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## Library's dedication celebrated

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HARDWICK – Every room in the Gilbertville Public Library was filled with the sounds of conversation and music this past Sunday afternoon, as a large crowd gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the library's dedication 113 years earlier.

March 29 was once again a pivotal date for the village's library, as it faces an uncertain future now that its endowment has run out.

This is a common theme across the commonwealth for many rural libraries, Vicky Biancolo said. Biancolo is the chair of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Biancolo said it was good to see how invested the community members were in keeping their library open, and she spoke about the critical role public libraries play in promoting literacy, especially for youth.

"I really am so impressed with the support that I'm see-



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

The 113th anniversary of the dedication of the Gilbertville Public Library was held this past Sunday afternoon.

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## Charter Committee gave update

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Staff Writer

RUTLAND – The Town Charter Committee Chair Christopher Senecal and member Michelle Campbell were present at the Select Board meeting for an inter-board communication meeting, where they presented the board with a draft of the new town charter.

Senecal said the committee consists of nine members, and they have been working with attorney Anthony Wilson to assist with drafting the charter. He said there have been two public sessions, where community members gave input on what should be included.

He said the goal is to present this draft at town meeting in May for further discussion and approval.

One of the main topics on the draft that was presented was amending the Planning Board term from five years to three years, but it would still

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## Police Chief presents amended budget

By Ellenor Downer  
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OAKHAM – Police Chief Frederick Gehring presented the Finance Committee with a revised Fiscal Year 2027 budget at their Tuesday, March 24 meeting.

Sergeant Kevin Marderosian recently resigned to take another position and Chief Gehring proposed not replacing the full time position. Instead, he recommended filling Marderosian's shift and duties with the department's part-time officers.

Chief Gehring said the part-time officers work two to three shifts per month.

He said one of those officers would need to work more than 20 hours per week to make the schedule work. He said part-time officers sign a waiver of benefits. He said all of the part-time officers were supportive of the change. He proposed taking the full-time \$63,609 salary and add the amount to the part-time salary account.

He said this plan would still provide the same coverage filling the 952 regular shifts and 32 holiday shifts per year. He also said he would like to hire one or two additional part-time officers.

Finance Committee Chairman Corey Packard asked the Police Chief if he was sure he wanted to eliminate the full-time position.

The Police Chief said it was unlikely he would find applicants for the position for that amount of money. Sgt. Marderosian left for a position in another police department, which paid \$30,000 more than Oakham.

Chief Gehring also said this plan was a "matter of survival." He said the town would save some money as the part-time officer rate was \$26 per hour rather than the \$33 per hour rate of the full-time position. He estimated a savings of about \$3,000 in the revised budget. Finance Committee member Clare Hendra said there also would be a savings as the town would not be paying benefits.

FinCom Chairman

Packard asked the chief if he had any capital requests. He replied the cruisers were in good shape with one of the fleet having only 8,000 miles on it. The oldest vehicle has 83,000 miles. Chairman Packard said the Federal government had Immigration and Customs Enforcement surplus vehicles available and that it might be worth looking into for a replacement vehicle in the future.

Police Chief Gehring said he recently replaced the front door on the Police Headquarters building. He also said repairs were made to the roof and heating system. He said he received

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## Application for CDBG grant approved

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved the grant application for an improvement project for the South Common Street and St. Clair Avenue neighborhood.

At the March 24 meeting, Community Development Planner Shannon Sullivan of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission said the purpose of the public hearing was to present and discuss the fiscal year 2026 Community Development Block Grant application.

Sullivan said the CDBG

program was enacted in 1974 and utilizes federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She said there are approximately 11 entitlement communities in the state, which automatically receive funding, while small communities such as North Brookfield, are required to follow a competitive application process.

The CDBG-funded projects must meet three criteria for approval: to benefit low-to-moderate-income populations, to remove or prevent slums and blights on

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## Memorial Day Committee holds first meeting on parade

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – The Memorial Day Committee, consisting of Gary Kangas, Nancy Rogan, Stevie LaBelle, Taylor Wilkinson and Katie Young held their first meeting on Monday, March 23 to discuss the Memorial Day parade, which will be held on May 25.

LaBelle was voted as chair of the committee and Wilkinson was voted secretary.

### Preliminary ideas

The committee moved to talking about ideas of people and organizations who should be present at the parade. Wilkinson said the Lions Club should be involved, and possibly provide food this year, highlighting that "food draws people in." LaBelle said she would

reach out to a band and the NJROTCs of Quabbin and Monty Tech to see if they are available for this year or when they will be available for future years.

Kangas brought up that flags used to be passed out to spectators at the parade and asked if they were ordered for this year.

Rogan said past Memorial Day committees agreed to end the passing out of flags because they have not been respected, and have been found on the ground in past years. She said they could line the common and streets with flags instead.

Flags for the gravestones are still being planned, and LaBelle said she was going to reach out to Tricia Lowe to determine if they were ordered last year.

For the reading of "In Flanders Field" and the Gettysburg Address, the

committee suggested reaching out to the school and advertising interested students to sign up and try out for the readings. A similar idea was expressed for tryouts for the singing of the National Anthem and "America The Beautiful."

For the invocation and benediction, Rogan said she would be in charge of finding somebody for it, but if nobody volunteered, she would read them as she did last year.

Wilkinson also suggested a float competition, where there could be different themes each year, and people can decorate their floats or bikes to fit the theme. Young suggested reaching out to the veterans to see if they would approve of a float competition for the Memorial Day

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## Hoppy Easter



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Children of all ages arrived at the Hoston Free Public Library for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Back row stands Gurli, Madison, and Maddison with their Easter baskets and bunny ears. Front row, left to right, stands Julianna, Amelia and Conrad. See story more photos on page 11.

# News of the Towns



**ROUND TOWN**  
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**OES holds breakfast**

Designer pancake breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star will be held Saturday, April 11 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. People may create their favorite pancake with chips, nuts, fruit and more. Complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and always real maple syrup. Adults are \$9 and children 6 and under \$5. All are welcome.

**Plastic bag recycling alert**

Home Depot is no longer accepting the single use plastic bags, which the Community Resilience Committee has been collecting at Higgins Energy Alternatives and Powersports. Home Depot is only recycling plastic generated in their own building. The committee is looking into what can be done. Please be patient.

**Barre Historical Society**

The Barre Historical Society hosts Dr. Joseph Goldstein, co-founder of Insight Meditation Center and the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, on Thursday, April 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Barre Woods Memorial Library. Refreshments will be served from 6-6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. People will learn about this world renown founder and the meditation center as he presents "Buddhism Comes to Barre." Located in the old mansion on Pleasant Street when it opened on Feb. 14, 1976, just over 50 years ago, this iconic facility has been operating here, in the Tranquil and Alert community, ever since.

**Legislators staff office hour**

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance. On Monday, April 13, staff will be at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road from 11 a.m.-noon. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

**Lions Club scholarship**

The Barre Lions Club offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior, who lives in Barre, Oakham, Hubbardston, New Braintree or Hardwick. To be eligible, the student must be accepted by an accredited college or technical school and must be entering the school in the fall semester of the current year. In addition to Quabbin seniors, this year the club expanded the scholarship applications to local students, who attend Monty Tech, Pathfinder or BayPath. For the students' convenience, the application has been sent to the guidance counselor of each school. People may email barremalionsclub@aol.com with any questions.

**Information Fair**

An Information Fair sponsored by the Council on Aging will take place Wednesday, April 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. This event is free and open to the public. The COA encourages seniors, caregivers, family members, friends and anyone interested in learning more about resources for the aging population to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with local professionals, explore helpful programs and services and gather information that can make everyday living easier and more independent. Attendees will have the chance to speak directly with representatives from organizations offering support, safety services, financial information, health resources, housing guidance, and more. Whether people are planning ahead for themselves or helping care for a loved one, the Information Fair is a great place to learn about products, services and programs available in the community.

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## Holy Week and Easter schedule

**Barre Congregational Church**

30 Park St., Barre  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Service 9:30 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, April 2  
Service at 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
Service at 9:30 a.m.

Service 10:45 a.m.

**New Life Assembly of God**

Main Street, South Barre  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Service 10:30-11:45 a.m.  
Good Friday, April 3  
Service 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
Service 10:30-11:45 a.m.

**Rutland Congregational Church**

264 Main St., Rutland  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
Service 9:30 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday April 2  
Service 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
Service 9:30 a.m.

**First Congregational Church of North Brookfield**

144 North Main St., North Brookfields  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Service 10:45 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, April 2  
Tenebrae Service 7 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 3  
Sanctuary Open for Prayer noon  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
Sunrise Service Bennett's Hill 6 a.m.

**Oakham Congregational Church**

4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Service 10-11 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, April 2 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 5  
Sunrise Sunday 6:30 a.m.  
behind church, breakfast after service  
Service 10-11 a.m.

**Tri-Parish Church**

Sunday, April 5  
Easter Sunrise Service 6:15 a.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick with lay leader Virginia Rich  
Easter Service 10 a.m. at New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Road, New Braintree



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**Sunrise service, breakfast and Easter service**

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 a.m. All are welcome. A breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, homemade doughnut holes, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will immediately follow the sunrise service. People may make a freewill donation, which will go to the church furnace fund. The lap quilt will also be raffled off at the breakfast. People may purchase tickets at the breakfast before the drawing. Tickets are \$2 each. Proceeds from the raffle will also go to the church furnace fund. Easter Sunday Service will be held at 10 a.m.

**April COA news**

On Thursday, April 9 at noon the Worcester County Sheriffs Department will present a program on Fraud and Scam prevention at the Oakham Senior Center, located in the lower level of Town Hall.

Blood pressure clinic will be Thursday, April 9 from 11:15-11:45 a.m. Monthly COA meeting will be held on Friday April 10 at noon in voting room in Town Hall. Podiatry clinic will be held Monday, April 13 and Monday, April 20 from 9 a.m. -2:30 p.m., an appointment is required. Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, April 17 at Table Twelve, 175 West Boylston St, in West Boylston at 12:30 p.m. Glucose/blood pressure screening will be held Tues, April 28 from 11 a.m-1 p.m. Also, Friday, May 1, the COA will be hosting a May Day lunch gathering at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Lasagna will be served, as well as sides and desserts. Seniors should sign up at the Senior Center to attend. These events are in addition to the ongoing activities such as puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class. Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

**Congregate hot meals**

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 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.

**Editorial deadline reminder**

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

## Food Pantry holds distributions April 16

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, April 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, April 16 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, April 8 or in the evening on Thursday, April 16, whichever is more convenient for them. The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients.

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

to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 16 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

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

On Tuesday night, April

7 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the April 7, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

People should not arrive to volunteer on April 7, 8 or 18 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at (978) 355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people may continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

## 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 April 6. 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 – Lasagna and meatballs, marinara sauce, green beans, chocolate pudding, diet = Rice Krispy Treat, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, pita bread, pineapple

WEDNESDAY – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, winter blend vegetables, baked apples, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Beef with onions and peppers, potato wedges, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Chicken tiki masala, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, pumpernickel bread

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

## New Braintree celebrates its 275th anniversary and U.S.'s 250th

NEW BRAINTREE – The 275th Anniversary Committee is hard at work planning a spectacular 2026 to celebrate New Braintree's 275th Anniversary and America's 250th Anniversary.

The committee is planning to have three major events to celebrate throughout 2026, and they want you – neighbors, friends, and family – to be a part of every one.

The first event is on July 5 from 3-5 p.m.: Kick off the summer with the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band. This free community concert will be held under the newly constructed pavilion.

Grab your lawn chairs, blankets, and favorite snacks for an unforgettable afternoon of music. There may even be an Air Force fly over.

The second event will be

on Oct. 3: Old Home Day Our classic town celebration will kick off with a parade at 1 p.m., farmer's market, kids' games, live music, and a bonfire in the evening.

Enjoy the beer and wine tent and plenty of local food. The committee is seeking volunteers and sponsors to make this day a success. Have an idea or want to lend a hand? Email us at [newbraintree275@gmail.com](mailto:newbraintree275@gmail.com).

The third and capstone event will be on Dec. 31: The 275th Anniversary Gala from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. - Dust off your dancing shoes and get your fancy clothes ready.

The committee will close out the anniversary year with a New Year's Eve Gala in the Town Hall. It's the ultimate way to ring in 2027 and celebrate the legacy of the special town and people who call it home.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Town Election Day – April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Select Board – April 6 at 5 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – April 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – April 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – April 7 and April 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – April 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – April 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – April 9 at 1 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals – April 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – April 13 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – April 13 at 5:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – April 13 at 6 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – April 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – April 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – April 16 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – April 23 at 11 a.m.

### HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – April 2 at 7 p.m.  
 Select Board – April 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – April 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – April 8 at 3 p.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – April 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – April 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – April 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – April 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – April 22 at 6:50 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – May 18 at 3 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – April 2 at 7 p.m.  
 Local Emergency Management Planning Committee – April 7 at 1 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – April 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – April 8 and April 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – April 14 and April 28 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – April 15 at 6 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation – April 2 at 6 p.m.  
 Downtown Development Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Parks and Recreation July 4th Subcommittee – April 8 at 6 p.m.  
 Rep. Berthiaume Office hours – April 15 from 11 a.m.-noon  
 Planning Board – April 15 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Conservation Commission – April 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – April 7 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 2 at 5:30 p.m., April 7 at 3 p.m. and April 9 at 5:30 p.m., April 13 at 3 p.m. and April 16 at 5:30 p.m., April 21 at 3 p.m., April 23 and April 30 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – April 2 at 6 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – April 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee – April 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – April 10 at 9 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – April 13 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – April 14 at 11 a.m.  
 Board of Health – April 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – April 16 at 6 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals – April 28 at 7 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – April 2 at 6 p.m.  
 Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – April 2 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board Bylaw Sub Committee – April 15 at 6 p.m.

## Select Board, FinCom discuss general government budgets

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**HARDWICK** – Another joint meeting between the Select Board and the Finance Committee was held on March 30.

This meeting was to review the General Government section of the fiscal year 2027 budget. Mark Korzec of the Finance Committee said there have been some updated numbers provided by the Town Administrator and gives a better understanding of what is and isn't known in general government.

Both boards are still waiting on some numbers including numbers from the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department. They're also waiting on the numbers from the agreement with the Senior Center. A meeting later in the week will go over that agreement.

They agreed to not go over it during this joint meeting, but both Finance Committee and the Select Board members feel it is good to be aware that the school budget is one of the big budget items.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano mentioned some items have changed from the last joint meeting. The biggest goal now is to itemize the debt, even though some numbers are still being figured out.

The Town Administrator provided copies for both boards to review with several items highlighted.

The review of general government began with going over the Planning Board and its revolving account. The salary increase was negotiated to \$1,000 and the board also put in for a \$200 expense increase.

Planning Board Chair William Cole attended the joint meeting and addressed the reason for the increase. The Planning Board anticipates more training conferences and Cole also mentioned they will be using more supplies.

Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee wanted to know what funds go into the Planning Board's revolving account. There was a mentioning of fees from special permit and site plan review applications. A percentage from building permits do not go towards the Planning Board but goes into town revenue.

The Building Inspector will be attending the next regular Select Board meeting to address the increase of some fees. As for addressing deposits and expenditures, the Cole wants to speak with

the Town Accountant about the proper paths to follow to address the perimeters of the revolving fund.

The next item discussed is the Town House. This item is level funded from the previous year and also has a revolving account. Funds are typically used for janitorial services for the Town House and rental fees are collected from those who rent the space.

The Building Inspector is level funded due to a contract. The board members know there was a different agreement in place last year. The Electrical Inspector's and the Emergency Management Director's salaries were also addressed.

For a moment, Korzec explained to the Select Board that "cutting would not be wise" when addressing certain items on the budget.

Back to emergency management, one big expense is Code Red, an emergency alert system. The town pays for a subscription, and a portion is paid by New Braintree.

A separate meeting will be held to cover the Highway Department budget with the superintendent.

Cemetery has a revolving account with \$12,000 in it. The current limit is \$5,000 and the Cemetery Commission already came forward to the Select Board for an approval to increase the limit to \$11,500. The Finance Committee also approved the increase.

The Board of Health also has a revolving account, from which the BOH Agent is being paid. The monitoring expense has gone up due to checking wells for PFAS.

The Animal Inspector Salary is level funded. The Animal Control Officer has requested an increase, but the inspector hasn't.

For the agreement with the Senior Center, a meeting will be held later in the week on Thursday. The Council on Aging nutrition contract is still unknown.

Both boards talked about the Paige Memorial Library and the Gilbertville Public Library, starting with the roles of the libraries. There is a 2% increase for the Director and the Assistant. The expense increase is based of CW Mars and their certifications.

It was shared by Caggiano that the Library Board of Trustees have asked for a \$30,000 increase over what is currently in the budget. They're anticipating the purchase of the Gilbertville library. The town still hasn't decided yet if that is what they're going to do. The board is still in the effect

finding stages.

"This is something the trustees are looking at right now," Korzec said.

Korzec believes the trustees will most likely talk about this with the Select Board and possibly be brought up at the Annual Town Meeting.

After attending a trustees meeting Caggiano knows they don't have enough information at this point. The Paige Trustees are looking to see if there is anything in the title that says it must be a library in perpetuity.

Korzec would then go over the costs to benefits. The average cost per pension is roughly \$17,000 per employee. Health insurance also pays out in benefits, depending on what plans they have. Benefits could be higher depending on the salary, and the health plans employees have.

Caggiano shared that it's important to know, "anyone in Massachusetts, anyone working 20 hours or more, qualifies for benefits."

### Debt

The Select Board and the Finance Committee would then approach debt. Korzec suggested they start by going over principals and interests.

Caggiano brought up two old loans, one from 2014 and the other from 2015. One is a wastewater loan and the other is from the purchase of the police building.

Caggiano provided copies of a five-year plan with combined interests and principal over the next five years to help pay off these old loans.

"Old debt, new loan," as she worded it.

For the wastewater loan, the town owes approximately \$117,440. The loan for the police land, the town owes \$124,990. The principals and interest are broken down on the sheets provided by Caggiano.

For the firetruck, the loan comes to maturity in September. A schedule was mapped out to where the town pays interest the first two years and hits principal in year three. The town could pay sooner to try to pay off the debt earlier.

Korzec believes to not pay principal early could have a negative impact.

With bringing everything forward to the budget, the board and committee feel confident on making the most informed decisions. The next joint meeting between Select Board and Finance will be on Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m. and will go over Highway and Fire department budgets for FY 27.

## HUBBARDSTON

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### Scrap metal fundraiser supports meeting-house preservation

A scrap metal fundraiser sponsored by the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m.-noon with drop off at Curtis Rec Field, Route 68, Hubbardston. This benefits the preservation of the First Meetinghouse on Hubbardston Common. Car and truck batteries are accepted with a \$10 fee per battery. Fees are \$1 per item or \$10 per truck load. They will not accept tires, liquids, gases, plastics, monitors or lithium batteries.

### Election information

Hubbardston's Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, June 9 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at Hubbardston Center School gymnasium at 8 Elm St.. The following seats are up for election/re-election for the Town of Hubbardston: Select Board three-year, term ends 2029, current holder Kathryn V. Young; Select Board one-year term ends 2027, vacant; Board of Assessors three-year term ends 2029, current holder Albert Afonso; Board of Library Trustees three-year term ends 2029, current holder Krista Fischelis Goguen; Board of Library Trustees three year term ends 2029, current holder Maria Tourigny; Cemetery Commission three year, term ends 2029, current hold Raven Kaldera; Planning Board five year term ends 2031, current holder Kristofer Munroe; Finance Committee three-year term ends 2029, current holder Charles Reed; Finance Committee three-year, term ends 2029, current holder Hunter Young; Board of Health three-year, term ends 2029, current holder Judith O'Donnell; Board of Health three-year term ends 2029, current holder David Rogers (appointed); Board of Health two year term ends 2028, vacant;

Quabbin Regional School Committee three-year term ends 2029, current holder, Debra Chamberlain; Quabbin Regional School Committee one year term ends 2027, current holder Gael Moncoeur (appointed); Board of Parks Commissioners three-year, term ends 2029, current holder Hunter Young; Board of Parks Commissioners three-year term ends 2029, vacant and Board of Parks Commissioners one year term ends 2027, vacant. For more information on upcoming elections, people may visit the Town Clerk's page at <https://www.hubbardstonma.gov/275/Election-Information>. People may visit <https://www.hubbardstonma.gov/349/How-to-Pull-Nomination-Papers-for-Annual-for-information-on-pulling-nomination-papers>, available at Town offices. If people have additional questions, people may call Town Clerk Melody Green by calling 978-928-1400, extension 202 or emailing townclerk@hubbardstonma.gov.

### Legislative office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance. On Monday, April 6, staff will be at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main Street, from 10-11 a.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

### Country Hen scholarships

The Country Hen Scholarship Fund awards a total of \$1,000 in scholarships to one or more graduating high school students from Hubbardston. 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. Applications are available online by visiting the town website at [www.hubbardstonma.gov](http://www.hubbardstonma.gov) and are due by Sunday, April 26. For questions, they should email [admin@hubbardstonma.gov](mailto:admin@hubbardstonma.gov).

### Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-

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### Silent film night April 11

**GILBERTVILLE** – Family Silent Film Night will host Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" (1925) on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. Admission is \$20. Organist Peter Krasinski will provide organ accompaniment.

### Historical Society holds program on Rachael Revere

**RUTLAND** – The Rutland Historical Society will be hosting History at Play, Rendezvous with Rachael Revere on Tuesday, April 14 at the Rutland Library, 280 Main St., lower level, from 7-9 p.m.

udith Kalaora who chronicles the lives of influential and often forgotten figures, will portray Rachel Revere, husband of Paul Revere. Light refreshments will be available.

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# Opinion

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### I'll be 70 on New Year's Day. When should I apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty:  
I was born on Jan. 1, 1958, so I believe Social Security considers me to be 70 as of December 2027. I'm planning on filing when I turn 70 to maximize the payment. I'm not sure if I should start in December, with the first payment in January 2028. Or should I start in January with the first payment in February 2028? I know I can start anytime, however I don't want to file before the maximum payment, even by one month.

Signed: Wanting Maximum Benefit

Dear Wanting:  
You are correct that if your birth date is Jan. 1, 1958, you are entitled to your full age 70 benefit in December 2027. So, if you claim your SS benefit to start in December 2027 you will get your maximum benefit amount and you will receive that payment in January 2028 (on the second Wednesday). Basically, anyone born on the first of any month is considered to have been born in the previous month for SS benefit purposes.

You can apply for your benefits up to four months prior to your birthday month and SS usually suggests applying about three months in advance to give them time to process your application. When you complete the application, you will specify the month you wish your benefits to start, so applying early does not present a problem. You can either call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to make an

appointment to apply over the phone or you can apply online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) apply.

The one thing you might want to do is put the following in the "Remarks" section of your application for SS benefits: "I do not wish to receive any retroactive Social Security benefits. I want my benefits to become effective with the first month of my age 70 eligibility (December 2027 because I was born on the first of January)."

Including that remark will ensure that your benefit will be the full maximum amount you are entitled to at 70 years of age, without any reduction. And I congratulate you on choosing a strategy which maximizes your monthly benefit and will likely provide you with the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits.

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## In Past Pages

5 years (April 8, 2021)

About 12% of voters went to the polls for the annual town election April 5. Since the pandemic began last year, the town held a town election, a state primary and a general election under COVID-19 precautions. The town of Barre had 3,840 registered voters and 464 cast ballots in the town election with 255 from precinct 1 and 209 from precinct 2. Thirty-nine voters took out absentee ballots with 37 casting those ballots and two did not return them. Maureen M. Marshall won a three-year term to the board of selectmen with 317 votes (185 precinct 1 and 132 precinct 2) over Troy Lee Valardi with 138 votes (65 precinct 1 and 73 precinct 2). In the other two contests on the ballot, Matthew D. Urban won a five-year term to the planning board with 267 votes (154 precinct 1 and 113 precinct 2) against Anthony F. Mobilio with 165 votes (88 precinct 1 and 77 precinct 2). Anthony F. Mobilio won a one-year associate planning board position with 216 votes (111 precinct 1 and 105 precinct 2) against Frank W. LaRange with 130 votes (76 precinct 1 and 54 precinct 2).

Bill Shea of the Hubbardston Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee said the committee met informally to look at locations for the memorial on the common. The Hubbardston Select Board later in the meeting officially appointed seven members to the committee. Shea said Hubbardston had about 35 veterans from the Vietnam era and 13 of them served in Vietnam, but there was no memorial to those veterans. He said the committee planned to have funding in place for the monument by Veterans Day 2021 and have the memorial in place by Veterans Day 2022. He said matching funds for the memorial were available up to \$20,000. memorial would include "Welcome Home" and it would have additional space to add names, in case a name was forgotten. He said it would follow the template of the WWI and WWII, which was a standard design.

The North Brookfield Board of Selectmen viewed a slide show presentation by members of the Friends of the Town House at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 30. Jim Buzzell, president of the Friends of the Town House, gave an update about the restoration project. He has been on the board of the Friends' group for eight years and said, "I've never before felt as good as I do right now about how we're positioned with our project." Another member of the group, Bonnie Milner, led a slide presentation and said they work with many other organizations, and were given a research person from

### Look Back Easter egg hunt – 2011



This group visits with the Easter bunny at the annual Easter egg hunt in Oakham.

the Architectural Heritage Foundation, analyzing what other rural communities have done with such buildings. She said so much is happening, including receiving an award of \$900,000 in state tax credits, as well as federal tax credits awarded up to 19% of the total construction budget.

10 years (April 7, 2016)

It is time to start thinking about annual town meeting. Selectmen set the town's annual town meeting for Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Town administrator, Heather Lemieux, said the June date was agreeable with the finance committee and the moderator. Ruggles Lane Elementary School was also available that evening. Selectmen voted to open the warrant April 5 and close it May 5.

On March 31, a 70-foot Spruce tree located at 147 Main Street in Gilbertville blew over and hit power lines. The damage to lines resulted in the entire town being without power for an hour. Traffic was re-routed. No injuries or property damage were reported. The power lines needed to be repaired and power was restored. The fallen tree was later removed by the Highway Department.

In an effort to lower the assessments of the preliminary budget to a reasonable expectation, Quabbin Regional School District director of administrative services Cheryl Duval showed a chart with reductions and assessment levels to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee. A \$3 million cut in the \$36,588,641 preliminary budget for FY 2017 would have a 27 percent average increase in assessments. A \$4 million cut would lower the average assessment to about 5.8 percent. The figure still would not be the 4 percent that Hubbardston officials said that they would support. Last year, 56% of the school district's revenue came from the state and the remaining 44 percent from the towns. This year the governor's budget, the only state budget figures

available at present, lowered its contribution to 48 percent. The towns share would increase to 52 percent.

25 years (April 5, 2001)

Three Broad Street residents attended the Monday night Barre Selectmen's meeting to inquire about the lack of progress on the engineering survey of their road. An article to spend \$10,000 for an engineering survey to determine how to deal with drainage issues in the Ruggles Lane, Broad Street area passed at the Annual Town Meeting held June 12, 2000. Lori Troisi of 183 Broad St. said that the Barre Department of Public Works did some work in the Ruggles Lane area to alleviate the water drainage problem on her street. She said that I was done not as a permanent solution to the problem only as "band aid." The purpose of the engineering survey was to address the problem and fund a solution.

Thee Barre Board of Selectmen continued the hearing on the permit for above ground fuel storage tank for #2 diesel fuel with a combined capacity of 1,500 gallons on property owned by Central Plains Associates. The Board voted to continue the hearing from March 12 because the Board of Health had not granted a site assignment at the time. Lorraine Leno, Town Administrator, reported the Board of Health granted a site assignment and that it is filed with the Registry of Deeds. She added that the court date on the issue of whether a building on the Peach Street site can be used for storage has not been set. Several Peach Street residents, concerned about the safety issues of the operation, attended the hearing continuation.

Navy Seaman Adam D. Brisebois, son of Donna and Dave Brisebois of Hubbardston, recently visited Algiers, Algeria during a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea

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## It takes about 2,000 gallons of water to produce a pair of jeans

By Sue Coles

I was shocked to learn that a pair of jeans requires from 1,800 to 2,900 gallons of water to produce, from cotton seed to your shelf.

That is enough to supply a person with eight cups of drinking water per day for ten years. Why so much? Cotton takes a lot of water to grow. Cleaning the cotton of debris and seeds, bleaching and rinsing the fibers and dying and rinsing the fabric takes even more.

Toxic waste water is often discharged into the environment, polluting local water sources and creating health hazards for workers and neighbors. The clothing industry produces almost one fifth of the world's wastewater according to the United Nations.

Water consumption is not the only environmental impact of jeans and other clothing. It is responsible for 2-8% of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the U.N. Fossil fuels are used not only in the manufacturing of the garments, but making plastic packaging, in powering ships or planes delivering them to the consumers and fueling domestic transportation to the shopping center or delivered to your home.

Besides cotton and wool,

the clothing industry uses many synthetic materials. It is estimated that 70% of clothing today is made of plastic-based fibers, that rely on chemicals derived from petroleum, according to Changing Markets Foundation. Scientists are researching the effects of chemicals in the plastics, used in clothing, that may be harmful to our health.

In addition, according to Environment and Wildlife, washing clothes at home releases 500,000 tons of microfibers into the ocean each year, equal to 50 billion plastic bottles.

Americans dispose of about 13 million tons of clothing and footwear a year. About 13% is recycled. The average inexpensive, fast fashion garment is worn as little as seven times before it is discarded. Fast fashion, the quick turnaround of a design concept into a salable garment, exaggerates all the downsides of the fashion industry, except for the profits to the producers. Fast fashion is worth its own story.

There are some things we can do to soften the environmental impact of this industry. Shop for secondhand clothing, buy good

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I noticed an announcement on the Internet that Rietta Ranch will open if weather is good on Sunday, April 5, which is Easter.

I was unable to attend last year, but hopefully I will be able to this year. My house is full of items I purchased there. I have to go early to get the good buys though. It opens to the public at 6:30 am.

I don't have plans for Easter, but I will cook a big ham. I guess we will be having various ham dishes for the rest of the week.

I received a welcomed gift of a big bouquet of pussy willows from my handyman. I put them in a large pottery vase that our oldest daughter made for us when she was a student at Wachusett Community College. I also put some artificial daffodils in with the pussy willows. Remember do not put them in water or they will sprout yellow "things;" I don't know the name for them.

I was looking through my recipes from my New Hampshire friend. I will hopefully make these scones for Easter.

### GINGERBREAD RAISIN SCONES

2 cups flour  
1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/8 teaspoon cloves  
6 tablespoon chilled butter, cut into pieces  
1/4 cup milk  
1 large egg  
3 tablespoons molasses  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Blend flour, sugar, baking powder and spices in a food processor or combine in a mixing bowl. Add butter and process until mixture resembles coarse meal. In a bowl beat milk, egg, molasses and vanilla to blend. Add flour mixture and raisins, stir gently until dough forms. Gather dough into a ball. On lightly floured surface press dough into a 1 inch thick round. Cut round into six wedges and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream.

This and That  
Due to some weather above 40 degrees this week I worked outside raking leaves from the lawn and garden. The handyman empties the wheel barrows for me as that is the hardest to do at my age. The daffodils and

other early bulbs are coming up through the leaves so I am trying to get the gardens raked off first.

This time of year there is so much to do. I store most of the outside things in a garden shed and need to take out things that the frost will not hurt now.

Inside the plant shelves are getting very full with slips I have started and several amaryllis that are re-blooming from last year. I have started many coleus and cactus plants. By the end of May most of the plants will go outside on the deck.

I did a little trimming of the butterfly bushes and trimmed some dead branches on other bushes. It has been a good year for gardens with the great snow cover we had this year.

Mud season only lasted a little while on Serenity Hill, but the driveway does need to be resurfaced in certain places.

Ken got his sport license and is anxious to go fishing. I hope he will be able to find a spot where he can catch a good size brook trout.

This is the time of the year I like to watch the gardens come to life. Each day it seems something new comes above the ground. Happy spring.

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#### Clothing Swap

A clothing swap sponsored by Barre Community Resilience as part of a Barre Earth Day event will take place Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the

Commonplace Market, 56 Common St., Barre. From April 1 to April 23 people may bring their clean, unstained and unwanted clothes and accessories to The Commonplace Market, left side of the old Barre Bank Building during busi-

ness hours Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Items dropped off ahead of time will be organized into bins by size/type. Items brought on April 25 will be placed into a miscellaneous bin for people to rummage

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450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and

the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Mitscher, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. While in Algiers, Brisebois' ship participated in an antisubmarine warfare exercise with a U.S. submarine and an Algerian Navy frigate and submarine. The exercise included maneuvering exercised and flag hoist procedures. USS Mitscher is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war fighting capability.

#### 38 years (April 7, 1988)

Over the years, a very special group of parents known as Quabbin Pro Musica have worked and supported the music program of Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School providing funds for activities not included in the school budget. They have worked at summer band concerts operating the snack bar. They have provided refreshments at school concerts and held food sales along with many other fundraisers. One of the most important is the annual Valentine Dinner dance held in February.

The towns of Barre, Hubbardston and Phillipston are participating in a Massachusetts Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program with Barre as the lead community. The program is designed to assist low to moderate income residents in need of restoring their homes to safe and efficient living units and will make no-interest, deferred payment loans to quali-

fied applicants. These loans will not be repaid until the house is sold or the deed transferred. In some cases a matching amount of private funds will be required to do the entire project. Since the program guidelines require that towns over a certain population and size target a specific area for assistance, South Barre has been designated as the eligible portion.

The town of Barre has

been awarded \$125,000 through the Massachusetts Small Cities Program to assist low to moderate income residents with the cost of tying into the new wastewater treatment system. The program can assist any income eligible resident living along the sewer lines by making funds available in the form of a loan or grant or a combination of the two. Applicants will be prioritized

according to individual circumstances and need, so various forms of supporting documentation will be required at the time of application. The Sewer Hookup Program can fund work necessary in connecting a house to the sewer line in the street which may involve filling in the old septic system, laying pipe, installing new water meters and in some cases indoor plumbing.

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By Ellenor Downer



Eastern Phoebe

I saw an Eastern Phoebe on March 28, my first sighting of 2026.

The Eastern Phoebe is a plump songbird with a medium-length tail. It appears large-headed for a bird of its size. The head often appears flat on top, but phoebes sometimes raise the feathers up into a peak. Like most small flycatchers, they have short, thin bills used for catching insects. The Eastern Phoebe slightly larger than a tufted titmouse.

The Eastern Phoebe is brownish-gray above and off-white below, with a dusky wash to the sides of the breast. The head is typically the darkest part of the upper parts. Birds in fresh fall plumage show faint yellow on the belly and whitish edging on the folded wing feathers.

The Eastern Phoebe generally perches low

in trees or on fence lines. Phoebes are very active, making short flights to capture insects and very often returning to the same perch. They make sharp "peep" calls in addition to their familiar "Phoebe" vocalizations. When perched, Eastern Phoebes wag their tails down and up frequently.

These birds favor open woods such as yards, parks, woodlands and woodland edges. Phoebes usually breed around buildings or bridges on which they construct their nests under the protection of an eave or ledge.

#### Bring in bird feeders

The Allen Bird Club of Springfield reminds area residents that early spring means hungry bears. If people enjoy feeding birds during the winter, it's now time to bring feeders in at night or to put them away entirely until next December. Black bears have an excellent memory and will return to feeders where they find easy meals. When that happens, bears can become a nuisance. FYI, over 50 million Americans purchase more than one billion pounds of bird seed and suet annually.

An excellent way to feed birds year-round is by planting native fruit and seed bearing plants

that provide food for wildlife. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's new citizen science initiative, Garden for Birds, offers regionally-tailored tips on the best plants to choose to help struggling wildlife to thrive. This program is free and participation can be cancelled at any time. Information on how to turn a yard into a bird-supporting habitat can be found by visiting gardenforbirds.org.

#### Common mergansers

My husband and I saw the male and female Common Merganser diving in cedar Lake Sturbridge in between the ice on Thursday, March 19. They were beautiful.

#### Brimfield birds

I received an email from a Brimfield resident. He said, "In my last email I had reported a broad-winged hawk seen in the yard. I later was looking at some photographs I had taken of the bird and discovered I was wrong, the bird was a red-shouldered hawk. Also it would have been very early for a broad-wing."

He saw crows, blue jays and a red-shouldered hawk on his trail camera as well as raccoons and an opossum.

He also has eight goldfinch visiting regularly. He said, "For most of the winter we have only seen one or two at the feeders. One was starting to show some yellow plumage."

He puts out a coffee can of whole peanuts every day in a tray. He said, "Blue jays, titmice and an occasional red-bellied woodpecker take the peanuts that are usually gone within a couple of hours. Lately

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Good Friday - April 3 at 4 p.m.  
Easter Vigil - April 4 at 4 p.m.



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Interim Library Director of the Gilbertville Public Library, Laura Grunberg, was joined by Deb Deschamps and Barry Koch for an a cappella rendition of "Lean on Me".

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ing," she said. "I really hope that this is the beginning of the rebirth of this library."

Interim Library Director Laura Grunberg and Library Assistant Colleen Coran greeted guests at the library, and encouraged them to explore the revitalized building.

Donations, volunteer efforts and creative talents have breathed new life into the rooms of the library, with the children's room featuring an inviting crushed velvet couch, decorated with pillows. This couch once belonged to children's author Ed Tse-chun Young, and it was only fitting that it would provide a cozy place for young readers to curl up with a book.

The children's room also has an impressive animal

puppet collection, which is enjoyed by patrons of all ages (even those who are just young at heart).

Animals are a common theme throughout the library, which recently adopted the otter as its mascot. The otter is a native inhabitant of the nearby Ware River, a waterway that not only supports abundant wildlife, but also powered the industry that shaped the village.

As you enter the front doors of the building and look up, you will see a giant set of furry paws. To your right, you'll see a sign pointing you in the direction of "the shoebill."

The shoebill statue was created by Grunberg as her entry at the Hardwick Community Fair, and it has now found a new perch in the library, towering over library patrons.

To your left, you will find a reading nook, outfitted with repurposed cushions from the Hardwick Recycling Center's swap shed, and a mirror that belonged to the late Steve Olivo, a beloved Gilbertville resident known for his sense of humor, generosity and love of community.

Grunberg invited those attending the celebration to sit down for a slide presentation that gave the history of the library, as well as a look at what life was like when it was built.

"The library was built when the Greatest Generation was born," she said.

The library was just one part of the social life of Gilbertville's mill workers, who also spent time at the Polish hall, the Star movie theater and the Union Hotel. The hotel had "the best and only pizza in town," Grunberg said.

Sadly, the Polish hall has been closed since 2011, the Union Hotel gave way to Cumberland Farms, and the Star sits vacant and condemned on Church Street.

"Do we want the library to have the same fate?" Grunberg asked. "No."

The library has a list of needs as it moves toward the future and a possible merger with the Paige Memorial Library, including seven computer workstations, four printers, a refrigerator, a new phone system, and money to purchase magazines. There is



Laura Grunberg, interim library director of the Gilbertville Public Library, gave a slide presentation about the history of the library, and the time period of when it was built.



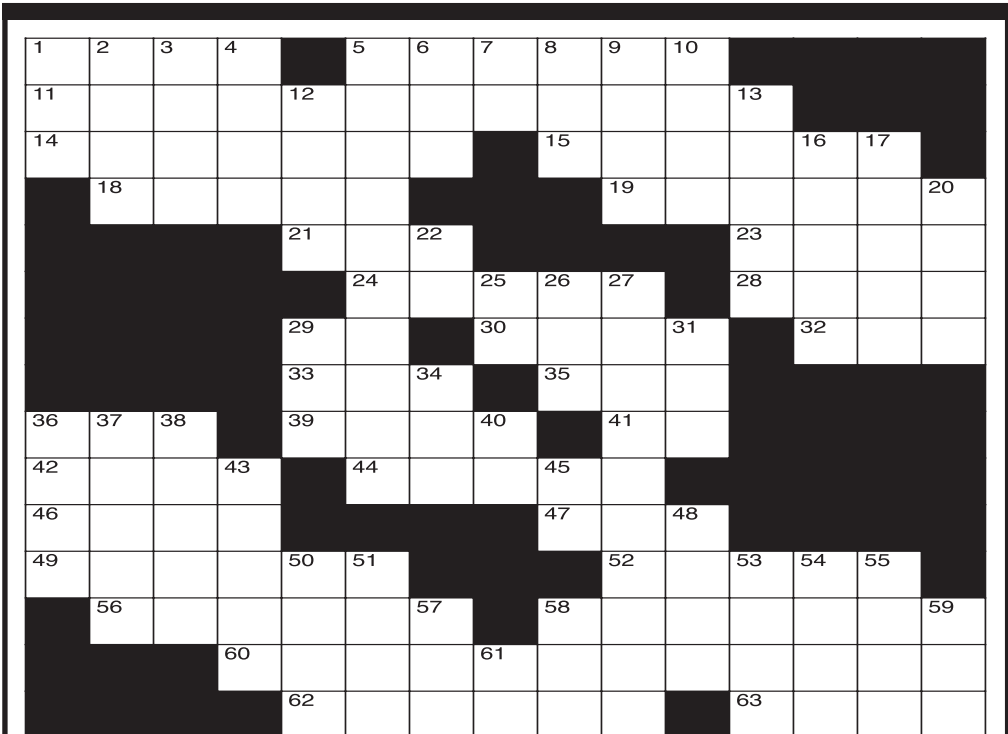
Vicky Biancolo, chair of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, spoke about the needs of rural libraries.



Ricky Hillson traveled from Cape Cod to share the peaceful sounds of the handpan.



The stained glass windows of the Gilbertville Public Library each represent a different publishing house.



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also a need for time and talent in the form of lock-picking the door of a cabinet which houses historic books, painting the exterior window trim and refinishing the front doors and the conference room table.

Grunberg said the library could also benefit from having its interior brightened, and the building grounds have room for gardens.

The library is also selling T-shirts featuring its new mascot and slogan. Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts benefit the library.

Grunberg read a passage from the library's original dedication speech given by speaker Henry K. Hyde that described the library as "not only a worthy gift, but an enduring one."



The Gilbertville Public Library had some playful, food-inspired puns on classic book and movie titles.

"So let's endure," Grunberg said.

**About the library**  
The Gilbertville Public

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This crushed velvet couch once belonged to children's author, Ed Tse-chun Young

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This shoebill statue was created by interim Library Director Laura Grunberg, and was previously displayed at the Hardwick Community Fair.

# It's hip to be square

Seniors enjoyed hip hop square dancing

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – Last week, seniors at the North Brookfield Senior Center joined dance instructor and caller Dr. Rondae Drafts, for hip hop square dancing.

This program was funded in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Drafts is the executive director of MUSIC Dance. edu, a nonprofit organization which offers performing arts opportunities to New England residents and music



Dancers learned various steps before the song was played.

education throughout the east coast.

She is the former director of a hip hop dance company in Massachusetts and she has also instructed hip hop dance

at MIT where one of the students was wheelchair bound. This was one of the inspirations for this class.

Drafts is a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, gradu-



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Seniors enjoyed hip hop square dancing at the North Brookfield Senior Center last week. Shown from left were Karen Bessette, Nancy Olson, Shelley Fullam, Judy Manning and Paula Cummings.

ated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in speech communication. She later moved to Massachusetts and received a master's degree in education from Cambridge College.

"She comes every year and this is a new program she does," Senior Center Director Courtenay Rivera said.

Rivera said the Senior Center offers a lot of programs to keep seniors active,

including chair yoga, regular yoga and functional fitness. The Senior Center also offers art and drawing classes, music bingo, special workshops with Bemis Nursery and much more.



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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2

**CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS** are today from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. Rehearsal are every Thursday between now and Thursday, May 14 with the concert on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall. Circle of song is particularly in need of altos this session. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome. The chorus sings in four-part harmony and there is a modest sliding scale membership fee with deep discounts for students. People may email director Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

**PAXTON COA TRIP** through the Canadian Rockies and Pacific Northwest will take place on Thursday, Sept. 3 through Thursday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$7,625 per person (double) includes 14 days with 20 meals, hotels and all transfers within tour; but does not include airfare and transportation to airport. Pricing for airfare and ground transportation to airport will be finalized soon, but plan for under \$1,000 per person. For more information, people may email Bill Murwin @ whmurwin@gmail.com or by phone at 508-756-3193.

**CRAFTERS APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for the GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club the 49th Annual Harvest Craft Fair, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Robert E. Mexican Middle School, 145 Lincoln St., Northboro. This is a juried show requiring that all items are handmade. Crafters may visit NJWC'S website for applications and more show details by visiting [www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html](http://www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html). The Northboro Junior Woman's Club is a non-profit organization that has been active in Northboro for over 40 years. They support community projects in Northboro as well as internationally. The Harvest Fair is the club's major fundraiser.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**TRI-PARISH EAST SUNRISE SERVICE** will be held today at 6:15 a.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. Lay leader Virginia Rich will lead the service. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

**TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH EASTER SERVICE** will be held today at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Road, New Braintree. The worship service will be led by Pastor Duncan



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**This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) with their answer by noon on Monday, April 6. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, James Laramée and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert St., North Brookfield.**

Washburn. The church is handicapped accessible and all are welcome. People may call the church office at 508-867-3306 with any questions.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**SOLO/DUET POETRY AND MUSIC SERIES** will be held at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 West Main St., West Brookfield, on Tuesday evenings in April starting at 6 p.m. bassist Jerry Wilfong and percussionist-trumpeter Dick Hummell with poets Glenn D'Alessio and Susan Roney-O'Brien will entertain this evening. Each evening will feature poetry readings that will book-end a set of chamber jazz music. This program is made possible by the West Brookfield Cultural Council as supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Other performances are April 14, bassist Jerry Wilfong, guitarist Mitch Seidman and Chet

Willamson, on harmonica with poets Clair Degutis and Jim Beschta; April 21, bassist Jerry Wilfong, guitarist Rich Falco and trombonist Rich Ardizzone, trombone with poets Judith Ferrarra and Jonathan Blake and April 28, solo bass recital by Jerry Wilfong with poets Beth Sweeney and Stephen Campiglio. The performances are free and open to all. People should stop by or call the library at 508-867-1410 to reserve a seat.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

**FAMILY SILENT FILM NIGHT** will host Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" (1925) today at 7 p.m. in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. Admission is \$20. Organist Peter Krasinski will provide improvised accompaniment on the Gilbertville Johnson and Son pipe organ.

**DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter 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 create their favorite pancake with chips, nuts, fruit and more. Complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and always real maple syrup. Adults are \$9 and children 6 and under \$5. All are welcome.

**BLOOD DRIVE** sponsored by the Petersham Lions Club with the Rhode Island Blood Center will take place today in the Petersham Lower Town Hall Main Street, Route 32. To sign up and reserve a donor spot, people may visit [https://donate.ribc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/81015](https://donate.ribc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/81015). They can donate one pint of whole blood or donate a double donation of just their red blood cells. People must sign up on their own and there is information on the website about eligibility and facts about blood donation. Donors can also call 800-688-0900 if they have questions about their eligibility. Advances in medical research and care has lifted many restrictions that once existed. If they were told they could not donate, please check and see by looking at the eligibility page or by call the 800 number. The eligibility page is <https://www.ribc.org/donate-blood/donor-eligibility/>. People may donate whole blood every 56 days.

**MASS. STATE BUTTON SHOW** will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the AMVETS Post 74, 2159 Main St., Three Rivers. The public is invited to attend the day's activities and to purchase buttons and button related items from 9 a.m.-noon, and from 1:30-3 p.m. There will be no button sales during the break from noon-1:30 p.m. as lunch, a business meeting, and auction will take place. Morning visitors will be treated to coffee and refreshments provided by the hosting club. They should bring their own brown bag lunch and dessert will be provided. There is no admission fee and all are welcome.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**EQLT WELLNESS WALKS** will be held today at 3 p.m. at Mass. Central Rail Trail, New Braintree south to Creamery Road in Hardwick (meet at 1740 Hardwick Road, New Braintree .To register, people may email [atrevett@eqlt.org](mailto:atrevett@eqlt.org). On Wednesday, April 29 at 11:45 a.m. the walk is on the Mass. Central Trail New Braintree north to Wheelwright and River's Edge Preserve (meet at 1740 Hardwick Road, New Braintree.



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# SPORTS

## Quabbin baseball ready to take next step



BARRE – After an improved season where several young players got a year more experienced, Quabbin Regional High School baseball is ready to get the regular season underway. The Panthers had a scrimmage against Marlborough last Tuesday on the road and were set to take on Quaboag in their season opener earlier this week. The Panthers are back in action on Monday, Apr. 6 taking on South High on the road.

**Abe Brown makes a throw to first**



**Aiden Lapointe heads for second base.**

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**Emerson Boronski fires a pitch home.**

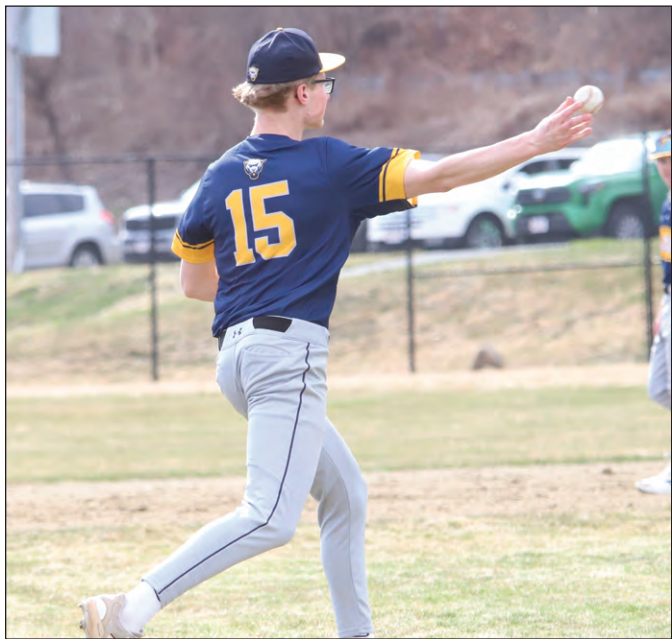
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## Pioneers have tough opener

PALMER – The Pathfinder Tech baseball team got their season started very early with a cold afternoon at Legion Field in Palmer. The Pioneers were scored on early and often and lost to McCann Tech 13-2. McCann had an eight-run first inning to pace the game. Pathfinder only got two runs in the bottom of the third inning. The Pioneers are back in action on Friday, Apr. 3 against Palmer High School at 4 p.m.



**Outfielder Andrew Sullivan sends a throw back to the infield.**



**Jake Doty sends a throw across the diamond.**



**Adam Adams sends a pitch to the plate.**

## Panthers ready to roar in softball



BARRE – Last week, the preparation continued for the regular season for Quabbin Regional High School softball. The younger team had a scrimmage against Marlborough and was scheduled to face Quaboag on the road earlier this week. Coming up, the Panthers will host Tahanto on Wednesday, Apr. 8 at 4 p.m.

**Abby Rogowski sends a pitch home.**



**Kai Schuster heads for second base.**



**Anthony Elliott extends to catch an out at first.**



**Josie Castell takes a lead off first base.**

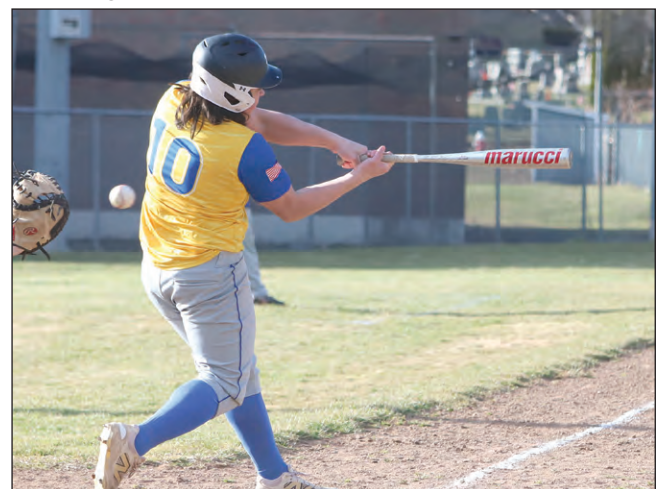
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**Jenna Rosen takes a swing.**



**Dayne Shanley takes a swing and sends a base hit to right.**



**Brody Wetnicka fouls off a pitch.**

# Sports

## Railers suffer loss to Wheeling

WHEELING, WV — The Worcester Railers HC (27-28-5-2, 61 pts) fell short to the Wheeling Nailers (41-16-3-3, 88 pts) in a narrow 2-1 loss on Saturday, March 28th at WesBanco Arena, in front of a crowd of 3,588. The Railers will wrap up their weekend road trip in Wheeling with a final matchup against the Nailers on Sunday, March 29th, with a 4:10 p.m. EDT puck drop.

Anthony Repaci (1-0-1) got things going for Worcester as he collected a chance bounce off a Nailers' skate at 7:16 in the first. Wheeling evened the score with a bar-down tally ten minutes later from Connor Lockhart (1-0-1)(1-1). A tip from Matty De St. Phalle (1-0-1) at 19:20 closed out scoring for the first period and put the Nailers ahead by one (2-1). There were no other goals scored for the remainder of the game for a narrow 2-1 final.

Worcester got themselves on the board early in the first as Anthony Repaci (20th) lit the lamp unassisted at 7:16. Repaci maneuvered the puck out in front after a ricochet off the heel of a Nailers' skate kept the game alive in the zone. Connor Lockhart (20th) erased the one-goal lead ten minutes later with a bar-down shot sent sailing

high over netminder Parker Gahagen. A shot from Brent Johnson was tipped along the way by Matty De St. Phalle (10th) at 19:20 and sent the puck wide of Gahagen to put the Nailers in the lead as the game transitioned into its second frame. Wheeling narrowly led in shots on goal with 14 to Worcester's 13. The sole penalty of the period was called on Wheeling's De St. Phalle for tripping at 12:55.

The middle frame was an action-packed affair of



shed gloves and flying fists. Tensions ran high between Max Dorrington and Matt Quercia, who kicked off the stream of penalties to follow. Dorrington and Quercia squared off at center ice and put on a show for the onlooking crowd. The pair skated to their respective penalty boxes for a five-minute stretch as play returned. Lincoln Hatten and Aidan Sutter eagerly kept things going and soon joined their teammates in the box for roughing 25 sec-

onds later. Cole Donhauser and Brent Johnson would complete the trifectas for each side as well, with less than a minute gone from the clock. As the boxes emptied, Riley Piercey and Max Graham took their turn in the ring at 14:08, and much like Dorrington and Quercia, would remain there for the next five minutes. Gleb Veremyev capped off the second period rap sheet with a holding call at 18:36, which handed Wheeling their only power play opportunity of the evening. Shots in the period were 20-10 in favor of Worcester.

Veremyev's call from the close of the second carried over for 36 seconds into the third and gave the Nailers an extra man advantage in the final frame. Worcester put on another offensively-dominated performance with three consecutive power play chances that bracketed the split of the period. Neither side found the back of the net, which left the Railers down by one at the close as the Nailers clinched the first spot in the Kelly Cup Playoffs for the North Division. Worcester's shots on goal totaled 50 across the evening to Wheeling's 27. Worcester skated away clean with no penalties in the final frame, while Wheeling collected three.

## T-Birds grab win over Phantoms

ALLENTOWN, PA — The Springfield Thunderbirds (26-29-6-2) got big performances from their leadership group en route to a 5-3 win over the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (27-30-3-3) on Friday night in a pivotal Atlantic Division battle inside the PPL Center. With the win, the T-Birds jumped back into the sixth and final playoff position in the Atlantic Division with nine games remaining.

Veteran leaders helped set the early tone for Springfield as captain Chris Wagner dropped a pass inside the blue line to Dillon Dube, who wired a wristed past Aleksei Kolosov at 7:28 of the first to hand the T-Birds the 1-0 advantage.

Lehigh Valley got a response courtesy of one of their veteran leaders 4:17 later as Anthony Richard finished a backhand bid past Vadim Zherenko off a set-up pass by pro debutant Cole Knuble to tie the score, 1-1.

Numerous scoring chances and one power play for each team also came up empty as Zherenko finished a busy first with nine saves, while Kolosov stopped the other 11 offerings that came into his crease.



The T-Birds' leadership group was not finished putting their stamp on the contest, as Dube created a turnover deep in the Lehigh Valley zone, nudging the puck into the slot for Wagner, who rifled a forehand through Kolosov at 7:09 of the second, extending the Springfield advantage to 2-1.

Zherenko barely had to lift a finger in the middle period as the T-Birds allowed a season-low two shots in the frame. However, the Phantoms' penalty kill, which had been struggling mightily against the T-Birds, answered the bell with two man-down successes to keep their deficit at a single goal heading into the final period.

After failing to equalize on a power play to begin the third, the Phantoms eventually got the game squared up again at 6:32 when David Jiricek found Zayde Wisdom crashing the net to make it a 2-2 score.

Unruffled, the T-Birds

then turned the game on its head with three goals in a 4:28 blitz, beginning with Alek Kaskimaki scooping up a rebound in the blue paint at 9:08 to restore the Springfield lead, 3-2. Wagner and Dube each picked up their third points of the night on the helpers.

Just 2:10 later, Marc-Andre Gaudet made an alert read up on the right-wing wall to steal a puck off a Phantoms defender before setting up Juraj Pekarcik for an insurance making tally and a 4-2 lead. Pekarcik also drew a Springfield power play following a post-goal cross-check by Sawyer Boulton.

The T-Birds did not score on the ensuing power play, but it set the table for Hugh McGing to join the party at 13:36, firing a perfect shot into the top shelf from the left circle and giving Springfield the 5-2 advantage.

Oscar Eklind finally halted the T-Birds scoring run at 17:44, but it proved to be too little, too late for Lehigh Valley. Zherenko needed to make just 18 saves for his 14th win of the season, while Kolosov had 27 stops in the losing effort for the Phantoms.

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### OAKHAM from page 1

a grant for upgrades in the radios in the cruisers.

#### Override

The FinCom discussed the approximately \$450,000 budget deficit. If the town dipped into its savings, the deficit would still be about \$250,000. FinCom Chairman Packard said the town was "fast moving toward bankruptcy." He said other towns were also looking at the need for Proposition 2 1/2 overrides to fill their budget gaps. Rutland was looking at a \$5.2 million deficit over the next three years and Barre \$700,000 or so.

The FinCom said an override was tough on individuals on a fixed income and a "hard sell" to voters. Member Hendra said there were 860 families in Oakham and between 160 and 170 of them required Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for food assistance. The committee could make a

recommendation for a proposition override, but the Select Board made the decision. The process required a majority Town Meeting vote in favor and approval at a ballot election.

The town currently has about \$250,000 in uncollected real estate and excise tax revenue. However, the town most likely would collect about 20% of that amount, if lucky and it would not be in time to cover the budget deficit. The collector/treasurer began the process to collect excise taxes through the Deputy Tax Collector and assistance from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The RMV has the authority to deny license and registration renewals to those owing outstanding excise taxes. The process to recover real estate taxes required legal action through the land court and was a long process.

#### Other business

The FinCom met with

Tom Hughes about the Emergency Management budget. He said his budget was \$765, which included a \$515 stipend and \$250 for expenses. Chairman Packard said the Town Accountant did not get his paper work for the Emergency Management budget and asked him to resubmit the paper work to the Town Accountant.

They also reviewed the Board of Health budget. They requested a level funded budget. Their budget included a stipend of \$2,100. FinCom Chairman Packard said he was not in favor of eliminating stipends. He said the stipends were a small amount of the budget and if the town removed the stipends, they would start to lose people.

The FinCom also selected Tuesday April 28 as first choice and Tuesday, April 14 as their second choice to meet with Quabbin Regional School District regarding the QRSD Committee's budget.

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parade.

Wilkinson also suggested getting the police department involved in the parade, since they have to do detail every year. She brought up the possibility of having the Community Emergency Response Team do detail to

allow the police to march. She said she would reach out to see if it is possible.

#### Guest comments

Mike Stoll suggested having a guest speaker and a politician such as state Sen. Peter Durant or state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume speak at the event and suggested implementing time limits

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the peanuts have been lasting two or three days and I haven't seen any blue jays." He also noted it is "A sign of spring, the chipmunks are out and about and the daffodil leaves have started to emerge, hooray."

#### Goldfinches

I received an email from a Worthington resident. He said, "Around mid-February each year my bird feeders are inundated by a flock or maybe flocks of goldfinches in their drab winter colorations. It's amazing how many flit in and out of my feeders. And, when the goldfinches come, they are joined by an equally large flock of pine siskins. They must travel together and they look somewhat similar since the goldfinches aren't yet sporting their bright yellow colors.

They usually hang around for a month or so and then move on further North." He said, "I enjoy watching them at the feeders, the few who decide to spend the summer in Western Massachusetts."

#### Bluebirds

I received an email from a Hampden resident, who shared video from a blink camera she installed inside her bluebird house in 2025. She placed the camera in the birdhouse to keep track of activity and this resulted in two broods of bluebirds successfully hatching and fledging a total of eight young. She said, "The camera helped to keep the sparrows from establishing a nest and gave us close ups of the bluebird families." She also said, "Once September rolled around, it was time to clean and sanitize the birdhouse.

for each. He also said it is important to ensure anybody who will be standing in formation to be situated in the shade.

In relation to the "In Flanders Field" and Gettysburg Address readings, he said allowing kids to have a script or backup document to read off of could promote more interest.

However, a downy woodpecker found it was a fine place to spend the night. He has continued arriving at sundown and leaving at sunrise the next day. The bluebirds sometimes stop by during the day possibly checking it out for their future nest." She said, "Our hope is the bluebirds return this spring and don't have issues with the woodpecker as well as the sparrows."

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

# Easter arrived at Haston Free Public Library

## Library hosted annual Easter egg hunt

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**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – Easter is on its way as the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., hosted its 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend.

About 15 kids arrived in the Children's Library and came prepared with their own Easter baskets. Some of the kids were wearing rabbit ears as they looked for colorful Easter eggs all over the

library. Youth Services Librarian Brianna Lamb said there were over 90 eggs hidden throughout the library and that "there's lots of good stuff to find." There were prizes inside the Easter eggs consisting of stampers, stickers, toy peeps, rings, necklaces, temporary tattoos, and some chocolate.

After a well-focused search, kids picked plenty of eggs, but somehow there were at least a dozen still missing. Kids looked all over the library including all the bookshelves, desks, chairs, even behind the librarian's desk.

Hopefully these missing eggs will be found by next Easter.

Friends Madison and Gurli were at their first Easter egg hunt at the Haston Free Public Library and had a great time finding as many eggs as they could.

Lamb collected the eggs from the kids and handed out some prizes. A basket of eggs was placed neatly on the librarian's desk, except for those missing ones still hidden.

After a fun Easter egg hunt, children and their families stuck around the library and began checking out some books. Some kids took a seat and began reading and were reading with their lucky bunny ears.

The Haston Free Public Library hosted another egg hunt for the kids on March

31. It doesn't stop after the kids hunt for eggs. Adults can have fun at the library during Easter too. Starting on Monday, March 30, the library will place 12 eggs for adults to find.

This egg hunt is limited to one egg per patron. Inside the eggs include prizes such as gift cards and library themed swag.

For more information, visit [www.northbrookfield-library.org](http://www.northbrookfield-library.org) or call 508-867-0208.

**Easter eggs of all colors, including some golden eggs, were hidden all over the children's library.**



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an area basis and to respond to community development or urgent need.

Sullivan said the town was given a "needs" score of 9 out of 10 for this grant year. The higher the score, the more competitive the town's grant application is.

"Which reflects a high need," she said.

The FY 26 grant application is for the South Common Street and St. Clair Avenue Improvements Project. This includes design and construction of surface and subsurface public works infrastructure improvements.

She said the budget is not yet finalized for the project, but the town is allowed to apply for up to \$950,000.

Sullivan said design and construction costs are estimated at \$810,000-\$820,000. This includes the design and construction of the subsurface and surface public works improvements.

She said the cost of grant administration and program delivery is about \$130,000-\$140,000. This amount would be deducted from the FY 26 grant award and there are no matching funds required from the town.

If the project exceeds the \$950,000 grant maximum, it may be divided into two phases.

Sullivan said the project was identified through a study funded by a previous CDBG grant in 2014.

"It was recommended due to the existing conditions, location, available funds and projected costs," Sullivan said.

The FY 26 grant application is due Tuesday, April 21 and awards will be announced in the summer or fall.

The Board of Selectmen voted in favor of supporting the grant application for submittal.

### Chapter 90 discussion

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman gave a presentation about the town's use of Chapter 90 funds.

Gilman said Chapter 90 funds are "huge" for the community and cover the cost of paving projects in town.

"We don't have money for paving," he said of the Highway Department's budget. "For us, Chapter 90 is a lifeline to keep our roads and infrastructure going."

Gilman said Chapter 90 funds are similar to a grant, and its amount is determined by the town's miles of roads, population and employment.

"Those three variables kind of factor into this equation as to how much money is made available to us," he said.

Gilman explained the town needs about \$250,000 per mile for paving, and the town has 84 miles of roadways. In the last five years, the town has been awarded \$520,000 in Chapter 90

funds a year.

"If we just use this money strictly for roads...it's two miles," he said. "What does that equal? Unhappiness. No one in North Brookfield will ever be happy with our road system...the numbers spell it out."

Gilman said in the past, the town has utilized Chapter 90 funds to reclaim and resurface various roadways, improved drainage to North Street and chip sealing. He said no projects were completed in 2024, and that money was rolled over to the next year.

Several projects were completed in 2025, including work on Brickyard Road, Donovan Road, Fuller Hill Road, Town Farm Road, Hines Bridge Road, Stoddard Road, Walker Road, Smith Hanson Road and Tucker Road. Funding was also used to pay for engineering of the Complete Streets project for North Main Street.

He said the town's roads will continue to decline, despite the Highway Department's efforts, unless something changes with how the state awards Chapter 90 funding.

"This is a reality we have to face," he said. "We do what we can with what we have."

### Memorial Park update

John Tripp read a report from the North Brookfield Memorial Park Committee, which was recently formed

by the Board of Selectmen to oversee North Brookfield Memorial Park, also known as Little Park, located at 188 North Main St.

Tripp said the committee organized at a recent meeting, discussed renaming the park to reflect its purpose and drafted a mission statement.

He said the park became town property in the early 1900s, and it has been a popular sitting area downtown. In 2019, an electronic signboard was installed, and in 2020, Tripp and others volunteered to rebuild the park.

"After many hours of working with friends and volunteers, a plan and drawing was made," Tripp said. "Almost all the park was created with donations."

He said the rest of the work was completed with the help of the town's Highway Department. He said it took about eight months for the park to be completed through these efforts.

"The North Brookfield Memorial Park Committee intends to protect and maintain the park as it was built as a memorial park. It is now the centerpiece for travelers to gaze upon as they come to town," he said.

The Selectmen voted in favor of renaming Little Park to North Brookfield Memorial Park and accepting the mission statement and report from the committee.

Water Commissioners protocols

The Selectmen read the proposed amendments to the water rules and regulations protocols from the town's Water Commissioners.

Amendments include increases to the fee schedule for cross-connections and final water/sewer reads and changes to the billing schedule (now quarterly instead of biannual).

### Appointments

Justin Stearns was appointed to the position of driver/laborer on the Highway Department.

Stearns said he comes from a family of butchers and described himself as a being willing to try any task put in front of him.

"There's not much I won't attempt to do...you ask me to do it, I'll try my best," he said.

The board also appointed Pamela Ducasse to the Collector's Clerk position at the recommendation of Collector Kim Bent.

Ducasse said she was born and raised in North Brookfield, before moving to East Brookfield in the early 1980s. She recently moved back to town.

"I've held a variety of different office jobs and I've worked with some very confidential type information," she said. "I think I'd be able to help Kim in the office."

### Donations

The board accepted the donation of an AED

from the North Brookfield Ambulance Service to the Fire Department.

Peter Orsi said the AED will be used in the event the ambulance is out of town, providing the department with access to a working AED.

The board also accepted the donation of a Kubota tractor from the railroad corporation to the town.

### Resignation

The board accepted the resignation of Thomas Bessette from his position as interim Deputy Chief on the Fire Department.

"For the last 19 years, the North Brookfield Fire Department has played an important role in my life," Bessette said in his letter to the board. "The training and skills I developed as a member laid the foundation for my career and I genuinely believe I would not be where I am now without this department."

Bessette thanked the Fire Department's members and the Board of Selectmen for their support over the years.

Grant application The board approved a letter of support to Sen. Ed Markey to seek grant funding to replace the clarifiers at the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"The clarifiers are a very important piece of the process," Sewer Superintendent Eric Cardenas said.

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remain an elected position. Senecal said this allows the board to stay fresh and move forward with projects, as he said attendance on the board is decreasing after members' second year.

Another proposed change is having two annual town meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring, to allow all business to get done and move projects along quicker.

The board also discussed hiring of town employees and that some hirings are to be done by the Town Administrator, as the chief hiring officer of the town, but search committees can be created and certain positions like police chief and fire chief can be ratified by the Select Board.

### Health insurance discussion

The board said just one organization, Harvard Pilgrim Insurance, submitted a quote for health insurance, with an 18% increase in cost over last year. Brian Boyle, who is the consultant for the town of Rutland, said the average increase in Massachusetts is 12-13%, but many other communities in the state are experiencing similar increases from their providers, such as the Hampshire County Insurance Trust in western Massachusetts.

Boyle also gave a history of which organization the town utilized for health insurance, as they went from using Massachusetts

Interlocal Insurance Association before 2015, switched to Fallon until 2019, but were hit with a 19% increase so they switched back to MIIA until 2023, when they started using their current provider, Harvard Pilgrim.

After discussion, the board voted to approve the 18% increase to continue using the plan. The board also voted 3-2 to increase their employee contribution from \$300 to \$500, though the insurance advisory committee proposed the board increase the contribution to \$1,000.

### Ballot language

The town is proposing a \$5.1 million override, which is down from \$5.4 million, contingent on whether the Wachusett Regional School District assessment is reduced.

This would be spread among three years and there will be three ballot questions using the reduced amounts contingent on the school's vote.

Town Administrator Heather Burton said with this override, the town will have to budget responsibly for the next three years and not exceed 3% increases a year. Additionally, the board voted to finalize the fiscal year 2027 budget, again contingent on the school committee's vote.

### Contracts

The board voted to sign the three year contracts of Police Chief Nick Monaco

and Fire Chief Seth Knipe.

### Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Daniel Gracey, chair of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, said the top improvement priorities are dump bodies for DPW trucks and a bi-directional amplifier system at Glenwood Elementary School.

### Boston 25 Zip Trip

Karen Levy, the creative director at Boston 25 News said they are planning on doing a "zip trip" program in Rutland, where they broadcast their morning show in town from 8-10 a.m. She said the planned date is July 24, and will include a town tour, business highlights, and interviews.

The board said a public survey is set to be sent out to residents to designate a hometown hero to be featured on the program. Levy said they are in contact with the Town Administrator's office to find people to interview.

### Pole hearing

The board voted to approve the relocation of a pole on Brintnal Drive, about 10 feet to the east of its current location. One resident was concerned as to whether his power would be turned off, but a representative from National Grid said power would likely stay on and if they had to shut it off, he would be notified and it would only be a few hours without power.

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# Hardwick teens completed project with land trust

**HARDWICK** – In February, the Hardwick Youth Center teens met with Ellie Shea, Youth Education Coordinator and Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw from the East Quabbin Land Trust, along with volunteer Rick who taught them how to make a bench using a pallet.

Youth needed to use a “massive” crowbar to pry certain boards off the pallet before it was cut in two. They then needed to pound nails out of the boards because they would be used for the bench arms and legs.

Teens then measured the boards and cut to right length, finally using a power drill to connect pieces of pallet with screws.

HYC Director Laurie Desjardins said the teens were so happy with the finished bench they made.

Two of the teens returned to help the land trust build more benches in March.

Later this spring, the benches will be painted and decorated by the youth, and placed along the Forest Play Trail at EQLT’s office on 120 Ridge Road, and along the Edible Plant Path that is being created near the Mass Central Rail Trail off Church Street in Ware.



Submitted Photos  
**Hardwick Youth Center members repurposed a wooden pallet to make a bench with the East Quabbin Land Trust.**



**Hardwick Youth Center teens were eager to work on the project with the East Quabbin Land Trust.**



**Shown is a finished bench made out of a wooden pallet.**

## EQLT to hold geocache scavenger hunt

**HARDWICK** – The East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, will hold an outdoor geocache scavenger hunt between Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, May 3.

Participants search for five geocaches (boxes) on EQLT properties using GPS coordinates on their phones. Players collect one item from each geocache, one

item per registration. On May 3, players bring their items to the reveal party and play a game, competing against other scavenger hunt participants.

Each registration is \$20. Youth under 14 are free. To register for the event, people should visit <https://crm.non-profiteasy.com/8133/Pages/Events/Details/14855/>.

At the reveal party on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. at the EQLT office participants will open their geocache envelopes and play a scrabble game to crown winner. There is a prize for the winner.

For more information, people may visit <https://eqlt.org/geocache-scavenger-hunt/>.

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quality that will last a long time, take care of the clothes, mending and altering as necessary or up cycle – use your creativity to get a new look out of old clothes. We can also research brands that emphasize ethical sustainability, environmentally friendly materials and good worker conditions.

To this end, Community

Resilience is sponsoring their popular third annual clothing swap. It will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They welcome clothing contributions from now through April 23. People may bring their clean, unstained and unwanted clothes and accessories to The Commonplace Market, located on the left side of the Fidelity Bank building on the Barre Town Common, during business hours, Wednesday-

Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Items dropped off ahead of time will be organized into bins by size and type. Items brought on April 25 will be placed into a miscellaneous bin for people to rummage through. They prefer to organize them ahead of time. People may email [CommunityResilienceBarre@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityResilienceBarre@gmail.com) for more information.

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### How outdated beneficiary choices can derail your plans

When you open a retirement account or buy a life insurance policy, you’re asked to name a beneficiary. It might seem like just another form to fill out, but this simple step can affect your family’s future.

Many people don’t give beneficiary designations much thought after signing the initial paperwork. It may have been years ago, and life has moved on. But this might surprise you: These designations can override what’s in your will or living trust. That means your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone you didn’t intend, creating what professionals call an accidental inheritance.

Life changes quickly. You might get married, divorced or remarried. You might have children or stepchildren. A loved one might pass away. You may decide to give to your favorite charity. Any of these events could mean it’s time to update your beneficiaries.

The rules can get complicated. For example, after a divorce, some (but not all) states have laws that automatically revoke your beneficiary designations for IRAs, bank accounts and insurance policies. But no matter where you live in the U.S., the designations for 401(k) plans and pensions stay in place until you change them. In community property states, couples must split 50-50 the assets they acquired during marriage, adding another layer of complexity.

There are other considerations, too. It’s a good idea to name a primary and a contingent beneficiary. If your primary beneficiary dies before you do, the contingent beneficiary receives your assets. Without this backup plan, your carefully considered wishes could go awry.

Naming minor children as direct beneficiaries isn’t usually a good idea. Children can’t legally receive and control assets until they become adults, so a court would have to get involved and appoint a guardian for managing the money. Instead, you might set up a trust or name a custodian to oversee the funds until your children are mature enough to handle them responsibly.

For family members with special needs, you’ll want to be especially careful as about choosing your beneficiary. Some choices may jeopardize their eligibility to receive government benefits such as government disability payments or Medicaid. An estate attorney can help you make important beneficiary decisions.

One major benefit of proper beneficiary designations is that they can help your loved ones avoid probate, a time-consuming and potentially expensive legal process.

For these reasons and others, it’s important to review your beneficiary designations regularly, especially after major life events. Contact your retirement account administrator or insurance company to update any outdated information.

A financial advisor can help you understand how your beneficiary choices fit into your financial strategy and ensure your assets go where you want them to go. It may also make sense to work with a legal professional who can help you ensure your beneficiary designations align with your plans for transferring your estate assets.

Don’t leave these important decisions to chance. Taking time now to review and update your beneficiaries can help give you a sense of security and protect the people you love.



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## Church News

# Local pastors offer sermons

### Easter Season Part 1

Easter is upon us, at which time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

However, what if He never rose from the dead and was yet in the grave? This is not a light question, but one deserving of earnest reflection. In fact, the Bible speaks clearly to this issue in the following passage, penned by the apostle Paul to the ancient Christians at Corinth:

*1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NIV)*

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

What are the ramifications of a still-dead Jesus?

1) Verse 14a - If Christ has not been raised, the preaching of the gospel is useless (i.e., empty, futile or pointless). The hallmark message of the Church since its inception has been Christ crucified and resurrected. We proclaim a living-not a dead-Savior. However, this message comes to nothing if the Savior Himself is truly gone.

2) Verse 14b - If Christ has not been raised, our faith is also useless. Consider the various things we trust Jesus for (e.g., salvation, healing, guidance, etc.). Each of these things is contingent upon Christ being both alive and well. Remove a living Jesus and what exactly are we trusting in? Who, precisely, are we praying to and through?

3) Verse 15a - If Christ has not been raised, the Church must contend with some serious credibility issues. The apostles and early disciples of Christ claimed that He was alive. If the resurrection did not occur, this would put everything they taught into dispute. They must, rightfully, be deemed false witnesses. Moreover, every believer throughout space and time who proclaimed the Risen Christ must also be deemed an unreliable witness!

4) Verse 17 - If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins. Realize that we are not saved through the death of Christ alone, but also by His Resurrection. His resurrection was God's validation that His sacrifice was acceptable and sufficient to pay for our sin. Without the resurrection we have no certainty that God the Father has made a way for us to enter heaven through the Son. Ultimately, if Jesus could not save Himself, what hope is there that He can save us?

5) Verse 18 - If Christ has not been raised, the dead in Christ are truly lost. This is an especially painful point to ponder. We derive comfort from the hope that dead believers are ushered into heavenly glory. We derive joy in knowing that we will see them again when our time comes. Yet if He was not raised, this sense of comfort and joy is futile. Dead believers are not with Christ but separated from God for all eternity. There

is no grand reunion to take place across death's shores: only the certainty of judgment.

6) Verse 19 - If Christ has not been raised, those who trust in Him are to be most pitied. Believers sacrifice and endure hardship because we believe that Christ will make it worthwhile in the end. Yet, if He is dead and there is no reward in store, this is all for nothing! How tragic to place faith in One who, in the end, cannot save.

Christianity has endured centuries of peril and persecution. However, it could not endure a dead Jesus! Remove a Risen Lord and the whole of Christendom comes crashing down like a clumsily-built house of cards. If it turned out that Jesus' body was definitively found, I would be among the first to abandon the faith. Yet, if the skeptics would have us wrestle with our opening question (i.e., "What if Jesus never rose from death?"), it is only fair that they consider its corollary. In the next edition, we will address the subject: "What if Jesus DID rise from the grave?"

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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### Palm Sunday

*"Hosanna to the Son of David - the Prophet of Nazareth"*

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 21 v 1-11

#### I. Introduction

This past week has been difficult, dealing with the loss of one of our members and my own health scare last Wednesday, which has led to a challenging recovery.

I was concerned about today's service. Will I make it to church? Shall we Zoom? Yesterday, as I was working on my sermon, not feeling well and struggling to hear what God was trying to tell me, my husband Jim, prayed with me again, like he had done several times during the week. I felt a sense of calm and shortly thereafter I encountered an extraordinary experience that could only be attributed to the Divine power of God.

As a church, with other churches in the area, several individuals, together with my family in South Africa, we had been praying for a young woman, let's call her Susan, here in our neighborhood, who suffered a severe pulmonary embolism, which led her to be on life support about six weeks ago. For weeks we prayed and miraculously she made significant progress and recovered to the point that she came home this past week. We were informed by her parents that she will need lots of therapy to recover, but it was unclear to what extent she would recover.

A few moments after Jim's prayer for me, through my office window, I saw "Susan," the young eighteen-year-old young woman, who was on life support, walking with her dad. I was in complete shock to see her walk without the help of her father. Jim rushed to let them in. We literally witnessed a miracle, because she was walking and speaking to us as if nothing had happened to her. I cried,

as we held each other. Her father then said, "Now we must pray for Margaret." A little while after they left, I felt as if we were visited by an angel from God. "Susan" had always been a sweet girl, but something was different about her, her presence, her smile and the way she spoke. I knew God sent her to us, to me at that very moment with my own health issues, and what to do for today. God sent her to encourage me. I started feeling as if something heavy had lifted from inside me and I started walking normally again, up and down the stairs, which I could not do easily the last few days. Why is this story of "Susan" so important to me? Let's have a look at this morning's passage from Matthew.

II. Hosanna to the Son of David, the Prophet of Nazareth

The story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, with the crowds surrounding Him and following Him, waving their palms is a familiar one. We celebrate it every year. It is a story of Him approaching the very place where He would face the religious authorities who rejected His ministry and His person, especially the claim that He came from God.

The crowds were mainly from Galilee; the place He grew up in and where He gathered His disciples and spread the Gospel. These were ordinary people, surrounding Him, praying with Him, and supporting Him. They did not fully understand the danger He was in, but He did.

This was a crowd of Christ's followers meeting up with a somewhat hostile crowd in the City of Jerusalem. In verses 10 and 11 we read the whole city of Jerusalem was literally shaken and disturbed, questioning who this person was?

The Galilean crowd outside the walls of Jerusalem, made it clear that this man was the Son of David, from royal authority, and that He was blessed because He came in the Name of the Lord, and that He was a prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. The title prophet would refer to the Prophet like Moses who played a significant role in the Jewish expectation of the Messiah, says R.T France in his commentary on Matthew.

Judea was ruled by Rome, and anyone who claimed they were a Jewish King, would be in trouble. We see here the clash of religious and political authority with the authority of the humble character of the Son of God, who traveled this journey for us, to save us, to show the world that God sent Him to bring us closer into the bosom of God. He braved His own cruel death, protected by a crowd who finally understood what He was facing, but would not leave Him.

#### III. Conclusion

This week's experience of loss, of sorrow, health scare, and the showing up of God's "angel" child at our house, made me reflect once again on the basics of life here on earth - the importance of giving everything to God, and trusting God's mysterious hand in our lives, even though we do not always understand God's ways. It is like the Galilean crowd walking through the valley of death, with those who suffer through it, facing our own struggles, health issues and mortality and recognizing how God shows up miraculously through God's angels on earth to encourage us and strengthening us.

And then I realized

See **SERMONS**, page 14

## Public Notices

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.  
WO26P0846EA  
Estate of:  
Justin Arthur Bealand  
Date of Death: 01/15/2023  
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 Justine Catherine Mansueti of Lancaster, 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 Justine Catherine Mansueti of Lancaster, 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 04/28/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 26, 2026

Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate  
04/02/2026

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
Docket No.  
WO26D0137DR  
Andrew A Hey vs. Justin P Varney  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:  
Andrew A Hey  
376 Hubbardston Rd  
Barre, MA 01005

your answer, if any, on or before 05/26/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 19, 2026

Stephanie K Fattman, Register of Probate  
04/02/2026

#### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Pine Hill Leasing for retail gas station, convenient store and car wash Per 140-8 B(1) at property located at Worcester Road, Assessor Map H, Lots 218 and 219 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 72349, Page 62.

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  
03/26, 04/02/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester District Docket No.  
WO26P0906EA  
Estate of:  
Charles F. Fullam  
Date of Death:  
January 18, 2026  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Melissa L. Fales of Ware, MA

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Melissa L. Fales of Ware, 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 notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
04/02/2026

#### Town of Oakham PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Oakham Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., at the Town Hall, to consider the special permit application of James and Michelle Bertrand for light automotive mechanical work, at 472 North Brookfield Road, Oakham.

A copy of the application may be reviewed at the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the proposed special permit should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing to the Planning Board before the hearing date.

Phillip Warbasse, Chairman  
04/02, 04/09/2026



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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, March 1**  
12:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Summer Street, Public Assist

1:43 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, No Action Required

11:35 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Given

4:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

5:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – ETOH/Assault, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported

**Monday, March 2**  
4:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

2:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Vehicle Towed

3:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

**Tuesday, March 3**  
10:26 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, West Street, Vehicle Towed

Summons Torres, Jesus Daniel, 45, Orange  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

1:25 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Phillipston Road, No Action Required

2:23 p.m. Property Damage, Hardwick Road, Officer Spoke to Party

3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency

4:07 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Mechanic Street, Referred to Other Agency

6:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Britton Road East, Transported to Hospital

7:23 p.m. Unwanted Party, Sheldon Road, Report Filed

**Wednesday, March 4**  
6:37 a.m. Property Damage, Fir Street, Report Filed

5:42 p.m. Threats, Valley Road, Officer Spoke to Party

8:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Company Farm Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Thursday, March 5**  
12:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Summer Street, No Action Required

11:05 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Beech Street, Returned

3:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Service/Unknown, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

7:13 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

8:39 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, West Street, Investigated

**Friday, March 6**  
5:37 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed

9:35 a.m. Missing Person, Gilbert Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart

Problem, Oak Street, Mutual Aid Transported

11:41 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Given

8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Criminal Complaint Summons Moore, Whitney A., 39, Barre

Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**Saturday, March 7**  
6:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Summer Street, Public Assist

10 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party

1:43 p.m. Harassment, Exchange Street, Peace Restored

4:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Valley Road, Referred to Other Agency

5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, No Action Required

7:28 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wauwinet Road, Removed from Scene

**South Barre**

**Monday March 2**  
7:35 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Beech Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, March 3  
8:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Oakham Road, Mutual Aid Transport

**Thursday, March 5**  
4:10 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Station Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Sunday, March 1**  
12:20 p.m. Fire – Fire Investigation, Miles Road, Investigated

6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint Summons Benoit, Markens, 54, Rutland

Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

7:46 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative

11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, 34, Millbury  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

**Monday, March 2**  
8 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Report Filed

Charges Drug, Possess Class B

9:39 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned

12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

1:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

5:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service/Gynecology/OB/Pregnancy, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital

6:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

7:37 p.m. Threats, Sassawanna Road, Report Filed

**Tuesday, March 3**  
8:50 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Wilson Way, Party Departed Without Incident

8:58 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Investigated

1:18 Fraud or Forgery, Charnock Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Negative Contact

4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Prouty Lane, Removed from Scene

5:34 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

7:29 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained

9:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Woodside Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport

11:13 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Whole Town, Referred to Other Agency

**Wednesday, March 4**  
3:28 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Maple Avenue, Area Search Negative

9:42 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

12:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

1:01 p.m. Assault and Battery, Miles Road, Report Filed

1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Marjorie Lane, Transported to Hospital

1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed

Summons Brentley, Amanda Lynn, 38, Orange  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Brakes Violation, Motor Vehicle

3:31 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main St., Call Transferred

3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint Summons Boucher, Brian Paul, 43, Rutland

Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Uninsured Motor Vehicle

4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest Kelly, Ryan J., 35, Auburn, New Hampshire  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Electronic Device, Use While Operating Motor Vehicle, First Offense C90 S13B

6:11 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed

Arrest Kelly, Ryan J., 35, Auburn, New Hampshire  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Electronic Device, Use While Operating Motor Vehicle, First Offense C90 S13B

8:55 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Vista Circle, Dispatch Handled

11:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Brook drive, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, March 5**  
8:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Kenwood Drive, Transported to Hospital

9:17 a.m. Complaint, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised

9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed

4:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:36 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Given

10:46 p.m. Escort/Transport, Main Street, Public Assist

11:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

Summon Norris, Elizabeth

Page, 35, Barre  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Friday, March 6**  
3:01 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasantdale Road, Unfounded

4:33 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Main Street, Removed from Scene

9:43 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Pommogussett Road, Investigated

10:45 a.m. Property Damage, Maple Avenue, Unfounded

11:21 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Investigated

4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Report Filed

5:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons Bailey, Katelyn A., 30, Gardner

Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle

6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Clearview Road, Investigated

7:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, March 7**  
4:27 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest Mackenzie, Kiyle R., 29, Spencer

Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

5:41 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Wachusett Street, Information Taken

7:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Brooke Haven Drive, Transported to Hospital

10:04 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Paxton Road, Returned

10:28 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Gone on Arrival

10:34 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Kenwood Drive, Officer/Chief Advised

12:31 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Report Filed

3:25 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Maple Avenue, Call Transferred

4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Public Assist

4:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

5:45 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

6:08 p.m. Keep the Peace, Maple Avenue, Party Departed

7:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, Feb. 22**  
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

**Monday, Feb. 23**  
4:32 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Lincoln Road, Officer Spoke to Party

8:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Spencer Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Feb. 24  
10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital

7:25 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Vernon Avenue, Investigated

Wednesday, Feb. 25  
5:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Spencer Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:54 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasantdale Road, Investigated

**Friday, Feb. 27**  
10:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, Feb. 28**  
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest Wade, Jake M., 28, Millis  
Charges Warrant

2:03 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Area Search Negative

5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

10:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Monday, March 2**  
8:12 a.m. Safety Concern,

Edson Road, Officer/Chief Advised

5:53 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, North Brookfield Road, Returned

**Tuesday, March 3**  
8:24 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Wednesday, March 4**  
9:31 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised

3:13 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, March 5  
3:33 p.m. Safety Concern, Sanders Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, March 6**  
9:56 p.m. Road Condition Notification Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency

Contact

8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Gone on Arrival

9:49 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

11:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Assist

**Wednesday, March 4**  
3:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cross Road, Officer/Chief Advised

7:53 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cross Road, Officer/Chief Advised

9:01 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cross Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Thursday, March 5**  
6:08 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance

Signed Refusal

8:47 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Pitcherville Road, Entry Gained

8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Back Pain, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Mutual Aid Transport

9:10 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Flagg Road, Vehicle Towed

**Friday, March 6**  
4:01 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Dogwood South Road, Officer Spoke to Party

5:28 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Williamsville Road, Gone on Arrival

6:34 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Ed Clark Road, Investigated

7:34 a.m. Complaint, Gardner Road, Call Transferred

9:55 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Morgan Road, Report Filed

10:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Lombard Road, Officer/Chief Advised

3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Chippewa Street, Report Filed

11:13 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken

**Saturday, March 7**  
12:44 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Simond Hill Road, Investigated

5:51 p.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative

6:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Road Cutoff, No Transport Required

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, March 1**  
1:03 a.m. Be On the Lock Out Notification, Whole Town, Area Search Negative

9:30 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Gardner Road, Investigated

12:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

4:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

6:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Weak and Dizzy, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transport

**Monday, March 2**  
4:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Mutual Aid Transport

5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

8:15 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Asburnham, Call Transferred

9:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning

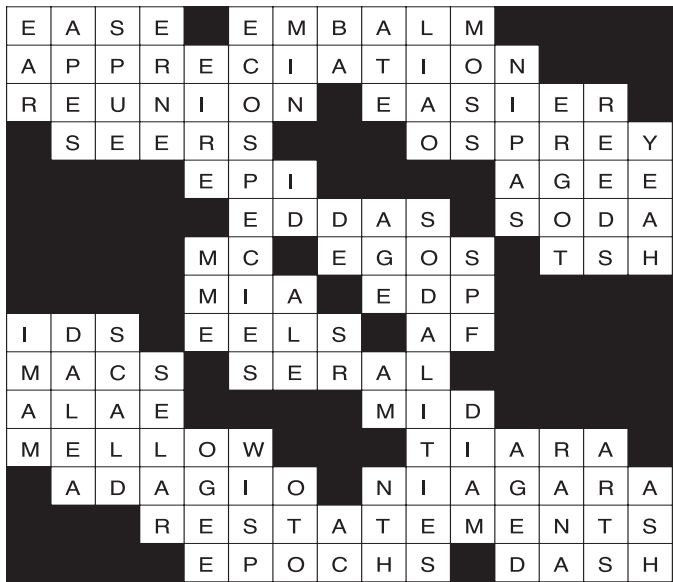
**Tuesday, March 3**  
6:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital

1:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Main Street, Negative Contact

1:58 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

7:06 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Negative



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