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NEEDLE DROP-OFF



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Man and Beast wend their way along a down-curving, pitch pine-needled path through the Fairy Forest in Lake Pleasant.

LEVERETT SELECTBOARD

Amherst Water “Turmoil” Nixes Leverett Special Town Meeting

By JEFF SINGLETON

At Tuesday’s Leverett selectboard meeting, a discussion of holding a special town meeting (STM) this fall quickly evolved into a discussion of Amherst’s water problems. “Amherst is in turmoil about water,” said chair Peter d’Errico, referring no doubt to the town’s recently imposed restrictions in response to the summer drought. Elevated lead levels have also been found in drinking water at the Crocker Farm Elementary School, forcing school officials to hand out water bottles to students.

D’Errico noted that the water crisis has fallen on the plate of the new Amherst town manager Paul Bockelman, who might not be ready to negotiate an extension of the Amherst water system to five

houses in Leverett.

Leverett town officials, stated d’Errico, need to meet with the “new guy” on the issue.

The issue involves the wells of five homes on Teawaddle Hill Road, which are believed to have been contaminated by a “plume” from a former landfill. One solution is to extend a pipe from the adjacent Amherst water system to these homes. Another would be for Leverett to create its own water supply by building a town well, which would require the formation of a new town water district.

Discussions of the Amherst option have been ongoing, but the new town manager has not been involved in the discussions.

Since no solution to the problem is ready for a town meeting vote, see LEVERETT page A4

Without AG Clearance, Town Frozen Out of Local Law Enforcement Task Force

By MIKE JACKSON

MONTAGUE – Officials remain tight-lipped this week after revelations that, due to an ongoing investigation by the state attorney general, the Northwestern District Attorney has temporarily suspended Montague’s police department from both its prescription drug drop-box program and a regional anti-crime task force.

“I can’t speak directly to that,” said selectboard chair Rich Kuklewicz. “I don’t know why that’s happened, to be honest.”

Town administrator Frank Abbondanzio also declined to comment.

Montague police chief Charles “Chip” Dodge was placed on paid administrative leave for four days in late June, but after meeting with the chief in a closed-door session, the town selectboard returned him to duty and announced he had their “full support.”

The DA’s suspensions, made in July, were first brought to light in an article published Saturday by the Recorder newspaper, which reviewed communication between district attorney Michael Sullivan, Dodge and Kuklewicz it had received after filing public records requests.

“Nobody’s been disciplined, nobody’s in trouble, and nobody’s done anything wrong,” Dodge told the

Reporter this week. “No officers have been accused of any wrongdoing.”

Dodge, who said he was under instruction not to discuss the attorney general’s probe “until we get something in writing that says [there’s] closure,” expressed frustration with his department’s exclusion from the task force.

“I can only assume that the DA is just trying to be cautious and protect us, and that his decision is in the best interest of the program,” he said. “This means a

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JACKSON PHOTO

Montague’s public safety complex.

Replay Gear Announces Move to Turners



ROSSI PHOTO

Replay owner Allan Cadran (left) and store manager Adam Langellotti (right) will reopen the business this October in the former Black Jungle building.

By NINA ROSSI

TURNERS FALLS – We’re starting to get all the things we need on our side of the river here in Montague.

For musicians, the opening on October 1 of Allan Cadran’s used

instrument business, Replay, in Turners Falls represents easy access to parts and repairs without crossing any bridges.

Allan’s supply of used instruments and selection of strings, tuners, books, parts and accessories for musicians is coming to 570 Avenue

A, where the Black Jungle Terrarium Supply store formerly was near Cumberland Farms.

Replay has been at two locations in Greenfield since opening in 2010. Its first location was on Main Street in the old Rooney’s building, but problems with the building itself made it “not conducive to musical instruments.”

The owner wanted to sell, not fix, so Allan moved to the corner of Main and Federal streets to the architectural gem commonly known as the Pushkin Gallery. This old bank building underwent a gorgeous renovation of the inside, but Allan says “It isn’t perfect for this business. It’s stone. Drop somebody’s instrument or your own, and – no forgiveness. None.”

“Also, the acoustics aren’t all that great,” he added. Allan occasionally holds concerts at his store. “If you have one violin player in the middle of the room, it’s nice. But add several voices and more music, and it’s not ideal.”

The new space, which he will

see REPLAY page A5

GILL SELECTBOARD

Chiefs, Board Troubleshoot Department Part-Timer Lists

By KENT ALEXANDER

At a special Tuesday night meeting, Gill’s selectboard met with police chief David Hastings, fire chief Gene Beaubien, and highway superintendent Mickey LaClaire to go over lists they had been asked to prepare of their departments’ part-time employees, and the number of hours those employees had worked in the past year.

Chief Hastings appeared before the selectboard first. After thanking him for the work put into his report, selectboard chair John Ward asked him if part-time people were totally necessary. Ward stated that he was concerned about retention, and said it appears that the majority of the “gravy jobs” weren’t going to younger officers. He also noted that several part-time officers had worked several shifts, yet only

served on one construction detail.

Hastings answered that many people “just don’t want them.” He added whether an officer was young, or had kids, wasn’t relevant to the situation, since the main problem was that officers didn’t want to stand for a detail and not be paid in a timely fashion.

Hastings said that every other surrounding town has a policy of paying officers serving on details within a week or two at the most, but Gill alone waits till the construction company pays the town before it pays detail officers. He suggested that the town should appropriate money into a “revolving fund” so that his officers could be paid quickly.

“How long in general do the officers have to wait?” asked selectboard member Greg Snedeker.

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KICKING OFF THE FALL SEASON



DAVID HOITT PHOTO

Tionne Brown kicks off during a recent Turners Falls High School football practice at the Bourdeau Fields Complex. Turners faces Lee at home this Friday, September 9, at 7 p.m. See Page A6 for a preview of Turners Falls High School fall sports!

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After the Pipelines: Whose Land is it, Anyway?

The political limits to the development of fossil-fuel infrastructure still seem out of reach. Hard-headed nationalists the world over condemn any move toward global regulation of this global problem as an incursion on their sovereignty.

If there is any silver lining, it's that when interests happen to line up, profits from gas and oil are a force for cooperation across borders.

This summer, for example, saw thawing relations between both Iran and Russia with neighboring Turkey. This has been driven by many factors; some are strictly geopolitical, but others include the producers' access to Turkish gas and oil pipelines, and Turkish investors' interest in building gas-fired power plants in post-sanctions Iran.

Most people depend on fossil fuels to survive, and most also concede that an eventual transition to renewable sources of energy is necessary. In the meantime, who can determine how much gas, oil and coal are just enough to get by on?

Pipelines, by their very nature, carry excess capacity; a pipeline designed to meet peaks in demand can be used to transport goods off-peak. Rivals in the debate over Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project talked past each other for the last two years, weighing summer's foreign buyers against the winter strain felt by electrical utilities and gas distributors.

Berkshire Gas raised public disbelief for declaring it could not, and would not, take any new customers in these parts unless the NED were built. After that project's failure, it stuck to its guns. Now Montague, along with Deerfield, Amherst and Hadley, will be privy to confidential details of the company's business, as intervenors in state Department of Public Utilities proceedings concerning its resource plan.

It'll be interesting to see where all this goes – whether Berkshire can really make a case that it can't keep its line northward into Greenfield pressurized using available supply. It could be true.

But we'd like to note that when our communities reduce their demand – when a tropical supply store and greenhouse are replaced with a music store, or a photography college closes, or homeowners weatherize and add solar panels – Berkshire has no plan to reallocate the gas saved to new customers.

Because the public is powerless to help solve the problem, the moratorium has the feel of a political punishment for our having put up so many obstacles to Kinder Morgan's proposed overbuild.

Sometimes, it seems a lot simpler than that.

You may not have heard of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. But if you've heard of Sunoco, well, it owns them.

Energy Transfer Partners is trying to build a 1,134-mile oil pipeline from the far reaches of North Dakota – the heart of the Bakken shale field – to a hub in southern Illinois. It would move 450,000 barrels a day, the company says, and create forty permanent jobs. And it would drill across the wide Missouri (or rather, under it) about a half mile upstream from one of the largest Native American reservations in the country, Standing Rock.

The tribal council at Standing Rock – home to Yanktonai Dakota and Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux people – asked for an injunction earlier this year, arguing that the project would potentially destroy graves and sacred sites, and threaten the safety of the reservation's water supply.

But none was issued, and the company has begun construction on the land north of the reservation, owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Consequently, Standing Rock has become a flashpoint, over the last month, for Native American-led environmental activism, with thousands converging on three camps, including representatives of nearly a hundred tribal bodies.

This is a historic moment, resonating not only with the current climate justice movement, but with centuries of broken treaties, displacement, containment, cultural annihilation and destruction of ancestral lands.

And it's not exactly distant history, either. The entire section of the Missouri that borders the Standing Rock and the Cheyenne River reservations was intentionally flooded by the 1959 construction of the Oahe Dam in South Dakota.

In order to build a 784-MW hydroelectric station, the Corps of Engineers inundated over 200,000 acres of tribal-owned land, including the reservations' most viable farmland, displacing thousands and further contributing to economic devastation of the communities.

Oil spills are real – as of the time of this writing, there is an oil tanker hull breach in the Houston Ship Channel, and a pipeline rupture in a south Louisiana bay. ETP's "Da-



Education, Elvis, and Enrichment: The GMEF “Trilogy”

Dear GMRSD Faculty, Families, and Community Members,

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Gill-Montague Education Fund, a private, non-profit organization founded by the parents and community members of Gill & Montague to provide student enrichment and promote public education. *Two goals that are more important today than ever!*

Coming together in 1996 was a beginning; keeping together in 2005 was progress; and working together through 2016 was a big success, with not only the awarding of *more than \$100,250 in grants* for enrichment in the arts, academics or athletics for every Gill-Montague student, but also the promoting of quality public education.

We make every effort to enrich their learning, motivate their interest, and develop a connection with our communities.

Our only fundraiser is our Annual Gala in April. It is a collaborative and community effort of *many*.

It begins with underwriters and sponsors, who help defray the costs of the Gala; advertisers, tier-givers and ticket sales, which sustain the grants; performers, who contribute a percent of their merchandise and/or reduce their regular fee in support of the GMEF; technical staff, stage crew and food service staff, who donate time and expertise; our local bakeries and other businesses, with in-kind contributions; and finally, our patrons at the performance.

It concludes with the awarding of grants for Gill-Montague students bringing their education to life. “Full Circle!”

We are very excited about our next Gala, because 2017 will mark the 40th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. In tribute to his music and his legacy, the GMEF proudly presents “More Jukebox Memories,” featuring David Lee, winner of the 2015 International Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest, the only contest sanctioned by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

We also welcome back The

American Longboards, with their high-energy tribute to American rock’n’roll, featuring music of the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s.

The passion of the GMEF is “to make a positive difference” in the lives of students, parents, faculty, and community. To learn more about our Gala, the grants, and our other enrichment opportunities, go to our website: www.thegmef.org.

We support you! We thank you! We hope you have a great year!

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Eat Apples

In front of the Shea Theater are two very ripe apple trees laden with fruit. I’m not sure of the variety, but both have large golden green fruit that are largely unblemished.

These two adjacent trees contain at least a couple of bushels – likely up to a dozen or more.

Please help yourself to these apples anytime in the near future. We need people to pick them!

A step ladder or an apple ladder will be necessary; it is important that the fruit be picked, as opposed to shaken loose. If you do pick these trees, be very careful not to crush the perennials planted under them.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to be in touch.

Owen Wormser
Local Harmony
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The 168th Annual **Franklin County Fair** starts on Thursday, September 8, with gates opening at 3 p.m. and the parade starting at 5 p.m. The fair continues through Sunday, September 11.

The Montague Congregational Church is hosting the workshop, **"Focusing as a Spiritual Practice"** on Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. to noon.

This workshop is an experiential introduction to Focusing. Focusing is a mindfulness tool that can help us find inner clarity. It is a form of whole-body listening that helps connect us to the truth and meaning in our lives. Focusing can be useful within moments and can also become a polished skill for decision making, resolution of conflict and spiritual wellness.

The facilitator, Daphne Bye, is a Certified Focusing Trainer, musician and teacher. There is no charge for this workshop but a free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP at daphneambye@gmail.com or (413) 834-0597.

Bye is offering this same ecumenical workshop on September 17

at the Mount Toby Meetinghouse in Leverett and on September 24 at Trinity Church in Shelburne Falls. For more information, see www.daphnebye.com.

The **Pioneer Valley Symphony Youth Orchestra** is holding auditions for new members on Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. to noon at Artspace Community Arts Center, 15 Mill Street, Greenfield.

Interested young musicians will find the audition requirements at www.pvsoc.org/youth-programs/youth-orchestra/audition-information/. Online registration is available, or musicians may register by calling (413) 772-6811.

The Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls is calling all adults to participate in the **latest craze of adult coloring** on Saturday, September 10, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This may be a time to challenge that inner youthful mind and creativity along with time to socialize. Remember what your grammar school teachers taught us: stay between the lines, don't eat your crayons, and certainly don't stick them in your nose. If I had only listened then.

North Leverett Baptist Church presents **"Sweeter Than Chocolate,"** a day of encouragement and Bible teaching with Pam Gillaspie, author of the *Cookies on the Lower Shelf* and *Sweeter Than Chocolate!* Bible study series.

Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Registration is free. For more information, contact the church at office@nlbcm.org or call (413) 367-2619.

Learn about **jaguars and wildcats in Panama** on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Athol Bird and Nature Club, 100 Main Street, Athol.

Wildcat conflicts are more common throughout Panama as nature park boundaries and natural areas are encroached upon more and more by the rural poor. Conservacion Panama Inc. has proposed a program to assist rural poor and subsistence farmers to manage their livestock better so as to prevent wildcat conflicts and unnecessary "takes" or kills of these animals.

This program targets communities that have current conflicts with wildcats and injects a heavy dose of livestock management practices and prevention techniques proven throughout Latin America to prevent these conflicts.

Come learn about how effective our beta program has proven and how we would like to fund a program expansion. Artwork and Panamanian hand-crafts will be available for purchase to help our fundraising efforts.

The Great Falls Discovery Center is hosting a program titled **"It's Your River, So What Are You Going to Do About It?"** on Saturday, September 17, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Join the Connecticut River Watershed Council's executive director, Andrew Fisk, to explore the past, present, and future of the Connecticut River. Learn about the biology, law, engineering, and hydrology which reveal the successes and failures in the decades-long work to improve your river and watershed.

On Saturday, September 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., Greenfield Public Library and the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice invite you to **celebrate International Peace Day with children's books**. Patricia Hynes will speak about how this collaboration came to be, and describe the collection of books for children and youth which came out of it. Kay Lyons will read aloud from some of the storybooks.

The materials, chosen by library staff, are both fiction and nonfiction, on a range of subjects: world peace, empathy, friendship, tolerance, community, and our place in the natural environment. Join us for the presentations and refreshments, and bring your library card to check out some of these wonderful new books.

The library will host this event in the LeVanway Meeting Room. It is free of charge and open to all. For more information, contact the children's desk at (413)772-1544.

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Another Letter to the Editors



That's Twelve... Per Year

Thank you for the excellent analysis of the second ballot question, "School Districts Make the Case for Harm from Charter Growth," by Ellen Blanchette in the September 1 issue.

One important detail missing from the piece is that if the ballot passes, twelve more charter schools could be added *per year*.

The demise of our public school

system, with local accountability and equal access, would be assured, as Michael Sullivan so well describes.

More information about the campaign to defeat Ballot Question #2 is available at saveourpublicschoolsma.com.

Sincerely,

Christine Turner Montague



ELLEN BLANCHETTE PHOTO

Trailer Park's Rick Page and Greg Lauzon play dueling tenors during the band's set last Saturday at the 5 Town Festival. Thanks to all who came out to the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club to check out the festivities, and thanks to organizers, vendors, sponsors, musicians and magicians for pitching in!

WATER SHUT-OFFS!

Beginning Tuesday, September 20, the Turners Falls Water Department will begin shutting off water to properties with water usage bills more than 90 days overdue. The original semi-annual bills were mailed on May 2, and were due within 30 days.

Payments can be made at the Water Department office, 226 Millers Falls Road. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A drop box is also located to the left of the front door for payments. Any questions, please call Suzanne at 863-4542.

Wendell Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

October 17 is the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for a Local Cultural Council grant that supports cultural activities in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Wendell Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Wendell Cultural Council will distribute about \$4,400 in grants.

Previously funded projects include a variety of children's programming and school performanc-

es, residencies and field trips to the University of Massachusetts Fine Arts Theater and Shea Theater, a marionette performance, monthly poetry readings, a photo exhibit, a classical music concert, an animal tracking walk and an edible plant walk, adult art workshops and support for local art festivals.

The Wendell Cultural Council's goal is to provide a variety of experiences in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

For the first time, applications may be submitted online. Application forms and more information about the LCC program are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

Paper application forms are also available at the Wendell Free Library, the Wendell town offices and the Wendell post office and must be submitted to Wendell Cultural Council chair Phyllis Lawrence, Box 81, Wendell, MA 01379 by October 17.

For questions or information, contact Phyllis Lawrence at (413) 367-2175 or phy-law@excite.com.

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and since the water issue was the main rationale for a “special” in the fall, the board saw no reason to call an STM.

Instead, town administrator Marjorie McGinnis was directed to arrange a meeting with Bockelman and Amherst director of public works Guilford Mooring.

Unleashed Activity

The September 6 selectboard meeting began with a remarkably collegial dog hearing, in which the potentially adversarial parties seemed to have resolved the problem of an aggressive dog on their own.

The Leverett board, under a state legal mandate, was required to hold a formal hearing in response to a complaint by Vic Scutari. Selectboard member Tom Hankinson recused himself from the hearing due to his relationship with Scutari.

Scutari had complained that a neighboring dog, owned by Gary and Marcella Hosley, had on several occasions over the past two years bitten his dog, named Brodie. One of these incidents required medical treatment for Brodie. Scutari also stated that his wife was not comfortable walking near the Hosleys’ house, and that on one occasion, he “had to kick the [Hosleys’] dog.”

The Hosleys stated that at least one of the incidents had been initi-

ated by Brodie, and that there was only a problem on the rare occasions when the Hosleys’ dog had been taken off a leash to fetch a ball or was exercising unleashed by Mr. Hosley.

“I’m admitting to walking [my dog] without a leash,” he said, stressing that he had ended the practice in recent weeks. He pledged that there would be no more unleashed activity by his dog.

After attempting to clear up confusion about the dating of various dog fights, d’Errico noted that the dog in question had not attacked a human.

“I don’t want a dog that bites people,” replied Mr. Hosley. “My dog doesn’t like his dog, and that’s it.”

Scutari did not object to this analysis of the situation, particularly after the Hosleys pledged once again to keep their dog on a leash. The board took no action on the complaint.

Damaged Bridges

In other news, the board directed McGinnis to inform highway superintendent David Finn that he should begin work on two damaged bridges without waiting for funding from the state. The bridges in question, serving Coke Kiln Road and Dudleyville Road, traverse the Sawmill River.

McGinnis said that the bridges

were on “some state list,” but selectboard member Julie Shively stated that the town “could wait around for thirty years” before state funding became available.

Board members told McGinnis that although the Coke Kiln Bridge was in worse shape, the Dudleyville one was a bigger priority, because it is the only access for residents along the road.

Shively noted, however, that she had received a number of complaints about the Coke Kiln Bridge, which probably needs replacing. She also stated that the river in the vicinity of the bridge may require a “beaver deceiver.”

The board did not take a formal vote on the issue.

Sharing Resources

Board members also did not vote on an agreement to allow Shutesbury residents to use the Leverett transfer station for bulk waste, metals and electronic equipment. Shutesbury has its own recycling program for paper, glass and plastic.

“The biggest thing is to make sure Shutesbury residents use only what they need,” said McGinnis. A special sticker for Shutesbury residents was suggested.

Board members suggested a number of amendments to the proposed agreement, including a thirty-day “out clause” in the annual contract.

The board did vote to approve a municipal electric aggregation agreement with Colonial Power. The agreement allows bulk purchasing of electricity for local residents at reduced rates, although ratepayers can opt out if they wish to purchase from another source.

Other Business

The board voted to award contracts for gas and diesel fuel to the Sandri Company, which submitted the lowest bid.

It also voted to sign two contracts with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, one for inspection of the transfer station, and the other for administration of the town’s household hazardous waste pick-up.

The board voted to declare a 1988 GMC vehicle “surplus,” although it did not approve a specific plan to dispose of it. McGinnis stated that the vehicle may have been donated by the federal government so the town was not allowed to sell it.

Board members signed a farewell card to Fenna Lee Bonsignore, longtime resident and former selectboard member, who is moving to the eastern part of the state to be with her family.

The board then went into executive session to discuss “litigation.” The next scheduled meeting will be held September 20.



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“Months,” Hastings replied, “since they have to wait till the contractor pays the town, and that often is a lengthy process.” A discussion ensued about why Gill didn’t have a similar practice to other towns.

Ward asked when the last attempt was to create a revolving fund. “I don’t know,” replied Hastings, “but I would be happy to put together a proposal for one for the next fiscal year.”

Ward agreed that he hadn’t seen this issue arise for the seven years that he’s served on the selectboard.

“Mt. Hermon pays the quickest,” Hastings noted. “They have been a friend to the Gill police department.”

Snedeker then asked whether a revolving fund would make officers more apt to take on construction details. “I suspect yes,” Hastings said, smiling, “though some just don’t want to do details.”

Ward suggested the selectboard investigate setting up a fund, and asked Hastings how much money would be sufficient. Hastings replied that his guess would be \$8,000.

“Out of fairness for people getting paid on time,” Snedeker, said, setting up the account would be “a good idea.” Hastings agreed.

Discussion then moved to a letter from state senator Stan Rosenberg’s office shared by town administrative assistant Ray Purington urging the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to fund the new digital cameras being installed on the

French King Bridge. The amount requested is “just over” \$26,000.

Hastings said getting the cameras in place would be a great step forward. Snedeker noted that the problem of people jumping from the bridge not only was a hazard for the individuals in question, but also put Gill crews at risk.

Selectboard member Randy Crochier agreed, and added, “The recent incident at the bridge, with the person wanted for murder, helped our cause. It’s unfortunate that it took something like that.”

Firefighters

The selectboard then thanked Hastings for his time, and moved on to fire chief Beaubien and his own list of part-time employees.

Ward told Beaubien he had gone through the list, and wondered if people were not responding because they were new. He then asked directly, “How can we help you?”

Baubien replied that his department currently paid part-time employees in increments of half hours after the first hour of work, and that he would personally like to see his people paid in increments of an hour.

Crochier asked if the town paid for the time employees cleaned the fire truck, and Beaubien said it did. Crochier asked how long the practice of half-hour increments had been in place. “At least as long as I’ve been here,” Beaubien answered.

Crochier then stated, with both Snedeker and Ward in agreement,

that as far as he was concerned, Beaubien should decide how to pay department employees, since he knew their needs better than anyone. Ward added that continuing to pay employees in half-hour increments might, in turn, be a morale booster, and asked if the practice could stay as is.

Baubien nodded in agreement before answering, “Yes.” The selectboard left the matter in his hands.

Baubien then reported that the grant for new air packs had been denied. He said the town was told it not only needed to better justify the need for the air packs, but also speak to the town’s financial constraints. Snedeker said that he would work with Beaubien to answer those questions so that the grant can be resubmitted.

Fire Regionalization

Talk then turned to a letter addressed to the selectboard from the Turners Falls Fire Department. In the letter, outgoing Turners fire chief Robert Escott asked the selectboard to again consider signing onto a fire services study, which the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and area fire chiefs are trying to organize, around the issue of a regionalized response to staffing and the vehicles accompanying such needs.

Baubien shook his head, saying that he was “not in favor” of any plan to regionalize fire departments. He gruffly added that once before,

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lease from Couture Bros., is fully carpeted and offers 3,600 square feet on one floor. The rent will be less, and there will be plenty of something that his current location has always had a problem with: parking.

“That’s our biggest complaint from all of our customers: ‘You don’t have parking. Where do I park? I didn’t know where to park. I couldn’t find a parking spot, so I kept on going.’ We have hearing that, and we have heard it many, many times,” sighed Allan.

“We looked at our customer base, and found that most of our customers drive right to our business. We’ve got very little walk-in, for the most part: our customers seek us out, and they are mainly from out of town. Many of them from Turners.”

Cadran himself is from Turners Falls originally. “There used to be a lot of Cadrans in downtown,” he said. “We had a whole page in the phone book. They moved away, they died... I left in 1978.”

Building owner Chris Couture, of Couture Bros., is happy to have Replay positioned to move in. “We’d love to have him, and this is a great spot for his business,” he said. “There’s a great business network developing here, and he’ll fit right in.”

Couture’s building sat empty for 16 months after Black Jungle left. “Certain building sizes are too big for the little guy, and too small for the big business,” he explained. “But Allan’s the right guy.”

Turners has gone through a lot of changes over the years, as have Allan and his business. At one point, he sold RVs, among other things.

He thought he could fill a gap by selling guitar strings in Greenfield six years ago, and he was right. Where once there were several music stores in Greenfield, Replay is the only one left in the immediate area right now.

There are three employees at the store: Adam Langellotti, Jake Grant, and Allan’s daughter, Sarah. Adam is the full time store manager. Replay has, in the past, offered lessons, and still will instruct on drums and guitar, with possible expansion to other instruments if things develop in that direction.

One thing they spend a lot of time on are repairs, both to refurbish pieces they bring in to stock, and for customers who need a guitar set up, adjusted or repaired.

For more information on the business, visit replaymusicgear.com or call the store at (413) 773-3037.



Chris Couture had been advertising the building, across Avenue A from Cumberland Farms, for over a year, since the departure of former tenant Black Jungle Terrarium Supply.

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he was told that his department needed a brush truck, but that this was flawed advice since they didn’t need one.

Crochier quietly but firmly stated that he, for one, would like Gill “to be involved in the study,” and that “the town could decide afterwards what to do.” He said he believed a voice like Beaubien’s was an important one for the conversation, since he would speak up about flaws in the project.

Ward said he thought the report issued by a previous regionalization study was “horrible.” Crochier laughed and said he felt “the exact opposite,” since the report merely answered what was provided: “We got what we paid for.” He challenged his fellow board members to be more specific about what was needed, in order to get better answers.

Ward quipped that it seemed to him that the folks who had prepared that report didn’t have any area of expertise. “A couple did have some fire department knowledge,” Beaubien noted.

Crochier noted that both the selectboard and the fire chief would need to “sign off on the study,” and nudged Beaubien to reconsider joining it.

Stuart Elliott from the fire department then passionately jumped in. “We’re the most regionalized fire department in the area,” he said. “The problem I have with the letter is that there is no proposal for how to proceed.”

He sat back in his chair, and began listing questions. “Are we going to have a fully operational fire department somewhere else? What is it going to cost us? Do we shut down

the Gill department? What will the regionalized system look like?”

“Why bring in someone from the outside, and why can’t we decide? Do we really need consultants to come in and tell us what we already know? What’s the model? They’re not talking about any model to follow.”

Snedeker stated that he was “concerned about the town’s people. This letter is public property and when people read it, they may well ask why aren’t we participating in this regionalization study, that might show a new vehicle is needed? What has the selectboard done to sustain us in the future?”

He then turned directly to Beaubien and said, “I’d like to have your voice in that room. Certainly, the price of these vehicles is getting pretty high, so this is a concern to all towns.” He reminded Beaubien that as his department pushes for a new vehicle, joining in the study will say to everyone that the town is actively considering all options.

Crochier added that he’d also be much happier if Beaubien signed off on the study, in order to bring Gill’s voice into the room. He added that Gill and Franklin county is way ahead of the curve when it comes to regionalization for the simple reason that “we have so many small towns that we’ve had to learn to work together.”

Ward suggested that one tactic might be to go in to the study with a list of minimum demands to be met, such as “Gill will keep its own fire station, as well as all of our current shifts.”

Elliott said the department’s biggest fear was that “we’ll be taken over, and lose our fire department.

I don’t want that.”

Beaubien smiled and said that the fire department “could discuss the subject at their next engineers’ meeting. However, I’m still not in favor.”

“Well, if they’re going to talk about us, we should be there,” Elliott added.

Ward interjected that other towns may ask, “What is Gill doing right that we can learn from?”

The board agreed that they were not pushing for regionalization, but were only curious about the process. Elliott stated what was apparent to all involved in the animated conversation. “The limiting factor is ‘what is good for Gill.’”

Crochier then advised that Beaubien bring up the topic at the next engineers’ meeting, and Beaubien agreed.

Backhoe Bids

After the contingent from the fire department left, highway superintendent Mickey LaClaire updated the board about his search for a new “used” backhoe. He stated that he and foreman John Miner, who was also in attendance, had looked at “the whole gamut of backhoes out there to get one that works within the budget.”

LaClaire said they had looked at backhoes from 2001 through 2012, and found several in very good shape. He defined “good shape” as a machine that was clean, not in need of work, and had low hours of usage. He told the board that his department was asking for their approval, since it would need to put the purchase out to bid within two weeks.

A succinct but detailed discussion ensued about new state Municipal Modernization Act; after November

7, the cut-off above which sealed bids must be collected will rise from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

LaClaire reminded the board that the budget for the backhoe was under \$60,000. He and Miner indicated that they were especially drawn to one machine in particular – a 2001 John Deere – since not only was it in great shape but that it, unlike the other two, still had several months of its factory warranty attached.

Ward led a quick conversation about the bidding process and the need to follow the letter of the law, but said the town could and should structure the bid to get the best possible deal. The board voted unanimously that LaClaire should work with Purington to move the plan forward.

The discussion then moved to how to approach the Mt. Hermon Road repairs due next year. Crochier asked LaClaire who plows the road, and he replied, “Mt. Hermon.”

Crochier then said that “based on our conversation, this is going to be a long discussion. So I suggest that we put it on the agenda for spring.”

Ward inquired as to how expensive the repairs could be. “Easily over \$100,000,” LaClaire guessed.

Crochier grimaced and repeated his suggestion that the selectboard take the issue up in the spring.

Other Business

Purington gave a quick project update for the planned USDA-funded water treatment system at Gill Elementary. He shared with the board that water volume usage equipment was being studied, to ascertain if it is still what is needed to comply. Snedeker urged him to encourage those conducting the work to expedite their

work as much as possible.

The board approved the appointment of Charles Garbiel to the cable committee through June 30, 2017, and the appointment of Emily Samuels to the Cultural Council through September 6, 2019.

Purington announced that the current bill for Gill’s sewer commitment was \$24,915.75 as of September 8. He made notice that the current drought was inadvertently helping to keep sewer costs down and, therefore, the sewer costs would more than likely remain steady.

The selectboard then moved onto the town’s pending purchase of the Riverside Cemetery land and assets, for \$1, from the Riverside Cemetery Association. The board unanimously approved the purchase.

Crochier added that he would like to “thank the Association for their forward thinking” in handing over this important component to the town. Ward nodded in agreement, saying that he, too, was thankful for their work and thoughtfulness. All agreed that the Association showed great insight by doing what they did, and not just walking away from the issue.

Purington closed out the night’s meeting with several public service announcements, including the distribution of the new book on the history of Riverside (September 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. and September 10 from 9 a.m. till noon at the Riverside Municipal Building); the Source to Sea river cleanup (September 24; see www.ctriver.org); and a hazardous waste collection day on October 1 at Greenfield Community College, for which participants need to register by September 26.



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lot to me.... I'm hopeful that this will be resolved quickly."

Pooling Resources

The Northwestern District Anti-Crime Task Force (NDAITF) was launched in 2013 in an effort to coordinate area law enforcement agencies. For its first two years, it was funded under a state Community Innovation Challenge grant, administered by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG).

"We were pretty much exclusively the fiscal agent," explained Phoebe Walker, director of community services at FRCOG. "It was really the towns who were the beneficiaries, but the DA couldn't apply, because they're part of the state, and the state couldn't award the state the grant."

In its first year, according to an implementation report compiled by the FRCOG, major crimes referred to the task force had a 37.5% indict-

ment rate, compared to a baseline 4% indictment rate of similar crimes in the district before it was created.

Since mid-2015, the task force has been funded by a direct earmark in the state budget.

Agencies that participate in the program assign staff members, either full-time or part-time, to work under command of an officer from the state police narcotics unit.

Montague's own narcotics officer, Det. John Dempsey, has been appointed to the task force for two days out of his four-day rotation. Dodge said that Dempsey told him in early July that the department was temporarily suspended from the task force.

"It's a shame that right now, the task force can't take advantage of his experience," said Dodge. "John hasn't done anything wrong. And unfortunately, the situation puts our whole department under suspicion."

According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed

by agencies participating in the NDAITF, police chiefs nominate candidates to the program, who must then be unanimously approved by a personnel committee comprised of the senior ranking officer from the state police, the DA, and one law enforcement representative each from Hampshire and Franklin counties.

Once appointed, any officer can be removed by the senior ranking officer "with or without cause," but in such an event, their department's chief "will have the opportunity to nominate a different candidate officer" to the personnel committee.

The MOU does not appear to outline any procedure for the suspension or expulsion of a participating agency, though any party may withdraw "by notifying all other parties in writing."

"I think extremely highly of the program, and our involvement and participation," Dodge told the *Reporter*. "We were looking into being

a full-time member [agency], if we can swing it."

He said the department still participates, via mutual aid agreements, with the other police departments in the region.

"The sad part is losing this additional resource... [But] we still work hand in hand with other towns, like Greenfield, outside of the task force. We're not losing everything."

"As far as work goes, we'll still be able to do the job," he added.

Stuck Waiting

Mary Carey, spokesperson for the Northwestern District Attorney, said that her office "has no comment on this matter" and is "referring all questions to the AG's office."

Additional questions about the task force's funding and governance went unanswered as of press time.

"It is our policy neither to confirm or deny investigations," a spokesperson at the attorney general's office stated in June.

"We're on standby to see what's going on," selectboard chair Kuklewicz said this week, "to see if they either confirm, or deny, the investigation."

"The matter will be resolved, and we will be a better agency, and I will be a better chief," Dodge said on Wednesday.

"Every day we learn new things. And this is a situation - I would rather it had been handled a different way, but I don't choose how things get reported to different agencies.... I'm respecting the DA's decision."

"If people are looking to find something negative, they can look," he continued. "When this first broke, I was very embarrassed. And our community has made it easier to move beyond that. Having the support from this community is really what keeps this department operating at its best - we have a very caring and unique community, and we know that they have our backs."



Turners Falls High School Fall Sports Preview

By MATT ROBINSON

And so it begins: A new school year and a brand new sports season.

A time when kids put on their uniforms and prepare themselves for the challenges they face in the classroom and on the fields, courts and courses. A time when anything is possible as new kids step up to the varsity level, playing alongside the upperclassmen they watched last year.

Football

I'm fond of saying, "The only good thing about summer ending is football beginning."

So, as I nostalgically say goodbye to the long summer daze, I begin to study the college and pro teams, and try to go to as many Turners Falls football games as humanly possible.

This gridiron season will be interesting, to say the least. A number of changes directly affect the Boys in Blue: new league alignments, the D6 divisional split, and a doubleheader against Greenfield, to name three.

Add this to the fact that Turners will play Lee in the opening game, and the interest spreads to four counties.

You see, both Lee and Turners are ranked in the top 20 in Western Mass by *MassLive*, both were in the playoffs last year, and consequently both are on the radar of the Springfield media - and of any team hoping to take their place in the top 20.

Football Schedule:

Lee (H): Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.
Woodstock Academy (A): Sat., Sept. 17 at 2 p.m.
Amherst (H): Friday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.
Greenfield (H): Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.
Mahar (A): Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.
Franklin Tech (H): Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.
Athol (A): Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.
Frontier (A): Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.
Greenfield (A): Thurs., Nov 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Field Hockey

The Turners Falls Field Hockey Indians

play 18 games during the regular season. Because the Blue Ladies are in the West League, they have the privilege of playing some pretty big schools, Holyoke and Central included.

The Blue Ladies shut out the Athol Red Raiders 3-0 in Powertown's home opener on Tuesday, September 6. Turners scored 2 goals in the first half, and added another in the second half. Cassidie Wozniak scored all 3 goals, with Hattie Harvey and Alyson Murphy giving assists.

Maddie Currier was in goal for Turners, but she didn't have to make a single save, because the Turners' D kept the ball in Athol's territory for most of the game.

Offensively, Turners kept the Red goaltender busy, slapping 19 shots-on-goal in the first half and 20 in the second.

Field Hockey Schedule:

Athol (H): Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m.
Pioneer (H): Friday, Sept. 9 at 3:30 p.m.
Franklin Tech (A): Monday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m.
Frontier (H): Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m.
Quaboag (H): Monday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.
Southwick (A): Thursday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.
Athol (A): Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.
Holyoke (H): Monday, Sept. 26 at 4:30 p.m.
Springfield Ctl (A): Weds, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m.
Greenfield (H): Friday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.
S. Hadley (H): Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 3:30 p.m.
Springfield Ctl (H): Tues., Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Mohawk (A): Thursday, Oct. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
Pioneer (A): Saturday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.
Franklin Tech (H): Mon., Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Holyoke (A): Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.
Pioneer (H): Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Southwick (H): Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Golf

Of the 16 contests this fall, the Turners Falls Golfing Indians have 9 away-matches and 7 at home. However, their first five games will be played on other team's turf. In fact, of their first 8 matches, 7 will be played out of town. Then they begin their home stand.

If you count the Franklin Tech contest:



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Up and Running: members of the Turners Falls High School Field Hockey team train for the upcoming season at TFHS.

which will be played at Thomas Memorial: Turners finishes their season with 7 of 8 matches on their home course.

Golf Schedule (all games at 3 p.m.):

Ware (A): Thursday, Sept. 8
Hopkins Academy (A): Monday, Sept. 12
Frontier (A): Tuesday, Sept. 13
Saint Mary's (A): Wednesday, Sept. 14
Mohawk (A): Tuesday, Sept. 20
Pioneer (H): Thursday, Sept. 22
Greenfield (A): Monday, Sept. 26
McCann Tech (A): Tuesday, Sept. 27
Franklin County Tech (H): Weds., Sept. 28
Franklin County Tech (A): Thursday, Sept. 29
Frontier (H): Monday, Oct. 3
Mohawk (H): Thursday, Oct. 6
Pioneer (A): Tuesday, Oct. 11
Greenfield (H): Thursday, Oct. 13
Hopkins (H): Monday, Oct. 17
McCann Tech (H): Tuesday, Oct. 18

Volleyball

Last year, the Lady Indians finished the regular season with an impressive record of 12-6, and qualified for the November tournament.

This year's schedule is pretty much the same, except the Tribe will play 20 games and face 2 new opponents: Lenox and Mount Everett.

Volleyball Schedule:

Easthampton (H): Wed., Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.
Belchertown (A): Monday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.
Chicopee (H): Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.
Lenox (A): Friday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Athol (A): Monday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.
Pioneer (H): Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.
Mahar (A): Friday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.
Mohawk (H): Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.
Greenfield (A): Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.
Greenfield (H): Friday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.
South Hadley (H): Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
Sabis (A): Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Pioneer (A): Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.
Lee (H): Friday, Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Athol (H): Friday, Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m.
Lee (A): Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Agawam (H): Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.
Mahar (H): Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
Mohawk (A): Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.
Mt. Everett (A): Friday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

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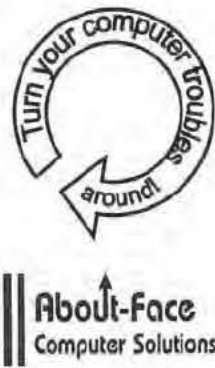
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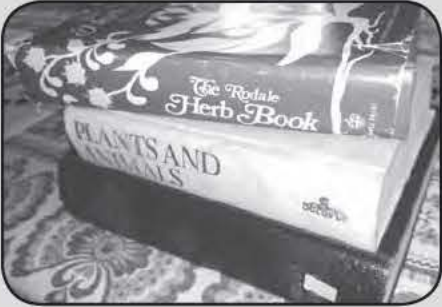
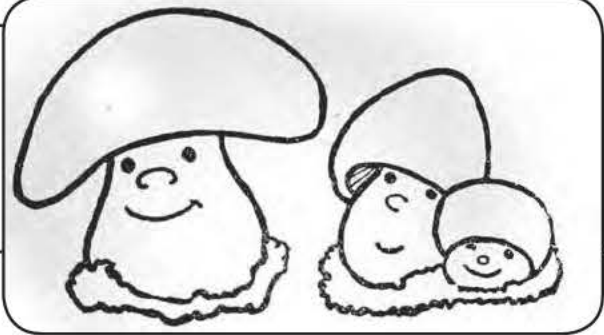
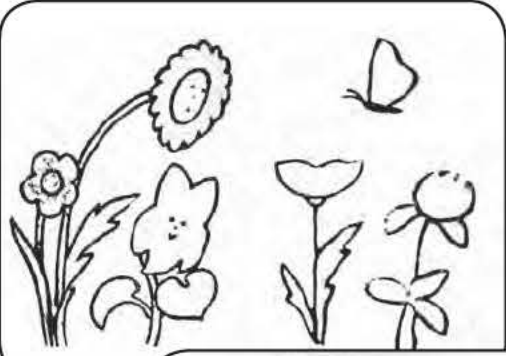


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A SPLASH OF COLOR

NINA ROSSI PHOTOS



Something new going on: Artists Rodney Madison, Eric Grab, and Charlie Shaw have opened new storefront spaces in the historic Ward Block on Millers Falls' West Main Street recently. Madison has opened a gallery studio on the West Main Street side; Grab's studio is on the corner; and Shaw has opened a shop on Bridge Street, called "Old School," which sells his own work and selected vintage items.

Hazardous Waste Collection!

The Franklin County Solid Waste District will hold its annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, October 1 at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 26. On-line registration forms may be completed at: www.franklincounty-wastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper forms will be available at town offices and transfer stations.

Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring wastes to the collection; appointment time will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

Barre, Gill, Orange and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in the 2016 collection, and businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible; call 772-1528 for info on year-round disposal in Greenfield.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of items that should not be put in the trash, such as oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

For more information, contact the District office at (413) 772-2438; email info@franklincounty-wastedistrict.org; or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

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Turning a Few Pages with Paul Richmond



Paul Richmond

By ALICE THOMAS

WENDELL – Paul Richmond is the “juggler extraordinaire” of Franklin County! It didn’t take me long to know that he’s the man who not only starts all things literary, but carries them out with stealth. Paul began the third Tuesday readings in Greenfield at 9 Mill Street, which is now in its 10th year. One hardly notices his tall frame, his glide, his voiced compendium of regional literary history, although all three were present throughout our meeting from ‘meet-n-greet’ to my “Ah-ha!” at the time of parting.

It was by attending those readings that I first met Paul and other writers in the area – even from the far reaches of Northampton!

It was there that I was initiated to Paul’s format. It goes like this: If you arrive at 7 p.m. (but that’s no longer early anymore – it’s schmoosetime) you can sign up and jockey a reading slot for the evening (nobody likes being first).

There’s visiting, learning about other readings in the valley, everyone’s writing news, etc. Very comfy. Then we all promptly move to the reading room at 7:30; always ready, set up with chairs, podium and timers.

Paul begins his announcements so everyone is welcomed and knows his expectations for keeping the schedule. The 5-minute timers: ready; featured readers: in place.

Paul maintains that every reader, no matter their age or experience, has an opportunity to be heard. The reader will be greeted, have their 5 minutes experiencing a listening audience, and be acknowledged for their offering. All are welcomed.

The same format was used at Wendell’s *All Small Caps*, which he helped start, and is now carried on as *Wendell Word*, a reading venue that takes place on the second Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the Deja Brew (57 Lockes Village Road). *Wendell Word* is now run by Candace Curran, Mike Mauri and Trish Crapo, all published poets who are highly noted in the field.

What’s new, you might ask of Paul, and I did! Well, he has continued to air his Imagine Radio Show,

see RICHMOND page B4

THE GARDENER’S COMPANION

Glorious Harvest



MARY AZARIAN WOODBLOCK PRINT

By LESLIE BROWN

MONTAGUE CITY – The gated garden is a tangle of pumpkin and cucumber vines, beans and the ever-producing tomatoes. Imagine: we tired of eating and freezing beans, although there are never too many tomatoes. We eat at least two every day in salad or sandwich, and pop the cherries in for a succulent bite right off the vine. Tomatoes have huge nutritional value, being packed with vitamins A, B, C and K as well as calcium, potassium and lycopene, a powerful anti-oxidant – besides tasting absolutely like nothing else.

Why not so much the beans? The difference is that we can buy string beans year round, but in my opinion, there are no tomatoes worth eating except those right off the vine in summer. I have frozen and canned them, but it is not the same. Oh, one prosperous year I even made tomato ketchup and relish!

So we are especially pleased with this bountiful harvest after a season of blight and several indifferently performing crops the last couple of years. While we humans may not have enjoyed the long spell of intense heat and humidity, it has been perfect tomato growing weather.

Despite our dislike of heavy, over heated air, we rue the loss of summer as it has become evident in clearly shorter days, cool nights and warm, dry weather. Although we love the fall season, somehow we do not feel ready just yet. We have so enjoyed

cooling down by swimming, rides followed by walks in the deep woods of the Quabbin or our own Green River valley, and going in search of mountain air.

As this garden season winds down, we inevitably think about the next. The over-tangle in the gated garden needs to spread out elsewhere. The former strawberry bed seems like a good square in which to try corn again, and a spot to let vining crops spread below. The Urban Farmer seed company features a comprehensive companion planting chart on their website. This indicates that corn will share happily with melons, cucumber and squash vines, among other plants. Good to have this plan, which seemed sane, approved.

In addition to this summer’s weather, the tomatoes have benefited from more space this year than others. Five plants have grown to huge size and produced more than enough fruit to enjoy and to share with friends and neighbors. No need, really, to grow more.

However, I think we’ll let go of growing Rose. She is such a large, sweet fruit but so prone to disfigurements that really only half a fruit is often salvageable. Jet Star was the most bountiful and tasty, with Celebrity a strong second. We’ll also look for a replacement for Early Girl, which while definitely first, lacked true tomato tang. We continue to choose Sungold for its huge production of tasty cherries.

Next year I have promised myself once again to be earlier with green leafy crops and to grow more peas.

see GARDENERS page B6

OYSTERGIRL’S guide to REAL LIVING

by Vanessa Query

#18: Make Your Own Broth!

By VANESSA QUERY

TURNERS FALLS – Have you been wanting to jump on the broth wagon, but are overwhelmed by the resources and recipes online? I’ve been making all kinds of broth for years, and would like to share with you my simple steps.

I love turning people on to this great way to get more nutritive bang for your food buck, thereby saving money and wasting less. All you need are kitchen scraps and a slow cooker. Many folks use a stockpot on the stovetop, but I get nervous about leaving the stove on for a long time, and slow cookers are easy! A freezer and a strainer and jars and maybe a funnel are also good to have.

The Easiest Broth: Vegetable Broth

I collect kitchen scraps in the freezer in a gallon freezer bag, such as:

- stems, seeds, and peels from peppers, tomatoes, carrots, green beans, fresh herbs, etc.
- garlic and onion skins – apparently the skins are the healthiest part, and here we are, just throwing them away!
- tougher stalks from greens
- produce that is bruised, wilting, or has turned a little – if it’s just unappetizing enough to not want to eat.

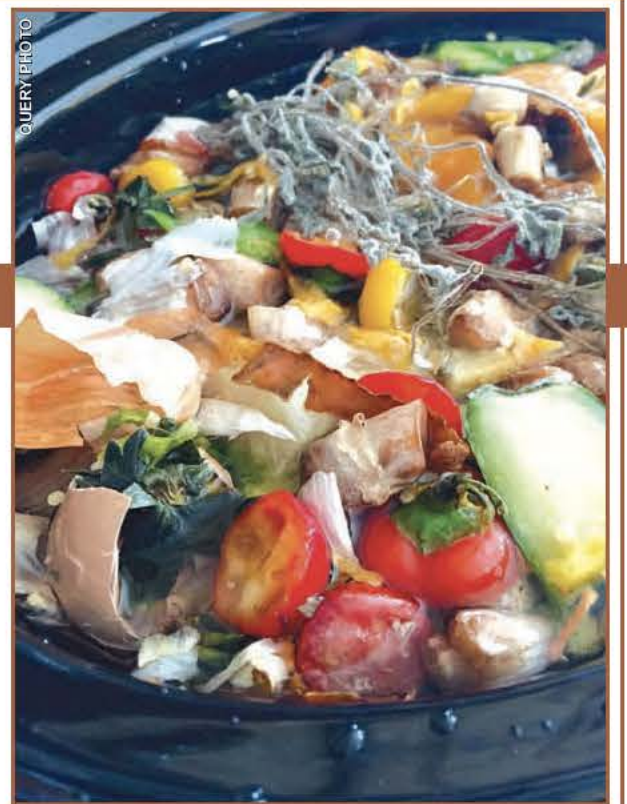
Once the bag is full, I empty it into my 6-quarter slow cooker. I add cold water almost, but not quite, to the top. I set it on low, and let it simmer for 6 to 8 hours.

Once it’s done, I strain the broth through a fine mesh strainer. I pour the broth into several glass jars, and freeze them. (Be sure to leave an inch or more of headroom in the jar for expansion, or jars might break when it freezes.) Voilà!

The Second Easiest: Meat and/or Bone Broth

Sometimes I get bones specifically for broth. It’s increasingly common for meat vendors at farmers’ markets to offer these. Some are cleaned, but most flavorful are bones with meat on them. Things like neck bones and marrow bones are especially good for flavor and nutritive value.

But most frequently, my meat broths (almost never



A vegetable/kitchen scrap broth in progress. Sometimes I add egg shells for extra minerals.

technically just bone broths) are, like my vegetable broths, composed of kitchen scraps. I collect scraps from meat I eat: bones and skin from chicken wings; ribs; bone-in lamb cuts; etc.

I keep like-bones with like-bones; I may have up to three meat-scrap bags in my freezer: usually chicken, lamb, and pork.

I put the parts into the slow cooker, add cold water, and an acid of some kind: usually apple-cider vinegar or pickle juice. This helps to leach minerals out of the bone. How much I add depends on the bone: for chicken, maybe a tablespoon or two; for beef, maybe a third cup.

I soak the parts in the cold water. This also helps the acid leaching process. How long I let them soak also depends on the bone: from a half hour to an hour.

Then, I put the slow cooker on low, and let it simmer. How long I let it simmer also depends on the bone! I’ll let chicken broth go for 12 to 24 hours; beef can go up to 72 hours.

Once it’s done, I strain and store it like the vegetable broth.

If the bones aren’t falling apart, I might repeat the process and get another batch of broth. This especially works with big beef bones.

Using Your Broth

There are lots of things you can do with broth, aside from the obvious!

see OYSTERGIRL page B4

A PARTY TO FLAUNT THE GLORIOUS UNNECESSARY

TURNERS FALLS – What does it take to transform the ordinary to the extraordinary? Sometimes grand efforts. Sometimes herculean lifting. Other times, a mere tweak of the moment, a nearly imperceptible shift, a head-tilt perhaps, and suddenly everything’s changed.

The Turners Falls Lost-and-Found Fashion Show is a party to flaunt the glorious unnecessary birthed from the detritus of the mundane, a time to wring the celebratory from the ash of trash. It’s happening this year on Saturday, September 24 at the Shea Theater from 5 to 10 p.m.

Come meet the designers who transform laundry abandoned at Suzee’s **Third Street Laundry into runway fashions**. Featured designers include Andrea Glampyre, Anne Harding, Vic Maillo, Richie Richardson, Gretel Schatz, and many more.

Expect fashion, live music, dance from Craze Faze, and other obtuse performances that celebrate the ways in which we can all transform a garment, a moment, a perspective or an evening. Also beer and snacks!

General admission tickets are available for ten dollars at LOOT, Tangible Bliss, Nina’s Nook, The Rendezvous and Cosa Rara. This is a volunteer-run, community event, and we are trying to keep the tickets as cheap as possible, so please pay what you can for your tickets. All proceeds after paying for the venue and other expenses will go to participants of the show or to future shows. General admission and reduced price tickets are also available at turnersfallsriverculture.org.

The Turners Falls Lost-and-Found Fashion show is the latest incarnation of an evening of amazing, glamorous, and sometimes wacky designs and performances that began on Third Street in 2004. After ten years, the show took a hiatus to revamp, in part because the laundromat was too small to contain the madness – that is, to offer enough room for the whole community to celebrate.

This year a group of volunteer producers have been working to bring the show to the newly renovated Shea Theater. Through workshops and open meetings, they’ve

offered opportunities for the local community to plan, sew, or just goof off with colorful socks.

You can be in the show! It’s not too late to be a designer, model, performer, or producer for this year’s Lost-and-Found Fashion Show. Call or email turnersfallsfashionshow@gmail.com or (413) 835-1390 if you’d like to get involved.

One more community workshop will be held between 2 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 11 at Casa Rara on Avenue A, to work on making things for the big show on Saturday, September 24.

Models are still needed to model at the show on September 24. No size requirement. Totally body positive! If you are interested, call Suzanne at (413) 835-1390 or email riverculture@gmail.com and she will set you up with a designer.

The show is sponsored by Cosa Rara, Suzee’s Third Street Laundry, and Turners Falls RiverCulture.



Models walk the Rendezvous runway during the 2013 Turners Falls Lost-and-Found Fashion Show.

Pet of the Week

Hi, I'm Culin! I was transferred here from a shelter in New Jersey, so there isn't a great deal of information about me.

I am a very handsome guy – my eyes are an amazing orange color and I love to purr!

I was adopted and returned because I need to be the only cat in the home – I prefer to have all the atten-

tion and love to myself.

I love to play with toys and get lots of one on one time with my human family.

Please come visit me and see if I may be the cat for you.

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Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m.

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the Center is closed.

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Wednesday 9/14
9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach
11:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
12:45 p.m. Bingo
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9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
1 p.m. Cards & Games
Friday 9/16
1 p.m. Writing Group

ERVING
Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 2 days in advance. Call (413)-423-3649 for

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For information, call Paula Beters, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity.

Call to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out about the next blood pressure clinic.

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Wednesday 9/14
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga
Noon Bingo, Snacks & Laughs
Thursday 9/15
8:45 a.m. Aerobics (*fast moving*)
10 a.m. Healthy Bones
12:30 p.m. Crafty Seniors
Friday 9/16
9 a.m. Quilting;
9:30 a.m. Bowling, Walking Club
11:30 a.m. Friends Out to Lunch
12:30 p.m. Painting Workshop

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WENDELL
Wendell Senior Center is at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Nancy Spittle, (978) 544-6760, for hours and upcoming programs. Call the Center for a ride.

MR at the Great Falls Farmers Market: Berry Yen Ends in Interview

By NINA ROSSI

TURNERS FALLS – The Montague Reporter table has been absent from the Great Falls Farmers Market during the month of August due to vacations. Many of us actually got the chance to go away somewhere. Oddly, three of us chose the hellish humidity of the Carolinas (can't be helped, sometimes you have to go where your peeps are) during the same week of August.

Last week marked the first time in over a month that I was out on the lawn of the Discovery Center, representing this paper with free copies of the latest edition, t-shirts and number stickers, and all the info you need to subscribe, advertise, or get your name in print.

Yes, painless interviews conducted live at the market! Sometimes it is hard to find a victim... er, volunteer, but last week, **Melody Green** came right up and started talking almost before I could get my recorder ready to capture her words.

"I'm here because I'm starving for blueberries," she said, looking around at the offerings. "But I will have to be content with nectarines."

Melody does all her daily errands on foot. "I have a car but I live right on Avenue A so I walk everywhere. It's very convenient, and it's fun."

Earlier in the day, she spent a few hours reading by the canal, on the bike path. I asked what book she was enjoying.

"I was reading a book called *Radical Homemakers*. It is really good. It's about getting away from consumer culture, and about the evolution of homemaking. Just recently it became 'the lonely homemaker,' like if you are a housewife or homemaker, you are a dimwit, but it didn't used to be that way.

"I recently rediscovered the library as a resource, so I have like 17 books out of the library right now."

Melody is a nanny for "a bunch of different families" and enjoys the job because she is working for herself and getting to know a variety of people. She is also a musician and performs with her three sisters as The Green



ROSSI PHOTO

Sisters, a bluegrass band. Keep an eye out for them locally at the Root Cellar and the Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse, where they have performances scheduled.

It's harvest time, and the Great Falls Farmers Market promises fresh produce each and every Wednesday right through October. You may use SNAP dollars and get twice the bang for your "buck" – just see market manager Donna Francis to work out the details. Local favorite Katalyst Kombucha is available, too.

Donna would love to schedule more musicians to play during the afternoon, and there is plenty of room for additional vendors to join the lineup at only five dollars a week. It's two to six p.m., rain or shine, at the corner of Second Street and Avenue A. See you there!

THE HEALTHY GEEZER

Weirdnesses of the Thyroid



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

Q. As an authentic geezer, I've had so many medical tests that I think I've seen more acronyms than were around during the New Deal. Recently, a friend of mine suggested that I get a TSH test for my thyroid. What, in the name of FDR, is a TSH test?

The thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the middle of the lower neck. It produces hormones that control metabolism, which are the chemical processes cells in the body perform to keep us alive.

It should come as no surprise that the thyroid gland often peters out as we get older. The thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) test checks to see if your thyroid is producing the right amount of hormone for your system. If the gland is making too much hormone, you get hyperthyroidism; if it makes too little, you get hypothyroidism.

Hypothyroidism is very common in people over 60 years of age; the incidence of it steadily increases with age. About 25 percent of people in nursing homes may have un-

diagnosed hypothyroidism because the symptoms of this condition can be misinterpreted as signs of aging.

When thyroid disease is caught early, treatment can control the disorder even before the onset of symptoms.

Professional organizations differ widely on screening recommendations. Most do not recommend widespread screening for healthy adults:

The American College of Physicians recommends that women over 50 years old be screened for thyroid disorders every 5 years.

The American Academy of Family Physicians believes that adults do not have to be screened until they are over 60.

The American Thyroid Association, however, recommends that all adults, both men and women, begin their screening at age 35 and every 5 years thereafter. Experts in this organization argue that such early screening is inexpensive and would prevent progression to hypothyroidism, and therefore possibly heart disease, in people with subclinical hypothyroidism.

The U.S. Preventive Task Force recommends against routine screening for thyroid disease in adults.

The symptoms of hypothyroidism include: fatigue, intolerance to cold, constipation, forgetfulness, muscle cramps, hair loss, depression, weight gain, dry skin, hoarseness and mood swings.

The symptoms of hyperthyroidism include: weight loss (not always in seniors), heat intolerance, hyperactivity, muscle weakness, palpitations, tremors, nervousness, irrita-

bility, insomnia, enlarged thyroid gland, frequent bowel movements, vision problems or eye irritation.

About 27 million Americans of all ages have overactive or underactive thyroid glands but more than half the conditions are undiagnosed. More than 80 percent of people with thyroid disease are women.

Thyroid diseases are life-long, but treatable conditions. However, if untreated, thyroid disease can cause elevated cholesterol levels and subsequent heart disease, infertility, muscle weakness, osteoporosis and, in extreme cases, coma or death.

Treatment to balance your hormone levels is simple and not very expensive.

Hypothyroidism is treated with a drug called levothyroxine. This is a synthetic hormone tablet that replaces missing thyroid hormone in the body. With careful monitoring, your doctor will adjust your dosage accordingly, and you'll soon be able to return to your normal lifestyle.

Hyperthyroidism, generally more difficult to treat, requires the normalization of thyroid hormone production. Treatment could involve drug therapy to block hormone production, radioactive iodine treatment that disables the thyroid, or even thyroid surgery.

The most popular treatment for hyperthyroidism is radioactive iodine. This therapy often causes hypothyroidism, requiring levothyroxine to bring the system back to normal.

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MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS

This Week on MCTV

By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

Here at MCTV, we hope your September is off to a good start.

This week, a new video on our website gives viewers a closer look into Full Moon Girls, a Friday program for girls age 9-12 and 12-16 at the Vermont Wilderness School.

Full Moon Girls provides girls with mentorship and community, as well as the opportunity to be together in nature, adventure, engage in storytelling and so much more. To quote a participant, "Full Moon Girls is a place where I can relax and be myself in nature." Registration is still available for the winter-spring season, at VermontWildernessSchool.org. There is also a Saturday program, Wild-Natured Girls, available to girls ages 7-16. Both programs have need-based scholarships available.

Check out the calendar on TurnersFallsRiverCulture.org to learn more about the tours of Paperlogic and the John Russell Cutlery Company sites happening this Saturday,



Full Moon Girls

September 10.

At Paperlogic, participants will get to see the whole process, from pulp bales to finished paper. The cutlery manufacturing tour will take participants on an industrial and cultural archaeology tour, to meet at the Great Falls Discovery Center.

Something going on you think others would like to see? Get in touch to learn how easy it is to use a camera and capture the moment.

Contact us at (413) 863-9200, infomontaguetv@gmail.com, or stop by 34 Second Street in Turners between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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100 Years of the Big E

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Big E is a nickname for the Eastern States Exposition, which was first held in 1916. According to Wikipedia, it was thought up by Joshua L. Brooks as a way to promote agriculture and educate young people in the skills and know-how when it came to agricultural jobs. The nickname started to be used in 1967.

Agriculture remains a large part of it even today, through quite a large number of 4-H and FFA people being a part of it along with a large number of open show exhibitors there as well.

Only World War I and World War II have paused the annual tradition in Springfield due to the military needing the grounds for storage depots.

There are livestock displays which include horse shows, dog shows and just various other livestock, examples being chickens, pigs, sheep, and goats.

They have concerts, and various vendors, some of them being out of the Better Living Center. The food offered at the Big E is what you will find in New England.

I have seen several concerts there with country music people I like: Jake Owen, Joe Nichols, Craig Morgan, Montgomery Gentry, and Rodney Atkins. I have even gotten myself a nice cowboy hat from one of the vendors, which is black, and which I still have in my home. There is also a place where you can have a hat or a t-shirt custom spray-painted.

There is a part of the Big E called the Avenue of States. That consists of six states that are part of New England. This consists of buildings for each of the six states that are part of New England: Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.

I have presented a little bit of my experience with the Big E to you,

along with the history of the event. But I asked a few other people in Greenfield what they think of it.

A man named Guy had this to say about the Big E: "I like it. I like going down. Lots of things to see there. It's kind of the same every year, but all of the fairs are the same every year!"

A young man named Brendan mentioned this, when I asked his opinion of the fair: "Packed. It's always packed."

An elderly woman named Gladys had this to say as well, in connection with the 100-year anniversary of the event: "I think it's marvelous. Wish it would last another hundred years. It would be a shame if future generations didn't see it."

To me, these comments mean that Big E has not really lost any steam when it comes to being popular, and having people continuing to come there each year.

The rest of what I personally think and have experienced of the Big E is that it is a good place to see various country people that I like to see at concerts. This year for a country singer, they have Lee Brice showing up. He will be there on Friday, September 30.

The exhibit where I can see real-life bears, such as a Grizzly, through a big picture window is very cool. People can look at the bears from a close distance. My favorite state buildings to go to are Vermont and Rhode Island. I like the Vermont one because I usually can get cheddar cheese from Vermont there. I go to the Rhode Island one because I have frequently been there on day trips to their beaches, so I am just a fan of the place.

It's also a great place to find Christmas gifts for people.

Those things are what I like to experience about the Big E, and for all I know, is what other people go to the Big E to experience as well. The Big E will be from September 16 until October 2.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Irate Female; Howling on Third Street; Vulgar Vandalism; Blaring Yaris; Chainsaw in River; Rusty Best Ignored

Monday, 8/29

4:26 a.m. Caller from Fifth Street was awoken by his car alarm going off; upon checking, found that doors were open and someone appeared to have gone through his vehicle. Confirmed nothing missing. Investigated.

8:48 a.m. Report of breaking and entering into unlocked vehicle overnight on T Street. Nothing stolen, but some damage done to vehicle interior. Report taken.

10:36 a.m. Caller reports that her wallet was just stolen from Subway. Suspect identified from surveillance cameras and apprehended.

[REDACTED] was arrested and charged with larceny from a building.

11:45 a.m. Caller from Main Street reports that a pit bull was off leash this morning and came after him. No injuries reported. Animal control officer advised dog owner to keep dog on a leash at all times when out for walks. Dog is not registered or up to date on vaccinations; ACO will follow up next week.

4:31 p.m. Owner of Jarvis Pools reports that the same female from a month ago is back in the store refusing to leave. Responding officer reports that irate female has left the area and may be heading to the Montague police station.

11:28 p.m. Caller from Fourth Street complaining of two males being loud on rear steps of apartment building. Area checked; officer advises all is quiet. Caller reporting that males are still in rear of building being loud. Officer advises that he just saw male mentioned by caller; male was walking with another male in the Fourth Street alley. All was quiet. Officer spoke with neighbor of building, who stated that all was quiet in area tonight.

Tuesday, 8/30

1:07 a.m. 911 caller reporting male yelling and "howling" while walking down Third Street. Male is wearing a long black overcoat and appears to have a Halloween mask on top of his head. Unable to locate.

1:48 a.m. One party on Fourth Street arrested and charged with interfering with a firefighter and disorderly conduct.

12:41 p.m. Caller believes someone may have entered her garage earlier today; discovered what she thinks is a man's boot print on her trash bag. Unfounded.

1:23 p.m. Report of people poking around an old burned down barn on Hatchery Road. Male party

on scene has agreement with landowner to help clean up the property. No issues.

6:05 p.m. Caller states that there is vulgar vandalism all over the new handicapped swing that was just installed.

6:08 p.m. Caller suspects someone may be dumping trash near power lines off Lake Pleasant Road. Referred to an officer.

7:05 p.m. Caller from H Street arrived home to find screen ripped off window and dog outside. House searched; nothing found missing. Report taken.

8:39 p.m. Caller states that a seal on his truck blew and there is motor oil in the breakdown lane on Millers Falls Road. Fire department en route.

Wednesday, 8/31

5:07 p.m. Reports of a 16 year old male runaway from DCF in the area of the airport. Subject located and transported to Greenfield.

7:17 p.m. Worried caller inquiring whether she would be arrested for playing her music loudly. Male party later called from the Alvah Stone advising of a female in a Toyota Yaris blaring her music. Caller states that this is an ongoing issue and that he has tried to work with her multiple times. Officer advised female party to leave area.

9:37 p.m. Two calls reporting a loud disturbance on the bike path behind Town Hall. Responding officer reports that two subjects were playing with a chainsaw and one of them threw the chainsaw into the river. Advised TFFD that chainsaw possibly has oil in it; they will look for it in the daylight.

Thursday, 9/1

10:15 a.m. Officer called in with a juvenile that flipped him off and threw something at his cruiser. Juvenile located. Removed to hospital.

12:56 p.m. Caller from Montague City Road

states that a helicopter has been hovering outside her house for an extended period of time. Advised caller that it may be the electric company; info passed along to officer.

2:43 p.m. Caller from Fourth Street states that there is an unwanted party on his porch using drugs. Subject returning to his residence; officers clear.

6:25 p.m. Caller from Taylor Hill Road came home to find a commercial entertainment tent with tables and chairs set up on her lawn and driveway. No identifiable information on equipment, which caller believes was set up in error. Caller reports that stakes holding up tent damaged newly paved driveway. Investigated; caller later found out who tent belonged to and will be working directly with owner of tent to fix damage to driveway.

Friday, 9/2

9:10 a.m. Report of two dead animals (raccoon and opossum) in Montague City Road; vehicles swerving into oncoming traffic to avoid them. DPW notified.

10:37 a.m. Report of stolen front license plate on Dry Hill Road.

11:44 a.m. Caller reporting medication and phone stolen.

5:23 p.m. Third party request for lockout. Vehicle is parked in the self-wash bay at the car wash. Services rendered.

11:19 p.m. Report of breaking and entering into a vehicle on H Street.

Saturday, 9/3

12:08 p.m. Report of a loose dog in the area of Oakman Street/Country Club Lane. Dog (a reddish Chow who is currently shaved down) is reportedly not very friendly. Dispatch located dog owner, who states that the dog keeps digging holes and getting out of the fenced-in yard and that if "Rusty" is loose, to just ignore him and he

will eventually go home. Owner trying his best to keep dog under control.

5:06 p.m. 911 caller reporting that she was just in an accident at Main and South streets. No injuries, but may need a tow truck. Caller also states that her car is up on somebody's front lawn. Citation issued for failure to use care at an intersection.

5:10 p.m. Caller reporting what looks like a disabled Camaro on the wrong side of Dell Street; states operator is yelling at cars passing by. Officer advises that car died and can't be moved due to a locked wheel. Awaiting tow truck.

6:32 p.m. Caller from Goddard Avenue states that there is a tent out in the woods that she believes is on her property. Officer located unoccupied tent and took it down; also discovered and seized some additional property.

Sunday, 9/4

6:52 a.m. Caller from Avenue A states that while outside his building, he got into a verbal altercation with his upstairs neighbor, who spit in his face. Caller has to go to Greenfield but will call back later to speak with an officer. Ongoing issue; caller will speak to management.

10:05 a.m. Caller from Fourth Street reports that someone stole her double jogging stroller from her porch and has left an older single stroller there instead. Report taken.

7:25 p.m. Caller reports that her vehicle was struck from behind at Greenfield Savings Bank. Both vehicles pulled into Food City, where caller and other operator got into a small argument. Other driver decided to take off and ran over some bushes before getting back onto Avenue A. Caller then went to Subway to get food for her kids. Investigated.

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RICHMOND from page B1

a political commentary now in its 6th year. It was initially hosted by Tom McClain. Now, he says, “I guest it with Perter Tusinski,” a local Leydenite, based on the political commentary of Mort Sahl and Lenny Bruce.

When I asked him to explain, Paul said they offer their “take” on the printed news of the day; ask “Can you imagine something different?” and they do! They create opportunities for others to offer their ideas; how they could participate to make the world a better place; how something more logical-positive could be considered. This program airs at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays on 107.9 WMCB, Greenfield Community Radio, and repeats the following Sunday at 7 p.m.

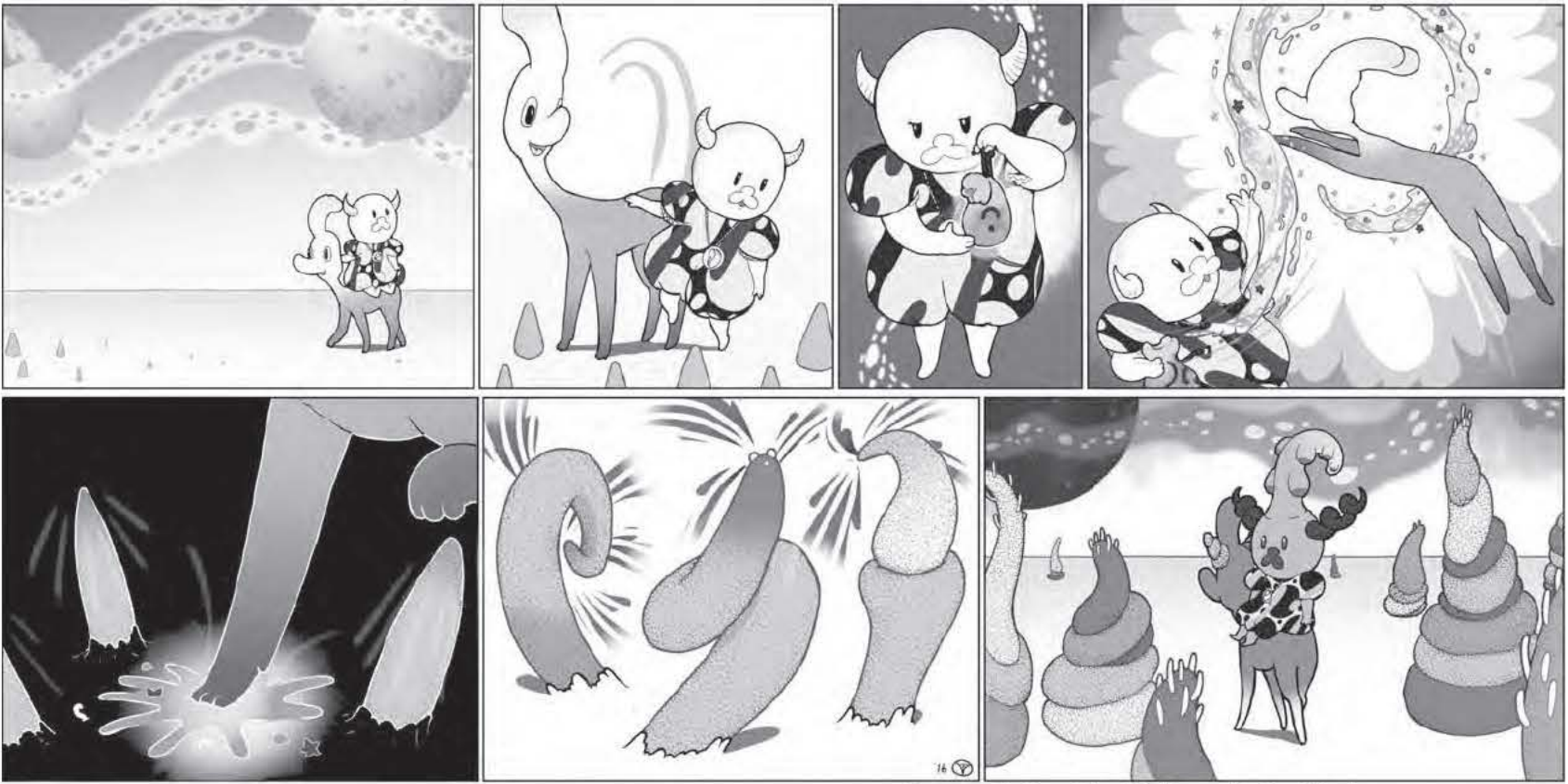
Paul is currently “out straight” planning this year’s poetry offerings at the North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival at Forsters Farm in Orange on September 24 and 25. Paul’s responsibility is running the Word Stage every year. Now, in his 5th year, he features such locally noted poets as Candace Curran, Mary Claire Powell and Daniel Hales. Check out this year’s amazing schedule!

You’ve probably said something like “When it rains – it pours.” Paul is saying that just about now, as he is concurrently planning his Greenfield Annual Word Festival, October 18 to 23.

This is an event that began as an offering of 2 days’ readings, and now there’re 6 days of poetry readings that offer a “world stage” presence. The event gives opportunities to poets to make their voices known throughout Greenfield’s downtown business venues.

This opportunity of “voice” is Paul’s moniker, his middle name.

WEIRD HEALING by OVERTURE



Overture is based in Shelburne Falls. Check out opertura.org.

He also hosts young people such as the teen poet Alexia Pitter who came here from the south side of Chicago with her mother to read poetry that brought her audience to its feet in applause! Celebrations of “world music” sways with the “greater community of a world experience” during the same event, making it vibrant with a strong voice for all. (Did I say that more than once? Oh... I’m just quoting Paul.)

Now, I’m squeezing in a note about his publishing company: Human Error Publishing. He reminded me that he’s a juggler, and “...when you are a juggler, you learn to promote yourself and make things happen.” So, after multiple rejections, Paul started his own company!

When I asked him about that, I noted he just released his 4th book,

“You Might Need A Bigger Hammer.” He has published others such as Eric Wasileski’s “Live Free (or Die).” Wasileski writes about his thoughts as a veteran. Paul has published 3 other writers and currently has 5 more “voices” awaiting publication in the near future.

Come meet Paul at one of his venues!

Contact Paul at paul@humanerrorpublishing.com to do any of the following:

Sign up to read/get on the waiting list for Greenfield Annual Word Festival, North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival. **Read** at the second Tuesday monthly events. Find out about **publishing** your manuscript. Give **feedback** about Imagine Radio.



OYSTERGIRL from page B1

But first, the obvious: With homemade broth, you’ll be making the best soups ever.

Note: I don’t season broth at all while I’m making it. I prefer to season it when I use it.

Related to that, lots of folks mix meat and veggies when making broth – especially by adding whole aromatic vegetables (celery, carrot, onion) to bone broths. While that’s a delicious idea, I don’t usually do that. I like to keep my broths separate, and mix them as needed.

And I mostly always mix them! This makes the broth super tasty, and the combination of water-soluble and fat-soluble nutrients increases the bioavailability of everything. That is, it allows your body to absorb the nutrients better.

My usual broth mixture is two parts meat broth, one part vegetable broth. I use this ratio for soups, drinking broth, and cooking with broth.

You could follow the current trend of drinking broth. I heat up the aforementioned ratio in a saucepan, add water to dilute – about one part broth with one part water. I season it simply, with salt, pepper, and maybe

hot sauce.

One of the best things to do with broth is to cook with it:

- Use it instead of water when cooking grains and legumes.
- Use it in conjunction with a cooking oil when sautéing: imagine eggs that are at once fried and poached.
- Poach in broth: imagine salmon poached in vegetable broth and white wine.
- Recently I made a pasta sauce that was equal parts butter and broth. Wow.
- Speaking of pasta sauce: try equal parts tomato sauce and broth.

I’d love to hear what you do with broth. Get in touch – and also let me know if I’ve inspired you to do more with it, or to try making your own!

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LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here’s the way it was September 7, 2006: News from the Montague Reporter’s archive

Yesterdays for Sale after Entertainment License Revoked

The day after a hearing on noise ordinance violations before the Montague selectboard resulted in a one-month suspension of her entertainment license, Yesterdays bar owner Linda Morrow put a “For Sale by Owner” sign on the front of her Third Street establishment.

“I’ve done my best to insulate the place and make it as quiet as we could. I can’t put the business in a bubble,” Morrow told the board at the Monday, August 28 hearing. “There’s nothing more we can do.”

But neighbors, including laundromat owners Chris Janke and Emily Brewster, made it clear the steps Morrow had taken had left them staying awake too many nights to the tune of rock bands and karaoke lounge singers, revving motorcycles and the patter of patrons on the

bar’s outside patio.

“This is a mixed use downtown,” said Janke. “When the Cutlery Block was renovated for residences, rather than offices or storefronts, the town made a commitment to keep Third Street residential.”

Police Crack Case

The writing is on the wall for at least one graffiti artist whose unauthorized artwork has infuriated property owners in local town, now that Montague police have cracked the case with the help of an observant employee of the water department.

The tags – spray painted logos on the walls of buildings – “Mega” and “ASK” have shown up on property throughout downtown Turners Falls for the past year, and have popped up in Greenfield, Gill and Erving, even showing up on the abutment of the French King Bridge.

One day earlier this summer Steve Fitzpatrick, a Turners Falls water department employee who lives on High Street, noticed the

handiwork of the same artist on the sidewalk – the tag “Mega” – in front of another High Street home, which had been rented to a number of Hallmark students, one of whom later admitted to being the culprit.

No Bridge for Greenfield Road

The Montague Selectboard held an afternoon meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at which they agreed to Mass Highway’s proposal to reconstruct the severed portions of Greenfield Road without rebuilding the bridge that once connected them.

The bridge has been out since April 1, 1999, after Guilford Railroad undermined its foundation in an effort to get larger rail cars under the overpass. Since then, the town, Mass Highway, and the railroad have been locked in a legal impasse over reconstruction plans for Greenfield Road, once a major artery between the villages of Montague Center and Montague City.

VANESSA QUERY PHOTO



Filling up the slow cooker with a big meaty beef bone. Beef broth is pretty intense, so sometimes I add some kitchen scraps or aromatic vegetables to take the edge off.

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EVERY SUNDAY

McCusker's Co-op Market, Shelburne Falls: *Celtic Sessions*. Musicians of all levels welcome to play traditional Irish music. 10:30 a.m.

ONE MONDAY EACH MONTH

Carnegie Library: *Outside the Lines!* Last Monday of each month. Adult Coloring Group. Supplies provided. 6:30 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: Crafts and activities for children of all ages. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY

Arts Block (4th floor), Greenfield: *Creacion Latin Big Band & Late Night Open Mic JAM*. 20 piece ensemble play son, salsa, chacha and much more. 8 p.m. Open Mic starts at 9 p.m. Free.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Story Time*: Thematic stories, projects, and snacks for young children. 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Leverett Library, Leverett: *Tales and Tunes Story Hour*. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

2nd St. and Ave A, Turners Falls: *Farmers Market*. 2-6 p.m.

1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

Hubie's Tavern: *Open Mic*. 6 p.m.

EVERY THURSDAY

Carnegie Library: *Music and Movement with Tom Carroll & Laurie Davidson*. Children and their caregivers invited. 10 a.m.

The People's Pint, Greenfield: *Derek Bridges*. Live acoustic guitar. 7 p.m.

Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *Watchdog Open Mic*. All musicians, comedians, and magicians are welcome! 8 p.m.

EVERY THIRD FRIDAY

Element Brewing Company, Millers Falls: *Brule's Irish Band*. Food carts supplement the local beer. 6 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

Slate Memorial Library, Gill: *Story Hour*. Stories and hands-on arts & crafts. 10 a.m. to noon.

The Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *TNT Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

EVERY SATURDAY

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Kidleidoscope*. Science fun for kids. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY

Montague Common Hall: Montague Center. *Montague Square Dance*. Family fun, October through May.. 7 p.m. \$

EXHIBITS:

Artspace, Greenfield: *Retro-spective: Local New England Views*. Paintings by Charles Unaitis. Artist reception Friday 9/9, 5-7 p.m. Exhibit through September 16.

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: Great Hall Art Display: *Quiet Waters*, photography of Lake Wyola by Kathy Lawlor. Artist reception Saturday, 9/3, 1-3 p.m. Through September 26.

Memorial Hall, Deerfield: *Relics and Curiosities in Memorial Hall*. Interesting objects such as wreaths made of human hair and weapons made from shark's teeth. Through October 30. Also at Memorial Hall, *Farmers' Castles by Robert Strong Woodward*, which include barns that Woodward painted in Charlemont, Colrain, and Buckland in the earlier years of the 20th c. Through October 30 \$

The River Garden Art Gallery 157 Main St., Brattleboro, VT: *The Connecticut River Watershed Council presents: The Power of Water/The Power of Words*. Public-participation community Art Project "tells a thousand stories to make the Connecticut River cleaner and hydropower greener." Closing reception on Thursday, September 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Salmon Falls Gallery, Shelburne Falls: Paintings by *Q Holmes: Birds and Circles*. Artist reception Saturday, September 24, 4-6 p.m. Through October. Also paintings by *Kerry Stone: Flower Power*. Reception Sunday, October 2, 4-6 p.m. Through October.

Sawmill River Arts Gallery at The Montague Mill, Montague: *"Art Meets Verse: An Exhibit Honoring Emily Dickinson"*. Opens Saturday, September 10 with an opening reception from noon to 4 p.m. Through October 16.

Shelburne Arts Co-operative, Shelburne Falls: *"Anything Goes!" A group show by artists at the Cooperative*. Through September 26.



Jay Mankita is a Northeast-based Americana songwriter and recording artist who will be appearing at the Great Falls Coffeehouse on Friday, 9/9 at 7 p.m.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Silverthorne Theater, Greenfield: Sponsoring a competition to select a new play by a local playwright of color for possible production during the 2017 season. Deadline for submissions is 10/1. Complete information at www.silverthornetheater.org/new-play-competition2.html

EVENTS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Arts Block, Greenfield: An evening of jazz with *Never Been to Spain*, and *Secondary Messengers*. 7:30 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Doug Plavin All Stars*. With special guests *Hilary and Richard Chase*. Rock/Folk and a little bit of everything. 8 p.m.

Arts Block (Wheelhouse), Greenfield: *The Mary Jane Jones*. Up to 9 musicians deliver vintage soul, covers and some originals. 10 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Smith College, Northampton *Second Friday Family Fun*. Hands-on art making for all ages, inspired by works on view. 4-6 p.m.

Great Hall, Discovery Center, Turners Falls: The Great Falls Coffeehouse presents *Jay Mankita*, singer/songwriter of

folk, acoustic, and original music. Each month the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center host an evening coffeehouse to raise money for free nature programming for the public. Refreshments. 7 p.m. \$.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Night on Earth*. Jim Jarmusch's tales of taxi cab fares and their stories. Score by Tom Waits. 7:30 p.m. \$

Parlor Room, Northampton: Signature Sounds presents *Paul Cebal Tomorrow Sound*. 8 p.m. \$

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Dave Dershman & Ashley Storrow*. Americana. 8 p.m.

Shutesbury Athletic Club, Shutesbury: *Fancy Trash and The Neighbors*. 8:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Simon White & Co*. Reggae/Rap/Hip Hop. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Kidleidoscope*. Science fun for kids, who must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Paperlogic, Turners Falls: Tour this historic paper company in operation since 1839, from pulp bales to finished paper. Meet under the Paperlogic sign on Turners Falls Road. Part of *Turners Falls History Month*. Tours at 10:30 and 11 a.m.

Great Hall, Turners Falls: Turners Falls: *America's 19th Century Cutlery Manufacturing Capitol*. Tour of the John Russell Cutlery sites by Al Shane. Part of *T. F. History Month*. 1 p.m.

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Open Mic Night #5*. Big town performance art in a tiny village. 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Night on Earth*. Jim Jarmusch's tales of taxi cab fares and their stories. Score by Tom Waits. 7:30 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *The Happy Valley Comedy Show with the Ha Ha's*. Special Guests *Jenny Drescher & Julie Waggoner*. 8 p.m. \$

Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *Lake Side Drive*. 9 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Wildcat O'Halloran Band*. Not your father's blues band! Come hear songs from their latest CD *That Boy Don't Play No Blues*. 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Poetry Night*. Evening of the spoken word. Come read, listen, and enjoy. Sign up for open mic at 6:30 p.m. Readings at 7 p.m. \$

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Tommy Filiault Trio*. Original guitar music with Doug Plavin and Klondike Koehler. 8 p.m.

Arts Block (Wheelhouse).

Greenfield: *Sean McMahon, Seth Newton, Casey Opal*. 9:30 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Levangie and the Pistoleros*. Outlaw Country! 9 p.m.

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GARDENERS from page B1
There is never enough of this garden candy, which is not only delicious to eat but easy to freeze.

Enough with the garlic! Tying up two garden squares for the whole season only to harvest puny, if pungent, bulbs doesn't seem worth it when garlic is so easily and rather cheaply purchased.

That leaves two raised beds for crops like greens, which can be harvested for a long stretch and then replaced with something else that pleases. Or perhaps some as yet unnamed veggie the seed catalogues tout.

We have sufficient space to grow a wide variety of edibles yet with good mulching, a garden space which can be managed by two gardeners and still leave time and energy for the flower beds and lawn tending.

Speaking of space, we were chatting about this very subject with my British son-in-law this summer. He and my middle stepdaughter live in Bath, in what we might call a narrow but high row house with a short and narrow backyard space. We were talking about the surveyor's stakes on our street. These lines were run to reestablish property ownership before the repaving of our road.

All of this began when the street was torn up as part of sewer line replacement and the new pump station at the end of the road. Apparently one property owner had lost some frontage when the paved road was laid out years ago, and there was to be an effort to right this error. Much

labor and time later and that loss which turned out to be a small matter of a curved slice which adds about a bare square foot or so to the front lawn returned to the owner.

Our Brit shook his head and commented on how we Americans are so possessive of space and ownership. He comes from a relatively small island on which walking paths are maintained as public ways albeit on private lands, and where their garden is a large rented allotment a mile from their home and with which they are more than satisfied. It is a refreshingly different perspective from us denizens of so much space that we are careless of its tending and often think "the woods or forests" belong to everyone.

Truth is just about any piece of turf or wood belongs to someone or some entity in this vast space of America, and may or may not be open for sharing.

Space is indeed important and everyone wants his own. But the practical reality is that open space is dwindling and growth of its use for development, needed or not, is expanding. We need to be better stewards of what we own and share as a nation and as a people. The time for this runs out and we can't afford to spend it in self-serving only.

That said, this gardener is no doubt well off returning to the better tending of our own small space on the planet in ways good both for us and others.

Happy gardening and good harvest to all!



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ON THE ROAD

Nancy and Brian Emond read the Reporter on a rock-strewn beach on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. The Emonds were on vacation with their three daughters, their families, and five dogs. Thanks to Lisa Stratford for sending this our way!

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