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## ‘History At Play’ brings back memories Jan. 28

By Eric Goodhart  
Correspondent

RUTLAND – It has been twelve days since Judith Kalaora, creator and artistic director of “History at Play,” delivered one of her most remarkable performances in the fourteen-year history of plays she has written highlighting women in history.

The play highlights the accomplishments of a woman, who lived in New Hampshire just 25 years ago.

This time, Kalaora put her talents into telling the story of a truly unique young woman. Following the introduction by the President of the Rutland Historical Society Carolyn Semon, Christa Corrigan appeared from behind a screen in a Scout uniform.

As I learned later, most audience members, including this writer, had to fight back tears after just the first ten minutes. Why? Anyone over 35 could answer that question. The play Kalaora wrote, produced and acted in was about an extraordinarily



Christa McAuliffe, left, is shown with her mother, Grace Corrigan, died in 2018 at age 94. Her mother was a popular speaker on the tragedy for 28 years.

passionate school teacher’s inspirational, but tragically short life. Many there that evening believe her teaching philosophy must be shared with millions of others, who

aspire to become teachers or leaders in any career involving humans.

Christa Corrigan was born in Massachusetts in the late summer of 1948. Christa

McAuliffe died tragically in late January 1986 on an unusually icy day in Florida.

As special as a teaching

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## Special town meeting set for May 9

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – At its April 8 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to hold a special town meeting on Friday, May 9.

said the purpose of this meeting is to clear up any negative departmental budgets. She said this will give the Town Accountant more time to make transfers and correct budgets prior to the annual town meeting.

“This will quickly clear up all negative balances, any transfers that need to be made, stuff like that,” Barre said.

Members of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee have requested to place articles on the special town meeting warrant as well, and approached the board to discuss this.

Committee Chair Jamie Gilman said it was reestablished in September 2024, and they have been collecting capital requests from the town’s various departments.

“We got four requests,” Gilman said. “With money being what it is right now... two were kind of picked out

to be kind of highest priority and ones that potentially could be approved with the financial situation this year.

The first request was for a new “jaws of life” hydraulic rescue tool for the Fire Department. The estimated cost of this tool is \$15,600.

Fire Chief Darin Anderson said the department’s current “jaws of life” tool is from 1987. He said last year, the department responded to 34 car accidents, of which three required use of the tool.

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Administrative  
Assistant Ashley Barre

“We had one failure of our power unit at one of those calls,” Anderson said. “We were able to get it somewhat repaired, but it’s still not perfect.”

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## Public hearing held for proposed campground special permit

By Ryan Drago  
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HARDWICK – The Planning Board met on April 8 for a public hearing on a potential campground being proposed in town.

The meeting was held at the Hardwick Town House and many residents attended the public hearing to hear the special permit proposal and address any questions, com-

ments and concerns. The applicant seeking a special permit is Quabbin Glamping and Camping, LLC at 3305 Greenwich Road on 80 acres of land.

Presenting the project was John Samek, the proprietor of Hardwick Vineyard & Winery at 3305 Greenwich Road. Joining Samek during the presentation was Libby Talbot, who is a partner in the project.

The applicants are proposing a campground on two par-

cels of land in West Hardwick and have narrowed down to having possibly 50 campsites on location. These campsites will feature cabins, treehouses, tents, parking, and sites for RVs and campers.

Samek said he is aware of the neighbors of the site and has kept them informed on his proposed project for a campsite on his land.

Copies of the plan were provided for the Planning Board to review and Samek

also provided copies for the public to review and a map of the site as well.

“We understand this is a big deal,” Samek said.

The applicants said they are confident that a campsite will help promote tourism and support local businesses in Hardwick.

Some neighbors are visible to the site according to Samek. When asked how many cabins will be on site as part of the campground,

Samek said he’s looking to have a total of 10 cabins.

After Samek’s presentation, the Planning Board began with their own questions. Members asked about the lighting situation of the campsite.

With the site being off grid, Samek is looking for exterior lighting and will have solar lighting in place that is compliant with the local bylaws.

The board asked if Samek

intends to have events at the campground and believes events are likely to happen in the future. The biggest issue the Planning Board and the public addressed was excessive traffic and could drive through neighboring roads.

Samek says his proposal for a campground is not looking for an event atmosphere and is more of an economic

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## Town looks into tuition agreement with regional school

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said there has been discussion about entering into a tuition agreement with Quaboag Regional School District.

“We’re not obligated to anything, it’s just something that came up,” Petraitis said at the April 8 meeting.

He said Superintendent Stephen Duff had reached out to members of the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee about the possibility of entering into a tuition agreement with the school district.

Petraitis said members spoke to Duff and it was also brought up at the school committee meeting a few weeks ago.

“Last week, Mr. Duff hosted a Zoom meeting where the chairs of the School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant, were able to ask questions about some things” Petraitis said. “The hope of

that meeting is that the various boards will figure out what those outstanding questions are...and there’s lots of them.”

Petraitis said it’s not something they are hoping to jump right into, as they need to determine if this agreement would be both financially sound and beneficial to the students.

“They knew that it was starting to get more and more difficult to sustain the level of education with the money that we have available in this town.”

Selectmen Chair  
Jason Petraitis

He said back in 2009, the School Committee had requested the board form an education task force. He said Jim Metcalf was the chair of the task force and he said its goal over the two plus years it met, was to seek the best route forward for North Brookfield Public Schools.

“They knew that it was

starting to get more and more difficult to sustain the level of education with the money that we have available in this town,” Petraitis said.

He said over the years the budget has increased, but student enrollment has dropped. He said the town has also looked into the possibility of regionalization with other school districts.

“Hopefully the various committees will put their heads together...before we decide whether or not we would entertain actually entering into a tuition agreement with somebody,” Petraitis said.

Petraitis said the board will discuss this tuition agreement at its next meeting.

Social media comments

Judy Manning, chair of the Council on Aging, joined by council members Mary Waytina and Diane Hopkins, said there have been a lot of negative contacts scrutinizing the COA Director Courtenay Rivera and the COA on social media.

Manning said these comments are upsetting to the COA, the director and the Friends of the COA.

“We feel that Courtenay is

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Diane Buzzell shared a presentation of past local authors of North Brookfield during the Local Author Showcase presentation held at the Haston Free Public Library.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Kristi Lee Seymour read a passage from her book “Deeply Rooted”.

## Local Author Showcase

Library event  
featured work of  
several writers

By Ryan Drago  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library hosted a Local Author Showcase this past weekend and brought many local writers together.

This event was a celebration of the local authors who once called North Brookfield their home. There were book excerpts and poetry readings shared by many talented authors who attended this

showcase.

“Without authors, there are no books. Without books, there are no libraries” said Diane Buzzell, an author based out of North Brookfield and a current member of the Haston Free Public Library’s Board of Trustees.

A historical display of past local authors and poets could be seen at the Haston Free Public Library and many historical facts about each author were shared by Buzzell at the beginning of the Local Author Showcase. Buzzell read numerous historical facts of each local author that are honored in the rich literary history of North Brookfield.

The local authors acknowl-

edged in the historic display included Amasa Walker, Francis Amasa Walker, William Cullen Bryant, Tryphosa Bates-Batcheller, George Michael Cohan, William Cary Duncan, Tim Parker and Richard Johnson. The display featured not only photographs and historical facts of each author, but copies of their work as well.

Buzzell found it important to share all these facts about these writers who are connected to North Brookfield. Their work and connection to the town adds to its unique history.

Buzzell made the audi-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer  
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**Earth Day event set for April 26**

The Barre Community Resilience will help celebrate Earth Day on April 26 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on the Barre Common. There will be a Native Plants table, where people can find out why native plants are important in their gardens and fields and the many ways trees improve the environment.

Seedling samples will be given away. Native plants need native pollinators, so information and illustrations of some native moths, butterflies and bees will be on site. An art table will invite children to decorate their own butterfly masks. Children may take home seeds and materials for growing food plants, used by Indigenous Americans, called the Three Sisters, squash, corn and beans. Tending Tomorrow Farm will be present with information about the importance of regenerative farming and local food systems. Many old electronic devices can be recycled. Instead of storing them or sending them to the landfill, bring them to this event. They will be collected and taken to Staples for recycling.

A Clothing Swap will be set up in the entrance to the Commonplace Market. People may donate clean, lightly used clothing at Listening Wellness Center, South Street, by Thursday, April 24. Music and delicious edibles will also be available.

**Rabies clinic**

Second Chance Animal Services will hold a low-cost vaccine clinics on Saturday, April 19from 9 a.m.-noon at the Barre Public Safety Building, located at 655 South St. in Barre. Rabies and distemper vaccines will be available for \$18 each, and microchips for \$22. Both clinics are open to cats and dogs from any community. Advance registration is recommended, as space is limited and same-day availability is not guaranteed. Pet owners can register online by visiting [www.secondchanceanimals.org/seasconnect-north-brookfield](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/seasconnect-north-brookfield).

**Bocce League**

Boccee League at American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre will start Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m. and end on Monday, Sept. 29. There will be no matches on Memorial Day and Labor Day. The fee will be \$5 a week as in past seasons, but paid in two installments of \$50, one at the beginning of the season and the second in the middle of the season. To register, people may call 978-355-2730, leave a name and phone number or call Scott Tourtellot at 508-320-9899 or Joe Petracone at 978-660-8730.

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

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Art Center holds upcoming classes

PETERSHAM – On Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., master textile artist Peggy Schneider will teach “Introduction to Embroidery” at Petersham Art Center, 8 North St.

Students will learn basic embroidery techniques so they can start creating their own needlework masterpieces. Beginners are welcome to learn a new skill. Schneider will also teach a class on “Wool Felting with Fiber” on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Each student will learn how to make a wool felted flower that can be used for fiber artworks, pins or other fanciful embellishments.

For this class, basic sewing skills are recommended. “My love of textiles goes back as far as I can remember,” says Ms Schneider. “I was taught to hand sew and embroider as a child by my mother. I have now been a textile artist for many years and am a member of the Celestial Stitchers Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America.”

The two-part class, “Trees: Natural History and Sketching” taught by Joe Choiniere will be presented in two sessions, on Sunday, April 27 from noon-4 p.m. with the second part of the class on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Joe Choiniere of Hubbardston is a well-known naturalist, artist and teacher, who has dedicated his lifework to explorations of nature and art. Participants will learn to identify trees, appreciate their mysteries and wonders and practice sketching what they envision. Choiniere has led workshops, hikes, and nature walks throughout the North Quabbin area. His



Submitted photo  
Sue Morello of Barre is shown with some of her baskets. She will teach a class Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on basket making.

exquisite watercolors and artworks evoke the beauties of the natural world.

On Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sue Morello of Sheldon Farm Baskets in Barre will again teach one of her very popular basket-making classes. In this class, the students will make a spacious market basket, which they can use for tabletop displays or take with them for trips to the farmer’s market or to cutting flower gardens.

Morello has been creating baskets and teaching students the skills of basket weaving for decades. Her classes are appreciated for her knowledge, wise advice, and pure fun. Each student will go home with their own market basket to share with family and friends.

“Mixed Media Class for Kids”, for ages 8-12, with artist, Katie Walsh, will take place on Saturday, June 28, times to be announced. Walsh is an art teacher in the Winchendon public schools and is dedicated to engaging children in artful activities that stimulate their imagination and creativity. Walsh’s teaching style promotes a growth mindset, where all students are successful learners and artists, wherever their current skill level may be.

People may call the Petersham Art Center at 978-724-3415 for more information and to register. Each class has a fee. Petersham Art Center is located just off Route 32 in Petersham, not far from the Petersham Town Common.

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 31. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Patriot’s Day no meals served.

TUESDAY – Greek chicken, seasoned potatoes, summer blend vegetables, Mandarin oranges, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, pear crisp, diet = applesauce, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Shepherd’s pie, roasted carrots, green beans, birthday cake, diet = half piece cake, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Turkey supreme, herbed stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts fresh fruit, Italian bread

\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each 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.

HUBBARDSTON

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**Scouts hold 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.

**Library scholarships**

It’s scholarship season again. The Hubbardston Public Library Trustees will offer up to two two \$500 scholarships for 2025. Applications in electronic form and paper are available by visiting the library website at [www.hubbardstonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.hubbardstonpubliclibrary.org). Paper copies are also available at the local secondary school guidance counselor office, the front desk at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. and the Hubbardston Town Clerk office at 48 Gardner Road. Submissions must be received or postmarked no later than April 30, 2025. If people have any questions, they may email [HPLScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:HPLScholarship@gmail.com).

**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 Monday, May 5 for review and selection of winners.

**Nomination papers**

Nomination papers for the upcoming Annual Town Election on Tuesday, June 10 are available. 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](mailto: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.

Voting information for town election

HARDWICK – The annual town election will be held on Saturday, May 3 with polling hours from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Hardwick Elementary School 76 School House Drive.

The deadline to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. and the deadline to vote by mail is Monday, April 28 at 5 p.m.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Select Board – April 22 at 6 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – April 22 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – April 24 at 11 a.m.  
250th Anniversary Committee – April 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee – May 6 and May 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – May 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – May 12 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – May 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – May 12 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 14 at 12:30 p.m.  
Library Trustees – May 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – May 15 at 1 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 10 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Wheelwright Water District – April 21 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Master Plan Steering Committee – April 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Parks and Recreation Committee – April 25 at 6 p.m.  
Select Board – April 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – May 1 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – May 8 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 14 at 12:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – May 14 at 4 p.m.  
Capital Planning Committee – May 19 at 3 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Registrars – April 17 at 5 p.m.  
Planning Board Public Hearing – April 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Parks Commissioners – May 14 at 5:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – April 21 and May 21 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 22, May 6 and May 20 at 6 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – May 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Assessors – April 21 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 28. May 12 and May 27 at 6 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Advisory Finance Committee – April 17 and April 24 at 6 p.m.  
Petersham Historic District – April 17 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 17 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 18 at 9 a.m.  
Select Board – April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29 and June 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 6 at 6 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 12 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee with Select Board – April 17 at 6 p.m.  
Budget Public Information Session – April 25 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Candidate's Night – April 29 7-9 p.m.

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## Holy Week and Easter schedule

**BARRE  
Barre Congregational Church,**  
30 Park St.  
*Maundy Thursday, April 17*  
Service of Scripture, music and extinguishing candles at 7 p.m.  
*Easter Sunday, April 20*  
Service at 9:30 a.m.  
Easter egg hunt on lawn for children and youth

**HARDWICK  
/NEW BRAINTREE  
Tri-Parish Community Church**  
*Easter Sunday, April 20*  
Sunrise Service at 5:45 a.m.

**East Quabbin Land Trust**  
120 Ridge Road,  
Hardwick  
Easter Service at 10 a.m.

**New Braintree  
Congregational Church**  
3 Oakham Road,  
New Braintree  
Pastor Nathan Pederson

**OAKHAM  
Oakham Congregational Church**  
2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham  
*Maundy Thursday, April 17*  
Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.  
*Easter Sunday, April 20*  
Sunrise Service at 6:30

a.m. behind church  
Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall  
Easter Service at 10 a.m.

**SOUTH BARRE  
New Life Assembly of God**  
60 Main St.  
*Palm Sunday, April 13*  
Service from 10:30-11:45 a.m.  
*Good Friday, April 18*  
Service from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Easter Sunday, April 20*  
Service from 10:30-11:45 a.m.



## OAKHAM

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### Church lists Easter events

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. The church 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. Easter Sunday service will be held at 10 a.m.

### Podiatry clinic

Oakham Podiatry Clinics are by appointment only. Seniors may call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and their call will be returned by a podiatry clinic volunteer. All clinics are held at Oakham Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall on Mondays from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A clinic will be held April 21.

### Senior Center activities

Oakham Senior Center activities in April are listed below.

Monday, April 21 Podiatry from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Tuesday, April 22 Yoga at 1 p.m. \$5.00 for walk-ins.

Tuesday, April 22 Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing from 11 a.m.-noon.

Tuesday, April 22 SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 pm. All are welcome. There are no age restrictions.

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-noon puzzling.

Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. walking group. Meet at Senior Center

Tuesdays through Thursdays 11 a.m. walking group. Meet at Senior Center.

On cold days, the walking groups will walk to tapes inside the Senior Center.

For walking groups, ask to be added to the text MSG group by calling the Senior Center and leaving your cell phone number.

Wednesdays Zumba Gold 9 a.m. in the Rutland Senior Center - \$2 donation/class

Thursdays at noon Weigh in support weight loss group

Fridays Functional Fitness 10.30 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall - \$2 donation/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. at 508-882-4072.

Friday, April 11 COA meeting is cancelled for this month only. They will resume in May.

Lunch Bunch will meet the fourth Friday, April 25 only for this month. Destination is Williams Restaurant in Gardner. There is a sign up sheet in the Senior Center Main Room.

If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email [COA@Oakham-MA.gov](mailto:COA@Oakham-MA.gov).

## Editorial deadline reminder

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

## Historical Society hosts repair fair

BARRE – 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., Barre 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.

These skilled workers will meet with attendees who will be invited to bring an item in need of repair where the skilled workers will do their best to fix the item

for free. Tipping the workers and/or donations to the Barre Historical Society and Museum are encouraged.

The historical society hopes the community saves money on electronic, mechanical or sewing repairs and divert waste from the landfill. Tipping the workers and/or donations to the BHS&M are encouraged. They include houseplants,-Joann Vieira; electronics, turntables, receivers, stereo equipment, bluetooth speakers, etc., Dave Flick; farm tractor and small engine, Colton Prentiss; lamps-safety inspections, rewiring, replacement switches, other small aesthetic modifications, Chris Higgins; welding, Chris Higgins and Colton Prentiss; sharpening-(knives and scissors and small blade garden tools such as pruners, loppers and snips, Chris Higgins; small furniture, Steve Clark; sew-

ing-clothing, stuffed animals, blankets and quilts/(hand and machine mending, Barbara Potter and Sarah Rosa; jewelry cleaning-necklaces, bracelets, earrings, chains, watches or rings, Kellee Murphy and ceramic, glassware and porcelain repair-broken or chipped glassware (glass, crystal, china, porcelain, pottery, etc.)/glue and bonding, Alice Lambert.

In order to be successful, the society needs the community to bring items in need of repair. Most minor repairs will be made onsite. Any major repairs that may require extensive work, will be scheduled offsite, if the skilled worker and community member agree to these arrangements. The skilled workers will work with people to make a plan together if needed.

People may call and leave a message at the BHS&M at 978-355-4978.

## Community Resilience to hold Earth Day event

BARRE – The Barre Community Resilience, an organization that grew out of the last September's Barre Climate Forum, will help to celebrate Earth Day on April 26 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on the Barre Common.

At this family event there will be a Native Plants table, where people can find out why native plants are important in their gardens and fields and the many ways trees improve the environment.

Seedling samples will be given away. Native plants need native pollinators, so information and illustrations of some native moths, butterflies and bees will be on site.

An art table will invite children to decorate their own butterfly masks.

Children may take home seeds and materials for growing food plants, used by Indigenous Americans, called the Three Sisters, squash, corn and beans. Tending Tomorrow Farm will be present with information about the importance of regenerative farming and local food systems.

Many old electronic devices can be recycled. Instead of storing them or sending them to the landfill, bring them to this event. They will be collected and

taken to Staples for recycling.

A Clothing Swap will be set up in the entrance to the Commonplace Market. People may donate clean, lightly used clothing at Listening Wellness Center, South Street, by Thursday, April 24.

Information about plastic recycling and the pros and cons of a plastic bag ban is planned. Materials for keeping your livestock safe and contained will be demonstrated. There will be opportunities to participate and share ideas. Music and delicious edibles will also be available.

## Historical Society hosts needle arts display

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will host a needle arts display on Sunday April 27 from 1-3 p.m. at the Wood House, 232 Main St.

The displays will include items showcasing embroidering, needlepoint, quilting, knitting, crocheting, crewel, cross stitch, etc., which feature intricate details and complex patterns. Some items on display date

back many years and were completed by ancestors, while some pieces have been created by past and current members of the Rutland Historical Society. This event is open to all and is free.

Needle arts is a wonderful way to express creativity. People are invited to view the exhibit and the imagination of those, who spent endless hours creating these unique items.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY  
Matters  
By Russell Gloor

Will my Social Security increase if I keep working after applying?

Dear Rusty:  
I am going to be 67 in a few weeks and I plan on working for another year or two.  
According to Social Security, they count the best 35 years to come up with your benefit. I currently have 30 years, with 2024 and 2025 taxes yet to be filed. If I take my benefit now, will I get an upward adjustment after filing my taxes for those years or do I need to wait to apply for SS until after filing my taxes to get credit for those years?  
Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working:  
Whenever you claim your Social Security benefit, SSA will look at your lifetime earnings record on file at the time as received from the IRS and calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" using that record on file. They will use your highest earning 35 years to do that calculation and, if you do not yet have 35 years, they will use "zero \$\$" enough times to make it 35 years. In other words, your benefit will always be calculated using 35 years, whether you actually have 35 years of earnings on record or not.

However, Social Security revisits your earnings record whenever additional information is received from the IRS, so if file your taxes and add the additional year's income after you start your Social Security benefits, you will get credit for those additional earnings. Essentially, you will be replacing one of the "zero \$\$" years originally used to calculate your benefit amount and Social Security will recalculate your monthly amount to reflect that, resulting in an increase to your monthly benefit.  
Thus, as long as you

work and earn and report your earnings to the IRS, Social Security will update your record and automatically give you a higher benefit if warranted by your more recent earnings. That recalculation usually happens later in the year after April 15, but Social Security will make any increase retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year, so you will get any higher benefit effective with January.  
So, since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age, you can (if you wish) apply for Social Security now and be confident that Social Security will give you credit for any additional earnings after you apply. And for clarity, if you choose to wait beyond your full retirement age to claim, you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), which will continue to increase your monthly benefit amount until you are 70 years of age. DRCs will add 8% to your PIA for each full year you delay (.667% for each month you delay past your FRA).

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Guest Column  
Meetinghouses played important role

By Susan Worth  
Note: The author shares this informaiton from "The Puritan in His Meetinghouse" by Edmund W. Sinnott as the town of Hubbardston faces a decision to accept the First Parish Unitarian Church as members voted to dissolve and gift to the town.

"Listen my children and you shall hear of th midnight ride of Paul Revere,; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.  
Between an April midnight and dawn almost (over) two centuries ago, there galloped up the Boston road to Lexington a rider who drew up his horse at the head of the green where  
The meetinghouse windows blank and bare Gazed at him with a special stare. ... HWL  
Soon from its belfry the alarm bell sounded, not with the peaceful music of a Sabbath morning but summoning the people of the village to a more urgent and perilous convocation. Candles were lighted in the sconces of the meetinghouse. Across its threshold, one by one, hastily dressed and but half awakened, there came together the minute-

men of Captain Parker's little company. The magazine door was thrown open. Each man equipped himself with powder and ball and soon all were fully armed and ready for what the dawn may bring. Shortly after, as the sun was rising, this little band drew up across the common almost in the shadow of the meetinghouse and, by offering there the first armed resistance to the British crown, made themselves immortal.  
The story is familiar, but the point should be emphasized that the entire action revolves about the village meetinghouse. This was a structure which served not only for regular assemblies on the Sabbath and at town meetings, but as a gathering place of the inhabitants at all times of peril and emergency. This one building dominated and focused the entire life of the community. Here people met for every purpose and hence it came to be called, in all directness, the "meetinghouse". It was an edifice neither sacred nor purely secular, but appropriate for any honorable service.

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In Past Pages

5 years (April 23, 2020)  
When she heard of the mask shortage, Juli Sansoucy decided to contact several members of the orchestra she conducts, who work at UMass Memorial Medical Center about making masks. Cloth masks are unacceptable for those dealing directly with COVID-19, but documented research said that a cloth mask is 50 to 60% effective. The masks are even more effective with a filter. Dr. Jeff Baxter, a bassoonist in the orchestra, said he could use the masks. Dr. Baxter oversees Spectrum Methadone clinics across the state and he was going to have to ration his N-95s to screen those coming into the building.

Thursday, April 16 at 3:20 p.m., Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center started receiving numerous calls reporting a building fire at 578 Summer St., Barre, in Quabbin Liquors. RRECC immediately dispatched a first alarm assignment and updated the responding companies that they were receiving calls. E4 firefighters immediately stretched an attack line into the building knocking down the majority of the fire, while Ladder 1 went to the roof and performed vertical ventilation stopping the spreading fire.  
Oakham Selectman

Look Back  
Quabbin Community Band Concert – 1995



Chairman Steven La barre said leasing space at the Oakham Center School was discussed multiple times. He called for a vote and said given the current state of emergency and other tie constraints, it was time to vote. Labarre made a motion to not support the leasing of space as Oakham Center School and motion passed at the April 2 meeting. The Board said no.

10 years (April 23, 2015)  
After hearing from the town's bond advisor, the three Selectmen present, Daniel Galante, Raeanne Siegtl and Jeffrey Williams, voted to approve and sign a \$1.605 million bond. The town trea-

surer was also there. The bond advisor explained that the town received a qualified opinion form the auditor in the FY 13 audit regarding discrepancies in the tax collector's department  
Zachary "Zack" Glidden of Barre became the 68th Boy Scout from Barre Troop 26 to earn Eagle rank since the troop's inception. He joins about 2% of the Boy Scouts that achieve Eagle in this country. He is the son of Richard and Ellen Glidden of Barre. The troop had a court of honor for "Zach" Glidden on Sunday, April 12. Eagle Scout Jeff Degnan moderat-  
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are unable to nest naturally any longer. Human-provided nest boxes are the only thing keeping the species alive east of the Rocky Mountains."  
The purple martin, the largest swallow in North America, is between 7.5 and 7.9 inches long. The adult males are iridescent, dark blue-purple overall with brown-black wings and tail. Both the females and immatures are duller with variable amounts of gray on the head and chest with a whitish lower belly.  
These birds are colonial with dozens of martins nesting in the same spot in open areas especially near water. They return to the same nesting spot. In the east, they nest almost exclusively in nest boxes and martin houses. In the west, they nest in natural cavities.  
Martins fly rapidly and feed on large, aerial insects such as dragonflies. They often feed higher in the air than other swallows. The female lays three to six white eggs. She lays one to two broods per year.  
Sandhill cranes  
A neighbor, who lives about a mile as the crow flies from my hayfield, emailed he had a pair in the back of his cornfield on April 5. He said, "I only saw them cuz they were quite talkative. They just flew from my field again, both times in your direction. Now that I know what they sound like, I have heard them

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The Purple Martin Conservation Association reported in a press release the sighting of the first purple martin in Massachusetts on April 4 in Rehoboth.  
The sighting was by a purple martin enthusiast, one of many individuals, who track and report on the birds' annual migration.  
"The first purple martin arrivals of the season are always an exciting event," said Joe Siegrist, President of the Purple Martin Conservation Association. "Tracking the migration is not only fun, it also provides us with valuable information that helps inform our research and strengthen our efforts to make sure we're doing everything possible to

sustain the population of these amazing birds."  
The Purple Martin is North America's largest species of swallow. It winters in the rainforests of Brazil  
before making up to a 7000-mile migration north into the eastern United States and Canada.  
The Purple Martin Conservation Association said, "The annual migration is a testament to the martins' resilience as well as the unwavering dedication of thousands of 'martin landlords,' who maintain multi-compartment nest 'condos' that are essential for the birds' survival. Once widespread in rural America, this species, that eats billions of flying insects annually, has been disappearing at an alarming rate, experiencing a loss of one-third of its population over the last 50 years.  
"The decline seems to be the combination of a few factors: nesting habitat loss, competing invasive species, decreasing prey availability, and climate change," said Siegrist. "Over the majority of the purple martins' range, they

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I am typing this after we had a six or seven inch snow-flall.

It is pretty on the trees, but it is sping and the spring bulbs are coming up. Hopefully the snow will melt soon. I did not even have my car in the garage so it is covered with snow also. I did have a shovel in the cellar so that was good.

I transplanted several cuttings of coleus in big pots ready to put them outside in late May. I took out the Easter eggs and put them in a large wooden bowl with raffia straw. Most of those eggs are enamel or China. The felt ones that I made will go on a Easter Egg Tree.

There are some local people who are gathering sap to make maple syrup so I thought they may like this recipe that my friend Nancy sent me.

**MAPLE WALNUT CREAM PIE**  
1 baked 9 in pie crust  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
2/3 cup maple syrup

### GUEST COLUMN, from page 4

I am sharing this information with 21st century readers for a dual purpose: to commemorate this famous call to arms and to bring attention to the historic significance of the early New England meetinghouse. The citizens of Hubbardston are currently exploring the possibility of repurposing and therefore preserving our iconic circa 1774 First Church Parish

### ROUND TOWN, from page 2

Barre Road, will hold a free information fair. Attendees will explore a wide-range of local resources and discover

1/8 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
1 tablespoon confectioners sugar

Blend milk, maple syrup, salt in a heavy saucepan. Cook over low heat stirring occasionally, until mixture begins to boil. Let boil, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens, about four minutes., set aside to cool. Mix about half the walnuts into the cooked mixture, save the rest for the top. Pour mixture into cooled, baked pie crust. Sprinkle top with remaining walnuts. Whip cream until stiff and fold in confectioners sugar. Pile cream lightly on the pie filling. Garnish with additional nuts. Chill in refrigerator before serving.

#### This and That

With sadness the First Parish Unitarian Church members have voted to dissolve and give the church to the town if they vote to have it. I recently went over my two notebooks of arti-

cles I had on the history of the church. I have been a member since adulthood and went to Sunday School. There so have many fond memories of events. The annual Nonesuch Street Fair was sponsored by them in order to raise money for the electronic organ.

A very historical bell and tower clock is also included in the church steeple. Both of my brothers served as custodian's and I served as church clerk for many years. My mother taught Sunday School there and my two daughters attended Sunday School there. The church was originally the town meeting house. I wonder how the voters will vote and what will they use the building for. They recently purchased Breezy Hill Corners and some of the town offices have moved there all ready.

The Town sure is changing. Having lived here for 85 years I have witnessed a lot of changes. Some good and some not so good.

toration show what can be done to take care of them. Fire and wind will continue to take their toll, but we should see to it that no more historic structures disappear through neglect or are despoiled by thoughtless "modernization". These Puritan houses of worship are a vital part of our national heritage and, once gone, can never be replaced.

Hopefully, this history will be recognized and prioritized as the citizens of Hubbardston consider this project.

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.

Meetinghouse on Main Street. We return to our meetinghouse authority – Edmund W. Sinnott - page 2 ... It is our (my) hope that this book (article) may have some influence in awakening more interest in the preservation of these structures around which has centered so much of New England history. Many are now empty and some are suffering from neglect and decay. The growing number of examples of careful preservation and intelligent res-

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

### PAST PAGES, from page 4

ed the Court of Honor. Troop Leader and Eagle Scout Richard Stevens gave the Eagle Charge. Guest speakers included State Representative Don Berthiaume, Barre Police Chief Erik Demetropoulos, Selectman Richard Jankauskas, teacher Denise Martenelli and Scout Leaders Gary Pearson and Walter Lindsey.

A panel discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center in the Slade Building, 7A Main St., Hubbardston. On Friday, May 8 four members of the town will debate in a moderated format whether the town should build a new senior center to relocate and expand the senior center (now in the Slade Building) and a new public safety building to relocate both the Police Department (now in the Slade Building) and the Fire Department (now split between Fire Station 1 and Breezy Hill. Each building will reside on the 12-acre parcel of land just North and West of the Recreation Field.

**25 years (April 20, 2000)**  
Despite the lack of contests on the Hubbardston election ballot, officials hope the two ballot question, one regarding a supplemental tax and the other a Quabbin budget overrides, will draw out voters on May 6. The override question asks voter if the town should be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and property taxes for the purpose of funding the Quabbin Regional School District assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2000. The other ballot question for which exact wording was not available at press time, asks voters to approve a supplemental tax. The modification to the taxation method is being proposed to voters to allow the town to collect taxes

### HISTORY, from page 1

career is, Christa was particularly special even before being selected as the first civilian school teacher to receive training as an astronaut and participate in a special mission into space.

She showed her adventurous spirit in traveling and exploring early in life. Her parents, Edward and Grace Corrigan, saw that part of her when she climbed on her tricycle at age 31/2 and pedaled out of sight one day, seeking new worlds to discover. She was always on the move, participating in what many children did in the 1950s, not just one or two, but five or six activities. This was not to impress others, but to experience them and learn how to do well.

She naturally took on a leadership role as the oldest of five siblings. As she mentored her siblings, she began to feel she had a natural talent for teaching others, with ways to learn, inspire and motivate.

That became a lifelong passion that must have been evident by National Aeronautics Space Administration as they were inundated first with over 40,000 teacher applications and "whittled" down to 11,000 finalists. Six were from New Hampshire, where Christa taught juniors and seniors history and English at Concord High School and loved it. Both the administration and the students treasured her.

Kalaora effortlessly changed clothes behind screens eight times during the performance. Each change marked a different time in Christa's life, from a preteen scout to a student through high school, college, teacher and astronaut.

Much of what she said was from the writings and talks that Christa recorded during her professional career. During her training, she became a national celebrity. Some thought she could go on to become something more



Submitted photo

**Christa McAuliffe is shown inside a training space capsule. NASA selected her as the Teacher in Space from over 40,000 teacher applicants.**

than "just" a school teacher. Little did they know of her character. Before the flight, she told everyone that she would return to her job as a teacher. That was her personal mission.

The audience no doubt wondered how Kalaora would conclude the performance, depicting the horrific ending. In the last few minutes, while she was behind the screen changing for the last time, the film clips of her training and travel were shown.

When she appeared, she was in her official astronaut uniform. It was Christa McAuliffe, not an actor, playing her. In real life, Kalaora looks very much like Christa McAuliffe, with no special makeup.

The Challenger was not originally scheduled to launch on Jan. 28, 1986. Four previous launch dates had already been aborted for one reason or another. After some final pre-flight sharing of concerns between the flight commander, Dick Scobee's team and NASA, Christa boarded the Challenger.

The audience could only imagine the joy in the hearts and minds of the thousands of relatives, friends, and students, who traveled to Cape Canaveral to witness this magnificent, monumental accomplishment in space travel in person or from their TVs at home or work. Everyone was smiling and feeling lucky to witness the launch; we had

just seen the news clips.

The film lit up the screen again. We all watched the rocket launch. Sixty seconds later, the film stopped. Thirteen seconds after that, seven human beings were dead.

During the performance, the show's creator did not allude to anything political or conspiratorial in telling the story, which, in this correspondent's opinion, was very wise. But in the Question and Answer portion that always comes after all History at Play performances, Kalaora mentioned that the frigid temperatures damaged the O rings holding the shuttle together.

President Reagan's annual State of the Union address was scheduled that night. Undoubtedly, the flight of the Challenger would play a big part in America's accomplishments in space exploration.

The government's final report did not mention that many engineers closely involved with the rocket's maintenance tried for hours to convince NASA officials to abort the flight because of the frigid temperatures. They all lost their jobs when they became whistle-blowers after the tragedy.

The Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland Cultural Counsel jointly sponsored the event. Future productions and background information can be found by visiting [www.HistoryAtPlay.com](http://www.HistoryAtPlay.com).

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# Q-Munity Closet expands hours

NEW BRAINTREE – The Q-Munity Closet at the New Braintree Grade School is officially open and has expanded their hours. Clothing sizes in stock are geared toward children and adults. This space is designed for all community members to pick out clothing items that they, their family or someone they may know could benefit

from free of charge. The closet currently has a significant supply of brand new clothing, still with tags in a variety of sizes. They have turned over their inventory and have lots of spring and summer clothing available. The closet will be open on Mondays from noon-2 p.m. and on the second Saturday

of the month from 9-11 a.m. at the New Braintree Grade School located at 15 Memorial Drive. If people are unable to make it at that time, they may email Ashley Roy at aroy@qrsd.org to make an appointment for a time that is convenient for them. As this is a new venture for the Quabbin Regional School District Post Grad

students, they invite all to extend this invitation to family members and friends, even if they do not have a need for resources at this time. A goal is to provide the students with a lot of foot traffic to build their communication skills and praise them for all the hard work they have done getting this venture off the ground.

## CAMPGROUND, from page 1

opportunity for the town. If approved for the special permit and getting 50 campsites installed, Samek will be wanting to hire more help.

For the cabins, there are limitations on number of people per site. There would be a one car limit in addition to two people per cabin. Each cabin would have a firepit and there will not be a pavilion area built on site.

Samek does plan to have an access road from the campsite to the winery.

There will be procedures in place as far as check-ins and checkout and a keypad gate installed. Bookings will be online, and hours will be in place so there won't be constant late night check-ins.

The public made it clear that they don't want late night traffic and check-ins happening. In case of possible issues with squatters overstaying on the campground, Samek will have rules in place and campers can only stay a certain number of days. Samek wants to incorporate a four-day maximum stay limitation.

For the campers, Samek has sheds on site that will be turned into campers and each cabin will be 220 square feet. Samek wants the campground to operate over the course of three seasons from April to October.

The Board of Health will be getting involved and Samek knows he'll be working with other departments if he is approved for the special permit. On a separate parcel Samek wants to rebuild an old school house and convert it into a country store.

For showers, there will be a four stall self-contained shower and alternative vehicles such as golf carts that can be used on the access trails to the campground and to the winery.

Back to supporting local businesses in the town, the Planning Board believes visitors would be most likely visiting the Quabbin during their stay. For amenities,

there will be more naturally related amenities.

One resident of Patrill Hollow Road addressed a concern of traffic being on the road and there is emergency access off that road. According to the resident, the road is not well maintained. Samek talked about proposing a traffic management plan to help handle any traffic situations in the area of the campground.

Another resident spoke and brought up the common issues campgrounds have and those are campfires and fires starting due to droughts. Samek said there will be fire extinguishers in place and staff will be recruited to monitor the campground throughout the day.

Many residents feel this idea of a campground will be good for the town and think Samek is doing a good service. Samek feels camper clientele are seeking relaxation and not a partying atmosphere.

Samek said, "the campground will not have outdoor live music."

Samek is looking to pursue a traditional campground atmosphere with Quabbin Glamping and Camping, LLC. For respecting private property, Samek will have proper signage.

According to several residents who know Samek very well, they view him as someone who always addresses issues if they come about. "Someone to ensure that any issues will be addressed," said by one resident.

The public hearing would go back to the Planning Board and they agreed to see an updated map of the campground site. A copy of the map will be added to the town's website for public viewing. The board discussed and set a date for a site visit of the campground location on April 18 at 5 p.m. This site visit was requested by Planning Board member Jeff Schaaaf.

The board would then move the public hearing to April 22 during their meeting. The meeting will take place at the Hardwick Town House.

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Anderson said the tool's power unit cannot be repaired as that part is no longer being made.

He said a dealer of fire technology equipment has a demo set of this tool that they are willing to sell at a discounted rate. He said the demo set is less than half the cost of a new one.

Anderson said the demo tool they are looking at runs off DeWalt 60v batteries, which can be purchased anywhere. He said other devices require batteries that cost over \$1,000 each when replaced.

Anderson said he can utilize a state grant to purchase DeWalt batteries and tools.

"Being battery operated allows us to work easier with less people," he said.

Gilman said the second request has to do with the radio system for the Highway Department.

"Right now, the current radio system that the Highway has is a low-band system," Gilman said. "Which is kind of a rarity these days."

Gilman said this type of radio system was more effective in the 1960s and 1970s. He said there is a lot more noise pollution on the system and it doesn't work well enough to be utilized.

Gilman said the low-band frequency is also not licensed with the FCC and it is illegal to use. He said the department staff use their cell phones instead.

"Highway Department is the last ones that were left with the low-band frequency," Gilman said.

# Public Notices

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225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No. WO25P1337EA  
Estate of:  
John R Amidio  
Date of Death: 02/19/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Susan Tyck-Amidio of Oakham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Susan Tyck-Amidio of Oakham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/13/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 14, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate

04/17/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Estate of:  
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Also known as:  
Richard P Celena  
Date of Death: 03/08/2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that: Joseph Celona of Sturbridge, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 10, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate

04/17/2025

PUBLIC AUCTION  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of M.L.C. 225 Sec.39A the following vehicles will be sold on April 26, 2025 at a sale to satisfy our garage lien thereon for towing & storage charges and expenses of sale and notice:

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BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, 3rd Floor, requested by Town of Barre-DPW for a special permit for gravel removal for town roads for property located on Peach Street, Assessors Map G Lot 356. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 2048, Page 7.

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

Floyd Kelley  
Chairman  
04/17, 04/24/2025

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No. WO25P1256EA  
Estate of:  
Dennis Michael Riley Sr  
Also known as:  
Dennis M Riley  
Date of Death: 01/18/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Erin Marie Dra-leau of Stafford Springs, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Erin Marie Dra-leau of Stafford Springs, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/06/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this

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

Date: April 07, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate

04/17/2025

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a Request for Determination of Applicability requested by Judy and Tom Schmitz for cutting of 4 Norway maple trees and up to 10 Norway Maples saplings within Buffer Zone to aid in survival of remaining native trees at property located at 121 School Street North, Assessors Map EA, Parcel 380.  
From: Judy & Tom Schmitz  
121 School Street North  
Barre, MA 01005  
To be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.  
Ronald Rich, Chairman  
04/17/2025

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Susan Dufresne to amend the existing special permit to allow an additional horse at property located at 353 South Street, Assessors Map E, Lot 228 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 32358, Page 98.

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

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doing a great job,” Manning said.

Manning said Rivera is participating in online training, and she loves her job and helping the senior citizens in town.

“She is a good listener, and she welcomes anyone who comes into the Senior Center,” Manning said. “The COA board respects and supports her.”

Manning said anyone with concerns about the Senior Center is welcome to stop in during business hours and discuss this.

Petratis said there have been a number of untrue comments made on social media, including allegations that the Board of Selectmen are “lining their pockets.”

“Nothing could be further from the truth than that statement,” he said.

Petratis said another comment on social media states the town needs to be audited. He said the town is audited by a third-party every year as mandated by the state.

“We are being really careful with how we do things, and we are being watched and managed by third parties to make sure that we’re not doing anything illegal,” he said.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Elizabeth “Brooke” Canada agreed with Petratis, and suggested that people who have questions about town business reach out to the various departments and ask questions directly, or attend a meeting.

Resident Brandon Avery

said it’s a shame there is so much negativity online, and from his experience, board and committee members work hard and try to do their best for the town.

“We do have a shortage of people volunteering in this town and there are a number of committees that could use help and the more help we can get, the better off the town will be in the end,” Avery said.

Spending requests

The board approved the Senior Center’s request to spend \$400 to pay its cleaning company for a deep clean of the center’s carpet and to polish the hard floors. This has not been done in years, Petratis said.

The board also approved the Highway Department’s request to spend \$3,700 to purchase pipes to be installed on Tucker Farm Road and prep work for fiscal year 2026 paving.

Contract extension

The board signed a contract amendment with Haley Ward, the engineers overseeing the Mount Pleasant Street Project. This amendment will extend the contract.

Letter from Cultural Council

Petratis said the board received a letter from the Cultural Council requesting the removal of member Connie Moore, stating she had not attended a meeting in two years. The board approved the request.

Petratis said the committee handbook states that members can be removed from appointed positions after missing a certain number of meetings.

New licenses

The board signed new

licenses for ND Enterprises, formerly known as Dupre Recycling.

Resignation

Petratis said the board received a verbal resignation from Paul LeBlanc from LPAC. The board accepted his resignation and thanked him for his years of service on that committee.

Upcoming events

Nancy Waldron from the Parks & Recreation Committee said an Earth Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 26 starting with a pancake breakfast from 8-9 a.m. at Hayden Lodge A.F. & A.M. on High School Drive. She said the breakfast will be cooked by the Masons with food donated by Hannaford.

Waldron said people can then pick up gloves and trash bags to pick up trash around town. Trash bags can then be dropped off at the Highway Department truck which will be parked at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St., from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 26 at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$6 children ages 12 and under and can be purchased at the center or by calling 508-867-0220.

There will be live entertainment, raffles and door prizes. All proceeds go toward programming and meals for the Senior Center.

Fire hose donation

Fire Chief Darin Anderson said he received 1,500 feet of three-inch hose for free from the town of Oxford.

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ence laugh by mentioning one obvious fact about North Brookfield is that it is the only Brookfield that is not on Route 9.

Buzzell mentioned she would like to start a group for writers to talk about experiences with different publishers throughout their writing careers. Several of the guest speakers found it interesting and hope this group idea will spark some interest.

The first to speak during the showcase was Brianna Lamb, Youth Services Librarian of the Haston Free Public Library. Lamb loves writing poetry and brought four of her poems to read at the showcase.

One of her poems, “Brilliance”, was published in October Hill Magazine and it was the first poem she shared at the showcase. The last poem Lamb read was inspired by her trip to Korea and is titled “Dubu Kimchi in Jongno-gu”.

Lamb said this poem is one of her favorites because it carries a memory of that trip. Lamb plans to continue to write poems in the future.

Next to speak was Kristi

Lee Seymour, the author of “Deeply Rooted”. Seymour was inspired to write a book about five years ago said she wanted to “write something to bring people hope.” With a lot of passion Seymour read a passage from her book.

“Deeply Rooted” is a personal and inspirational true story about overcoming tragic deaths, infertility, miscarriages, lawsuits, bankruptcy, and surrendering a dream home with Jesus Christ. Seymour brought copies of her book for the showcase.

The next author to speak was Tammy Doherty. Instead of sharing a passage from one of her books, Doherty wanted to share her writing background.

Doherty brought copies of her book “She’s Mine”, a romance and suspense story set in a small New England town. Doherty had her first book published around 2001-2002. Her other books include “Celtic Cross”, “Claddagh”, and “Celtic Knot”. These three books by Doherty are Christian western romantic suspense stories.

The last to speak was Jack McClintock, who is also an educational psychologist and a mental health counselor.

McClintock began by first thanking the friends of the library for the invitation to the showcase.

He began writing poetry as a teenager and has several published works throughout his writing career.

“You can’t pick your family, but you can pick your friends,” he said while speaking.

McClintock read a couple short stories out of his book “Son of the Servant”. The first one he read was titled “Soul of a Nation”. After reading McClintock was excited to read another short story, “This Fruitful Mind.”

McClintock brought copies of his work as well, including his book, “Sin Eater: Memoirs of a Prison Psychologist”.

Buzzell returned to the podium and thanked all the writers for talking and would like to host another showcase in the future.

The Haston Free Public Library will be celebrating spring during the May Festival on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information visit [www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org](http://www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org) or contact the library by calling 508-867-0208 or emailing [haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com).

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quite a bit this spring. They seem to talk whenever they fly.” We both hope they will nest in the area. My daughter saw the pair of sandhill cranes in my hayfield on April 10.

Worthington birds

A Worthington birder reported flocks of goldfinches and redwing blackbirds mixed with a few grackles.

He said in his email, “Fun seeing the golds golding up and hearing the blackbirds, cheerfully chattering in the trees is welcome as spring up here.”

Brimfield birds

In late March, a Brimfield resident sent an email. He

said, “Chilly morning, it was quite cool when I put out the feeders this morning. We have the wood stove going now. In the yard yesterday was a first of the year sighting, twp song sparrows.” Four female turkeys showed up late in the day.

He frequently visits local ponds in search of birds especially water fowl. He said, “In Warren there were nine ring-necked ducks on one of the ponds. I got some pictures last week of ring-necked ducks in excellent light and you could actually see the brown ring at the base of the neck on several birds,

something I seldom see. A few great blue herons at the pond on South Street and saw

a second osprey at the pond for the first time this year.”

Bald eagle

On Tuesday, April 15 I saw a mature, bald eagle perched in a dead tree in the beaver pond at the edge of my hayfield. When I returned an hour later, it was still there. In the afternoon, when I went to pickup my granddaughter at the bus stop, it was still in the same tree.

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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Calendar of Events

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17**  
**ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION** with youth novelist Dennis Wise will take place today from 7-8 p.m. at Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Rutland Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. The presentation is open to teens, parents, educators, and anyone curious about peer bullying and what they can do about it.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**  
**GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP** meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19**  
**GEOCACHE SCAVENGER HUNT** sponsored with East Quabbin Land Trust today through Sunday, May 4. People may register now by visiting <https://eqlt.org/geocache-scamper-fund/>. The fee is \$20 per entry. On Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. their will be reveal party at EQLT offices, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick.  
**RABIES CLINICS** sponsored by Second Chance Animal Services will hold two low-cost vaccine clinics today. The first clinic will take place from 9 a.m.-noon at the Barre Public Safety Building, located at 655 South Street in Barre. Later that afternoon, a second clinic will be held from 1-3 p.m. in Templeton, co-hosted by the Winchendon/Templeton Regional Animal Control at 381 Baldwinville Road in Templeton. Rabies and distemper vaccines will be available for \$18 each and microchips for \$22. Both clinics are

Where is this?

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This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, April 21. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, Jane McCauley and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the new town offices, Hubbardston Veterinary Clinic and Journey within Yoga and Wellness Center located on 48 Gardner Road, Hubbardston.

open to cats and dogs from any community. Advance registration is recommended, as space is limited and same-day availability is not guaranteed. Pet owners can register online at [www.secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-north-brookfield](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-north-brookfield).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**  
**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** will be held by the Tri Parish Community Church today at 5:45 a.m. at East Quabbin Land

Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Easter.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**  
**44TH POPS CONCERT** by the Orange Community Band will be held today at 7 p.m. Orange Community Band will present the 44th Pops Concert on Friday, April 25, at 7:00 in the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium in the Orange Town Hall, 6 Prospect St., Orange. Conductor Stephanie Parker will present a

program of marches, classics and pop music. Several marches and the National Anthem will round out the program, which is always subject to change.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**  
**EARTH DAY EVENT** sponsored by Barre Community Resilience, an organization that grew out of the last September's Barre Climate Forum, will help to celebrate Earth Day today from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre .At this family event there will be a Native Plants table, where people can find out why native plants are important in their gardens and fields and the many ways trees improve the environment. Seedling samples will be given away. Native plants need native pollinators, so information and illustrations of some native moths, butterflies and bees will be on site. An art table will invite children to decorate their own butterfly masks. Children may take home seeds and materials for growing food plants, used by Indigenous Americans, called the Three Sisters, squash, corn and beans. Tending Tomorrow Farm will be present with information about the importance of regenerative farming and local food systems. Music and delicious edibles will also be available.

**REPAIR FAIR** hosted by the Barre Historical Society will take place on the grounds of the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., Barre 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 com-

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# SPORTS

## Panthers leave runs on base in loss to Clinton

**:By Tim Peterson**  
*Sports Correspondent*

CLINTON—If they could've come up with a couple of clutch hits with the bases loaded against Mid-Wach rival Clinton, the Quabbin Panthers would've probably had a 3-1 record instead of being at the .500 mark.

The Panthers left the bases loaded in four of their first five at-bats during last Friday's 5-4 loss to the Gaels

on a chilly afternoon at the Clinton Veterans' Athletic Complex.

"We did have a ton of scoring chances," said Quabbin varsity baseball coach Mark Battista. "We left the bases loaded in four innings. We also made a couple of mistakes in the field that also hurt us."

Quabbin (2-2) hasn't won more than five games during the regular season since they qualified for the 2021 Central Mass. Division 3 tournament

with a 7-6 record.

The Panthers began the 2025 regular season with a 14-1 non-league home win over Quaboag on April 1. They also defeated rival Gardner, 5-2, in another home game twenty four hours before making the 45-minute van ride to Clinton. Their other loss was at home to Oakmont Regional, who are the two-time defending Division 3 state champions.

The Panthers loaded the bases for the first time against

Clinton (3-1) with one-out in the top of the first inning.

Freshman left fielder Abe Brown swung at a strike three pitch thrown by junior righthander Aiden Dubois leading off the frame. Brown was safe at first base following a wild pitch. After the next batter hit a fly ball caught by the centerfielder, Brown stole second base. Then junior Adam Adams, who was Quabbin's starting pitcher, drew a walk and junior second baseman Sam

Morgan lined a single into left field.

Dubois got out of the jam without allowing any runs with the help of a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

With two-outs in the following inning, Quabbin junior third baseman Wes Sanderson and sophomore right fielder Zach Mielnicki drew back-to-back walks. Then an infield hit by Brown loaded the bases for the second time.

This time, the Panthers took a 1-0 lead when junior

centerfielder Chase Talbot hit a ground ball to the Gaels first baseman which should've been the third out. The first baseman's toss to the pitcher was a tad late resulting in an infield hit. Sanderson scored on the play. The visitors did leave the bases loaded once again.

While the Panthers offense failed to score more than one run during the first two

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Josie Castell blocks a short hop pitch.

### Middle school softball action

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional Middle School softball team got their season going earlier this week.

The Panthers took on Murdock on their home

diamond at Quabbin. While the Panthers put up a nine-run first inning, the game had to be called earlier as torrential rain came into the area during the third inning.



Aubrey Pope delivers a pitch.



Maggie Leander hustles down the line.



Aimee Ickler fields a grounder to first.



Amelia Breault sends a throw to first.

## Orioles score opening win over Pioneers



Lianna Carrasquillo fields a throw to third.

**By Tim Peterson**  
*Sports Correspondent*

BELCHERTOWN—The Pathfinder Tech and Belchertown softball teams are both hoping to finish in first place in the Tri-County League standings this spring.

Belchertown, who scored five runs in the second inning, defeated the Lady Pioneers, 7-2, at home on a sunny and cool afternoon, last Wednesday.

"We're hoping to contend for the league title this year, so this is a very exciting win for us against one of our biggest rivals," said Belchertown head coach

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Kendra Burke winds and fires to the plate.



Michael Lafayette. "We lost both games we played against Pathfinder last year.

The Lady Orioles (1-1) began the regular season with

a 7-5 non-league home loss to Monson on April 2.

Pathfinder Tech, who played their season opener versus Belchertown, won both

## Offense struggles in fourth loss



The Mustangs attempt to recover a ball on defense

MONSON – Last Wednesday afternoon, Monson boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Pathfinder Tech, fell at home to Granby 12-2. Monson suffered its fourth loss of the season without a win. The Mustangs search for their first win in their next matchup on April 18 at home against Northampton at 5 p.m. They host Central on Apr. 22 at 4 p.m.



Players on both teams go after a loose ball.



Talon Clarke emerges with the ball.



Goalie Riley Hurst goes low for a save.



Tyler Rodrigues goes for the goal.



Brennan Pederson makes a pass.



Sports

Candlepin League News

**By Ryan Drago**  
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**Bogey Doubles**

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Bogey Doubles on Monday nights met for the first time in April as the season is about to end.

During the second round of matches, the team of Clauson & Santora bowled against Renaud & Ward. In game one, Renaud & Ward defeated Clauson & Santora by a score of 307-255. Steve Renaud Sr. started the match with a 135 and his partner Tina Ward bowled 126.

In game two, Renaud & Ward won again by a score of 254-243. Both Renaud & Ward slowed down in game two with scores of 94 and 114, but it was enough to win.

In game three, Clauson & Santora won the last game by a score of 265-260. Gary Santora bowled a 120 to help his team win one game. The final score was 821-763 in favor of Renaud & Ward.

Next match was Murphy & Kenneson bowled against Pellett & Nester. In game one, Murphy & Kenneson won by just three pins, 249-246. In game two, both teams tied at 264. In game three, the two teams tied again by scoring 245 each. Murphy & Kenneson held on to a three-point lead and won total pinfall, 758-755.

Gauthier & Clough bowled against Mondor & Brayton. In game one, Gauthier & Clough won by a score of 258-251. Dan “Shoe” Gauthier bowled 114 to get the first game victory.

In game two, Mondor & Brayton won by a score of 260-254. Jesse Mondor bowled a 105 to help win

game two for his team. In game three, Mondor & Brayton won again by a score of 267-245. Mondor broke the century mark again with a 102.

The final score was 778-757 in favor of Mondor & Brayton.

Aaron Halbedel & Aaron Fontaine bowled against Talamini & Gravel. In game one, Talamini & Gravel won by a score of 264-252. The high game was bowled by Aaron Fontaine with 128.

In game two, Talamini & Gravel won again by a score of 275-240. In game three, Talamini & Gravel won the last game for a three-game sweep over Halbedel & Fontaine, 800-739. In the first match, Fontaine scored a series of 410; this round he scored 126, 102 and 107 for 337.

Sandman & Marvin bowled against Rando & MacDougall. In game one, Rando & MacDougall won the first game by a score of 277-274. Duncan MacDougall began the match with 120.

In game two, Sandman & Marvin won by a score of 277-270. Luke Marvin bowled his own 120 game to get his team the win. MacDougall slowed down in game two and bowled 106.

In game three, Sandman & Marvin won by a score of 279-261. Marvin finished with 121 and a series of 347. His teammate, Travis Sandman, had a series of 321. MacDougall had a series of 324 in a losing effort.

The final score was 830-808 in favor of Sandman & Marvin. The Monday Doubles at Bogey Lanes will conclude in four weeks.

Valley Wheel tryouts began last weekend

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the tryouts which began Sunday April 13. The first weekend of tryouts was rained out. Tryouts will take place at 2 p.m. at Blunt Park in Springfield. The final try-outs are set for Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It’s not too late don’t miss out; opening day is just around the corner. For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website [www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org](http://www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org).



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**What If? Part 1**

The Easter holiday is upon us, at which time we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Yet what if He never rose from death? This is not a trivial question, but one deserving of careful consideration. In fact, Scripture speaks clearly to this subject in the following passage, penned by the apostle Paul to the ancient church at Corinth:

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

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

What are the ramifications of a still-dead Jesus? Note the following:

1) Verse 14a – If Christ Jesus has not been raised, the preaching of the gospel is useless (i.e., empty, futile or pointless). The hallmark message of the Church of Christ since its inception has been Christ crucified and resurrected. We proclaim a living, not a dead, Savior. However, this message comes to naught if the Savior Himself is truly gone.

2) Verse 14b – If Christ has not been raised, our faith

is also useless. Consider the various things we trust Christ for (e.g., salvation, healing, provision, guidance, etc.). Each of these things is contingent upon Jesus being both alive and well. Remove a living Christ and what exactly are we trusting in? Who, precisely, are we praying to and through?

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

4) Verse 17 – If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins. Realize that we are not saved solely through the death of Christ, but also by His Resurrection. His Resurrection was God’s validation that Jesus’ sacrifice was acceptable and sufficient to pay for our sin.

Without the Resurrection we have no certainty that God the Father has made a way for us to enter heaven through Christ. Ultimately, if Jesus could not save Himself, what hope is there that He can save us?

5) Verse 18 – If Christ has not been raised, the dead in Christ are truly lost. This is an especially painful point to consider. We derive comfort from the hope that dead believers are ushered into heavenly glory. We derive joy in knowing that we will see them again when our time of departure comes.

Yet if Christ was not raised, this sense of comfort and joy is futile. Dead believers are not with Christ, but separated from God for

all eternity. There is no grand reunion to take place across death’s shores: only the certainty of judgment.

6) Verse 19 – If Christ has not been raised, those who trust in Him are to be most pitied. Believers sacrifice and endure hardship because we believe that Christ will make it worthwhile in the end.

Yet, if Christ is dead and there is no reward in store, this is all for nothing! How tragic to place faith in a Christ who, in the end, cannot save.

Christianity has endured centuries of peril, persecution and more. However, it could not endure a dead Jesus! Remove a Risen Lord and the whole of the faith comes crashing down like a clumsily-built house of cards. If it turned out that Jesus’ body was definitively found, I would be among the first to abandon the faith.

Yet, if the skeptics would have us wrestle with our opening question (i.e., “What if Jesus never rose from death?”), it is only fair that they consider its antithesis: “What if Jesus did rise from the grave?” We will contend with this query next week. Until then, God bless you this Easter!

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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**Palm Sunday**

“The Multitude of the Disciples Began to Praise God Joyfully.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 19 v 28 -40

**I. Introduction**

Many people have a passion for sports; some actively participate in specific sports, while others prefer to watch them, as is the case for myself.

Both my husband and I love watching tennis, which works out well since he is a tennis player. Some people enjoy sports such as baseball, basketball, and football, as well as engaging in cultural activities like music, theatre and various other performances. In each of these areas, we may have encountered someone we admire and watch and follow. Admiration for an individual often arises from recognizing their qualities that evoke feelings of appreciation and support, as well as their adherence to ethical standards. If someone is trusted and their conviction is strong, others will follow their actions and words.

**II. Jesus on His way to Jerusalem**

In our passage, we see Jesus leaving the area of Bethany to go to Jerusalem. He has now arrived at a point where he must confront serious threats to his life. Despite the perilous journey, he remains steadfast in his convictions and beliefs, understanding the purpose for which he was sent to this world by God. He would leave all the familiar places and people behind as He approached Jerusalem.

Bethany was special, because that was where His friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived. From there He traveled to Bethphage, an important stop where He would end His travels by foot and ask that a special colt be brought to Him. This part of His journey has been

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innings, Adams retired seven of the first eight Clinton batters that he faced.

With a runner at first with one-out in the third inning, Clinton junior Josh Nelson hit a comebacker. Instead of throwing the ball to second base, Adams decided to get the out at first base. It turned out to be a costly mistake as junior right fielder Brian Silvester lined an RBI single into left field which tied the score.

Walks by Sanderson, Brown, and Adams loaded the bases again with two outs in the top of the fourth.

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meetings a year ago by the final scores of 13-5 and 11-7.

“We were a little bit rusty in today’s game,” said first-year Pathfinder Tech head coach Phil Gallo. “They just made the plays, and we didn’t.”

The winning pitcher in last Wednesday’s contest was Belchertown freshman righthander Madeline Williams. It was also her first career varsity victory.

“It’s very special to win my first varsity softball game today” Williams said. “We played very well as a team. I was a lot more nervous in our first game of the season.”

Williams allowed two runs on just three hits, which were all singles, with six walks and seven strikeouts against the Lady Pioneers.

“I’ve been coaching Madeline since she played softball at the youth level. She pitched very well in today’s game,” Lafayette said. “She’s a very consistent pitcher who always throws strikes. We also have a solid defense behind her.”

The Lady Pioneers managed to take a 1-0 lead with one-out in the top of the first

Quabbin would retake the lead when junior second baseman Sam Morgan was hit-by-a-pitch.

The home team quickly tied the score in the bottom half of the frame.

Senior DH Ethan Frisch drew a leadoff walk. He stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error by the catcher. Junior shortstop Jake Notaro drove Frisch home by blasting a double to the gap in left center.

Adams retired the next three batters and was replaced on the mound by Brown before the start of the fifth inning.

Adams allowed two

runs on four hits with three strikeouts and two walks in four innings. He threw 65 pitches.

The Gaels, who lost to Pittsfield in the 2024 Division 4 Elite 8 game, scored the go-ahead run with one out in the bottom half of the fifth inning. The home team put two runs on the right field scoreboard in the sixth inning and held a 5-2 lead entering the top of the seventh.

Freshman first baseman Jake Doty began the Panthers seventh inning rally against sophomore righty Braydon Huban with an infield hit and Sanderson walked bringing the tying run to the plate.



Aubrey Ortiz fires a throw home.

inning.

Junior catcher Emily McNeaney reached first base following a walk. Then senior centerfielder Greenly Lagimoniere grounded a single between the shortstop and the third baseman into left field. Senior third baseman Lianna Carrasquillo drove home the game’s first run by hitting a line-drive single into right field. Williams retired the next two batters on a strikeout and flyball ending the Lady Pioneers rally.

After Pathfinder Tech stranded another runner in scoring position in the top of

the second, the home team scored five runs in the bottom half of the frame against senior righty Kendra Burke, who didn’t get very much support from her defense.

Sophomore leftfielder Sophia Mitus (2-for-3), who leadoff the inning with an infield hit, scored the tying run on a wild pitch. The ball bounced back to McNeaney off the backstop and Mitus slid into homeplate just before being tagged. Senior second baseman Valerie Williams, who walked, also scored the go-ahead run on another wild pitch. The Lady Orioles final

After the next batter flied out, Brown fisted an RBI single into right field. Then Talbot hit a ground ball to the second baseman scoring Sanderson.

With the tying run standing on third base, Huban ended the Panthers comeback hopes and the ball game with a fly ball out.

“If we had a couple of key hits, we could have scored more than seven runs in today’s game,” Battista said. “We should win a lot of games this year.”

The Panthers will be looking to even the season series when they host Clinton on May at 4 p.m.

three runs of the frame scored following throwing errors. Belchertown’s only other hit during the second inning was a bunt single by senior first baseman Vivian Ross.

“We just capitalized on their mistakes in the second inning,” Lafayette said. “We’re also aggressive on the bases.”

Burke, who has recorded more than 750 K’s during her varsity career, allowed seven runs on just four base hits. She walked four and had eight strikeouts.

With one-out in the third inning, Mitus delivered an RBI single to center giving the home team a 6-1 advantage.

Ross led off the fourth with a walk before stealing both second and third. She scored the Lady Orioles final run when sophomore third baseman Emily Waller grounded out to the second baseman.

Overall, Belchertown stole eleven bases in the home win.

The Lady Pioneers scored an unearned run in the fifth with the help of a couple of fielding errors.

The two league rivals are scheduled to meet for the second time at Pathfinder Tech at 3:30 p.m. on April 29.



# Obituaries

## Florence “Sue” (Bartlett) Hellen, 100

PETERSHAM – Florence “Sue” (Bartlett) Hellen passed away at her house on April 6, 2025. She enjoyed a long, one-hundred-year, active life.

She was born Oct. 12, 1924, in Salisbury, the daughter of Edmund Morrill Bartlett and Mabel (Swanson) Bartlett of Amesbury. She moved to Petersham in 1952 where she and her husband Frederick ran a small family farm.

Sue graduated from Amesbury High School, attended Essex Agricultural School and University of New Hampshire. She taught as a Title I teacher at Petersham Center School for twenty-five years before retiring in 1986. Prior to that, she practiced occupation therapy in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Over the years she was active in the community in a multitude of ways including as a member of the First Congregational Unitarian Parish. She served on committees at the Petersham Art Center, including leading an art show and teaching classes. Her volunteer work for the local Council on Aging was significant to her.

She raised sheep and chickens and she rode and drove her Morgan and Fjord horses. Her baking was well known in the community; bread and dessert were her specialties. She crafted continuously, knitting, weaving, spinning, rug braiding and needlepointing. She sold her crafts from Jason’s Fleece shop at her house and at craft

fairs.

Through open houses she welcomed the community to experience the farm life she so loved. She especially enjoyed sharing this land and way of life with her grandchildren. Her connection to the natural world inspired her painting and sketching as well as flower and vegetable gardening. Skiing, skating and swimming also brought her pleasure.

Throughout her lifetime she enjoyed traveling with her family and later in life she and Fred embarked on several trips throughout the U.S.A. and Europe.

She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Frederick James Hellen; by her two brothers Willis Bartlett and sister in-law Francis and Robert Bartlett and sister Mable Smith and brother-in-law Willis, two daughters, Mimi (Miriam) Jones (2024) and Susan Lee Fitzgerald (2024).

She leaves daughters (Kathleen) Beth Brault of Newport Center, Vermont and Nancy Bartlett Hellen, and her husband Steve Crowley of South Burlington, Vermont, William Fitzgerald (son-in-law), Barbara Bartlett (sister-in law) and James Hellen (brother-in law), his wife Carly Hellen, and Joyce Hellen (sister-in law); eleven grandchildren: Linda (Jones) Teel, Evan Frederick Jones, Joel Frederick Harris,



Kerry Fitzgerald Shriver, Wm Isaac Fitzgerald, Albert Frederick Brault, Roxanne Brault, Heather Brault, Matthew Crowley, Daniel Hellen-Sands, and Damien Crowley Hellen and twelve great grandchildren: Donovan Teel, Annie Crowley, CeCe Florence Harris, Thomas Harris, Chase Fitzgerald Shriver, Pearce Fitzgerald Shriver, Remmi Vezina, Ryker Vezina, Legacy Brault, Garrett Brault, Malcolm Jones and Niko Jones, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Parish Unitarian, on the Common, Petersham.

Beth and Nancy would like to express their sincere appreciation for the caring staff at Quabbin Valley Health Care and Compassus Hospice, especially Jane, Maria and Sarah.

In lieu of flowers donations in Sue Hellen’s memory may be made to Petersham Art Center, 8 North St. Petersham, MA 01366; First Congregational Unitarian Parish, 1 Common St. Petersham, MA 01366 or Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, 1461 Keene Rd., Athol. MA 01331.

Witty’s Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange, is assisting the family.

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prophesied by Zechariah 9 v 9 about a King on a donkey, who would enter Jerusalem. During that period, the colt was associated with peace and humility.

A monarch entering Jerusalem would be welcomed with a royal ceremony involving religious, political and other leaders, speeches and special celebratory events welcoming this dignitary. Jesus did not embody the typical characteristics of a worldly king. He demonstrated humility in all aspects and came as a King of peace, sent by God.

He delivered messages of peace and love and engaged with individuals from impoverished backgrounds and marginalized groups within society. He had a divine mission to bring peace and unite people from all walks of life.

At the Mount of Olives, He and His disciples could see Jerusalem. As He traveled down the Mountain to Jerusalem, a crowd of disciples praised God loudly for the mighty works they had seen Him do, according to Luke. He was their King, not of earthly royalty, but one who transformed lives, as they saw and experienced.

They sang Psalm 118, which is a psalm used for

the enthronement of a King. They threw their cloaks on the road, an expression of royalty for the One whom they are welcoming into the city. The Pharisees present in the crowd found this situation intolerable. They opposed the actions of the crowd and instructed Jesus to stop and rebuke them for their behavior. It was threatening to them. In fact, Jesus was a threat to their establishment, and He must stop what was happening.

Jesus replied that even if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out. This is a reference to Matthew 3 v9 where John scolded the Pharisees and Sadducees saying that “Out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.” David Garland and Clinton E. Arnold in their commentary on Luke emphasized that here “with his death looming, He allows this word by the crowds to be proclaimed all the way down the mountain to the temple.”

He was so filled with the Spirit of God, and being surrounded by the masses of His disciples, He felt carried forward on this journey, knowing that everything will be all right, even though He would lose His life.

III. Conclusion  
On this Palm Sunday

we remember that journey of Christ, and the massive crowds of disciples who surrounded Him on His way to Jerusalem. They followed Him because of His love and compassion, His actions, His manner of speaking and respectful treatment toward them. This call to continue to follow Him comes to us, the crowds of today as well, even when we are told to be quiet.

To follow Him means we follow Someone who stands for everything that makes life better for all people. He is the Son of God, the King of Kings, who died for His convictions and just actions. His message of love for God and all people, irrespective of their diverse beliefs and cultures, is what we as Christ’s followers are called to do.

His example of selfless love for humanity should be regarded as more significant than the admiration we typically afford for our sports idols and other prominent figures. May we all draw inspiration from His example, listen to His guidance and strive to create a world that is just and filled with love.

Amen.  
Pastor Margaret Keyser  
Barre Congregational Church  
30 Park St., Barre

## Glenn Kelley, 64

Glenn was born on June 22, 1960 in Ware to his loving parents, James Robert and Mary G. (Harty) Kelley.

He was a graduate of Quabbin Regional High School. He pursued carpentry for many years, working with his brother Kevin Kelley. He was employed by Chas G. Allen Company for 30 years as a skilled machinist. He found joy spending time with family, friends and family pets.

He restored a 1928 Model AA truck, which was given to him in childhood. He enjoyed spending time riding the trails on his Honda

motorcycle and Big Red three-wheeler. One of his most beloved places to visit was the Old Barre Reservoir.

Glenn is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 45 years, Carol Kelley and his daughter, Sarah Kelley Roy and son-in-law Nicholas Roy. He leaves two sisters, Ann White and Colleen Germond and her husband, Bart Germond; two brothers, Kevin Kelley and his partner Debbie LaPrade and Theodore Kelley, as well as nineteen nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Mary Kelley, in-laws Eunice and Ronald Thompson, his brother Michael Kelley, his sister Martha Mauke and her husband Richard Mauke, brother-in-law Elliot White and his nephew Matthew Germond.

Family and friends plan to celebrate his life with a private gathering.

Donations can be made to the Number 4 Schoolhouse, P.O. Box 85, Barre, MA 01005 or the Barre Historical Society, P.O. Box 755, Barre, MA 01005.

## Mary R. (Smith) Estabrook, 98

NEW BRAINTREE- Mary R. (Smith) Estabrook, of New Braintree, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Harrington Hospital, Southbridge.

She was 98 years old and had been honored by the New Braintree Historical Society as the eldest person in the town, an honor of which she was rightly proud.

Mary was preceded in death by her son, David, Jr. She is survived by her husband, David, Sr, of New Braintree and youngest son, Jonathan of Gardner.; her two sisters, Louise Smith of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Betty Heselton of Gardiner, Maine, and four nieces, Nancy Heselton of Cambridge; Jennifer Pope, of Woolwich, Maine; Libby Heselton of Freeport, Maine and Amy Callahan of Portland, Maine.

Mary was born in 1926 in Sidney, Maine. The second daughter of Lloyd and Hazel Emery Smith, she grew up on a farm in Maine where she developed her deep love of farming and gardening. Right up until the end of her life, every summer and fall, she canned hundreds of quarts of fruits and vegetables from her and David’s yard and garden. They ate well all winter.

She also tended a number of bee hives until quite late in her life and loved her bees dearly. She enjoyed sitting in the little shed by the beehives that Dave had built for her. The shed kept the hot summer sun and the cool spring breezes off her so she could comfortably sit and watch her hives.

She graduated from the Atlantic Union College in Lancaster in 1952 and spent a number of years working in Boston as a medical secretary and a teacher. She loved the excitement of the city and she and David would often visit Boston and Castle Island.

Mary was a talented and awarded watercolor painter. Throughout the years she was in numerous art shows around the state of Massachusetts and painted beautiful landscapes, portraits and farm scenes.

As well as her artistic talents, Mary was an avid writer.

She loved writing about the scriptures and was a wonderful correspondent and pen pal. She had a fine mind and loved discussion and conversation.

As directed by Mary, there will be no funeral service. She will be buried in the Estabrook family plot at

## DEATH NOTICES

**Estabrook, Mary R. (Smith)**  
Died April 5, 2025  
No funeral service  
Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, New Braintree

**Hellen, Florence “Sue” (Bartlett)**  
Died April 6, 2025  
Memorial Service  
May 17 at 1 p.m.  
First Congregational Unitarian, On the Common, Petersham

**Kelley, Glenn**  
Died March 26, 2025  
Private celebration of life for family and friends

Evergreen Cemetery in New Braintree.

The New Braintree Historical Society has an exhibit on Mary’s art and life that is open to the public.

Mary will be dearly missed by her family, neighbors and friends.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St, North Brookfield.

## Earth Day Clean-Up and pancake breakfast

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Park & Recreation Committee is hosting the annual Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 26 from 9a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine.

Get involved by taking ownership of your street, create a team or join one, and earn volunteer hours (for students).

The event will be kicked

off by a free pancake breakfast sponsored by the Hayden Masonic Lodge at 3 High School Drive (next to the North Brookfield Elementary School) from 8-9 a.m. Hannaford Supermarket is donating the food.

Bags and gloves will be provided at the lodge.

The Highway department dump truck will be available for bagged trash at the Senior

Center. Note that this is a different location than in previous years. Bags and gloves will also be available.

So, enjoy a comforting breakfast with your “neighbors” before heading out to pick up trash. Research has revealed that communal eating and volunteering increases feelings of well-being and enhances one’s sense of contentment and community.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Saturday, March 29**  
7:44 a.m. Fire Motor Vehicle Collision, Sunrise Avenue, Report Filed  
11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Vehicle Towed  
P/C Gibson, Eric Cullen, 25, Gardner  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

**Sunday, March 30**  
8:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Removed  
7:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kendall Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:27 p.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, March 31**  
6:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Depot Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:49 a.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Report Filed  
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning  
7:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Kendall Street, Transported to Hospital  
8:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Sunrise Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, April 1**  
1:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
2:31 p.m. Unwanted Party, South Street, Party Departed without Incident  
3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
5:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hancock Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, April 2**  
6:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Williamsville Road, No Action Required  
8:14 a.m. Safety Concern, West Street, Negative Contact  
9:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital  
9:49 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarters, Court Duty  
9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Grove South Street, Report Filed  
10:28 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, West Street, Fire Extinguished  
11:19 a.m. Threats, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed  
Summon Goncalves Siqueira, Jackson, 31, Shrewsbury  
Charges Unlicensed

Operation of Motor Vehicle  
4:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Thursday, April 3**  
1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued  
1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning  
5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Friday, April 4**  
10:37 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Kendall Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Returned to Family/Guardian  
10:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Prisoner Bailed  
Arrest Werner, Cody Alan, 32, Tampa, Florida  
Charges Operating Under Influence –Liquor OR .08%, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

**Saturday, April 5**  
2:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Summer Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Nichols Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:33 a.m. Erratic Operator, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact  
12:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, North Brookfield, Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Saturday, March 29**  
9:47 a.m. Vandalism, Underwood Road, Report Filed  
6:56 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken

**Sunday, March 30**  
5 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, March 31**  
8:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Burnshirt Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Mt. Jefferson Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:23 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, April 1**  
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
1:16 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road, Written Warning  
4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
6:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
6:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Gone on Arrival  
6:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, No Transport Required

**Saturday, April 2**  
7:40 a.m. Property Damage, Elm Street, Report Filed  
8:36 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
9:24 a.m. Trespasser/Prowler, Bemis Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
3:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Natty Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

Drive, Mutual Aid Transport  
5:49 p.m. Withdrawals, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:38 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Bemis Road, Advised Civil Action

**Friday, April 4**  
4:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Templeton Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gardner, Officer/Chief Advised  
8:59 p.m. Noise Complaint, Burnshirt Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:59 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Town Wide, Officer/Chief Advised

**Saturday, April 5**  
3:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Public Assist  
4:22 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Brigham Street, Fire Extinguished  
5:59 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Brigham Street, Fire Extinguished

## Oakham Police Log

**Saturday, March 29**  
4:21 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, March 30**  
12:56 p.m. Fires – Fumes/ Odor/Gas Leaks, Scott Road, Investigated

**Monday, March 31**  
12 a.m. Harassment, Sanders Road, Report Filed  
10:11 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, April 1**  
2 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Edson Road, Negative Contact

5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

**Wednesday, April 2**  
12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

**Thursday, April 3**  
10:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, April 4**  
9:20 p.m. Administration, Oakham Police Department, Administration/Test Complete

**Saturday, April 5**  
6:27 p.m. Administration, Oakham Police Department, Administration/Test Complete  
9:09 p.m. Administration, Oakham Police Department, Administration/Test Complete

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, four traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one scam, one larceny/theft, one safety hazard, one complaint, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, April 7**  
4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, West Brookfield Road, Investigated

**Tuesday, April 8**  
8:49 a.m. Serve Warrant, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made  
12:19 p.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
5:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Worcester Road, Could Not Locate

**Wednesday, April 9**  
8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Criminal Complaint  
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Road, Written Warning  
4:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Thursday, April 10**  
2:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Vehicle Towed  
8:17 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

9:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

**Saturday, April 12**  
8:29 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Gilbertville Road, Vehicle Towed

**Sunday, April 13**  
9:20 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
4:13 p.m. Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

## Rutland Police Log

**Saturday, March 29**  
12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
5:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
11:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital  
12:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
3:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:21 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, March 30**  
10:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Country Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:48 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prescott Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Monday, March 31**  
8:15 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Brintnal Drive, Referred to Other Agency  
10:56 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Crestview Drive, Report Filed  
11:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Turkey Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:10 p.m. Gunshots, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact  
1:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Johnson, Carly M. 34, West Bolyston  
Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle  
3:09 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated  
6:06 p.m. Animal – Lost and/ or Found, Valley View Circle, Information Taken  
6:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Peters Avenue, Information Taken  
9:01 p.m. Threats, Turkey Hill Road, Office/Chief Advised

**Tuesday, April 1**  
6:40 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Wilsons Way, Investigated  
9:54 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Turkey Hill Road, Report Filed  
12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Seymour, Kayla Marie, 23, Spencer  
Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Window Obstructed/

Nontransparent  
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest Castro Rocha, Lucimar, 49, Worcester  
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Forgery  
3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed

**Wednesday, April 2**  
2:37 p.m. Noise Complaint, Highland Park Road, Peace Restored  
3:29 p.m. Complaint, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:44 a.m. Property Damage, East County Road, Negative Contact  
9:04 a.m. Safety Concern, Brintnal Drive, Message Delivered  
11:33 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed  
3:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:47 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:16 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:33 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Highland Park Road, Report Filed  
8:28 p.m. Lock Out (Home or Vehicle), Glenwood Road, Entry Gained

**Thursday, April 3**  
4:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Rivera, Charles C., 26, Gardner  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Name/ Address Change, Florida Notify RMV of C90 S26A  
11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint  
Summon Tartaglia, Joshua Daniel, 22, Asburnham  
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection Sticker/No  
4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation

Issued  
5:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
7:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact  
7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, April 4**  
12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:30 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Prisoner Bailed  
Arrest Pineda, Luis A., 45, Framingham  
Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Third Offense C90 S24 (1) A (1), Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S24 (2) (A), Marked Lanes Violation \* C89 S4A  
7:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
7:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Hanna, Danielle R., 28, Barre  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit  
9:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Hill Road, Written Warning  
10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
10:51 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Dispatch Handled  
10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
1:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
4:04 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained  
4:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Haven Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
6:07 p.m. Identity Theft, Kyle Hunter Circle, Officer Took Call  
6:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Gone on Arrival  
11:42 p.m. Noise Complaint, Hope Way, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, April 5**  
12:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Welch Avenue, Negative Contact  
9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Walnut Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
4 p.m. Scam, Ridge Road, Report Taken

**Saturday, April 12**  
1 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:32 p.m. 911 Threat, Main Street, Services Rendered  
7:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Sunday, April 13**  
11:40 a.m. 911 Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
3:59 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, April 14**  
6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
7:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital



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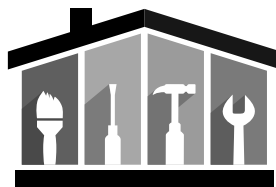


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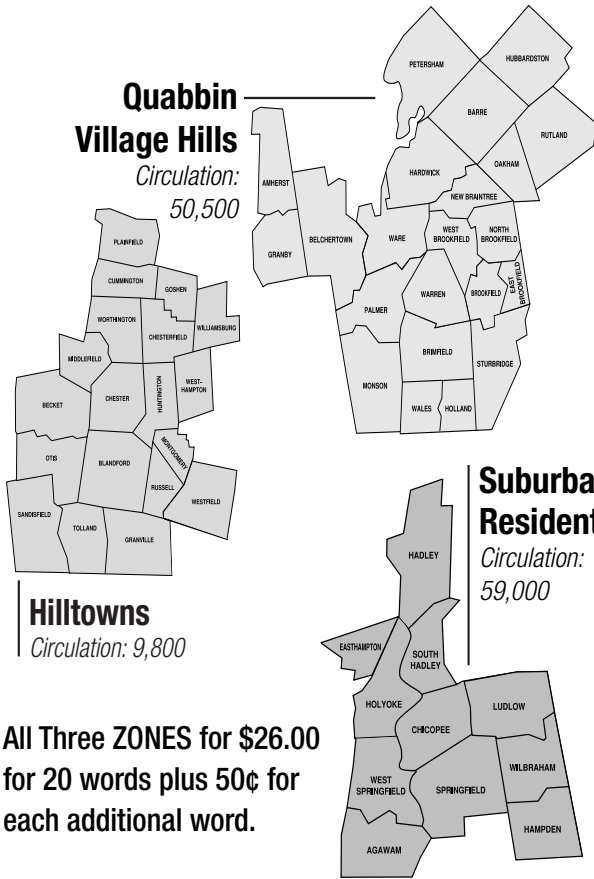
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in part by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. On Thursday, May 8 will be the ticket drawing for the Celebrate Hardwick Quilt created by students of Pam Hinckley’s “Kids Can Sew” class donated to the library to raise funds for programs.

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