

# Local yokel

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West  
Stockbridge  
April 2018



Members of the West Stockbridge Fire Department circa 1989.  
[Photographer unknown]

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# 90 Years and Counting: The West Stockbridge Fire Department

by Eric Shimelonis

It was the middle of the Prohibition era. Calvin Coolidge was in his final year as president of the United States. New York governor Al Smith was running a fierce campaign against Herbert Hoover. The world had recently witnessed Charles Lindbergh accomplish the first transatlantic flight, and Amelia Earhart was preparing for her own. The sculpting of Mount Rushmore had just begun, and here in West Stockbridge, 17 residents were uniting to establish a new local institution.

Francis Fallon, the founder of the Public Market and grandfather to current Selectman Bernie Fallon, recorded the first meeting of the West Stockbridge Fire Department on April 11, 1928. In a sturdy black and maroon leather-bound journal, Fallon's elegant penmanship documented the creation of the department's original bylaws, as well as the appointment of the very first fire chief, Garrett Troy.

A much loved local entrepreneur, Troy wore an impressive number of hats. In addition to opening the garage on Route 41 that still carries his surname, Troy was an auto dealer and the founder of a legendary semipro baseball team. He also served as West Stockbridge's town clerk, treasurer, and deputy sheriff; many town folk affectionately called him "The Sheriff." And for the 25 charter members of the new West Stockbridge Fire Department, Troy was "The Chief."

The department's first truck was a 1928 American LaFrance Metropolitan fire engine; at the time, it cost the town around \$10,000. The department had yet to build a dedicated firehouse, so the truck was stationed inside Troy's Garage. In fact, Troy's would remain the de facto firehouse for many years.

Francis Fallon's leather-bound journal would go on to record the department's monthly meeting minutes well into the 1950s. Leaf through its delicate pages now, and you'll see the diverse handwriting of many secretaries through

the years. However, you'll find a large gap between January 14, 1943, and March 11, 1945. After Chief Garrett Troy died in 1944, it seems it took the department some time to regroup.

The decade following Troy's death is notable for its leadership turnover. Guy Dellea, who joined the department in the early 1930s, succeeded Troy but served only a few years. When Dellea retired in 1947, Carlo Masiero took over. When he stepped down in 1952, Lawrence Baldwin was chief for about a year.

With the appointment in 1953 of Chief Jim McDermott, the department entered an era of longer term

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Chief Jim McDermott. [Photo by Bay Stater Magazine]



The department's original engine in front of the current station. [Photographer unknown]

# Board of Selectmen Meeting Summaries

By Doane Perry

*Note: Copies of official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Video recordings of town meetings are broadcast on Charter Cable channel 190. Residents can be notified by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>.*

## Open Meeting: February 26, 2018

### Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Peter Skorput reported that four members are taking EMT training and the whole department has taken a sprinkler systems course. Peter mentioned that the Old Town Hall currently has no sprinklers installed.

Peter and the selectmen discussed ambulance storage and service. Places to store ambulances are needed. The funds for ambulance service come from fees for transportation to medical facilities for services and tests. Peter mentioned that an ambulance helicopter ride costs \$10,000.

### Street Lighting

Mark Webber told the selectmen that National Grid is performing a survey of the town's streetlights in order to make a proposal for installing LED lights. National Grid is surveying North Adams now. Costs for the West Stockbridge project would be added to the town's street lighting bill.

### Temporary Road Closing

Curt Wilton reported that Long Pond Road is closed due to a broken culvert.

### Cable Television

Mark reported that the Cable Commission and a consultant with CTSB have developed an equipment proposal that is within budget, an indication that local programming is headed in a positive direction.

### School Budget

Mark reported that the West Stockbridge share of the school budget will rise a little. There is pushback from Great Barrington residents because their share will rise a lot.

### New Dump Truck

The selectmen signed a form for an initial bond for a new dump truck.

### Transfer Station Swap Shop

Architect John Fulop presented an updated drawing of the Swap Shop building and reported that the zoning inspectors have approved it. John estimates the building would cost \$11,000 to \$15,000. Meeting the building code is necessary. The Stockbridge Swap Shop has two entryways including a garage door.

Curt said buying a prefab prebuilt unit would be easier than building a structure on the rocky ledge that underlies the Transfer Station parking lot. Curt said the Board of Selectmen support the Swap Shop but, like

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## April History Quiz Question:



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The early to mid-19th century period might have seen the peak of our prominent and national impact residents. These included one of the founders of the Mormon Church, a prominent abolitionist, and a university founder. All came from West Stockbridge during that time. One of our most interesting characters was a tinkerer/inventor, manufacturer, lecturer, portraiture artist, and part-time counterfeiter. Who was this prominent citizen of our town?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

When friends, neighbors, or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, *please* ask them to think of the West Stockbridge Historical Society before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters, or memorabilia of the Town of West Stockbridge. E-mail [info@weststockbridgehistory.org](mailto:info@weststockbridgehistory.org) or call 232-4270.

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the public toilets, it raises the issue of who will manage it. Swap Shop hours of operation should not exceed Transfer Station hours. He'd like to see a list of volunteers and plans for parking and signage. He thinks a building 36 × 14 feet (500 square feet), 12 inches off the ground, with a handicapped ramp would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Staffing the Swap Shop is a key issue. Transfer Station manager Wayne Cooper thinks volunteers will come forward because people want the Swap Shop to succeed. Karen Carmean is helping set up the software to schedule volunteers. Board of Health agent Earl Moffatt said the Swap Shop is a great idea; his main concern is maintaining it. He noted that the Transfer Station gate was installed because people were coming in and taking stuff from the metals container. Peter said all the issues can be worked out. Asked about liability, Peter said the town has coverage.

Bernie Fallon said we have to keep working on the details and not just say let Wayne do it. John commented that someone has to be there to reject dirty items and said the building is simple, but maintaining it is complex. Bernie recommended giving consideration to where people will park, developing a budget in three weeks, and voting on the funds at town meeting.

#### Executive Session

The selectmen went into executive session for collective bargaining.

### Open Meeting: March 19, 2018

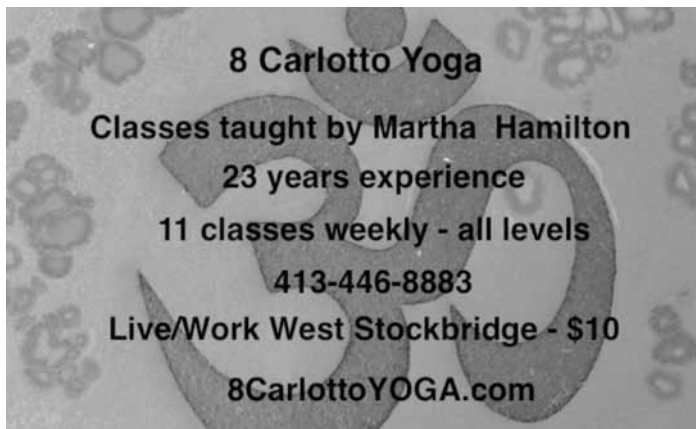
#### FY 2019 Budget and Annual Town Meeting

The annual town meeting warrant can be amended until April 23. It is not possible to increase any budget item at the meeting. In addition to the usual routine articles and town and school district budgets, warrant items will include discontinuation of Orchard Street as a town road, funding to complete Great Barrington Road, purchase of a police cruiser and playground equipment, fire station repairs, purchasing National Grid land (current location of public restrooms), and Transfer Station Swap Shop.

Peter Skorput reported that Richmond will not charge automatically for \$3,500 in shared emergency services. Richmond asked about daytime shared services. Peter thinks it would be a big expense for 60 medical calls a year but said to keep the article in case there is a change down the road or next year.

Peter noted that Stockbridge is paying \$150,000 for medical services, which is a great deal. Curt Wilton says Peter has "kept his eye on the ball" in this regard. County Ambulance (which has paramedics) goes anywhere for chest pain or serious illnesses, motor vehicle accidents, and so on, and then charges the insurance companies. West Stockbridge pays a stipend of \$3,000 annually to help cover wear and tear. Peter believes with staff and insurance it might cost \$100,000 a

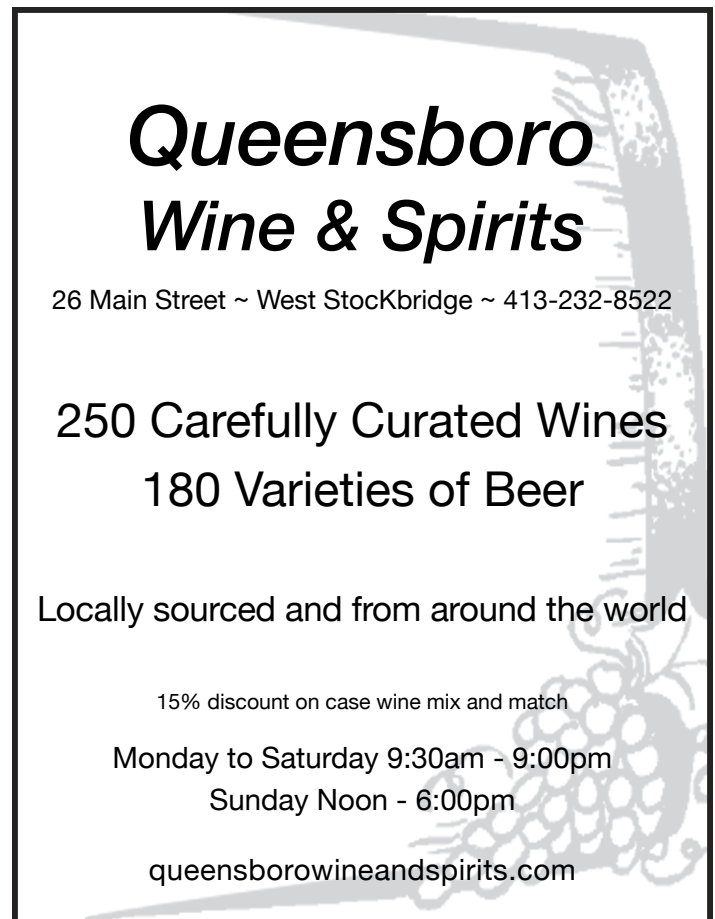
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- Show vendors where to set up before the start
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- Set up a tent and tables for the committee
- String flags and banners
- Collect items for the raffle basket
- Sell raffle tickets
- Take head counts
- Take pictures of what's interesting each week
- Find out what vendors are bringing next week
- Hang posters
- Break everything down



*The rooster keeps crowing!  
Photo by Roland Dudney*

Part-timers are welcome! We already have a few loyal neighbors who have stepped up. More are needed.

We've also, sadly, had to eliminate some special fun elements at the market this year due to lack of staffing. Unless someone steps in and takes over, Fun with Kids will be cancelled. The opening day Kids' Carnival will also be discontinued for the same reason. More cuts are sure to come.

This is crunch time. For the market to survive, new faces are required. If everyone is too busy, 2018 will be the last year of the West Stockbridge Farmers Market. It's up to you.

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year for paid daytime coverage. West Stockbridge averages 130 calls a year of which 60 are medical. The town pays \$12,000 annually to the Berkshire Sheriff Patrol for police and fire communication services.

**Local Cable Access TV**

Cable Commissioner Bill Barth and consultant Chris Graham will select camera equipment for a total cost of \$8,000 including a PowerPoint projector.

**Sign Permit Application**

The owner of the Shaker Mill Tavern requests a simple sign exchange. The current road sign and 4 x 4 sign were approved in the past. They removed the second same-size sign during construction and wish to replace it with a 4 x 4 sign for The Werkshires. Mark Webber suggested approving the permit for the new sign.

**License for Used and Junk Autos**

A complaint was received that must be documented and brought up at license renewal time. Selectmen do not have a say over other people's property. Mark will identify which issues the selectmen can act on.

**Streetlights**

Joanne DeRose, representative for National Grid, presented an inventory of town streetlights and the cost to change over to 20- or 30-watt LEDs. She explained that LEDs save electricity and provide better quality light than sodium lights. Most towns use 20- and 30-watt LEDs at intersections. Mark does not yet have a recommendation. We currently pay \$17,000 a year for streetlights.

**Police Personnel**

Curt Wilton reported that the chief of police has written a letter to the board concerning personnel. An officer is starting academy training in a week or two and will be brought in later. The chief would like to hire three part-time certified officers (Jane Curtin, Alan Havil, and Ken Pettibone) until June, at which time the chief will present the complete roster of proposed officers.

**New Village Association Sign**

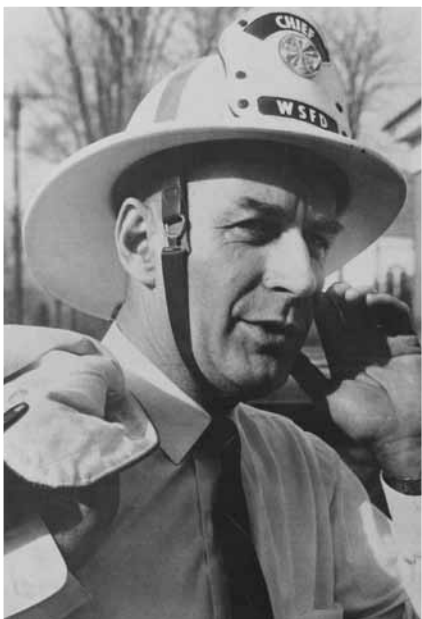
Joe Roy, Jr. said a new Merchants Association sign will cost \$4,000 to replace. Curt suggested making it a warrant item or petition. Mark suggested funds could be transferred from room tax. There was agreement with this approach, and it will be added to the budget.

**Other Business:**

- The annual town caucus will be held on April 2 at 7 p.m. The selectmen will meet at 6:30.
- Curt reported that Stockbridge may buy our old 1980 Champion grader that the town retired some years ago.
- Bernie Fallon asked Curt about people throwing trash in town or restaurant trash containers. Police are on the lookout for this. Years ago someone from New York City put trash in the post office barrel, leaving his address on envelopes in the trash. The postmaster packed up the trash and sent it to him there. □

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<i>Elected Office</i>	<i>Term Length</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>
Moderator	1 year	Eugene Dellea
Board of Selectmen	3 years	Vacant
Board of Assessors	3 years	Susan Lupo
Finance Committee	3 years	William Kie
Finance Committee	3 years	Gary Schieneman
Planning Board	5 years	Sarah Thorne
Planning Board	3 years	Vacant
Board of Health	3 years	Lucy Leonard
Library Trustees	3 years	Sue Coxon
Library Trustees	1 year	Gail Garrick
Cemetery Commission	3 years	Earl Moffatt



*Chief Jim McDermott*

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leadership that persists to this day. An engineer in the telecommunications field, McDermott joined the department in 1941, under Chief Garrett Troy. McDermott was promoted to assistant chief in 1946 under Guy Dellea.

Although McDermott would go on to have the longest tenure of any chief in the department's history, there was an interruption to his term. Friction between Chief McDermott and the Board of Selectmen caused the chief to submit his resignation at the end of 1957. Assistant Chief Raymond Smith was appointed by the selectmen to replace McDermott. In 1960, cooler heads prevailed, and Chief McDermott resumed his post.

Chief McDermott oversaw a dramatic modernization of the Fire Department. He procured new equipment, and with his engineering experience at the New England Telephone Company, he helped modernize communications and alarm systems throughout town. He also supervised construction of the department's first dedicated station, on land donated by none other than Francis Fallon. Completed in 1962, that building

houses the West Stockbridge Fire Department to this day.

Chief McDermott was demanding of his members, but also appreciative of all they gave. As he noted during the department's 35th year: "Our department encompasses a fund of knowledge and resources because our 25 volunteers come from all walks of life. We have truck drivers, bank directors, and electricians, among others. There has never been a time when a problem arose that someone hasn't been capable of lending us his professional know-how."

After leading the West Stockbridge Fire Department for nearly a quarter century, Chief McDermott retired in 1977 and passed the torch to Gerard Gerdin. Gerdin's tenure was notable for its record numbers of members; at one point, the roster included 27 firefighters, with as many as 14 certified as emergency medical technicians. Gerdin was also responsible for possibly the most noteworthy member in the department's history.

With Tanglewood only a few miles away, West Stockbridge has long attracted scores of classical musicians come summertime. As the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, Arthur Fiedler was one of those summer regulars. Maestro Fiedler happened to be as passionate about the fire service as he was about music. He was a collector of fire ephemera and often would drive his own vehicle to fire scenes, just to watch the firefighters at work.

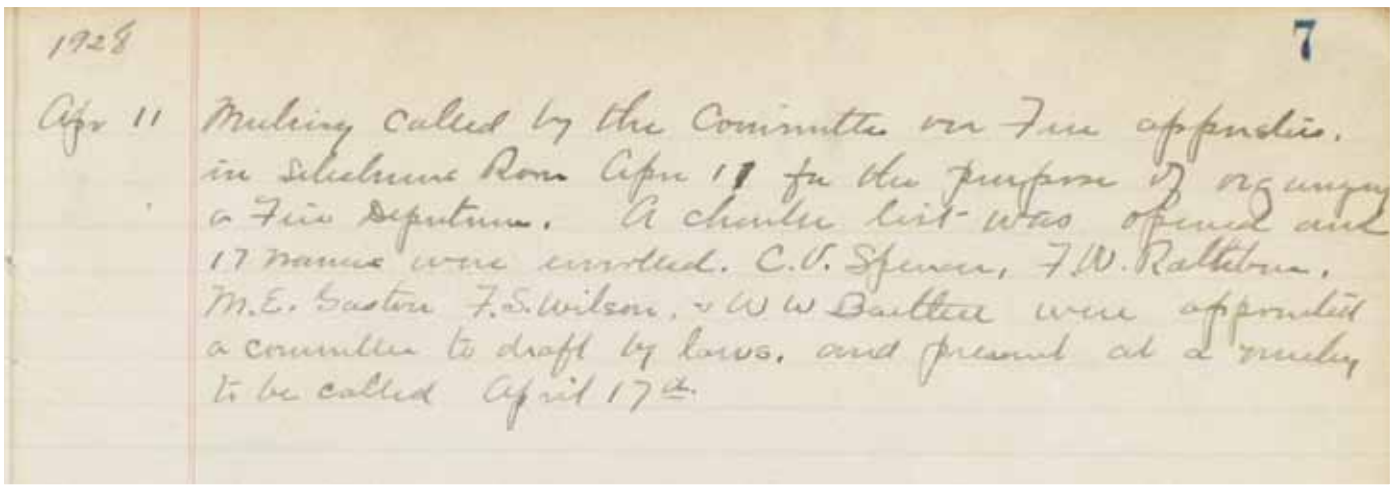
Larry Tonini, who joined the department in 1969, fondly recalls one summer night when he, Chief Gerdin, and a few others chauffeured Fiedler to Tanglewood in one of the town's fire trucks. Afterward, Fiedler invited them all to a party, where Chief Gerdin presented the maestro with two gifts: a 19th-century leather Cairns fire helmet and a West Stockbridge Fire Department badge. The legendary conductor was now an honorary member.

Larry Tonini would take over as chief in 1983. With a 20-year tenure, his longevity was second only to Chief McDermott's. In that time, Tonini supervised the laborious process of getting the Fire Department's Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating reclassified from 9 to 7. That change has

The West Stockbridge Fire Department is partnering with the West Stockbridge Historical Society to celebrate its 90 years in July 2018, and we hope you'll be part of the festivities. Look for further details in these pages as plans take shape.

Additionally, the department, in collaboration with local historians, is actively working to piece together the rich history of the West Stockbridge Fire Department, and we invite you to share your memories and stories. If you have an anecdote about the department, or recollections of a particular incident, member, or chief, please send an e-mail to [email@wsfd-online](mailto:email@wsfd-online). You may also mail it to West Stockbridge Fire Department, History Project, 24 Albany Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266.





*The first entry in the department's meeting journal, penned by Francis Fallon. [Photo by Eric Shimelonis]*

saved residents hundreds of thousands of dollars in home insurance premiums in the years since. Tonini also oversaw the purchase of two new trucks and the department's first extrication tools, and he helped the town become the first in the state to pass a home sprinkler requirement in the bylaws. When this bylaw was repealed in the late 1980s, Tonini says it was one of his greatest disappointments. He believes the requirement would have made things much safer for the town's firefighters and residents.

The same year Tonini became chief, a young man by the name of Peter Skorput joined the department's ranks. Tonini remembers, "Pete was always willing to volunteer to get things done. He would always be the first person to raise his hand." This is still true of Chief Skorput, who wears nearly as many hats as Chief Garrett Troy did. As with his predecessors, Skorput has done much to modernize the equipment of the Fire Department. He has overseen the purchase of two new engines, a rescue vehicle, new extrication equipment; and through grants has upgraded the department's air packs, thermal imaging, and other protective gear.

With its centennial approaching, the department is developing a program of comprehensive organizational improvements. Under the new "WSFD-2028" initiative, Chief Skorput and his members are pursuing a list of short- and long-term goals in an effort to build a stronger infrastructure, culture, and quality of service.

For many volunteer organizations, the pendulum swings between times of strength and times of struggle. Any reader of these pages is well aware that the Fire Department's recent history has tended toward the latter. However, the "fund of knowledge and resources" that Chief McDermott attributed to the department's membership still exists. And thanks to a recent infusion of new blood and talent, the West Stockbridge Fire Department is setting its sights on a future that's even brighter than its past.

*Eric Shimelonis began his career as a professional firefighter, then moved on to a career in music. He is thrilled to wear both hats now as he enters his second year as a member of the West Stockbridge Fire Department. □*

— WSFD Chiefs —

Garrett Troy	(1928–44)	Raymond Smith	(1958–59)
Guy Dellea	(1944–47)	Jim McDermott	(1960–77)
Carlo Massiero	(1947–52)	Gerard Gerdin	(1977–83)
Lawrence Baldwin	(1952–53)	Larry Tonini	(1983–2003)
Jim McDermott	(1953–57)	Peter Skorput	(2003–present)



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1. From the WSPL website, click on "Research Databases."
2. Click on the small yellow button to get to the list of "Resources (A-Z)," and then click on the button for



the Globe



or the Times

On a related note, we plan to hold a homework night for high school students on Thursday, April 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. If you have a final paper to write and you need some resources, we can help you find articles in our databases. Or if you are studying for the SATs, plan to meet with your study group here. We hope to see you at the library!

Also, for our preschool friends out there, stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about a story hour during that same week.

Finally, and speaking of our young friends, mark your calendars for an upcoming performance by West Stockbridge's own Rebecca Sheir and Eric Shimelonis.

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**Figure Painting, Open Studio.** Tuesdays, Feb. 6–May 1, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. IS 183, Stockbridge. \$25. Bring your supplies. RSVP (413) 298-5252, ext. 100. Sign up for first Tuesdays or all dates

**Art Seminars and Business Meeting.** Wed., April 4, 4 p.m. Submit your 2D work inspired by nature, animals, or wildlife for the Berkshire Humane Society. 4:30 p.m. How to make your own web page. Bring 2–5 photos on flash drive or smartphone or computer. 5–6:30 p.m. Business meeting and planning upcoming programs. Community Room, Town Offices, 21 Stateline Road (Rte. 102), West Stockbridge

**Meet the Artist:** Scott Taylor. Thurs., April 12, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Six Depot, West Stockbridge.

**Positive Critique.** Thurs., April 12, 4–6 p.m. Bring 2–3 pieces of your art. West Stockbridge Town Offices. Get advice on work for Shaker Mill Inn show

**Gallery 35: Works by members of the guild.** Business hours until Sat., April 14, at 3 p.m. Stone House Properties, 35 Railroad St., Great Barrington, (413) 528-4211

**Berkshire Photo Gathering.** Sun., April 15, 2–4 p.m. \$5. Berkshire South Regional Community Center, 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington. Bring 2–5 photos on flash drive, smartphone, or printed.

**Berkshire Humane Society: Reception of Art Exhibit.** Thurs., April 19, 5–7 p.m. 214 Barker Rd., Pittsfield. More than 80 paintings, drawings, and photographs

**Member Potluck.** Sat., April 21 or rain date Sun., April 22, 3–7 p.m. in West Stockbridge. Bring main dish, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert for 10 and what you want to drink. Partners welcome. RSVP for address

**Meet the Artist:** Rose Tannenbaum, Abstract Painter. Thurs., April 26, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Six Depot. RSVP

**Art Book Gathering.** Fri., April 27, 2–4 p.m. Share a favorite book: artist, process. Shaker Dam Books, West Stockbridge

**ARTWEEK MA:** Mon., April 30, to Sun., May 6, 9:30–1 p.m. Make art outdoors with us! Demos, Plein Air, Critique @ \$15. RSVP

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(Formerly Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists' Guild)

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Join us for a new group of paintings and drawings celebrating nature, animals and wildlife. From the top left clockwise representative works by our artists Keith Emerling, Walt Pasko Theresa Terry, Debbie D. Smith, Kerry Hamilton, Kim Gerber and Rose Tannenbaum The exhibit is open when the Berkshire Humane Society is open: Tuesdays-Saturdays 10-4pm, Thurs. 5-8pm, Sun. 1-4pm. Come enjoy the art, the animals and the wonderful team who cares for them.



Rebecca Sorrentino.  
Photo by John Parker

# Don't Be a Victim!

By Rebecca Sorrentino, Branch Officer, Berkshire Bank

Everyone is a potential target for fraud and scams. Crafty systems are used to defraud individuals every day, such as these examples:

- You have won the lottery! Send your banking information and a check, and we will deposit \$1 million. FOREIGN LOTTERY SCAM!
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Anyone in our community could be affected by a scam or fraud. It is my hope that talking about these potential issues will help protect you and our West Stockbridge community from future unfortunate events.

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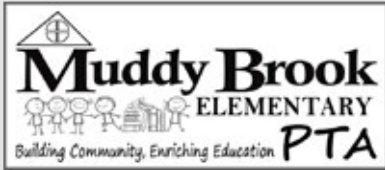
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**Rewards for Muddy Brook**

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Please join fellow parents and teachers in making this year very special for the students of Muddy Brook. Visit [muddybrookpta.com](http://muddybrookpta.com), and like us on Facebook!

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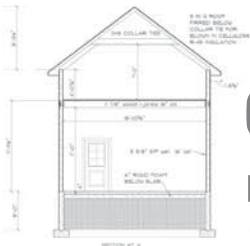
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*Great conversation and food were highlights at the 2017 WFSM Vendor Appreciation Party held on March 15. Photo by Peter Cohen*





# On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

## It's Not Your Grandma's Linoleum!

Some remarkable changes in flooring options have occurred in recent years, with growth in areas that are high tech as well as a return to some older materials and technologies. Some of these developments are driven by advances in digital printing and manufacturing, as well as consumers' desire for more renewable, greener options.

I recently spoke to the two Joe Roys, father and son, at the Floor Store in town. They've been flooring people for 40 years. (Pause. Get it? "Flooring people . . ." OK, moving on.) Tucked away in a showroom that is somehow much bigger inside than it is outside are samples of some of these newer options.

Here are some of the cool recent developments:

- **Luxury vinyl tile (LVT, in biz lingo):** This product is gradually replacing sheet vinyl in the market because of ease of installation—DIYers take notice!—and the amazing variety of patterns and textures. Some of the vinyl comes in plank shapes, some in 12 × 12 tile shapes, all manufactured with high-resolution (hi-res) digital printing so it really looks like wood flooring or stone, but it is durable, cleanable, and easy to install.
- **Marmoleum:** This is actually old-fashioned *linoleum* (made from wood "flour," linseed oil, and an amazing array of colored binders) and bonded to a backer with a cork pad. It's waterproof, durable, "natural"—each piece is unique—and easy to install because of "click technology." The backer under the linoleum is cut on a digitally operated machine that makes the edges of the tiles or planks click together with their neighbors, creating a gap-free surface. It doesn't even need to be glued down! And linoleum is a great hypoallergenic choice for people with chemical or odor sensitivity.
- **Cork:** Also a flash from the past is *cork* flooring, now available in a variety of sizes and textures. This stuff actually *does* grow on trees. Sustainably harvested trees. Waterproof (well, *duh!*) and natural.
- **Porcelain floor tile:** Because of advances in hi-res digital printing, porcelain tile can look just like highly figured marble slabs but at less cost, and it's far more durable than stone. Digital scans are made of natural stone, then printed on the porcelain before the glazing finish is baked on. The printer randomly moves the image on each piece, so there are no telltale repeat patterns.
- **Prefinished wood flooring:** The hi-res digital printing technology has also been adapted for use in prefinished wood flooring and "engineered" wood flooring. And the click-together technology makes installation much easier. Older prefinished flooring suffered from large grooves between the planks, even with the click technology. Newer styles have micro-grooves providing a much flatter surface, less able to collect dirt. The highly durable finishes are factory applied in many more layers than could be done with traditional sanded and finished wood floors.
- **Bamboo flooring:** Now available in a wide variety of patterns and colors due to hi-res digital printing, bamboo is a great choice as a green option in that the tree (actually a *grass*) is very fast growing (although the better quality bamboo is at least five years old) and incredibly durable. Good quality bamboo is up to two or three times harder than oak.
- **Low VOC carpeting:** Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are what give new carpet that weird smell when it's just installed, and the lingering effect is a problem for some people with chemical sensitivity long after it's supposed to have "off-gassed." Newer carpets are much lower in VOCs as well as available in more textures and colors.

*Flooring people. Get it?*

Please e-mail your questions to [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org).

# Scott Taylor

Scott Taylor

Painter

*I love to paint!*

*I love everything about it, from the very first brush load of color to the last—and especially how the paint feels as the brush moves it around the canvas.*

*Ultimately, I hope the end result will give someone else the same pleasure in looking at the piece as the joy that I get out of creating it."*



Join Scott Taylor on Thursday, April 12, at Six Depot, West Stockbridge from 12:15 to 1:30 pm for an informal discussion over lunch. You will be able to ask him questions. RSVP: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544a5a72ca7fa7-meet> or if necessary [kcarmean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmean@gmail.com). Scott Taylor is a Berkshire painter who has been creating art for most of his life. Old rustic barns so prevalent in the New England landscape are a major influence for him, as well as wooded pathways, garden flowers, and treed ridge lines. Although he does not have formal art training, elements such as color theory and composition have come intuitively to him.

His education stems from spending a great deal of time studying the work of artists he admires—Vincent van Gogh, Edward Hopper, John Singer Sargent, Wayne Thiebaud, and Richard Diebenkorn, to name a few. Taylor's use of color has become his signature and is apparent when looking at his work. Vibrant color first catches the eye, and through its movement and energy, one is drawn further into the painting.

"Often when I start a painting, I have an idea and direction for what I expect the piece to be, but at times the painting will take on a life of its own. I paint today because I have to; it has become what I do."

Thurs., April 12  
12:15-1:30 p.m.

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## **Group Seeks Volunteers to Help Conduct River Assessments**

### ***Housatonic Valley Association***

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) invites interested individuals to help form “Stream Teams” to complete stream assessments of the Williams and Konkapot Rivers this spring and summer. Volunteers will walk or paddle along an assigned segment of the river and record information along the way. Information collected will be compiled into a final Stream Assessment Report that will include conditions and use of the river plus recommendations for future projects. These surveys help HVA assess the health of the river and what is needed in the watershed. Training sessions will be scheduled in May.

Stream Teams will be made up of small groups of two to three volunteers, typically assigned to a 1- to 2-mile section of the river. HVA will train volunteers on how to conduct the survey, what information to record, and safety protocols. Volunteers will be asked to record pipes that are seen, invasive plants or wildlife observations, and general river conditions and usage. Following the surveys, volunteers will share their findings and discuss recommendations. Information gathered will be compiled into final Stream Assessment reports, one for each of the tributaries.

Not all Stream Team members need to be involved in conducting a survey. If you have an interest or expertise in either the Williams or Konkapot Rivers, HVA welcomes your input. Trainings are expected to be scheduled in May. Surveys will be completed from May to July, weather and water levels permitting. Final reports are expected to be compiled in late summer and will be submitted to local municipalities and state government and should be available to the public by October 2018.

Funding for the River Assessments is provided by the Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. If you are interested in participating in this project, please call HVA at (413) 298-7024 or e-mail Alison Dixon at [adixon@hvatoday.org](mailto:adixon@hvatoday.org).

#### ***About the Housatonic Valley Association***

*Founded in 1941, HVA is uniquely dedicated to protecting the entire Housatonic River Watershed. The watershed includes about 2,000 square miles of land stretching from western Massachusetts through western Connecticut and eastern New York to Long Island Sound. HVA's offices are in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut; Stockbridge, Massachusetts; and Wassaic, New York. For more information, visit [hvatoday.org](http://hvatoday.org).*



## Community News & Events

### Community Health Association

Blood pressure clinics are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 9–10 a.m., at the CHA office at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. For more information, contact Emilie Jarrett, RN, at 232-0122.

### Stockbridge Grange Dinner

The Stockbridge Grange will host a roast pork dinner in the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street on Sunday, April 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost for adults is \$12; \$6 for children under 12. Takeout is available; call (413) 298-3185.

### Council on Aging Potluck

The Council on Aging potluck luncheon will be held in the Community Room at the Town Offices on Tuesday, April 10, at noon. Hopefully the weather will be better by then. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

### West Stockbridge Congregational Church

All are invited to the West Stockbridge Congregational Church's annual Earth Day celebration! It will be held at 10 a.m. on April 22 at the outdoor chapel, 141 West Center Road, and we would love for all our neighbors to join us in appreciation of our earth's natural beauty and bounty.

Easter events:

- Easter sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, at the Outdoor Chapel, 141 West Center Road
- Easter breakfast (no charge) at 7:30 a.m., April 1, in the Church Dining Hall, 45 Main Street
- Easter service at 9:30 a.m. on April 1, in the church sanctuary, 45 Main Street

*Send your notices for Community News & Events to the  
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Meet the Artist 2018

## Carole Quinn

*Carole Quinn*  
*Photographer*



Wed., April 18  
12:15–1:30 p.m.

Six Depot,  
West Stockbridge



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Carole Quinn, a Berkshire native and former Pine Hill activities director, retired December 2015 giving her more time to travel and pursue her passion for photography. She recently traveled to Kenya, a wonderful subject for her photos of animals, people, and places. Carole has been a judge for the Berkshire Camera. She has offered green screen technology workshops and is interested in leading photography walks around Lenox, Great Barrington, and other towns.



# Parks & Rec

*Two swans a-swimming. Photo by Roland Dudney*

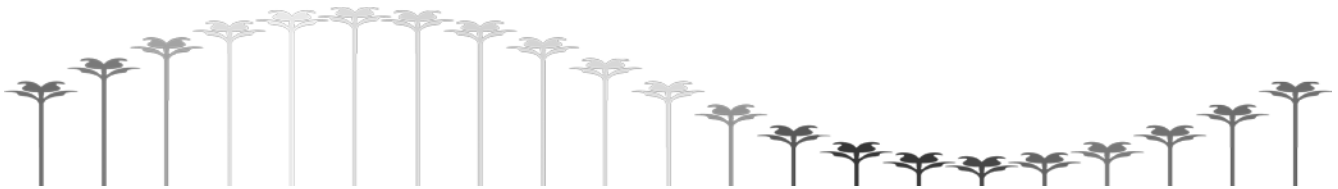
After one of the strangest winters on record, spring is definitely in the air. That's the good news. Unfortunately, also in the air and headed for Card Pond beach are the dreaded geese! Thanks to the Highway Department, look for the string fence at the shoreline, two swans a-swimming, one permanently-on-loan eagle, and lengths of black hose curled to resemble snakes. All these geese deterrents are coming soon. Also feel free to wander down to the pond with your dog in the off-season and chase them away. Geese are protected, so they cannot be harmed or their nests destroyed. But scaring them or chasing them is entirely acceptable. Let the games begin!

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Speaking of games, specifically water games, there are still openings for lifeguards this summer. Interested candidates should contact (917) 209-0926.

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Photos must be taken in West Stockbridge and be submitted by e-mail as a digital file. Resolution should be at least 300 dpi at 9 x 12 inches for cover use. Please include the date and location the photo was taken. Submissions will be accepted until May 15. Photos may be published in the April, May, or June issues. The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the preceding month.

The *Local Yokel* is *always* looking for local content. We invite residents, businesspeople, and creative folks of all ages to submit material of interest to our readers for consideration. Submissions can include articles, columns, profiles, photos, artwork, poems—you name it! You don't have to be a pro, just have something to share. Our editors will help you prepare your content for publication.

For more information and submissions, please contact *Local Yokel* editor John Parker at [john.j.parker53@gmail.com](mailto:john.j.parker53@gmail.com) or by phone at (413) 394-4368.



Last year's cover picks: Lear Levin (top)  
Patrick Barry (bottom)

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## **Fire Department Log** *By Peter Skorput, Fire Chief*

### **FEBRUARY & MARCH 2018**

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2/27	9:59 p.m.	Illegal burn
3/2	4:38 a.m.	Mutual aid (CO detector)
3/2	1:30 p.m.	Tree on wires
3/2	3:30 p.m.	Tree on wires
3/4	2:56 p.m.	Medical
3/9	8:41 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident
3/12	7:24 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident

## Be a local hero

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## West Stockbridge History Quiz Answer:



*Anson Clark home, studio, and workshop next to Troy's Garage. Photo by Bob Salerno*

Anson Clark was born in Lisbon, Connecticut, and sometime around 1810, his family moved to West Stockbridge. Anson worked as a marble cutter, but he was a tinkerer and inventor at heart. He invented and/or experimented with an improved drilling machine, a marble-cutting machine, and a new machine for polishing marble. In 1831 he opened up a factory near the Shaker Mill Inn property to make wood staves for barrel making. He then used that factory to create a line of musical instruments

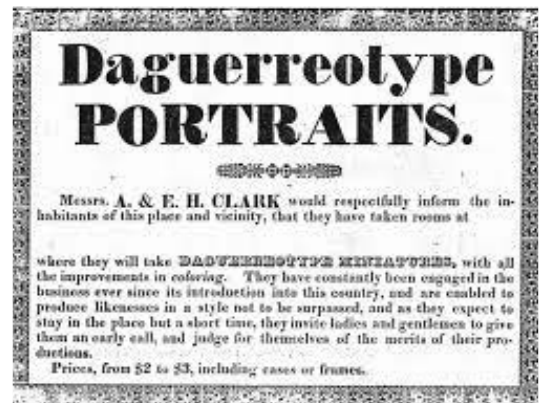
as well (seraphins, melodeons, and aeoleons). Later, he and his son Edwin produced wood carpenters' levels (one of which was recently donated to the Historical Society by Rob McDermott).

Anson was a 19th-century scientific Renaissance man. He lectured about science, played with electricity before Edison, invented an electric dynamo, improved lens grinding, and experimented with different chemical processes.

Perhaps his biggest claim to fame was in early photography, the daguerreotype. In the early 1800s, photography was in its infancy, and developing a plate required complex chemical steps. Anson worked on improving the daguerreotype process, although he did not perfect it. He set up a portrait gallery in his home and a branch in Great Barrington where he took portraits of prominent local citizens. The famous portrait in the Stockbridge Library of Agrippa Hull, the black Revolutionary War patriot, is based on Anson's daguerreotype. He also took the first known first photo of West Stockbridge (also in the Stockbridge Library).

One of the more interesting aspects of Anson's inventiveness was his use of the photo process to copy bank notes and then engrave them from the daguerreotype. One of his counterfeit bank notes from the Housatonic Bank is in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We don't know how successful he was in this effort, or whether he did it just to see if it could be done. We also don't know if he was ever arrested. It's unlikely because counterfeiting was not as major a crime as it would be now, and the Secret Service didn't exist yet.

Anson's life story includes a bit of a mystery. He died in West Stockbridge in 1847 and supposedly is buried here, although there is no record of him in any of our cemeteries. His home/studio/workshop remains next to Troy's Garage. It was one of the earliest homes to have solar collectors in town—very appropriate!



*Anson Clark ad, courtesy of Bob Salerno.*



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Assessors Office	<i>Mary Stodden</i>	232-0300	ext. 303	Tues. 1–5 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Board of Health	<i>Earl Moffatt</i>	232-0300	ext. 314	Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., or by appt.
Board of Selectmen	<i>Bernie Fallon, Peter Skorput, Curt G. Wilton</i>			
Administrative Assistant	<i>Mark Webber</i>	232-0300	ext. 319	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector	<i>Brian Duval</i>	232-0300	ext. 313	Tues. 4–7 p.m.
Conservation Commission	<i>Jennifer Kujawski, Lori Rose</i>	232-0300	ext. 338	Leave Message for Inquiries
Council on Aging	<i>John Zick</i>	232-0300	ext. 340	Leave Message for Inquiries
Emergency Management	<i>Louis Oggiani</i>	528-2175		
Fire Department	<i>Peter Skorput</i>	232-4200 (non-emergency)		Mon. 6:30–9 p.m.
Highway Department	<i>Curt G. Wilton</i>	232-0305		Leave Message for Inquiries
Library	<i>Rachel Alter</i>	232-0300	ext. 308	Tues. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 2–6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; closed Sun. & Mon.
Police Department	<i>Marc Portieri</i>	232-8500 (non-emergency)	24 hours, 7 days/week	
Post Office	<i>Colleen A. Wich</i>	232-8544		Lobby: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; 7 days/week; Window: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.–12 noon
Seasonal Lifeguard		232-0315		
Sewer & Water Commission	<i>Michael Buffoni</i>	232-0309		
Town Accountant	<i>Elaine Markham</i>	232-0300	ext. 317	Leave Message for Inquiries
Town Clerk	<i>Ronni Barrett</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	Tues. & Thurs. 1:30–4 p.m.
Town Collector	<i>June A. Biggs</i>	232-0300	ext. 302	Wed. 3–6 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Town Historian	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
Town Treasurer	<i>Karen Williams</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Thurs. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Transfer Station	<i>Wayne Cooper</i>	232-0307		Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Tree Warden	<i>Andrew Fudge</i>	232-4322		
Veterans Agency	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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The sixth annual “Monument Girls Write On” event will once again be held this year at the West Stockbridge Historical Society Old Town Hall, upstairs in the auditorium. Ten fabulous young female writers at Monument Mountain Regional High School, ages 14 to 18, will present selections from their poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, and hybrid work. Students are chosen to participate by MMRHS English Department faculty, who will also introduce the writers.

# Monument Girls Write On

Friday, April 27 – 6 PM

**Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.**

This event has become a cherished honor for the students who are selected and a valued treat for audiences year after year. Please join us for what is sure to be a varied and impressive offering of entertaining, stimulating, and moving work.

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**April 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**April 2018 Calendar of Events**

4/1	Easter		
4/1	W.S. Congregational Church:		
	Easter Sunrise Service	6:45 a.m.	Outdoor Chapel, 141 West Center Road
	Easter Breakfast	7:30 a.m.	Church Dining Hall, 45 Main Street
	Easter Service	9:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary, 45 Main Street
4/2	Board of Selectmen meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
4/2	Annual Town Caucus	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/4	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/5	Board of Health meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
4/8	Grange Dinner	1-2 p.m.	Grange Hall, 51 Church Street, Stockbridge
4/9	Board of Selectmen meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/10	Council on Aging Luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
4/10	American Legion	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/11	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
4/16	Board of Selectmen meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/18	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/22	Earth Day		
4/22	Earth Day Celebration (W.S. Cong. Church)	10 a.m.	Outdoor Chapel, 141 West Center Road
4/23	Board of Selectmen meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/25	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/27	Arbor Day		
4/27	Monument Girls Write On	6 p.m.	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
4/30	Board of Selectmen meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices