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photo by Joanne Semanie

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

It has been quite eventful in Rowe these last few weeks. I was fortunate enough to be on vacation in South Carolina during the worst part of the storm that left the town without power or internet. I returned to find we were still out of power and 3 feet of snow!

As it turns out, a main line broadband cable that provides Rowe internet was severed in the storm. We are in the final stages of construction on a secondary line to have in place to switch over to when an event like this occurs so that internet would not be lost.

Outstanding Service The outstanding service of the Fire Department and First Responders needs to be acknowledged and their response to the recent fires. In the case of the Bradley barn fire, by the time the fire was discovered, it had already engulfed the barn and was beyond saving. The Fire Department was able to contain the fire so it did not spread to the house and area.

In the case of the recent Danek house fire, Fire Chief Dennis Annear said that without the swift and decisive action carried out by Firefighter **Christine Beaumier** the fire would have been much worse, possibly a total loss. With her outstanding service and the others on scene, the house is repairable. Thank you to the Fire Department for all of their training, service and dedication as without it the recent fires could have been so much worse. Everyone was safe in both events.

We also have to mention the fine work of our Highway Crew, **Lance Larned, Ken Shippee, Paul Plante** and **Kyle Shippee** who managed close to 41 inches of snow over the course of several days. In addition to trees down block-

ing parts of roads, there was a lot of work going on behind the scenes to help people be able to leave their homes.

Budget FY24

It is the time of the year when we are meeting, often twice a week, on budget discussions for the upcoming year and preparing for the town meeting. Costs are rising, as we have all experienced daily, and it may be reflected in the budget for the upcoming year. There is much discussion about the future of the town and where to save money.

Rural Focus

Our new Governor Healy announced her administration has added a Director of Rural Affairs to meet the unique needs of rural communities. Vice-Chair Semanie and I are attending a meeting devoted to rural policies on Saturday, April 1st featuring Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll in Holyoke to learn more.

Small Town Working Together

The advantage of living in a small town is that in times of trouble people really pull together. Neighbor Joanne Semanie put up a 'Go Fund Me' link on her Facebook page to raise money for the Bradleys to help with costs associated with the complete loss of their barn and its contents not covered by insurance. She set, what she thought was an ambitious goal of \$20,000, however, within less than a week the money was raised by generous people of Rowe, family and friends.

Other efforts are in place to help the Danek family who are recovering from their loss. There is a dance party scheduled on April 1st at the Eagles Club from 1-6pm in Shelburne Falls with ticket sales acting as a fund-raising occasion and to provide support.

Board of Health

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Thinking about spring cleaning?

Before breaking out cleaners, it can be helpful to think about if a surface needs to be cleaned (dirt removed) or disinfected, meaning that bacteria and viruses are killed. Most cleaning can just use soap and water, but there are a few instances where disinfecting is good! Thinking before we clean can limit chemical exposures by choosing the right products for the job at-hand.

Breeze into spring cleaning with these tips:

Find safer cleaning products

Cleaning products can irritate skin, eyes, or throat, and/or cause headaches. Chemicals in some products vaporize at room temperature and can cause serious health problems or even death.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has its Safer Choice Guide of products that are safer to human health and the environment. The guide can be found online at <http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice>.

The American Lung Association has recipes for homemade, safer cleaners, which will not vaporize to harm the respiratory tract. Find them online at lung.org.

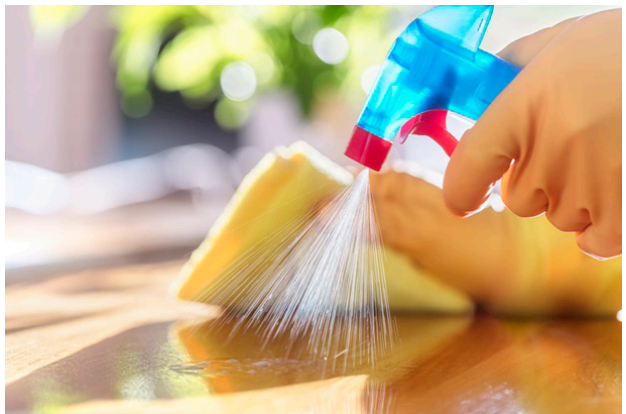
Think smarter about bleach

Generations have used bleach as a cleaning product; however, bleach is a dangerous chemical that needs to be used carefully. **Never mix bleach with other cleaning products, vinegar or ammonia.** If mixed, it can produce a poisonous gas, which can be deadly.

Fresh air is your friend

Opening a window/door to allow fresh air to ventilate before and after cleaning can create a safer environment.

Store cleaning products safely, away from children and pets. Check the labels and make sure they are not left in extreme temperatures.



Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

The nominating period for town elections has closed. A full list of qualified candidates will appear in the May issue of the Goal Post. All candidates turned in papers with sufficient signatures at the time of article submission, which was before the nomination paper deadline. No one took out papers for either Planning Board seat, so those two positions will be determined by write-in votes. The Board of Registrars will certify nomination papers by April 8th. Vote-by-mail ballots will not go out until April 12th at the earliest as the deadline to withdraw from the ballot isn't until April 10th and will need to be printed after that.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Heath School/Town Offices (18 Jacobs Road) April 22nd from 10:00-12:00. Shots are \$20 per vaccination and **MUST** be paid in cash - no exceptions. Dog tags will be available as well and these can be paid for with cash or check. Dogs must be on a non-extendable leash (i.e. fixed length) and all cats need to be in carriers. The deadline for obtaining a dog license has passed - all tags obtained after this point will require a \$10 late fee, except if you obtain your license at the rabies clinic on April 22nd as the clinic has fallen after the deadline this year.

Broadband Outages and Our Plans to Avoid Them

Hope you all survived the storm alright.
It was a doozy.

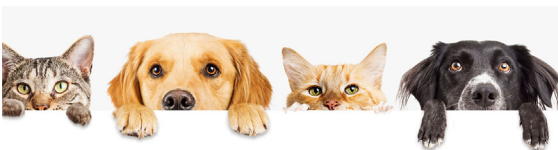
The recent outage was caused by the storm bringing down a tree on a backhaul line in Heath. The Fiber repair crew had to wait until National Grid completed repair on the electric line before they could repair our fiber line.

Currently, the town is dependent on a single line that extends through Heath to Charlemont, and then branches into two routes to our ISP. When a single line break two years ago took down six towns, we began working with our neighboring towns and network operator to create a more resilient backhaul solution. It's been a long process involving negotiating both technical and financial aspects. We are close to having this completed, perhaps in the next two months. Unfortunately, it wasn't in time for this recent storm. Once implemented, the new backhaul network should prove much more robust and make town-wide outages a thing of the past by providing multiple diverse routes.

Note that it can also happen that there is a power outage that leave the fiber lines intact. In that case, we have a backup generator at the hub, and if you have backup power (battery or generator) to your ONT, Router, and Ooma device, then you can maintain service even during a power outage. In this case, it was the fiber line to the whole town that was down.

We're doing our best to keep you all connected. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

David Dvore
Rowe Broadband MLP



Recent Property Transfers: There were no property transfers in Rowe for the month of March. Are you looking for a specific deed? Any deed can be researched at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at masslandrecords.com/franklin.

Form of Lists: Please note that the deadline for returning your personal property form of list for your small business were due March 1, 2023, unless you received an exception from the Assessor's office. Please call the office if you received a form in error or ceased doing business in the Town.

MVE Abatements: All forms for Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement applications are listed on the Assessor Page of the Town of Rowe Website. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Hope you all enjoy the Spring weather!

Assessor's News
Submitted by Christine Bailey

Council on Aging

Hello Rowe residents!

As of right now the Council on Aging (COA) has 4 vacant spaces. 3 of the 7 slots are filled by Barbara Roche, Ashley Manners-Boyd and myself, Brooke Shulda. Town Nurse, Rachel Lewis is also a huge participant within this committee. Feel free to contact members to learn more about what it means to be a member of the Council on Aging.

Even if you're not interested in becoming a member, the COA encourages residents to join in on the fun and socialization, whether you are just looking to volunteer or participate in a meeting(s) or event(s), no strings attached.

All age groups are encouraged to participate

Reminder to fill out and submit a COA Survey

Please contact Rachel Lewis or Brooke Shulda for more information.

Rachel - Phone (413)339-5520 x107

Email: townnurse@rowe-ma.gov

Brooke - Phone (413)339-5520 x101

Email: brookeshulda@outlook.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Shulda, COA Member

**JOIN US AT THE ROWE TOWN
HALL FOR OUR VERY FIRST
"THIRD THURSDAY COFFEE" KICK
OFF!!!**

**Thursday, April 20, 2023
10am - 12pm
Coffee, decaf, assorted teas and a light
snack provided**

***SAVE THE DATE*
Saturday, June 3, 2023
12pm - 3pm
PICNIC AT THE PARK
Details will be provided
in the May GoalPost**



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

HOURS:

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

Lots of fun going on at the library. Stop by and pick a new book, movie or magazine and say hi to our friendly staff. We are happy to recommend materials for you. We welcome Spring and look forward to having more outdoor programs as soon as the snow melts.

Programs:

Wednesday 12th @ 6 pm - Nerd Night Game Night-

Games to be played will be either Horrified or Awkward Guests.

Wednesday @ 3:30 pm- Book Chat - Check in with the library to see what we are reading.

Saturday April 22 @11 am - Books and Biscuits – Stop on by to chat about any books you’ve been reading recently and have a cookie or five! Tea and coffee also provided. Bringing cookies to share is welcome but not required!

Saturday @3-5 pm- Sketch Session – Check back in for exact day. Join us for another sketch session. We’ll start with a quick drawing skill demo then set you off to practice or freestyle your own thing. There will also be still life props and creative prompt cards to help if you don’t know what to draw.

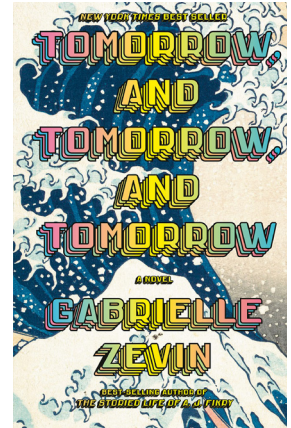
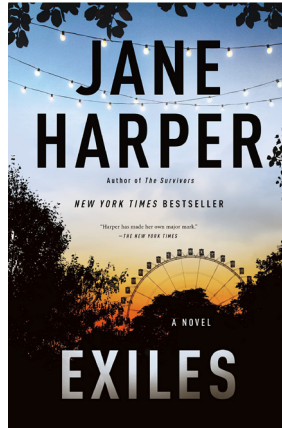
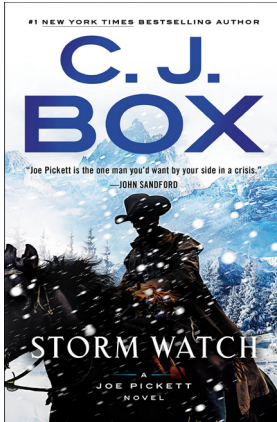
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Library Trustee meetings are held @ 10am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All town residents are welcome to attend.

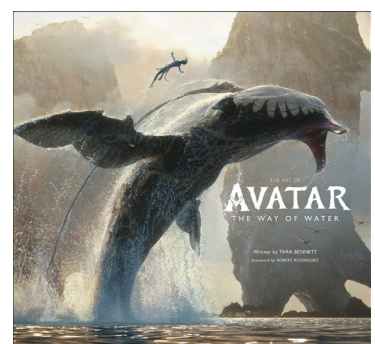
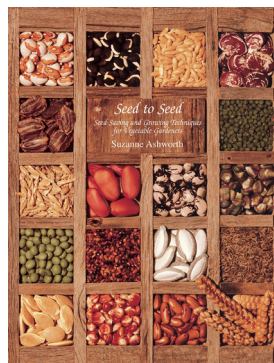
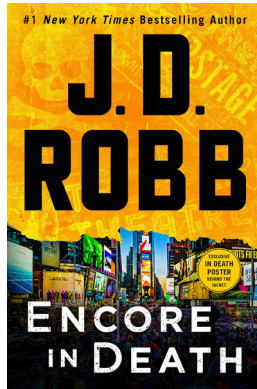
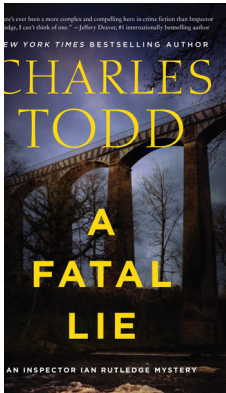
Contact the library if you would like to be put on our email notifications for programs Rowelibrary@gmail.com

Some New Books:

Adult Fiction:

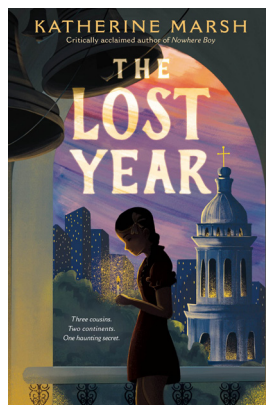


Mystery:

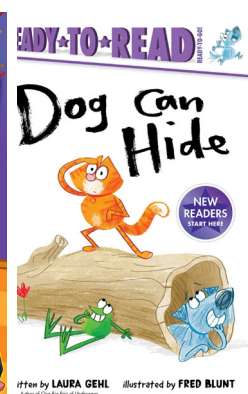
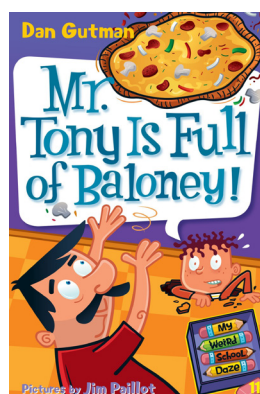


Adult Non-Fiction:

Young Adult:



Kids:





It has now been over three years since the schools were closed on March 13, 2020, and remained closed for the remainder of that school year. Since that time, students, families, and staff have adjusted to a new normal in delivering education. The first two years of the pandemic were as much about keeping kids connected to each other, and to the staff, as it has been about keeping them connected to their education. We have also found that it has been about supporting the families through this. This year has been about maintaining that connection while pushing harder on the academic side. I can't imagine going through challenging times like these with any other group of caring and compassionate educators. As hard as it has been on our students, it would have been immeasurably harder if the staff hadn't been there for the students every day. These three years of the Pandemic have been difficult for all of us, but the Rowe teaching staff has worked hard to craft engaging and developmentally appropriate lessons and activities. Increasing the amount of outdoor education has also been a big part of the last two years.

Representative Natalie Blais came to visit Rowe this month. She stayed for over 2 and a half hours, visited each classroom, including our outdoor classroom on the hill behind the school, and had lunch with the students. She spoke with Superintendent Franzoni and me about what else she could do to help schools like ours, and we encouraged her to support additional funding for rural schools in the state.

MCAS tests will be happening over the next six weeks. While it is a state requirement, we see it as only a snapshot of a student's learning and rely on this standardized test as well as the formal and informal assessments we do all year long with students to gauge how they are learning.

Right now, it looks like the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 27, and Wednesday, June 28 for staff. Graduation will be that Monday or Tuesday. More details to come, including when our end of the year Talent Show and Music Concert will take place.

If you have thoughts or questions, please be in touch with your calls and emails. I look forward to hearing from you. Please call 413-446-4949 or email me at wknittle@roweschool.org.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



WOODS WALK: FOREST HEALTH & RESILIENCE AT PELHAM LAKE PARK

SATURDAY APRIL 29

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Rowe, MA

Meet at Pelham Lake: Town Park Rd
Rowe, MA 01367

Rowe residents and the public are invited to join a woods walk to tour Pelham Lake Park in Rowe. Forester Alex Barrett, town staff, Mass Audubon ecologists, and Indigenous leaders will run the walk to discuss the property's current climate-smart forest stewardship strategies and options for future forest stewardship and community engagement.



**ROWE
RESIDENTS AND
NEIGHBORS**

**LEARN ABOUT
FOREST STEWARDSHIP
AND CLIMATE
PLANNING FOR
PELHAM LAKE PARK**

PUBLIC WELCOME

CO-SPONSORS:

Town of Rowe, MA;
Forest Climate Resilience Program:
Mass Audubon;
Ohketeau Cultural Center;
Woodland Partnership of
Northwest Massachusetts;
Massachusetts Woodlands
Institute;
The Nature Conservancy

Courtesy of an MVP grant from
Massachusetts Exec. Office of
Energy & Environmental Affairs

FOR MORE INFO:

Register at
<https://bit.ly/roweww1>
Email or call Andrew Randazzo
at:
arandazzo@massaudubon.org;
413-252-9534

Pelham Lake Park

Submitted by Joanne Semanie



Pond Road looking towards the dam.

With spring here, we are all looking forward to the ice being off of Pelham Lake and the snow disappearing and I thought it would be nice to remember Pelham Lake Park's beginnings. The following was taken from *The History of Rowe* by Percy Whiting Brown and Nancy Newton Williams. "On December 27, 1955 The Town of Rowe received a deed from Percy Whiting Brown for 485 acres of land, including parts of Todd and Adams Mountain, Pelham Lake, Mill Pond and the surrounding areas. This donation came with the following instructions: To be forever held in trust of the people of Rowe upon and subject to the following restrictions and covenants: that the premises herein donated and conveyed to the Town of Rowe (1) shall forever be kept for and as a town forest and park and for public recreation purposes, (2) shall forever be kept in their natural wild state and as a sanctuary for wild beasts and birds. (3) that the use of firearms, trapping and hunting, not including fishing, shall forever be prohibited upon or within the same.

A longtime friend of Rowe, Percy Brown purchased the old Foliated Talc property in 1927 and by 1928 had repaired the two dams and had the old talc mill demolished. Pelham Lake dam had been condemned in 1925, and the County Commissioners ordered the water drained. The townspeople tried unsuccessfully to save it. Percy Brown restored this wonderful resource to the townspeople. Piece by piece, he bought the adjoining land that makes up the full acreage of this gift.



Rebuilding the Pelham Lake dam.

At Old Home Day 1960 a Percy Brown Memorial was established on the point of land by the causeway, an area now known as Percy's Point. Commemorating Percy's gift is a large native stone with an attached bronze plaque.

Over 60 years later we have an expanded park that offers so much to those who visit and we can thank Percy Brown for his vision and love for the town we call home.

On January 6, 1956, the town voted to accept the Brown property and established at the next election a three member park commission whose duties would be to administer and operate the town forest and park areas in accordance with provisions of Chapter 45 of Mass. General Law.

The first project, enlarging the swimming area, was completed with work bees of townspeople and summer residents. Brush was replaced with hundreds of yards of fill and sand to make a beach with the help of time and trucks donated by local contractors. Twenty children took advantage of the first swimming lessons there.



Pond Road looking towards where the school now stands.



Looking across the lake towards the dam.

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



It's that time of year to start thinking about spring and summer and, with the warmer weather fast approaching, the seasons will change before we know it. Job opportunities for the park for this coming season are as followed:

AR Class 1, 18yrs and older

AR Class 2, 18yrs and older

AR Class 3, 16yrs and older

AR Class 4 14yrs and older

PT Ranger, 18yrs and older

Lifeguard, 18yrs and older

Rec Director, 18yrs and older

Rec Assistant, 18yrs and older

Rec 2nd Assistant (2 positions), 14yrs and older

Applications are available at the Town Hall (see Janice Boudreau) or on the Town of Rowe web page (department tab, Pelham Lake Park, Park Files). All applications are due Friday April 28. If you have any questions please call the park at 339-8554.

If you're interested in leaving your canoe or kayak at the resident boat rack. Please send your request to PO Box 300, Rowe, Ma 01367 no sooner then April 17. Spaces will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. There are 6 available spaces.

Just a reminder, if you are looking to have a picnic this summer with more than 50 guests, you need to fill out the proper forms and submit to the Park Commissioners for approval. You can pick up the forms at the park headquarters or the town hall. There is a fee of \$25.00 for more than 25 guests.

-Submitted by Sean Loomis

Beginner and Refresher Exercise Class with Deb Lively

Rowe Town Fitness Center (second floor at the town hall)

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-10:30 AM

Starting April 3 through the 26th

Classes will include flexibility, balance, and strength exercises.

Exercises may be done sitting or standing with modifications provided as needed.

Have fun exercising with others while getting ready for spring!

Rowe History Hikes: Spring Ephemerals at Nan Williams Conservation Area

When: April 30, 10 am

Where: Meet at Zoar Picnic Area (we will carpool to the site)

Rowe History Hikes is a monthly, summer hike series exploring the natural and cultural history of Rowe. This month, join us on a hike along the bottom of old Tunnel Rd. to the Hoosac Soapstone Quarry (1872 - 1880) and talc mine (early 1900s). View spring ephemerals including trillium, leeks and ginger. 2.5 miles, moderate.

For any questions, contact Dana Williams at dmwilliams237@gmail.com or on the Rowe Historical Society facebook page.



Combating Loneliness

Submitted by the Town Nurse

Loneliness and social isolation are becoming an epidemic in our area, especially among the elderly. Loneliness is the feeling of being alone, regardless of the amount of social contact. Social isolation is a lack of social connections. Social isolation can lead to loneliness in some people, while others can feel lonely without being socially isolated. Researchers have found certain risk factors for social isolation and loneliness including, older adults who live alone, those who have lost a family member or friend, and those who suffer from a chronic illness or hearing loss. Of course, the Covid-19 Pandemic has only exacerbated this growing issue and made social contact more difficult. There is strong evidence that many adults aged 50 and older who are socially isolated or lonely are putting their health at risk. Prolonged loneliness and social isolation have been linked to increased risk for dementia, heart disease, stroke, depression, anxiety, and even death.

The best way to combat loneliness and social isolation is to get connected and stay connected to community resources, family, friends, and neighbors.

Reconnect with old friends or concentrate on maintaining existing positive friendships. Try new activities together, go for a walk, have a meal, or even a simple phone call can help stay connected with friends.

Utilize technology such as phones, computers, internet. If you are unsure about how to use applications or devices- ask someone for help!

Check on your neighbors. A simple knock on the door to make sure they are doing okay will go a long way. Who knows? Maybe your neighbor has not seen a single human all week or even all month!

Get involved in your community. Staying active with local resources and organizations, such as the 'Council On Aging' can help you stay connected and take part in fun activities. If you are able- consider volunteering in a local organization!

Stay up-to-date with doctors, nurses, therapists, case managers, and any other care providers who collaborate in your care. Make sure to take care of your physical AND your mental health.

References: <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/lonely-older-adults.html>

<https://www.ncoa.org/article/navigating-social-isolation-and-loneliness-as-an-older-adult>

****Your local Rowe 'Council on Aging' is back in action- consider taking part and/or volunteering to help get this program off to a running start for your community!**

***** Be on the lookout for 'Blood Pressure Month' which will take place in May and when you come get your BP checked with the Town Nurse it will enter you for a chance to win a gift basket!**



Florence M. Bjork, Rowe's oldest resident and recipient of the Town of Rowe, Massachusetts "Most Senior Citizen" Ceremonial Cane, died on March 14, 2023 at her home at 288 Zoar Rd. She was 106. She was born November 17, 1916 in New York City being the daughter of Toivo E. and Fannie (Palo-kangas) Hill.

Her mother being 16 years old was the only one of the family and relatives in Finland who had a desire to come to America. She bought a ticket for the RMS Titanic. When she was getting ready to board the ship at Liverpool, England a friend came and asked her if she would sell her ticket because she wanted to join her sister who was already on board the ship. Mrs. Bjork's mother sold the ticket to her and then boarded the next ship, the RMS Caronia, to America.

Florence after graduating from Hempstead, Long Island High School became employed as a stenographer in the Commercial National Bank and Trust on Wall Street, New York. She worked there for five years during the Great Depression afraid of giving up her job and finally resigned. Then she became employed by the Shell Oil Company in the RCA Building (formerly called the GE Building), now known as the Comcast Building at 30 Rockefeller Center. She worked there as a stenographer and secretary for her boss, Mr. G.C. Cunningham and then took dictation for a civil engineer and electrical engineer. When working at Shell Oil Company, from one of the windows Mrs. Bjork had witnessed the sinking of the S.S. Normandy, an ocean liner. The ship caught fire while being converted to a troop ship on February 9, 1942. It capsized onto her port side and sank in the Hudson River. Florence met her future husband also while working for Shell Oil. Mrs. Bjork's office was located on the 30th floor. He was a Staff Sergeant and later was promoted to First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Mrs. Bjork married Wendell W. Bjork on June 12, 1943 in Wilmington, North Carolina where he was stationed at Camp Davis. He then left for Europe to be a radar officer with the 413th Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion that landed with World War II invasion forces on D-Day – June 6, 1944 on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. Wendell died July 25, 1988.

In 1945 Florence moved to Rowe with her late husband who later became postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Bjork also operated the village store in their home. In 1954 when a brick building next to their home was built, the post office and store were moved into it. Mrs. Bjork was Rowe postmaster from 1974 to 1980. She was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Massachusetts

During her many years in Rowe, Mrs. Bjork served as Town Treasurer in 1956, 1959 and 1960; Town Auditor in 1957 and 1958 as well as being Board of Selectman's Administrative Clerk in 1964 and 1965. She also did clerical work for the Rowe Board of Assessors.

Mrs. Bjork was an original charter member of the Rowe Historical Society and served as its treasurer from 1962 to 1970. She has put on a temporary loan many items of an old country store as well as other artifacts that are displayed at the Kemp-McCarthy Memorial Museum of the Rowe Historical Society, Inc.

Survivors include two sons, Alan W. and Timothy J. Bjork, caregivers, both of Rowe, a granddaughter Jasmine M. Robinson and husband Luke, as well as two great grandchildren Henry B. and Lily C., all of Laconia, New Hampshire, and a cousin Bertha V. Pakin of Somers, New York.

At Mrs. Bjork's request there will be private services for family only with burial in the spring at the Rowe East Cemetery.

Small Grants for Businesses, Nonprofits, Artists and Farmers in West County Shelburne Falls –

Four Franklin County institutions are pleased to announce that businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers in the Village of Shelburne Falls and the hilltowns in Franklin and Hampshire Counties may apply for small grants of \$2,500 to \$15,000.

The grants are being made to help qualified entities and individuals (see grant criteria) to survive the pandemic, enabling them to cover expenses such as payroll, rent, inventory, equipment, working capital and COVID related losses. Grant applications and criteria can be accessed on the internet at <https://forms.gle/rTkBbZXQsKtRxYGs8> or be sent to you via email.

The small grants are for businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers in Western Franklin County and Hampshire County. In “West County,” a total of \$145,000 is available to those in the 10 towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Rowe, and Shelburne. Before you contact anyone about the grants, please read the application criteria. Then, Whit Sanford at info@shelburnefalls.com or 413-522-9329 or David Christopolis at info@hilltownCDC.org or 413-296-4536 will be glad to answer questions you might have.

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BACKGROUND

West County has something to celebrate this winter even as COVID 19 keeps us apart and has our neighbors, friends, and communities struggling with the pandemic. Four Franklin County institutions Grants for Businesses, Nonprofits, Artists & Farmers pulled together to raise and manage \$295,000 in small grants for businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers in Shelburne Falls and the hilltowns in Franklin and Hampshire Counties.

In February, the Board of the Business Association (GSFABA) decided to seek a Commonwealth Places Grant for its new “Shelburne Falls Initiative,” half of which (\$30,000) could be used to support village businesses and nonprofits with small grants. GSFABA raised an additional match for its matching funds campaign for individual of \$24,160 and the Community Foundation of Western MA of an initial grant of \$5,000 and another \$10,000 from its Groundwater Fund. The Franklin County CDC (FCCDC) agreed to help GSFABA by managing the awards and the match that was required to be raised to receive the State monies.

Also, Senator Adam Hinds worked to secure \$250,000 in the State budget to provide more support for our part of rural Massachusetts in Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Ultimately, the State agreed to budget \$250,000 for the Hilltown CDC (HCDC) and GSFABA.

Once GSFABA, FCCDC, and HCDC learned of the awards, they asked the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to aid them in drafting a grant application that would be easy and straightforward to complete for the many entities and individuals hoping to qualify for financial assistance and to weather the COVID-19 storm.

For more information, on the application in Shelburne Falls and West County contact Whit Sanford at info@shelburnefalls.com or 413-522-9329.



Rowe School 3rd grade Bird Project on display at the Library



The Rowe Center is pleased to offer residents and those who work for the town the opportunity to experience one of our weekend workshops, either online or on-site, once a year free of charge. For more information about programs, or to register, please go to our website rowe.center/programs/ or call our registrar at 339-4954.



Follow the Rowe Town Library Facebook page for event details.

Bunnies 'n' Blooms

SAT APRIL 8TH **10 am**

Rowe Town Center
321 Zoar Road.

ACTIVITIES
EGG HUNT*
COFFEE & DONUTS
BUNNY PHOTOBOOTH
SPRING GAMES
SEED STARTERS
KIDS CRAFTS
*BAGS PROVIDED

Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mullette

April 2 PALM SUNDAY - Observance of The Lord's Supper
9 EASTER SUNDAY - Sunrise Service at
Percy's Point at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at
7:00 a.m. at the church.

Easter Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.

- 16 Worship & Praise Service
- 23 Worship & Praise Service
- 30 Worship & Praise Service

A Blessed Easter to you all!

March Birthdays

- 2 - Dohn Sherman
- 5 - Christina Lively
- 6 - Carrie Silva
- 7 - Nancy Cascone
- 7 - Dawn Valitsky-Beaumier
- 7 - Jeffrey Bailey
- 10 - Billy Hardison
- 13 - Mackenzi Coulombe
- 13 - Wendy Temple
- 14 - Rick Williams
- 14 - William Belval
- 15 - Douglas Acuff
- 16 - Rebecca Bradley
- 19 - Beth Balawick
- 20 - Kevin Balawick
- 20 - John-Paul Shattuck
- 20 - David Decker
- 22 - Parker Sullivan
- 23 - John Demech
- 24 - Anna Humbert
- 25 - Anne Lively
- 26 - Reese Danek
- 26 - Lucas Hyytinen
- 27 - Selmi Hyytinen
- 27 - Matthew Stine
- 28 - Bruce Cowie
- 29 - Robert Silva
- 29 - Douglas Upton
- 30 - Paul Mclatchy Jr.
- 30 - Sandra Smith

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<u>Admin Assistant</u>	<u>101</u>		
<u>Assessors Office</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>assessor@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Wed 8-1 or by Appt</u>
<u>Board of Health</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>boh@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Tues 8-1 Clerk</u>
<u>DPW</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>dwphighway@rowe-ma.gov (339-5588)</u>	
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs 9:30-5:00</u>
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<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>collector@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Wed: 9:00-5:00</u>
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<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Wed: 6-8:00pm or by Appt.</u>
<u>Town Nurse</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>nurse@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon: 8-4, Wed: 10-6, and Thurs: 8-4</u>
<u>Transfer Station</u>	<u>(413) 339-0216</u>	<u>Sat: 8- 2:00pm, Sun: 8- Noon, Wed: 7 -10am & 4 - 7pm</u>	
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
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