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## The magic of the Quabbin

Ribbon cutting highlights new boat ramp ahead of fishing season

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PETERSHAM – There was a lot to celebrate at the Quabbin Reservoir as Fishing Area #3 at the Quabbin introduced a new boat ramp.

The ceremony took place on April 18, just one day before the annual fishing season started. The Department of Fish and Game Office of Fishing & Boating Access and Department of Conservation and Recreation were joined by state legislators, local leaders, and community members to celebrate improved access to the fishing area.

A project like this is held dear to many people's hearts as this area of Quabbin Reservoir reflect on memories fishing at the Quabbin with their friends and family. Clayton Sydla is



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The Department of Fish and Game Office of Fishing & Boating Access and Department of Conservation and Recreation celebrated the new boat ramp at the DCR's Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Area #3. Left to right stands state Sen. Peter Durant, state Rep. Todd Smola, John Scannell, Quabbin Fishermen's Association President Clayton Sydla, MWRA Director Fred Laskey, DFG Commissioner Tom O'Shea, and OFBA Acting Director Terry Smith during the ribbon cutting.

the President of the Quabbin Fishermen's Association and he talked about the project that started back in December of 2024.

The Office of Fishing &

Boating Access reconstructed the popular boat ramp at Fishing Area #3 in partnership with DCR's Division of Watershed Protection. According to Sydla, the sec-

ond phase of the project was completed just a couple of days ago and the new ramp now provides better fishing access.

Sydla described the turn-

out for this ceremony as "fantastic" and shows every supporter who felt it was important to reopen this

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## Meet the candidates

Two candidates seeking three-year term on BOS

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The annual town election to be held on Monday, May 6 sees two contests for positions on the Board of Selectmen.

Polls will be open all day at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St.

Both Jamie Gilman and John Tripp are running for a three-year term, after current Selectman Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada chose not to seek reelection. Ralph Kay and John Mitchell are both seeking election for an unexpired two-year term following Selectman Vaughn Schlegel's resignation.

Jamie Gilman

In running for Selectman, I want to start by informing folks that my mission is to create a divide between national politics and local politics in order to create a focus on local issues.

The local issues facing the town must take priority; we must take thoughtful action in dealing with the town's finances, infrastructure and services, as well as the integrity of project development and completion. Our town has much more to gain by focusing on our similarities in local resources than getting caught in conflicts that further divide our community.

To put it frankly, I don't look to represent any group of people based on how you vote in elections or what flags/signs you have in front of your home. I am looking to promote and represent community and fellowship as defined above.

The reality that most of us are becoming aware of or already are aware of is that North Brookfield is in a budget crisis, with many being particularly concerned with the future of the North Brookfield school system and other town resources. Our infrastructure and services are lacking – there isn't enough money to support everything.

We need people in charge who are able to make difficult, educated decisions about what takes priority for the majority of our community, the things people engage with on a regular basis. In doing so, there must be an increase in board and committee transparency and communication to ensure our community is informed about all options, benefits, and costs to create a path forward- and those in positions of power in town need to ensure that this is happening.

In addition, there are several ongoing projects in town, such as the Highway/Fire

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## Gobi speaks during Rural Farm Forum

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Grand Room of West Brookfield Town Hall was the location for the Rural Farm Forum last Monday.

This event gave community members a chance to speak to agencies and organizations working to support



Anne Gobi, the Director of Rural Affairs, attended the Rural Farm Forum at the Grand Room in West Brookfield Town Hall.

local farmers and their farms. Notable organizations such as the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council, The Carrot Project, East Quabbin Land Trust, Hardwick Farmer's Co-Op Exchange, Northeast Organic Farming Association and many more attended the forum to share information and connect with local businesses and local customers.

During the Forum, Matt Koziol of Farmer Matt in New Braintree provided delicious servings of shepherd's pie in the Grand Room of the Town Hall.

Speaking during the introduction of the Rural Farm Forum was West Brookfield Select Board Chair Eric von Bleicken, who introduced all the organizations who attended the forum. A representative of each organization introduced themselves and shared briefly what services they provide.

von Bleicken would then introduce the keynote speaker of the Rural Farm Forum, former state Sen. Anne Gobi. Since 2023, Gobi has served as the Massachusetts Director of Rural Affairs and wanted to speak to the residents and local businesses about her role and how she advocates

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## Church bell tolls for 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of famous ride



John Barringer of Oakham, middle, rings the bell at the Oakham Congregational Church on Friday, April 18. Ward Holloway of Oakham, left and Linda Barringer of Oakham watch.

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OAKHAM – "Listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere on the eighteenth of April, in Seventy five..." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

These words from

the poem "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, (written in 1861, immortalized the ride of Paul Revere to warn the colonists the British were coming. However, there were others, who also rode that night, not just Revere.

Longfellow continues, "Hardly a man is now alive who remembers that

famous day and year." In Oakham two men, three women and two girls gathered at the Oakham Congregational Church to remember April 18, 1775 on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the midnight ride. John Barringer, Ward Holloway,



Turley photos by Ellenor Downer

Ward and Edna Holloway take a turn running the church bell.

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## Voters approve healthcare zoning for MLH site

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Tuesday night's special town meeting drew a record crowd to take action on six articles, three of which were related to proposed zoning changes.

Approximately 530 voters filled every seat in the audi-

torium and additional seating had to be added to the stage and floor to accommodate the crowd at Ware High School. Once all voters were seated, the meeting opened just prior to 7 p.m.

Health Care Zoning District

Article 6 asked voters to approve the creation of a Health Care Services District for parcels located at 73 South St., 25 Marjorie St., 85 South St., Marjorie St. and 89 South St., which is the

site of the former Mary Lane Hospital.

The article would restrict the uses allowed at the site to include assisted living residences, charitable institutions/organizations, clinical medical laboratories, continuing care retirement communities, emergency departments, hospitals, intermediate care facilities, medical clinics or urgent care clinics, medical/dental centers or offices, memory care communities, museums, nurs-

ing homes and research and development laboratories.

The purpose of the Health Care Services District as outlined in the article is to "promote hospital uses, related to health services, clinics and treatment facilities, offices of health practitioners, nursing homes, continuing care retirement facilities, daycare facilities and laboratories for research and development.

Planning Board member Chris DiMarzio said this bylaw change was original-

ly drafted by board member Elizabeth Hancock on behalf of the Friends of the Mary Lane Hospital. He said this article came about after Baystate Health closed the South Street hospital and began taking action to demolish its buildings.

DiMarzio said it's currently zoned for many uses, including healthcare, but this does not prevent it from being developed for another use besides a healthcare facility.

"It's not protected for healthcare," he said.

DiMarzio said healthcare use may not happen at the site right away, but it will be protected in the meantime.

"Healthcare use may not come back right away or at all, but if that happens, it can be rezoned," he said.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier said many are still suffering from the closure of

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Electronic Recycling at Earth Day

Barre Community Resilience will be collecting small electronic items for recycling, at Earth Day on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the Barre Common.

Items that are accepted are: USB & Lightning® cables, adapters, car and wall chargers, earbuds and AirPods®, flash drives, GPS devices, hard drives, headphones and headsets, keyboards and mice, batteries, rechargeable batteries and single-use batteries. Large items like computers, laptops, printers, scanners, fax machines, mobile phones, speakers, smart watches, tablets, webcams and stereo receivers cannot be accepted.

Designer pancake breakfast

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold the last designer pancake breakfast or the season on Saturday, May 3 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. The breakfast is open to all. People may design their own pancake with chips, nuts, fruit, etc. The complete breakfast menu includes, designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

Circle of Song

The Circle of Song will hold their spring concert on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. Circle of Song is finishing up its 24th year with an eclectic and quite fun line up of songs from many genres, mostly of American music. People are invited to come and celebrate mid-spring with Circle of Song. The concert is free and refreshments will be served. Donations are graciously accepted. People interested in joining should email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

Earth Day event

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.

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Bustin’ Out All Over” from Showboat and the amazing team of Rogers and Hammerstein; “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” by Weiss and Peretti (complete with jungle animals in the COS rendition); the always popular American folk song “Shenandoah;” “Old Man River” from Showboat, written by Jerome Kern; “Sing Gently” by Eric Whiteacre and “The 23rd Psalm,” arranged by Bobby McFerrin.

Grace Jenkins is a relatively new member of Circle of Song, who brings lots of dance skills to the group. She

has arranged a dance for the Circle of Song production of “I Won’t Say I’m in Love” from the musical Hercules. The protagonist is played by Emma Dooley and other dancers besides Grace are Michele Tranes and Siobhan Moynihan.

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Barre/Hardwick Senior Center lists upcoming events

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, announces the third “theme” of the 2025 year long Stronger Together Initiative for May-Environment.

Environment encompasses so many parts of our life. It is the physical spaces, where we work, live, spend time, the emotional and social spaces, how we feel when we are in the physical spaces, how we feel when we are with people. Environment can also be the clothes we wear, the places we go; and of course, nature, the natural environment and includes such things as clean air, clean water and recycling, to name a few.

The introductory workshops of the month take place on Thursday, May 8 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. In this opening presentation, people will engage, discuss and learn about environment and how that connects to the overall Initiative and to our activities and programs at the Senior Center, and in life.

As a reminder to everyone, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is “Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend.” The COA invites the “aging population, those 60 and over” from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by

the Senior Center and say hello. Stop by for a morning cup of coffee or join us for lunch, pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

Calendar Events for May: (These are in addition to the regularly scheduled very full calendar of activities) which can be found in the newsletter at www.townofbarre.com/coa

Friday, May 2- Kentucky Derby Party from 11a.m.-2 p.m. Fancy hat contest, food, horseshoes, games and prizes.

Thursday, May 8 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Introduction Workshop for the Month introducing and exploring the theme of Environment

Wednesday, May 14 Lunch at Monty Tech. Sign up at Senior Center Front Desk, currently a waitlist.

Saturday, May 17Art Show 1-4 p.m. COA invite all seniors to enter this Spring Art Show. Entries can include any medium. Submit your entry form to the Senior Center by Friday, April 25. Food, music and door prizes. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. and Thursday, May 15 at noon Recycling Chat with Barry Koch, Council on Aging Board Member from Hardwick and employee at the Recycle Center. This is free. Sign-up at Senior Center Front Desk.

Thursday, May 22 at noon

at the Senior Center. Pre-Summer Picnic with Fidelity Frosty Flyer Ice Cream Truck. Sign-up at Senior Center Front Desk.

Wednesday, May 28 Fraud Squad Live Performance at 12:30 p.m. This is an informative and empowering event dedicated to raising awareness about fraud and scams targeting seniors. This is free. Sign-up at Senior Center Front Desk.

Thursday, May 29 Easy Walk on the Rail Trail Rutland State Park with Gary Brigham, Council on Aging Board Member from Barre. 9-10 a.m. This is free. Sign-up at Senior Center Front Desk.

If anyone knows someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, the COA would love to hear about it. They may call Betty-Jo O’Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or emailcoa@townof-barre.com.

The Silver Spirit newsletter can be found on the Town of Barre website by going to www.townofbarre.com/coa and updates and reminders are always being posted on the Facebook Page, Barre MA Senior Center.

People may call the Senior Center at 978-355-5004 with any questions and to register for these events.

HUBBARDSTON

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Library scholarships deadline April 30

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. Paper copies are also available at the local secondary school guidance counselor or 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.

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.

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.

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 28. 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 – Egg frittata, O’Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables, Rice Krispy treat, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, chocolate mousse, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken picatta, lemon seasoned rice, Romand blend vegetables, vanilla pudding, diet vanilla pudding, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and mushrooms fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Lemon pepper fish, Delmonico potatoes, green beans, fruit-ed ambrosia, 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.

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Spaghetti Dinner

Presented By: The Friends of the NBCOA at the North Brookfield Senior Center 29 Forest St., North Brookfield, MA

DATE: Sat. April 26th, 2025  
TIME: 5:30pm  
TICKETS: \$12/ Adult \$6/ Children (12 yrs & younger)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Heather Rae

\*Tickets can be purchased by calling the NB Senior Center at 508-867-0220 or by stopping by the center\*



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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Sewer Commission – April 25 at 10 a.m.  
250th Anniversary Committee – April 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – May 6 at 6 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

Master Plan Steering Committee – April 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Meeting April 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Master Plan Steering Committee – April 25 at 4:15 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.  
Recycling Commission – May 6 at 6:30 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.  
Finance Committee – May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Finance Committee – April 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Parks Commissioners – May 14 at 5:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Annual Town Election – May 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Rep.Berthiaume/Sen. Durant office hour – May 13 from 9-10 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 6 and May 20 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 21 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

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

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29 and June 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
Advisory Finance Committee – April 24 at 6 p.m.  
Petersham Electronic Voting Advisory Committee – April 28 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – May 1 at 6 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 6 at 6 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – May 8 at 9 a.m.  
Council on Aging – May 12 at 10 a.m.  
Cemetery Commission – May 13 at 10 a.m.  
Petersham Historic District – May 15 at 6 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Town Charter Committee – April 24 at 6:30 pm.  
Budget Public Information Session – April 25 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Candidate’s Night – April 29 7-9 p.m.  
Library Board of Trustees – April 30 at 7:15 p.m.

## Community Band presents Pops Concert April 25

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will present the 44th Pops Concert on Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium in the Orange Town Hall.

Conductor Stephanie Parker will present a program of marches, classics and pop music including American Landscape #1 by Robert W. Smith with Andrea Woods on piano; The Lion King arranged by John Higgins; Forgotten Dreams by Leroy Anderson with Andrea Woods on piano; Blue Skies by Irving Berlin, sung by Linda Piragis; Twentiana, a Montage of songs of the 1920s arranged

by Hawley Ades; Asleep in the Deep, a Baritone Solo by Molly Bremner; Highlights from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein; Hurray for Hollywood, by Warren Barker; Under the Boardwalk by Young and Resnick; Billy Joel in Concert and Calypso Carnival by Edward McLin. Several marches and the National Anthem will round out the program, which is always subject to change.

The Pops concert is traditionally the start to the band’s regular season of outdoor concerts on the bandstand. It provides a period for band members to refresh their skills after the long winter of few opportunities to play

with other musicians and to become familiar with some of the new music purchased annually.

The program booklet for the pops also provides the funds needed for the band to purchase new music, provide scholarships for young musicians and to cover the expenses of providing the free concerts for the community during the summer.

The summer season on the bandstand will begin Friday, June 20 at 7 p.m. to become a patron or a sponsor, people may contact Maureen Riendeau, Susan TandySonger or Stephanie Parker or other band members before Tuesday, April 15.

## Cornell Brooks to speak on Frederick Douglass

PETERSHAM – Professor Cornell William Brooks will give the keynote speech, “From Petersham to Port-au-Prince: Frederick Douglass’ Arc of American Abolition” for the Petersham Historical Society’s annual meeting on Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Brooks presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the Petersham Town Hall, 3 South Main St.

Frederick Douglass was one of the greatest abolitionist orators of his time as he traveled across the United States and Europe on his speaking tours, advocating for freedom. He was born enslaved in Maryland and made a daring escape across the Mason-Dixon line to begin his passionate lifelong dedication to ending slavery.

His speaking tours across the state of Massachusetts touched many towns, but very few people realize he ral-

lied right here in Petersham, at the Petersham Town Hall in 1844.

The guest speaker, Cornell William Brooks, is a Harvard professor, lawyer, minister and former president and CEO of the NAACP. He is the recipient of the Harvard Kennedy School Innovations in Teaching Award. His respect and admiration for Frederick Douglass’ life has led him to follow the trajectory that brought Douglass to Petersham and beyond on his abolition journey.

This lecture will speak to the ways in which Frederick Douglass’ visit to Petersham is connected to a sweeping arc of abolitionist work that yet illuminates current dilemmas. Douglass was an important part of the role that rural



Cornell Brooks

New England played in the abolitionist movement, helping to tip the political scales against slavery. Learning about Douglass’ abolitionist philosophy and the example he set can inspire the moral and historical im-

agination to contemplate what anyone can do to honor his legacy in our present times.

This program has been funded in part by a generous grant from the Petersham Cultural Council. It is free and open to everyone. The Petersham Historical Society’s mission is to share the history of Petersham and to preserve the stories of its people, from the past, to the present and on into the future. Petersham Historical Society can be contacted at peterham-historical@gmail.com.

## Cultural Council to hold art show

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Cultural Council invites the public to attend the 2025 Petersham Art Show, a celebration of creativity, community, and artistic expression.

Held at historic Petersham Town Hall from Friday, May 9 through Sunday, May 11, this special exhibition will feature works by local and

regional artists exploring the theme “Expressions Through Art.” Visitors are invited to experience a diverse collection of artwork that reflects personal stories, social issues, and the power of art to connect us all. This free, public event is open to art lovers of all ages.

On Friday May 9 from 7-9 p.m. there will be an

Opening Reception with Live Music, (The Evening Standard with vocalist Annie Hupert. Art show hours are Saturday May 10 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and

Sunday May 11 from noon-4 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1 South Main St.

For more information, people may email peterham-culturalcouncil@gmail.com.

## Theatre at the Mount holds auditions

GARDNER – Theatre at the Mount located at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Room A110, will hold auditions for “Grease” on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

All auditions are by appointment only. Call backs will be on Thursday, May 22 if needed. “Grease” brings the vibrant spirit of Rydell High’s class of 1959 to life.

Director is Mark Peterson, music director Dave Twiss and choreographer Kaden

Scopelitti. A large teen cast and ensemble, ages 16 and up for key roles/ability to play a teen character; ages 14 and up for ensemble/ability to play a teen character and a few adults are needed.

Auditioners should prepare a short vocal selection that best shows their abilities and range (bring sheet music if selection is not from the show). They should wear comfortable clothing and footwear for dance audition and expect cold-readings from the script for key roles.



## OAKHAM

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### Citizens against BESS meets May 1

Oakham Citizens Against BESS will hold a resident meeting Thursday May 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive in the cafeteria. The agenda includes understanding Battery Energy Storage Systems and the Oakham project; health, safety, environmental and financial concerns and open resident question and answers.

### Candidate Night

Oakham Candidate Night will take place Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. the Oakham Safety Complex, 178 Barre Road. People may submit questions for the candidates in advance by dropping them off at the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street or emailing library@oakham-ma.gov. They should include their name; anonymous questions will not be accepted.

### 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 - \$2donation/class.

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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.

## Kindergarten registration now open for 2025-2026 school year

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Elementary school is excited to announce that kindergarten registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please contact Dresden at North Brookfield Elementary School by calling 508-867-8326 or emailing drenaud@nbschools.org.



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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I am typing this on Easter and don't plan to go anywhere for the day.

I will make some chicken wings to celebrate. I spent every good weather day raking leaves and fixing the flower gardens. I got a load to mulch to put around the Butterfly bush and the Weeping Cherry.

I worked on the wildflower garden and noticed the Blood Root is coming up.

As things come up, I label them as I am having a time remembering the names of plants now. There is no signs of the Hostas coming up yet. There are a lot of white Scillas in the Fiddlehead Fern garden in the front of the house. Each day something new seems to come up.

My handyman edits this column for me. Since I got a new keyboard, it is very sensitive and I make a lot of mistakes.

I got groceries on Friday and spent enough for two weeks. I imagine the plants will be expensive this year.

Here is a recipe I plan to make this week. It should be

easy and quick.

### NO-BAKE COOKIES

2 cups sugar  
½ cup butter  
½ cup milk  
3 cups oatmeal, uncooked  
6 tablespoons cocoa  
1 cup coconut  
½ cup nuts

Dissolve, stir and boil for 3 minutes sugar, butter, milk. Add oatmeal, uncooked, cocoa, coconut and nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto a waxed paper covered cookie sheet and cool.

### This and That

The Hubbardston Historical Society held a business meeting at the Chapel on Thursday and they discussed the issue of the town obtaining the First Parish Unitarian Church. The church members will be meeting on Monday, May 5 to decide what to do with their property inside the church building. The town will be voting on the issue soon.

The Memorial Day Committee has been meeting to discuss plans for Memorial Day. The Quabbin High School band will be marching

in the parade this year. More details will be announced soon.

I need to get down to the local cemetery and check the Boxwood bush and the Hostas. It may need to be trimmed.

I heard they had a good roadside clean up day on Saturday. Thanks to all that help. My days of helping have past. I have enough trouble just keeping my yard picked up. I hope the Recycling Center opens up again soon. People are throwing things beside the road and that is not a good thing.

In the early days of town dumps residents had a place to dispose of unwanted items and now they don't. Some changes are for the good.

I found my first tick this week on my neck. People should make sure they check their body each time they go outside. They don't want to get lyme disease. It is not a good thing.

Happy spring, the gnats and mosquitoes will be out soon.



**State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke during the ceremony at Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Area #3.**



**Quabbin Fishermen's Association President Clayton Sydla talked about the project.**



**State Rep. Todd Smola spoke about this great fishing area being available for the community.**

### QUABBIN, from page 1

beloved fishing area.

The first to speak during the ceremony was DCR Division of Water Supply Protection Director John Scannell.

Scannell welcomed everyone who attended the ceremony and talked about the importance of maintaining this water resource at the Quabbin Reservoir. This project not only protects the reservoir's game and water supply, but also helps protect its wildlife and recreation.

Scannell would then introduce DFG Commissioner Tom O'Shea. The Department of Fish & Game Office of Fishing and Boating Access provides access to public waters in Massachusetts, including great ponds, rivers, and coasts.

O'Shea took a moment to applaud and acknowledge all the members and organizations that made this project complete, and the investment provided a new parking lot and boat ramp for better access to the fishing area. The community can now come out and enjoy this fishing area with the fishing season starting on April 19.

"We really care about this," O'Shea said.

O'Shea is convinced a lot of people will show up and says this area reminds him of very special memories while fishing throughout his life. According to O'Shea, Quabbin Reservoir is one of the most unique places to go fishing, bird watching, and soon it will be a fun spot to catch lake trout, salmon and smallmouth bass.

"It's the magic of the Quabbin," he stated.

The ceremony would continue with guest speakers such as state Sen. Peter Durant, state Rep. Todd Smola and state Rep. Aaron Saunders. All guest speakers agreed that it is important for the community and people to travel and utilize spaces such as boat access sites, shore fishing areas, and sport fishing piers.

Smola said "open season is always a wild day" and this project on reconstructing a new boat ramp will make it easier for families, friends and anglers to enjoy this beautiful land.

"This investment not only enhances access to great fishing but also strengthens the connection between our community and the outdoors," Smola said.

The next to speak was OFBA Acting Director Terry Smith, who expressed much appreciation of the various departments who worked together in making this project possible. Smith said this project for the new boat ramp required specialized construction equipment to get the project done all in good time.

"We are grateful for the support of DCR's Division of Watershed Protection and proud to share that by working during the off-season with low water levels, we were able to deliver a high-quality facility at a low cost," Smith said. "A project will never be as personal as this one."

Before introducing the next speaker, Smith would provide a gift to two young fishermen, Ryker and Kyler Leslie. The gift was two salmon flies.



**DFG Commissioner Tom O'Shea thanked the public and departments for making this project happen as fishing season begins soon in 2025.**

Next to speak was Sydla, who witnessed both phases of this important project which will be "for generations to come". Sydla talked about how the project began and thought it would be good to improve Fishing Area 3, which is also known as Gate 43.

"It is a historic day for Gate 43," Sydla said

Sydla would do the honors of cutting the blue ribbon and officially announce the opening of the newly improved facility constructed by the Department of Fish & Game Office of Fishing and Boating Access at Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Area #3. Joining Sydla in holding the ribbon was Durant, Smola, Scannell, MWRA Director Fred Laskey, O'Shea, and Smith.

The 2025 Quabbin fishing season will be open April 19 and will conclude on Oct. 18.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

**Community members joined together for the ribbon cutting of the new boat ramp at Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Area #3.**

## Paige Memorial Library lists events

**HARDWICK** — The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, has been chosen to host a Massachusetts Space Week event.

Many free events will take place throughout Massachusetts to amplify the reach of this year's Space Week, but few are near Hardwick. On Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m., Aidan Cloonan, Space Week Outreach Volunteer studying at UMass, Amherst, will present "Supermassive black hole: What's in a name? Better yet, what's around?" Cloonan will make the information of his research on black holes and galaxies accessible for a general audience. A copy of the book, "The Next 500 Years," authored by this year's MA Space Week keynote speaker, space geneticist Christopher E. Mason, will be presented to the library to expand their space book collection.

Earth Day April 22, and Earth Month have raised awareness and inspired global action for environmental

protection. In 1998, Natural Inquirer was created so that scientists could share their research with students. The Paige Memorial Library has free publications from Natural Inquirer which are available to patrons. People can help you celebrate the Earth with books, DVDs, magazines, and seeds from our Seed Library sponsored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library. The Paige Library's telescope is available to be borrowed by Hardwick patrons.

On May 3, Saturday, at 2 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common St., Laura Grunweg will present "The Art and Science of the Presentation: Credible or Crazy," a humorous, fun-filled exploration that proves that just about everything in life is a presentation. Participants will leave with Tech Tips for enhancing their graphics plus a comprehensive handout featuring design strategies, insights and invaluable resources. Laura Grunweg is a graphic designer, educator, and a repurposed library director. She has crafted many PowerPoint presen-

tations and coached information science colleagues on the art and science of public speaking with insight and humor. She has an MLS and an MFA from Vermont College.

May 8 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. Make a donation, get a ticket, and maybe it will be yours.

May 10, Saturday, 1 p.m. at the Town House - Birds of prey and Indigenous American artifacts funded by the Hardwick Cultural Council. WINGMASTERS is a partnership between Julie Anne Collier and Jim Parks, licensed raptor rehabilitators and educators. This program is supported in part by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information or to register, people may email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

### PAST PAGES, from page 4

year old student in the sixth grade at Ruggles Lane Elementary School, has been selected as a youth ambassador to Australia. This July she and about 45 other children in grades sixth through eight in the Worcester area will travel to Australia as members of the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Mary said she went to Mexico when she was very young with her parents, but other than that this will be her first time out of the country and the longest separation ever from her parents and her brothers and sisters.

Each year at their Boar's Head Festival held at the Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, the First Friday group honors a young person with the David Huntress Youth Award. This

year's recipient was Sarah Bottomley of Hardwick. In presenting the award, David Deschamps said, "I there are two themes that resonate throughout Sarah Bottomley's life thus far, there are service to other and a quiet confidence that pervades her character."

38 years (April 30, 1987)

A Barre woman escaped injury after her car lost control and overturned into a roadside ditch in Barre early last Tuesday April 28. Barre Police Chief Michael Ryders said the driver probably lost control of the car because the road was wet from snow.

A major snowstorm dropped up to 22 inches of snow on parts of central Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 28, causing long power outages in Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Oakham and

New Braintree as well as most of Worcester County. Motorists were also caught by surprise as the black topped roads of spring quickly changed to the slippery white roads of winter once again.

What one Barre citizen refers to as the "deterioration of South Barre" was discussed at the Barre Selectmen's meeting on Monday, April 27. John S. Wytrwal of Church Street brought before the Selectmen a number of complaints about the village. The first complaint dealt with the use of, as well as the condition of the sidewalks. According to Wytrwal, there are cars and truck parked on the sidewalks. At one place in South Barre, there was a dog house on the sidewalk. The second are was the speeding on Vernon Avenue.

### GARDEN, from page 4

After a week or more of fermenting the noxious liquid can be sprinkled over susceptible plants. Don't worry; within a short time the smell will be undetectable to you, but pungent as ever to our four legged browsers.

Scarecrows work only minimally well to scare off deer, and to be the most effective, they must take the animal off guard. Assemble your scarecrow with as many

moving parts as possible and position it in a different spot of the yard every couple of nights.

Hinged appendages, clothing that flaps in the breeze, eyes that bobble may just send Bambi into flight. One year I filled my scarecrow's pockets with deodorant soap for a double whammy!

### Deerscape your yard

Instead of planting your gardens full of tulips or muscari, like I did, choose daf-

fodils, snowdrops, fritillaria and alliums instead. Good luck!

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



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# NB PTO hosts successful craft fair

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
Staff Writer  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Over the weekend after a sudden snowstorm sent in up to half a foot in some places, people still braved the weather to set up shop at the North Brookfield High School in support of the PTO’s annual craft fair.

Over 60 vendors came out to fill the gym, cafeteria, and upstairs main floor with gifts, treats, and more, from books to read to honey for your tea, to adorable crocheted plushies and 3D-printed wonders.

“My favorite part is the variety. Seeing the creativity and wide variety of different vendors,” said Jess Wisniewski, the PTO’s President.

The North Brookfield PTO worked hard despite the weather, and many people came out to escape the frigid weather and look around at the many vendors present.

“Our PTO is incredibly active and does so many great donations and events for our town, school, and children,” said Wisniewski.

The craft fair also featured a group of young students, a group of boys who worked hard to make their 3D creations for a table at

the fair, even taking some time to walk around with their items for sale.

The vendors at the event came from all over, from the locals in the Brookfields to Boston, New Hampshire, and beyond.

Even though the snow came in drifts, the vendors supported one another as well, taking their time to see what creativity flourished in the school.

The PTO will be hosting more events for the community to enjoy in the future, including their Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on May 24, and their Annual Color Run on June 1 at 1 p.m.

“[The community can help the PTO by] taking part in our events. These events do not happen without the community’s support,” said Wisniewski.

The hard work of the PTO and the support they can bring to the children, parents, and teachers of the town is made possible by the way the community comes together to support one another.

“Being a part of the PTO has brought a lot of joy into my life and my children’s lives. I have had an opportunity to interact with their school in ways many others do not,” said Wisniewski.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

**Husband and wife duo Monique and Michael Pappas with their two businesses, Creative Communications Art Studio and Pappy’s Woodworks.**



**Betsy Heron has her beautiful animal art printed on cards, stickers, and T-shirts.**

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for rural communities and helps support their economic development and growth.

The Director of Rural Affairs works with local, state and federal partners to provide resources and assistance to aid rural communities in shaping and achieving their vision for economic development. There are currently 181 rural communities in the Commonwealth and Gobi as Director of Rural Affairs visits these communities and finds out what is happening in each one.

As Gobi visits these communities, she looks to see what economic development

and growth opportunities are available for these communities. In other words, “better way to access needs,” she stated. “Work on seeing what the needs are.”

From Gobi’s point of view every organization at the forum wants to help and there are numerous ways for farms and similar businesses to get support and better visibility throughout the state.

Gobi mentioned a contract with the Department of Transportation to work with more promotions throughout the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90). These contracts would help customers see more Massachusetts-based products.

“We’re trying to promote our farms,” Gobi said. “Resources for farmers are not so great.”

According to Gobi, the whole country relies on farmers and their products and in recent years many farmers are facing a number of struggles trying to stay operational.

Gobi said Massachusetts is applying for many federal grants that can help rural communities develop. There are several grant programs including Community One Stop for Growth and the Rural Development Fund.

One of the biggest challenges farms are facing are the rising costs and the ongoing unpredictability. Many farms

have encountered heavy losses in recent years, but Gobi thinks no funding can help recuperate the losses businesses had faced.

“As a state, we don’t have that kind of funding to make up the losses,” Gobi said.

When visiting the rural communities Gobi works with mainly town managers and hears the needs of each community. Rural development projects are essential to the growth of rural communities and Gobi as the Director of Rural Affairs wants to help promote the farms of Massachusetts.

There are over 7,000 farms in Massachusetts and are appreciated by their customers

and their communities. Gobi believes there are different ways to keep farms operational and expand their products.

Many guests and Gobi mentioned the use of agritourism, which is a form of tourism centered around farms and agricultural experiences. Many farms use this form of tourism already and many of the notable organizations in attendance have their ways of promoting tourism through farm stays, educational tours, and workshops.

As the Director of Rural Affairs, Gobi wishes to connect with rural communities and help with doing more promotion for Massachusetts farms. With more promotion

and sources such as agritourism, Massachusetts farms will have the support to get their farm products into larger markets.

After speaking, Gobi met with representatives of numerous organizations and answered questions they have regarding Rural Affairs. For more information, visit [www.mass.gov/orgs/rural-affairs](http://www.mass.gov/orgs/rural-affairs).

Gobi is also a member of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission. This commission serves as a research team for issues critical to the welfare and vitality of rural communities. This commission advocates to ensure that rural communities receive a fair share of state investment.

## CANDIDATES, from page 1

Department Building project, Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project, and the Downtown Development Project, that require strong leadership and oversight to maintain integrity. There has been a history of inefficient decision-making when it comes to some of these town projects, as well as road blocks and poor coordination of effected parties, where the solutions and next steps have been chosen based on what is perceived to be easiest as opposed to what is proper and will cost less money in the long run.

I came to North Brookfield 30 years ago for work, and within a year, became a permanent resident and started my family.

My time spent working for that local employer eventually led me to manage the factory operations to about 15 years ago. I’ve been working at my current company for another 15 years and hold a senior management position. I manage supply, operations, and sales as well as project management- most recently managing the purchase and construction of a multi-million dollar process line.

I have consistently held the role of interfacing with local and state government officials for the last 25 years. My career has provided the opportunity to receive eight years of college level education including three years at Quinsigamond Community, four years at Worcester

Polytechnic Institute, and numerous business certifications in operations and employer policy.

I believe my education and experience would be an asset for the Board of Selectmen in working towards realistic and sustainable solutions as well as effective leadership.

My involvement in North Brookfield started a few years ago in an effort to expand my work towards increasing public access to open space, public and private, on a local level. My work in this area, especially as it pertains to our youth, includes working with Treasure Valley Scout Reservation, membership on the Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee’s Trail Subcommittee, East Quabbin Land Trust, as well as working with State and Federal land management.

This effort initially gained me an appointment to the Town Forest Park Committee, evolving to the Vice Chair position on the Parks and Recreation Committee. As with many involved in our towns committees and boards, this soon led to other opportunities in other areas of our town government.

I currently chair the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Highway/Fire Department Building Committee. Both these positions have required significant involvement and work with our Finance Committee and our town accountant.

My involvement has included projects outside

these committees, allowing me to work with a wide variety of town departments and committees/boards. I have made attendance at board/committee meetings a high priority even before deciding to run in this race.

Knowing the problems North Brookfield is facing and the caring folks who are tirelessly working towards solving them has been an inspiration and an absolute must for anyone wanting to hold a position on this board.

### John Tripp

I am running again for the three-year position of the Board of Selectmen, a spot that I actually enjoyed for five and a half years.

As you know, I got out because of some health issues at that time. But now I am back in control of things, I hope.

I believe one thing needed for the position is the understanding of what is expected of you. I believe communicating with the various departments is paramount.

When I was in before, I always made sure to stop in to Police, Fire, Highway, Water, Sewer, Senior Center, Town Offices, etc., at least once or twice a week, and talk with the main people in those areas.

Amongst the many projects I accomplished for the town, with the support of my wife and family and many volunteers I managed to gather in my travels, I believe talking to people and trying to understand the situation they are in, we have to know

that we can’t fix everything and that none of us is perfect. You can’t make everyone’s dream come true.

The number one issue for the town of North Brookfield I believe is our financial situation. We are broke. I do not believe that we can tax our way out of this mess.

We all need to, as citizens of small towns, need to call, write, email if you can, send a carrier pigeon if that suits you, to our state representatives, house and senate members – anyone who will listen. Tell them if they mandate something, whether it be for the school, conservation, streets, water, sewer, bridges, etc., then they need to also pay for these mandates.

We as small towns do not have the resources to pay for these unfunded mandates.

I would start a campaign to get these calls made and follow through with the state offices.

Mindy and I have lived in North Brookfield all of our lives, 65+ years. We met in kindergarten and were married after high school. Forty six years together, and we still like and support each other. I often say we are pretty much stuck to each other.

In the next three years I think we should focus on the unfunded mandates, and try to recoup some of the funding through grants and subsidies. It seems like most state and federal money stays in the areas on the east side of Massachusetts and we – small towns – get the leftovers.

# Cultural Council seeks artists for show

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Cultural Council invites artists of all backgrounds and mediums to participate in the upcoming Petersham Art Show, themed Expressions Through Art.

This exciting community event will take place at Petersham Town Hall, located at 1 South Main St., from Friday, May 9 to Sunday, May 11.

This year’s show provides a unique opportunity for artists to share

work that explores creativity, self-expression, and the power of art to communicate personal and collective experiences.

Interested artists are encouraged to register by Monday, April 28. Artwork drop-off will take place on Wednesday, May 7 between 3-7 p.m. at Petersham Town Hall.

For more information, artists may email [petershamculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:petershamculturalcouncil@gmail.com).

# Theatre at the Mount holds auditions

GARDNER – Theatre at the Mount located at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Room A110, will hold auditions for “Grease” on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

All auditions are by appointment only. Call backs will be on Thursday, May 22 if needed. “Grease” brings the vibrant spirit of Rydell High’s class of 1959 to life.

Director is Mark Peterson, music director Dave Twiss and choreographer Kaden Scopelitti. A large teen cast and ensemble, ages 16 and up for key roles/ability to play a teen character; ages 14 and up for ensemble/ability to play a teen character and a few adults are needed.

Auditioners should prepare a short vocal selection that best shows their abilities and range (bring sheet music if selection is not from the show). They should wear comfortable clothing and footwear for dance audition and expect cold-readings from the script for key roles.

To schedule an audition appointment, people should call 978 630-9388 or email their request to [box-office@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:box-office@mwcc.mass.edu).

Performance dates are Aug. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m., beginning Tuesday, May 27.

## Public Notices

### 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.

Floyd Kelley  
Chairman

04/17, 04/24/2025

### 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 ga-

rage 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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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Pro-  
bate of Will with Appointment  
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been filed by **Leslie A Marsland  
of Ware, 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: **Leslie A Marsland of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised adminis-  
tration.**

### 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**

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

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04/24/2025

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# Calendar of Events

**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 community.

RUTLAND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will take place on Saturday, April 26 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The deadline to sign up to be on map is Friday, April 18. People may have their yard sale at their home or set up on Rutland Common. People may visit the town website at <https://www.rutlandma.gov> for an application and to apply online. For more information, people may email [rutlandyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:rutlandyardsale@gmail.com).

CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Distributive Education Clubs of America will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre.

FREE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS for teens and adults in the area will be held today from 9 a.m.-noon; Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-noon and Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m.-noon in Belchertown. The April 26 is Introduction to Basic Photography; May 3 Creative Nature Photography and



## Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. 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 28. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Jeremy Varnun correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the cemetery behind the New Braintree Congregational Church in the center of New Braintree.

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May 10 The Art of Smartphone Photography: Nature and Landscape. The first two workshops on April 26 and May 3 will be held at the Belchertown Recreation Department followed by practical sessions at nearby Lake Wallace. The workshop on May 10 will be held at the DCR Les and Terry Campbell Visitors Center at the Quabbin Reservoir and will include a presentation by DCR staff on wildlife in the Quabbin. All three are being led by noted Belchertown-based nature photographers and people can sign up for one, two or all three by visiting [www.belchertown.org/viewfinder](http://www.belchertown.org/viewfinder). These workshops were made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Belchertown Cultural Council to the Clapp Memorial Library and Belchertown Creative Economy.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**  
NEEDLE ARTS DISPLAY happens today from 1-3 p.m. at the Rutland Historical Society, Wood House, 232 Main St., Rutland. The over one hundred exhibits on display will include items showcasing embroidery, needlepoint, quilting, knitting, crocheting, crewel, and cross stitch that feature intricate detailing and complex patterns. Many of the items on display were completed years ago by Rutland's ancestors, while other pieces have been created more recently by members and friends of the Rutland Historical Society. The crafts of needle arts are a wonderful way to express creativity. This event is open to the public and free to all. Light refreshments will be served.

**MONDAY, APRIL 28**  
FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM hosted by the Holden Grange and presented by

Department o Conservation and Recreation forester Felicia Hubacz will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. Hubacz will address the insect and disease threats to the state's forests and how the DCR Forest Health Program monitors and manages them. Topics will include aerial survey results for 2025, Asian Longhorn Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Southern Pine Beetle, Beech Leaf Disease and Elm Zigzag Sawfly. All are welcome to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served. For more information, email [holden-grange78@gmail.com](mailto:holden-grange78@gmail.com) or call 508-886-2341.

QUABBIN PHOTO GROUP meets today at 7 p.m in the Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown for a fun and informative evening of photography talk. This month's meeting kicks off with a "Camera Bag Show & Tell," Partiicpants should bring their bag and share what's worked or hasn't in their quest for the perfect gear setup. The evening continues with Member's Night, featuring a showcase of favorite photos by members. The group is for a seasoned pro or those just getting started. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the Quabbin Photo Group.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**  
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS NIGHT presented by the Quabbin Regional Middle High School Guidance Department takes place today at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre. This informative evening will cover the nuts and bolts of the college admissions process. This is geared toward juniors and their families, but all are welcome to attend. It's never too early to plan

for the future.

**THURSDAY, MAY 1**  
OAKHAM CITIZENS AGAINST BESS will hold a resident meeting today from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive, Oakham in the cafeteria. The agenda includes understanding Battery Energy Storage Systems and the Oakham project; health, safety, environmental and financial concers and open resident question and answers.

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**  
2025 SPRING SHOW sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society and located in the Princeton Community Center, Post Office Place, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton will take place take place today from 6-8 p.m. opening reception and on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday May 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, people may visit [www.princetonarts.org](http://www.princetonarts.org).

BARRE PLAYERS THEATER, 64 Common St., Barre presents "Helen's Most Favorite Day" written by Mark Dunn and directed by Jessie Olson today, May 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Sundays, May 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. For tickets,, people may either call 978-799-5300 or visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/barre-players/67cb073bf63d-890f59b97be1>.

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**  
HARDWICK TOWN ELECTION will be held today with polling hours from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.. at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive, Hardwick. The deadline to vote by mail is Monday, April 28 at 5 p.m.

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will take place today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. in Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. The breakfast is open to all. People may design their own pancake with chips, nuts, fruit, etc. The complete breakfast menu includes, designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

## Calendar Policy

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

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the hospital, which was in operation for close to a century.

She said other developments such as housing should not go on that site.

"That type of economic development does not belong

on Mary Lane," she said.

Bourcier said the town and its residents need to work toward the "big picture," and start by restricting the use of the property.

"We have nothing to lose by voting yes," she said.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said the

communities need to protect Mary Lane Hospital for its second century of meeting the healthcare needs of residents, which he said will be more difficult due to the damage to the buildings.

"I look beyond the damage...to provide services we desperately need," Granlund

said. "This is about the future, but we have to think about the past. We lost something we shouldn't have."

Elena Palladino, a member of the Hospital Review Committee and the Historical Commission, said she has been part of efforts to find healthcare for the Mary Lane

Hospital site.

"No one is interested in that site and those buildings," she said.

Palladino said the current zoning already allows for medical uses and that "if they wanted to come, they could."

She said the change in zoning for the site will not

change the lack of interest from healthcare entities.

Kevin O'Regan said there is a lot of emotion tied into this zoning proposal, and he respects the history of Mary Lane Hospital.

"It was a wonderful part of this town, but it is part of this town's past," O'Regan said.

He cited the "enormous cost" to reuse the current buildings or construct new ones, and noted that many healthcare entities are not financially capable of taking on such a large project.

"Look at this through clear eyes, not just passion," O'Regan said.

A Church Street resident agreed that limiting the uses through the proposed zoning would not make fiscal sense.

A motion to move the question passed, and voters approved of the creation of the Health Care Services District by a vote of 357 in favor to 129 opposed. The article passed by the required two-thirds majority required for zoning amendments.

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# SPORTS

## Panthers even record, then are rained out with Lunenburg

**By Tim Peterson**  
*Sports Correspondent*

BARRE—Following a loss at Clinton High School on April 11, the Quabbin varsity softball team had a 1-3 overall record. A week later, the Lady Panthers had a 3-3 overall record.

Quabbin began last week's action with a 9-5 non-league comeback home win versus Grafton on April 16. They took a 4-3 lead against

Grafton following an RBI single by sophomore Kailynn Schuster in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Two days later, the Lady Panthers posted a 3-1 victory at Mid-Wach C rival Littleton, who had won the previous eight games in the series.

Quabbin also held a 1-0 lead in another home league game against league rival Lunenburg. That game was suspended in the bottom of

the second inning due to a thunderstorm.

"This group of young women have been a tremendous inspiration to me," said Quabbin varsity softball coach Chris Nosek. "They're incredibly hard working and are totally team driven. They support each other and do all the things that a coach could hope for. I just want them to continue to do things the right way in every game that we play."

The weather has been a major factor so far this spring.

"Softball is a very difficult sport to play when the weather is cold," Nosek said. "You don't have as good of a grip on the ball, so it's harder to throw. The ball doesn't travel as far off the bat. It's not a game meant to be played in cold temperatures."

Quabbin is a member of the Mid-Wach C league, along with Lunenburg, Oakmont, Clinton, Tyngsborough, and Littleton. They're 1-1 in league play.

"Our league is extremely difficult this year," Nosek added. "All of the other Mid-Wach C teams qualified for the state tournament last year. We need to play our best in every game."

A year ago, the Lady Panthers won four games, but they did qualify for the Division 4 state tournament in 2022 and 2023.

The Lady Panthers co-captains this spring are senior shortstop Jordan Blanchard and sophomore left fielder Abby Rogowski, who has been a member of the varsity team since she was in the seventh grade.

"Our two captains have been tremendous so far this season," Nosek said. "They've provided outstand-

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## Middle School softball action



Amelia Breault heads into third.



Aubrey Pope rounds first.

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School softball was in recent action. The Panthers have now played in a few games in the spring. The middle school team is now on vacation for the spring break. They return to game action in early May.



In the second inning, heavy rain and wind started to come down.



Quabbin Middle School baseball faced Murdock on Apr. 15

## Middle School baseball action



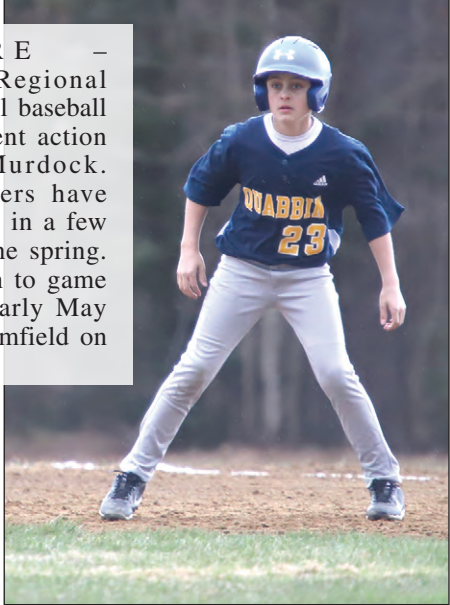
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Josie Castell hustles for first.



Maggie Leander makes a strong throw to first base.



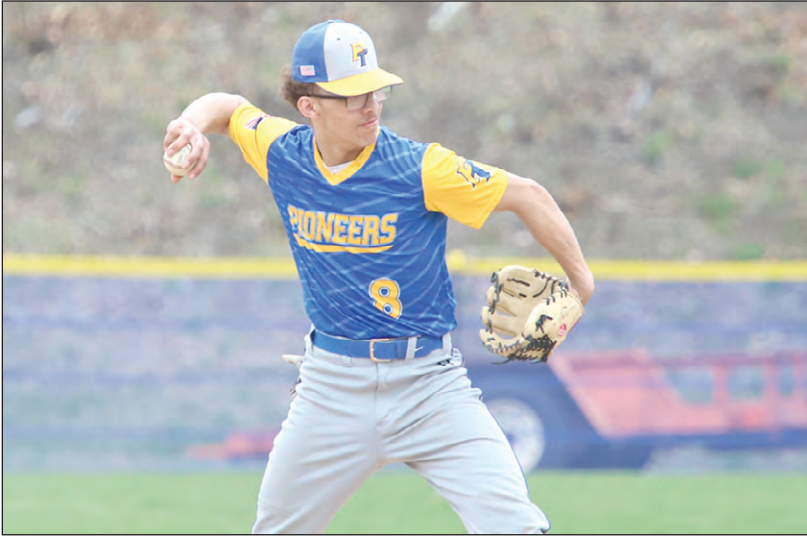
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The Panthers had a tough first inning.



The rains would continue and the game was called off. The team returns to action on May 6.

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School baseball was in recent action against Murdock. The Panthers have now played in a few games in the spring. They return to game action in early May against Bromfield on the road.

## Pioneers walk off on Monson



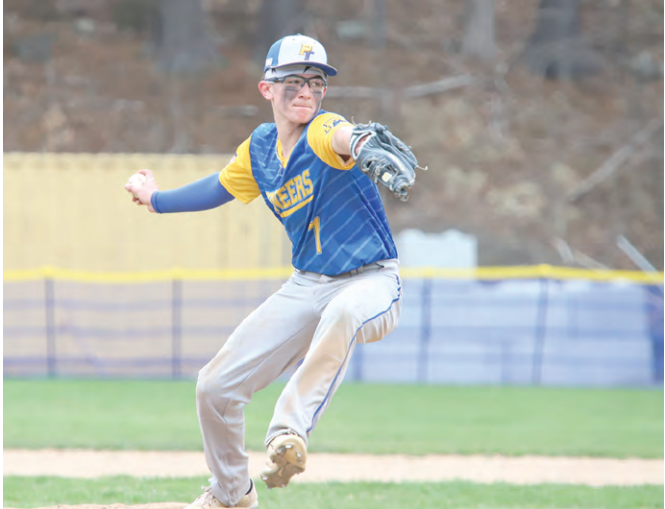
Dustyn Cook makes a throw to first.

PALMER – Last Saturday morning, Pathfinder Tech walked off with a run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Monson 2-1. The Pioneers got a complete game effort from Brayden Megan. He allowed a run on four hits and struck out 11. Pathfinder also had only four hits as Austin Meacham also gave the Mustangs an outstanding effort, going 6 2/3 innings before allowing the winning run. He struck out eight. Monson is now 4-3 on the season while Pathfinder is an impressive 4-1.

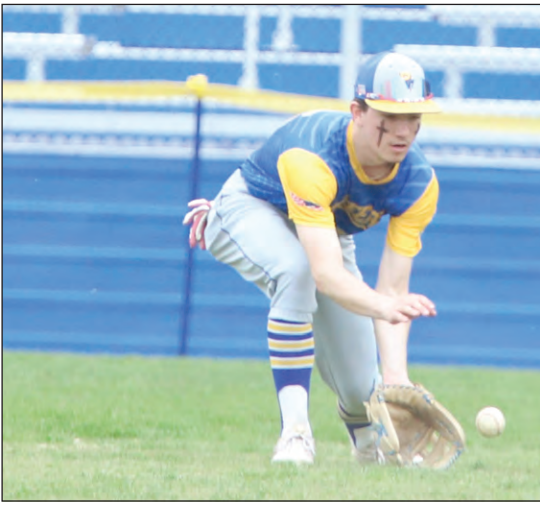


Grayson Griswold gets a good swing on.

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Pitcher Brayden Mega fires to the plate.



Edward Szostek fields a base hit to center.



Jacob Kokoski makes a throw down to second.



# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### What If? Part 2

Last week we considered the question, “What if Jesus did not rise from the dead?” As was noted, the whole of the faith crumbles if you remove the Risen Lord from its foundation. However, in this edition let us wrestle with a related query: “What if Jesus did, in fact, rise from the grave?”

Let us consider the following in reply:

1) The Resurrection Authenticates the PERSON of Christ

The Resurrection authenticates all that Christ claimed about Himself. Note that Jesus made significant claims about His nature, purpose and work during this earthly ministry.

For instance: He declared Himself to be the Bread of Life (John 6:35 – Source of Spiritual Nourishment and Life)

He declared Himself to be the Light of the World (John 8:12 – The Sole and Ultimate Arbiter of Truth)

He declared Himself to be the Door or the Gate (John 10:7 – The Only Access Point to Life Eternal)

He declared Himself to be the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–14 – Sovereign Care of His Own)

He declared Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25 – Master Over Death/Life)

He declared Himself to be the Way–Truth–Life (John 14:6 – Gateway to Life and Truth)

He declared Himself to be the True Vine (John 15:1, 5 – Source of Life and Vitality)

These are claims that no one in their right mind could make. If He was still dead, we might rightly label Jesus a liar or a lunatic to draw upon the insights of famed author, C. S. Lewis. Yet what do we call Him if He truly rose from death? Lord!

2) The Resurrection Authenticates the MESSAGE of Christ

When you consider the Gospel record, Jesus was the consummate teacher. His words are both timeless and timely, touching upon every facet of life and living. Feel free to explore the teachings of Christ at your leisure, as recorded in Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These will take a lifetime to study, digest and apply, but they are surely worth the investment.

Thus said, if Christ was dead, we would have every reason to doubt, dismiss and disregard His precepts. Yet if He is alive, we have every obligation to embrace and hearken to His words. After all, if Jesus conquered death, that is striking evidence that He and His message were of God. And if His message is from God, we are accountable for the manner in which we respond to it.

3) The Resurrection Authenticates the PROMISES of Christ

A promise is only as trustworthy as the one making it. If an unreliable person makes me a promise, I hope for the best but prepare for the worst. If a reliable person makes a promise, I am much more inclined to place my hope in its fulfillment. Thus said, Jesus promised on several occasions to rise from the dead (cf. Mark 8:31, 9:31, and 10:34). If He failed to keep His promise in this area, how can we trust Him in any area? Would this not destroy His credibility? Yet if He kept His word—conquering death—then all

of His promises hold true! Enjoy the following sample of the promises of Christ: Matt. 7:7–8; Matt. 11:28–30; John 10:10; John 14:1–3; John 3:16.

In summary, without the resurrection the whole of Christianity crumbles. Yet if Jesus did rise from the grave, His person, message and promises are affirmed. Ultimately, what do you believe and are you living according to that conviction? I close with the words of C. S. Lewis: “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

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

Also, visit us online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or join us each Sunday at 10:30 am. See you soon.

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### Easter Sunday

*“Do not be Dismayed. I am Alive! I have Risen!”*

**Scripture Reading:**  
**John 20 v 1-18 and**  
**Luke 24 v 4 - 6**

#### I. Introduction

There are various reasons today why we may feel dismayed, concerned, depressed, and maybe sometimes in despair. It could be financial insecurity, family problems, work issues, personal illness, a loved one’s illness, or the loss of someone close. Or perhaps it could be the situation in our world today that makes us feel insecure and worried. Sometimes feelings of dismay, despair, and worry can lead to loneliness and concern that circumstances will not improve, making it difficult to find hope during such times.

#### II. The Pain and Despair left by the Empty Tomb

Even Jesus’ inner circle and the crowds experienced these feelings I described above. Many people came with their own issues to see if a miracle could be performed. Some individuals sought assistance due to chronic illnesses they had endured for an extended period. Others were hungry and needed nourishment. They also sought care and compassion, which they found through Jesus. In our passages we see Jesus’ followers all shocked and deeply troubled to find the tomb open and empty. In the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene is identified as the first witness to notice that Jesus’ body was no longer in the tomb. She subsequently informed Peter and the Beloved Disciple, who accompanied her back to the vacant tomb. In Luke we see a few women, including Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the others with them, who came to the tomb They were already thrown in a period of mourning following the tragic demise of their Messiah, and these feelings of sorrow and grief were now compounded by shock, despair, and dismay. Besides experiencing a significant loss, they were worried about their own safety, as they were associated with

Him whom they despised and crucified. The situation was awful, frightening, and challenging for those who experienced it.

#### III.Do not be Dismayed! I am Alive! I have Risen!

The moments at the empty tomb are heartbreaking. John described how Mary Magdalene stood there in her sorrow, alone, lost, and weeping, after Peter and the other Disciple left. In Luke the

women who came to anoint Jesus’ Body with the spices they prepared, were stunned and frightened. The disciples who returned to their homes experienced a profound sense of confusion. What is remarkable is that those present at the empty tomb were not abandoned to endure the loss and absence of their Lord indefinitely. They are not left to wonder what now? What is ahead for us? Where shall our help come from? No, God in Heaven saw all their feelings, and knew what happened to God’s Son. God remained present and did not abandon them to desolation, anxiety, or fear. God’s angels intervened at the right moment to prevent emotional and physical collapse, helping them avoid total despair and a complete sense of hopelessness. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen”, the angels in their bright clothes told the women, described Luke. In the Gospel of John, while Mary was weeping, the Son of God appeared and addressed her by name, “Mary.” Upon hearing Him call her name, she recognized Him. Later, Jesus appeared to the distraught disciples as they were gathered together. In their darkest hours, God appeared.

#### IV. Conclusion

Why do you look for the living among the dead? Why are you crying? For us the responses of the women and the disciples appear normal, because in our human suffering we do not always see light and hope out of our own difficult circumstances. Of course, they forgot that He told them He would die and rose again. Their memories were brief, as they looked at the empty tomb in front of them and considered their future circumstances. The importance of Jesus’ resurrection is that it demonstrates God’s power to overcome the actions of those who crucified Him. God’s love and power surpassed all evil, including the crucifixion of His Son, showing that life and love prevail over hatred and resistance. God is our light and our hope in our own lives, dear members and friends of Barre Congregational Church. God is our peace, and our

comforter. God stands with us in all our circumstances, but more, God is with us always. The question is, do we see God’s intervention when angels are sent to us, to speak to us, to hear our cries, see our pain. If we do not recognize them, the Son of God will appear through His Spirit and God’s word to help and give us hope, because God is alive and the Son of God is risen. Do not be dismayed, my children, says Jesus, I am Alive! I have Risen!

Amen

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

# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

### Sunday, April 6

7:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Negative Contact  
9:14 a.m. Fire – Fuel Spill, Summer Street, Removed Hazard

10:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:07 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Wauwinet Road, Animal Brought to Vet

2:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued

### Monday, April 7

12:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Public Assist

12:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons Lachance, Diane Marie, 37, Barre

Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

4:15 a.m. Fire – HazMat Incidents, Clinton, Investigated

6:52 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Stetson Road, Located/Found

5:27 p.m Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party

### Tuesday, April 8

7:10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

12:55 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Referred to Other Agency

4:35 p.m. Complaint, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party

6:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

### Wednesday, April 9

12:44 a.m. Larceny or Theft, West Street, Officer Took Call

6:57 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Oakham Road, Officer Spoke to Party

2:48 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Cutler Road, Investigated

4:16 p.m. Unwanted Party, Summer Street, Report Filed

6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, School North Street, Vehicle Removed

9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint

Summons Sheahan, Cameron Shane, 26, Waltham

Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

### Thursday, April 10

6:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued

8:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Public Assist

8:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Hear

Problem, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital

1:21 p.m. Speak to Chief, Barre Police Headquarters, Chief Met with Party

2:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital

2:32 p.m. Harassment, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised

4:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Checked,

Kendall Street, Officer Spoke to Party

6:20 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Phillipston Road, Investigated

11:11 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Brittothn Road East, Negative Contact

### Friday, April 11

3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Exchange Street Report Filed

4:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency

### Saturday, April 12

2:04 a.m. Road Condition Notification, South Street, Negative Contact

2:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital

5:49 a.m. Sick Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

6:30 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Mechanic Street, Vehicle Towed

7:45 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

8:40 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, South Street, Fire Extinguished

8:50 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Pleasant Street, Referred to Other Agency

12:39 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Elm North Street, Office Took Call

1:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Negative Contact

4:58 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Building Checked

## Hubbardston Police Log

### Sunday, April 6

8:09 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Templeton Road, Information Given

11:45 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Rollingwoods Road, Message Delivered

### Monday, April 7

1:02 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Rollingswoods Road, Officer/Chief Advised

2:41 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Negative Contact

9:33 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Public Assist

1:40 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, New Westminster Road, No Action Required

### Tuesday, April 8

1:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Shawnee Way, Mutual Aid Transport

10:21 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Mare Meadow Lane, Referred to Other Agency

### Wednesday, April 9

1:22 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Natty Pond Road, Report Filed

8:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

8:40 a.m. Animal – Lost and Found, Twin Hill Road, Area Search Negative

8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

10:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons Bettro, Danielle Anna, 42, Barre

Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

C90 S17, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limited

C90 S17

10:46 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, High Street, Referred to Other Agency

11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Templeton Road, Written Warning

1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning

2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

### Thursday, April 10

3:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

4:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites,

Underwood Road, Information Taken

### Friday, April 11

10:36 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

11:39 a.m. Follow Up Investigation, Underwood Road, Referred to Other Agency

4:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Williamsville Road, Prisoner Bailed

Arrest Mortell, Maureen Anne, 62, Barre

Charges Operating Under Influence OR 08%, Second Offense

9:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Birches Road, No Transport Required

### Saturday, April 12

4:46 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken

10:41 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Mile Road, Referred to Other Agency

6 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Williamsville Cutoff Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:19 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

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# Public Safety

## Oakham Police Log

**Monday, April 7**  
9:15 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
10:23 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sturbridge Police Department, Information Taken  
1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Information Taken  
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
11:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed  
12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation

Issued  
12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
1:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
2:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop,, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
6:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
**Thursday, April 10**  
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
2:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
6:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated  
**Friday, April 11**  
8:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Saturday, April 12**  
7:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Vehicle Removed

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, April 6**  
2:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
8:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Anthony Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
9:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Apache Trail, Transported to Hospital  
9:18 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Naquag Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
10:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Leg Pain, Village Way, Transported to Hospital  
12:17 p.m. Complaint, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:57 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:58 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Watson Lane, Citation Issued  
8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
**Monday, April 7**  
8:28 a.m. Keep the Peace, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
11:50 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed  
11:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
12:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Juniper Lane, Transported to Hospital  
12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
1:39 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Glenwood Place, Officer/Chief Advised  
1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brunelle Drive, Written Warning  
5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
5:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Anthony Drive, Transported to Hospital  
11:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed  
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Took Call  
3:32 p.m. Tree – Incidents (No Wires), Fairview Avenue, Information Given  
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
4:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
6:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Village Way, Transported

to Hospital  
7:34 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Campbell Street, Information Taken  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
5:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed  
7:42 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Message Delivered  
8:16 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Rebecca Ann Drive, Referred to Other Agency  
9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Rivera, Jose L., 56, Worcester  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
3:15 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Marques De Souza, Bryan Gutemberg, 21, Worcester  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
4:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning  
4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning  
5 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
10:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
**Thursday, April 10**  
7:15 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Nace, Cameron James, 30, Worcester  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
9:03 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Anthony Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:21 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Brunelle Drive, Investigated  
11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Written Warning  
4:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:38 p.m. Threats, Main Street, Officer Took Call  
6 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:20 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Phillipston Road, Investigated  
**Friday, April 11**  
7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Miles Road, Written Warning  
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue,, Written Warning  
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Aparecido De Almeida, Edson, 54, Worcester  
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
9:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Charnock Hill Road, Written Warning  
9:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Henao Ruiz, Andres, 44, Pittsfield  
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Number Plate Violation  
9:58 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Referred to Other Agency  
10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Otero, Juan Ramon Jr., 42, Worcester  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting RMV  
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Poulsen, Walter Tisch, 32, Turner Falls,  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Register Motor Vehicle Improperly to Avoid Taxes/Premiums, Registration Not in Possession  
11:10 Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
11:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
1:42 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Bushy Lane, Located/Found  
3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Beechwood Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neck Pain, Prescott Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Birchwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
**Saturday, April 12**  
2:23 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Message Delivered  
6:15 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision Michael Drive, Report Filed  
6:18 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
7 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Vehicle Removed  
8:12 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Mutual Aid Assist  
10:39 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Removed  
10:55 a.m. Property Damage, Kenwood Drive, Report Filed  
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Ackerley, Mary R., 32, Framingham  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
5:32 p.m. Safety Concern, Pommogussett Road, Gone on Arrival  
7:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Laurelwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 58 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, four traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one scam, one threat, one motor vehicle accident, three safety hazards, three complaints, five fires, four animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, April 14**  
5:28 p.m. Found/Lost Property, Chagnon Road, Officer Handled  
5:58 p.m. Found/Lost Property, Main Street, Officer Handled  
**Tuesday, April 15**  
9:26 a.m. School Safety Drill, School House Drive, Services Rendered  
**Wednesday, April 16**  
11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
11:46 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Collins Road, Spoken To  
12:22 p.m. Scam, Main Street, Spoken To  
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
5:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:28 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

9:33 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
**Thursday, April 17**  
10:24 a.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Voice Message Left  
10:52 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made  
3:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled  
7:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:04 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
9:46 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
11:06 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
**Friday, April 18**  
5:50 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
7:11 a.m. 911 Fire/Auto, Petersham Road, Vehicle Towed  
10 a.m. Threat, Petersham Road, Report Taken

12:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
12:47 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To  
1:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To  
2:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Taylor Hill Road, Officer Handled  
4 p.m. Fire/Mutual Aid, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
6:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Saturday, April 19**  
1:02 a.m. 911 Fire/Auto, Main Street, Extinguished  
7:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Criminal Complaint  
9:57 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered  
10:12 a.m. Fire/Other, North Road, No Action Required  
2:24 p.m. Fire/Other, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
3:56 p.m. 911 Disturbance, River Run, Services Rendered  
6:54 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Joslyn Road, Negative Contact  
**Sunday, April 20**  
5:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
7:19 a.m. Alarm, Ridge Road, Investigated  
7:58 a.m. Safety Hazard, Creamery Road, Officer Handled  
**Monday, April 21**  
3:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Muddy Brook Road, Investigated

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, one traffic control, four emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one complaint, two investigations, one fire, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, April 14**  
2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made  
8:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

10:05 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Prouty Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Tuesday, April 15**  
11:44 a.m. Complaint, Bridge Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
3:17 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
6:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Officer Handled  
**Wednesday, April 16**  
3:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Utley Road, Services Rendered  
**Thursday, April 17**  
11:56 a.m. 911 Misdial, Utley

Road, No Action Required  
**Friday, April 18**  
10:55 a.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Sibley Road, Extinguished  
4:37 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered  
5:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
**Saturday, April 19**  
4:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
7:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Unitas Road, Officer Handled  
**Sunday, April 20**  
4:35 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Summons Issued

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