 and 2002.

And no small feat, Pine Acres won OHI’s Large Park

of the Year Award two times. “The amount of support we get from OHI is a big help to us,” Randy emphasizes. Ben and his wife Tessa actively participated in a 20 group for several years finding the collaboration really useful. Randy highlights the importance of continuing education, sharing that he and Denise both graduated from the George O’Leary National School of Outdoor Hospitality. Now, Randy is eager to pass on the knowledge and resources he’s gained to the next generation. “We’re looking at our third generation to see if we can’t get them to enroll in that,” he says, hoping to continue the family’s tradition of leadership and growth in the industry.

Today the third generation is stepping up. Randy’s son Corey, his daughter Jaclyn, and son-in-law Ben, are preparing to carry the family legacy forward. Corey, a civil engineer, is Chief Technology Officer in charge of coordinating future infrastructure upgrades and improvements,

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Kim Packard, even in his retirement, enjoyed escorting campers to their sites.

HUBBARDSTON

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Veteran’s Agent list hours

Lauren Wright, Hubbardston’s Veteran Service Officer is available to support Hubbardston veterans and their families. Her office hours are Mondays from 4-6 p.m. at the new town office location at 48 Gardner Road. In addition to Monday hours evening appointments are available from 4-7 p.m. as well as Fridays by appointment only. People may either call the Veteran’s Service Officer at 413-883-1038 and by mail vet@hubbardstonma.gov. As this is a part-time position, people are asked to be patience when booking appointments. Emails and voicemails will be returned within 24-48 hours. If people require urgent support, they may contact the Office of the Town Administrator at 978-928-1400 extension 200 or email admin@hubbardstonma.gov.

Dog licenses

Four hundred twenty eight dog licenses have already been issued. Residents who have not yet renewed their dog’s license, need to register by Monday, March 31 to avoid additional fees. They may come to the Town Clerk’s Office, newly located at 48 Gardner Road on the right wing of the building or apply online by visiting https://hubbardstonma-hubb-paws.app.transform.civicplus.com/. Under state and local laws, all dogs six months or older must be licensed with the town and have a valid rabies vaccination on file. People, who choose to pay online, \$1 for postage will be automatically added to their payment from within the online dog license application. If they mail a check, they should make it out to Town of Hubbardston and mail, along with stamped and addressed envelope to allow the office to mail the dog tag, to Town Clerk’s Office, 48 Gardner Road, Unit 12, Hubbardston, MA, 01452. If people wish to pay cash, they should fill out the application online and come in to the office to pay cash and pick up their tag. All licenses will be emailed to the email address provided. Dog fees are: Spayed/Neutered Dog- \$10.00; Unaltered (not spayed or neutered) Dog - \$15.00 and Residents over 70 – No Charge (per Hubbardston bylaw Ch. XXII, Sec 9.1). Dogs not licensed by May 1 will be charged a \$25 late fee per dog on top of the normal registration fees. Dogs not licensed by June 1 will be charged additional \$50 Failure to License Citation on top of registration fees and late fees ,which will be issued by Gardner Animal Control. Note: These citations must be paid by mail or in person and cannot be paid online. Any unpaid citations will be forwarded to Gardner District Court. For residents with a collection of more than four dogs kept for any purpose, a Special Permit is required from the Planning Board. For more information pertaining to Kennel Licenses, please call the Planning Board 978-928-1400, extension 203.

Country Hen Scholarship

The Country Hen Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for the 2025 scholarship award. This annual scholarship provides a total of \$1,000 to one or more Hubbardston students pursuing higher education. Applicants must be a Hubbardston resident for at least three years, be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited college or university and have demonstrated community involvement during their high school years. To apply, they should complete the online form and submit the required materials by Friday, April 25. Applications are available by visiting the town website at https://www.hubbardstonma.gov and click on Country Hen Scholarship. Applicants must submit a completed and signed application form, an essay (maximum 1,000 words) describing community involvement during high school and how it prepared them for college or why they should be considered for the scholarship. For questions or additional information, they may contact the Hubbardston Select Board

Nomination papers

Nomination papers for the upcoming Annual Town Election on Tuesday, June 10 will be available beginning Tuesday, March 18. The last day to obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk’s office is Tuesday, April 22. Nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Clerk’s office during regular busi-

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Cemetery Commission – March 27 at 11 a.m. and at noon  
Select Board – March 31 and April 3 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 1 at 6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 1 and May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 2 at 12:30 p.m.  
Election Day – April 7 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Select Board – April 7 at 6 p.m.  
Finance Committee – April 8 April 22, May 6 and May 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – April 8 at 7 p.m.  
250th Anniversary Committee – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Library Trustees – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – April 10 at 1 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 14 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – April 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – April 14 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – March 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
Parks and Recreation Committee – March 28 at 5 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 2 at 12:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – April 3 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – April 9 at 4 p.m.  
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – April 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – April 21 at 7 p.m.  
Capital Planning Committee – May 19 at 3 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Public Hearing Re: Early Voting by Mail for Annual Town Election – April 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Park Commissioners – April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fire Highway Building Committee – March 27 at 4 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 8 at 6 p.m.  
Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – April 9 at noon  
Meet the Candidates Night – April 11 at 6 p.m.  
Sewer Commissioners – April 14 at 4 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 16 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – April 14 at 12:15-1:15 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – March 31, April 14 and April 28 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 15 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – March 27, April 3, April 10 April 24, May May 8 and May 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
Advisory Finance Committee – March 27 at 6 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 1 at 6 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 1 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 3 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 4 at 9 a.m.  
Cemetery Commission – April 8 at 10 a.m.  
Council on Aging – April 14 at 10 a.m.  
Petersham Historic District – April 17 at 6 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Town Charter Committee – March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

## Editorial deadline reminder

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.

April 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2nd Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month www.abuse.org for more information and ways to help report abuse in need.	1 10AM Playgroup 10AM ASQ 401 River Street, Fitchburg (Registration Required)	2 10AM Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner	3 10:30AM Playgroup Fitchburg Memorial Library, Fitchburg	4 9:30AM Preschool Playgroup Haverhill Elementary School (Haverhill Residents Only) 10AM SNAP ED 307 Main Street, Fitchburg (Pre-Registration Required)
7 10AM Playgroup 10AM School Readiness BCM Playgroup (Pre-Registration Required)	8 10AM Playgroup 7 Exchange Street, Barre	9 10AM Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner	10 NO CFCE PROGRAMMING (Staff Development Day)	11 10AM Playgroup & SNAP ED 307 Main Street, Fitchburg (Pre-Registration Required)
14 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 10 School Street, South, South Barre	15 10AM Playgroup 10AM ASQ 401 River Street, Fitchburg (Registration Required)	16 10AM Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner	17 10AM Farm Playgroup 855 New Braintree Road, Oakham	18 10AM Playgroup 401 River Street, Fitchburg 10AM Playgroup & SNAP ED 307 Main Street, Fitchburg (Pre-Registration Required)
21 MOC CLOSING FOR PATRIOTS DAY	22 10AM Playgroup 10AM Infant Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner	23 10AM Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner	24 10AM Infant/Toddler Playgroup 7 Exchange Street, Barre	25 10AM Playgroup 401 River Street, Fitchburg
28 10:30AM Playgroup 10AM School Readiness BCM Playgroup (Pre-Registration Required)	29 10AM Playgroup 10AM Outdoor Playgroup Cotton Hill, Fitchburg	30 10AM Playgroup 65 Colman Street, Gardner IPM ASQ Preschool Time 7 Exchange Street, Barre (Registration Required)	STORY TIME Read, sing, and play with your child! Haverhill Elementary School 401 River Street, Fitchburg Click your child's name on the sign-up sheet. Haverhill Elementary School 401 River Street, Fitchburg	

All MOC CFCE programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. **Free Playgroups, StoryTimes, and Family Events.** Registration is recommended. For ages birth through 5 years and their guardians.  
Program Manager: hrdemocrac.org | 9782685easl.com  
CFCE Staff: turleyemocrac.org | 9782685easl.com

## 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 March 31. 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 – Chicken cacciatore, Gemmelli pasta, broccoli, peaches, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, Italian bread, fresh fruit

WEDNESDAY – Jambalaya, rice pilaf, green peas, pineapple, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Honey mustard pork, red bliss potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, baked cinnamon pears, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, Jardiniere vegetables, chocolate mousse, Italian 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 week-day. 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.

## Recycling Center offers bulk waste day April 12

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m.-noon.

This event is open to the residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. A recycling center sticker is not required.

Please note, there are fees per item charged to cover the cost of hauling and processing.

Prices are as follows: mattress/waterbed mattress/futon, \$30; couch, \$30; sleeper sofa bed/pullout couch, \$40; loveseat/upholstered chair, \$25; pool table, \$25; wall unit cabinets, \$20; large entertainment center, \$20;

sink, \$15; ceiling fan/upright fan/box fan, \$10; toilet, \$20; carpeting/foam carpet backing, \$15; kitchen/dining table, \$15; bookcase/bureau, \$15; trash compactor, \$10; wooden chair/end table/coffee table/night stand, \$12; car seat (baby/child), \$7; bulk Styrofoam (bagged), \$5; and suitcases, \$5.

The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed above accordingly on site.

For more information, people can email recycling@townofhardwick.com or stop by the Hardwick Recycling Center during open hours. Volunteers are also needed during the Bulk Waste Collection Event.

## C4R spring 2025 kickoff meeting Sunday

PALMER – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council will hold its spring kickoff meeting on Sunday, March 30 from 2-4 p.m. at Palmer Historical Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers.

Come and discover details about water quality sampling, river restoration/cleanups, new Blue Trail plans, trail crews and more.

The meeting will include a recap of 2024 and new Blue Trails devel-

opment work for this year. C4R was awarded a grant to create the Lower Quaboag River Blue Trail beginning along Route 67 down to Three Rivers.

In 2025 C4R will also continue its water sampling program at an expanded level, as well as sponsoring a number of paddling and river events. Volunteers are welcome to help with Blue Trail care.

For more information, email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

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## Dogs must be registered by April 1 to avoid fines

HARDWICK – The Town Clerk will hold a reminder residents of the April 1 deadline to register their dog(s) or be subject to a \$10 late fine per dog.

A valid rabies is necessary to license any dog and the dog officer receives a list of owners whose dogs are not registered as of April 1. Owners may be subject to fines issued by the animal control officer for dogs that are unregistered, unvaccinated, and/or running at large.

Please also note the Town of Hardwick has a 24-hour leash law.

Dogs spayed or neutered cost \$8 each and those still intact are \$15 each. Cash or checks are accepted.

The Town Clerk will be in the office this Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m.-noon; Monday, March 31 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and on Tuesday, April 1 from noon-6 p.m.



## OAKHAM

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### Friends Group to meet

The spring meeting of the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library will be Saturday, April 12 at noon located at 4 Maple St. During this meeting, they will vote to fill the open offices of president and vice president, discuss upcoming programs that the library could use help with, and brainstorm ideas for future fundraising events. As always, we'll have coffee and tea and some light refreshments to share. All are welcome to attend.

### Senior pen pal letters reminder

Senior pen pal letters from the Oakham Center School students are ready for the seniors to pick up on outside the back door of the library. Senior response letters are due back at the library on Thursday, April 3.

### Office hours Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume

Staff from state Sen. Peter Durant's office and state Rep. Donald Berthiaume office will be available to meet with constituents to assist with issue involving state agencies or to hear legislative ideas and concerns. As always, staff would be happy to set up meetings at another time with any constituent who needs assistance. Kim Mongeau (Ring), Communications Director office of Sen. Peter J. Durant Worcester and Hampshire District at 413-896-0794. Donna M. Farmer, Chief of Staff Rep. Donald Berthiaume fifth Worcester District at 774-402-4742. Office hours will be held at the Oakham Town Hall on Monday, April 14 at 12:15 p.m.

### Oakham Senior Center

Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. the walking group meets and Tuesdays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. On cold days, the walking groups will walk to tapes inside the Senior Center.

On Tuesdays from now to April 22 Yoga is held at 12:30 p.m. Other activities include Wednesdays Zumba Gold 9 a.m. in the Rutland Senior Center - \$2 donation/class; Thursdays at noon weigh in – support weight loss group and Fridays Functional Fitness at 10:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall - \$2 donation per class. 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.-12:15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

## Democratic Town Committee's annual call to caucus this Sunday

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual call to caucus on Sunday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Registered democrats from North Brookfield are invited to join, please visit [www.nbdemocrats.org](http://www.nbdemocrats.org) for more information.

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Opinion

Letters to Editor
Please vote and vote yes

I’ve spent more time lately thinking about town water systems and the pros/cons of removing a dam than I ever thought I would (see the Barre Gazette guest column in March 20 edition from my husband urging yes on April 7).

I’ve read thoughtful arguments from people I respect and I have heard a lot of unintentional misinformation. I’ve spoken to people representing previous generations who grew up here. I’ve concluded that this is not a trivial vote. Though the ballot question is non-binding, removing a reservoir is irreversible. We must consider the long-term impact.

If Barre didn’t depend on the aquifer, reverting to a river might be viable and preferable. But removing the reservoir threatens Barre’s long-term water sustainability. As I understand it, the town’s wells depend on aquifer recharge. The aquifer is already stressed and dangerously low on recharge. Destroying the reservoir will reduce the surface water needed to recharge the aquifer. Significantly lower groundwater levels will impact water availability especially during more frequent droughts caused by climate change.

The “get rid of it” argument focuses on today, without fully considering future consequences. And it exaggerates costs. The state will pay \$1.5 million to repair the dam, while destroying it costs \$3.5 million. Saving it requires a one-time fee to accept donated rights of way access and minimal maintenance and inspection costs, some of which can be raised through grants and donations. Proposed alternatives, like drilling a new well or piping Quabbin, will cost so much more and are likely unfeasible. Spending millions of dollars on a new well represents a greater financial risk than maintaining what will essentially be a new dam and reservoir.

Please plan beyond the immediate moment. The “we can’t do it now” argument forgets that many of our current challenges stem from past short-sighted decisions. Please let’s not make another one. The Select Board needs to decide soon and is seeking our input. This issue affects every person who relies on water, i.e., everyone. Tell the Select Board you understand the wisdom of repairing the dam now while state funds are still available. Please vote, and please vote yes to save the old reservoir. Gone is gone.

**Dr. Theresa E. Kane**  
Barre

Candidate expresses visions for Barre

I, Richard C. Stevens, am asking for your vote to be elected to the Barre Select Board.

My wife and I own a home on Old Coldbrook Road. We have six children and eight grandchildren.

I have 35 years of municipal government experience. I was an elected member of the Board of Health for 12 years and served as the town’s health agent for 15 years.

If elected to serve, I will continue to work hard for all our town residents. I will work to support our town department’s needs and for fair wages for equal work.

I have taken considerable pride in setting up the ice-skating rink for the last four years. The 250th anniversary committee and I worked extremely hard to bring a memorable year of reflection and celebration throughout 2024. Fund raising and donations paid huge dividends as our committee is returning nearly seventy-four thousand dollars to the town.

I will advocate for the fire station study and design to move forward so our fire-fighters can have adequate sleeping rooms and separate showers, a decontamination area, and a kitchen.

I will work with local, state, and federal partners to bring funding into Barre to make the new fire station a reality and affordable to our community.

We need a capital acquisition plan for the replacement of town-owned equipment. I will work to implement our annual auditor’s recommendations.

I support an open check

Richard C. Stevens  
Barre

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For more information, or to submit people or milestone news for the Barre Gazette, please email edowner@turley.com.



In Past Pages

5 years (April 2, 2020)

Barre Selectmen on the recommendation of the Town Clerk Ellen Glidden postponed the annual town election scheduled for Monday, April 6. Per the Governor’s orders the board held a remote meeting using Zoom that allowed public participation via phone and/or computer. Selectman Greg O’Sullivan did not agree to using Zoom for this meeting and did not participate. Glidden said the state legislature passed a bill that allowed municipalities to postpone elections until June 30 due to COVID-19. She recommended to the board to postpone the election. She said she had only a few election workers willing to work on April 6.

At a virtual meeting of the Hubbardston Town Center Committee, Chair Dan Galante said of the project. “We have a slot; it’s 100% happening. He said MassDOT locked in the town center project for 2023. The project along Route 68 included the intersections of Elm and Brigham Streets to Curtis Recreation Field. It involved road reclamation of the northern section, full depth p/pavement reconstruction of the southern section, drainage, sidewalks, bicycle path and crosswalks. Galante said it would be five years this fall that the Town Center Committee first met. MassDOT ran a public hearing on March 5 where they presented the project and heard public comment.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health notified the Barre Emergency Management Team of the town’s first confirmed case of COVID-19. Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski said in a press release dated March 25 the patient is currently being treated by the appropriate medical services and all of the proper protocols are currently being implemented. He said, “I respectfully request that everyone respect the patient’s privacy during this time. I understand that many of our residents are extremely concerned about the coronavirus.” He said, “Barre Fire would like to remind everyone that the best thing that you can do is to stay home, stay informed and follow the

Look Back – Friday Club Top Spellers – 1993



File photo

The top three spellers in the spelling bee sponsored by the Friday Club are, from left, Charles Kittredge, first place; Rebecca Widing, second and Rachele Sherblom, third.

guidance that is being put out by the Department o Public Health and Center for Disease Control. If you must go out, please maintain your social distancing of at least six feet.”

10 years (April 2, 2015)

Voters in the town of Barre head to the polls for the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Precinct one is located in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and precinct two in the Barre Post #2 American Legion, 450 South Barre Road. There are no contests and three positions have no candidates on the ballot. There is one question on the ballot. It asks voters, “Shall the town vote to have the elected Cemetery Commissioners become appointed by the Barre Board of Selectmen?”

When it comes to nutrition many of us are often conflicted. While our heads tell us when we should and should not eat, sometimes our bodies, namely our tastes and appetites “advise” us differently. That sensible salad at lunch-time may turn into that burger of our dreams before we know it. And sometimes the circumstances of our health dictate certain diets and cours-

es of sustenance and perhaps these requirements are perceived as being opposite to what we’d rather have on our plates. The Barre Senior Center welcomes back Colin Boisvert, nutrition director for the Quabbin Regional Middle High School, to present a program entitled “Eating Healthy and Delicious.”

Oakham Selectmen received notice from Massachusetts Department of Transportation of a one time Recovery Roadside Assistance Program grant. Governor Charlie Baker release \$30 million in funds statewide to help cover costs of road damage during the harsh winter. Oakham will receive \$27,899 for repair of potholes, crack sealing, guardrails, sign repair and other storm related damages. All work must be completed by June 30 of this year.

25 years (March 30, 2000)

Petersham Grange welcomed guest from Royalston Grange and almost 20 non-members or the recent program on the history of the Quabbin Reservoir presented by Les Campbell of Belchertown, noted history and nature photographers.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor’s Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This is the last Serenity Hill Sampler for March.

Don't let anyone do an April Fool joke on you. April is always a nice month with new things coming up in the flower gardens. It is also the month where it is getting closer to bringing the houseplants outside.

I have been taking slips of the coleus and geraniums and have a good supply to put in the big pots that I put on the front deck and a big stump in the backyard where the geraniums go.

This week I have been concentrating on getting the fall leaves out of the flower gardens. I did not rake them out in the fall. This morning I took the leaves and twigs out of the wildflower garden.

There are signs of new growth coming up and it will be a surprise to see what comes up. One of the earliest is the Blood Root. The Native Americans used the red dye from the root to dye their baskets, arrows and other things. That is how the name became to be.

The second garden I rake out is the woodland garden as there are a lot of daffodils coming up.

The Epimediums will be showing their orchid like flowers soon. One of the last gardens, I rake out is the Hosta bed. They come up fairly late. In the front of the house, we have a bed of Fiddle Head ferns that hide the foundation. I also have a bed of Maidenhair Fern within the Hosta bed, which makes for a pleasant surprise. In the center of the Hosta bed is a small garden of pink Lily of the Valley that my friend Bonnie gave me. I like to keep them separate from the white variety as I am afraid they will cross back to white.

Here is a recipe I plan to try when I get the ingredients. It sounds like a nice soup for a chilly day.

SAUSAGE, POTATO AND KALE SOUP

12 small red skinned potatoes, thinly sliced  
Kosher salt, for the water  
1 1/2 pounds sweet Italian sausage, casings removed  
1 chopped onion  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

2 cups chicken broth  
2 cups whole milk  
4 cups half and half  
2 bunches kale, torn into bite-size pieces  
Splash of heavy cream

Boil potatoes until tender. Drain and set aside. Add sausage and onion and cook in a Dutch Oven over medium heat breaking up the sausage until it turns brown and the onion is soft. Pour off any fat. Stir in the pepper, oregano, chicken broth, milk and half and half. Bring to a simmer and cook 30 minutes. Add the potatoes and heavy cream. Stir in the kale and simmer until the kale is wilted. Ladle soup into bowls.

This soup serves 6 to 8 so I believe the recipe can be halved if desired.

This and That

I was sorry to hear of the passing of another long time resident Constance Lucier this week.

I heard the Historical Society had good attendance for the showing of Gary Kangas's video "Then and Now" this past week at the Williamsville Chapel.

During April, there are several things to keep in mind. On Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m.-noon there will be a town wide clean up. Free trash bags will be available and returned with the trash at Curtis Field. The Girl Scouts will be collecting bottles and cans on April 19 from 8 a.m.-noon at Curtis Field.

Have a nice week and enjoy the sun.



Early spring questions for the Garden Lady

Lisa, who gardens in Belchertown, had this question for the Garden Lady: "I saw a video online of someone using a weed whacker to cut down their raspberry plants. Why would they be doing that now? Aren't they cutting off all of the fruiting buds?"

It's sure interesting that you mention this particular topic! My husband and I stared at our raspberry plants and talked about getting out there to prune as well.

Before you grab the weed whacker and head out, though, you have to know your raspberries. Do you have "summer bearing" or "ever-bearing?"

If you have raspberry plants that bear one crop each summer, you would not cut them down to the ground now because you would be removing all of the fruiting

buds. The berries grow on canes that are a year old.

All you would do to summer bearing raspberries now is prune out the canes that fruited last year if you haven't already done so. They will look old and the bark will be shedding a bit. Another giveaway is that when you cut into them there is no green "living" tissue.

Very thin canes, or canes that are growing closer than six inches apart can also be cut down to the ground.

Pruning is a bit different for those of us that have "ever-bearing" raspberries. You must decide if you want two smaller crops - one in the summer and one in the fall or one bumper crop in the fall.

Chances are that the video you saw was of someone turning their "ever-bear-

ers" into "fall bearers" instead, by cutting the canes that fruited in the fall all the way down to the ground. New canes will grow and in late August-early September they will fruit, in abundance, hopefully.

If you like the idea of two crops, then do not prune away the canes that fruited last fall, but do cut off the tops of these canes. You'll see evidence of old berry clusters. Cut just below that point, leaving the rest of the cane.

New buds will form here, and these will be your first, summer crop. Do also cut away any remaining dead canes, and thin or too close together canes as mentioned above.

Christi wrote in with this question about her Rhododendrons, "I noticed that parts of my rhododendron (as well as others in my neighborhood) are curled and perhaps dead. They normally curl when it gets really cold, but unfurl when it gets warm. Today is 65 degrees and parts have still not unfurled. I was wondering why this happened and what suggestions you might have."

Rhododendrons curl their leaves in the cold as a defense mechanism to reduce the overall surface area of the leaf in an

effort to curb moisture loss. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't work as well.

Take, for example, if the plant was already stressed when it entered winter; then this process may not have the same effect. Perhaps we didn't have sufficient rain and supplemental water wasn't provided, then the plant's efforts of curling their leaves may not get them through the winter unscathed, especially the incredibly windy winter we had.

Once the ground thaws, give the shrubs a drink and if indeed these branches don't respond as spring weather continues, it may be time to do some corrective pruning. Oftentimes, stems that are cut back to well within the shrub respond with new growth that will rejuvenate the rest of the plant, making it look better and better. Good luck!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Lions Club holds curling tournament

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Lions Club recently held its 19th annual charity curling tournament and raffle fundraiser on Saturday, March 22.

A curling tournament is known as a bonspiel. The event benefits Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund to help in finding a cure for blindness.

This year's 14 teams were from Athol, Barre, Charlton, Hubbardston, Petersham, Mendon, Paxton, Rutland, Winchendon and Worcester. A new team this year com-

prised members from the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, also known as MERLF, which has membership from many Massachusetts Lions Clubs.

The final playoff was between the Hubbardston Lions and the Mendon Lions, with Mendon taking the win. The Mendon Curlers were Colleen Oncay, Karen Marzilli, Gina Marzilli Shaughnessy, and Barbara Thirsk. The win-

See CURLING CLUB, page 8



Submitted photo

The Mendon Lions Club team took first place in the Petersham Lions Club Tournament on Saturday, March 22.

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Campbell worked 45 years in the water quality laboratory of the Metropolitan District Commission and has done many color, sound and narrated integrated programs. He explained that he considers there are "really four Quabbins" - the physical Quabbin by which he means the actual facts of obtaining and disseminating the water; the historic; wilderness and spiritual Quabbins.

The Barre Historical Society will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall. After a brief business meeting, a talk will be presented by Barre resident Linda Tartaglia about her house, the old Daunt Homestead on Old Hardwick Road. The residence has seen its share of town history and Tartaglia is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and experiences with those interested in old house and the stories they have to tell. Both the business meeting and the talk are open to all, free of charge. Programs are usually held at the Historical Society's headquarters building, but due to renovations and improvements currently in progress at that site, the events of April 6 will take place at the Barre Town Hall.

A drawing by Petr Wronski of Barre has been accepted by the Muscular Dystrophy Association's art collection. The collection features artwork by people with neuro-muscular diseases from across the country. Wronski's "Race to the Summit" is a pencil drawing that depicts several animals clustered together in a race up a road. The route is lined with gigan-

tic flower blossoms and the end of the road has a human figure that seems to be waving the creatures onward. Wronski, 14, is a freshman at Quabbin Regional High School and has been drawing since age 5. He has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a progressive disease that causes generalized weakness and muscle wasting, initial affecting limb and trunk muscles.

38 years (April 2, 1987)

Approximately 30 people under the direction of the

Barre Area Citizen Alliance member Louisa Knowles protested the possible siting of a Ground Wave Emergency Network communications tower at the Barre Falls Dam on Monday, March 30. The New England Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the dam, called the local police after the incident and requested that the next time such a demonstration is held the police should arrest the people for trespassing, said Barre Police Chief Michael Ryder. The Air Forces, which is

building the GWEN towers, had notified the town that they were going to do some work there. The protestors found out through a private surveyor who did the work. They talked to the surveyors for about 10 minutes and then the surveyors went about their work, said an employ of the dam.

Conserve Our Small Town attended a conservation commission dinner in force on Friday, March 27 where Governor Michael Dukakis was the keynote speaker. The dinner, sponsored by the

Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and Friends of the Reservation, was held at the Marriott Hotel in Westboro. "I feel were were successful in delivering a message," said COST member Susan Reed. Members spoke to many conservation commissioners as well as the governor, handed out brochures and bumper stickers and picketed the hotel. "The Governor was clearly annoyed to see people from

New Braintree demonstrating."

Voting at the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 6 was very light, only 14% of the registered voters turned out. This was to be expected because of little competition, that for the office of Tree Warden. Wesley H. Dwelly was elected tree warden. Of the 676 registered votes, 94 voted. Gerald Wiersma of Old Turnpike Road was elected selectman to replace Richard G. Riley, who chose not to run.



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# EQLT to hold star gazing evening March 27

**HARDWICK** – East Quabbin Land Trust will host “Stars, Space Station, Satellites and S’mores” for some stargazing, weather permitting on Thursday, March 27 at 8 p.m. at Mandell Hill Preserve, 660 Barre Road.

The weather currently

looks promising for some stargazing later this week. Mark Mattson will share his knowledge of the stars and constellations, and participants will all keep their eyes open for the Space Station and satellites. The Space Station will be overhead at 8:42 p.m. Plan

to be there early enough to get settled and allow their eyes to adjust.

This event is entirely weather-dependent. If the East Quabbin land Trust needs to cancel, they need to know who to contact, so make sure to RSVP by emailing

atrevvett@eqlt.org.

They will also have all the fixings for s’mores for kids and kids at heart. Participants should dress for the weather, bring a small flashlight, and be sure to have a blanket or chair so they can lean back on for optimal viewing comfort.

## PINE ACRES, continued from page 2

and Jacqueline an attorney, is taking on the role of Treasurer overseeing office operations and budgeting. Ben has been instrumental as Vice President of Outdoor Operations and Planning. Randy is proud that his children are eager to continue the family tradition. Although Randy’s daughter Tessa passed away five years ago, she remains a key part of the park’s heart. She was leading the next generation of ownership and was the one who spurred their OHI 20 group involvement. In her memory, Randy created a special area with a cabin and campsites down by the cove, a tribute to her legacy and the continued unity of the family.

As Pine Acres celebrates its 65th anniversary, Randy



Submitted photo

This is one of the sites by Lake Dean.

reflects on how much has changed, from upgrading infrastructure to embracing modern amenities like Wi-Fi, all while maintaining a family-oriented atmosphere. The anniversary festivities will bring the past and present together, with vintage trail-

ers, a fireworks show over the lake, and even a rollback of pricing to their 1960s rates, providing guests with a nostalgic look back at the park’s early days. For Randy, the pride his parents had and would have today in what Pine Acres has become is

something he cherishes deeply. “They built it to be for our family and now my grandkids are playing in the park,” Randy says with pride. It’s a legacy that continues to grow in the love and memories it creates for the next generation of campers.

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years and candidate for re-election.

There are two positions on the ballot for Library Trustee for three years: Lisa Marie Marselle, 100 Pleasant St. and Martha Lee Pearson, 320 Oakham Road, both are candidates for re-election.

Raymond Robert Beaudoin, 460 Wheelwright Road, is a candidate for Planning Board Associate for one year and Michael A. Larose, 196 Mechanic St. is a candidate for Planning Board for five years.

Voters elect two Quabbin Regional High School Committee member for three year terms. Richard Gordon Allan, 549 Spring Hill Road and Mark Thomas Brophy, 90 Ruggles Lane are both candidates for re-election.

There are two questions on the ballot. Question 1 says “Yes/No Shall the Town of Barre be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2 ½ so-called the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order

to purchase and equip new fire truck.”

Question 2 is a non-binding advisory opinion and reads, “Yes/No Do you approve of the Town of Barre taking ownership of the Old Reservoir Dam and related property located near Flaherty Road along the Prince River, for purposes of repairing, replacing and maintaining the dam or removing it so as to be able to protect public safety and to regulate water levels of the Old Reservoir, subject to any required Town Meeting approvals.”

This is a nonbinding advisory question placed on the ballot by the Select Board to determine if the town supports the acquisition by the Town of the Old Reservoir Dam and related property located near Flaherty Road along the Prince River, for purposes of repairing, replacing and maintaining the dam or removing it so as to be able to protect public safety and to regulate water levels of the Old Reservoir. The Old Reservoir Dam is in poor condition and has been deemed a High Hazard Dam by Massachusetts Office of

Dam Safety, which means that the Dam is at high risk of failure and that failure would be likely cause damage to property in the vicinity of the Dam.

The town does not own the dam and has no ability to address the problem. The Commonwealth has offered to fund construction costs, but the town will incur property acquisition and annual maintenance costs if it acquires the Dam.

A yes vote on this question means the voter is in support of the Select Board pursuing Town ownership of the Dam by requesting an appropriation and other necessary votes at Town Meeting. A no vote means the voter is not in support of the Select Board pursuing Town ownership of the Dam and the current conditions will remain in effect. The final decision lies with the Select Board.

More information is available on the town’s Website by visitingwww.townofbarre.com, calling the Town Clerk at 978-355-2504 extension 5 or by emailing clerk@towofbarre.com.



Photo courtesy of Chief Timothy Howe

The Oakham Fire Station was the perfect place for seniors to dine on a lunch prepared by Fire Chief Howe and Oakham Fire Department members. The venue had plenty of room, easy access on ground level and plenty of parking.

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for the seniors. The Fire Department will be offering several programs this year. They include fall prevention and burn prevention. These programs are funded by the Department Senior Safe Fire Service grants. The grants also cover the cost of smoke alarms and lock

boxes for seniors that need them.

The lock box is affixed outside and contains house keys. In case of an emergency, the responders open the box to obtain a key for easy entry to one’s home without having to break doors to get inside.

Chief Howe said, in addition to the senior offerings, the Fire Department used half of the grants for

fire education and safety programs at the Oakham Center School. Half went to senior programs and half to school programs.

Chief Howe said any senior that needed assistance should contact him. The Fire Department delivered buckets of sand to seniors this winter at no cost. The salt sand mix was helpful with all the ice we had last month.

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gence to try to qualify some streets from the West Side neighborhood, but they found out those projects would not qualify.

“In coordination with the town departments and the community, we switched our focus to the East Side neighborhood or around the town common area,” he said. “We are looking at proposing a design/construction improvement on the entire length of South Common Street.”

Ferguson said they are also proposing design/construction improvements between Grove and Forest on South Common, as well as the entire length of St. Claire Avenue.

“Based on conceptual estimates and knowing the funding limit for the FY 25 application is \$850,000 we think this is a right sized project,” he said. “Right now, it does fit within that budget.”

Ferguson said the FY 25 funding would pay for plan design and engineering, as well as putting out a bid for construction. The cost of the project is earmarked at \$725,000 with \$125,000 for grand administration costs by CMRPC.

The board moved to support and approve the FY 25 CDBG application as presented.

## Change orders for Mount Pleasant Street

Ferguson presented the board with a change order for the Mount Pleasant Street project. The engineer’s change order was for \$31,000 and the contractor’s for \$27,072.06

He said on a high level, the need for change orders is based on delays with the project, but also due to the performance of the contractor. The change order for the contractor includes almost 100 additional hours for police details.

“Based on my analysis with the grant account, with these change orders in play, there is still grant funding leftover,” Ferguson. “There is still a balance of approximately \$40,000 in grant funding that’s available for use that has not been claimed or obligated at this point.”

Ferguson said the contractor has three pay applications in play, of which the first two have been paid. He said 5% has been retained from each of those.

“If pay app. three is approved, we’re holding 5% retainage out of that,” he said. “Right now, that retainage amount is approximately \$21,000, which the town should hold onto...I would try to address that at the end of the project through the retainage we’re holding.”

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said he

has a “real problem” paying for the additional police details due to the contractor’s time delays with the projects.

“Just because it’s a grant doesn’t mean that they should still get it, it’s still taxpayer money,” he said.

A motion to approve the engineer’s change order passed, but a motion to approve the contractor’s change order failed with Petraitis voting in opposition.

## Change orders for Fire/Highway upgrade

Jamie Gilman said there are four potential change orders for the Fire/Highway building upgrade project.

He said there had been delays with getting the heating system going, which put the project behind substantially. He said the town’s response with getting the fuel tank in place has set it back about eight weeks.

“That fuel tank, connected to the oil system, allowed the building to get heated and the contractor to finish their work,” Gilman said.

Gilman said the building committee has been reevaluating the uncompleted parts of the projects, in order to save the town money.

“To try to get it financially under control,” he said.

Gilman said a substantial amount of contingency funds were used in the former Huck’s building, which is the newest of the three

buildings.

He said one of the change orders looks at mini piles around the new apparatus building.

“The money wasn’t in there to do the proper engineering...to demonstrate that the 20-foot, 15-foot piles were going to be effective,” Gilman said. “We don’t know if there’s going to be true value to the town...it’s a couple hundred thousand dollars, it just doesn’t make sense.”

Gilman said there has been some settling of the new apparatus building over the years, but they can’t be responsible for spending money without evidence of its value.

This change order would save the town \$195,650.

Another change order was the elimination of the second floor kitchen in the old fire building. He said there is a kitchen on the first floor and having two kitchens wouldn’t be necessary.

This change order would save an additional \$33,619.

A third change order has to do with stripping insulation from the building for a cost of \$11,275, completed by the contractor. Gilman said the original order had the removal listed as the town’s responsibility, but this change order would save time to keep the project moving.

The fourth change order is another additional cost of

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to life through stories and historical antidotes. People are invited to come early at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and conversation. Note: The date was changed to April 14 and will not be held on April 7 as stated last week’s Round Town.

## Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume office hours

Staff from state Sen. Peter Durant’s office and state Rep. Donald Berthiaume office will be available to meet with constituents to assist with issue involving

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ness hours Mondays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Town Offices have moved to 48 Gardner Road. A minimum of 23 signatures of registered voters in Hubbardston are required. Papers must be returned on Tuesday, April 22 at 5 p.m. People may call the Town Clerk’s office directly via phone at 978-928-1400, extension 202 or by emailing townclerk@hubbardstonma.gov.

state agencies or to hear legislative ideas and concerns. As always, staff would be happy to set up meetings at another time with any constituent who needs assistance. Kim Mongeau (Ring), Communications Director office of Sen. Peter J. Durant Worcester and Hampshire District at 413-896-0794. Donna M. Farmer, Chief of Staff Rep. Donald Berthiaume fifth Worcester District at 774-402-4742.

Office hours will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, on Monday, April 14 at 11 a.m.

## Senior Center

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.



ANTIQUE APPRAISAL,  
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that once belonged to a British Officer dating around 1770. The notes were included to help tell the story of the ledger and Van Blarcom believes depending on authenticity the ledger could be worth more.

When checking for marks, signatures, inscriptions he uses a flashlight and a magnifying glass. Several antique weapons were brought in during the appraisal, including a knife and an axe. The tools help Van Blarcom identify the period of when the weapons were made.

For sports memorabilia, a gentleman showed Van Blarcom a Boston Red Sox poster from the time of the 1903 World Series, highlighting the professional baseball club's first World Series Championship. When asked by Van Blarcom how long the owner had it, they said it has been hung up in one of their households for many years and the poster has never been taken out of the frame.

Van Blarcom suggested the owner take the poster out of the frame to confirm the authenticity of the poster if it is from the correct time period. If it is real, Van Blarcom valued the



Van Blarcom explained the value of this old record player to the owner.

Red Sox poster at around \$2,500.

Another unique item was a signed photograph from members of the Rolling Stones around the time they were in North Brookfield at Long View Farm. The item was magnificent due to having the history and the story tied to it.

The New Braintree Historical Society will be hosting an evening of discussion and remembrances of New Braintree's "Conserve Our Small Town" era on Friday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. The remembrance will be moderated by Susan Reed and former senator Stephen Brewer.

This event highlights the moment when the town

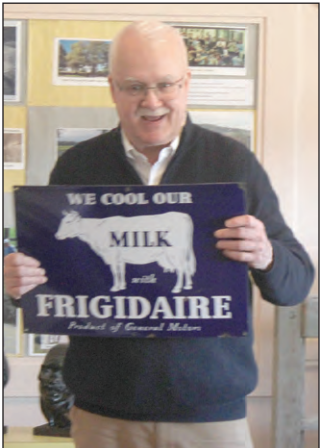


One guest brought in some antique chairs, which are one of Van Blarcom's favorite antiques to review.

fought to prevent a prison being built on the current site of the Massachusetts State Police Training



Van Blarcom tested out an old yarn winder.



Van Blarcom held up an antique milk sign that was brought in by one of the guests.

at NBHS@newbraintree-historicalsociety.org or visit newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org.



Van Blarcom held a Boston Red Sox poster dated around the time the team won their first World Series in 1903.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Vintage toys were brought in during the antique appraisal and the wagon toy Van Blarcom is holding still works. of the Wallendas.

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"We reviewed the competitive grants we've received," Duda said. "One for \$1.25 million for the complete renovation of our horticulture and electrical programs, which was the largest we ever received."

In addition to this grant, Duda highlighted a grant for \$100,000 that helped the school upgrade its HVAC program. The school also qualified for two competitive grants, including \$280,000 for the past year, and a grant of \$420,000 that was designated for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Duda said that these grants have been used toward building up Career Technical Initiatives, the school's Adult Continuing Education program.

"Those two grants are paying for training opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed and paying for staffing and for the Director of Programing," Duda said, and mentioned that the program will be starting programs in groundskeeping and carpentry, after previously running courses on electrical and plumbing.

"On top of that, there's a list of a dozen offerings from puppy training to art classes," Duda said, describing these short courses as "low-cost, local interest types of

classes."

"One of the things of high importance that we shared with the towns was that we're seeing a five year trend of increased enrollment," Duda said, and provided graphs showing a 14% increase in in-district students.

The overall budget that

Pathfinder proposed will represent a 3.92% increase to the overall budget, though only 2.23% will be municipally funded, after factoring in state aid and other local revenue sources. The proposed budget for 2026 amounts to \$17,302,239.

Duda enumerated a number of costs that schools

and municipal districts alike have been facing, including contract increases, rising health insurance costs, and the cost of busing. He said that the proposed budget does not reflect level service funding, and anticipates that some staffing cuts may have to be made to meet the budget.



Center. This fight concluded in 1990.

For more information contact the historical society

"There are challenges in many of the nine towns this year that the towns are facing, either with other school districts they belong to or with other budgetary concerns," said Duda. "We're dealing with the same challenges."

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For any questions reach out to:  
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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27

STARS, SPACE STATION, SATELLITES AND S'MORES evening of stargazing, weather permitting, with theEast Quabbin Land Trust will take place today at 8 pm. at Mandell Hill Preserve, 660 Barre Road, Hardwick. The weather currently looks promising for some stargazing later this week. Mark Mattson will share his knowledge of the stars and constellations, and participants will all keep their eyes open for the Space Station and satellites. The Space Station will be overhead at 8:42 p.m. Plan to be there early enough to get settled and allow their eyes to adjust. This event is entirely weather-dependent. If the East Quabbin land Trust needs to cancel, they need to know who to contact, so make sure to RSVP by emailing atrevvett@eqlt.org. They will also have all the fixings for s'mores for kids and kids at heart. Participants should dress for the weather, bring a small flashlight,and be sure to have a blanket or chair so they can lean back on for optimal viewing comfort.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

AUTHOR EDWARD ORZECOWSKI will discuss his latest book “Becoming Darlene –The Story of Belchertown Patient #4952” today at 1:30 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. Darlene, the eighth of fourteen children, was abused, neglected and sent to Belchertown State School. Although established with good intentions, Belchertown State School grew overcrowded, under budgeted, and understaffed. “Discharged from Placement” at age 17 with no skills or training, Darlene dreamed of getting married and raising a family. She married a recently returned Vietnam Vet and was determined to raise their two sons to see that the world isn't an awful place. Registration is requested. People may call 413-477-6704 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS will perform at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cross Street, Gardner today at 1 p.m.. This will be the 814th vespers program sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana. The Pioneer Valley Brass is a group of talented musicians from throughout the area, and has been performing for over 40 years with various membership. Dick Tandy and Steve Babineau play trumpet, Tabatha Greelees plays horn, Dana Tandy performs on trombone and Susan Lemei is featured on tuba. These musicians have performed and are well known throughout the region. People may call Music Coordinator Maureen Riendeau at 978-413-6867 for information about First



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

**This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 31. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Marianne Meyer correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of Whitehall Pond, Whitehall Road, Rutland.**

Universalist Parish of North Dana or to schedule a vespers program.

C4R SPRING KICK OFF EVENT will take place today from 2-4 p.m. at the Palmer Historical Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. People will come to discover details of their plans and how they can participate including water quality sampling, river restoration/clean ups, new Blue Trail plans at lower Quaboag, establishing trail crews and more. C4R's focus is to Care 4 Rivers in the Chicopee basin. The four rivers are: Chicopee,Swift, Ware and Quaboag. The group sponsors paddling trails, water quality monitoring and some restoration. There is more to be done with added collaborative leaders. If people are interested in either helping or attending this event,they should email Keith at chicopewatershed@gmail.com.

## MONDAY, MARCH 31

NEW BRAINTREE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME for preschoolers meets today beginning at 9 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The program's focus is on spring. The readings will include “and then it's spring” by Julie Fogliano and “What's in the Dirt?” by Martha E. H. Rustad. This is a read-

ing and crafts program. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 4

‘ALTER EGOS’ CONCERT with the Worcester Chamber Music Society will take place today at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. Todays concert will be at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 184 Elm St., Fitchburg in Shapiro Hall with a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. The April 6 concert will be held at 1 Gorham St. Worcester with a pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m. Todays concert is funded in part by the Fitchburg, Lancaster and Lunenburg Cultural Councils, local agencies funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Tickets are available by visiting https://worcesterchambermusic.org/alter-egos/ or by calling the WCMS office at 508-926-8624.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71

Pleasant St., Barre. People may design their specialty pancake. The menu includes pancakes, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. All are welcome.

PROGRAM ON REAL OR FAKE NEWS will be presented by Melody Friedenthal, Reference Librarian, at the Woods Memorial Library 19 Pleasant St., Barre today at 10:30 a.m. In today's digital age, it's more important than ever to understand the source of the news and how to assess its accuracy. Participants will explore how to evaluate news sources and spot false claims. This free program will provide valuable tools to help determine if the information people are consuming is reliable, complete and up-to-date,or if it is simply “fake news.” Online registration by visiting www.barrelibrary.org is requested, but not required.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host research historian Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven for a presentation on their book, “Finding William Lewis today at 3 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. Their book will be available for sale at the program or can be found online in advance. This story is a fascinating one, where numerous journals/records were found just over the last decade, that were written and kept by William over his lifetime during the 1800s. Included in the story are details about William and wife Abby Lewis when they moved into a farm on West Street, Barre, on April 1, 1861-almost exactly 164 years ago. This is a free program and an incredible story about the local history.

## Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote “free” events or ones hat directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.

# East Quabbin Land Trust hosts first ever Game Night

By Ryan Drago  
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HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust hosted its first ever game night for guests this past weekend at headquarters located at 120 Ridge Road.

The game night had a great turnout as a total of two teams competed in a series of crossword puzzles and trivia. Putting the game night together was Shari Hanson and Amy Trevvett.

With the weather warming up the land trust was looking for ideas that will engage people in fun activities and conversations. Members of the land trust thought hosting a game night with the theme surrounding areas and history of the region the East Quabbin Land Trust helps preserve.

The East Quabbin Land Trust fosters a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts.

“This is a good time to hold something like this,”



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The East Quabbin Land Trust hosted its first game night. The event featured teams, crossword puzzles and trivia.

Trevvett said.

The game night began by splitting the guests into groups and each group decided on a team name. One team called themselves “The Rebels.”

The game night began with several rounds of crossword puzzles. The answers to the crosswords featured vocabulary terms related to the areas the East Quabbin Land Trust works in, from open space, farms, woodlands and riverways.

During the second round of crosswords, the two teams were tied as the game night would transition into a trivia round. A total of 25 questions were a part of the trivia round. For the crossword puzzles, there was a point system based off which team finished first or has the most correct answers in five minutes.

A lot of the questions were tied to the local history of the towns that are part of the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts. There were

some questions tied to the Quabbin Reservoir.

For example, one of the first questions was what four towns were officially disincorporated in 1938 for the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. The four towns were Dana, Prescott, Enfield and Greenwich.

Reading the questions to the teams was former science teacher Becky Bottomley. In between questions, Bottomley and guests on each team would engage in fun con-



The teams began working on several crossword puzzles and the most points went to the team who answered the fastest or had the most correct answers.

versations sharing facts and history of areas in the East Quabbin region.

One question involved symbols of Massachusetts, such as the state flower, state bird and state marine mammal. The mayflower is the state flower, a chickadee is the Massachusetts state bird and the right whale is the state's marine mammal. Bottomley noted that the right whale is currently an endangered species.

The game was very close the entire evening, but the

difference between the two teams was only one point. Hanson kept the score and was using a very handy whiteboard.

Members of the EQLT thanked everyone for their attendance during the first game night and got some feedback and comments from the guests. Trevvett said the EQLT will host another game night in the future.

For more about the East Quabbin Land Trust, visit eqlt.org.

## CURLING CLUB, continued from page 5

ning team will have their name added to the tournament plaque along with the names of the teammates. The plaque goes home with the winning team to display for the year and returns for the next year's tournament.

Petersham is fortunate and proud to have its own Petersham Curling Club, which has been offering an

arena for the sport since 1960. The Petersham Curling Club is one of only four dedicated clubs in Massachusetts, solely for the purpose of curling.

The Curling Club generously offers the day to the Lions for the event and it is most appreciated. This partnering allows the Lions to have this event locally and supports the Curling Club as well. The Petersham Lions tournament is always an amateur level event, held annually in March.

As they always have done, experienced Petersham Curling Club members were on hand to offer lessons and advice to those, who had never curled before. Recognized as an Olympic sport, curling is a sport that requires good aim, balance and the proper amount of strength to send the 40-pound granite stone, which is the curling puck so to speak, to the other end of the ice and score, with the help of team mates expertly sweeping the

ice ahead of the stone to help it go farther.

For the Lions, it was not so much skill as it was a day to have fun and encourage each other. Even the losers were happy. Everyone cheered the curlers on with a hardy amount of handshakes applause, and pats on the back.

Petersham Lion John Magnino kept all the teams in playing order and coordinated, who was playing against whom, a job he has masterful-

ly done since the tournament began. The event offered coffee and light foods for breakfast, sweets and treats all day long and a delicious lunch of sandwiches, salads and various homemade chilis.

The table raffle was well attended with 55 items up for grabs. The Petersham Lions will start planning the 20th tournament this fall after a short summer break. If people are interested in becoming a Petersham Lion, they may contact Denis Legare, the

Club Membership chairperson via email at hilltopchief@gmail.com.

The Petersham Lions next big event is the Massachusetts General Hospital Bloodmobile that the Club is co-hosting with and at Monty Tech High School in Fitchburg on May 3.

People may visit https://www.massgeneral.org/blood-donor/blood-drives/community-blood-drives to sign up and reserve a donor spot.



# SPORTS

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## Panthers pair headed for college football

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE— For the first time since they were in elementary school, Quabbin seniors Travis Wells and Luke Salvatore will be playing for different football team's next fall.

"Luke and I have created a very good bond on and off the field since we began playing football at the youth level in the fourth grade," said Wells, who lives in Barre. "We're always hanging out and doing things together."

Wells will be continuing his football career about 20 miles down Rte.122 at Assumption University in Worcester.

"Assumption isn't that far away, and I can always come home anytime that I want," said Wells, who's planning to study Criminal Justice. "Leaving Luke will definitely be a very difficult thing for me, but we'll always be best friends."

The Assumption football head coach is Andy McKenzie.

During his recruiting process, Wells dealt mostly with assistant coach Kyle Ashby.

"Coach Ashby is responsible for recruiting the Worcester County area," Wells said. "He would call me every couple of weeks to



File photos  
**Luke Salvatore is headed to play college football at Union College**

check in. We built a very good relationship. I've also visited Assumption several times, and I already love the place."

Salvatore, who resides in Oakham, will be playing football at Union College, which is located a little more than two hours away in Schenectady, New York.

"The Union football program has had a lot of suc-



File photos  
**Travis Wells also will play college football, heading for Assumption College.**

cess in the past," Salvador said. "I made an overnight visit there back in January. I spent the night with several members of the football team. I also had a meeting with the Union football coach. I told him that I'll work hard and always try my best. I was accepted to Union and coach (Jon) Drach recently emailed me. He told me that I would

be a member of the football team. I'm very excited about it."

One of the Union assistant coaches is Erik Karlson. He was an assistant coach at Worcester State University for three seasons before moving to upstate New York. He also

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**Arianna does a swinging drill.**

## Spring preseason underway

PALMER – The spring season is underway in high school sports with many teams set to open up the season later this week. More teams will get going early next week, weather permitting as well as if baseball and softball fields are ready for play.



**Pathfinder's Carly Juda plays coach during practice last Friday.**

## Sun shines bright on 48th Road Race



The participants are off in the 48th running of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – For the first time in several years, it was gorgeous weather for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race last Saturday afternoon the city streets.

More than 6,000 people participated in this year's event, with nearly 5,000 participants finishing the 10K, or 6.2-mile course.

This year, it was Samuel Whittaker of Salem, CT, who

finished the race in 31:24. Alex Corbett, who placed second in last year's race, came in 23 seconds later at 31:47.

The top female finisher was Angelia Rafter at 34:13 and she placed 12th overall. Rafter is from Glastonbury, CT.

Among local finishers, Matt Provost of Monson was 19th overall at 35:09. Ryan Davis of South Hadley was a close 20th at 35:10. Lindsay Smith of South Hadley fin-

ished 22nd at 35:12.

While the race course, commonly known as a "hilly" course throughout downtown Holyoke ending with a turn off Beech St. and up the hill on Hampden St. toward the finish line remained largely the same, there was one noticeable change in this year's event.

Presidential Timing took over the official timing duties after 4RUN3 went out of business last year. Those looking for more results from

the events can go to www.presidentialtiming.com to look at more specific results from the race. Like previous timers, you can look up people by name and bib number to get more specific results.

The road race once again kicked off an excellent weekend celebrating the St. Patrick's Day holiday and also helped to prepare several participants in this year's event for future races in the

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**Zaylee Brodeur works on hitting with the tee.**



**Laylana Patran watches a pitch come in during batting practice**



**Pathfinder softball works out last Friday at Soccer City in Wilbraham.**

## Suburban League starts new award in honor of deceased coach

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Pioneer Valley Girls Suburban Basketball League was always very special to Eileen Monaghan.

Growing up in Chicopee, Monaghan played for a Suburban League basketball team. She then coached her daughter's Suburban League teams. In recent years, Monaghan was one of the referees in the league.

Monaghan most likely would've been back on the basketball court refereeing Suburban League games this winter, but she was tragically killed last April.

Suburban League Commissioner Joe Ciejk, who's from Ware, couldn't recall another person who played, coached and was a referee in the Suburban League during the past 40 years.

"I believe Eileen is the first person to play, coach,

and has been a referee in the Suburban league," Ciejk said. "Eileen brought an incredible spirit to the Suburban League and the kindness of hearts. Even though her heart has been silenced, we're not going to let her spirit ever die."

The inaugural Eileen Monaghan Sportsmanship Award was given to the Gateway 5/6th grade basketball team prior to the start of the 5/6th grade Division 2 championship game between

Easthampton and Hampshire, which took place at Chicopee Comp on March 9.

"I think the sportsmanship award is very special because it shows how many lives that my mom touched," said Kathleen Brooks, who is Eileen's youngest daughter. "She just loved girls sports, especially basketball. She probably would've been very proud of this award."

Brooks, who presented the sportsmanship award to Gateway, graduated from

Chicopee Comp in 2019 where she played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.

Her older sister, Ashley Rouleau, played two sports at Comp.

The Gateway Suburban League basketball team didn't win any games this season, but the players celebrated small victories and kept a positive attitude on the court.

"Being selected as the first sportsmanship award winner in the Suburban League is very special," said Gateway

head coach Peter Sadler. "We didn't have a lot of experienced players this year, but we kept improving throughout the season. We came close to winning a couple of games. We just focused on doing one thing to get better in each game. The girls never gave up and kept a positive attitude."

The members of the Gateway girls' basketball team are Victoria Barnes,

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NAME: Travis Wells  
SCHOOL: Quabbin

The graduating Quabbin football player is headed to play college football next fall at Assumption College.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Quabbin League holding open practice for new players this weekend

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to infuse new talent into its league for the 2025 season.

Coming up this Sunday, March 30, and Sunday, April 6. Both practices are scheduled to be held at Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley and are weather-permitting. Both practices will begin at 10 a.m. and following the April 6 practice, new players will be drafted to teams in the league as the league works to fill its open roster spots.

Registration for the 2025 season is now open and any interested players can go to [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

There are many open roster spots available in the league for the 2025 season, which is tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 27. The league plays most Sunday from late April

through mid-August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2025.

Railers scored big sweep of Lions

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (30-27-2-4 68pts) take down the Trois-Rivières Lions (41-13-5-2, 89pts), on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 5-4 in front of a crowd of 6,047 at the DCU Center. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Colisée Vidéotron in Quebec on Friday March 28th at 7pm where they take on the Trois-Rivières Lions again for a three game away series.

The Railers stayed hot after last night’s when they grabbed a 1-0 lead over the Lions off of a tipped goal from captain Anthony Repaci (1-1-2). Just eleven seconds into the second period Anthony Callin deked his way through the defense and finds the back of the net for a short handed goal extending the Railers lead to 2-0. Lincoln Hatten(1-0-1) and Connor Welsh (1-0-1) picked up goals of their own just a minute and one second apart from each other extending the Railers lead to 4-0 over the Lions

early into the second period. Trois-Rivières got back within two with goals from Logan Nijhoff (3-1-4) and Tyler Hylland(1-1-2). The third period was quiet until Cole Donhauser (1-1-2) scored an empty net goal increasing the Railers lead to 5-2. Logan Nijhoff scored two more goals to give him a hat trick on the night. The Railers prevailed and defeated Trois-Rivières 5-4 in the weekend finale.

Anthony Repaci (26th) deflected Anthony Callin’s shot past Cavallin in net for the Lions to give the Railers a 1-0 lead 7:52 into the first period. The Railers out shot Trois-Rivières 9-7, ending the period with a one goal lead.

The Railers got back to work quickly in the second period. Just 11 seconds after the puck dropped, Anthony Callin (20th) dangled through Trois-Rivières defenders and finished it off with a goal to give the Railers a 2-0 lead. 4:12 into the second period the Railers

kept on their scoring frenzy with a goal from Lincoln Hatten (7th) and just a minute and one second after that Connor Welsh (8th) nets one for Worcester to set a career high for the defender. Trois-Rivières responded after 8 unanswered goals within the last 24 hours from Worcester by making it a 4-1 game off a goal from Logan Nijhoff (21st). Trois-Rivières took advantage of their power play with a goal from Tyler Hylland (13th) cutting the score down to 4-2 at exactly 14:00 into the 2nd period to wrap up the scoring in the second period.

The third period was a quiet one compared to the second period. But the Railers were able to extend their lead to 5-2 with an open net goal from Cole Donhauser (9th). Trois-Rivières kept fighting as Logan Nijhoff (22nd, 23rd) scored two more goals giving him a hat trick. The Railers held them off and won 5-4 over the Lions to end the weekend series.

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Valley Wheel tryouts set for next month

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the tryouts beginning Sunday April 6. The time and location of the tryout is to be determined.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

The Valley Wheel stands apart from other leagues across the country for this reason:

Their league charter and one of their main goals, is to work toward having a league with teams of equal strength.

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as

you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It’s not too late don’t miss out; opening day is just around the corner.

For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website [www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org](http://www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org)

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knows Quabbin varsity football coach Wayne Page.

Salvadore, who’s also a member of the school’s NJROTC, is planning to study economics.

One of Luke’s teachers this year is his mother, Therese.

“My mom teaches graphic design,” he said. “It’s the first time that I’ve had her as a teacher and it’s been really cool. It’s a project type of a class which is like an internship.”

Travis and Luke aren’t the first members of their family to wear a Quabbin football uniform and play college football.

Luke’s older brother, Danny, graduated from Quabbin in 2016 before playing football at Stonehill College for three seasons.

“My older brother was the main reason why I began playing football,” Salvadore said. “I really wish we would’ve been teammates in high school. He was also a running back. We always talked after my games. I really appreciate all his support.”

Travis was able to play football with his older brother, Colton, for one season.

“When I was a sophomore, I was the center and my brother was the left tackle,” Wells said. “It was a great experience being on the same football team with him.”

Colton Wells was a member of the Western New England University football team during the past two seasons. He won’t be playing football next fall. He has decided to focus on his collegiate wrestling career instead.

When they were in eighth grade, Travis Wells and Luke Salvadore were teammates on the Quabbin Regional junior

varsity football team.

“Because of COVID, eighth graders were allowed to play for the Quabbin junior varsity football team,” Salvador said. “I also became a fullback for the first time that season. I only played tight end and defense at the youth level.”

Salvador, who joined the varsity football team as a freshman, would switch to the running back position. He finished his outstanding high school career with more than 2,100 rushing yards, which is a new school record.

“I broke Colby Smith’s school’s rushing record,” Salvadore said. “He was a very good running back several years ago.”

Salvador scored his first varsity touchdown as a sophomore in the Panthers 15-12 home victory against Saint Paul Diocesan High School of Worcester.

“I remember being very excited after scoring my first varsity touchdown,” Salvadore said. “It just felt awesome.”

Wells didn’t play in any games as a freshman because of an injury. He became an outstanding offensive lineman during the next three seasons.

“I probably owe 800 of my rushing yards each season to Travis alone,” Salvadore added. “He was the best blocker that I’ve ever had. He would open huge holes for me. A lot of my success as a running back was because of Travis and the other linemen.”

Wells enjoyed making Salvadore’s job as a running back very easy.

“Whichever way that I blocked my guy, Luke would always run the other way,” said Wells, who also throws the shot put for the Panthers indoor and outdoor track teams. “I just loved watching him run into the end zone.

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coming months, including the Boston Marathon, which will take place on Monday, April 21.

With the weather being much warmer, there were less participants in costumes, though plenty of harriers were wearing the green tutus that are often a part of each

year’s race.

The city also had excellent cooperation from the Holyoke Police Department, Holyoke Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and Cataldo Ambulance, which provided public safety services for the event this year.

The race was kicked with a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung

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Riley Chornyar, Liv Dulude, Lila Castro, Senavieve Rosseau, Fiona Hollowell, Faith Chretlen, Eveyln Sadler, Abigail Sadler, Emma Johnson, and Alyvia Kaynowski.

The Suburban League referees voted for the Sportsmanship Award.

Unlike her daughters, Monaghan graduated from Chicopee High School. She played soccer and basketball for the Lady Pacers. She was inducted into the Chicopee Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. Monaghan also played soccer and basketball at Western New England College. She was inducted into the WNEC Hall of Fame in 2006.

“My mom was always very humble, but she always told us that she loved play-

ing sports,” Brooks said. “She didn’t score 1,000 career point in high school, but she did at WNEC. She always worked very hard and that’s what she wanted everyone else to do.”

Monaghan graduated from college with a bachelor’s degree in management. She was the Chief-of-Staff for Chicopee State Representative Joseph Wagner for twenty-one years. She was also the Executive Assistant to Sheriff Nick Cocchi at the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department.

Monaghan was also a summer league soccer coach. Her older brother, John, coached the girls’ summer league soccer team at that same time. The two siblings battled against each other several times.

“It was a lot of fun coaching against my sister’s sum-

mer league soccer team,” John Monaghan said. “Having the Suburban League name their sportsmanship award in her honor really means a lot to the family. She put a lot of time and effort into sports. She just wanted to help the kids get better.”

A high school girls varsity basketball team will also be receiving the Eileen Monaghan Sportsmanship Award on March 20.

“We had high school Sportsmanship Award for about six or seven years, but then it stopped due to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Ciejka said. “We’re going to be bringing the high school sportsmanship award back in Eileen’s name at our referee’s banquet on March 20.”

The Gateway players didn’t get to play in the Suburban League finals this year, but it was still a very special day for them.

Those were special moments for me.”

As a senior, Salvadore rushed for a total of 950 yards on 123 carries and scored 12 touchdowns.

“When I was a junior, I had 190 carries and rushed for a total of 1,060 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. “When I was a junior, I was very sore after every game,” he said. “We used the spread offense a lot more this past season and I didn’t carry the ball as much.”

The other Panthers offensive linemen during the 2024 season were senior Cole Wilson, senior Adam Faulha, senior Ryan Wreschinsky, and sophomore Carter Bassett.

Page became the Panthers varsity football coach when Wells and Salvadore were freshmen.

“Travis and Luke both meant a great deal to our football program over their four years with us,” Page said. “They were captains this past season and did a great job, along with the other captains and senior leaders of leading by example both on and off the field. They are great young men.”

The duo were selected to the Mid-Wach E All-Star team as seniors.

The Panthers finished the 2024 campaign with a 7-4 overall record.

“We did struggle for a couple of years,” Salvadore said. “I think dealing with the growing pains really helped us become a successful team this past season.”

Even though Wells and Salvadore will be heading their separate ways following their graduation on June 6, they’ll always have fond memories about playing on the same football teams together for the past eight years.



# Church

## Local pastor offers sermon

**Proverbs Part 5**  
The Book of Proverbs abounds with timeless yet timely characters.  
Last week we noted one such character, Lady Wisdom, who serves as the embodiment or literary representation of the wisdom God freely offers and His desire for us to both know and heed His ways. In this edition, let us consider her biblical antithesis: Lady Folly.  
Who, or what, is Lady Folly (also called the Forbidden, Immoral, Strange and Adulterous Woman)? Lady Folly serves as the embodiment of waywardness and the deceitfulness of temptation. She represents all carnal, worldly and spiritual forces that would lead us to forsake wisdom for wickedness. What can we learn concerning sinfulness via the words and works of Lady Folly?  
1) The Availability of Folly  
To begin, Lady Folly reveals the availability or accessibility of temptation and evil:  
**Proverbs 9:13-17 (NIV)**  
13 Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing.  
14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city,  
15 calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way,  
16 “Let all who are simple come to my house!”  
To those who have no sense she says,  
17 “Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!”  
Consider the Lady Folly herein has positioned herself in such a way to engage the entirety of humanity. She is ever-present, alluring and inviting. Similar to Lady Wisdom, noted in prior publications, Folly seeks to convert the masses to her cause, that they might partake of her ways.

You do not have to go far to find folly in this world. Truly, Lady Folly is looking for you. Consider how the following text characterizes Folly:  
**Proverbs 7:11-12**  
11 (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home;  
12 now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.)  
2) The Seduction of Folly  
Moreover, Lady Folly reveals the seductive nature and deceitfulness of temptation:  
**Proverbs 5:1-3**  
1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, 2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.  
3 For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil . . .  
Dear reader, we would not call temptation by such a name if it was not, in fact, tempting! For more on the seductive appeal of Lady Folly, please take the time to read the whole of Proverbs 7.  
This seminal text is lengthy, yet impacting on the topic. Be wary of sin’s invitation, no matter how appealing it seems in the moment, for yielding to temptation comes with a cost.  
3) The Peril of Folly  
Lastly, the portrayal of Lady Folly reveals the inevitable consequence of waywardness. Take heed of the following remarks:  
**Proverbs 5:1-6**  
1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight,  
2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.  
3 For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;  
4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.  
**Proverbs 9:13-18**  
13 Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing.  
14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city,  
15 calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way,  
16 “Let all who are simple come to my house!”  
To those who have no sense she says,  
17 “Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!”  
18 But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.  
These passages affirm a precept found in the Book of James (1:13-15): “13 When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.” Death and life are set before you through the presentation of Wisdom v. Folly. Choose life!  
We will resume our study in Proverbs following a multi-week interlude for Holy Week. Until then, thank you for taking the time to read this weekly publication! Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.  
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## MassWildlife gives advise on dealing with coyotes

Mass Wildlife reminds people late January through early March is coyote mating season.  
Coyotes are very active during the winter while courting mates and defending their territory. Coyotes are in every city and town in mainland Massachusetts, meaning the opportunity for human-coyote interaction is high. The mere presence of a coyote is not a cause for concern. MassWildlife officials are reminding the public to take these three simple steps to prevent conflict with coyotes during the mating season:  
**Protect pets**  
Pets should always be directly supervised on a leash when outdoors, especially during the coyote mating season. Coyotes can’t differentiate between their natural prey and small pets, so they will view unprotected outdoor cats and small dogs as a potential food source.  
Coyotes can’t distinguish a dog from an intruding coyote, causing the coyote to be more aggressive toward medium and large sized dogs as they will view them as potential competition for mates and territory.  
Do not supervise a pet from a distance on porch or at the backdoor. Most coyote attacks involve dogs that are unsupervised or being supervised from a distance in a backyard.  
**Remove human-associated food sources**  
As opportunistic omnivores, coyotes will utilize

naturally available food, like small mammals and birds and human-associated foods, like bird seed, garbage, compost, pet food left outdoors and backyard chickens.  
Coyotes that find human-associated food sources will spend more time in yards and neighborhoods. It’s essential for neighbors to work together to secure or remove all human-associated food sources in a community.  
Coyotes that become dependent on human-associated food sources can start to exhibit bold behavior toward people. Never intentionally feed coyotes.  
**Haze coyotes**  
While coyotes are naturally wary of people, this fear can lessen over time when they spend a lot of time around people or when they are fed, intentionally or unintentionally, by people.  
When you see a coyote in your yard, you should aggressively haze it. Hazing is a safe technique used to deter an animal from an area or to change its behavior. The intent of hazing is to frighten, not injure, the animal.

You can haze a coyote by creating loud noises by yelling or using a small air horn, waving a jacket overhead to look bigger, spraying a hose or throwing small objects in the coyote’s direction, and physically chasing and driving the coyote off. Haze the animal until it has fully left the area.  
Hazing will not be effective if it’s done from inside a building, from behind a screen door, or from a car. Hazing is most effective when it’s done repeatedly, when a variety of techniques are used and when many people participate.  
Negative encounters with coyotes are rare and human-coyote attacks are exceptionally rare. If people encounter a coyote that is exhibiting concerning behavior like approaching leashed pets, closely following people, or not running off when effectively hazed they should contact your local Animal Control Officer or local MassWildlife office for assistance. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, they should call local law enforcement.



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# Obituaries

## Constance Jean (Burdett/Hall) Lucier, 96

HUBBARDSTON – Constance Jean Burdett/Hall Lucier, aged 96, passed away at home on March 21, 2025 at home. Born Sept. 24, 1928 she was a daughter of the late Waldo and Arvilla (Clark) Burdett. She had many fond memories of her childhood years growing up in Petersham where she graduated from high school in 1946.  
After her marriage to Milton E. Hall in 1947, Connie made her home in Hubbardston until her time of passing. She spent her time as a homemaker, raising five children and enjoying the simplicities of life until her declining health. Her exceptional work ethics demonstrated many accomplishments, particularly in her love of baking and sewing. She always took pride in her many “cut-out” cake creations given to family members and friends throughout the years.  
Other sources of pride included her flower and vegetable gardens. Back in the day canning, pickling and jam making were par for

the course. Board games and playing cards, especially pitch and cribbage were a favorite past time for her.  
Connie is survived by her five children: Ronald Milton Hall of Gardner; Cynthia Jane (Hall) Langille (Charles Langille) of Langille, Nova Scotia; Kathy Lynn Hall, Gardner; James Brian Hall (Shelia Oliver) of North, Carolina and Roger Alan Hall of Gardner; her brother, Kevin Cameron of Athol; several grandchildren; great grandchildren; nieces; nephews and her husband, Daniel Lucier.  
Connie was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Sterling and also a member of the Hubbardston Golden Ages.  
Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her infant son, Melvin; her first husband, Milton Hall; her brothers, Randolph and Peter Burdett; her sister Nancy (Burdett) Maselli and her daughter-in-law, Anne



(Binette) Hall.  
Visitation was held Tuesday March 25 from 5-7 p.m. in the Mack Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 26 at 11a.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 80 Leominster Road, Sterling, officiated by Luis Pegeuro. Burial followed at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.  
In lieu of flowers donations in Connie’s name can be made to a charity of your choice. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com).

**DEATH NOTICE**  
**Lucier, Constance Jean (Burdett/Hall)**  
Died March 21, 2025  
Visitation held March 25, 2025  
Funeral and burial held March 26, 2025.

## Loki waits for forever home

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Loki’s journey began in Mississippi before he first arrived at Second Chance in 2017. He was quickly adopted, but returned two months later. Remarkably, he found another home the very next day, where he stayed until December 2023 when he was surrendered due to a change in lifestyle. Through it all, Loki’s story is a testament to Second Chance’s unwavering commitment to give every pet the second chance they deserve.  
Loki has a playful spirit and loves lounging, exploring fenced yards, and riding in the car. He’s incredibly smart and treat-motivated, know-

ing commands like sit, paw, speak, down, and stay. When Loki likes you, he lets you know with friendly barks and howls. Once someone truly gets to know him, they discover what a good boy he is.  
Loki needs a quiet home with few visitors. He prefers a female owner, but can warm up to men with time. He would do best as the only pet and in a home without small children. One of Loki’s biggest fans has already paid his adoption fee, hoping the right person will come along soon.  
Loki’s story embodies Second Chance’s belief that every pet deserves love and a home, no matter how long it takes. Could you be the hero Loki has been waiting for? For more information on Loki, people may visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/adoptable-dogs/](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/adoptable-dogs/) or call 508-867-5525.



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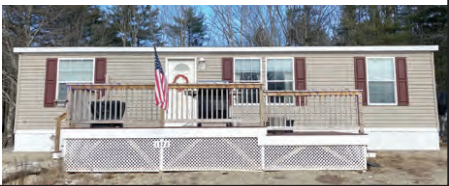
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## Barre Police Log

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11:34 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Baldwin Road, Referred to Other Agency  
12:08 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, West Street, Message Delivered  
8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer/Chief Advised

**Monday, March 10**  
8:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Cummings, Attree Ellen, 39, Gilbertville  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Subsequent Offense  
2:26 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Hardwick, Negative Contact  
5:49 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Jackson Lane, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:47 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Barber, Derek M., 47, South Barre  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Tuesday, March 11**  
12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Winter Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
12:25 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Referred to

Other Agency  
1:32 p..m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital  
3:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), West Street, Mutual Aid Transported  
4:32 p.m. Safety Concern, Station Road, Gone on Arrival  
6:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Valley Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, March 12**  
9:05 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, South Street, Referred to Other Agency  
11:19 a.m. Erratic Operator, Ruggles Lane, Negative Contact  
5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
6:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Fir Street, Peace Restored  
9:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Katuri, Sai Krissna CH, 26, Ware  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Thursday, March 13**  
8:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transport

10:37 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity Ruggles Lane, Information Given  
10:52 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Wauwinet Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, March 14**  
2:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Chamberlain Hill Road, Pubic Assist  
3:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, No Fire Service Necessary  
2:02 p.m. Fire – HAZMAT Incidents, Gardner, Mutual Aid Assist  
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Ruggles Lane, Message Delivered  
5:14 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Allen Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Hancock Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, March 15**  
12:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital  
1 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Broad Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:30 p.m. Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:04 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Report Filed  
10:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Auburn, Referred to Other Agency

**Wednesday, March 19**  
2:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
10:50 a.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, No Action Required  
4:29 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Muddy Brook Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, March 14**  
4:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:59 p.m. Complaint, School House Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, March 15  
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
2:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:17 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Spoken To  
6:35 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

**Thursday, March 20**  
10:25 a.m. Fire Alarm, Church Street, Services Rendered  
12:10 p.m. Investigation, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
9:04 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
9:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ridge Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, March 21**  
3:43 a.m. Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:19 a.m. 911 Fire/Chimney, Main Street, Extinguished  
2:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:38 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
4:04 p.m. Safety Hazard, Brook Road, Services Rendered  
4:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, High Street, Services Rendered  
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
9:11 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Main Street, Report Taken

**Saturday, March 22**  
5:38 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Services Rendered

**Sunday, March 23**  
7:07 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Monday, March 24  
2:53 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Person, Moore Road, Call Canceled

During the week of March 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 14 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, five traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two safety hazards, one fire, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, March 9**  
1:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
3:26 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Juniper Lane, Citation Issued  
3:35 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Oakridge Drive, Citation Issued  
5 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
9:21 a.m. Vomiting, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:59 a.m. Vomiting, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:26 p.m. Safety Concern, Maple Avenue, Removed Hazard  
4:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:50 p.m. Animal – ACO all, Edson Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
10:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Monday, March 10**  
7:25 a.m. Erratic Operator, Walnut Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
8 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wachusett Street, Negative Contact  
8:14 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Wachusett Street, Referred to Other Agency  
8:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Nates Way, Transported to Hospital  
9 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Skyline Drive, Information Given  
10:31 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, No Transport Required  
11:38 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Edith Lane, No Fire Service Necessary  
1:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
2:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Lowry Lane, Officer/Chief Advised  
4:11 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Main Street, Property Returned  
4:31 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Paddock Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
6:15 p.m. Blood in Urine East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
6:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

**Tuesday, March 11**  
7:05 a.m. Complaint, Ten Rod Road, Information Taken  
7:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Overlook Road, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, March 9**  
9:21 a.m. Vomiting, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
12:25 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Returned to Family/Guardian

**Monday, March 10**  
6:48 Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Tuesday, March 11**  
9:45 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Street, Message Delivered  
5:08 p.m. Assault and Battery, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:37 p.m. Erratic Operator, Adams Road, Negative Contact

8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:10 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
12:28 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed  
2:35 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Main Street, Message Delivered  
4:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Gone on Arrival  
4:38 p.m. Medical Alarm Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Prospect Street, Investigated  
6:23 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Orchard Hill Drive, Report Filed  
8:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Memorial Drive, Gone on Arrival  
8:59 p.m. Lost Car Keys, Main Street, Area Search Negative  
9:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Wednesday, March 12**  
9:03 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Campbell Street, Report Filed  
9:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, No Transport Required  
12:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Central Tree Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
3:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Patriot Lane, Report Filed  
9:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Crocker Nye Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Thursday, March 13**  
9:29 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Irish Lane, Entry Gained  
9:45 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given  
10:24 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Vehicle Towed  
11:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Gone of Arrival  
1:19 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:45 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Property Returned  
3:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Information Taken  
3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
6:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, March 12**  
10:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Crocker Nye Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
22:37 Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Given

**Thursday, March 13**  
6:14 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact  
6:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, March 14**  
12:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Spencer Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle –

**Friday, March 14**  
2:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:32 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained  
12:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Spencer Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact  
3:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
4:13 p.m. Safety Concern, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:01 p.m. Complaint, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:40 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
6:51 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Oak Way, Officer/Chief Advised  
7:43 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Fisherman's Road, Investigated  
9:03 p.m. Noise Complaint, Horizon Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Saturday, March 15**  
12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:25 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:02 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Highland Park Road, Written Warning  
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sidoti Lane, Written Warning  
10:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Town Kennel, Returned to Family/Guardian  
6:22 p.m. Erratic Operator, Central Tree Road, Negative Contact  
6:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Disabled, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, March 15**  
7:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
3:48 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pine Plain Road, Unfounded  
5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
6:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

Rendered  
9:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Services Rendered

**Sunday, March 23**  
5:09 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
6:42 p.m. Medical Alarm, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
6:42 p.m. Safety Hazard, Goodfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of March 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 62 building/property checks, 53 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, one traffic control, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one complaint, two safety hazards, two fires, one motor vehicle accident and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, March 10**  
9:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:55 a.m. Unattended Death, Gaudet Road, Death/Unattended  
2:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled  
2:23 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
3:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:26 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Greenwich Road, Extinguished  
5:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, March 11**  
11:30 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Thresher Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
6:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, March 12**  
9:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
9:28 a.m. Assist Citizen, North Road, Services Rendered  
9:46 a.m. Fire/Other, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
11:16 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Spoken To  
3:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, No Action Required  
4:35 p.m. Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:40 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, March 13**  
10:06 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Sessions Road, Negative Contact

4:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled  
5:40 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, High Street, Spoken To

**Friday, March 14**  
4:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:59 p.m. Complaint, School House Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, March 15  
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
2:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:17 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Spoken To  
6:35 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

**Sunday, March 16**  
9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, North Street, Arrest(s) Made  
6:38 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
7:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital  
10:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

During the week of March 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 67 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, one traffic control, 13 emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, two harassments, one complaint, five safety hazards, one fire, one investigation, one burglary, five animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, March 17**  
6:49 p.m. Harassment, Prospect Street, Spoken To  
7:30 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, March 18**  
2:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:30 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Voice Message Left  
8:07 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
1:03 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of March 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, two traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one complaint, one animal call and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, March 10**  
4:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
4:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Thursday, March 13**  
6:06 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Ravine Road, Negative Contact

**Friday, March 14**  
7:54 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, March 15**  
12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

**Monday, March 17**  
6:39 a.m. 911 Missing

**Monday, March 17**  
11:13 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Old Wine Road, Spoken To  
4:09 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Wednesday, March 19**  
3:35 p.m. 911 Found/Lost Property, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
10:53 p.m. Fire/Chimney, Sibley Road, Extinguished

**Thursday, March 20**  
2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Cut Off Road,

Vehicle Towed  
8:13 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Unitas Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, March 21**  
2:42 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Moore Road, No Action Required  
6:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Saturday, March 22**  
12:27 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Old Turnpike Road, Merge  
12:27 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Services



# Public Safety

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, March 9**  
2:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
3 p.m. Speak to the Chief/ Officer, Main Street, Report Filed

**Monday, March 10**  
3:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Madison Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital  
1:06 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Burnshirt Road, Report Filed  
1:41 p.m. Fire – Tree on Wire, Thompson Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, March 11**  
5:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Worcester Road, Public Assist  
8:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, March 12**  
11:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Twin Hill Road, Report

Filed  
7:15 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner Road, Public Assist  
10:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Natty Pond Drive, No Fire Service Necessary

**Thursday, March 13**  
7:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency  
4:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Officer Took Call  
5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Removed Hazard  
9:40 p.m. Noise Complaint, Williamsville Road, Vehicle Removed  
10:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

**Friday, March 14**  
3:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Twin Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:22 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
8:42 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised

11:19 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed  
12:41 p.m. Serve Warrant, Ragged Hill Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest Eagan, Jeffrey R., 43, Hubbardston  
Charges Warrant  
1:40 p.m. Complaint, Bemis Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
3:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:41 p.m. Missing Person, Worcester Road, Located/Found  
10:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Muskogee Street, Mutual Aid Transport

**Saturday, March 15**  
11:14 a.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Ed Clark Road, Fire Extinguished  
11:23 a.m. Notification, Old Westminster Road, Information Taken  
2:13 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency  
2:57 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Gardner Road, Information Taken

## AAA survey finds Americans are afraid of self-driving vehicles

WESTWOOD – Americans grew slightly less wary of self-driving vehicles over the past year, but an overwhelming majority still don't trust riding in one, according to the latest AAA survey on autonomous vehicles.

Just 13% of U.S. drivers indicated they'd feel safe riding in a self-driving or autonomous vehicle. That's up from last year, when 9% of drivers said they'd be comfortable. Despite the slight increase, six in ten drivers still report being afraid to get into a vehicle that drives itself.

For drivers, enhancing vehicle safety systems remains the priority 78% of survey respondents listed advancements in safety systems as a top vehicle technology initiative. In contrast, the development of self-driving vehicles is a low priority as only 13% of drivers expressed interest in AV technology.

“Most drivers are interested in advanced technology to enhance safety but still want to maintain a sense of control

over their vehicles,” said Mark Schieldrop, senior spokesperson for AAA Northeast. “When it comes to gaining consumer trust in self-driving vehicles, automakers face a long road ahead and as vehicle technology continues to evolve, educating consumers on safety standards is paramount.”

Robotaxis, self-driving vehicles used for taxi and ride-hail services, operate in several major cities. AAA's survey found that 74% of drivers were aware of robotaxis, but more than half (53%) said they would choose not to ride in one.

Collectively, interest in advanced driver assistance features continues to remain high. The survey found that 64% of U.S. drivers would “definitely” or “probably” want Automatic Emergency Braking on their next vehicle, 62% would want Reverse Automatic Emergency Braking and 59% would want Lane Keeping Assistance. AAA advocates for standardized naming schemes for

these systems to accurately describe their capabilities and limitations and reduce consumer confusion.

“Advanced driver assistance technologies should enhance driver safety rather than give the impression that the car is driving itself,” Schieldrop said. “As the software and sensors that power these systems continue to improve, drivers must be informed about their limitations as well.”

AAA has conducted various tests to determine if the technology performs as expected. Research released by AAA in October 2024 showed significant AEB advancements, particularly at speeds up to 35 mph.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 6.5 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

# Public Notices

### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Paul A. Johnson, property owner, for the keeping of horses with fencing and shelter on property located at 379 Town Farm Road, Assessors Map H, Lot 202 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 35008, Page 0239.

All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley  
Chairman

03/20, 03/27/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No. WO25P0948EA  
Estate of:  
Rose M Clough  
Date of Death: 01/29/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lawrence S Clough of Barre, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Lawrence S Clough of Barre, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/22/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

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

Date: March 19, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman,**  
Register of Probate  
03/27/2025

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON **March 29, 2025** AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:  
2012 Ford Focus VIN 1FAHP3E23CL285540  
2009 Dodge Journey VIN 3D4GH57V79T176875  
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03/13, 03/20, 03/27/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO25P0803EA  
Estate of:  
Megan Rae Fitzgerald  
Date of Death: January 11, 2025  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLIC NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Rory J. Fitzgerald of New Braintree, MA.**

**Rory J. Fitzgerald of New Braintree, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to no-

tice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
03/27/2025

### TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Hubbardston Select Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM** at the Slade Building, 7 Main St, Hubbardston to consider whether the Town should opt out of early voting by mail for the Annual Town Election scheduled for June 10, 2025, as authorized under MGL c. 54, § 25B. Please note, this action will not impact early voting by Absentee ballot, which will remain available for all qualified voters in all elections. All members of the public having an interest in this topic are cordially invited to attend.  
03/27, 04/03/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No. WO25P0981EA  
Estate of:  
Thaddeus M. Kaczmariski, Jr.  
Date of Death: 12/31/2021  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Cheryl J. Kaczmariski of Hardwick, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and

Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Cheryl J. Kaczmariski of Hardwick, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/22/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

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

Date: March 20, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman,**  
Register of Probate  
03/27/2025

### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tues-**

**day, April 1, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, Barre, MA requested by Caruso Construction Corp. for a preliminary plan for a subdivision known as Piper Lane located at the gravel operation on South Barre Road, Assessor Map H, Lots 120 K, 120P, 120A and 120Q.

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  
03/20, 03/27/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester  
Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No. WO24C0690CA  
In the matter of:  
Michael Brandon Beauregard  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Michael Brandon Beauregard of Barre, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Tori Brandon Beauregard  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/08/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 14, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman,**  
Register of Probate  
03/27/2025

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# DV task force sponsors training on coercive control

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force sponsored a recent training about the use of coercive control, and changes to the common-wealth’s legal definition of abuse.

On March 6 in Town Hall, members of the task force and allies joined Attorney Esther Tutu from Community Legal Aid, who explained the changes to the law, and how it will impact survivors of abuse.

“This is the biggest change to domestic violence law,” said Monica Moran, coordinator for the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

Tutu explained changes to the abuse prevention law known as chapter 209A of Massachusetts General Laws, which grants restraining orders to survivors of abuse from the person using abuse against them.

Since September of 2024, the form for restraining orders now lists coercive control as a type of abuse.

Coercive control is intended to threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, control, coerce or compel compliance of a family or household member that causes that family or household member to reasonably fear physical harm or have a reduced sense of physical safety or autonomy.

“Coercive control is either

a pattern of behavior or a single act,” Tutu said.

These patterns include nine types of behavior: physical, social, restricting access to basic needs, monitoring/surveillance/stalking, technological, financial/economic, restricting autonomy, psychological and sexual/reproductive.

Coercive control can also be established by three specific single acts. These single acts include harming or attempting to harm a child or a relative of the family or household member; committing or attempting to commit abuse to an animal connected to the family or household member; or publishing or attempting to publish sexually explicit images of the family or household member.

Tutu gave examples of coercive control, including limiting social or family interactions, and she described a scenario where a woman was prevented from going to dinner with a close friend because her boyfriend parked behind her car and wouldn’t move. The person using abuse in this scenario also told the woman that she’d “better not come home in a bad mood” if she did go to dinner with her friend.

The person using abuse against the person in this scenario was trying to prevent her from disclosing the abuse to her friend, whom she often shared intimate conversations with.

Moran explained that a lot of isolation through coercive

control isn’t the person using abuse saying, “you can’t go,” but finding other ways (such as blocking the car in) or implying consequences to prevent the survivor from leaving.

Tutu said coercive control also involves the restriction of basic needs, such as access to health insurance, refusing to pay necessary bills, turning off utilities, or preventing the survivor from getting therapy.

Coercive control also involves forcing a person to share their location on their phone or tracking them using air tags and other technology, going through phone messages or emails and more. When children are involved, Tutu said they are often forced to report on the survivor’s whereabouts and interactions throughout the day.

People using coercive control will also threaten to harm children or keep them from the survivor.

Threatening to harm family pets, intentionally damaging property, threatening suicide and using repeated court actions are also types of behavior seen with coercive control.

Tutu shared a scenario in which a new mother had been isolated from her family by her husband, and prevented from seeing them or contacting them by phone. When she finally leaves the house to visit her sister at a nearby park with her baby, her husband tracks her location through her cell phone.

When the husband returns home from work, he offers to take his wife and baby for a drive to get ice cream, and confronts her about the visit to the park while driving. He begins to speed and drive erratically, while his wife pleads with him to pull over, fearing for the safety of herself and her baby.

Once he does pull over, he tells her “this will be just the beginning of your forever if you don’t obey my instructions.” The next morning, she goes to the court to seek a restraining order due to the use of coercive control by her husband.

Tutu explained that the best way to complete the affidavit for a restraining order is to include the most recent incident of abuse, the worst incident of abuse and also the first incident of abuse.

“Courts all have a safe plan advocate to help victims with filling out affidavits and to stand with you in front of the judge,” she said.

Tutu said it’s also important to include not only the facts, but how the incidents made you feel.

“The facts just by themselves can’t always show causation,” she said.

She said it’s important for those seeking restraining orders against someone who is using coercive control over them, to show the intent to harm.

“You show intent simply by testifying to it,” Tutu said.

The addition of coercive control to chapter 209A is

the second recent change in the law that has helped survivors of domestic violence, with the first being the revenge porn law, which prohibits the nonconsensual publishing of sexually explicit images, included computer generated images. Governor Maura T. Healey signed “An act to prevent abuse and exploitation” into law last June.

“Massachusetts is now the 49<sup>th</sup> state to outlaw revenge porn,” Tutu said.

Tutu also explained the difference between civil law and criminal law and how this change to chapter 209A is a civil law. Because of this, those seeking a restraining order for coercive control would need to file for one through the court system.

“Getting a restraining order is a civil act,” she said.

Once a restraining order is in place, and is violated by the person it is against, then it becomes a criminal act which is enforceable by law.

“If you have a restraining order, and if you feel as though this person has violated the order because you feel they have done something that is coercive control, you can call police for a violation of the restraining order,” she said. “A violation of a restraining order becomes a criminal matter.”

Tutu said the addition of coercive control to chapter 209A has had a difficult rollout, but that judges and law enforcement are working to understand the law.

“Everyone is still learning,” she said, adding that there needs to be more training for law enforcement officials regarding coercive control. “It’s going to take some time...everyone is still trying to figure out what this means, especially judges.”

**About the task force**

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick and is made up of community members as well as representatives from several organizations. The mission of the task force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives.

For more information, follow the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force on Facebook, visit [www.waredvtaskforce.org](http://www.waredvtaskforce.org), call 413-758-0605 or email [wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com).

**How to get help**

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can contact BHN’s DV Program by calling 413-967-6241 or 413-262-7103 (cell); Alianza DV Services (Spanish speakers) 24 hours a day by calling 877-536-1628; or Safelink (a statewide service) 24 hours a day by calling 877-785-2020.

If you are using abuse and need help to stop, call A Call for Change helpline from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at 877-898-3411 or email [help@acallforchangehelpline.org](mailto:acallforchangehelpline.org); or contact Proteus Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program at 413-896-7231.

## Watch out for fake coupons on social media

Everyone loves a good deal, and scammers know it. Counterfeit coupons are a popular way for scammers to steal your identity and money.

These fake deals are tricking consumers on websites, social media platforms, and in texts and email inboxes. While motives and methods vary, phony coupons often mean serious losses for retailers, consumers, or both.

**How this scam works**

Usually, fake coupons are worth much more than real ones, offering steep discounts like 80% off. By using brands’ official logos, it’s nearly impossible to tell if it’s fake or not.

In one variation of this scam, you may be scrolling on social media or checking your email and come across

an ad with a coupon or promo code offering a major discount on products at a popular retail store. You click on the link and make a purchase using the promo code.

After several days or weeks without your order being received, you find out that the website was fake and your order was never actually received. Your order’s “tracking number” may tell you the package was delivered when, in reality, your order never existed.

If you try to reach out to the company to get a refund, you may find that the company’s website no longer exists or they refuse to respond to your emails and calls.

In another variation of this scam, you come across a website, either through a web search or an ad on social

media, for coupons from major retailers. In some cases, getting the “coupons” requires subscribing to a coupon service and paying a monthly membership fee.

Once you sign up, the service promises to either send you digital coupons or paper coupons in the mail. You may never receive any coupons, or you might receive coupons that are fake. Plus, by signing up, you’ve handed over your personal details and possibly your credit card information to a dishonest stranger.

You may also come across coupons that offer deals in exchange for sharing a link on social media. Don’t do it. The link leads to a third-party website where visitors enter personal information in exchange for the

coupon.

In most cases, after signing up, you never receive any coupons. Instead, you’ve given your personal details to scammers.

**How to avoid similar scams**

Don’t fall for deals that are too good to be true. Be skeptical. If a coupon is valued near or above the retail price of an item, consider it a red flag.

Check the source of the coupon. If the coupon doesn’t come from a recognized coupon distributor, the manufacturer, or a specific store, be wary. If you aren’t sure about a coupon, visit the company’s website directly to look for the coupon on their official site or contact their customer service line to inquire about the coupon.

Think before you click

on links in emails. If you receive a coupon via email, hover your mouse over the link without clicking on it to see where it will take you.

If the URL looks like a random assortment of letters and numbers, or if it is a shortened link that doesn’t reveal where it’s taking you, don’t click it. Check the sender’s email address to see if it is legitimate.

Only visit official websites to avoid downloading malware onto your computer.

Read coupons carefully. If a coupon doesn’t have an expiration date, if it looks photocopied, or if it contains spelling and grammar errors, you’re probably dealing with a fake.

Don’t trade personal information for perks. A real business will not ask

for your personal information, such as your credit card number or bank account information, in exchange for a coupon or to enter a giveaway.

Promotional offers that ask for personal information are usually scams. You shouldn’t have to pay to receive a coupon either.

Do a search for coupon scams. When in doubt, search the coupon offer along with the word “scam.” This will often bring up similar offers that are fake and can help you determine whether a coupon is real or not.

Find more consumer tips to avoid scams at the Better Business Bureau’s website, [BBB.org](http://BBB.org).

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### Town of Warren Full-Time Police Officer Vacancy

The Warren Police Department is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the vacant position of FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. The Warren Police Department is a non-civil service department that is seeking individuals who are motivated, proactive and community oriented. All candidates must be at least 21 years of age, be a U.S. Citizen, have a minimum of a high school diploma, possess a valid driver's license, and currently have, or have the ability to obtain a Class A license to carry firearms in the state of Massachusetts. Candidates must have successfully completed a Massachusetts full-time police academy or the equivalent to be considered for the position.

All applicants who move forward in the hiring process will be subject to a background investigation as well as a medical, physical, and psychological examination. All candidates will also be required to meet all requirements set forth by the Peace Officer and Standards Commission (POST). It is preferred that applicants currently hold an unrestricted certification from POST at the time of applying.

The Town of Warren currently offers full-time employees of the Police Department with an education-based incentive. Officers with the Warren Police Department will be required to work a schedule consisting of four (4) consecutive days on followed by two (2) days off and will be assigned to a shift based on departmental needs. All Officers will also be eligible for vacation time, personal time and holiday pay as outlined in the union contract.

All interested applicants are asked to please submit a cover letter and resume to:

Lieutenant Kyle P. Whitcomb, 1 Milton O. Fountain Way, P.O. Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or E-mail to [Whitcomb@warren-ma.gov](mailto:Whitcomb@warren-ma.gov)

The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 4, 2025**. Therefore, it is required that the Warren Police Department be in receipt of the candidates resume and cover letter no later than this date to be considered. The Town of Warren is an equal opportunity employer (EOE).

### TOWN OF BARRE Cemetery Clerk

The Town of Barre is seeking qualified applicants for the part-time position of Cemetery Clerk. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and the minimum hourly rate is \$15.00/hour and the maximum hourly rate is \$18.02/hour. A full job description is available upon request. Applicants must have HS Diploma or GED, with a minimum of two to three years' experience in office setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to: Tammy Martin, Town Administrator, 40 West Street, Suite 697, Barre MA 01005 or [townadmin@townofbarre.com](mailto:townadmin@townofbarre.com). For further information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at (978) 355-2504 x135. A.A. / E.O.E.

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**Please contact:**  
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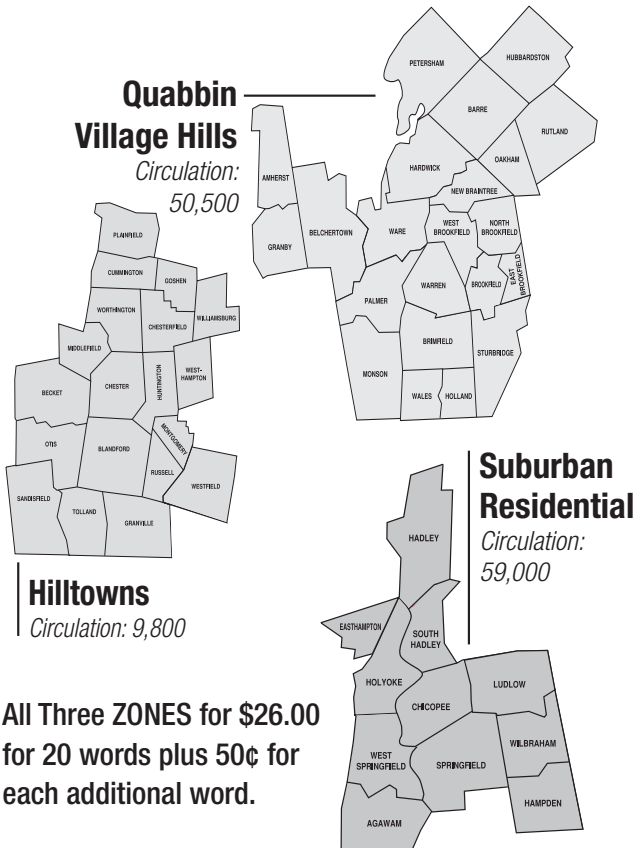
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Gas prices held steady last week

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Domestic demand for gasoline last week fell a sizable 365,000 barrels a day to 8.8 million barrels a day, according to the Energy

Information Administration. That's a hefty week-to-week drop at a time of year that typically sees demand ride an incline through spring. Total product demand, which includes gasoline, propane and other oil-derived products, fell 2.2 million barrels a day, the EIA reported.

Market prices for oil and gasoline did end last week slightly higher, after several

moves by the Trump administration to increase pressure on Venezuela and Iranian oil production, which could reduce global availability of crude oil. The Treasury Department on Thursday issued penalties against a Chinese refinery for allegedly buying Iranian oil that is under U.S. sanctions. That action came on the heels of the Trump administration

earlier this month revoking Chevron's license to pump oil in Venezuela.

In the Northeast, gasoline inventories tightened last week on reduced output from Phillips 66's refinery in Bayway, New Jersey, which is in the midst of seasonal maintenance to switch to producing summer blended fuel. Stocks in the Northeast now sit at 62.9 million bar-

rels, down 2.4 million barrels from last week but above the last year's figure of 60.9 million barrels.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is unchanged from last week (\$2.95), averaging \$2.95 per gallon. Today's price is 8 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.03) and 35 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.30). Massachusetts' average gas

price is 17 cents lower than the national average.

AAA Northeast's March 24 survey of fuel prices found the current national average up a nickel from last week (\$3.07), averaging \$3.12 gallon. Today's national average price is two cents lower than a month ago (\$3.14) and 41 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.53).

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