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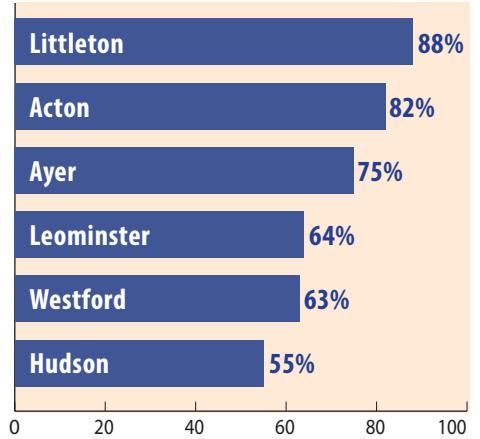
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• Cookbook Club, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m. Browse a cookbook and bring a dish for potluck.
• Brown Bag Book Club, Wednesday, Jan. 21, noon (See article, page 7)
• Children's literature book discussion group for grown-ups, Thursday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. Book is "A Little Blue Book" by Erin Entrada Kelly.
• At Fivesparks
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Elieyil hangs up her notebook
Jean Elieyil has stepped back from the full-time reporting and part-time news editing roles she has filled at the Harvard Press since 2013. Her work included wide-ranging coverage of town government, including PFAS contamination in town and private wells and investigative reporting in 2024 and 2025 on Harvard's ostrozed opioid settlement, for which she won a prize from the New England News and Press association in the investigative/enterprise category. Her column, "At a Farmstead Near You," was a mainstay of the paper from July to October, while "By the Numbers: COVID-19 Update," tracked local and statewide COVID cases throughout the pandemic.
Harvard Press reporter Jean Elieyil cuts a slice of cake at her farewell party Dec. 18. (Photo by Nick Browne)

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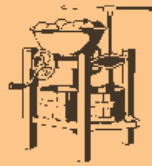
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Meetings and Hearings

As of press time on April 1, a subset of meetings that might be scheduled had been posted. To see what meetings are actually posted go to www.harvardma.gov. To comply with Massachusetts General Laws Open Meeting Law, agendas must be posted at least 48 hours in advance. Meetings may be held on Zoom or in person, per the agenda.

Monday, April 6
Planning Board In-Person Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7
School Committee, Negotiation Subcommittee Hybrid Meeting, 3 p.m.
Ella Commission Hybrid Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8
Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MOTC), 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9
Select Board Community Hours at the Harvard Public Library, 7 p.m.

POLICE LOG

In the past week, police made 88 motor vehicle stops, 34 resulting in verbal warnings and 53 in written warnings or citations. Officers also issued or renewed three firearms permits, performed two mental health evaluations, and responded to five false burglar alarms.

Thursday, March 26: At 12:58 p.m. police were notified someone would be entering the Ayer Road neighborhood. At 1:33 p.m. a caller reported suspicious about a person going door to door on Mill Road. Police found it was a salesperson. At 5:38 p.m. an officer checked a car parked along Primrose Road near the Oak Ridge Observatory but found nothing unusual.

Wednesday, March 25: At 6:01 a.m. a caller reported a crash on Interstate 495 northbound; state police had jurisdiction.

Thursday, March 26: At 7:05 p.m. a resident came to the police station with a complaint about car speeding and driving erratically near her home. At 8:29 p.m. a Harvard Road resident called with suspicious about a Dovesha's driver who had been parked outside for 20 minutes.

FIRE & AMBULANCE LOG

In the past week, the ambulance responded to seven calls and transported six patients to the hospital, four with out-of-town A.S. Paramedic services on board. The ambulance responded to one motor vehicle collision.

Friday, March 27: At 10:22 a.m. Engine 2 and the tower truck went to a Snow Road home in response to a carbon monoxide alarm. The alarm was malfunctioning, and the woman woke up, saying she had just been resting.

Saturday, March 28: At 1:30 p.m. a 911 caller reported a minor motor collision on Ayer Road. No one was injured. At 1:25 p.m. police received a 911 call about a young person having a mental health crisis.

Sunday, March 29: At 6:19 a.m. a caller asked for an officer to check on someone who had threatened self-harm, and the officer referred the person to a mental health evaluation. At 12:34 p.m. a resident called to report finding a wallet while the person was walking.



WOOD OWLS
Althea (left) and Avonin (right) pose with a screenshot of their nesting box they helped build at a Harvard Conservation Trust event, March 20. They're nesting in safe nesting spaces for owls in the community. Concord Building and Design Center discouraged removal for oak in building the boxes. (Courtesy photo)



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Devens framework

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ment. The group is expected to offer 1/8 of its own, including a Super Town Meeting on the Woburn Square district to redevelop.

Finally, in two months the committee reach another milestone, completed what it calls its "disposition framework." The matrix explores how 19 different parcels from administration and police to identify and boundaries—would be under each of three different scenarios: (1) one in which MassDevelopment and the committee manage Devens; (2) one in which Devens becomes the 352nd independent municipality in Massachusetts; and (3) one in which land within their historical area is returned to Ayer, Harvard, and Shrewsbury to be discussed on hybrid scenarios. Devens elements of all three or other regional job

Town center bylaw would not lead to General Store being torn down or replaced

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