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## Ashland Earth Day Celebration Returns to the Corner Spot for Fourth Year

BY BRITTANY AMALFI

For the fourth year since its revival, Ashland's Earth Day Celebration will return to the town's Corner Spot this spring, bringing together farmers, local vendors, and families for an afternoon focused on sustainability and community connection.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, from noon to 3 p.m., with a rain date of May 3.

The celebration has grown into quite the exciting gathering that promotes the region's agricultural roots and environmentally conscious local businesses. Its modest size doesn't keep people away from all of the fantastic options. Visitors will experience farm stands, agricultural and horticultural



Photo submitted by Becca Solomon

vendors, handcrafted goods, and merchants promoting climate-friendly and sustainable products.

Becca Solomon, Conservation Agent and Tree

Warden, says the event is designed to be both educational and welcoming—a

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## Ashland's Russell Becker Runs 14th Boston Marathon for ALS

BY BRITTANY AMALFI

April 20, 2026, will mark Russell Becker's 14th Boston Marathon. But for Becker, the 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Boston represent much more than a historic athletic challenge. Each step is part of a decades-long family commitment to fighting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Becker is running to raise funds for the Angel Fund for ALS Research, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that supports cutting-edge ALS research. His motivation is personal—multiple members of his family have battled the disease across generations.

His connection to the Boston Marathon goes back long before he ran his first race. Russell's grand-



Russ Becker with wife and son at past Boston Marathon. Photo Submitted by Russ Becker

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