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## LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Leverett Committee Appoints New Regional Rep; Dolven “Skeptical, But Hopeful”

By JEFF SINGLETON

At its September 12 meeting the Leverett school committee appointed member Audra Goscensci as the town’s representative on the Amherst-Pelham regional school committee. Goscensci replaces Sarah Dolven, who resigned from the position last month citing “dysfunction” on the regional committee. Dolven remains the chair of the Leverett school committee, which oversees the town’s elementary school.

Representatives to the regional

high school-middle school committee, which includes Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury and Amherst, are appointed by each town’s elementary school committee. In Leverett, Elementary School Committee members are elected by the annual town meeting.

Goscensci is originally from Pelham, and attended the regional high school. She has a degree in electrical engineering and is the mother of two children in the public school system. Goscensci told the

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## State Police Seize Patients’ Plants



Wendell’s Patti Scutari surveys the stumps of ten medical marijuana plants spotted during last week’s helicopter flyovers.

By JEN HOLMES

**WENDELL** – As many residents of local towns have noticed in recent weeks, low-altitude surveillance helicopters have been a frequent presence. The reason for the operations has become abundantly clear: they are searching for marijuana plants.

Last Tuesday, Patti Scutari, owner of Deja Brew Pub and Country Store, and her partner, Francesco “Apollo” Compagnone, experienced first-hand the results of these aerial raids, when their ten medical marijuana plants were seized from their garden, without warning or opportunity for recourse.

Patti noticed the helicopters circling over Apollo’s

home, where they grow their marijuana plants, in addition to a variety of organic vegetables and flowers, and headed there to grab their medical marijuana ID cards, “in case there were any questions,” she says.

Patti found five men standing inside the gate.

After answering questions about ownership of the property, Patti asked the men who they were.

“One of the men said ‘State Police,’ and one other showed me his badge, but otherwise they had no markings. They were all just in t-shirts and jeans,” she says. The other three men, and their affiliations, were never identified.

“I asked them, ‘Do you have a warrant?’ and they

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NINA ROSSI PHOTO

The Turners Falls power canal was “drawn down” for annual maintenance this week.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Sewer Funding Issues Could Dominate Montague Special Town Meeting

By JEFF SINGLETON

Next Thursday, the town of Montague will hold a special town meeting (STM) at the Turners Falls High School. As is often the case, many of the items on the STM’s warrant are affectionately referred to as “housekeeping,” which means they will have relatively little budgetary or emotional impact on town residents. But there are also a few policies or appropriations that go a

bit beyond that.

This year there will be a major reversal of the use of sewer revenues voted by last spring’s town meeting that will impact sewer rates as well as future funding to upgrade an old and crumbling sewer system.

The Montague finance committee and selectboard voted to recommend all the proposed articles at a meeting on September 14. The following summary is based on the discussion at that meeting, interviews with town

officials, and materials being sent to town meeting members.

In addition to recommending articles, the committees voted on the funding sources recommended by town accountant Carolyn Olson. \$126,000 used to fund eight articles will come from what is called “taxation” – actually general fund revenues, that include projected state aid. These were higher than anticipated when the budget was

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## GILL SELECTBOARD

### Gill Mulls Half Million Dollar Pumper Tanker

By MIKE JACKSON

On Monday night, Gill’s selectboard weighed an expensive proposition: the purchase of a new pumper-tanker truck for the town fire department, at over half a million dollars.

Selectboard member Greg Snedeker, who also chairs the capital improvement planning committee, presented the proposal with a delegation from the fire department, and said an ad hoc group had been working on a replacement plan for fire vehicles for over a year.

The town’s existing trucks date to 1980, 1987, and 1995; the oldest can pump 1,000 gallons of water per minute, and the newer ones can each pump 1,500 gallons per minute.

Snedeker explained that the plan is to shift to two larger trucks, each

capable of pumping 2,000 gallons of water per minute. The group has recommended a three-axle model manufactured by KME Fire Apparatus of New York.

The board heard from Mike Hastings, who served as fire chief for 10 years, and was involved in the selection and purchase of the two newest trucks. In 1987, Hastings said, the town planned for “a ten-year cycle: every ten years, we should be buying a new piece of apparatus.” The 1995 pumper was purchased ahead of schedule when the selectboard found a good deal.

“I don’t know what the heck happened to that whole system,” Hastings said. “It worked fine for years – or for a couple years, anyway – and it went by the wayside.”

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## TFHS: The Week in Sports

By MATT ROBINSON

In the second full week of the 2016 Turners Falls High School sports season, the golf team won its first and second matches of the year, Alysha Wozniak scored an historic goal, the football team won an interstate barnburner, and the “Indian” debate heated up.

I do have some thoughts about

changing the title of the Turners Falls sports team, but I’ll save them for the end of this column.

### Field Hockey

Frontier 4 – TFHS 1

“That’s the first goal scored against Frontier in a couple of years,” Tom Wozniak reflected after his cousin, Alysha Wozniak, scored the tying goal in the September 14 game.

I didn’t realize how true his statement was until I researched the rivalry. Since at least 2008, which is as far back as MassLive goes, Blue had not scored a single goal against Frontier. In fact, the Hawks had been so dominant in the last nine years that they had scored 44 straight goals to Powertown’s zero, averaging more than six goals per game.

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Ricky Craver runs a misdirection through a huge hole during last Saturday’s 44-40 victory at Woodstock Academy.

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## Having An Opinion...

By MIKE JACKSON

By tradition, lead editorials in newspapers are unsigned. Since November 2014, as the *Reporter's* most full-time editor, I've written most, but not all, of them.

Watching conversations about the Turners Falls Indian blow up this week, I decided I should include my byline on this editorial, because I want to be clear about who's saying this – it's a conversation I think people should enter after acknowledging where they're coming from.

Like a lot of white people, I was told growing up, in my case by a grandparent, that I have some American Indian ancestry. Even on the off chance that's true, the ancestor in question was not able to pass down any of their culture through their children, and so I would never identify myself as part Native.

I moved around a lot growing up, mostly in New England. I was born in a town where the high school team was the Warriors – they use the same old clip art as Turners does – and moved to towns that used the Cougars, the Thunderbirds, and the, uh, Hillers. (It was hilly!)

My high school was one of the 16 schools in the state, and 1,017 in the country, to use the Panther as a mascot. Go Panthers.

After that, my nearest high school teams were the Townies, the Highlanders, and then the North Quincy Red Raiders, a mascot I did, at the time, think was pretty racist – it's a tiny angry guy with a big nose and a tomahawk – and which contributed to my opinion of the town.

I moved to Turners Falls in 2008 because I got a job at a fish farm. That same fall, interim GMRSD superintendent Ken Roche instituted a moratorium on the "tomahawk chop," kicking off a very acrimonious year of debate in the district.

I followed this first (for me) district-wide controversy with interest, and these things were clear to me:

- A lot of people really love the high school athletics program, and have good reason to;
- A lot of people don't think having an ethnic mascot is weird at all, even given the town's name;
- A lot of people really hate school administrators.

I don't have any kids in the schools, and while I definitely plan to stay, I'm a newcomer. Between that and being a white guy, I don't think my own opinion is that rel-

evant: this doesn't affect me.

But just for the record, I don't think the mascot is a great look.

There's a talking point going around that it was adopted as "a show of respect." In fact, an online petition with over 1,000 signatures is claiming "The 'Indian' logo/mascot was adopted by TFHS to pay homage to the Native American Men and Women who died as a result of the King Philip's War."

Was it?

I haven't yet learned when the mascot was adopted, but the November 5, 1913 *Turners Falls Reporter* noted that "The football game, Sunday afternoon, between the Shelburne Tigers and Turners Falls Indians resulted in a tie, the score being 7 to 7."

An editorial in the November 1922 edition of *Netop*, the TFHS literary journal that predated the yearbook, called Captain Turner "the hero of the fight."

And the June 1929 *Netop*, which bears the familiar school logo on its cover – Plains headdress and all – tells the history this way:

*Marauding Indians, who were a constant source of annoyance and who greatly hindered the settlement of this town, were routed completely by Capt. Turner in a decisive battle by the falls in Riverside. In the early morning of May 17, 1676, Capt. Turner and his men, their approach muffled by the roar of the falls, took their foe by surprise and routed the entire Indian band, which had spent the night previous in revelry. Many of those who missed the fire of the white men, lost their lives by attempting to swim the river at the brink of the falls. It is in commemoration of this victory that a monument to the memory of Capt. Turner now stands in Riverside.*

I think most of us, whatever we think of the team name, see things differently these days. That's great. But it raises the question: what sort of "homage" were those people paying, and what does it mean to defend their traditions?

We'll follow the conversation as it develops, and hope to highlight the perspectives of native and indigenous people, many of whom continue, after all, to survive, and who have a range of opinions on this issue. (If you cite your heritage to back up your opinion, let our readers know if the tribe or nation you claim claims you.)

We're also interested in historical research on the team name, since it still seems unclear.

And we welcome your letters!



NINA ROSSI ILLUSTRATION

## Letters to the Editors

### Let The Voters Decide

Thank you to the GMRSD committee for their thoughtful discussion regarding the Indian mascot. I think the plan that has been outlined in the recent *Montague Reporter* article of September 15 makes sense. An open and public discussion of such an important issue certainly is in order.

I see this as an opportunity for the district and those in favor or opposed to the Indian mascot to come together.

This is an opportunity for the district to do what it does best: educate. By facilitating forums in which both interests can be discussed, and all educated.

Then, let the voters decide at the ballot box, at the next GMRSD District election in May 2017.

This issue is too important and impactful to be left to a single committee. We need to know when to let the voters speak and be heard.

Rich Kuklewicz  
Montague

### Call For Tougher Policing Motivated By Self-Interest?

I am writing in response to the opinions expressed by David Detmold, in last week's *Montague Reporter*, with respect to the recent fire on Fourth Street and the young man arrested during the incident.

As I am sure Mr. Detmold is aware, our system for responding to someone who is restless, disturbed, and acting in an irrational manner is to wait until they commit a crime, have the police arrest them, and then punish them in a way which is self-evidently pointless and therefore cruel.

This is the same system which gives innumerable rights, privileges, and benefits to property owners such as Mr. Detmold, whose building could have been damaged in the fire, and leaves renters and others to bear the costs in full. The incident on Fourth Street illustrates this completely. So, it's unclear what Mr. Detmold would further require of the police.

He may be reassured that, given the broad outlines of what consti-

tutes a crime, police in Franklin county are daily arresting people for various minor offences. This must surely prevent many further acts which could damage Mr. Detmold's property. However, I doubt this gives him much comfort.

Beyond stoking some petty personal feud with Police Chief Dodge, one wonders just what Mr. Detmold was trying to accomplish. Let me suggest that the fire on Fourth Street brings out just how different the interests are of property owners downtown from the people who rent those properties. So, Mr. Detmold feels insecure in his privilege and wants to try to convince us that we all are threatened just the same... and something must be done!

It's a reminder that the most grotesquely selfish, petty, and reprehensible thinking may be expressed politely and with words of responsible concern.

George Shapiro  
Lake Pleasant

## Power Struggles Were Massacre's Context

Your Narragansett-, Plymouth-, Great Falls (Peskeomskot)-based narrative (West Along the River, September 15: *From Massasoit to Metacomet*) overlooks the shift in power between the Bay, the Cape and the River already occurring between 1620 and 1675, and beyond.

The Bay absorbed the Old Colony under a new charter brought home in 1692, by Increase Mather – would-be president of Harvard, father of Cotton, witch hunter among young hysterics – requiring there be from then on a Royal Governor, appointed by Imperial Britannia, well on its way to ruling the waves.

Massachusetts superseded Plymouth as trading monopolist in the 1630s, when an alliance between the colony and the Narragansetts destroyed the Pequots' pretension to dominate the lower River in Connecticut.

William Pynchon, Puritan mer-

chant from Cambridge, established his market at Springfield, from whence his heirs, John and John, Jr., "bought" up the Indian corn fields along the River, and sold them to folks, some still among us.

This included land up river as far as Northfield, including Swampfield, out of which Sunderland (1716), Montague (1754), Leverett (1774), and Wendell were a-borning, sired along the Charles, not in the Old Colony.

The militia which fought the Indian rising across Nipmuk land centered at Wachusett, from Northfield to the outer Bay settlements, especially Lancaster, was directed by the United Colonies, excluding Rhode Island.

Its commander in chief was John Leverett, the governor of Massachusetts and a former officer in Cromwell's New Model Army. Turner, who led the raid on the

Great Falls, was from the Bay.

How did the Narragansetts become dominant in a history which began among Wampanoags?

In 1620, Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag League, welcomed Myles Standish and his militia as allies against the Narragansetts, who proved more immune to poxes and were encroaching on his turf. This changed during Philip's War.

Quinnipin, a Narragansett sachem, married Weetamoo, Philip's older brother's erstwhile wife, sachem of the Pocasset, and neighbor of Benjamin Church of Plymouth, who recruited "friendly" Indians to track and kill Philip on his home turf after his defeat along the river and around Wachusett. He'd given up control to the Narragansetts, his father's enemies.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

Compiled by DON CLEGG

United States Postal employee **Dean Elgosin** (right) is retiring after 37 years of service at the end of September. Almost all of his years of service were at the Turners Falls Post Office. Stop by this week to wish Dean a happy and long retirement!



Dean Elgosin

Be dazzled by Frye Angel at Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls on Saturday, September 24, starting at 11 a.m. Megan Thompson magically transforms herself into Frye Angel as she **performs with fire on the front lawn** of GSB.

Prior to the live event (weather permitting), feel free to chat with Frye Angel for some background information regarding her unusual skills. She is a professional performer who has been featured in many venues in surrounding communities

and has been featured at past Franklin County Pumpkin Fests.

Free light refreshments provided inside, courtesy of GSB.

**River Road in Gill**, from Main Road to Barney Hale Road, will be closed to through traffic on September 26, 27, and 28 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The highway department will be

performing roadwork in preparation for an upcoming re-paving of River Road.

The **Leverett Crafts and Arts (LCA)** has been awarded grants to conduct a historic structure conditions assessment and historic preservation plan.

On September 28 at 7 p.m., in the Barnes Gallery of LCA, the Jones Whitsett Architects team will present the results of the study they conducted on the present condition and future needs of the 1903 building, which was once Beaman-Marvell Company box factory, which produced wooden shipping boxes.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. LCA is at 13 Montague Road, Leverett.

On Thursday, September 29, Mass Wildlife offers an afternoon site walk at the **Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area (WMA)** at 3 p.m., followed by an evening talk at 7 p.m. at the Discovery Center.

The talk includes the history of the WMA, unique species & communities there, habitat management, and prescribed fire. Directions to walk location: Meet on Old Northfield Road between Turners Falls Road

and Lake Pleasant Road beneath the large powerline that crosses Old Northfield Road. Please wear sturdy boots and dress for cold weather.

The **Shea Theater Arts Center, Inc (STAC)** is looking for a full-time Managing Director (MD) to oversee operations, programming, and community involvement.

The MD will work with the board of directors, volunteers, and part-time staff to fulfil the Shea's mission as a vibrant, community-based arts non-profit. Duties will include theatrical booking, planning, administrative and managerial duties, fundraising, volunteer and staff organization. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's Degree and at least two years of professional theatrical experience and/or two years of experience in a program coordination role. Strong communication and interpersonal relation skills, leadership, and a collaborative work style are essential.

The deadline to submit applications is October 15, and the start date is January 1. Please visit [www.shea-theater.org](http://www.shea-theater.org) for more information.

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## More Letters to the Editors

### An "Undisputed Symbol"

In a day and age where racism has resurfaced and colored almost every cultural dialogue in this country, I find myself surprised at the controversy surrounding the mascot of Turners Falls High School.

Now, I am not writing to debate what is and what is not racist. That decision was already made for all of us. The determination that the word "Indian" is racist was made by Native American peoples around the country many years ago. It is not in question.

The real question, then, becomes, "Why is it so difficult to respect this concept?"

While I well understand the value of tradition, I also understand that we, as Americans, enjoy the benefit of modifying our traditions as we see fit. We, as innovators of the frontier mindset, have incorporated Judaism and multiculturalism into our precious traditions without any degradation of those traditions.

How many of us know families which celebrate Christmas and Chanukah? How many of us serve a valued ethnic dish at Thanksgiving? How many of us would vary a tradition to include a guest, like at a bar mitzvah or a graduation or a birthday?

The evolution of American traditions must accommodate modification and improvement in order for them to continue - that's what makes Americans awesome. Traditions which are no longer useful are abandoned. Just ask any Catholic who had to wear a handkerchief over her head to attend mass or pray. You don't have to do that anymore.

What I know to be true is that we Americans will love sports, and our athletes, regardless of what symbol represents a team. The Houston Oilers broke with tradition to become the Tennessee Titans, and the

sun kept shining. So much for the argument of tradition.

Now in the GMRSD, we have a little thing called the "Circle of Power and Respect," or CPR for short. This is a responsive classroom model for a community-based homeroom but moreover, it is a model to instill respect for one another, teacher, staff and student alike.

In choosing to keep an undisputed symbol of racism, that Circle is broken before it has ever formed. As a non-White parent of non-White children, the Indian mascot tells my kids that the Respect goes to those who hold Power. There's no circle there.

If we want to promote respect in our children, we have to model that in the real world. Every human development researcher says so, and we know it's true.

Additionally, I'd like to ask my community how appropriate is a racist icon at a publicly funded institution of learning? Because racism is what we are teaching our kids. Not actively, but passively. In standing by and saying nothing or defending racist symbols, we, as a community are complicit in perpetuating a racist ideology. I wonder how we attract families in the school choice arena when this is our message? I think the answer is clear.

In the 21st century, our only option is to move forward, away from the symbols which collectively denigrate and shame us. Let's stop making the issue about what is politically correct, and start making the issue about respectful - or in other words, just plain old correct.

With Respect,

**Kathleen Lynch**  
Montague Center

## Finding a Middle Path

This week I learned that members of our community have publicly raised the question of changing the Turners Falls High School mascot - the TF Indians. This is an incredibly important conversation about our cultural history, our local traditions, our schools, our children and our future.

This is also an issue that has the potential to divide our community. The views of the "name-changers" do hold the social justice high ground. The views of the "name-keepers" are deeply entrenched in their traditions.

My greatest fear, the worst possible outcome, would be to change the name of the high school team without widespread support of the Gill-Montague community and all of its respective constituencies - the old-time families, committed residents of the past 30 years, and energetic new arrivals.

Our children go to school together. How we resolve this issue will impact their lives. If our schools become politicized with a climate of conflict, it is the morale of the students that will suffer. Will Turners Falls High School be a beacon of community strength, or a battleground? Where would you want your kids to go? What long-term effect will this have upon teachers? Educational funding? Public safety? Community health? Local economy?

I am a relative newcomer to these parts. The beauty and potential of this town drew my family to this place from very, very far away. Ball fields, public schools, clean water, free speech, representative democracy - it is a privilege to be a member of this community. God willing, our family will thrive and when our children grow up and go out into the world, they too will say, "I am from Millers Falls." But will this be a source of pride or pain?

The first good thing that happened to our family when we got to town was to get our oldest boy signed up for the Montague Rec 4th grade basketball team. The boys had a great coach, and inside the sacred walls of the Sheffield Elementary (former Turners Falls High School) gymnasium, it was easy to get vocal and cheer for the local squad. "Go Montague!"

Yesterday I called my neighbor. She and her family have lived here

for generations. She recalled her older brother's high school sports career, wearing the TF Indians uniform. And when she took the ball-field in that uniform, she felt she was wearing the symbol in honor of Native American heritage. That's history and something to talk about, she said, it's all I've ever known.

Softball, football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, Chris Bray, Liam Ellis, Jenna Putala, the legendary Coach Mullins - we even had one schoolboy who pitched an inning for the 1912 champion Boston Red Sox! (I barely know anything; there is so much more to learn.)

Kids, coaches and parents have worked hard to earn their place in the record books of local sports history. The TF Indians have been a great source of community pride for over a century. We cannot just throw that away.

But times have changed. Inclusion and awareness of Native American culture is long overdue, and a small form of reconciliation for the genocide that white folk committed against Native American peoples. If there is one person in the room speaking for the Native American community, and that person is uncomfortable with an "indian" being used as a school mascot, then we do need to listen.

It's America. That's what we do here. We stand up for each other's rights. *E Pluribus Unum.*

So let's work this out - together. Everybody in the room. Respectfully. Face to face, civil discussion, listening - not argued in the court of social media.

I think there is need for an open, facilitated and moderated conversation among our entire community. This is a process that will require deep and serious work which can be powerful for all of us and powerful for our children. This will take time. Let's embrace this conversation and make our community even stronger.

As with a great river that splits rocks, let's find the middle path.

**Richard Widmer**  
Millers Falls

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## NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

## Retiring Treasurer Seeks Longevity Pay, Expanded Assistant Hours

By KATIE NOLAN

Town treasurer Margaret Sullivan asked the selectboard to include an article funding longevity payments for her years of service as treasurer on the warrant for the next special town meeting.

Under the town's longevity policy, full-time employees receive an annual payment of \$500 after five years of service to the town, and an extra \$250 annual payment after ten, fifteen and twenty years of service, capped at \$1,250 per year.

In her communication to the board, Sullivan noted that when she started as treasurer in May 2002, she worked full time, at least 40 hours a week, to reorganize the office, and that she has been working 30 to 35 hours per week for the last several years.

After 33-year highway employee Dana Moore, Jr. retired this year, the board voted to pay his final longevity payment as of his August 1 hiring anniversary. They also began research to see if other recent retirees had not received longevity payments when they retired.

Selectboard member Scott Bastarache commented that elected officials don't work a required number of hours per week, or report to a supervisor. "I've never seen an elected person receive benefits," he said.

Debra Smith of the personnel

relations review board said that her board felt that the payments are for hired or appointed employees only, not for elected officials.

The selectboard has been discussing updates to the longevity policy with the personnel relations review board for several months. The latest draft, which states that it does not apply to elected officials, will be forwarded to the treasurer and the Franklin County Retirement Board for comment.

Sullivan also requested the board to include an STM article funding a temporary increase in hours for her assistant from 8 hours to 25 hours per week, from December 2016 to May 2017.

Sullivan, who will retire in May 2017, said that there are many short-term tasks associated with preparing the treasurer's office for the next elected treasurer. In addition, Sullivan cited increased work, including reporting requirements for the Affordable Care Act and the Franklin County Retirement System, new requirements for records storage, and additional training for the payroll and human resources clerks.

Sullivan will meet with the board at their September 26 meeting to discuss the proposed STM articles.

### Library Articles

The board had concerns about several of the articles proposed by librarian Barbara Friedman. She requested a transfer of money from the state Board of Library Commissioners grant to pay for additional library assistant wages to cover time that Friedman spends working on the library building grant application. The board decided that the transfer from the state grant would be under the authority of the Library Trustees, not town meeting.

Regarding a requested transfer of \$1,000 from the computer upgrade account to the library computers and accessories account, selectboard chair Jacob Smith said, "The library is handling their own IT, they're not part of that [computer upgrade] account." He suggested that the library could use money from its state grant funding for computers.

Bastarache said that the board should discuss the issue with Friedman, and that the library should have a stand-alone article to raise and appropriate money for library computers at the next annual town meeting.

Friedman also submitted an article for funding demolition of the 34 Northfield Road residence, preliminary to building a new library at the town-owned property.

"This should be part of the overall library project," said Jacob Smith. "It should come from the library building committee."

Library building committee member Debra Smith told the board, "The building committee hasn't discussed this yet. As a committee member, I'm surprised to see this."

### Other STM Articles

Town clerk Richard Newton requested \$15,000 for voting check-in devices, saying that the devices were not required by the state, but would make check-in quicker. However, selectboard members expressed doubts about the need to automate check-in.

Other proposed STM articles include: \$40,000 for the town's 20% match for brownfields clean-up funding at the former IP Mill; funding to revamp the town website; funding for software to manage public records requests; and funding for the police department to buy safety signs for North and Church streets.

### Other Business

The selectboard reviewed and discussed several other draft policies, as well as longevity.

They considered a new section to the draft drug policy that adds a requirement that employees inform managers about use of legal prescription drugs. After revisions, they decided that this policy should be reviewed by department heads and then sent to town counsel for legal review.

Debra Smith said that the initial draft of the social media policy would be sent to department heads for review. The draft cell phone policy will be discussed at the next personnel relations review board meeting on September 27.

The board approved the scope of services for construction of the proposed walking track at Erving Elementary School, prepared by Andrea Woods, procurement officer for Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The board asked administrative coordinator Bryan Smith to coordinate a bidder walk-through with EES principal James Trill, setting the date as soon as possible.

The board attended a viewing of the proposed track's footprint on Tuesday, and held a public comment hearing afterward.

The board reviewed continuing appropriation accounts – those accounts that carry over from one fiscal year to the next – and decided to close a number of them, including the completed fire department lighting update and the senior center building fund.

The board accepted Betsy Sicard's resignation from the Cultural Council, "regretfully."

## What is The Great Configuration?



Portrait of a tobacco sacrifice at Chaundi Falls by Charles William Jeffreys, 1930.

**TURNERS FALLS** – A lecture and slide show at the Discovery Center on Sunday, September 25 will illustrate the hidden significance of our bioregional area.

Professor Evan Pritchard's lecture covers how the Algonquian peoples knew how to live off the land and would seek out certain types of configurations of land and water to establish their political and economic centers, often involving the confluence of rivers, islands at the crossing of trade routes, fording places, bends in rivers, waterfalls, estuarine valleys, heads of tide, and more – in combination.

Many of these spots became US or Canadian capitals.

Turners Falls never became a state capital, but it has a remarkable "configuration," and was once upon a time one of the great "rendezvous"

spots in what is now New England.

Professor Pritchard, of Mi'kmaq and Celtic descent, is the director of the Center for Algonquian Culture in Rosendale NY, and the author of thirty books on Native American culture, including the critically acclaimed *Native New Yorkers*, *No Word For Time*, *Bird Medicine*, and *Henry Hudson and the Algonquians*.

He has taught Native American Studies at Pace, Vassar, and Marist and has lectured at UMass, Columbia, and countless other universities. He has been researching and visiting "great configurations" for fifteen years.

The event starts at 1 p.m. at the Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A and is part of Turners Falls History Month, sponsored by DCR, Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center and RiverCulture.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

## Child Plays With Phone; Adult Plays With Cannon

**Sunday, 9/11**

9:15 a.m. Removed tree limb from Mountain Road.

9:26 a.m. Report of trees down on power lines on Laurel Lake Road. Same closed.

4:20 p.m. Report of loud explosion in Forest Street area. Found to be a resident firing a cannon. Same advised to stop.

**Monday, 9/12**

3:30 p.m. Medical emergency on East Prospect Street. Assisted on scene.

**Wednesday, 9/14**

3:03 p.m. Report of loose dog on River Street. Checked area. Gone upon arrival.

5:20 p.m. Disabled vehicle on Route 2 at Farley Flats. Assisted with same.

**Thursday, 9/15**

10:40 a.m. Disabled vehicle on Route 2 west bypass. Towed.

**Friday, 9/16**

Criminal application issued to [redacted] for misrepresentation of residency and speeding.

3:10 p.m. Two-car crash on Northfield Road (Rte. 63) and Poplar Mountain Road. Report taken.

6 p.m. 911 call from North Street residence. Same found to be a child playing with phone.

**Saturday, 9/17**

2 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Route 2 at East Main Street. Report taken.

2:30 p.m. Single vehicle crash on Route 2 at Prospect Street. Report taken.

3:35 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and having no

license in possession. 6:18 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for un-

licensed operation of a motor vehicle, failure to inspect and possession of class D substance under 1 oz.

7:15 p.m. Arrested [redacted] on court warrant.

**Sunday, 9/18**

6:45 a.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

6:52 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for operating with revoked registration, uninsured vehicle, failure to inspect, no registration in possession and failure to report address change.

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voted last spring.

Three articles will be funded by so-called "free cash," balances from last year's (FY'16) budget that have been certified by the state for use.

Other funding sources include sewer balances, and transfers from previous articles voted by town meeting but still available.

The "big ticket" item, **Article 11**, involves reversing the decision made at May's annual town meeting to allocate \$200,000 in sewer revenue balances – so-called "retained earnings" – to the system's capital stabilization fund. Instead, the money will be used to reduce the coming year's sewer rates.

The original decision to allocate the retained earnings to capital stabilization, which would finance borrowing for future system upgrades, was predicated on new revenues from the Water Pollution Control Facility's "innovative process," which allows the facility to process sludge from other towns for a fee.

However, that process has been put on hold, due to short-staffing at the facility and the requirement by the state Department of Environmental Protection that a study of the Montague process be conducted. Thus a highly lucrative revenue source has abruptly disappeared.

The only alternative to the two articles would be a massive increase in sewer rates. Olsen told the meeting that even with the \$200,000 transfer, rates would increase by 17% next year. Removing this money from the capital stabilization fund still leaves the problem of financing future system upgrades, which will also eventually impact sewer rates.

The first seven articles on the warrant involve collective bargaining increases, completed or pending, with the three unions that represent town employees. Funds were allocated, and schedules adjusted to reflect a 1% cost of living increase. Pay schedules for non-union personnel were also adjusted.

In addition, \$4,500 was allocated to the treasurer's budget to pay for "training," since the current treasurer, Patty Dion, is retiring this year. The retirement was not known when the annual budget was approved last May.

**Article 8** is a request from the regional school district for \$60,000 to transform the stage at the Hillcrest elementary school into classroom space. School officials have argued that Hillcrest lacks sufficient classroom space, particularly for special-needs students. Hillcrest is leased by the school district, but is a town-owned building.

This request was floated prior to last spring's annual town meeting, but committee members did not feel they had sufficient information – "solid figures" – to take a vote. At last week's meeting, finance committee member Mike Naughton raised a similar concern, noting that neither the town building inspector nor the head of the public works department had reviewed the proposal. "I would feel a lot more comfortable if they had looked over what is being proposed," he said.

But finance committee chair John Hanold defended the proposal, saying that the lower elementary grades were "filling up" with students and that he was hoping "that [trend] will continue." He also pointed to "social and economic issues" confronting the children.

Fred Bowman agreed, noting that public education is a "whole different ball game" today, in terms of the

need to provide services to special-needs students. In the end, the article was endorsed unanimously by both committees.

The committees also endorsed **Article 9**, a request by the district for \$10,000 to replace wooden pillars in front of the administration building next to the Sheffield Elementary School. John Hanold noted that the current pillars' rotting wood would be replaced by a "marble composite, which I guess counts as an upgrade."

"Well the ants shouldn't bother them," responded selectboard member Chris Boutwell.

After endorsing the two sewer financing articles (**Articles 10 and 11**), the committees moved on to **Article 12**, which appropriates \$27,000 from taxation "for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a vehicle for the police department." The vehicle in question is apparently "a car used for detective work."

There was a bit of confusion at the meeting concerning the status of the existing detective car, and whether the new car would result in two detective vehicles. That confusion did not prevent the committees from endorsing Article 12.

**Article 13** proposes to appropriate \$28,100 to purchase and install "inspection software" for the building and health departments. According to information being sent to town meeting members, Montague is "one of the very few towns still issuing building and zoning permits manually." Interestingly, \$16,500 of the appropriation is for the license and the first year's tech support, while \$11,600 is for the actual software. Once again, the committees unanimously approved the request.

Similarly the boards endorsed a \$28,100 appropriation for new telephones and related wiring, as well as "other technology" (**Article 14**). It turns out that the other technology, which is new wiring for computers and printers, accounts for \$15,000 of the appropriation. The "actual phones" are estimated to cost \$6,000.

**Article 15** would transfer \$73,346 from free cash into the general stabilization fund – from one reserve account to another. Free cash represents balances at the end of a fiscal year, whereas a stabilization fund is used to help finance specific projects, particularly capital improvements, and requires a 2/3 vote of town meeting. There is nearly \$800,000 in the general stabilization fund at present. The transfer would put the stabilization fund at approximately 5% of the town's general operating revenue, a goal set by the finance committee.

The last item on the warrant, **Article 16**, would transfer \$20,000 from a previous appropriation to fund opposition to a natural gas pipeline – Article 33 of the May annual town meeting – to instead fund a related "intervention" in proceedings before the state Department of Public Utilities.

The proceedings will approve or reject the proposed "forecast and supply plan" of the Berkshire Gas company, which serves Montague. The goal would be to challenge the current moratorium on new natural gas hook-ups by Berkshire. The moratorium, imposed in December of 2014, was widely seen as an effort to pressure local communities to support the pipeline through Franklin County, a proposal that has been withdrawn.

Montague's pipeline liaison, Ariel Elan, noted that during its opposition to the pipeline before the DPU, Mon-

tague argued that Berkshire should have more aggressively investigated other alternatives to a moratorium. Thus, she suggested, the current transfer before town meeting is consistent with the goal of the original appropriation.

Elan has also stated that current proposals being considered by Governor Baker's administration, which would encourage local gas companies like Berkshire to buy gas in excess of their needs and then sell it to electricity generators, "makes our intervention [in the DPU proceedings] even more significant."

The committees endorsed the transfer.

The special town meeting will be held at the Turners Falls High School on Thursday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public, though only elected town meeting members may vote.



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NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

**Chief Explains Police Response To Disturbances Prior to August 30 Fire**

By JEFF SINGLETON

At the Montague selectboard meeting of September 19, police chief Chip Dodge responded to local concerns about the department's response to events that may have led to an August 30 fire in Turners Falls. The fire damaged two three-story apartment buildings on Fourth Street, leaving residents temporarily homeless.

The fire is believed to have started in the apartment of Eric [redacted] who was arrested at the scene for impeding fire engines. The police had received at least three complaints about [redacted] that night, but had taken no action. [redacted] wearing a "Jason" hockey mask on the side of his head, is reported to have been threatening residents for several hours.

"The fire started in the apartment of a gentleman who had been the subject of numerous police calls that night for disturbing the peace," said Fourth Street resident David Detmold.

He went on to state that the suspect "had been known to the police for the past year for being threatening and dangerous to people in the neighborhood, and indeed to police themselves. So, I'm wondering if there is more the neighborhood needs to know, in case we are dealing with this individual again or another individual like him."

Dodge responded that he was also concerned about events leading up to the incident, and had done "more research" after he had met with Detmold the previous week. He reviewed the police log of the night in question.

Dodge said that "during the entire 3 to 11 [p.m.] shift, we had not received any calls about the party you are talking about." The first complaint occurred at 11:28 p.m. "Two officers on my staff responded to the call," he said, noting that "this is not the first time we have had a call from this location."

The officers positioned themselves near the rear steps of the building, the location where the complainant had identified the source of the noise, "but there was nobody there." They were then

called away to another location where a woman was "intoxicated, injured, and had some psychological problems." Although the chief had not known it when he had met with Detmold, those officers "actually were on this call for over two hours," he said.

During that time, the department received two more complaints from Fourth Street, but could not respond because, according to Dodge, the officers were "tied up."

At 1:29 a.m., "one of the officers returned to Fourth Street and spoke with the [reporting party]". He then spoke with another neighbor who said "no, it's been quiet all night." A few minutes later, the first fire alarm went off.

Detmold stated that he had requested an explanation for the police department's actions that night, and now he felt the chief had provided it. But, he asked, "if it's a call about a person with a long rap sheet, who has been known to be threatening and dangerous to the neighbors for weeks, do you have to observe him in the process of disturbing the peace or is there anything else you can do?"

"A misdemeanor that has not occurred in an officer's presence is not arrestable," responded Dodge.

Fourth Street resident Jean Hebden asked if the human service agency ServiceNet bears any responsibility for the problem. "He's a ServiceNet client, and they have put other people in the neighborhood who have caused problems," she said.

Hebden also noted that Officer Sevene was the local community policing officer, and "if he had spent any time in the past week downtown, he would have seen this guy. It wasn't that hard to know who he was, because he had a Jason mask strapped on the side of his head."

She added that [redacted] had threatened to kill her dog, "and he looked like he meant it."

Selectboard member Rich Kulewicz asked if Hebden had called the police about that incident. "I just didn't think it would do any good," she responded.

Don Clegg, another Fourth

Street resident, noted that [redacted] was probably on probation. He asked why the police could not determine his status and "hold him for the night."

Dodge replied that there was "nothing that happened that night" that would have caused a check on [redacted]

Another audience member asked if the department, faced with two serious incidents at one time, could have requested assistance from other towns, called "mutual aid."

After approximately half an hour, the board moved on to other topics without taking action.

**Other Business**

The selectboard executed a letter to the state Department of Housing and Community Development accepting three standard conditions attached to the town's 2016 community development block grant.

It also executed an \$800 agreement between the town and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for services at the regional dog kennel, which is located on Sandy Lane in Montague.

The board approved a permit for the Annual "Rag Shag" parade, on October 31, which will travel from the Aubuchon Hardware parking lot, down Avenue A to the Discovery Center. A Rag Shag Parade is a western Massachusetts tradition where families dressed in ragged costumes march down Main Street. It now tends to coincide with the Halloween festivities.

The board approved a transfer of \$10,000 for annual sprinkler and alarm system inspection and repairs at the Shea Theater. The money is coming from the community development discretionary account.

It also executed a \$13,100 agreement with the firm Tighe and Bond for landfill monitoring services.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the board held two non-public executive sessions: one to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, but not the professional competence, of an individual, and a second to discuss strategy for collective bargaining.

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## PLACES

Johnathan and Cooper Sicard meet Forest, a dog available for adoption at the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter, and shelter volunteer Kathy Dwyer. Forest and Kathy were visiting the Turners Falls branch of the Greenfield Savings Bank last Friday afternoon to promote adoptions at the shelter.

### NOTES FROM THE LEVERETT SELECTBOARD

## Board Talks Cybersecurity, Bridges, Plume, Ticks

By ROB SKELTON

The Leverett selectboard met with members of the town's IT committee to lay the groundwork for town meeting approval of an in-town network, at Tuesday's bi-weekly conclave. The committee is charged with reconciling and executing the recommendations of the IT consultant Tim Haas, currently under contract with Leverett to assess its cybersecurity and IT needs.

Selectboard chair Peter d'Errico noted that new public records law requires speedy disclosure of requested public minutes, which this system will facilitate, as well as bundle security camera footage, school wi-fi feeds, and public safety IT needs.

The three IT committee members present were asked, and agreed, to explain and defend the proposal on town meeting floor, and include "best practices" suggestions for users with an eye toward cyber-security.

"We're not looking for a big presentation," d'Errico said, noting that people's eyes glaze over when such topics are broached. The committee will meet with Haas when his study is complete and will report back to the board, who thanked them for their diligence.

A proposed \$4,009 cost to reconnect the school's gym and caf-

eteria wi-fi, deemed "excessively high" by a member of the IT committee, was tabled. (The disconnect was due to a change in electronic rates, according to principal Margot Lacey.)

### Little Bridges

The board addressed the repair of three derelict bridges in town on these roads: Coke Kiln, Millyard, and Dudleyville. The Coke Kiln bridge, closed by the state, is over twenty feet long and requires design work – if the town uses Chapter 90 funds – as well as strength-certified, possibly engineered laminate, beams.

"I'll be dead before they replace that bridge," said selectwoman Julie Shively, ruing the four-year wait to get on the state's list, which is why d'Errico insisted the town should "bite the bullet" and fund and fix the bridge itself.

The Dudleyville bridge requires surface repairs, which road boss David Finn plans to get to soon. The Millyard bridge, under twenty feet in length, also a candidate for closure, will probably be handled in-house, according to the board.

### Imported Water

Town administrator Margie McGinnis briefed the board on her communications with Amherst regarding extending Amherst's drink-

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Reporter that her father was a school committee member from Pelham for many years.

Goscensci stated that the Leverett committee felt it was important to maintain representation on the regional committee, which will be hiring an interim superintendent, and then a permanent replacement for former superintendent Maria Geryk. Geryk resigned this summer and was awarded a settlement of \$309,000 by the regional committee.

Geryk's resignation was the culmination of months of controversy over her handling of racially charged conflicts in both the high school and elementary school districts. She was criticized by several school committee members for issuing an order banning a minority parent, Aisha Hiza, from entering the grounds of Pelham's elementary school to leave or pick up her child.

The previous year, the regional district agreed to a financial settlement with an African-American high school teacher who had been the target of threatening messages and graffiti.

Two school committee members, Trevor Baptiste and Vera Douangmany Cage, supported the Pelham parent, requesting that the "stay away order" be rescinded. The order was lifted in early May, after meet-

ings between the parent and school officials. But Geryk received critical evaluations from three members of the regional committee, including Baptiste and Douangmany Cage.

In early July, Geryk asked to sever ties with the district pending a financial settlement of over \$600,000. The school committee eventually voted for the \$309,000 payment, roughly a year and a half of wages and benefits. The settlement was questioned by the local press and has been the target of a complaint by a Shutesbury resident claiming violations of the state open meeting law.

On September 7, the regional school committee released the minutes of the executive sessions where the financial settlement was discussed. The minutes included the "demand letter" from Geryk's lawyer charging that the committee had violated the terms of the former superintendent's contract as well as state guidelines.

The letter targeted Baptiste and Douangmany Cage who, it suggested, had caused Geryk "physical and emotional distress" by their public criticisms. "In effect it has been alleged that Ms. Geryk is a racist because she imposed reasonable behavioral rules and regulations on a minority parent," the letter read.

"I object to that. I never called her a racist," Douangmany Cage

told the *Hampshire Gazette*.

Baptiste, who voted against the release of the minutes and demand letter, called the claims "unsubstantiated lies." Baptiste was joined by Stephen Sullivan of Shutesbury in opposing the release of the minutes, while Douangmany Cage abstained.

To further complicate matters, the chair of the regional school committee, Laura Kent of Amherst, resigned from both the high school and elementary school committees. Kent, who was elected just last spring, stated in her resignation email that "the relentless demands and uncertainty impede my best efforts in a way that is too much." Kent voted in favor of the settlement with Geryk.

The Leverett committee, at its September 12 meeting, discussed the problems faced by the regional committee but did not take votes on specific issues. "We don't vote on regional issues," said Goscensci in a telephone interview. "We discussed some of the challenges, but also some of the positive things."

"We discuss all of the [regional] issues," said Dolven, who remains chair of the Leverett elementary committee, but it is essentially up to the new representative "to figure that stuff out."

"I'm skeptical, but hopeful," she told the *Reporter*.



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"Say peace / Let water flow down empty streams / Our gardens are thirsty, and so are our dreams."

Leverett Elementary School students, parents and community members listen as Verandah Porche reads an untitled poem she wrote for the school's International Peace Day celebration on Monday morning. "I didn't finish it until this very morning," Porche told the assembly, "and the rain was so helpful." The event also included a story told by Eric Wasileski of *Warrior Writers* and *Veterans for Peace*, and an opening invocation sung by Nipponzan-Myohoji Buddhist monks and nuns from the Peace Pagoda.

ing water into south Leverett, where a poisonous groundwater "plume," originating from the closed landfill, is believed to have contaminated a handful of residential wells.

Amherst still wants to pursue the plan, and assured Leverett that the water ban enacted this summer was not an indicator of low supplies. Still to happen is the meeting with the new Amherst town administrator.

The alternative is for Leverett to establish a municipal water supply, which, while costly, would alleviate testing and supplying water in perpetuity for the affected houses.

### Other Business

October 20 is Safety Day at Leverett Elementary School, where the kids get to practice dispersing and re-unification in the event of an ac-

tual emergency.

Somehow the school population will convene at the town hall, which the board okayed. The church across the street was also considered as a safe gathering place; the board conveyed that the school ought to clear it with the church prior to the drill.

The board approved \$100 toward tick-testing on a regional level, administered by the FRCOG, using UMass facilities.

A 1988 GMC truck once used by the fire department, deemed surplus property, worth \$1500 in the Kelley "Blue Book," is out to bid. "We'll sell it for a dollar if that's the only bid we get," said d'Errico.

The board discussed the annual "Harvest Festival," to be held at the school October 15, as an op-

portunity for the town to come together in "potluck" style, with fire trucks, food, highway department equipment, tag sales, historic displays and the like.

While the previous organizer has expressed a wish to step down, and the school doesn't want to organize it, the board is confident that it will come together nonetheless, and asked for it to be included in this article.

### It's A Board's World

The Franklin County Selectmen's Organization, at Leverett's behest, has changed its name to the Franklin County Selectboard Organization, since d'Errico said that he would not attend meetings or pay dues until the group modified the "old-school" sexism inherent in its title. Done.

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That is, until Wednesday, when Turners scored its first goal against Red in recent memory. The Indians' goal was the result of a perfect short corner off a defensive penalty as Jade Tyler fed the ball to Wazniak, who shot it in. Although the Red Hawks didn't score their average six-plus goals, they did manage to score three more in the second half, taking the contest to 4-1. Goal keeper Maddie Currier finished with 17 saves.

**Golf:** *Greenfield 23.5 – TFHS .5*  
*TFHS 13.5 – Mohawk 10.5*

Golf is one of those individual/team sports. Individual golfers compete against each other for a total of 4 points, and then the scores are tabulated for the team score.

In high school golf, six players from each team compete, for a point total of 24. Therefore, if your team doesn't have six golfers, your team forfeits individual matches. This has haunted the Indians in 2016. With only 4 clubbers, they have to give up 8 points in every match. But on September 14, at Tekoa Country Club, the Blue Tribe was able to match Saint Mary's, point for point (8-8).

Then, with a little momentum and sheer determination, Blue was able to win the tie-breaker and in the process, notch their first win of the season.

This week, after dropping their next match to Greenfield, Turners got back on the winning track by defeating the Mohawk Warriors on Tuesday. Powertown forfeited their usual 8 points against Mohawk, but the Blue foursome all but shut out their opponents: Kyle Kucienski 4-0, Tyler Noyes 3.5-0.5, Brian Poirier 3-1, Patrick Salls 3-1.

Turners will play seven of their remaining nine matches at their home course of Thomas Memorial, with tee-offs starting at 3 p.m.

**Football**  
*TFHS 44 – Woodstock CT 40*

On Saturday September 17, the Turners Falls Football Indians defeated the navy-blue Woodstock Academy Centaurs, 44-40.

Woodstock started with a short field from their 46, ran 10 plays, but were unable to convert a pass on fourth down and gave up the rock on the Indians' 25.

The Centaurs were unable to score on their first possession, but Power-

town was certainly able to. Because there was so much action and oh so little space, I'm not able to give you a play-by-play report, but I'll give you the highlights: Quinn Doyle banged, smashed and juke ahead five times, advancing the ball all the way to the Navy 35. Coach Lapointe changed it up, and Ricky Craver got the ball and sprinted ahead inside the Red Zone to Woodstock's 19. Doyle carried it two more times, and the score was 6-0 Turners. Nick Croteau added the 2-pointer and Turners led 8-0.

Turners doubled its points to 16 at 10:10 of the second quarter, when Craver scored a TD and John Driscoll caught the PAT.

A roughing-the-QB call helped advance the ball on Woodstock's next possession, and with 7:51 left in the half, they scored their first points of the game, making the score 16-8. Turners scored once more in the first half, but in a harbinger of things to come, they were unable to convert the PAT, and when Woodstock scored its next TD, the margin was only 6 points, 22-16.

In the second half, Doyle scored again, but with no PAT, Powertown was only able to extend their lead to 28-16. Woodstock scored another 8 points, the lead was reduced to 4 and the momentum seemed to be slipping away. And the momentum of the spectators also shifted.

It had seemed like the entire Turners Falls Tribe had caravanned down to Connecticut Land. But it was a little misleading. Most of the crowd were dressed in Blue, and more than once someone yelled, "Go Blue." And then more quietly, "I mean White." Turners fans adjusted by calling out "Go Turners," "Indians" or individual names.

Although the Centaurs had clawed their way back, Turners was able to score next and put the lead back to 12 after converting the 2 pointer. Midway through the last quarter, they held a comfortable 36-24 lead.

But with 5:46 left in the game, Woodstock scored again – and then they scored again with 1:26 left, taking a 40-36 lead. Because Turners was unable to keep pace with the 2-point conversions, they found themselves trailing late in the game. With a minute and 16 seconds left in the game, Croteau returned the ball to the 44, and Blue had one chance left.

Two years ago, Lapointe's Cardiac

Kids often scored with less than 2 minutes on the clock. The 2016 Football Indians don't have that reputation – not yet, at least. Last week, they shut out Lee and although they didn't know it at the time, the win was decided after Powertown's first score.

But Saturday, after a 2-hour bus ride, they had played 47 grueling minutes of continuous smash-mouth football. No one would have blamed them if they weren't able to score again. It was a wonderful, exhausting effort, no matter who won. And after leading the entire game, the lead slipped through their fingers with a minute left on the clock.

On their final possession, Doyle and Craver crashed the rock up the field while Coach Lapointe conserved the clock. And then, with 44 seconds left, Tionne Brown floated a pass to the nearside 2-yard line, and Owen Ortiz stepped into the end zone, and Turners took the last lead of the game.

Doyle banged into the end zone for his final 2 points of the afternoon. And that long bus ride back to Massachusetts would be a well-deserved respite for the happy but exhausted Tribe from Turners Falls.

The stats for this game are staggering. Doyle lugged the ball 40

times and broke the quarter-millennium mark with 255 yards. He scored 3 TDs and 2 PATs for 22 points.

Craver jettied for 128 yards on the ground, 14 in the air, and scored 2 touchdowns. John Driscoll, who was injured in the first half, ran twice for 11 yards, caught a pass for 8 yards, and scored a 2-pointer.

Under center, Brown was 3-for-4 for 51 yards, and threw a TD and 2 PATs. He also ran for 11 yards. Ortiz caught 1 pass for 29 yards and a TD. Croteau added 2 points on a PAT.

Defensively, Tahner Castine led Blue with 11 tackles. Mike Babcock, Craver and Ricky Smith all had 6. Babcock also deflected a pass. Kyle Bergman, Driscoll and Ortiz grabbed 5 tackles each with Bergmann registering a sack. Doyle (4), Reilan Castine (4), Brown (3), Croteau (2), and John Torres (1) also contributed with tackles with Brown causing and recovering a fumble.

As for the debate. You have probably heard by now that there is a discussion of removing the title "Indians" from the Turners Falls sports teams. I'm pretty easygoing about this issue, but I do have a few thoughts.

If we were to change the title from "Indians," I would be happy with "Tribe" or "Blue Tribe." *Tribe*

is an Anglo-Saxon/Roman word; to me, it means a supportive, cohesive group, and as it turns out, we're all from tribes.

"Powertown" is another option. It would be unique and powerful, and according to Mr. Bush, while most of the clippings from the '40s use the word Indians, Powertown was also used. We could also go with something beginning with the letter T like "Titans", "Turkeys", "Three-Toed Sloths" or "Tailless Whip Scorpions." Or simply, we could go with an old standard like "Vikings" or "Patriots" – though we should remember the controversy about the UMass "Minutemen," because it perpetuated white male militarism.

As far as the word "Indians" goes, I was always taught the word is a misnomer for the nation India, but I recently read on a Native American website that the word was a shortening of Indigenous.

Nevertheless, my formative education was at Hillcrest, and I was always taught respect for Native Americans/American Indians/Indigenous Americans and their noble struggle for survival. So with due respect, for now, I'll continue to use the titles Powertown, Indians, Tribe, Turners Falls and Blue interchangeably.

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Selectboard member Randy Crochier had sticker shock. "Based on the number I saw, I am, at this point, an absolute no vote," he said. "The numbers that I was told we were looking at, in the 4, 450 [thousand dollar] range; we're over 5 [hundred].... I did some math," he continued. "If we expect this engine to last 30 years, we're asking the town to spend \$47.78 a day."

The selectboard plans to solicit help to pay for the vehicle.

"In the past, we've always asked Northfield Mount Hermon to contribute to fire vehicles," Snedeker said, "and we're at that point."

Hastings explained that the school has, by tradition, helped defray the expense of trucks. "We usually went to the Mount Hermon school ahead of time," Hastings explained, "to see what they would contribute towards it."

"Course, there's much more up there now than there ever was before, you know, when I was chief," he said. "There's probably been four or five new buildings up there since then, so the fire load is much greater than it was."

More pumping capacity, Hastings said, is also required than when he began his 35 years on the department. "Back then, you could go into a fully involved kitchen fire with a 3/4-inch... rubber hose, and you could knock it down," he said.

"Those used to put out 12 gallons to 15 gallons a minute, and you could knock that fire

down. Today there's no way you can do that, because everything is poly, and manmade materials; you go into a one-room fire, you're looking at a one-room fire, you're looking at 150 gallons a minute."

"Our engines are not getting any younger," said Snedeker. "We can't just sit back and not address this, at some point.... What if we have a downturn in the market again? That tends to constrain everyone's budget."

"The cost of these things is just escalating so much," Hastings said, especially in about the last six years, since fire apparatus fell under EPA regulations for diesel emissions.

No action was taken. Board members said they were looking forward to hearing whether NMH might contribute towards the truck.

**Taxes for Cruiser Approved**

During the September 8 election, 186 of the town's 1,113 registered voters, or just under 17%, cast votes on the question of a debt exclusion to fund a new cruiser for the police department. Of those, 115, or 62%, voted for the debt exclusion, and it passed.

"I don't judge people who can't come out to vote, for whatever reason," Crochier said. "17% of the registered voters in this town showed up to vote on something that directly relates to spending money."

"But still 120 more than usually show up for a town meeting," Purington pointed out.

The board voted to order the cruiser, 2-1, with Ward voting against. The vehicle is on back order for three months.

**Staffing Capacity**

The Department of Energy Resources has granted the town \$12,500 to research whether ground-source heat pumps would be appropriate for town hall. Crochier said that the grant raised questions for him about the limitations of the town's staff capacity.

"I'm not really in support of anything new at the moment," he said. The town is running behind on both the elementary school well and the backlog in printing annual reports. "Annual reports, I personally am unwilling to go to the next town meeting without at least a couple years printed – it's a state law," he continued. "We need to look at what we have for staffing in this building, and staffing comes down to one person doing a million things."

This sparked a conversation among board members that wandered briefly toward the edge of collegiality. Ward wondered if buying a fire truck or police cruiser would take too much of Purington's time.

"As the person who sits on the capital improvements committee," Snedeker said, "we have just kicked the can down the road for so long" on deferred maintenance.

Crochier said that since the grant in question offered technical assistance, he wasn't ad-

vocating it be refused. The board unanimously voted to sign the grant contract.

**Other Business**

The board approved two requests from Nick Stevens of the recreation commission for use of public space. From October 21 through November 4, the commission hopes to use the town common for Scarecrows on the Common, and for October 28, the day before the Franklin County Pumpkinfest, they are planning a "fall festival" bonfire at Gill Elementary.

A representative from FW Webb sampled the water from Gill Elementary's well, so that the company that will provide treatment and filtration equipment can test it to make sure they are confident their system will suffice.

Crochier asked Purington if the project was on track to meet the town's deadline, set by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). "So far," Purington answered.

The DEP has also awarded the town \$2,300 for recycling-related programs.

One of the new Green Communities-funded heat pumps at the Riverside municipal building, which had appeared not to be operating properly in cooling mode, turned out to have been improperly set. "The unit was fully functional," Purington explained.

The Source to Sea cleanup along the Connecticut River will be held this Saturday, September 24.

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said, ‘that’s not necessary – we’re not here to arrest or prosecute, we’re just here to seize those illegal plants growing in your yard,’ Patti recalls.

Patti explained to the men that the plants were not ‘illegal’ and that she and her partner both have medical marijuana ID cards, which includes the option of growing marijuana for personal use.

The police, however, told Patti that fact ‘doesn’t matter – if they’re outdoors, they’re illegal’.

‘And then he yelled to the other three men, ‘go cut them down!’ she says.

‘Once they sent those three guys to cut down the plants, I went to confront them... I asked for their names,’ says Apollo, who was working in his expansive garden, and came to investigate when he heard the unfamiliar voices talking to Patti.

‘I didn’t know who these guys were. I said ‘you’re not taking these plants,’ and that’s when they said, ‘Well, we’ll just handcuff you to the fence, then,’” Apollo explains. He chose to back off from the confrontation.

‘These men were on our property for 45 minutes, and it wasn’t until they were leaving that one of them gave me his card,’ Patti says, adding that if local police had been involved, it would have allayed some of her fear and concern.

The identified state police officer eventually told the couple that the plants were deemed ‘illegal’ because they were ‘in full view, for anybody to see.’

‘But we have an 8-foot fence around our property – in full view of whom?’ she asked.

Patti says the helicopters have flown over their property before, and police could have issued a warning to her and Apollo to move the plants, before they were at full maturation.

‘But no, they waited until two days before the full moon, when everybody who grows knows to harvest, so they waited until all the buds were ready,’ Apollo adds.



Compagnone and Scutari were growing their plants behind this 8-foot wall.

JONATHAN VON RANSON PHOTO

‘We can’t just put ten new seeds in the ground and do it again, until next year. They’ve taken our whole year’s supply of medicine,’ Patti laments.

**Prescribed, But Policed**

Patti was prescribed medical marijuana to help manage pain and difficulty sleeping related to surgeries she underwent after being diagnosed with kidney cancer. Apollo had a spinal surgery many years ago, from which he still experiences pain, and marijuana has been a tremendous help to maintaining his daily routine.

Both share proudly that they do not take any opiates – despite doctors frequently prescribing them following their surgeries.

They say that the experience gives them an understanding of how the state’s opiate problem has developed – and argue that the money for costly flyover operations would be better spent on efforts dealing with that crisis.

In April 2015, the Department of Public Health (DPH), Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality – the bureau overseeing the state’s Medical Use of Marijuana program – issued guidelines saying patients may ‘conduct limited cultivation

at their primary residence, but may only grow a sufficient amount for their sixty day supply’.

The DPH does not define ‘a maximum number of plants,’ but should be ‘no more than what is necessary to meet the patient’s individual needs’. One of the members of the State Police that came to their garden told Patti and Apollo that the issue was not the number of plants they were growing, but that they were ‘in plain view.’

The guidelines state that patients are allowed to cultivate marijuana in ‘an enclosed, locked area not visible to the public at the patient’s or caregiver’s primary residence.’

The issue lies in the definition of ‘plain view’: If an officer sees evidence during a flyover in ‘public airspace, using tools available to the public,’ then that is considered in ‘plain view.’

Figuring out who initiates these aerial raids has proven, in the past, to be difficult.

‘One of the men said he worked out of Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan’s office, and the other said he worked out of Boston’s Narcotics Task Force – that was how they identified themselves,’ Patti says.

‘But we don’t want to target

those individuals,’ she adds. ‘We want to know who sent them.’

Mary Carey, a spokesperson for the Northwestern District Attorney’s office, told the Reporter that her office has ‘no comment’ on the matter, referring us to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Efforts made by Wendell’s selectboard in 2014 to get to the bottom of the matter were unsuccessful. ‘There were two helicopters joyriding around a crowd of people who were gathered on the town common to memorialize a firefighter,’ selectboard member Dan Keller recalled. ‘We got back word from everybody that no one knew about it.’

Eventually, Keller said, the town was told by senator Jim McGovern’s office that the DEA was involved. ‘Whether or not they were actually flying the helicopters, I’m not sure,’ he says. ‘It’s pretty mysterious.’

**Town Backs Homeowner**

Patti and Apollo have received a great deal of support from their fellow Wendell residents, who have begun a letter-writing campaign to state attorney general Maura Healey and senator Stan Rosenberg in hopes to set up a meeting to discuss many issues surrounding this incident.

On Wednesday night, the town selectboard issued a letter of their own to Healey, stating that they wish ‘to express in the strongest possible terms our displeasure, if not outrage with this conduct, for several reasons.’

The letter goes on to describe the confiscation of the plants as ‘over-zealous, discriminatory, illegal, and inhumane,’ questioning how the state is funding it ‘while the opioid epidemic runs rampant in Franklin County with funding for treatment and prevention falling woefully short.’

The town also objected that Wendell police were not involved in any way. Police chief Ed Chase has reported he was not even notified of the operation.

‘That’s a problem,’ Keller told

the Reporter. ‘There should be collaboration with our town police department.’

The board called on Healey to investigate the issue, confirm whether the State Police were involved, clarify approved procedures, and requests that ‘if there were in fact any breaches of approved procedure,’ return the plants to the homeowner.

According to Keller, the selectboard and police have received over 20 complaints from residents about the flights. ‘They flew over our house, too,’ he says. ‘They severely disrupted activities at a nearby preschool – they were all terrified. They flew too low, for too long.’

‘It seems like Gestapo tactics, and a waste of taxpayer money,’ he adds.

If the couple’s situation has touched a nerve locally, it may be because the raid raises questions around both privacy and health care.

‘It’s not just a marijuana issue, it’s a violation of rights,’ says Apollo.

‘Well, it is a marijuana issue,’ responds Patti. ‘It’s that the state now considers this legal medicine – and yet we’re made to feel like criminals for growing it, even though we’ve been told that we could grow it.’

While the marijuana laws are vague and open to interpretation, law enforcement seems to often be on the winning side of disagreements in interpretation.

Before the police left her residence, Patti mentioned to them that in a few months, ‘none of this would matter.’

She was referring to Question 4 on the November 8 ballot, which would legalize recreational marijuana and regulate it like alcohol.

‘No,’ she says the state police officer told her. ‘We’ll never let you grow it outside.’

Mike Jackson and Josh Heinemann contributed additional reporting.



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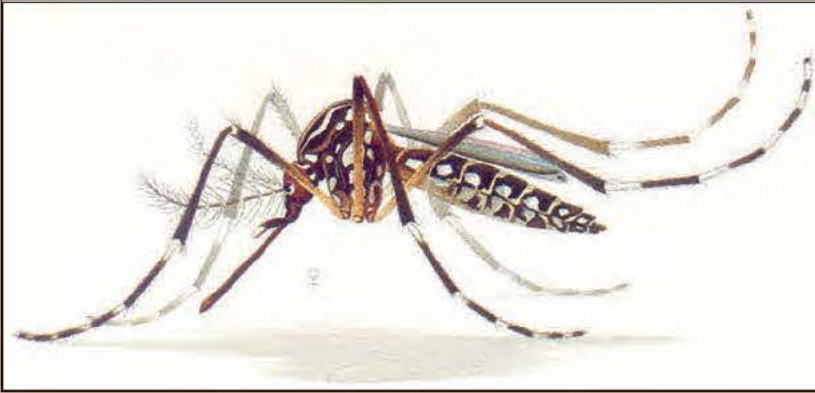
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## WINNING THE WAR AGAINST YELLOW FEVER

We've followed *Company L* to Cuba and back during our "Turners Falls Goes to War" series on the Spanish-American War. Last week's installment saw the death of Jeremiah J. Sullivan – whose correspondence in the old Turners Falls Reporter we've re-published throughout the series – as well as many others from the company, from yellow fever. This week, we're looking at this disease to find out more about it.

PUBLIC DOMAIN IMAGE



Detail from a color print of the yellow fever mosquito *Aedes aegypti*: resting female.

By NINA ROSSI and EMILY MONOSSON

Yellow fever was a dreaded warm weather occurrence for over 300 years here in America. It visited ports of call from Texas to New Hampshire every summer, leaving thousands dead, tearing apart families and severely disrupting commerce. A 1793 epidemic in Philadelphia chased George Washington from the then-capitol of the young country, and killed off ten percent of the population.

Communities were terrorized by this disease in ways that are hard to imagine today. It struck seemingly randomly, without pattern, and created a mass exodus from that point. Families abandoned their own to die alone in their beds, property was destroyed, and corpses were interred in mass graves for fear of contagion.

Like West Nile and Zika, this is a mosquito-borne flavivirus, but it wasn't until after the Spanish-American War that this was discovered. Until then, it was thought to be contagious. Quarantine was used to try to contain the spread of it, and belongings were burnt. Ships carrying known cases of the fever were stuck in harbors, forbidden to land

in port for forty days, flying a yellow flag signaling the contagion. The incidence of the fevers would subside with the first frost, and then people would return to the area to pick their lives up again.

The disease's initial symptoms are fever, muscle pain with a prominent backache, headache, loss of appetite, and nausea or vomiting. In most cases, symptoms then disappear after 3 to 4 days.

A percentage of patients enter a more hideous second stage of the disease, which is more toxic. High fever returns, and the liver and kidneys are affected, with severe jaundice yellowing the eyes and skin, dark urine, and abdominal pain and vomiting. Digested blood may appear in the feces or vomit; the Spanish name for the disease is *el vomito negro* (black vomit). Bleeding occurs from the mouth, nose, eyes and stomach. Half of these patients die within 7 to 10 days. Survivors have lifetime immunity.

It is thought that yellow fever vector *Aedes aegypti*, a mosquito species, was first brought to this country aboard slave ships from Africa, where the jungle variety of the virus still exists. It first appeared in the Caribbean and then made its way to sea port cities of the Ameri-

cas, confined mostly to the southern cities after 1822.

The tiny *Aedes aegypti* prefers to breed in manmade containers, and the female transmits the virus in her saliva through her feeding habits, and passes it on through her eggs, which become a reservoir for the virus to survive from one season to the next.

The mosquitoes pick up the virus from infected individuals as well as transfer it: there is an "extrinsic incubation period" of seven to seventeen days where the mosquito cannot yet transmit the virus, but is infected. In the jungle variety of yellow fever, primates are infected with the virus, which is then transferred to humans via the mosquito bites.

Many theories about the spread of the contagion came and went, but most consistently the epidemics were blamed on "the wrath of God." Quarantine and sanitation were the two practices most employed to manage it.

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## ON MELVILLE'S TRAIL, PART II

By IVAN USSACH

**NANTUCKET** – Nantucket! Take out your map and look at it. See what a real corner of the world it occupies; how it stands there, away off shore...

So begins Chapter XIV of *Moby Dick*, entitled "Nantucket." I read it (it was very short) sitting on a bench in the shade near the island's downtown harbor. The waterfront bustled with passengers disembarking and lining up for the hi-speed ferry, no whaling crews in sight.

Yes, as a few readers of Part I of my Melville adventures may have wondered, the author has gotten his hook into me deeply.

USSACH PHOTO



Boats piled up at Nantucket Harbor.

Deep enough, in the previous chapter, harmlessly titled "Wheelbarrow," that I was, and remain, all agog. In which Ishmael and the hulking, dark-skinned and heavily tattooed Queequeg, his new-found bosom buddy for life, are themselves en route for Nantucket aboard the *Moss*, a packet schooner from New Bedford; in which Queequeg, son of a king of the South Pacific island of Rokovoko, is insulted on deck by a young "bumpkin," whom Ishmael chastises for thinking "a white man were anything more dignified than a white-washed negro." After which Queequeg adroitly tosses the young "boobie" high into the air and safely returns him, feet first; only to have the young man cause a ruckus, and the Captain threaten Queequeg.

A moment later the young man is swept overboard by a boom that has detached and is sweeping the deck. With everyone else standing around "panicked and lifeless," Queequeg crawls under the whip-like spar and lassoes it securely before disrobing to the waist and jumping into the sea to rescue his antagonist.

After diving down and disappearing in the deep, he surfaces some minutes later dragging a lifeless form. "The poor bumpkin was restored." The captain "begged pardon," and Ishmael is moved to ask: "Was there ever such unconsciousness?" Really, Melville: unconscious? That line pisses me off greatly.

The idea for this Part II only struck me the morning of our departure, when my Massachusetts Moment detailed, on this day in 1846, the raging fire that burned most of Nantucket's commercial district to the ground. To ensure we'd make the next morning's first ferry, my wife and I drove that afternoon to Hyannis.

At that point, Ishmael and Queequeg were still in New Bedford, waiting for passage, so I figured the least I could do was to greet them upon their arrival in Nantucket before they departed for the Seven Seas.

The two-hour trip on the massive car ferry was very comfortable, and I spent the first part of it at the railing until all sight of land was lost, and I felt a faint glimmer

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## Paul Mariani: Teacher, Poet, Neighbor, and Poet's Biographer Extraordinaire

By LEE WICKS

**MONTAGUE CENTER** – While teaching, writing poetry, and composing hundreds of essays, Montague resident Paul Mariani has churned out six biographies, five of them about modern American poets.

Hart Crane, John Berryman, Robert Lowell, William Carlos Williams, and Wallace Stevens have been brought to life by his research and ability to bring their poetry, inner lives, and motives to the page.

His most recent (and he says last), *The Whole Harmonium*, a biography of Wallace Stevens, is now in its third printing, and ranks high among Amazon's poetry offerings. Mariani, who retired at the end of June from teaching at Boston College, says the Wallace Stevens biography was the hardest one to write.

Chronicling the life of a long-dead poet is a challenge. Stevens died in 1955. Besides Stevens's one grandchild, Pete, who was eight years old when his grandfather died, there are no living people who can talk about him.

He was a passionate crafter of language, hiding in plain sight as an insurance executive. But his story lives in the poems. The *New York Times* called Stevens, "A giant of the inner life." In a review of *The Whole Harmonium*, *The Atlantic Monthly* half jokingly said that the known details of Stevens's life could be summed up in 400 words. Paul Mariani spun them into a 400-page book.

In *The New Yorker*, Peter Schjeldahl wrote that "Mariani has a prehensile feel for the roots and branches of literary modernism, exemplary taste in what he chooses to quote, and a real gift for exegesis, unpacking poems in language that is nearly as eloquent as the poet's, and as clear as faithfulness allows."

This desire to examine both the poems and the poet intrigued



Paul Mariani

me when I sat down to talk to my neighbor, Paul Mariani. The poetry of Wallace Stevens is complex and to some people impenetrable.

When he approaches a poem, Mariani brings a deep and wide understanding of myth, literature, history, religion and the poetry of all ages. How does an individual lacking in this knowledge understand a poem? The obvious answer would be to read Mariani's biographies, or to listen to his overflowing enthusiasm as he explained Stevens's "The Emperor of Ice Cream," published in his first collection, *Harmonium*, in 1923.

What a gift to have the meaning unspooled. Here's the poem:

### The Emperor of Ice-Cream

Call the roller of big cigars,  
The muscular one, and bid him whip  
In kitchen cups concupiscent curds.  
Let the wenchess dawdle in such dress  
As they are used to wear, and let the boys  
Bring flowers in last month's newspapers.  
Let be be finale of seem.  
The only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream.  
  
Take from the dresser of deal,  
Lacking the three glass knobs, that sheet  
On which she embroidered fantails once  
And spread it so as to cover her face.  
If her horny feet protrude, they come  
To show how cold she is, and dumb.  
Let the lamp affix its beam.  
The only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream.

Mariani recited the poem, letting the language become music, and inviting an image of the "roller of big cigars" – perhaps the emperor of

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### THE GARDENER'S COMPANION

## The End of Season Blues



MARY AZARIAN WOODBLOCK PRINT

By LESLIE BROWN

**MONTAGUE CITY** – The appearance of the autumn crocus, its lavender bloom a throwback to spring, mocks the last days of summer.

Like the season, the garden is winding down.

The last of the tomatoes hang on to their green, slow to turn now that the blush of heat is gone. The vine crops are succumbing to powdery mildew, a product of the humid air. The one pumpkin has stopped expanding and is starting to turn orange.

The garden is spent, as are the gardeners.

Still, the late roses bloom beautifully – beach roses of pink and white and a few bush roses – Sweet Juliet, a favorite, cling to the notion of summer. The dahlia puts out another lovely deep red blossom.

The evening dusk begins earlier, while the morning is slow to lighten. The earth is readying for the sleep of winter.

But first, the beauties of Fall: cool nights encouraging deep sleep, the chilly mornings good for sweaters and the cozy midday warmth of the sun. Already, the maples have begun to turn red and orange. We love the clarity of light in autumn, but are just not quite ready to let go of hazy summer yet.

It's an odd thing. Even after retirement, the notion of summer as vacation still persists. What we

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# Pet of the Week

Oh hello, are you looking for a mellow older boy who enjoys long cat naps and the occasional jog around the house? If so then you found him! I love everyone I meet and I would do well in a home with kids and other cats (I've never been around dogs before). I'm usually

pretty quiet, but when I'm hungry boy will I give you a piece of my mind! Ask an adoption counselor for more of my information!

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### Senior Center Activities SEPTEMBER 19 to 23

#### GILL and MONTAGUE

**Gill / Montague Senior Center**, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

#### Tues & Weds Noon Lunch

**M, W, F** 10:10 a.m. Aerobics; 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise

#### Monday 9/26

1 p.m. Knitting Circle

#### Tuesday 9/27

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

#### Wednesday 9/28

9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach

12:45 p.m. Bingo

#### Thursday 9/29

9 a.m. Tai Chi

1 p.m. Cards & Games

#### Friday 9/30

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 congregare meals.

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

For information, call Paula

Bettors, 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.

#### Monday 9/26

9 a.m. Tai Chi

10 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance

#### Tuesday 9/27

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics

10 a.m. Stretching & balance

12:30 p.m. Creative Coloring

6:30 p.m. Medicare Seminar

#### Wednesday 9/28

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Chair Yoga

Noon Bingo, Snacks & Laughs

#### Thursday 9/29

8:45 a.m. Aerobics

10 a.m. Healthy Bones

12:30 p.m. Crafty Seniors

#### Friday 9/30

9 a.m. Quilting, Walking Club

9:30 a.m. Bowling

11 a.m. Market Shopping

11:30 a.m. Pizza, Salad & Dessert

12:30 p.m. Painting Class

12-2 p.m. Flu Shot Clinic

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For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or [coa@leverett.ma.us](mailto:coa@leverett.ma.us). Flexibility and Balance Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$6 (first class free). Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

#### 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.

## Cruise Over to Franklin County Tech School's Cool Rides Car Show

By MICHAEL REARDON

**TURNERS FALLS** – The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cool Rides Car Show, the largest free car show in Franklin County, will roll into Franklin County Technical School this weekend.

The Cool Rides Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 24 on the school's grounds at 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls. The show will go on rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Although this family event is free of charge, a \$2 per vehicle donation is encouraged.

Besides cars, the event will have trucks, motorcycles, and farm tractors on display. There is no registration fee for participants. The show is held on the Nancy Gifford football practice field, located on the side of the school.

A People's Choice trophy created by students in the FCTS Welding program will be awarded. Participants who want to win the trophy do so by buying a vote for a \$1 each. The participant with the most votes wins.

Show organizers will also hand out 25 Favorite Ride trophies made of aluminum with a wood base. The trophy was designed by FCTS CAD/CAM instructor Michael Therrien and made by Machine Technology, Carpentry, and CAD/CAM students.

Besides the wide range of vehicles on display, Cool Rides will feature several other activities, including kids' attractions like a bounce house, face painting, coloring books, and petting zoo.

The ever-popular "Bash It For A Buck" where, for the price of a donation, participants can whack an old car with a sledgehammer, will be back. Proceeds benefit the

car show.

The PEP Drag Way, operated by the school's Pre-Employment Program students, will be back for its second year. The drag way is a 24-foot gravity track where kids can race Hot Wheels cars. The Hot Wheels cars will be available for purchase at the car show.

The Mustang Corral, a designated area conceived last year by Jamie Noel, FCTS Technology Network Systems Engineer and organizer of the Cool Rides Car Show, who owns a high performance Ford Mustang, will return this year. The area will be a specially designated place for Mustang owners to park their cars, gather and enjoy all things Mustang.



Franklin County Technical School will have a number of clubs and shops participating in the Cool Rides Car Show. SkillsUSA will conduct a raffle; the National Honor Society will sell coffee and donuts beginning at 8 a.m.; the Alumni Association will sell tee-shirts; PEP will sell kettle corn, soda and water; Cosmetology students will paint fingernails; and FCTS School Store will sell school apparel and accessories.

The FCTS Health Technology program will conduct blood pres-

sure screenings.

The Culinary Arts program will again host "Taste of Tech," a menu of food prepared by staff and students. The menu includes a pulled pork sandwich, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hand-cut French fries, root quesadilla, teriyaki chicken over rice, desserts, coffee and beverages. The deviled eggs and autumn bisque soup will be made with ingredients from local farms.

FCTS shops will be open to the public. Machine Technology will be open for people to tour throughout the Cool Rides Car Show. A Franklin County Technical School staff member will lead tours of other vocational programs at 10:30

a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

No pets are allowed at the event.

FCTS is a tobacco-free campus.

Franklin County Technical School wishes to thank Brown Motors, the Cool Rides Car Show's major sponsor.

For more information, check the FCTS website, [www.fcts.org](http://www.fcts.org) or contact Jamie Noel at (413) 863-9561, ext. 129.

*Michael Reardon is a public relations representative at Franklin County Technical School.*

#### THE HEALTHY GEEZER

## A Hip in Bad Shape



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

*Q. I'm 67 years old and my hip is in bad shape. I've heard there's a way to fix your hip without replacing it. What is it?*

There is a surgical alternative to total hip replacement. It's called hip resurfacing.

The hip is a ball-and-socket joint. The ball is at the top of the femur (thigh bone), and the socket is in the pelvis. In hip replacement surgery, the ball is replaced with a metal or ceramic substitute. The socket is fitted with a metal cup to hold the new ball.

The primary difference in hip re-

surfacing is that the surgeon doesn't remove the femoral ball. Instead, the damaged ball is reshaped, and then a metal cap is anchored over it.

Hip resurfacing is at least as hard on the patient as a total replacement. It can take six months or more to heal completely from the surgery. Resurfacing requires a larger incision than total hip replacement.

A crucial issue in joint replacement is longevity. A substitute hip is good for about 20 years, and it is difficult to remove and replace one that's shot. Hip resurfacing, unlike hip replacement, preserves enough bone to permit a total replacement if it is necessary later.

Surgeons estimate that 10 to 15 percent of people with bad hips can consider hip resurfacing instead of replacement. For example, resurfacing is not recommended for patients with osteoporosis, a disease that makes bones porous and vulnerable to fractures.

There is a question in resurfacing about electrically charged metal atoms that enter the body as the cup rubs against the cap in the hip joint. Some studies have raised fears that these atoms might cause disease.

As a precaution, the Food and

Drug Administration has said the materials used in resurfacing should not be implanted in women who plan to have children, and in patients whose kidneys have been weakened by diseases such as diabetes.

Is there an age cut-off for hip resurfacing? Every decision about surgery is one that should be made by each individual with the advice of a physician. Some who have studied hip resurfacing contend that there still isn't enough known about the safety of the procedure. These healthcare experts advise getting a replacement hip joint if you are older than 65.

Hip resurfacing was developed in the 1960s but there were unresolved problems for many years. The procedure has been popular in Europe. Thousands have had hips resurfaced in the last 10 years.

About 300,000 people in this country have their hips replaced annually. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says joint replacement surgery is successful in more than 9 out of 10 people.

*If you would like to ask a question, write to [fred@healthygeezer.com](mailto:fred@healthygeezer.com).*

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MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS

# This Week on MCTV

By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

This week kicks off fall in Franklin County!

We encourage you to check out what's happening in YOUR school district, by following our video recordings of the Gill-Montague Regional School Committee meetings at our website, [www.montaguetelevision.org](http://www.montaguetelevision.org).

And don't forget to tune in to the Montague selectboard meetings on Mondays, live at 7 p.m. on MCTV.

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, [infomontaguetelevision@gmail.com](mailto:infomontaguetelevision@gmail.com), or stop by 34 Second Street in Turners between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We'd love to work with you!

## TV REVIEW:

# Legends of Tomorrow



IMAGE COURTESY OF CWTV

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

I watched a new TV show on the CW called *Legends of Tomorrow* because it looked like I would be interested in it, and I have already seen some of the characters that were going to be on it, on TV shows called *The Flash* and *Arrow*.

I like the characters on those two shows – Heatwave, Captain Cold, Atom, Firestorm and the White Canary – so I decided to check them out in a whole new setting.

*Arrow* and *The Flash* also teamed up to do a “backdoor” introduction of two characters, called Hawkman and Hawkgirl. I really enjoyed the crossover both shows did to tell us the backstory of how these characters became Hawks. These two are part of *Legends* as well.

Rip Hunter is a comic book character who's called a Time Master, who travels through time to protect it. He's basically the one who starts up the plot of the show: he ends up bringing all of these characters together to form a team.

This show seems to be very fresh and new, which is why I was interested in it. People might say that any show or movie involving time travel would be very enjoyable to watch. This show definitely has its moments where that was true.

At one point, some of these characters meet their younger selves, which is not a boring situation to watch.

The Hawks' backstory involves them reincarnating, time after time, to find each other in each life. But a situation happens where they end up meeting a son that they had in one of their past lives, now a grown man. The group needed research on the villain they were going to have to face in order to save the world, and their son was a professor who had

made it his life work to research the man.

This certainly adds some cool dimensions to their history. It shows that the couple lived a full life each time they reincarnated.

In my favorite episode of Season 1, three members of the team – The Atom, Hawkgirl and the White Canary – are stranded in the 1950s. They have to make the best out of an impossible situation, while the remaining team members have to deal with Cronus, a bounty hunter sent after them by the Time Masters. (Rip's recruitment of the team, and undertaking of this mission, has caused him to go rogue, due to them opposing him taking on the villain.)

A cool twist in the episode that Cronus is revealed to be Heatwave, who was thought to have been killed by Captain Cold earlier in the season.

The combinations of these very different personalities working together as a team works very well for the show. It's like they are the Dirty Dozen.

They had a stroke of luck, too, and were renewed for a second season.

I have possibly mentioned this before in other articles I have written, but people these days have gotten more into seeing comic book characters onscreen, whether it be in movies or TV shows. For Season 2 of *Legends*, the Justice Society of America will show up, and the *Legends* will have to deal with them.

I have a little idea of who this group is, due to seeing them appear on another show that I watched quite a lot. Viewers were given a hint of their arrival at the end of last season, when a character called the Hourman introduced himself to the team.

We shall see how well the group fits into Season 2.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

# Tomato Vandalism; Horse on the Loose; Large Number of Turkeys; Slashed Tires; Early Roosters; Knife Wielder Arrested

Monday, 9/12

8:05 a.m. Caller from Montague City Road reports an ongoing parking dispute with her neighbor. This morning, she came outside to find her car smeared with tomatoes. Officer responding. Tenant has reported issue to landlord, who had a solution to the problem.

5:04 p.m. Caller advises that two dogs charged at her and attacked her dog while they were walking on Davis Street. Caller's dog does not appear to be injured. Caller reports that dogs' owner made an excuse that the gate is broken and did not take responsibility for the incident. Officer spoke with owner, who advised that he would fix the gate and make restitution for any injuries sustained by the caller's dog. Copy of call left for animal control officer.

Tuesday, 9/13

4:43 a.m. Caller reporting loose horse on Turners Falls Road south of Plains Road. Area searched; unfounded.

8:42 a.m. Officer monitoring traffic on Dell Street. Observed 8 vehicles; max speed was 32 mph and average speed was 26 mph.

11:10 a.m. Caller requesting to speak with officer re: a motorcycle that speeds on Dell Street on a regular basis. Caller took video on his cell phone but did not see the license plate. Advised of options.

6:17 p.m. Caller from Unity Street reports that a male subject just ran around his house and into his backyard, then lay down. Subject is still in caller's backyard. Caller is unsure who subject is or why he is there. Subject transported to Franklin Recovery Center. Subject's wife later called to speak with an officer; husband just called advising that MPD had transported him to detox but that he just ran off from the facility. Advised of options.

7:40 p.m. Report of smoke near Unity and Chestnut Streets. Second caller reports a group of subjects who are intoxicated and have started a fire near the fish ladder parking area. With authorization from property owner, subjects verbally trespassed from property and moved along.

9:12 p.m. Report of injured opossum in road creating a hazard in vicinity of treatment plant. Officer responded. Services rendered.

11:55 p.m. Caller from Davis Street reporting male in back yard with flashlight. Male shined light into her windows and at her AC unit, then when

he saw caller, he picked something up and threw it in her direction. Unable to locate; officer remaining in area to be on lookout.

Wednesday, 9/14

9:42 a.m. Report of a large number of turkeys at the foot of a driveway along Route 2 just west of the French King Bridge. Caller expressed concern that the turkeys would continue into the road and create a hazard. Shelburne Control advised.

3:55 p.m. Caller from Millers Falls Road states that her car was broken into. Caller given option to file a report with an officer but refused and became belligerent on the phone and stated that she didn't have time to deal with officers because she was on the phone with the phone company all day.

Thursday, 9/15

12:23 a.m. Caller states that he saw some younger parties hanging around his nephew's car on Davis Street. Caller states there have been vehicles vandalized in the area over the last few weeks. Officer states that tires on the vehicle are slashed. Investigated.

6:38 a.m. Caller states that a black sedan and a black SUV parked on Davis Street have their tires slashed. Report taken.

1:37 p.m. Party involved in previous call ignored officer's directions to find an alternate route and drove up on the sidewalk. Involved party's car is revoked for insurance cancellations. Vehicle towed; courtesy transport provided; summons issued.

4:28 p.m. Caller from Davis Street states that a neighbor has been bragging about having knives. Caller just saw this man with a knife and is concerned about his mental health. Peace restored.

6:35 p.m. Caller from Davis Street reports that his son was hit with a football and then an adult neighbor started laughing at him.

Officer advises that there was some miscommunication among involved parties. Peace restored.

7:54 p.m. 911 caller from Davis Street states that his female neighbor is yelling into his window and calling him names and swearing at him. Investigated; officer reports no problem.

8:13 p.m. Rite Aid store manager reporting that a female party has been in the bathroom for 20 minutes and won't come out. Upon officer arrival, party opened door and stated she fell in the river and was drying her clothes. Party did not seem to be under the influence and was actively drying her clothes with the hand dryer. Manager stated she came in with dry clothes on and really seemed suspicious. No track marks or signs of drug use. Party sent on her way.

Friday, 9/16

4:31 a.m. Caller states that she received a letter from Town Hall and a restraining order stating that her neighbors' roosters need to be kept quiet between the hours of 3 a.m. and sunrise. Caller states that roosters were just making noise. Officer spoke with caller; MPD unable to locate any restraining order. Caller asked to call if and when roosters were crowing again; in the meantime, officer will check with animal control officer to see how to enforce the letter/order that she has in her possession.

8:35 a.m. Caller from Davis Street states that a party is outside on his cell phone yelling and swearing extremely loudly while young children are in the area walking to school; ongoing issue. Officer spoke to male party and advised him about his noise level.

12:25 p.m. Report of larceny on Taylor Hill Road; stolen items reportedly sold to antique shop. Investigated.

1:38 p.m. Caller reports

witnessing a male party slap an elderly male at East Main Street and Bridge Street. Responding officer reports no physical altercation. Second call stating that involved party was back in the middle of the road yelling and harassing workers. Officer reports no male in middle of the road.

2:00 p.m. Caller from Davis Street states that the woman who babysits next door keeps coming to his house and knocking on the door and he has asked her to stop and is becoming agitated. Both parties advised of options.

2:35 p.m. Multiple calls about a male wielding a knife and threatening construction workers at East Main Street and Bridge Street.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

4:37 p.m. 911 caller from Davis Street reports that his neighbor pushed him down while on his roller blades and now his elbow is hurt. Both parties spoken to; caller advised that if he wanted to press charges, he could do so on his own in court.

Saturday, 9/17

4:43 a.m. Caller on emergency line reporting roosters at home behind her are “crowing” and have woken her up. Caller states there is some type of order regarding the roosters in place from Board of Health. Caller very upset and disconnected line during questioning. Officer familiar with situation responded and spoke with owner of roosters, who advises that the roosters will be gone as of Tuesday. Officer advised caller of plan for roosters.

7:41 p.m. Caller from Davis Street reports that there are teenage boys driving tractors up and down the street with no lights on. Area search negative.

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nothing more substantial or permanent than ice cream. The poem is about a funeral. That dresser missing three knobs speaks to poverty, as does the linen cover on the dresser, elongated by embroidered fantails, but not long enough to cover the woman's feet and face. And so, "If her horny feet protrude, they come/ To show how cold she is, and dumb."

The poem to me is both compassionate and pragmatic. These musical words came from a man who was perceived as cold and unemotional. In *The New Yorker* review, Peter Schjeldahl offered this anecdote. "Upon learning of his death, his boss remarked, 'Unless they told me he had a heart attack, I never would have known he had a heart.'"

Mariani found that heart in Stevens. Readers of his biographies will never again be able to make swift superficial assumptions based on dress or occupation. No one would have taken Stevens for a poet. William Carlos Williams worked as an obstetrician and pediatrician while writing poems that honored the lives of ordinary people in New Jersey, working class people otherwise ignored.

The American poets of the early twentieth century wrote about everyday life. They did not lead extraordinary lives, but they created extraordinary poems from detailed observation of everyday things, and Mariani felt a connection to their imagery

When he first came upon "Paterson" by William Carlos Williams, he wondered why anyone would write about an industrial city in northern New Jersey. When he read the poems, he recognized the people and

places in them. When Mariani was a child, he and his family used to travel to Paterson to visit relatives. Williams wrote about a woman dancing on a rock near the Passaic River, and Mariani knew that rock and experienced the joy of finding the familiar in a piece of writing.

When asked about the poets he has chosen to write about, he answered, "Something deep inside me said, honor your roots. Look at the working class and where it fits in the tradition of Western literature."

Mariani is the oldest of seven children from a working class family. He's a neighbor who will crouch beneath your car to take a look if you are having problems, and that is because his father rented a gas station with a garage.

He didn't grow up in a house filled with books. In fact, when he completed the tenth grade, one more year of education than his father had had, his dad suggested he quit school and help support the family. His mother said, "Over my dead body."

Paul did help out at the station, though, and once on a drive to work, his dad pulled over, paused and finally managed to say, "I hear you've been writing poetry." Paul nodded. His dad paused again and finally said, "Well, you're still my son."

In time Paul Mariani attended seminary, left seminary to attend college, married, fathered three sons, earned a Ph.D. and established his career.

This newspaper is not the place for a biography, and this is not the time, but in the wake of his latest biography on Stevens, I was curious to know how he chose between his own

writing, class preparation, or work on the latest biography in addition to spending time with his family.

Again, his working class roots stepped in and the simple answer was, "You do what you have to do."

He's also been lucky. He was born with curiosity, and his love of language and symbols was nurtured in the Catholic Church. His mother believed in the power of education. His wife Eileen, a retired teacher, provided emotional support and intellectual input.

His Ph.D. advisor, Allen Mandelbaum, became his mentor and inspiration. Mandelbaum was a man who spoke fluent Italian and began a translation of Dante, but stopped reading Dante and went back to Virgil, Dante's guide, and translated *The Aeneid* from the Latin in order to develop a full understanding of Dante's classical tradition.

He set a standard of scholarship that Mariani revered. He was just twenty-four when they met.

Mariani earned his doctorate at a time when colleges and universities were expanding. In 1968, when he accepted a position at UMass-Amherst, the university hired fifteen people in the English department alone. Those tenure track positions are few and far between these days.

So luck and good choices combined with natural talent to produce a man who has produced a body of work that can make poetry accessible to anyone with an open mind. Mariani said, "When I left the seminary, I promised to give everything I had to teaching." With his biographies, his teaching will last long beyond his time in the classroom.



**LOOKING LESS FAR BACK:  
10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**

*Here's the way it was September 28, 2006: News from the Montague Reporter's archive*

**Fire at Judd Wire**

A fire in the ventilation system at Judd Wire caused the evacuation of approximately 175 employees from the building at 8:24am on Wednesday, September 27. Turners Falls fire chief Ray Godin said he was on the scene within three minutes of the call.

"There was smoke blowing from the rear of the building, and from the roof. The fire started in a vertical duct from the number 10 Extruder, and traveled horizontally in the ventilation system in both directions. The main exhaust motor caught fire. We had men inside the building attack the fire from underneath, and men on the roof attacking it from above," Godin said.

Northfield, Gill, Montague Center, and Greenfield all responded to the call.

**Skate Park Work Day**

On Saturday a small but devoted group of youth, along with supervising staff from the Brick House, spent a few hours in the afternoon rain working on the Montague Skate Park. Though some tasks such as sweeping and painting were impossible due to the weather, vines and weeds that had overrun the park were cut, bagged and made ready for disposal.

Though progress on the skate park has been slow, it has been steady. With hopes of the skate park reopening prior to the onset of winter, the work crew on Saturday accomplished all that was possible for the day. With a few more hours of solid work – and 100 feet of fencing – the skate park could be ready for a grand reopening soon.

**Open Mic at Cup o' Joe Draws a Crowd**

Turners Falls was treated to a night of laughter, acoustic music and poetry on Saturday when Cup o' Joe, the Avenue A coffee shop, hosted its first ever open mic night. The evening's performers shared their artistic gifts in the intimate room, with a full breakfast and lunch menu available, as well as a cafe style bill of fare.

The large bay windows gave passersby highlights of the evening's entertainers, and enticed more customers. Welcoming the autumn equinox, the menu introduced a special pumpkin spice coffee in honor of the turn of the season.

Manager Jack Fellows said that "This first time will help us gauge whether we will have open mic night once a week or once a month. We'll see. We would like to draw in more customers and bring some culture to town."

At one point, as many as 23 people crowded round the make-shift stage.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG**

**Hypothetical Prowlers; Open Beer and Transformer Smoke**

**Sunday, 8/21**  
8:45 a.m. Hazard reported in roadway on Center Road. Removed same.  
**Monday, 8/22**  
4 a.m. Responded to residence on French King Highway for past hit and run.  
6:50 p.m. Reported bear at residence on Franklin Road.  
**Wednesday, 8/24**  
6:05 p.m. Motor vehicle fire on Taylor Way. No injuries reported.  
**Thursday, 8/25**  
9:45 a.m. Alarm sounding at business on French King Highway. Malfunction.  
10:20 a.m. Medical assist at residence on Walnut Street.  
9:15 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Camp and Pisgah Mountain Road

intersection. No injuries.  
**Friday, 8/26**  
5:10 p.m. Resident placed under arrest from French King Highway. Past incident.  
7:35 p.m. Resident on French King Highway reports motion lights clicked on, concern about prowlers.  
8:40 p.m. Resident on West Gill Road reports motor vehicle stolen. Under investigation.  
9:30 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on French King Highway. Owner assisted.  
**Saturday, 8/27**  
5:45 p.m. Past breaking and entering into residence on French King Highway reported.  
**Sunday, 8/28**  
1 p.m. Disabled motor

vehicle at French King Bridge, owner assisted.  
**Monday, 8/29**  
7:45 p.m. Subject arrested at state boat ramp for DWI.  
9 p.m. Restraining order issued for resident on French King Highway.  
**Tuesday, 8/30**  
3:15 p.m. Reported transformer smoking on Main Road. Eversource notified.  
6:30 p.m. Reported stolen motor vehicle from residence on West Gill Road.  
**Wednesday, 8/31**  
2 p.m. Arrest order issued from Uxbridge Court for resident on Walnut St.  
7:20 p.m. Reported lost dog on Main Road. Same located.  
**Thursday, 9/1**

5:35 p.m. Family domestic at residence on Boyle Road. Assisted same.  
6:15 p.m. Medical assist on Walnut St.  
**Friday, 9/2**  
5:44 p.m. Reported subject headed for the French King bridge to jump. Stood by.  
**Monday, 9/5**  
4 p.m. Subject with open container (beer) operating motor vehicle on West Gill Road. Motor vehicle towed.  
7:30 p.m. Assisted Northfield police with alarm in their community.  
**Tuesday, 9/6**  
11 a.m. Resident on River Road received phone scam call.  
1:30 p.m. Firearms issue at residence on Barney Hale Road.

**GARDENERS** from page B1

will miss: fresh tomatoes warm from the vine, bare feet in the sand, wearing not much, swimming at the lake.

What we will not: biting insects, unbearable heat and humidity, the air conditioner.

In this seasonal lull – too early to put away the garden, too late to start new crops – we dither, then plan four nights at the oceanside for late summer therapy, with the soothing ebb and flow of the forever water.

We hope to return with renewed enthusiasm to start the early fall projects: planting more bulbs, pulling out dead plantings, harvesting dry beans for baking, using the new broadfork to prepare the garden beds for next year.

On our return, we will welcome the fall and will look forward to preparing for next year's garden by readying the beds with composted manure and lime.

We will browse the new seed catalogues for fresh ideas and order some up.

Soon it will be time to enjoy the evening fire pit or the fire in the wood stove. We've already stacked one dry cord of stove wood and soon will take delivery on another.

The flowering vines at the corners of the pergola are flourishing. We'll give the frame a couple of protective coats of stain and train the vines to climb away.

We think it will look beautiful with purple wisteria, red rose and the twinkling white stars of the clematis to bring it all together.

There is fresh pepper relish in store to enjoy later in the season, and fresh green beans to thaw from the freezer. We plan to cook some fresh corn and scrape it off the ears to freeze for that fresh-garden-taste later on.

When we return from one last look at summer vacation, we'll be ready for the beautiful splendors of the fall season. We'll plant more daffodils, and then fall will bring the spring back again.

Happy gardening!



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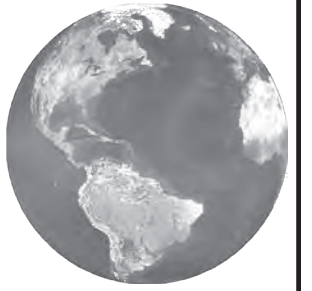
  
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## Pin8, muralista ecuatoriano en Turners Falls

MAILLO PHOTO



Mural en el edificio de Cosa Rara.

Por VICTORIA MAILLO

Hace unas semanas apareció en el centro de Turners un mural que cambió el paisaje para los que cada día caminan por la esquina del edificio de Cosa Rara.

Como era de esperar, la obra ha cosechado críticas a favor y en contra. Pin8, el creador del mural no se encuentra actualmente en los Estados Unidos, pero desde su residencia en Ecuador ha contestado amablemente a mis preguntas para poder conocer un poco más acerca de él y de su obra.

*P: Me gustaría que me contaras acerca de ti, ¿de dónde eres?*

R: Soy Pin8 artista urbano y tatuador. Soy de Ecuador, en concreto de Baños de Agua Santa.

*P: ¿Cuándo empezaste a dibujar?*

R: Dibujo desde que me acuerdo. Aunque nací en Baños, he vivido y he pintado en varios lugares como Bogotá (Colombia), Santiago de Chile (Chile), Buenos Aires, Córdoba, y Rosario (Argentina), La Paz (Bolivia), Caracas, Mérida y Margarita en Venezuela, ahora estoy radicado donde nací, en Baños.

*P: ¿De dónde viene tu inspiración?*

*¿Qué tipos o formas de arte te gusta crear?*

R: Me gusta representar la vida real tal como la miro, utilizo una serie de formas y elementos haciendo un *freestyle* de formas y colores que riman entre sí en los muros o en la piel de las personas. Me gusta crear obras basadas en la calle, en el entorno y que se queden en el mismo lugar: el espacio público

*P: Cuéntame un poco la historia del mural en Turners. ¿Por qué en ese espacio? ¿Por qué en Turners?*

R: Hace 6 meses fui invitado a Turners Falls por el colectivo KOSA RARA, a su espacio que es el lugar donde se mueve la cultura de una manera independiente en el pueblo.

Realicé una residencia artística, la cual duro 3 semanas y consistía en pintar en un muro grande en la pared del centro cultural. Finalizada la residencia, viajé a New York y New Jersey donde también realicé varios murales.

*P: Una figura en el mural ha llamado particularmente la atención, es la corona tachada que algunos han confundido con el símbolo de los Latin Kings.*

R: Soy miembro del colectivo de arte urbano FENOMENOS de Ecuador. El símbolo más característico que usamos

es una corona invertida y tachada que significa abajo los reyes. Es un símbolo anti realista, particularmente, no creo en los gobiernos, creo en la autonomía y el respeto.

*P: No sé si has visto o sabido acerca de los comentarios en contra de tu mural y su ubicación en Turners. ¿Te gustaría decirle algo a la gente que opina de esa manera?*

Con respecto a las críticas que me comentas no tenía idea, pero era de esperarse. El mural está en el espacio público y no puede satisfacer a todo el mundo.

Me interesa un arte que no decore, sino que despierte inquietudes y reacciones en el cotidiano de las personas, que por la publicidad de las grandes compañías, están acostumbradas a un solo tipo de gráfica urbana que no hace más que encaminar al consumo. El arte urbano rompe con eso y propone preguntas en lugar de dar respuestas.

*P: Muchas gracias por tu tiempo. ¿Te gustaría añadir algo más?*

R: Muy agradecido con el Colectivo KOSARARA y todas las personas que se detenían a conversar cuando estuve pintando el muro. Me encantó Turner Falls, que es un lugar increíble.

Si quiere saber más sobre Pin8 y el colectivo FENOMENOS, puede encontrar información en estos enlaces: [www.facebook.com/fenomenos/](http://www.facebook.com/fenomenos/) [www.behance.net/fenomenos](http://www.behance.net/fenomenos) [www.flickr.com/photos/freakpincho/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/freakpincho/) [www.instagram.com/pin8\\_supay/](http://www.instagram.com/pin8_supay/)

## Anuncios de próximas actividades

- Greenfield Community College ofrece clases de inglés para hablantes de otras lenguas. Se ofrecen diferentes niveles y diferentes enfoques. El precio de las clases varía si quiere obtener créditos o no lo necesita. Puede obtener más información llamando a Kit Carpenter al (413) 775-1226.

- Community Health Center de Franklin County ofrece un nuevo tratamiento gratis contra las caries sin dolor y sin agujas. Si quiere obtener información acerca de este tratamiento adecuado para niños y adultos, llame al (413) 774-2615.

- El próximo mes de octubre se celebrará en el Discovery Center de Turners Falls un mes dedicado al tema **Migración: Conectando a través del Arte y la Cultura de las Américas**. Los eventos incluirán arte, baile, música, tradiciones, historia y comida. Puede llamar al (413) 863-4804 para recibir más información acerca de los futuros eventos y presentaciones.

- El 1 de octubre en Great Falls Discovery Center habrá una charla a cargo de Conservation Panamá Inc. sobre el tema: Guías rurales de pájaros: Conservación y salarios mínimos para los habitantes del Panamá rural.

## Las bibliotecas son para el otoño

Por VICTORIA MAILLO

El verano llega a su fin, y con ello los primeros días de lluvia y viento con temperaturas más frescas en los que apetece estar a resguardo bajo techo. Y qué mejor que ocupar ese tiempo libre con un buen libro o una buena película. Estas y otras opciones las puede encontrar en nuestras bibliotecas, y además, gratuitamente.

El sistema público de bibliotecas en Montague tiene tres sedes: En Millers Falls, en Montague Center y la principal, en Turners Falls. Estas tres bibliotecas se integran dentro de un sistema público superior que consta de un total de 600 bibliotecas, a cuyos fondos se puede acceder a través de su sistema de préstamo inter-bibliotecario.

En todas ellas hay computadoras disponibles con conexión a Internet, y la de Turners dispone también de servicio wi-fi. No es necesario hacer reserva para utilizarlas, aunque si es conveniente, si piensa hacerlo en hora punta. Hay también impresoras y copiadoras para uso público.

El personal de la biblioteca es muy amable y están dispuestos a ayudar con cualquier tipo de pregunta. La encargada del departamento de Servicio a la Juventud, Angela Rovetti-Leonard, me ayudó a conocer diferentes actividades dirigidas a este grupo de edad.

Hay una sala de la biblioteca con juegos infantiles, y mesas con libros y lápices de colores para desarrollar la imaginación.

En primer lugar, Angela me mostró toda una sección de libros infantiles en español o bilingües. La biblioteca en Turners organiza también un sábado al mes una fiesta temática para los niños y sus familias.

El próximo 24 de septiembre de once a una se celebrará una fiesta dedicada a las famosas construcciones de Lego. El sábado 29 de octubre, por supuesto, no podía faltar la consabida fiesta de Halloween de diez y media a doce de la mañana. Y en noviembre, se dedicará el día 19 a las hadas. Habrá materiales naturales para realizar casitas encantadas en las que viven estos seres fantásticos.

Además de estas fiestas temáticas a lo largo de todo el otoño se celebrarán diversas actividades dirigidas a los más pequeños y las familias. Cada martes habrá talleres de manualidades y juegos.

Los miércoles es tiempo para contar historias y talleres de ciencia, y cada jueves se dedicará a música y baile. Los padres pueden acompañar a los niños y charlar y conocer a otros adultos mientras los niños se divierten y aprenden.

Este mes está dedicado a hacer nuevos socios de la biblioteca. El proceso es muy fácil, así que decidí obtener mi propia tarjeta.

En primer lugar puede elegir el tamaño de esta, tamaño tarjeta de crédito o para el llavero. Debe llevar una prueba de su dirección postal, puede ser una factura, un contrato de alquiler, una carta con su dirección o cualquier otra identificación que la contenga. Sus datos se introducen en el sistema y le dan una tarjeta y una contraseña.

A partir de ese momento puede recibir prestados libros, audiolibros, películas y música. Los videos se prestan por una semana y los libros por tres semanas.

Si expira el tiempo de préstamo, en la mayoría de los casos, puede extenderlo a través de internet, por teléfono o en persona en la biblioteca.

Si olvida devolver los préstamos a tiempo, deberá pagar 10 céntimos por día en el caso de videos y un dólar por día por cada libro. Cada socio puede sacar en préstamo 50 unidades de una sola vez.

Les invito a visitar la biblioteca más cercana a su domicilio y conocer al personal y las diferentes actividades que se realizan. No se arrepentirán, todo un mundo de entretenimiento, aventura, ciencia e historia se encierra dentro de sus estanterías.



Interior de la biblioteca en Turners.

## Vuelta a las aulas. Regresan las clases de inglés gratuitas

Por VICTORIA MAILLO

El comienzo del curso trae consigo el regreso de las clases de inglés gratuitas para adultos inmigrantes organizadas por *Center for New Americans*. Las clases empiezan el 27 de septiembre y en una nueva localización en el 177 de Avenue A, precisamente en la sala de atrás del periódico que ustedes están leyendo.

Hay dos niveles: Principiantes que tienen lugar los martes y jueves y el nivel Intermedio-Avanzado que son los miércoles y viernes. El horario es de 6 y media a nueve de la noche para los dos niveles con 10 minutos de pausa.

Taryn Amina, con una amplia experiencia en este campo, enseñará estas clases. Pueden ustedes contactar a través de su teléfono (413) 654-8444 o su correo electrónico [taryn@cnam.org](mailto:taryn@cnam.org).

*Center for New Americans* ofrece también ayuda con trámites para conseguir la nacionalidad estadounidense y apoyo para completar las solicitudes a los programas de DACA y DAPA, y por supuesto información para conocer sus derechos como inmigrante.

Las personas que estén interesadas, deberán contactar con Taryn para concretar una fecha para la prueba de clasificación que consta de una parte escrita y otra oral. La prueba no es un examen, es simplemente un test para conocer el nivel de inglés del estudiante y así poder aprovechar al máximo su tiempo en las clases.

En las próximas semanas se anunciarán las nuevas clases que se incorporan este otoño con enfoque especial en la lectura y escritura, así como en el uso de computadoras.

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**FEVER** from page B1

Quarantine – forty days of isolation – was used to manage smallpox, but did not seem effective against yellow fever, and merchants and businessmen were against its use.

Sanitation efforts focused on filth as a reservoir of disease. Good intentions, and common sense, instigated public works projects of trash removal, municipal water and sewerage systems, and the draining of swamps.

Citizens enjoyed these improvements and supported the founding of local boards of health, and there were reductions in yellow fever outbreaks when working street drains and underground sewer and water lines left less standing water for mosquitoes to breed in.

By the time of the Spanish-American War, all disease experts of the time knew that they couldn't prevent or cure yellow fever, and they didn't know where it came from. Havana, Cuba was well known as a breeding ground for yellow fever and malaria, though. Between 1895 and 1898, about 16,000 Spanish occupying troops succumbed to it.

Although they knew that the rainy season was the most dangerous for the transmission of the disease, a delay to the fall was deemed inadvisable, and a June invasion

planned. With the declaration of war made by Spain in April, the conflict began.

The last man killed in action during the brief conflict was on July 11, but malaria, dysentery and yellow fever began to take their toll, with the first death by disease on July 6. The town of Sibony was burned to the ground because it was believed to be a prime source of the infection.

By August 1, there were 4255 troops in sick bay, with either malaria, typhoid, or yellow fever. It was impossible for them to distinguish between these in early stages.

Overall, during this war fewer than 400 men were killed in action, and over 2,500 were lost to disease – as in every war before the twentieth century, disease caused more fatalities than battle wounds.

After the Spanish surrender on July 17, public health efforts in Havana removed 1,100 animal and human corpses littering the streets, hauled away 200 tons of trash, and worked on modernizing the sewer and water systems there.

Still, the fever raged in Cuba under US occupation. The Cuban physician Carlos Finley, US Major Walter Reed, and others sent to study the disease eventually zeroed in on the mosquitoes. Mosquito control measures would certainly reduce infection, but immunity,

like the immunity acquired through vaccination, would be even better.

Was it possible to provoke an immune response without first isolating the disease-causing organism? Could volunteers be “vaccinated” by infected mosquitoes?

Volunteers were paid \$100 to be in the study, and \$100 more if they contracted the disease, including Army nurse Clara Maass, whose second bout of fever proved fatal. Her case was made famous by newspapers such as the *Boston Globe*, and sparked debates about the ethics of human experimentation that effectively ended these studies. (The yellow fever studies were, however, the first to give volunteers consent forms.)

One particularly disgusting aspect of the study involved disproving that it was passed along by “fomites,” or objects carrying the infection. It had been routine to destroy bedding, clothes, and merchandise that might have touched the infected, including fumigating houses with sulfur fumes or burning entire structures down to the ground.

Volunteers were confined to sealed barracks, and made to sleep in the sheets and clothes of yellow fever victims. Boxes of vomit and feces collected from dying patients were even placed in the room with them for long periods of time. Although sickened by the stench, no



PUBLIC DOMAIN IMAGE

*Nurse Clara Maass volunteered for Yellow Fever research and ended up dying from the disease.*

volunteers contracted yellow fever from these fomites.

While it took thirty more years to develop a safe and effective vaccine, a focus on the eradication of mosquitoes on Cuba and elsewhere made a huge reduction in the incidence of outbreaks.

Since mosquitoes have a small flying range and seek shelter when winds blow, each community would have its own supply bred in puddles, buckets, barrels and such. Applying a small amount of kerosene to the surface of these once a month destroyed the young as well as the adults coming to lay their

eggs, while leaving the water underneath potable.

The death rate among the population of Havana, by the time the four-year occupation was ended, fell from 91 per thousand in 1898 to just 21 in 1901. Deaths from the disease fell dramatically among the occupying troops as well, from 68 per thousand to just seven.

This success against yellow fever in Cuba encouraged the start of a more ambitious project for the US, then becoming a major world power: perhaps, with new weapons of disease control, the Panama Canal could become a reality. The French had tried and failed to build the long-dreamed-of route linking the two great oceans; yellow fever exacted too many casualties.

Thanks to the discoveries in Cuba, when the US tackled the project, the last case of yellow fever in the canal zone occurred in 1906, and the project was complete in 1914, with no further yellow fever deaths.

This is a thrilling victory over a mysterious and baffling enemy. For those interested in reading more about the medical sleuths who discovered the origins of yellow fever, we recommend the book *Yellow Jack* by John R. Pierce and Jim Writer (Wiley & Sons, 2005).

**MELVILLE** from page B1

of the vastness experienced by oceanic seamen. Then I went inside and read “The Sermon,” in which is recounted a New Bedford preacher’s chilling account of the Book of Jonah.

It’s a story I thought I knew in rough outline, but why does Jonah attempt to flee from the Lord, causing him to be eventually tossed overboard in a violent storm and swallowed up?

He was on the run because he refused to go to the great city of Nineveh and preach as the Lord bid him – to be a “speaker of true things” and “preach the Truth to the face of Falsehood!” – for fear of “the hostility he should raise.”

Indeed, being a prophet is not a popular line of work. No wonder Moby Dick, published a decade before the start of the Civil War, was a flop!

After being belched out of the ferry’s hold we were deposited at the harbor and drove the short distance to the Art & Artisan Show to set up. We had enough time to freshen up at the family home of Kathy’s friend before returning for a private function for arts patrons.

I sampled the local beer and distilled spirits, then crashed hard while Kathy caught up with her friend, who grew up spending summers on the island and seemed proud their 250-year-old house was one of only a handful around not to have been gutted or remodeled.

Full of nautical motifs and artifacts, with a warren of small rooms and tight winding staircases, it reminded me of my cousin’s place in Westport – especially the similar shades of light blue paint covering the floors and stairs.

And so, the morning found me searching for a suitable perch from which to anticipate the arrival of the Moss and toss the crew an imaginary wave. That business done, and it being far too pleasant a day to spend inside the Whaling Museum, I lunched on Gill leftovers before heading to the oldest continuously operating wind mill in the United States: the Old Mill, built in 1746.

The attendant gave me a personal tour on which I inspected the works close up, though there wasn’t enough wind that day for the blades to turn the giant wooden



USSACH PHOTOS

*The 270-year-old windmill is still cranking.*

gears that still ground corn.

Trees being absent on the island, the large wooden beams were claimed from driftwood washed ashore from some of the more than 700 shipwrecks along the many dangerous shoals surrounding the island.

I ambled circuitously back, met Kathy after her show, and headed off by bike to a local beach for a swim. The water was wonderfully refreshing, even at low tide. As I bobbed around in the shallows I tried to imagine the vast distances whaling men (and the occasional Captain’s wife) had traveled from these shores. The next morning, I would set out for the Whaling Museum.

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Here’s a preview of the next and last Part, in which the source of Melville’s original inspiration for Moby Dick, and Nantucket’s legacy as “the most cosmopolitan place on earth,” are revealed:

In 1659, colonists arrived on Nantucket, the last island on the east coast on which European settlement was attempted. They were welcomed and helped by the native Wampanoag, whose population declined dramatically within 50 fifty years, but who still inhabit parts of neighboring Martha’s Vineyard and Cape Cod.

By 1712, after agriculture and sheep-herding produced poor results, the colonists learned from the Wampanoag to hunt the nearby whales that surrounded them in winter.



*Remembering the whale.*

## September 24: Climate Change and Food Insecurity Workshops at All Souls Church

**GREENFIELD** – The Social Justice committee of All Souls Church invites the public to join them for the following workshops being offered on Saturday, September 24, at church, located at 399 Main Street in Greenfield, on the corner of Hope and Main.

The following three workshops are being held simultaneously between 1 and 3 p.m., so people attending will need to make a choice when registering.

On facing food insecurity, a workshop on what can be done to help people come together in community and dignity, to help those struggling with this issue. “Creating a Pay-What-You-Can Café,” with Kirsten Johl Levitt, founder and executive chef of the Stone Soup Café.

A cross between a soup kitchen and a Gourmet Restaurant, the Stone Soup Café serves all people with love and dignity. It serves between 75 and 200 people a week throughout the year. Its mission is to provide nourishment for the mind, body and soul. In that vein, a delicious local, organic restaurant meal is served at noon every Saturday at All Souls Church in Greenfield to all members of the community. Opportunity to listen and speak from the heart is offered through authentic conversations, a weekly writing group, and a meditative council practice.

On the subject of climate change, and the efforts being made in Massachusetts, we offer two workshops to inform and inspire to new action:

“The Advocacy Agenda for Climate Change: What happened with the Omnibus Energy Bill? What comes next?” Unitarian Universalist minister Fred

Small will lead a workshop emphasizing “Environmental Justice.” Rev. Small has focused his work on Environmental Ministry out of the Arlington Street Church in Boston. He is also a member of the Board of Carbon Pricing Committee.

He will join others as they evaluate the recently passed omnibus Energy Bill and legislative priorities for 2017. A panel discussion will include Reverend Small on carbon pricing, State Representative Paul Mark, sponsor of the Green Bank Bill, and speakers on Solar Energy and Divestment. And then, looking ahead, “How we can prepare for 2017?”

“Beyond Sustainability: Beef in a New Agricultural Model,” with farmer Ridge Shinn. Learn more about the grass-fed beef program he is now developing with Northeast farmers.

Industrial meat production practices are known to be bad for the environment and our health. Ridge explains how a new way of grazing cattle and managing farmland takes carbon out of the atmosphere. This concentrates carbon in the soil, restoring soil fertility and its water-carrying capacity, which can help grasses survive drought and provide healthy food for us to eat.

Those interested in attending any of the workshops are asked to please, pre-register online at [administrator@uugreenfield.org](mailto:administrator@uugreenfield.org). A donation \$5 to \$10 per person is requested to cover expenses.

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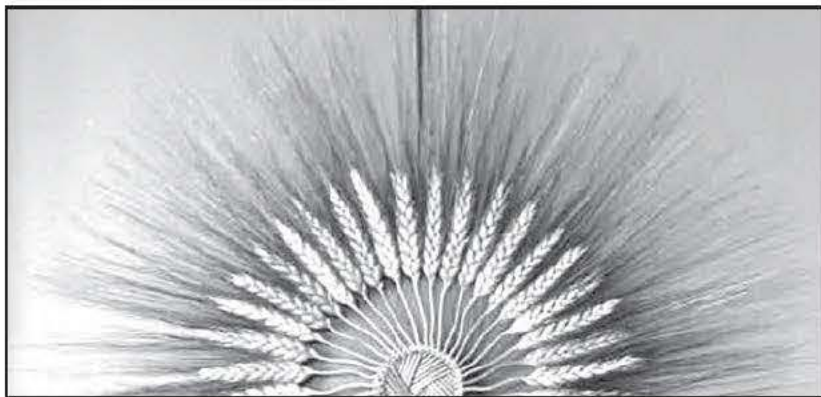
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Straw Weavings by Kathy Morris are on exhibit at the Wendell Free Library through October 31. On Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., she will give a talk about the straw weaving industry that existed in New England from the 1700s until the early 1900s.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### 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 to 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 FOURTH FRIDAY

Community Yoga and Wellness Center, Greenfield: *Greenfield Circle Dance*. 6 to 8 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.

### FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY

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

### EXHIBITS:

Bernardston Unitarian Church, Bernardston: *River Rooms Art Exhibit by Alice Thomas*. Artist Talk & RoundTable, October 23, 1 p.m.

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Great Hall Art Display: Quiet Waters*, photography of Lake Wyola by Kathy Lawlor. 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 century. Through October 30. \$

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls:

*Ravishing Rags*. Vintage clothing reasonably priced. Through October 2.

Rhodes Art Gallery, NMH, Gill: "akin" by Whitney C. Robbins. Through October 15.

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 Closing reception on Thursday, September 29, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

Sawmill River Arts Gallery at The Montague Mill, Montague: "Art Meets Verse: An Exhibit Honoring Emily Dickinson". Through October 16.

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

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: *Straw Weavings by Kathy Morris*. Demonstration and talk about the straw weaving industry history in New England on September 23, 7 p.m. Exhibit through October.

### EVENTS:

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Canal Drawdown and Power-town History Stroll*. Two mile walk along the Rail Trail during the annual canal drawdown. Meet at Center entrance. 5 to 7 p.m.

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: Northern Routes presents *Richard Davies, The Renderers (NZ), Pigeons, Night School and Bunwinkies*. Atmospheric, experimental folk-rock. 7 p.m., \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Dale Reynolds* "Folky rocked alt country-land." 8 p.m.

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Fat Bradley*. Funk from Northampton. 9:30 p.m. \$

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Arts Block Greenfield: *Three Arcadians, Carinae, Bucket, Mid-riffs, The Bonds, Sunshine Bros Inc., Kid Mountain*. 7 p.m., \$

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Dixie Swim Club*. Theater is back in Shelburne Falls with a play about 5 Southern women/swimmers who meet annually over 50 years. 7:30 p.m. \$

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Paul Flaherty - Jake Meginsky - Andy Crespo Trio, Owen Manure, and Tarp*. All ages / substance free space. 8 p.m. \$

All Souls Church, Greenfield: *Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem. Benefit for Stone Soup Cafe*. 8 p.m. \$

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Serious Play presents The Red Guitar Return from the Fringe by John Sheldon*. 8 p.m. \$

Montague Bookmill, Montague: *The Ephemeral String Band*. 8:30 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *2-W Drive*. Classic rock and country. 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Deep Seize*. Groove oriented world/hip hop fusion. 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: Kids, ages 8-12, come take a walk to see the Strathmore Mill and hear its history, then design a future use for it as part of the *Turners Falls History Month*. Must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Turners Falls Lost and Found Fashion Show*. "A Party to Flaunt the Glorious Unnecessary". 5 to 10 p.m. \$

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Kristin Hoffman*. Singer/songwriter. 8 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague: *Lady Jane and Erin Cassels-Brown*. 8 p.m. \$

Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *Shyne*. 9 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *AM Gold and Milton Gabor*. 9 p.m. \$

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Post Lost and Founds Fashion Show Dance Party w/DJ Drew*. 9:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *The Great Configuration*. Director of the Center for Algonquin Culture, Evan Pritchard presents Algonquin history and significance of our bioregional area. 1 to 2 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Oakes & Smith*. Folk. 2 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *TNT Karaoke*. 9 p.m.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Open Mic*. 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Eggtooth Productions presents Shakespeare's Winter's Tale* directed by John Bechtold. "Immersive theater where the building becomes a major character." 7:30 \$.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Montague Plains, Montague: *Afternoon Habitat Walk*. 3 to 5 p.m.

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Montague Plains Habitat Talk*. Follow-up to afternoon walk (see above). 7 to 9 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Hill & Friends*. Original Americana with Jen Spingla. 8 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague: *The Bombaldis*. 8:30 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale*. See Wednesday, 9/28 for details.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale*. See Wednesday, 9/28 for details.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Connecticut River Valley Poets Theater presents The Orchids* a new play by Ish Klein. 7:30 p.m. \$

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# Walking Wire Pryer Wows With Flowers

By NINA ROSSI

TURNERS FALLS – Sometimes the way we handle stress also allows us to be creative; for example, the repetitive motions of knitting can be very soothing, as well as result in some lovely or interesting item. Walking, dancing, and exercising can discharge some anxiety and result in a healthier body.

One local man has combined walking with creative wire bending as a “distraction to reality” and form of therapy.

“I can’t paint, so I stay with the math,” explained Charles Williams when I stopped him on Avenue A last Sunday. He held up a roll of aluminum wire, which he was bending into a series of loops. “It’s big math and little math.” He showed the graduated marks on the needle-nose pliers he twists the wire around. “I figure



Charles Williams bends and twists each spool of wire into an elaborate sculpture.

the displacement for the turns. Right now, I am cranking out a bunch for the United ARC fundraiser.”

This annual “Gala and Auction” fundraising event for the Turners Falls based social service agency will be held at the UMass Marriott Center on September 24.

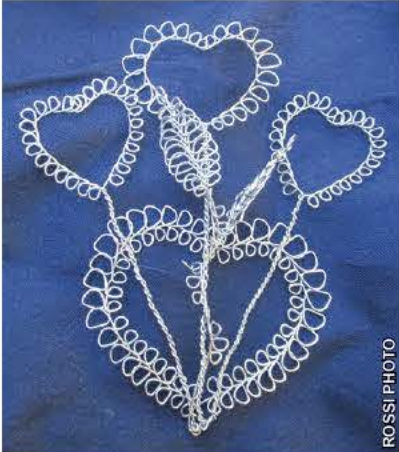
Charles’s wire flowers are also seen on the windowsill of the Carnegie Library in Turners, and the downtown resident is a familiar sight as he wends his way along the Avenue with his roll of wire.

Three flowers a day is his average. “This keeps my mind occupied, and helps me quit smoking, too,” he

said. Each of the flower sets uses up 24 feet of wire. “I’ve been tinkering with the idea for about ten years, then started making them around Mother’s Day this year.”

Charles generously offered me a set of heart flowers from his collection, which I gladly accepted. Examining them carefully, I appreciate the calculations involved to reduce the size of the turns of wire to make the forms flare around curves and narrow to the tips.

Thank you, Charles Williams, for pursuing your personal goals in such a uniquely creative way, and offering the results as a gift to others!



Each one uses 24 feet of wire.

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