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March 30 Talk at the Fitchburg Historical Society

Focuses on the Legendary Fitchburg-Leominster Football Rivalry

(Fitchburg, MA) **The Fitchburg Historical Society will present a talk by Leominster attorney, writer and historian Mark Bodanza on “The Famed Fitchburg-Leominster Football Rivalry,” on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** Mr. Bodanza published a book on the rivalry in 2016 entitled *RIVALS: More about Fitchburg-Leominster Football Tradition from 1894 through 2015*. In it, Bodanza presented new research to debunk many long-held beliefs about the nationally-known rivalry. Copies of the new book will be available for sale, and can be autographed by the speaker.

Mark Bodanza is deeply involved in the community. In addition to being an avid historian and board member at the Leominster Historical Society, he has served as the City Councilor for Leominster’s Ward 4, Director of the Leominster Library Building Committee, and City Solicitor for the City of Leominster. An avid sports fan, he has also been a Pop Warner football coach and has written about the history of football, basketball, and Leominster’s abolitionists.

The talk is free to the public, and will take place in the George R. Wallace Jr. and Alice Wallace Exhibition Hall of the Fitchburg Historical Society, Phoenix Building, 781 Main Street, Fitchburg. For more information, call 978-345-1157, write welcome@fitchburghhistoricalsociety.com or visit <http://www.fitchburghhistoricalsociety.org/>

The 125-year old Fitchburg Historical Society is located in the historic Phoenix building, its headquarters since 2012. There is abundant on-street parking near the Historical Society and free parking behind the building. The building is handicapped accessible. The Fitchburg Historical Society is supported by grant funding from the George R. Wallace, Jr. Foundation, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Fitchburg Cultural Council, MassHumanities, the Rollstone Foundation, the Douglas and Isabelle Crocker Foundation, and the George A. Ramlose Foundation, in addition to its individual members and donors.