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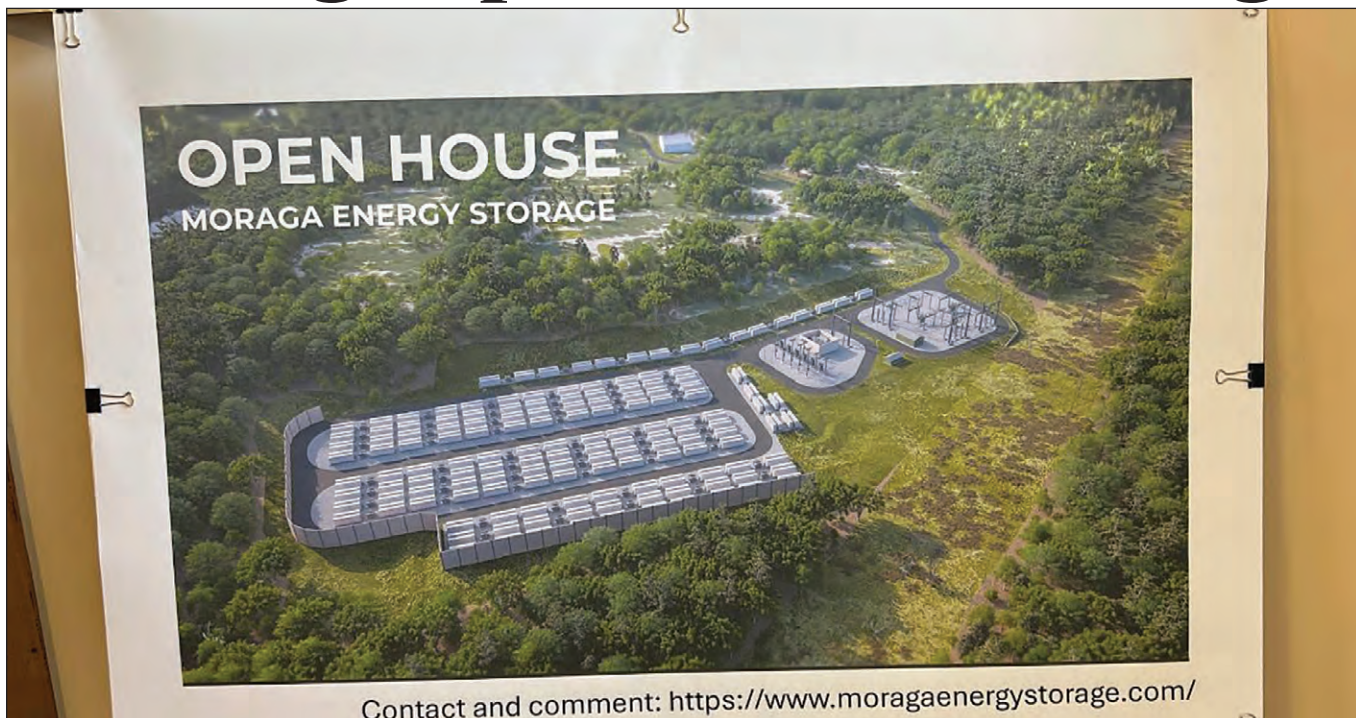
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Barre Library hosts energy storage open house meeting



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The Woods Memorial Library hosted an open house for a potential energy storage project in Oakham.

By Ryan Drago
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BARRE – Moraga Energy Storage hosted an open house in Allen Hall at the Woods Memorial Library about a proposed facility in Oakham.

Moraga Energy Storage is a proposed 180 MW battery energy storage facility located at 358 Coldbrook Road in Oakham, MA, the site of

a former auto salvage yard. Allen Hall was filled with many concerned residents of Oakham who wanted to address their comments and concerns regarding the project and how they feel its not a needed project.

Several Oakham Town Officials were present alongside the residents have heard the concerns and questions by the residents. Oakham Fire Chief Tim Howe attended the open house with mem-

bers of Project Developer, Rhyndland Energy presenting the project that could be installed at 358 Coldbrook Road in Oakham. Rhyndland Energy is a sustainable energy infrastructure development firm that is dedicated to pioneering battery energy storage projects in New England.

Howe is aware of the concerns and frustrations the residents have about this project as many claimed to have not

been notified about the project taking place.

“Not all of the Town residents we’re notified by this,” Howe said.

The open house was part of the stakeholder engagement process of the project as many project developers attended the open house on March 27 to inform the com-

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Funding sought for plant clarifiers

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Sewer Superintendent Eric Cardenas appeared before the Board of Selectmen to seek support to apply for a federal grant in order to complete necessary work at the wastewater treatment plant.

At the March 25 meeting, Cardenas explained that the original scope of work for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade included the replacement of the mechanisms in two secondary clarifiers, but this was not included due to lack of funds.

He said the replacement is estimated at \$1.7 million.

“It’s basically just a large tank that allows the velocity of the water to slow down and allows the solids to settle to the bottom and the clear liquid to go over the top and down to the next process,” he said.

Cardenas said the clarifiers’ mechanisms are in poor condition, and about 35 years old. He said one is leaking oil.

“They don’t have very much life left to them,” Cardenas said of the clarifiers. “They’re an essential piece of the process...without them you pretty much

don’t have treatment.”

Cardenas said he is looking to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending through the Rural Development Community Facilities Program to pay for the upgrade. He asked for the board’s approval to move forward with the grant application and to have them draft a letter of support.

Cardenas said there is a 25% local match for the grant, if approved. He said they would need to dip into the department’s retained earnings to cover the cost of the match.

The deadline for the grant was March 31. The board voted to approve and sign the letter of support to send to Senator Elizabeth Warren’s office.

New Highway
Department hire

Highway Superintendent Randy Morgan recommended the board approve the hiring of Eric Josephson as a heavy equipment operator with an April 1 start date.

“He has all the qualifications that we’re looking for,” Morgan said.

Spending requests

The Board of Selectmen approved a request to

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Looking at Hubbardston over time

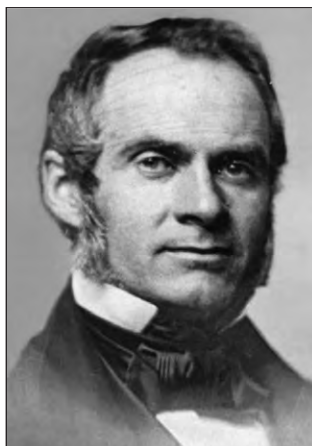
By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

“Now and Then” was the theme of the film produced by Hubbardston Historical Society President Gary Kangas.

The event was held on Thursday, March 20 at the Williamsville Chapel, located at 4 Burnshirt Road.

Communities throughout historic New England take pride in restoring and keeping alive their heritage. Hubbardston is one such community, and members of the Historical Society are committed to preserving this tradition. www.HubbardstonHistory.org

Approximately 42 longtime residents attended the screening that night. I could hear murmurs of excited recognition of historic homes, many of which were over 150 years old, as well



Submitted photos

Jonas G. Clark

as places and past residents on film who shared stories about Hubbardston and its people during their time.

When the large town of Rutland, named after the English Duke of Rutland, was established in 1713, this was an active Indian territory. King George III still ruled from across the ocean.

Hubbardston is named after Thomas Hubbard, a prominent shopkeeper. Originally part of Rutland, it was incorporated in 1767.

The first European settlers from Finland and Sweden are recorded as arriving in what now is Hubbardston as early as 1737. They primarily worked as laborers on established farms and then went on to pursue other endeavors after establishing themselves. It is a natural human characteristic that when someone comes to a new country after leaving an inhospitable one with limited freedom of choice, they are often more ambitious and motivated to become self-sustaining and entrepreneurial than those who have lived a life of relative comfort since birth. One such person would have

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‘Becoming Darlene’

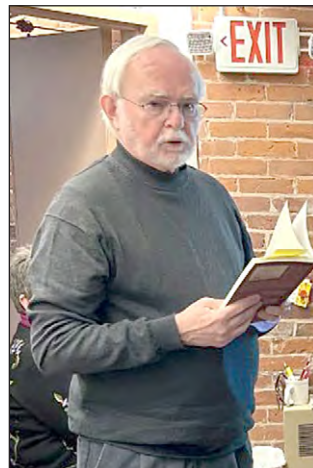
Author chronicles life of Belchertown State School patient

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library welcomed author Ed Orzechowski to discuss his book, “Becoming Darlene – The Story of Belchertown Patient #4952”.

Orzechowski is a retired high school English teacher who lives in Northampton. His writing journey began when he was freelancing for several magazines out of Springfield. He would then work as a part-time radio news writer for WARE.

Orzechowski’s book is a follow up of his previous book “You’ll Like it Here, the Story of Donald Vitkus — Belchertown Patient #3394”.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Ed Orzechowski is shown reading a passage from his book “Becoming Darlene - The Story of Belchertown Patient #4952” at the Paige Memorial Library

Darlene Rameau was 7 years old when she was admitted to Belchertown State School back in 1963. Orzechowski wanted this

presentation to be more of a conversation than a talk as he took questions and comments during his presentation of the book about Darlene.

Several guests had ties to the Belchertown State School and agreed with Orzechowski’s description of it as an institution that was underfunded and understaffed and de-humanizing for many of the patients who resided there.

Orzechowski began the discussion by reminding everyone of the 2004 book “Crimes Against Humanity: A Historical Perspective” by Benjamin Ricci. The story followed a lawsuit that involved a case that lasted nearly 20 years and would help order improvements in mental health institutions.

Orzechowski read a passage from his book about Darlene and the statement that stands out in the pas-

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C4R prepares for 2025 waterway season

Work to begin on new section of Lower Quaboag Blue Trail

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council held its spring kickoff meeting this past Sunday, sharing

details about water quality sampling, river restoration and cleanups, plans for a new section of Blue Trail and volunteer opportunities.

Coordinator of C4R Keith Davies welcomed people to the Palmer Historical Cultural Center in Three Rivers on March 30 and shared the history of the watershed council, which started in 2014.

Davies said at that time, the existing Chicopee River Watershed Council was mostly defunct, and he saw an opportunity to revive it and also connect it with rivers upstream. By combining the

Swift, Ware, Quaboag and Chicopee rivers, the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council was formed.

The Chicopee River Watershed is the largest in the commonwealth and the largest in the Connecticut River basin.

“In 2014 we did a lot of outreach,” Davies said. “We started initially with water quality monitoring.”

Davies explained the purpose of water quality sampling, which tests area waterways for bacteria to determine if the water is safe for swimming and other recre-

ation.

“Sampling for bacteria became a basic, simple way of giving people an idea of how healthy the river is,” he said.

This year, C4R will continue its water sampling program at an expanded level, testing almost 25 sites seven times from late spring through late summer. These efforts are made possible by a group of volunteers who visit the sites on a regular basis to collect water samples.

Grant funding will help C4R sample more sites along the Quaboag River. Donations

also help to support the project.

Water quality is listed for “primary” or “secondary” use, with primary being safe for swimming and secondary for boating or fishing.

Davies said both Quaboag Pond in Brookfield and East Brookfield and Forest Lake in Palmer, have some of the lowest bacteria counts in the watershed, with numbers usually staying in the single digits.

Davies said the Connecticut River Conservancy uses the data collected by the volunteers

for its “Is it Clean?” database found on its website, ctriv-er.org. Results are posted on Fridays after Thursday samplings.

Volunteers also monitor the water temperature when they are collecting water samples, but Davies said it will take years to track any differences caused by climate change.

C4R also works to establish and maintain the Blue Trail, which has sections along all of the rivers in the watershed.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Historical Society hosts repair fair

On Saturday, April 26, the Barre Historical Society invites everyone to their first ever Repair Fair on the grounds of the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in honor of Earth Day. This is a free community event focused on repairing things where a person with expertise in fixing various household items, like electronics, clothing, furniture, houseplants, knife sharpening, etc. or other items, volunteers their time to help people repair broken belongings instead of throwing them away. They essentially teach and offer repair skills. This reduces waste while fostering a sense of community.

Senior center information fair

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

Designer pancakes

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

Historical Society program

Two weeks from today, on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, the Barre Historical Society hopes people will join them for a fantastic presentation from research historians, Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven on their book entitled “Finding William Lewis.” The authors plan to focus on aspects of William’s records that offer interesting details of this 19th Century Barre farmer, amongst his many jobs. Topics such as Abby’s work for the mattress factory and for hat manufacturers, William’s hired farm hands, the local greenhouse customers and their favorite plants and more. This is a free program and an incredible story about local history.

Lincoln program

The Barre Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship hosts a program on Abraham Lincoln with former State Senator Stephen Brewer on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the church, 30 Park St. Brewer will bring Lincoln to life through stories and historical antidotes. People are invited to come early at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and conversation. Note: The date was changed to April 14 and will not be held on April 7 as stated last week’s Round Town.

Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume office hours

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

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Historical Society to host program on gardening



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Katja Esser in her “No-Till” Garden will share at Petersham historical Society program on gardening on Saturday, April 12 at 4 p.m. at the country store.

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Historical Society will offer a special program, “Farming and Gardening in Petersham: Past, Present and Future” on Saturday, April 12 at 4 p.m. at the Petersham Country Store.

The program is free and open to all. Food is a central component of any thriving community, so an understanding of farming and farming past, present, and future is central to the well-being of the town’s residents. To increase understanding of local food and farming, the program, facilitated by local historian Larry Buell, will bring together a range of individuals and groups connected to growing food in Petersham and the Quabbin Region to help others learn more about local food sources and its history.

The program will offer a brief overview of past food growing practices, including

the local Indigenous Nipmucs and the early conventional practices, to the more recent initiatives of local farmers and the need for food security initiatives now and in the future.

Invited participants to the program include members of the Friday Market Board of Directors; the Live Free Farm; a no-till gardener; Chair of the Open Space Committee, and past and present farmers and gardeners of the region.

At a time a concern about climate disruption and nationwide challenges around good quality food, it is vital that each community starts planning for its present and future gardening and food needs. Petersham has a very rich history of farming and gardening, from the many families that produced food for the summer visitors, to the renewed interest in gardening today on both a per-

sonal and commercial basis.

The eastern section of Petersham, known as the “Foodscape” of the community, has many acres of land dedicated to growing food and crops. A recent visit to area by Eliot Coleman, noted farmer and author on four season growing stated, “... this is some of the most remarkable agricultural lands I’ve seen, and it should bode well for the future of the residents of the community.”

According to program facilitator, Larry Buell, this gathering to talk about gardening and farming is similar to the 2011 coming-together of concerned citizens about the quality of food to establish the Friday Market that exists today. The program is free and open to the public and encourages residents and friends to come to discuss one of the most vital issues of the time, food security.

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 7. 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 – Burgundy pork, rice pilaf, peas and onion, pineapple, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – High sodium meal hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, baked apples, hot dog bun, mustard

WEDNESDAY – Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, roasted broccoli, lemon pudding, diet = vanilla pudding, Italian bread

THURSDAY – Ranch chicken, herbed potatoes, spinach, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, mixed vegetables, Lorna Doones, whole wheat 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.

Petersham Democrats to caucus April 12

PETERSHAM –Democrats in Petersham will hold a caucus on Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. in person at the Petersham Town Hall, lower level, 1 South Main St., to elect delegates and an alternate to attend the 2025 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Petersham. Petersham can elect two delegates and one alternate to the Convention. For more information, people may visit www.massdems.org/ massdems-convention.

This year’s Mass Dems Convention is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Springfield. For more information about Petersham’s Democratic Town Committee, people may call 978-771-2173.

Library to hold story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library is offering a Story Time program for preschoolers on Monday, April 14 beginning at 9 am.

The readings will include “Fun Facts About Frogs” by Carmen Bredeson and “Animal Babies in Ponds and Rivers” by Jennifer Schofield.

The next story time program for preschoolers on Monday, April 28 beginning at 9 a.m. The readings will include “Ducks Quack” by Pam Scheunemann and “Duckling Days” by Karen Wallace.

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

HUBBARDSTON

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Hubbardston Lions Scholarships

The Hubbardston Lions Club Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2025 annual scholarships. Hubbardston seniors graduating from Quabbin Regional or Monty Tech Regional Schools and going onto higher education are eligible for two \$1,500 scholarships. They may pick up applications in the Guidance offices at the schools. Applications must be completed and signed and sent to Lions Scholarship Committee by May 5 for review and selection of winners.

Scrap metal fundraiser

Hubbardston Boy Scout Troop 22 will hold a scrap metal fundraiser on Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m.-noon. Drop off will be at Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68. In addition to scrap metal, car and truck batteries will be accepted for a fee of \$10 each. Scrap metal is \$1 per item or \$10 per truck load. No tires, liquids, gases, plastics, monitors and lithium batteries will be accepted.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers for the upcoming Annual Town Election on Tuesday, June 10 will be available beginning Tuesday, March 18. The last day to obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk’s office is Tuesday, April 22. Nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Clerk’s office during regular business hours Mondays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Town Offices have moved to 48 Gardner Road. A minimum of 23 signatures of registered voters in Hubbardston are required. Papers must be returned on Tuesday, April 22 at 5 p.m. People may call the Town Clerk’s office directly via phone at 978-928-1400, extension 202 or by emailing townclerk@hubbardstonma.gov.

Senior Center

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

Rutland Historical Society offers Scholarships

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society is now accepting scholarship applications.

The scholarship is offered to any Rutland high school senior planning to enter college ,who has resided in the town of Rutland for at least two years. The \$1,000 award is based on scholarship with an emphasis given to involvement and contributions in the areas of both school and community.

Applicants can obtain scholarship forms by emailing Sheila Judkins at sljwheeler@gmail.com. Forms should be submitted with an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores and a letter of recommendation by Saturday, May 31.

Students should send completed applications to Rutland Historical Society, c/o Sheila Judkins, 76 Wheeler Road, Rutland, MA 01543.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Select Board – April 3 and April 22 at 6 p.m.
Finance Committee – April 3 at 6 p.m., April 8, May 6 and May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Election Day – April 7 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
DPW Commission – April 7 at 9 a.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – April 8 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Committee – April 8 at 7 p.m.
250th Anniversary Committee – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – April 10 at 1 p.m.
Board of Health – April 14 at 5 p.m.
DPW Commission – April 14 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – April 24 at 11 a.m.
Planning Board – May 6 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – April 3 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – April 8 at 6:45 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – April 9 at 4 p.m.
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – April 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – April 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – April 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Wheelwright Water District – April 21 at 7 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – May 19 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Public Hearing Re: Early Voting by Mail for Annual Town Election – April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Park Commissioners – April 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board Public Hearing – April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Selectmen – April 8 at 6 p.m.
Sen. Durand and Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – April 9 at noon
Meet the Candidates Night – April 11 at 6 p.m.
Sewer Commissioners – April 14 at 4 p.m.
Planning Board – April 16 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 3, April 10, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15 and May 22 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Health – April 3 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – April 4 at 9 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – April 8 at 10 a.m.
Council on Aging – April 14 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – April 17 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board April 3 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board Appeals – April 9 at 6 p.m.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Peter Durant named Legislator of the Year



Submitted photos

Representatives from the New England Police Benevolent Association present State Sen. Peter Durant with the Legislator of the Year Award. From left, Kevin Carlo NEPBA Treasurer, Sen. Durant, Tom Daly NEPBA Legislative Director, Chris Ryan NEPBA President and Tom Duffy NEPBA Executive Vice President.

WORCESTER - State Sen. Peter Durant was recently named Legislator of the Year by the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

Sen. Durant, R-Spencer, was presented with a plaque during the group's meeting March 20 at Off the Rails in Worcester. "I am incredibly humbled to receive this honor," Durant said. "This plaque will serve as a constant reminder of those who selflessly work to keep us safe every day. This award is something I am extremely proud of."

Durant said he has long



State Sen. Peter Durant, R-Spencer, addresses members of the NEPBA after being named Legislator of the Year.

been a supporter of law enforcement and is grateful to have the chance as

a senator to advocate for legislation that will protect those who protect us day in and day out. The NEPBA represents more than 4,000 law enforcement officers and support staff across Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. More than 3,000 of those members comprise 150 local bargaining units in Massachusetts.

The group operates on the belief that its members need to be properly trained, accurately equipped and well compensated and that their health and well being is paramount to the success of the organization.

Food Pantry holds monthly distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday April 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, April 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, April 9 or in the evening on Thursday, April 17, 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 April 9 and 17 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 8 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 8, they may call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

Volunteers should not arrive on April 8, 9 or 17 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry by visiting

<http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.



OAKHAM

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Oakham Democrats to caucus

Oakham is holding a caucus to elect its delegates to the Democratic State Convention at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. on April 10 at 5:30 p.m. All registered Democrats are eligible to run to become a delegate to the convention, which will be held in Springfield on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Sunrise service and breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. behind the church. A breakfast will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

Office hours Sen. Durant and Rep. Berthiaume

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Oakham Senior Center

Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. the walking group meets and Tuesdays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. On cold days, the walking groups will walk to tapes inside the Senior Center. On Tuesdays from now to April 22 Yoga is held at 12:30 p.m. Other activities include Wednesdays Zumba Gold 9 a.m. in the Rutland Senior Center - \$2 donation/class; Thursdays at noon weigh in - support weight loss group and Fridays Functional Fitness at 10:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall - \$2 donation per class. Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Library hosts Eastet bake sale and egg hunt

HARDWICK – The Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., will host an Easter bake sale on Thursday, April 17 from 1-4 p.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt from 4-5 p.m. and more.

Oakham Democrats to caucus April 10

Oakham is holding a caucus to elect its delegates to the Democratic State Convention at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. on April 10 at 5:30 p.m. All registered Democrats are eligible to run to become a delegate to the convention, which will be held in Springfield on Sunday, Sept. 13.

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Opinion

Letters to Editor
Infrastructure and aviation safety are important

Improvements to U.S. transportation infrastructure and aviation safety systems are indisputable ways to “Make America Great Again,” but unfortunately very little is being done. Recent reports found many major bridges need significant structural upgrades to withstand collisions with the humongous cargo ships which did not exist when the bridges were built. Thousands more require major repairs due to age or corrosion. Aviation control and safety systems have not kept up with the increased air traffic resulting in frequent near misses and tragic fatal collisions. Coastal cities must contend with the indisputable, gradual increase in ocean levels that will cause damaging, frequent flooding problems. The Trump administration would garner widespread support from all quarters by pursuing these

kinds of improvements to our country. We have so much that needs to be done within the current 50 states, but little to nothing is being accomplished. What sense does it make to add Greenland or Canada, or the Panama Canal or Gaza to the places that also have untold needs? Not to mention that the residents of these places want no part of becoming part of the US. Imagine the economic and employment boom that would arise from a large national infrastructure upgrade program. Not just in the design and construction of these projects, but also in the manufacturing of all the materials and equipment required for this work. All of it would be “Made in America” and would improve the quality of life for everyone for a very long time.

Paul Gallo
Barre

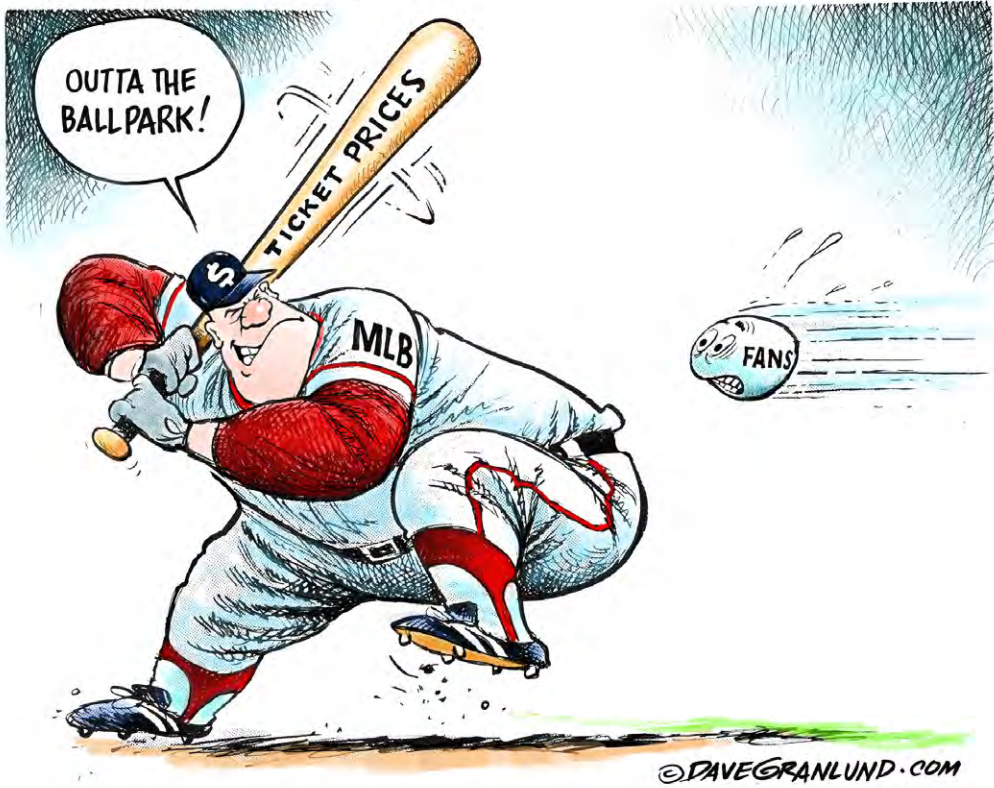
Donations needed for Memorial Day essay contest

Many decades ago, at least six as I know one man over 70, who won the contest at age 10, some organization or individual started the Memorial Day Essay Contest that continues to this day. At some point, the Oakham Lions Club supported it and when that disbanded in the late 1970s early 1980s or so, Jocelyn Wile picked up funding it in the name of her late husband, Robert. Her last donation several years before her passing is about to be depleted. This year, 2025 will be the end of the money. The account passed through the hands of Oakham Parks and Recreation and on to the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library in the early 2000s when the town was advised to get rid of all little accounts or make them certified trusts. So, it came on to the Friends of the Library as we had a newly created non-profit and a way to manage it. Every year, we have presented a nice crisp \$50 bill to each of the two winners as chosen by the school and the children present their work as a part of the Memorial Day Observances. It is very moving for the children and community, every year, despite the fact we have all

heard it again and again. It is a powerful lesson for these decades of school children to realize why we take time out of this weekend every year to remember. As the Treasurer of the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. I am asking individuals and organizations to help to continue this contest and the awards on into the future. The “Friends” will continue to manage this separate account held at the North Brookfield Savings Bank. Please make your donation payable to the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc and indicate on the memo line that it is for Memorial Day. The “Friends” will send you a nice thank you and we will insure that as part of the service this spring/summer that we will announce the benefactors of the contest prizes. Thank you so very much for helping us to carry on this traditional event of great importance.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Turnbull
Treasurer
Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc.
4 Maple Street Unit 9
Oakham, MA. 01068



In Past Pages

Look Back – Barre Sportsmen’s Club Barbecue – 1960



Young and old line up for chicken at the Barre Sportsmen’s Club.

5 years (April 9, 2020)
Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said, “I can’t belief the work accomplished,” as the commend-ed the district team during a Zoom meeting last Wednesday. She said she encouraged working at home, but functions in the offices cannot be done remotely. Plants and facilities staff began doing summer work now. Stuff are taking professional learning opportunities. All offices are regularly sanitized. The plants and facilities staff cleaned and sanitized all school spaces. Once cleaned, the areas will be closed off and inaccessible. In the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic, best friends Kathleen O’Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are working together to provide bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread and ready to bake pizza dough to people in need across Western Massachusetts. The two friends are usually adventurous and were tired of being trapped inside of their place

of residence. O’Shea said they began to work together after Lubelczyk texted her and asked to bake some bread with her. After their first try, they decided to keep baking and bought 50 pounds of flour, as well as a bunch of ingredients and decided tht they should start donating their baked goods to others in need during the pandemic. Twelve year old Christopher Baum decided in these sobering times to share a little of his joy in bagpipe music by serenading the town form his home this past Saturday, said his mother, Jennifer Baum. He plans to do it again on Easter Sunday, April 12 at noon, where he will again share a concert of tunes on his bagpipe, which will again be amplified. He lives on an elevated parcel about a mile from the center of town, which is also elevated and with amplification, the sound carries from one high spot to the other, she said. Parking will be available at the New Braintree Grade School, town offices and the U.S. Post Office, she said.

10 years (April 9, 2015)
Th weather finally cooperated for the annual Easter egg hunt in Oakham. The event sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church originally was scheduled for the previous Saturday, March 28, but the snow caused a week delay. It looked like the April 5 date might get rained out, but the sun came out. As a contingency plan, Erin Labarre, Susan Turnbull, Barbara Wreschinsky and Sandy Wreschinsky set up a trail inside the church hall and for children to follow as they collected eggs along the way just in case it poured. With the weather finally cooperating, it was held outside. Wheels in Motion’s six-week program is geared towards children and their families that could medically benefit from increased activity and nutritional counseling and//or for the children that could use techniques to improve their social skills. The children will meet six

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Editorial

Memories of a Field Driver

By Ellenor Downer
Recently, the town of Blandford announced vacancies for two Field Drivers and Fence Viewers. Both positions have been unfilled for several years. In my mid-thirties, I was a Field Driver in Oakham where I live. At the time, the livestock population was larger and the town had several dairy farms as well as backyard farms. I got to know many of the animals by name. Dispatch would either call me or the other Field Driver if an animal was loose on the

road or in a neighbor’s yard. Usually, I knew, where the animal belonged, just by the location reported. Sometimes, animals roam, but that was rare. I always had a bucket of grain, rope halters for cattle, halters and lead rope for horses. The bucket of grain was not only to lure the wayward horse or cow, but to catch a pig as well. One pig would regularly escape on hot days to cool off in a nearby stream by its home. I dreaded those calls as I inevitably got almost as wet as the pig.

Once out of the water, the task remained of getting the beast back into its enclosure. I always grabbed extra grain for that call. I would leave a note for the owner that the pig got out and to secure their fence better. Another frequent call was a steer, who escaped almost daily once the grass got low in its pasture. Fortunately, it led well once I got a rope halter on its head. The grain bucket with the halter opened and placed in the grain bucket worked well. Again, I would leave a note for the owner that the animal

got out, to fix the fence and give it some hay to supplement the depleted pasture. This steer was a too frequent traveler. I went to the Board of Selectmen about the issue as the steer escaped daily and sometimes more. The Board sent the owner a letter. He responded the the steer was going to the be sent to the slaughter house in a week or so. My problem with the steer ended when it went off in the trailer. However, I heard the wayward steer escaped at the slaughterhouse and roamed the area for three or so days before

finally getting captured. In the town where I lived Field Drivers were not on the Annual Town Election ballot like Blandford, but were elected at Town Meeting every year. After six years, I decided it was too time consuming to continue and gave up the position. It seemed I got called more than the other Field Drivers as I was a stay at home mom and readily available especially when school was in session. I hope this year, Blandford finds candidates for both Field Driver and Fence Viewer. Field Driver is

an important position as a wayward animal in the road is a danger to both itself and the motorists, who meet the animal. The candidates should be young and fit as well as have a working knowledge of animals. Chasing after an animal only makes it run away. They are a lot faster on four legs than the two legged Field Driver. Recently, a bovine got loose in my town. It took four people to “herd” it home. A well-trained Field Driver probably could have done it on his or her own.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to believe April has finally come.

It seems the evenings are so long lately. I wish the weather would warm up.

I am having a time to get the gardens raked out. My handyman empties the wheel barrels for me. I have three of them and he also picks up some piles with tarps.

Some of the early spring things are coming up. The snow drops are still out, but I do not see any crocus yet. The leaves of the daffodils are showing in various places and the primroses retain their leaves during winter. I do not see any buds yet.

My handyman Mike got me a very nice bouquet of pussy willows so I did get rid of the ones I had for over five years that a very dear friend named Bill got me. I put the pussy willows with a bouquet of false daffodils as the real ones are not out yet .

The handyman and I like to look at wildflower books as that is his specialty. One of the books tells what comes out in each season for Massachusetts. We also have a list of those, which are protected. Did you know all the orchid family is protected?

I went and got my own groceries this past week and I spent close to \$200. I hope they last for a couple of weeks.

It is hard to take care of Ken and I have challenges each day We both have hacking coughs so I don't like to have people come around. I called the nurse practitioner to see if we could get some help, but their is a shortage of nurses.

She had me take his temperature and he had a Covid test so he passed those two tests. I am not a nurse so I have had to learn a lot about taking care of an invalid.

Nursing homes are not a favorite place to have to go to, but the time is coming near. An 88 year old woman should not have to take care of a 93 year old man.

Here is a recipe I plan to make for us this week.

SANDY'S CHICKEN

DISH

4 lbs. chicken breasts, boneless and skinless

1/4 lb. ham
1/4 lb. Swiss Cheese
1 cup sour cream
1 can cream of chicken soup

Place one slice of ham and one slice of cheese on a one pound chicken breast; roll and place in sprayed baking pan. Do the rest of the chicken the same way. Combine the soup, sour cream and remaining cheese. Pour over the chicken and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Sauce is nice over vegetables also. Makes four servings. Note: You can half the recipe if you wish.

This and That

I have been taking cuttings of the cactus and coleus and are ready to put the coleus in the big pot that will go out on the front deck when the weather is nice. The mother plant cactus is in full white bloom right now.

When I was at Walmart last week the clerk was ready to put the corn beef price down as I picked out a roast and she relabeled for me. I have been wanting to have a corn beef and cabbage dinner so now I can. The price was right.

I did not receive a bill for the electricity this month. Did you ever try to call the electric company? It is impossible to get an answer.

I do not want to go paperless so I took out an envelope and found the address on an old bill and sent off what they told me I owed. It was due by April 3 so I needed to get it mailed off. Not everyone wants to pay by the computer and I am one that does not.

Why do they make it hard for us seniors? I wish they would stop calling about solar. We do not plan to have it. It is time to get off my high horse.

I had some happy news this week. Our granddaughter, Mikayla, launched her new makeup line and sent up a promotion box of it. She also has a billboard in New York Time Square and Boston. She has worked hard to get to this Point of View

Have a good week and hopefully spring weather will come soon.

Friends group host Pumpernickel Puppet show

NEW BRAINTREE – On Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, the Friends of the New Braintree Library are hosting the Pumpernickel Puppet show Peter Rabbit.

Pumpernickel Puppets are presented with a cast of colorful puppet characters, audience participation, live voices and sound effects and fast paced scripts that not only entertain, but stimulate children's imagination and cre-

ativity. A demonstration period follows the performance giving the audience sound insight into what happens behind the scenes.

The performance will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes and are appropriate for children ages three and up. This program is funded by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program is free and open to the public.



By Ellenor Downer

Green-winged teal



A Brimfield resident makes regular trips to ponds to look for waterfowl often in Warren.

On March 19 he saw five Canada geese, six mallards (three pairs), three American black ducks, six green-winged teal (three pairs) and one male, hooded merganser at a pond on New Reed Street.

The green-winged teal is the smallest dabbling duck in North America. The male has a cinnamon colored head and grayish body with a green crescent

from the eye to the back of the head. The male has a vertical white strip that extends from the water line to its shoulder. The female is brown. Both sexes have green wing patches, which are visible in flight. They also have a yellowish stripe along the tail.

They have a blocky body, large head and short bill. They are between 12 and 15 inches in length. There tail is high out of the water.

Spring time is a great time to look for green winged teal. They often land in shallow wetlands and are sometimes seen foraging in puddles of water on agricultural fields. They feed on shallow bodies of water on vegetation. They breed in dense vegetation along river deltas.

The oldest know green-winged teal was at least 20 years and three months. A female, she was banded

in Oklahoma in 1941 and recovered by a hunter in Missouri in 1960.

Great blue heron

The Brimfield resident said in an email dated March 19, "I visited two ponds in Warren yesterday and saw great blue herons for the second time this spring. However this time, they were at the pond where great blue herons have had nest for a couple of years and an osprey was back. Both sightings were at the pond on South Street." Other birds seen at the pond included one ring-billed gull, three rock pigeon, one blue jay and six red-winged blackbirds.

Last year, there were four heron nests, however one nest fell down during the winter. There were two birds standing in one of the nests for a time before one of the birds flew to a nearby tree.

Osprey

The Brimfield resident said an osprey nest has been at this location in Warren since 2020 and nine young have successfully fledged. here. An adult just arrived in the last day or so. The bird flew to the nest carrying a branch and then moved to the bottom of the nest, tilted forward and then began scratching at the bottom of the nest. He took a picture of this osprey scratching.

He said, "In a picture I took, debris can be seen flying over the edge of the nest. A behavior I have never seen before – interesting."

Worm stealing blue jay

An Oakham resident through his kitchen window an American Robin extract a worm from the ground. He said, "At that moment, a blue jay landed scaring off the robin and stealing the worm." He watched the blue jay flit closer and closer in the shrubbery and swoop in when the next worm was extracted by a robin. He said, "I did a quick check of the literature - nothing like this observed before. Jays, crows, ravens and magpies (Corvidae family) are renowned for their instinctual 'intelligence' and thievery."

Sandhill cranes

I have not seen the sandhill cranes in my field lately. I did here then early in the morning last week when I put my trash bin out. My neighbor said she heard them in the morning as well.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



Germination tests give way to garden experiments

Although the temperatures did not cooperate this past week, I have to say that spring vibes are all around me.

I saw my first blooming crocus, and even some early daffodils. The phoebe bird that makes a nest above our porch door is back, and hanging around, much to my husband's dismay!

My pepper plants are almost in need of transplanting from their seed pack, and the tomato seeds I planted last weekend sprouted in under a week. It is all so exciting! I don't think that I will ever not be amazed at the miracle of it all.

The other day I was going though my seed stash and I found two year old seeds of Loofah Gourd, Mini Popcorn, Mouse Melon and a variety of "climbing" Zucchini all of which I never planted. These purchases were "impulse buys" I guess you'd call it. I bought them but when it came time to actually plant them, I decided that my garden square foot-

age was too precious to waste on frivolity.

But here we are and my frugal nature shines through once more. Since I bought them I might as well try and plant them; maybe one will end up being a new favorite.

But alas, does one risk planting two year old seed? What if the seeds don't germinate? Partaking in ger-

mination testing gave me a chance to get my hands in the soil, (albeit indoors) and the outcome will help me determine how much I should "over-plant" or if that will even be necessary.

Wasting a few seeds now will save time later on.

First up, the Loofah Gourd. I planted four seeds as a trial and three popped up! That means I will be adding this to my garden come springtime.

Grow it like you would any other gourd or squash. It loves fertile soil, heat and a strong support.

When loofahs were first popular, I was a young adult and still living at home. Growing them was a project for my parents and I.

Before the first frost we harvested the fat, wrinkly looking cucumbers and allowed them to dry before peeling off the rind. What

was left was fibrous matter, looking already very much like a scrubby sponge. It was a fun experiment then and it will be reminiscent to repeat it.

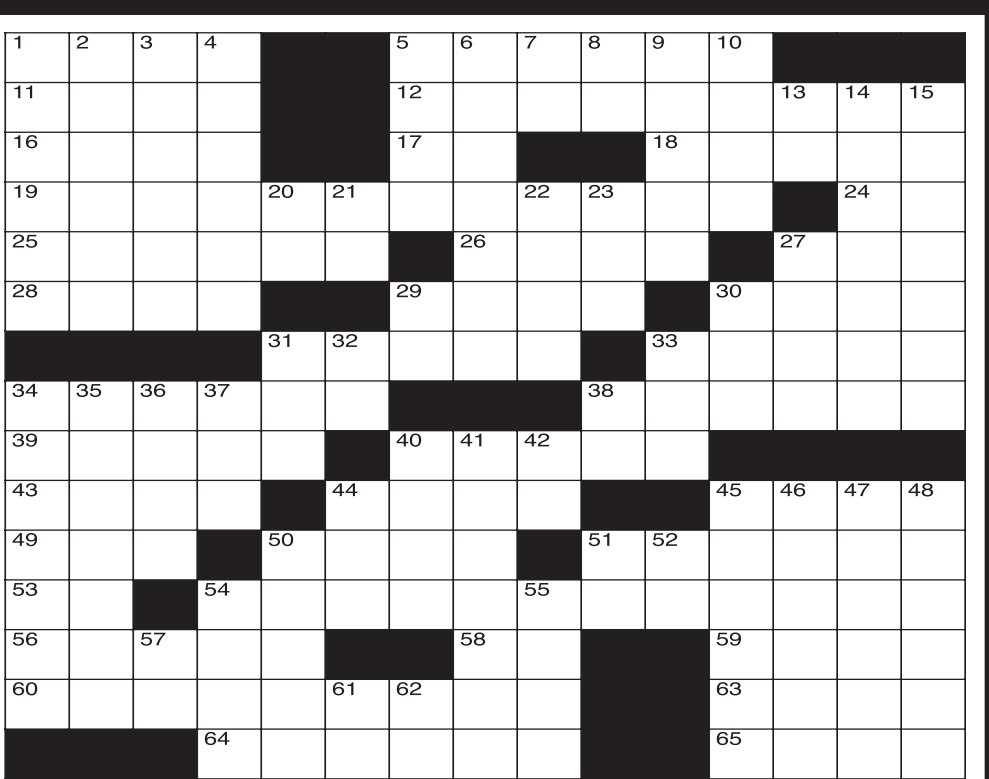
Next comes the Mini Colored Popcorn. This was the first to sprout in my germination test pack with five of the six seeds popping up.

I have never had extra space to grow corn, but I thought it would be fun to try these for both decoration and food. I am going to start them ahead of time, indoors in six packs and plant them out around the three week mark.

They will be spaced about a foot apart in rows about two and a half feet apart. Corn likes fertile soil, so I will amend the soil well with aged compost.

This type of corn will dry right on the plant, until

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- Narrow piece of wood
- African desert
- Waxy covering on birds' beaks
- Sour
- Infrequent
- Former AL MVP Vaughn
- Policemen wear one
- Out of the question
- Used to chop
- Symptoms
- Not moving
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- Comedian Armisen
- Quantitative fact
- Incline from vertical
- Scottish musician
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- A very short time
- Tropical American shrubs

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- Spanish municipality
- Medical professionals
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The WooMany residents and town officials of Oakham attended the Open House and wanted clarification of what the project is and had addressed multiple comments and concerns.

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munity and receive feedback. Many Oakham residents, some who are neighbors to the project site on Coldbrook Road, gave a lot of feedback and made it clear they do not want this storage facility in their community.

One resident shared a copy of the Planning Board meeting back on Feb. 27, 2024 when it was decided that the property of 358 Coldbrook Road would have the use of outdoor storage for used, operable and inoperable automobiles, trucks and other vehicles for wholesale online auction. In other words, used as an auto salvage yard. The applicant at the time was BHT Oakham LLC and the owner of the site was ZOVL Properties LLC out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

At some point, prior to the open house, the auto salvage yard ceased operation and the site is now being looked at for Moraga Energy Storage. Many residents addressed the project developers that this project is not part of the Town’s zoning bylaw. Many residents are concerned due to the State potentially having a law where they can override the zoning bylaw in Oakham and would allow

Moraga Energy Storage to be installed.

State Representative Donnie Berthiaume attended the open house and spoke with many Oakham residents to hear their concerns. Berthiaume said he received many emails from residents who had a lot of concerns about Moraga Energy Storage and wanted to hear more during the open house. According to Representative Berthiaume, the biggest concern addressed is the safety of the residents.

Oakham Police Chief Frederick Gehring attended the open house and heard a few comments and said he is not in favor of the energy storage project. The open house truly showed what the Town and the residents desire and Moraga Energy Storage was not a desire. Gehring believes and with the comments from many residents, that the storage facility would only bring “unnecessary danger.”

The Police Chief also said he was approached by a lot of concerned citizens regarding the lack of information they received about the project in the earlier stages prior to the open house. With this project, Chief Gehring believes that a project like this would not only impact the residents who live near

the energy storage site, but the entire Town. Oakham has a population of 1,900 residents and many are not satisfied with the project and feel they have not been informed on everything up to this point.

Various concerns from residents involve fire, health, security, pollution and flooding. The Moraga Energy Storage project is close to the center of Oakham and is near the school.

Select Board member Lucy Tessnau attended the open house to support the residents of Oakham and wanted to learn more about the project. Tessnau said the big question that everyone was asking is how does Oakham benefit from this project.

When asked what the next steps are for the project, the developer would have to submit a proposal to the Planning Board to set up a public hearing. Tessnau believes many residents will speak in the public hearing and the Town Meeting to share their input.

“Nothing will be kept from the residents of this Town,” Tessnau said.

For more information on the Moraga Energy Storage project, visit www.moragaenergystorage.com.

Senior Center’s policies for accepting donations and for food distribution. They also approved an updated job description for the Senior Center Outreach Coordinator.

These changes will be posted on the Senior Center’s website.

The board also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Senior Center and the Ascentria Care Alliance’s SNAP-Ed Nutrition Program.

Electrical aggregate contract

The board voted to sign a 36-month municipal electrical aggregation contract in order to get the lowest possible rate for residents.

Public comment

Brandon Avery said the Friends of the Town House have received a grant to allow them to hire a director of development for a three month period.

“That’s going to help us create a business plan, help us create a plan for a capital campaign and fundraising and that kind of stuff,” Avery said.

Morgan thanked John Tripp for getting chairs donated for the break room at the former Huck’s building.

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sage was “and that’s when the voices began.” Darlene came from an abusive family and later while admitted to Belchertown State School she would soon find out she had a sister that she never knew she had.

Orzechowski showed a map of the school that opened back in the 1920s. The original name of the school was “The School for the feeble minded”. The map highlighted various areas of the school featuring a school, gymnasium, and a merry-go round.

One unique photograph in the presentation was an index card of Darlene’s discharge

slip. Included was the name of her sister, Gail, who was also at Belchertown State School.

Darlene was discharged in July of 1974. Upon her request, her records from the institution were destroyed. Many of the patients were discharged due to aging out at 18 years old.

Orzechowski showed photographs of the school’s sleeping quarters, cafeteria, restrooms and the tunnels of the facility. The windows of the buildings had bars on them.

The next passage read by Orzechowski was about the time Darlene met her sister Gail while playing near the merry-go round. After reading the passage,

Orzechowski showed pictures of Darlene and her family, including photographs of her sister, Gail (1950-2013).

Darlene also participated in the Special Olympics back in the 1970s. Photos of her medals were shown in the presentation.

After the presentation, former State Senator Stephen Brewer spoke and thanked Orzechowski for his presentation. Brewer describes Orzechowski’s work in writing this book as “a good service in keeping those stories alive.”

While in office, Brewer recalled how much the facilities of supporting mental health have changed over the years.

Brewer shared a poem called “Two Young Girls from a Foreign Shore” and highlighted the poor conditions of living in the state school. Brewer remembered getting funds to help renovate the cemetery, which is where many patients of the state school were buried.

The cemetery is now known as the Warner Pine Grove Memorial Cemetery.

Orzechowski would stick around the Paige Memorial Library and sign copies of his book for guests who appreciated his time and presentation.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Ed Orzechowski signed copies of his book after the presentation.

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been King George III. Some traditions never die.

Hubbardston has a long history of independent business owners living and producing services and products. However, four former residents have left legacies that few New Englanders have surpassed since then.

For example, in 1947, Waino J. Holopainen and Roy E. Handy Jr. developed and patented the world’s first all-hydraulically operated swing-frame backhoe in the small town of Hubbardston. This revolutionary invention can dig and dump materials with the ability to swing the load side to side, eliminating the need for the machine to be moved. Nearly seventy-one years ago, Waino and Roy formed the Wain-Roy Corporation.

Throughout the company’s existence, its grassroots innovation has led to twenty-six significant backhoe-related designs, including the tractor-loader-backhoe concept and the hydraulic thumb, which are still in use today worldwide.

Before Wain-Roy, there was Jonas G. Clark, a businessman of the highest integrity, an entrepreneur, a humanist, an educator, a master of diplomacy and an abolitionist. He was born in the town in 1815. His father was a successful farmer and his mother was an avid reader who instilled in young Jonas not only a love of books, but also the habit of reading them. Throughout his 85-year lifetime, he became one of the most generous and successful businessmen of the 19th century.

He married the “girl next door” Susan Wright (1816-1904) in 1836. They were both abolitionists and traveled the world together. But never forgot the little vil-



Submitted photos

Waino J. Holopainen and Roy E. Handy Jr., designed and developed the backhoe.

lage of Hubbardston Before they left for California at the beginning of the mid-19th century gold rush, he established several businesses, first in Hubbardston and then throughout New England. He understood psychology and had the ability to read people. His business acumen was something to study based on his ability to find the right people to run the enterprises he started. Just think how difficult it was to do that at a time when there were no phones, internet, planes, trains or automobiles.

Honoring an old business adage, when starting or expanding a business, “find a need people have, then fill that need.” He decided to start his business of selling the tinware that he manufactured on a large scale in Boston. His uncle was already a very successful mercantilist in Boston, with experience in hiring crews to sail around Cape Horn on clipper ships. The two partners supplied tinware, axes, and other equipment by establishing relationships with factory owners in the Northeast, then shipping the goods to Boston and on to Northern California.

Meanwhile, Jonas and Susan traveled to California by crossing the narrow land bridge connecting North and South America, known as the Isthmus of Panama, on

horseback and wagon. That was no easy task. They then sailed to San Francisco. After ten years, he became a millionaire, not only in the manufacturing and selling of tools needed in the mining industry, but also in furniture making. He saw the need there as well. The folks on Nob Hill highly prized his furniture, which was Chippendale quality.

By the time he founded Clark University in 1887, with his fortune and the thousands of books he had collected during his trips to Europe, the Middle East, Egypt and Morocco with Susan. He had homes in San Francisco, New York City, Worcester, Boston and Hubbardston. He was a firm believer in a strong Liberal Arts undergraduate education stressing critical thinking and leadership skills. Jonas Clark’s vision, despite some hiccups in the 1890s, has become as close to what he envisioned as possible. It has remained, for about 70 years, one of the notable forty liberal arts colleges in the U.S. identified by independent college counselor Loren Pope in 1955 as “Colleges That Change Lives.” www.CTCL.org

One wonders if anyone, before he died in 1900, had ever proposed changing the name of Hubbardston to Clark, Massachusetts.



A view of Hubbardston in 1930, from left, Cowman’s, Fahey/Bennett grocery, Dodson’s Restaurant and Greenwalt’s Barber and Beauty shop in 1930.

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This year, C4R is focusing on creating a new section, the Lower Quaboag, spanning from Route 67 to Laviolette Park. This effort will be funded through a MassTrails grant.

The new section will start at an old rest area on Route 67, passing through to Water Street, then to Laviolette Park. Davies said they are working to secure permission from the Department of Transportation to install a kiosk at the Route 67 access point.

Points of interest along this section include a former hydro dam, and Davies said more will be cataloged to be included on the trail map as the project develops. Points of interest can be historical, natural, or even cautionary.

“This will connect what’s really paddle-able on the Quaboag,” Davies said of the new section.

Davies is joined on the watershed council by Jim Emerson of Wilbraham, who serves as the events coordinator. Emerson has planned a number of paddling events meant to engage and connect people with these vital waterways.

The first event of the year is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at Indian Orchard and Putts for a clean-up followed by a paddle on the Chicopee River.

Others include Saturday, May 17, Lower Ware River; Saturday, June 14, Upper Quaboag; Sunday, July 20, Lower Quaboag in Palmer; Sunday, Aug. 17, Swift River in Belchertown; Saturday, Sept. 20, Upper Ware River; and Saturday, Oct. 11, Upper Chicopee. Details of these events will be posted on c4rivers.org.

Restoration efforts to remove invasive water chestnuts continue at Oxford Marsh in Chicopee and Red Bridge in Ludlow. Clean-ups are scheduled at Oxford Marsh on June 7 from 12:30-4 p.m.; June 28 from 9 a.m.-noon; July 19 from 9 a.m.-noon and Aug. 16 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Davies said the June removals are especially important to keep the invasive plant’s spread in check.

He said the seeds of the water chestnut are round with spikes (similar to a mace), and it’s speculated that they get caught in the feathers of geese and fall off in the water. The seeds can last in the mud for eight to 10 years.

Davies said C4R is also working with the communities to provide basic river restoration at sites, including trash removal. C4R also teams up with various Scout troops who are participating in the Scout Waterways Program.

Davies and Emerson are also working to organize trail crews to act as stewards of Blue Trail access points and sections.

“Being a trail steward is pretty basic,” Emerson said.

Duties of a trail steward includes looking for downed trees, checking portage areas, picking up trash, talking to Blue Trail users, taking photos and reporting findings back to C4R once a month.

“It will get us a lot closer and communicate more,” he said.

Davies and Emerson said they are also looking for people to help them spread the vision of C4R.

“If you know someone who really likes these rivers, let them know we exist,” Davies said.

About C4R

Memberships and donations help C4R with resources for basic operations, including preparing events, creating and maintaining the Blue Trail, collecting samples, writing reports and performing community outreach.

C4R has established a nonprofit relationship with the Connecticut River Conservancy, which holds and manages C4R funds for tax exempt purposes for all donors who want this coverage.

To become a member, visit C4rivers.org and click on “Membership/Support – C4R.”

For more information or to get involved, visit c4rivers.org, email chicopee-watershed@gmail.com or find Chicopee4Rivers on Facebook.

EQLT to host Hiking 101 class and group hike April 12

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust will host a Hiking 101 class and casual group hike on Saturday, April 12 from 1-4 p.m.

The event is tailored to adults and teenagers who are new to day hiking or who want to learn about practical considerations when out in nature. Hiking 101 will comprise an indoor discussion at EQLT’s office, located at 120 Ridge Road, followed by a 1.5-mile hike with both gradual and steeper hills, at EQLT’s Mandell Hill Preserve, which is located a short distance from EQLT’s office.

EQLT Steward, Chris Kiraly-Thomas, a recreational hiker and Adirondack 46er (she has climbed all 46 Adirondack peaks over 4,000 feet) who has also summited over 60 of New England’s 4,000+ footers, will lead the class and the hike.

Participants will learn about: choosing where to

hike, appropriate gear and supplies, how to handle basic emergencies, what to do when encountering wildlife, weather preparedness, access to potable water and proper hydration, leave no trace principles and more.

Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring water.

RSVP to atrevvett@eqtl.org by April 9 if you would like to attend.

About the East Quabbin Land Trust

The East Quabbin Land Trust fosters a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts. EQLT works closely with community members to foster vibrant communities through engagement with the outdoors.

The work of EQLT is

focused on the communities of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham, Ware and West Brookfield. EQLT began in 1994 motivated by concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife habitat to unplanned sprawl.

By working cooperatively with property owners, government agencies, conservation groups and other land trusts, EQLT has permanently protected 7,000 acres of land. EQLT worked with members of the Petersham community to purchase and lease The Country Store, revitalizing the heart of the town.

Over the past two decades, the East Quabbin Land Trust has also purchased and opened 6.5 miles of former railroad corridor as part of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware, with another 1.5-miles of rail trail slated for construction in 2025-26.

Tri-Parish Church to hold Easter Services

The Tri Parish Community Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20 at 5:45 a.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. Deacon Virginia Rich will

led the service. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Easter.

The Tri Parish Community Church will also hold an Easter worship service led by Pastor Nathan

Pederson on Sunday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at the New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Road, New Braintree. The church is handicapped accessible and all are welcome

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Wednesdays for two hours to learn bicycle riding techniques at the Listening Wellness Center and to go on rides on local trails. The program runs May 27 through July 1. The parents will meet four of those weeks to experience hands on cooking methods and acquire new healthy recipes.

Voter turnout was only 5.11% with only 176 residents going to the polls Monday for the annual Barre Town Election. The total registered voter number was 3,441 with 1,740 in precinct 1 and 1,701 in precinct 2. Of the 176 voters that came out for the election, 104 from precinct 1 and 72 from precinct 2. The ballot had one question read, “Shall the

town vote to have its elected Cemetery Commissioners become appointed Cemetery Commissioners by the Board of Selectmen?” Ninety-six voters (55 precinct 1 and 41 precinct 2) said yes and 73 (44 precinct 1 and 29 precinct 2) said no.

25 years (April 6, 2000)

Under the advice of Town Counsel James Baird, the Barre Selectman called back to back executive session to finish off Monday nights meeting. The first session held “to discuss violations and complaints brought against a public employee” included Baird, Wiring Inspector and the Board. The second session was held “to discuss potential litigation” and included Baird, Building Official and the board.

Barre residents appeared

before Selectmen Monday night to ask what rights residents have in connection with the placement of cell towers. He also questioned the zoning bylaws regarding towers being located in residential areas. One resident said a tower has been planned across the street from his home and several contractors have been on his property without requesting his permission. Balloon testing has been done in several areas of town recently in anticipation of constructing cell towers.

Five proposals were received in response to a request for proposals for a senior center in Barre, selectmen said at Monday night’s meeting. The bidder and the property locations being considered include: Ellsworth Builders, land and a new

building to be located just beyond 685 Valley Road; Central Plains Association, land and an existing building located at 57 Peach St.; Florence Hall Associates, land and an existing building located at 49 Main St; Waterwheel Realty, land and an existing building located at 49 Main St. or land an existing building located at 20 Mechanic St.

38 years (April 9, 1987)

Lt. Col. Paul Hanson, GWEN Program Director, said in an interview last week that the Air Forces will decide this month whether a tower will be replaced in Barre. Hanson said several other sites were being considered including one in South Amherst, which had prompted violent town opposition. Both Barre and

Amherst passed resolutions in 1985 opposing the siting of a Ground Wave Emergency Network tower in their town.

Barre Selectmen voiced their opposition of a new bill being considered by Secretary of Finance and Administration Frank Keefe at their regular meeting on Monday, April 6. According to Selectman Chair Earl Sample, Keefe has proposed that licenses and professional fees be raised as a budget balancing measure. The proceeds would then go into the general fund. Sample noted that if the monies were to go into a specific fund, such as the highway fund he would give his support. However he said, he could not see clear to support a measure that did not allocate funds in a specific area. The Board

voted in favor of writing to Senator Wetmore and State Representative Grenier to state their opposition.

Conserve Our Small Town attended a Conservation Commission dinner in force on Friday, March 27 where Governor Michael Dukakis was the keynote speaker. The dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and Friends of the Reservation, was held at the Marriott Hotel in Westboro. “I feel we were successful in delivering a message,” said COST member Susan Reed. Members spoke to many Conservation Commissioners as well as the governor, handed out brochures and bumper stickers and picketed the hotel.

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SPORTS

Panthers win big in opener

BARRE – The weather in early April is always tough for baseball and softball. But the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team used it to their advantage as their matchup with Quaboag had to be shifted to a home game due to poor field conditions in Warren. The Panthers enjoyed their home field as they put up six runs in the first inning and rode that to a 14-1 win over the Cougars Tuesday afternoon. The 1-0 Panthers face Oakmont at home on Friday, April 4.



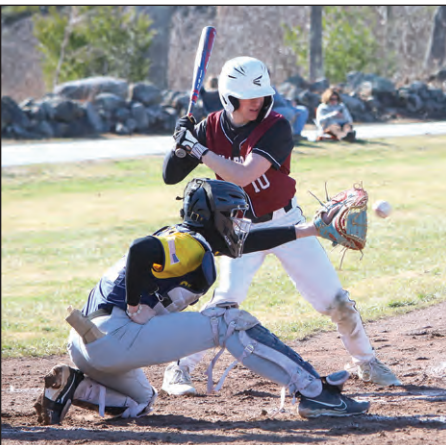
Adam Adams takes his lead off second base.



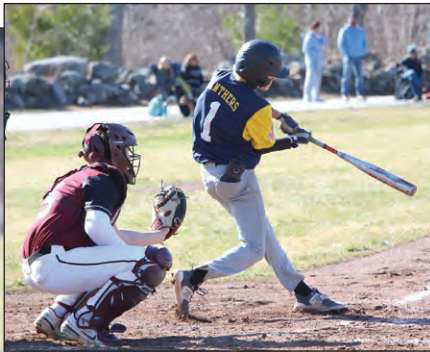
Sam Morgan crosses home plate on a base hit.



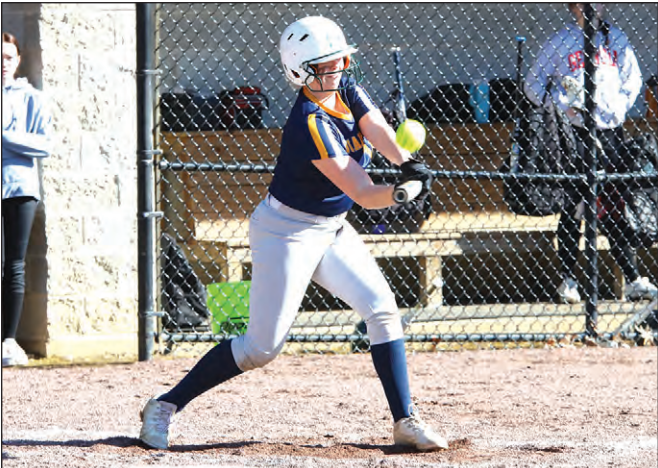
Finn Leander delivers a pitch to the plate.



Elijah Flint frames up a pitch.



Aiden Lapointe swings and connects.



Jennavacia Roseberry swing and connects for the Panthers.

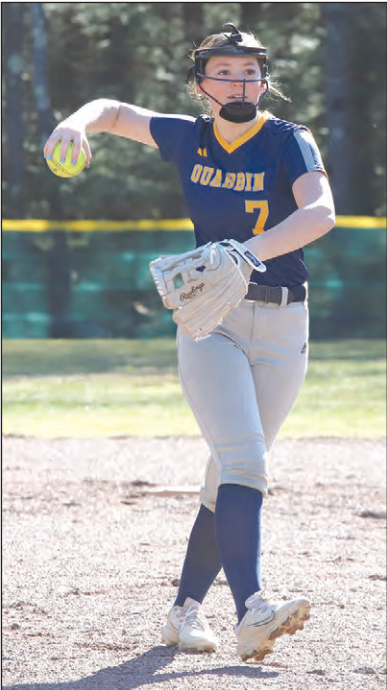
Quabbin softball defeats Quaboag

BARRE – On a windy, but very sunny afternoon Tuesday, Quabbin softball picked up a win over Quaboag 9-4.

It was the season opener for both team and the Panthers rode new pitcher Abby Rogowski to the win.

Quabbin will host Oakmont on Friday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m.

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Carly Beaton makes a throw to first.

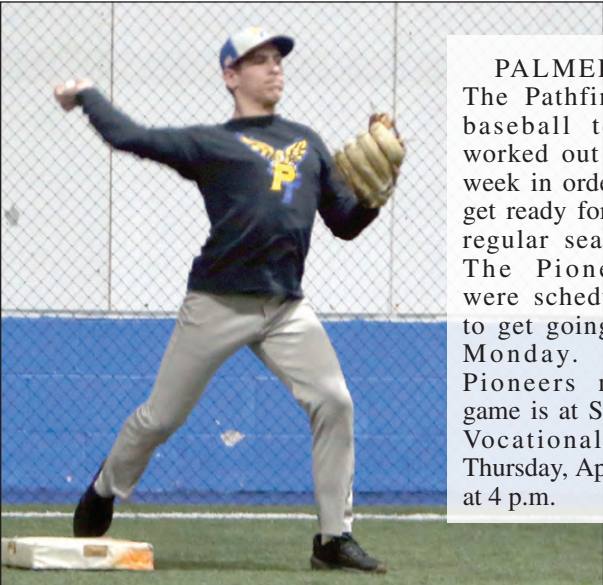


Ju-Ju Guilderson frames up a pitch behind the plate.



Pitcher Abby Rogowski sends an offering to the plate.

Pathfinder baseball gears up for regular season



Zander Auffrey makes a play during inside practice. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Djauan O'Dean hits in the cage at practice.

PALMER – The Pathfinder baseball team worked out last week in order to get ready for the regular season. The Pioneers were scheduled to get going on Monday. The Pioneers next game is at Smith Vocational on Thursday, April 3 at 4 p.m.



Sprints are a regular part of pre-season.



The Pioneers run through drills.



The Pioneers are gearing up for the regular season this week.



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Anthony Arventos tries to get around a defender.

Boys lacrosse defeated in season opener

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Monson High School boys lacrosse was defeated by Hoosac Valley in the season opener for both teams. The Mustangs, which have co-oped with Pathfinder Tech for the past few years,

managed just a single goal in the 12-1 defeat.

The Mustangs were scheduled to face Lenox and Mt. Greylock earlier this week, and are back in action on Tuesday, April 8 at home against Granby at 5 p.m.



Dominic Menard is pushed by an opposing player.



Brennan Peterson surveys the field.



Ethan Mooney looks around for an open teammate.

Sports

Two late goals help T-Birds stun Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (33-26-2-4) stunned the Providence Bruins (36-22-4-3) with two goals in the final 90 seconds to pick up an astonishing 3-2 win on Sunday inside Amica Mutual Pavilion. The victory shaves Springfield’s magic number to just 4 in pursuit of a Calder Cup playoff berth.

The starting goaltenders had a busy first stanza on this Sunday, as the T-Birds were quick to test Brandon Bussi with 18 first-period attempts, while the Bruins pressed the gas for 11 shots on Vadim Zherenko.

Springfield broke the ice first when MacKenzie MacEachern, fresh off of being robbed by Bussi on the prior sequence, chopped a rebound over Bussi’s pad at the net front following a point slapper by Nikita Alexandrov. MacEachern’s third goal in as many games made it 1-0 for the visitors at 13:12.

In a penalty-free period, one of the T-Birds’ few miscues wound up costing them their lead in the final minute when Tyler Pitlick blocked a point shot and raced in on a breakaway before beating Zherenko over the blocker to even the slate, 1-1.

Zherenko needed to be at his best in the middle period as the Bruins out-paced Springfield on the shot board by a 13-4 margin. The third-year netminder made his best stop of the frame in stonewalling Oliver Wahlstrom on a break-away in the back half of the period. Springfield got the game’s first power play at 4:45 of the second, but the Bruins had the best scoring chances, including a 2-on-1 shorthanded, but Fraser Minten missed the target on a left-circle attempt.

In the final minute, the T-Birds found themselves hemmed in their own end, but Zherenko was there to save the day with back-to-back saves on Brett Harrison at point-blank range to get the game into the third period deadlocked.

Springfield finally took its first two penalties in the opening half of the third, and on the Bruins’ second power play, the home team gained its first lead of the night when Matthew Poitras cleaned up a Georgii Merkulov rebound off Zherenko’s right pad to make it a 2-1 game at 7:16 of the third.

The T-Birds struggled to regain its first-period form,

as they had managed just seven shots over roughly 35 minutes from the start of the second. However, when it mattered most, and with Zherenko on the bench for an extra skater, Alexandrov took it upon himself to turn the game around. It began when he raced through neutral ice and cut to the slot off his right-wing side. After his initial shot was blocked, Alexandrov followed through on the second chance to put the puck behind Bussi, tying the game with 1:24 remaining.

The star winger was far from finished, though. With time dwindling on regulation, Alexandrov won a puck battle on the left-wing boards and moved to the front of the net after the puck got to Leo Loof at the left point. Loof flipped the puck into traffic, where Alexandrov deflected it across his body and under Bussi’s legs, giving Springfield the 3-2 lead with just 18.6 seconds left.

The Bruins never recovered, and Alexandrov’s 20th and 21st goals of the year proved to be the difference. Zherenko finished a fantastic night of his own with 35 saves, including 12 in the final period.

Quabbin League holding open practice for new players this weekend

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

The league is looking for at least six more players to sign up to play in the league this year.

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

roster spots.

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

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

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

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

Valley Wheel tryouts set for next month

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

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

with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

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

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

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

as you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It’s not too late don’t miss out; opening day is just around the corner. For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org

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In the Classroom

Officials, community members, students ‘lobby’ legislators

From the Desk of
Colleen Mucha,
Superintendent of
Quabbin Regional
School District

When Governor Maura Healey’s budget was released both Quabbin Regional School District officials and member community officials were concerned.

As a school district that is regional, rural and in hold harmless status the district officials worry that State Aid is supporting less over time. In FY02 State Aid supported 64.8% of the QRSD budget and as projected for FY26 State Aid would only support 45% of the QRSD budget. This has put a greater burden on our towns and the district to pull from reserves or other limited revenue sources to fund the school budget.

Recently, the school had the opportunity to “lobby” local legislators - Senator Peter Durant and Representative Donald Berthiaume on Friday, March 21. The legislators joined an informative session that was attended by Quabbin Regional School District town officials, parents, students, administrators and staff.

Everyone reviewed trends and data regarding funding for school districts. Legislators heard directly from our students about what it means for them to bear Quabbin student and, most importantly, what they are concerned about in regards to funding.

Noah Miett expressed that he feels that all students regardless of where they live should have the same opportunities and access to be successful after graduation. Hunter Labier shared that being a Quabbin student has opened up his opportunities and he has found great success by being able to participate in programs like NJROTC. Hunter indicated the need for our district to continue to offer multiple opportunities so that all students can find their passion.

On Monday, March 24, 2025, QRSD traveled out to UMASS, Amherst to attend the Ways and Means Hearing. Eighteen adults, including select board and fin com members, school committee



Submitted photo

A group representing Quabbin Regional School District attended the State Ways and Means hearing held at UMass in Amherst.

members, teachers, administrators and staff, were in attendance, as well as 30 students from grades 9 - 12.

On the bus ride to the session, students asked really great questions and wanted to learn more. The district brought with them over 50 letters from students that told of their experiences and desire for increased state funding.

Several legislators remarked on how respectful the students behaved and how impressed they were by their questions and understanding. This was a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved and we are thankful that we could participate.

It is important to note that QRSD has been taking a careful look at our budget and has had to make some reductions in force in recent years. We make hard decisions and we prioritize reductions that will have the least impact on student learning. We are committed to offering our students an educational experience that is focused on academics, supports students’ social & emotional well-being, and results in students who are happy and thriving.

You may be wondering:

What Action Steps have we taken to create efficiencies, improve educational quality & capacity,

and build a more sustainable future?

Use of Rural School Aid to purchase vans resulting in cost savings; used for athletics, field trips, Post Grad program, internships, PD, clubs/activities etc.

Use of ESSER funding to expand Pre-K programming: 4 locations (fill first with students from the “home” school and allow students from our other district towns to attend by filling any additional openings) this includes 1 full day program

Development of special programs to maintain students in our own district: Language Based Program, Alternative Learning Program, MS Therapeutic Program

Offer other districts to tuition students into our specialized programs where openings are available: SOAR - all levels/autism program, Life Skills program - all levels, Therapeutic program - all levels, Post Grad program

Implementation of Innovation Pathways : Business, Information Technology, and Manufacturing. Students gain valuable work experience, real world learning, and certifications.

Identifying high school courses that can be used to fulfill multiple pathways and credits

Participate in “Co-op” Athletic programs to allow QRSD students greater opportunities: Ice Hockey and Swim

We will continue to advocate for increased state funding and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Colleen Mucha, Superintendent of Schools, Quabbin Regional School District cmucha@qrzd.org.

Colleges and universities announce President’s and Dean’s lists

PRESIDENT’S LIST
Champlain College
Burlington, Vermont
Madisyn Kaijala of Hubbardston

DEAN’S LIST
College of the Holy Cross
Worcester
Mattison Albano of Oakham, class of 2025
Jenna Dupell of North Brookfield, class of 2026
Benjamin King of Rutland, class of 2028
Jorji LaViolette of Barre, class of 2026
Samantha Shea of Rutland, class of 2027

Zoe Yanco of Rutland, class of 2025

Emmanuel College
Boston

Christian Porcaro of Rutland, history and secondary education, major

Brigid Kirton of Rutland, liberal studies and elementary education major

Jacqueline Marcinkiewicz of Hubbardston, finance major

Grace Talbot of Hardwick, psychology major

Goodwin University
East Hartford, Connecticut
Cassandra Waugh of New Braintree

Salve Regina University
Newport, Rhode Island

Anya Kelley of Rutland

Seton Hall University
South Orange, New Jersey

Skyler Rudinski of New Braintree

Siena College
Loudonville, New York

Emily Marrone of Hardwick

University of Tampa
Tampa, Florida

Declan Cady of Rutland, junior majoring in cybersecurity

Emily Kupstas of Rutland, sophomore majoring in advertising and public relations



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TOWN OF BARRE Cemetery Clerk

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

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

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Holy Week Preparations

Holy Week is nearly upon us.

Holy Week-comprised primarily of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter commemorates key moments from the final days of Jesus’ life and ministry. In this edition, I would challenge you to prepare for so sacred a season by doing one or more of the following:

1) Study the Happenings of Holy Week

It is impossible to exaggerate the significance of happenings like Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. The final week of Christ’s life changed the world for time and eternity. Thus said, why not take time to review key moments of His final week? For your convenience, I have provided the following links to trusted online resources:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Passion-Week.html>
<https://bible.org/article/chronology-synopsis-passion-week>
<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/what-is-holy-week.html>

2) Consider Personal Applications

Point 1 above challenges you to spend time in the Word. Point 2 challenges you to find an application for what you may read. You must understand that the events of Holy Week are to possess ongoing impact in daily life and living. Thus said, it is of benefit to wrestle with questions like the following:

How does the declaration of Jesus’ kingship on Palm Sunday manifest in your life today? In what way(s) do you know Christ as both Savior and Lord? To what degree is your life marked by submission to Him and His teaching?

How does the sacrificial death of Christ on Good Friday impact your life? Have you placed your faith in Him and His finished work or are you trusting in someone or something else for eternal life? Are the things you are living for worth Him dying for?

How does Jesus’ victory over death, hell and the grave on Easter affect you in 2025 and beyond? Do you know Jesus as merely a religious icon or as the Risen One who is alive, well and enduring through all seasons and circumstances?

3) Memorize Moving Passages

The opening points challenged you to spend time in the Word and consider the applications thereof. Why not commit select portions of Scripture to memory? As you read and reflect, look for those texts that resonate or speak to your heart. Meditate upon them and commit them to memory. You will never regret hiding the Word of God in your heart! Feel free to start with the following text:

Acts 2:24 (NIV)

24 . . . God raised him [Jesus] from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

4) Participate in Local Church Services

Community churches will certainly spotlight the events of the Passion Week, as this is the most sacred season in the whole of Christendom. Have you ever considered joining a nearby assembly for a Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter gathering? If not, why not? I am sure they would love to have you. I know we would.

If you would like to join us at New Life (i.e., either in-person or online), our service information is provided on our church website: www.NewLifeBarre.org. You can also contact me directly using the number at the conclusion of this publication.

5) Share Christ with

Others

Holy Week reminds us of the good news of Christ’s saving work on our behalf. What do we typically do with good news? We share it with others! This Easter season, tell someone of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us not hide what He has done-let us proclaim it to the ends of the earth. May we embrace the mindset of the apostle Paul, who penned the following centuries ago:

Colossians 1:28-29

28 He [i.e., Christ] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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 or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Christ taught us how to forgive.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 15 v 1-3, 11b – 32 and II Corinthians 5 v 17 - 19

I. Introduction

To forgive those who have done us wrong is not the easiest thing to do.

Sometimes situations are so upsetting that we choose to walk away and stay apart, unable to reconcile or find peace. These situations happen in our homes, with our extended families, our neighbors, our friends, workplaces and in the broader society. It can be tough to overcome hurtful situations and reach out to those who hurt us. Even if we wish to forget, there will always be a trigger that reminds us of what happened. During Lent, the story of the prodigal son illustrates Christ’s teaching on the profound power of forgiveness. Despite the challenges forgiveness may entail, its transformative impact remains significant.

II. My Personal Experience

Yesterday, while running errands, I thought about our theme for this morning and my sermon I was writing. I was unprepared for what happened next at a small store we frequent. The store owner treated me very poorly, raising her voice at me when I made a specific request for what I needed. The situation was quite distressing and embarrassing, and I addressed her regarding the inappropriate way she was treating me. The situation deteriorated when she persisted in displaying a lack of respect. I stood there in shock, and in a soft voice told her that I would not allow her to treat me this way, and that we had been coming to the store for such a long time. She then realized what she did and apologized profusely. I left, upset, shocked, and very mad. Back home I sat at the kitchen table and prayed for guidance and tried to recover from this ordeal. How do I preach about forgiveness tomorrow while dealing with so much hurt and anger? Something told me to call the store. I believe God’s Holy Spirit spoke to me in that moment. I was told that she had left and would be back later.

Later she called me back, and I used the opportunity

again to tell her how distressing her behavior was, but that I needed to speak to her, to let her know that that kind of behavior is not acceptable and hoped for something better to come out of this horrible situation. She was stunned by me reaching out to her, and with genuine remorse, apologized again. I listened to her as she was telling me how she felt; that she was ashamed of herself for what she had done. She left the store and went for a walk to reflect on her actions towards this person. She then expressed her gratitude to me, saying, “I greatly appreciate your willingness to contact me after my actions. You have bestowed upon me a significant gift that I will forever remember. You have provided me with a chance to rectify what I did wrong.” Her response gave me an opportunity to tell her who I am, that I am a pastor and a mediator, and that, even though I was upset and hurt, I could not leave this situation unresolved. I shared with her how important it is for me that we respect one another, to talk and understand one another and that forgiveness is part of my life story. We talked about my story of forgiveness back in South Africa, how I learned to forgive those who oppressed me during apartheid and how my parents raised us to love and show care for others. We talked and talked about different things and about our lives, our backgrounds, the struggles we are going through and the issues of today. We said goodbye, feeling so relieved and restored and she expressed how filled with hope she was at that moment. I too felt the same way.

III. The Forgiveness that Christ taught us

What is it that Christ is teaching us in this parable of the prodigal son, dear members and friends of Barre Congregational Church? Why did this father have so much grace and mercy for his younger son who left him, forgot about him and squandered his money? He could have shunned him, sent him back from where he came from, but he did not. Why? Why did the younger son feel he could return to his father’s house after leaving him and his brother to struggle on their own and live a life that was an embarrassment to his family? What was this father demonstrating to his older son? How did he deal with his anger about celebrating a brother who abandoned him to do all the work at home? These are real questions we must ask ourselves in our own lives and in today’s life where there is so much division, hatred, animosity, and lack of forgiveness. What was it in that household that opened the door for the reception of this prodigal son? What is forgiveness about, because it was clear that he forgave his younger son?

The essence of this narrative lies in the profound grace and compassion that filled the father’s heart upon witnessing his son’s return home. His love for his son was unconditional and when the son confessed his sins against heaven and his father, the father did not hold that against him, because what mattered was that he returned. Even when the oldest son expressed his anger and laid out the sins of the younger brother, all the father could do was to assure him that he had enough love for him too and that everything he had belonged to him. He taught his older son the principle of forgiveness and acceptance, of mercy and compassion. This father was prepared to forgive and accept.

IV. Conclusion

Before the woman at the

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Public Safety

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, March 16
2:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, March 17
10:09 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
11:19 a.m. Public Assist, Kruse Road, Public Assist
7 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Dana Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Perkins, Robert C. Jr., 37, Barre
Charges Operating Under the Influence, OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
11:36 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, New Templeton Road, Information Given

Tuesday, March 18
12:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Negative Contact
2:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
4:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Public Assist
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle –

Disabled, New Templeton Road, Public Assist
4:42 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, No Police Service Necessary
5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, March 19
1:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Madison Way, No Transport Required
2:57 p.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:07 p.m. Erratic Operator, New Templeton Road, Negative Contact
11:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Public Assist

Thursday, March 20
11:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital
1:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Streeter Road, Transported to Hospital
1:24 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Information

3:52 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Report Filed

Friday, March 21
12:08 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
4:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
7:44 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Williamsville Road, Message Delivered
4:35 p.m. Missing Person, Mt. Jefferson Road, Located Found
6:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Burnshirt Road, No Transport Needed

Saturday, March 22
8:06 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Templeton Road, Vehicle Removed
11:03 a.m. ACO Lost and Found, Wildlife, Main Street, Returned to Family/Guardian
6:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Pitcherville Road, No Action Required

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of March 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 63 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, three traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two complaints, one missing person, one harassment, one safety hazard, two motor vehicle investigations, two animal calls and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, March 24
2:51 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered
5:34 p.m. Missing Person, Lower Road, Call Canceled
9:15 p.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Investigated

Tuesday, March 25
8:37 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
9:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Off Ruggles Street, Transported to Hospital
1:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
4:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer

Handled
4:48 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Could not Locate

Wednesday, March 26
3:43 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
7:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

11:21 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Spoken To
12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Wheelwright Area, Spoken To
12:01 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Investigated
12:19 p.m. 911 Utility Issues, Prospect Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:09 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, March 27
5:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
8:08 a.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
3:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

5:05 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
9:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated

Friday, March 28
12:11 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
3:02 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Unfounded
5:10 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
9:07 p.m. Harassment, Broad Street, Spoken To

Saturday, March 29
4:17 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
5:30 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made
1:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
7:27 p.m. Welfare Check, Lower Road, Officer Handled
9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

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| <p>Sunday, March 16</p> <p>10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Fir Street, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>1:09 p.m. Public Assist, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>3:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Stage Road, Negative Contact</p> <p>10:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Austin Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> | <p>Tuesday, March 18</p> <p>9:41 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty</p> <p>12:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Negative Contact</p> <p>1:16 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Oak Street, Report Filed</p> <p>4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Report Filed</p> | <p>South Street, Information Taken</p> <p>1:58 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Report Filed</p> <p>4:02 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 17</p> <p>5 p.m. Larceny or Theft, South Street, Information Taken</p> <p>5:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Williamsville Road, No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>6:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Peach Street, Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons Stevens, Shawn Alan, 41, Barre</p> <p>Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Uninsured Motor Veilcee Unregistered Motor Vehicle</p> <p>7 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Dana Road, Arrest(s) Made</p> <p>Arrest Perkins, Robert C. Jr., 37, Barre</p> <p>Charges Operating Under Influence, Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With</p> <p>10:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service –Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital</p> | <p>Wednesday, March 19</p> <p>6:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Farrington Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>2:50 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty</p> <p>2:59 p.m. Fire Brush and Wildland Fires, Phillipston Road, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons Hakobjanov, Mikhail, 28, Allston</p> <p>Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle</p> <p>4:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Worcester Road, Report Filed</p> <p>5:12 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Old Hardwick Road, Information Given</p> <p>7:52 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street, Officer Took Call</p> <p>8:25 p.m. Lockout/Residence, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party</p> | <p>Friday, March 21</p> <p>4:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem</p> <p>4:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>10:49 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty</p> <p>11:48 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hubbardston Road, Message Delivered</p> <p>12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disables Worcester Road, Message Delivered</p> <p>2:35 pm. Safety Concern, Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised</p> <p>5:56 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Farrington Road, Investigated</p> |
| | <p>Thursday, March 20</p> <p>9:28 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, South Barre Road, Report Filed</p> <p>1 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Rockingstone Road, Information Taken</p> <p>1:17 p. Larceny or Theft,</p> | <p>Saturday, March 22</p> <p>12:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Hancock Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>9:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Fir Street, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>2:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Removed</p> <p>3:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued</p> <p>6:56 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Flaherty Road, Referred to Other Agency</p> |

New Braintree Police Log

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| <p>During the week of March 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 27 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, two traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.</p> | <p>Dispatch Handled</p> <p>5:09 p.m. Assist Citizen, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled</p> | <p>Thursday, March 27</p> <p>4:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning</p> <p>11:05 a.m. Assist Citizen, Station, Services Rendered</p> <p>3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning</p> <p>4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning</p> <p>5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 24</p> <p>10:27 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road,</p> | <p>Tuesday, March 25</p> <p>2 p.m. Medical Alarm, Barre Road, Unknown Outcome</p> | <p>Friday, March 28</p> <p>8:29 p.m. Welfare Check, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered</p> |
| | <p>Wednesday, March 26</p> <p>6:38 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Old Wine Road, Investigated</p> <p>11:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital</p> | <p>Saturday, March 22</p> <p>9:31 a.m. Complaint, Edson Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Area Patrolled</p> <p>2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning</p> <p>9:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital</p> |

Oakham Police Log

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| <p>Sunday, March 16</p> <p>12:46 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, North Brookfield, Report Filed</p> <p>6:40 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Message Delivered</p> <p>6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed</p> | <p>Wednesday, March 19</p> <p>11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning</p> <p>11:05 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Police, North Brookfied Road, Chief Took the Call</p> <p>11:49 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, New Braintree Road, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning</p> | <p>9:14 p.m. Fire – Suspicious Package/Letter, Edson Road, Report Filed</p> <p>10:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Returned to Family/Guardian</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 17</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty</p> | <p>Thursday, March 20</p> <p>12:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Ware Corner Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning</p> <p>11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning</p> <p>11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>1:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued</p> | <p>Friday, March 21</p> <p>4:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>7:14 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Grace Lane, Returned to Family/Guardian</p> <p>8:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gaffney Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, March 18</p> <p>10:34 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, DCR Ranger, Officer/Chief Advised</p> <p>4:35 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning</p> <p>7:03 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Adams Road, Information Taken</p> <p>8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfied Road, Written Warning</p> | | |

Rutland Police Log

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| <p>Sunday, March 16</p> <p>12:21 a.m. Erratic Operator, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>12:55 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact</p> <p>8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood DDrive, Citation Issued</p> <p>8:52 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prescott Street, Officer/Chief Advised</p> <p>11:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transported</p> <p>1:08 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Paddock Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>1:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>6:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>7:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning</p> <p>8:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Juniper Lane, Negative Contact</p> | <p>Vehicle</p> <p>8:46 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Entry Gained</p> <p>11:02 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Officer/Chief Advised</p> | <p>Advised</p> <p>10:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Prescott Street, Vehicle Removed</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 17</p> <p>6:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>7:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Kenwood Court, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>9:37 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed</p> <p>1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued</p> <p>1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued</p> <p>5 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Main Street, Citation Issued</p> <p>7:52 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Watson Lane, Citation Issued</p> <p>8:58 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Message Delivered</p> <p>9:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> | <p>Wednesday, March 19</p> <p>4:20 a.m. Emergency Medial Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Kenwood Court, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>5:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>5:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning</p> <p>1:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Marjorie Lane, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>1:45 p.m. Motor Vesicle Stop, Irish Lane, Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons Hernandez del Orge, Lillian, 35, Worcester</p> <p>Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle</p> <p>2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning</p> <p>2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning</p> <p>2:57 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, New Braintree Road, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>3:09 p.m. Motor Vesicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning</p> <p>3:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Davis Street, Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons: Atitson, Peter E., 26, Willimantic, Connecticut</p> <p>Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper C 90 S17</p> <p>4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning</p> <p>4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning</p> <p>8:55 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Unfounded</p> | <p>Friday, March 21</p> <p>12:13 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Removed</p> <p>4:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished</p> <p>1:10 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Kenwood Drive, Message Delivered</p> <p>3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> <p>3:24 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Maple Avenue, Message Delivered</p> <p>3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>4:40 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Grizzly Drive, Investigated</p> <p>4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued</p> <p>5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning</p> <p>6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle Towed</p> <p>Summons Whitehouse, Sarie Lynne, 35, Worcester</p> <p>Charges Registration suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with Uninsured Motor Vehicle</p> <p>7:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>7:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>8:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>8:35 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, March 18</p> <p>7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued</p> <p>8:31 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty</p> <p>9:17 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Dispatch Handled</p> <p>9:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>11:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, No Transport Required</p> <p>11:48 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Rebecca Ann Drive, Report Filed</p> <p>2:37 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Julie Ann Circle, Officer/Chief Advised</p> <p>3:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Report Filed</p> <p>7:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Report Filed</p> <p>Summons Nackard, Victor William, 61, Phoenix, Arizona</p> <p>Charges Ammunition without FID card, Possible Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with Unregistered Motor</p> | | <p>Saturday, March 22</p> <p>5:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> <p>7:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning</p> <p>8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> <p>9:06 a.m. Fire – Fues/Order/ Gas Leak, Maple Avenue, Investigated</p> <p>9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning</p> <p>10:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> <p>11:48 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Main Street, Investigated</p> <p>12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning</p> <p>5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued</p> <p>5:43 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Investigated</p> <p>8:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning</p> <p>9:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning</p> |
| | <p>Thursday, March 20</p> <p>12:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service, Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Ware Corner Road, Transported to Hospital</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:47 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Bond Road, Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>11:47 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint</p> <p>Summons Willard, Rodney W. Jr., 49, Manchester, Connecticut</p> <p>Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID</p> <p>2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning</p> <p>5:56 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Orchard Hill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:05 p.m. Noise Complaint, Hope Way, Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>10:08 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street, Officer/Chief</p> | |

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store called me back, I was thinking of this younger son who came back to his father and found forgiveness there, and I thought, wow, what a story Jesus told to demonstrate the redeeming love of God. I sat there at the kitchen table and asked God to fill me with peace, because I

struggled to find peace on my own after the ordeal. I could feel how God filled my heart with forgiveness and I believe that out of such a horrible situation, God brought forth something new and healing and reconciling. May God help us all on our journeys to continuously seek and hear God’s voice, see God’s guidance and feel God’s help in the most difficult situations of

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Establishment of
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For the Select Board:

Tammy Martin
Town Administrator
04/03, 04/10/2025

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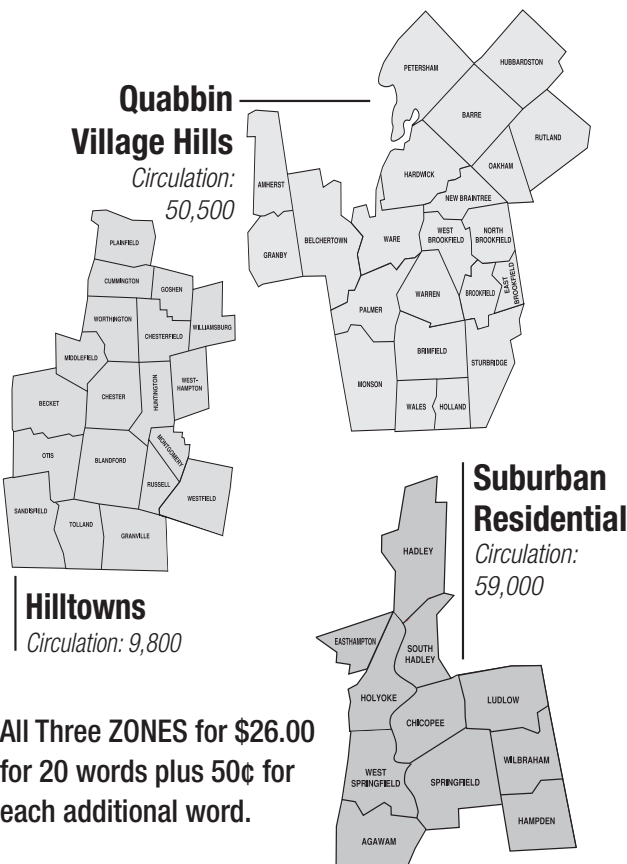
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will offer remarks and answer audience questions. DVDs of the film will be available for sale. No RSVP is required for this free, public event at the Harvard Forest Fisher Museum. The Harvard Forest welcomes individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. The Fisher Museum is fully physically accessible with parking and a ramp in the back of the building. If people require additional accommodations, they should email the Forest’s visitor engagement team at hfvisit@fas.harvard.edu or call 978-724-3302, preferably at least one week in advance of their visit.

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