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MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Culture Wars at the Montague Selectboard?

By JEFF SINGLETON

The question of whether the administration of the popular Shea Theater should be put out to bid by the town of Montague attracted another large and passionate crowd on July 28. This time, however, the discussion was dominated by critics of the current Shea administration who suggested that the theater has not kept up with an emerging cultural renaissance in downtown Turners Falls.

This debate has been set off by the failure of the Shea administration to give the required one-year notice of their intent to renew the

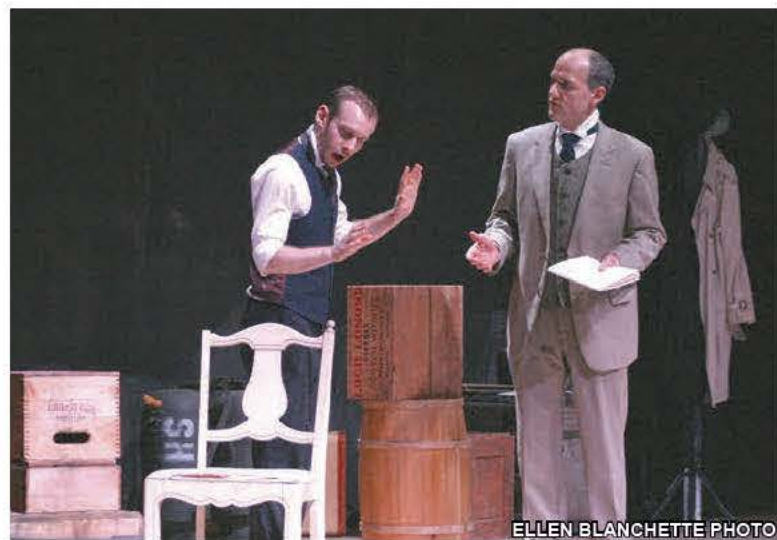
contract.

The town's attorney has apparently ruled that this requires Montague to put the administration of the Shea out to bid under the state procurement law, Chapter 30B.

On August 14, supporters of the current theater administration packed a meeting to question whether a bidding process, known as a Request For Proposals or RFP, was necessary given the success of the theater and its productions.

Youthful supporters of the Shea testified to the success and popularity of its productions, many of which are classic Broadway musicals like

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Left to right: Ted Trobaugh and Colin Allen, in the Ghost Light Theater production of *The Woman in Black* at the Shea Theater, July 20, 2013.

Montague Awarded Battlefield Grant

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

The National Park Service has awarded the Town of Montague a \$60,000 American Battlefield Protection Service Grant, \$20,000 more than requested in the application that NPS rejected last year.

The grant enables the town and the Native Americans the opportunity to conduct an extensive survey of the 1676 Turners Falls/Peskeompskut battle site in which Captain Turner and Lieutenant Holyoke led an attack on the Native Americans encamped at Great Falls.

The grant will enable the towns, through GIS mapping, to establish the locations of the Native villages and campsites as well as Captain Turner's route to and away from Great Falls; create an oral history from Yankee and Indian accounts of the battle; consult existing historical and archeological records, and secure permission for future archeological digs on privately-held property.

The ultimate objective is to protect the site and to gather information and artifacts to eventually create a Great Falls Native Cultural Park.

According to David Brule, who acted as the liaison between the town and the Indian tribes, the grant is highly significant in that this is the first



The 1676 attack at the Great Falls was a turning point in the King Phillip's War.

time that modern technology and ancient methodologies will be used to establish definitively what took place on that fateful day.

Brule said that one of the reasons the earlier grant application had been rejected was because the town had not enlisted the support of Massachusetts Indians. As a result, he took it upon himself to gain that vital support.

He said that he had been highly successful in enlisting involvement, including letters of support and commitment to the project from the Nipmunks, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), The Mashpee Wampanoags, and the Stockbridge-Muncie Mohegans.

The Narragansetts of Rhode Island, who had also supported the first application, will also be major participants.

Montague town planner Walter Ramsey said he fully agreed with Brule that local Native American participation had made a crucial difference.

He and Brule also felt that support from neighboring towns further contributed to a positive outcome. The Historic Commissions of Gill, Montague, Northfield, Deerfield and Greenfield are all actively engaged in the project.

A very pleased Ramsey said that in his opinion the project was also very important for spurring cultural and economic development in both the town and region.

Ramsey will act as the grant administrator; Brule as the tribal liaison. Ramsey said as part of the grant he

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Block Party & Festival Promise Music, Culture, Food and Fun

By REPORTER STAFF

The Nolumbeka Project, organizers of the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival, and RiverCulture, sponsors of the Turners Falls Block Party are teaming up this year to offer a day of fun, music, activities and excitement in Turners Falls on Saturday, August 2, from noon to 8 p.m.

The town-wide event this year celebrates the parks, people, history and culture both past and present in Turners Falls. Activities are scheduled throughout town and along the river.

The Pocumtuck Homelands Festival will be held at Unity Park from noon to 8 p.m. and will feature Native American music by Hawk Henries (flute) and the Medicine Mammals Singers. Both acts will be performing at the Unity Park Waterfront.

Henries will perform at both 1:45 and 5. The Medicine Mammals Singers are scheduled to perform at 2:30 and again at 4. Native American storytelling is scheduled from noon to 12:45 and again from 5:45 until 6 p.m.

Traditional handwork from over 20 vendors will also be available for sale and includes bark baskets, drums, quill applique, leather work, pottery and textiles. In addition there will be activities for children such as storytelling, craft making, and even visits to a tipi and wigwam.

There will also be a parade along the waterfront from 3:15 until 4. The Turners Falls Block Party is an annual downtown event bringing together friends and neighbors old and new. Located on Avenue A between 3rd and 4th Streets, the Block Party will feature festival food, the work of over 20 craft vendors, a New Orleans style parade and live music at Spinner Park. Over a dozen classic cars from the '50s to the '80s will be parked at Shady Glen Diner, weather permitting.

The annual Block Party parade

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The Celebration Brass Band will lead the parade from K Street to the Block Party.

ERVING SELECTBOARD

Town in Turmoil: Sharp Slapped; Citizens' Group Forms; Klepadlo Quits Selectboard

By KATIE NOLAN

Selectboard chair Eugene Klepadlo resigned from the Erving selectboard, effective July 23. Contacted by telephone, he said, "I think it's counterproductive for me to continue on the selectboard in the town of Erving." He also added, "It's going to be a tough time in Erving for a while."

His two-sentence resignation letter gave almost exactly the same reason for resigning.

Town administrator Tom Sharp said that Klepadlo will be missed. He observed that Klepadlo had served four years on the board and "has a lot to be proud of." Sharp said that Klepadlo had been a leader after Hurricane Irene damaged town infrastructure, and that he was always concerned for the taxpayers.

Apparently not all Erving residents share Sharp's views. Many were outraged by recent actions by the selectboard, dating back to the dismissal of fire chief Bud Meattley last year.

More recently the board's termination of Paul Prest, the long-time highway/facilities boss, provoked

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LEVERETT SELECTBOARD

Fire Department on the Ropes; Last-Mile Broadband Coming Soon

By DAVID DETMOLD

"I'm saying you are not a competent administrator!" selectboard member Peter d'Errico charged fire chief John Moruzzi in the midst of a heated row about the future of the Leverett fire department at the selectboard meeting July 29th. Moruzzi, 64, has been on the fire department for 40 years.

"I'm not going to sit here and listen to this!" retorted Moruzzi, rising from his seat. "If I'm incompetent, then shitcan me! Fire me!"

Tension between the board and the chief fanned into flame on Tuesday following the abrupt resignation – or resignation – of deputy chief Stewart Olson, whom the board reappointed as training officer after he turned 65 and formally retired in March of 2013.

Olson, a 30-year veteran of the department, had demonstrated his dedication in his recent comprehensive work with the fire department study committee and his travels to South Dakota to help purchase the town's newest Rosenbauer fire engine.

But who will be able to drive that truck to fires, if the other two senior staff

members of the department, Moruzzi and Captain Marty Moore, a veteran with more than 20 years of service, follow Olson into retirement when they turn 65, Moore at the end of August, and Moruzzi five months later?

"I get paid \$1000 a year to listen to this crap. It's your department. Run it!"
Rich Brazeau, selectboard

Although Olson was confident enough in the Leverett fire department's capabilities to call it "the most professional in the region" last year, the study committee noted that only 9 of the then 13 members of the call department were sufficiently trained to fight fires, and few are available to respond to daytime calls during the week.

The study committee recommended that Leverett hire a fulltime firefighter to staff the station during weekdays,

but those deliberations were sidelined as the selectboard sought clarity on the retirement plans of the department's senior officers.

During a particularly fiery exchange on Tuesday, Moruzzi tossed back the question on his retirement plans to the selectboard. "When are you going to retire?" he asked.

"Next April," responded selectboard chair Rich Brazeau. "I get paid \$1000 a year to listen to this crap. It's your department. Run it!"

With younger members of his department looking on, Moruzzi headed for the door, then turned, stood at the selectboard table as the shouting match cooled, and finally resumed his seat.

Brazeau expressed his doubts that the town could manage to pass an override of Proposition 2½ and raise the money the town would need to hire a fulltime firefighter, or firefighters, at a special town meeting prior to the date next January when Moruzzi hits 65 and faces mandatory retirement from the pension system.

"There is no plan," said Brazeau. "This is exactly the position I did not want to be in."

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Montague Moves Forward

"We're three for three."

Those were the words of Montague town planner Walter Ramsey in expressing his pleasure that Montague had received three major grants in just the last few weeks.

As we've noted in this edition of the paper and in the last issue, the town received a Green Communities grant of \$84,935 to install a new energy-efficient heating and cooling system at the Shea; \$60,000 for mapping and establishing the site of the 1676 Peskeompskut/Great Falls battle; and \$823,626 for Avenue A streetscape enhancements, early literacy training and housing rehabilitation assistance for housing units in Turners Falls.

We would like to congratulate Montague on this "three for three" success. We also want to thank all of those who worked so hard to secure these grants.

In particular we would like to single out Walter Ramsey, Frank Abbondanzio, M.J. Adams, Susan Mareneck, David Brule, Doug Harris and the Montague Energy Committee.

The grants also signal that Turners Falls is on the map as a place worthy of investment. The improvements in multiple sectors of the community are a definite plus.

What we see here is the continued effort to revitalize the downtown. The Shea, a major asset to the town and the region, will benefit from a new HVAC system. Its energy efficiency is an added plus and in keeping with Montague's "green community" designation.

Streetscape improvements also should be heralded as desirable. As the "livability study" indicated, downtown Turners has a high concentration of pedestrian and motorized wheelchair traffic.

Recognition that foot traffic helps to create a thriving village center was a necessary first step.

But making a plan real is often difficult. We are therefore pleased that implementation of this enhancement is taking place within just a year of its recommendation.

Not only will the improvements benefit residents, they will also serve to make the downtown a more attractive place for all. That this renewal will likely attract new businesses is also an advantage. And this, in turn, will help bring in more folks to enjoy the village.

Remediating health and safety code violations at low-to-moderate income owner-occupied dwellings is also an important step in improving the overall community.

And we are delighted about the work that Montague Catholic Social Ministries is doing to strengthen English and literacy skills for another group of our residents.

We like the way the CDBG funds are being applied since the money will be used to enhance the lives of people in our town. And it contributes to a more vital and sustainable place for us all to live.

The battlefield grant is also of tremendous significance. We feel it was right that the grant last year was rejected, as it helped spur rethinking of the project.

Gaining the support of surrounding historical commissions and bringing together a number of Native American tribes improved not only the application but will also strengthen the study itself.

The participation of the tribes will help establish not only what happened here on both sides of the Connecticut River but also contribute to the general oral history of the valley and peoples of the valley. As an important crossroads in colonial America, Great Falls and the famous battle that occurred here deserve better documentation.

For some years we have been aware of a desire on the part of some, including the Native Americans, to establish a cultural heritage site along the banks of our majestic river. The battlefield documentation could very likely be an important beginning for this long-term project. Already, however, the study will enhance our region as a place for learning about the lives of colonial and native peoples.

We are also pleased that the Nolumbeka Project will be setting up along the river in conjunction with the annual Turners Falls block party. Their participation only enhances the diversity of our community and will help provide some history, culture and extra fun to this great event.

We want to thank RiverCulture director Suzanne LoManto for doing such a splendid job organizing this year's event, for helping bring in the Nolumbeka Project, and for her ongoing vision for the town.

Saturday, August 2 in downtown Turners promises to be a true celebration of all that makes this village and our entire region so special. This year we have much to celebrate.

We look forward to meeting up with friends, making some new ones, shaking a leg, moving to the music and just generally having a very good time.



Not the year of the child.

Letters to the Editors

Thanks Due to Klepadlo

I respect Eugene Klepadlo (Gene) for the person who he is and I am very happy that he was willing to share himself with the town for more than four years.

He is intelligent, informative, knowledgeable, personable, dealt very well with town issues, and has helped to keep the town on the straight and narrow path.

Anything he has done as Selectman has been with the best interests of the town. He had no personal agendas and managed to take some potentially volatile situations and make them calm.

Gene was always very well informed on whatever issues the Selectboard was dealing with.

He made sure that he read everything he could about the "Pipeline" so he could talk intelligently about it and be knowledgeable in his answers to the public.

He went above and beyond to understand the issues and he requested Kinder Morgan to come to town for a question and answer session. The session took place and it was well received. I believe many people were better informed after the session.

He knew how to handle difficult situations. He is smart enough to know what to say in any given situation to try to make the situation get better instead of getting worse. Gene went the extra mile and dedi-

cated himself to the improvements of the town.

Being a member of a Selectboard is a very difficult position to be in. That's the nature of the position.

I think that most people who are willing to put themselves in that place pretty much know ahead of time what they are getting into. Being a selectman means there are many sleepless nights and interruptions to your family life.

I think that every person in town should appreciate what Gene has done for the town, and should thank him when they see him.

Margaret Sullivan
Erving Selectboard Member

Be Offended.

The good folks who are pitching a fit over the placement of "migrant minors" in our communities are no better than the "good folks" who declined to give refuge or sanctuary to the Jews and others who fled the Nazis.

I am aware that this will deeply, deeply, (deeply) offend many good folks in its clumsy moral equivalency, and in its loose historical parallels. It may especially offend those who are just plain bored with talk of Nazis.

I don't care. Be offended.

Be especially offended if you are a municipal, state or national official indecisively playing to the blind stupidity and prejudices of your good, offended constituents.

Those who are offended have, in general, long ago forfeited any authority to take genuine offense... to take anything but the most self-serving offense.

The question is not whether those who have crossed U.S. borders are worthy of being here, or are whether they are entitled to be here.

The question is whether the U.S. is any longer worthy of its professed ideals, or entitled to its lame, arbitrary, bloody borders.

Wesley Blixt
Greenfield

Journalistic Balance

I would like to commend Neil Young Cloaca for his letter in last week's *Reporter*.

The equilibrium he maintained in illustrating a complex issue was excellent, and it mirrored the journalistic balance I have come to respect about the *Reporter* in general.

Anne Jemas, in her dissenting letter, said, "No one I know wants Turners to become the next

Northampton."

I am in complete agreement with her regarding that point. If such a vision is to be actualized, it will have to follow the lead of the *Reporter's* original handling of the building story, as well as Neil's follow-up.

Kevin J Smith
Turners Falls

GUEST EDITORIAL

Montague Energy Committee on the Gas Pipeline: Open Letter to Governor Patrick

As an energy committee in Massachusetts, we are committed to the goals of greenhouse gas emission reductions set by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Climate Plan for 2020 and to our Green Community goal of reaching and exceeding a 20% reduction in municipal energy consumption within five years of becoming a Green Community.

We are approaching that 20% reduction and actively pursuing new grants and energy-saving actions.

In our advisory role, we are carefully examining the impact of the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) that is currently planned to go through our town, and we are

looking at whether or not this pipeline meshes with state and municipal climate goals.

While natural gas has been a useful transitional fuel that has helped Massachusetts move away from more polluting fossil fuels, especially coal and fuel oil, natural gas has served its purpose. We believe that the state should now shift away from fossil fuels and focus on energy efficiency and renewables.

As one of the recognized leaders in both arenas, Massachusetts is well positioned to accelerate its promotion and adoption of these strategies and to continue to serve

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The folks at Red Fire Farm on Meadow Rd. have a **white pigeon with a pink tag** on his foot that has been living there for the past several weeks. They'd like to get it returned home. If you are missing a pigeon, please get in touch with them at (413) 367-2276.

Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls has four upcoming community events. On Friday, August 1, the **Dakin Humane Society** comes to town from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., with some 4-legged furry friends to meet and greet. They will be giving out lots of information on all sorts of Noah's Ark animals looking for their forever homes.

Also on August 1, just in time for the upcoming school year, the GSB in partnership with FM Kuzneskus Bus Company, will have a school bus on at the bank from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kuzneskus will have the bus doors open and will welcome youngsters entering school in the fall as **first time bus riders**. Parents with siblings are also welcome.

On Saturday, August 2, GSB has **bingo** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Caller to be announced and registration required by calling 413-863-4316.

On Saturday morning, August 9, starting at 10, join Sue Jasmin from **FIDO dog training**.

Jasmin is a professional dog trainer with many years of experience involving not only puppies but adult and problem dogs. Participants are to be of the two-footed variety only.

"Flying for Food" sponsored by the Franklin County Radio Control Club to support the Western MA Food Bank is scheduled on August 2 from 10 to 5 p.m.

There will be food vendors, airplane models from all eras, flight simulators, demos and more. Admission is free, but a non-perishable food donation is encouraged.

The event is held at 110 Industrial Blvd, Turners Falls (Turners Falls Airport Gate 4 just before Franklin County Tech School) with a rain date of August 3.

On August 6 the Greenfield Library will welcome Ron Krupp, who will be speaking on the **Politics of**

Food & Farming. His talk will include a slide show taken from his new book, *Lifting the Yoke*, on local farm and food solutions in Vermont.

Krupp will consider why, if we have a surplus of food in this country, farmers have to continue to produce more to stay in business, why so many farmers are going broke, why we are so dependent on the global corporate food economy, and why we are facing an obesity epidemic in the US.

He will address these issues as well as provide local and sustainable food solutions through a discussion of community gardening, farmers' markets, canneries, and healthy lifestyle changes.

For more information about this talk, which is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library, please call the GPL at (413) 772-1544.

Small Change will be performing **"acoustic strings and other things"** at the Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls on Friday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

The Coffeehouse Music Series takes place in the historic Great Hall of the Great Falls Discovery Center at 2 Avenue A, in downtown Turners Falls. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Coffee and homemade baked goods are available. The museum and museum store are open during intermission.

There is a suggested sliding scale donation \$6 to \$12, free for children. Donations help the Friends of the Discovery Center provide free nature programming for the public.

The Discovery Center is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, please call the Discovery Center at (413) 863-3221 or online at greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org.

The **Bridge of Flowers Classic 10K Road Race** in Shelburne Falls/Buckland is on Saturday, August 9. The Steve Lewis Subaru 3K Charity Run and Walk occurs first, followed by the 10K Race. If you would like to participate in either event, or if you would like to volunteer, please visit www.bridgeofflowers10k.com.

The **Old Deerfield Sunday Afternoon Concert Series** will continue its 65th season on Sunday, August 10m at 3 p.m. in the music room of Memorial Hall Museum, 8 Memorial Street, in Old Deerfield.

Featured performers will be Akal Dev Sharonne, flute and Sarah Ehle, piano in a program entitled "Prodigies on Parade" with works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saens and Franck.

Other performances in the Old Deerfield Sunday Afternoon series are listed at www.deerfield-ma.org in the Events Calendar listed under the heading "Happenings" with links to artists' websites where available.

Copies of **David Brule's book West Along the River 2**, reviewed in our last issue, are available at the Montague Reporter, 177 Avenue A in downtown Turners. A portion of the sales benefits your newspaper.

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In the last issue of The Reporter we incorrectly identified the oldest resident in Gill, who had passed away recently, as Ellen Hastings. It should have read Edith Hastings.

We apologize for the error and would like to thank Ellen Hastings for bringing it to our attention.

Gill Remembers Edith Hastings (1915-2014)

Edith Hastings, who passed away on July 13, was a beloved member of the Gill community. Ellen Hastings, her niece by marriage, told us that "she was a well-loved lady who worked the farm with her husband everyday until he died [in 1995]. She was a lady you liked to be around."

Ellen also remembered that "if you wanted to know something about what was going in Gill, she was the one to ask." She added, "I don't know who you would ask now."

Edith was born in Montague City on June 20, 1915, the daughter

of Richard and Fannie Mae (Martindale) Shedd. Educated in Bernardston schools, she was the class salutatorian when she graduated from Powers Institute in 1934. In 1936, she married Warren Hastings.

She sang in the Gill Church Choir and was an active member of the community and her pies were renowned throughout our area.

She is survived by two sons, Eugene "Bud" Hastings and his wife Lyndell of Bernardston and Ernest Hastings and his wife Judy of Gill.

She also leaves eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

GUEST from previous page as a model for other states.

It is unclear to us that a new transmission pipeline is necessary to meet Massachusetts' current and future energy demands or that it is needed to ensure electric and heating reliability.

From our review of public documents, the interest in additional gas transmission pipelines seems to be driven by the desire to reduce peak winter price spikes, rather than by a lack of gas capacity. We ask whether recent price increases in natural gas are a valid justification for expanded pipeline infrastructure.

Secondly, given that questions are increasingly arising about how much methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is released throughout the production, transmission, and local distribution of natural gas, particularly that produced by hydraulic fracturing, we wonder if other approaches to addressing peak cost spikes would be more in keeping with state energy goals.

The Conservation Law Foundation's report, *Into Thin Air*, indicates that natural gas distribution pipelines in Massachusetts are a very significant source of methane leakage.

It recommends that, "Before we

invest in costly new transmission lines and other natural gas infrastructure, we must address these avoidable system losses, and we must increase the efficiency of the existing system."

The report also states that "eliminating these fugitive emissions [from local gas distribution pipelines] could help Massachusetts to achieve between 2.5% to 15% of the total reductions required by 2020 ...

"Meeting the Commonwealth's mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 requires the Commonwealth to address this substantial source [of greenhouse gas emissions]."

In light of the degree of fugitive methane losses from existing gas pipelines and the likely methane leaks from the hydraulic fracturing process which will supply the proposed pipeline, the Montague Energy Committee questions whether a new gas pipeline such as that proposed by TGP, that would commit the state to additional long term gas use, is in keeping with the mandated greenhouse gas reductions.

The committee instead asks that you consider other solutions to ad-

ressing the price spikes.

According to the Conservation Law Foundation's May 30, 2014 letter to the New England States Committee on Electricity, "[energy efficiency] solutions are especially effective in dealing with a capacity issue that is as limited in time and scope as the "basis differential" problem that primarily presents itself in needle peaks [for very short time spans] during the winter heating season."

The Black and Veatch report to the New England States Committee on Electricity projects that a low demand energy scenario which "assumes no growth in natural gas demand in the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors" as a result of energy efficiency and distributed renewable energy resources, "will eliminate most regional constraints."

We believe that any new tariff on Massachusetts ratepayers, which should be established through an open public process, would be best used to expand energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to attain the low demand scenario put forth by Black and Veatch, rather than to install a new gas transmission pipeline

that commits us to decades of gas use and its greenhouse gas impacts.

We recommend that Massachusetts fix leaks in the existing gas pipeline infrastructure, employing local workers to do so; deepen its investment in cost-effective and job producing energy efficiency, renewable energy and energy storage; identify market reforms and options, such as LNG, for reducing near term gas price spikes, and lead the New England region by our example as a state committed to investing in a fossil-free, clean energy future.

We view these approaches as in keeping with the New England Governors' commitment to "enhanc[ing] the system reliability, and protect[ing] and increas[ing] the quality of life of our citizens."

We would ask that these questions, concerns, and recommendations be publicly discussed and addressed in the development of state policy.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,
Chris Mason
Chair, Town of Montague
Energy Committee

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a fair amount of outrage. And then last week the board's rebuke of Sharp himself further alienated some in Erving.

Meatley created a Facebook page last week with the heading: "Erving Residents Stand up and Take Back our Town."

According to Meatley's post, the group "was started for the Residents or people with ties to Erving to stand up and voice [their] concerns with the way the Town is being run. Our voices may not be heard at the town hall but they can be here."

While there is no direct indication that Klepadlo resigned from the board because of the group's formation, he did say in his telephone conversation he hoped the people behind it had the courage to take out papers and bring their views before the voters.

Nearly 200 residents had joined the group as of press time.

Among the objectives of the group is to elect new selectmen. With Klepadlo's resignation, that opportunity will not come before this fall.

Town clerk Richard Newton said that the earliest that a special election can be held is 64 days after the next selectboard meeting (August 4). That would put the election on October 4 or later.

Klepadlo's term was scheduled to end May 2016.

Notes from the Erving
Selectboard – July 21

At the request of town coordinator Tom Sharp, the Erving selectboard executive session convened "To Consider the Dismissal or Discipline of a Public Employee and/or to Hear Complaints or Charges Brought Against a Public Employee" and was held publicly.

On July 14, police chief Chris Blair delivered an official letter of notice about the session to Sharp in his town hall office. In the letter, the board listed four reasons for the executive session:

Sharp's posting for the special town meeting scheduled for June 30, his conduct, his work hours, and expectations. The letter stated,

"After hearing all the facts, the Board may take action, which may include issuing an oral warning, placing you on leave, with or without pay, issuing a written warning, suspending or dismissing you depending on the outcome."

"To put an employee in this chair, which could lead to immediate dismissal, I can't tell you how stressful this is," Sharp told the board.

He said that receiving their letter, with its threat of warning, administrative leave, or immediate dismissal, had resulted in loss of appetite and loss of sleep: "To send the police chief to my desk with a letter does not seem fair. Executive session is for big things when you really are considering dismissal, but caution needs to be exercised because it tears an employee apart...I think this is an overreaction."

Chairman Eugene Klepadlo said "the biggest reason" for the letter

and executive session was the improper posting of the June 30 special town meeting by Sharp.

June 30 was the last day of fiscal year 2014, making it the last day the STM could authorize spending the town's state-certified fiscal year 2013 free cash.

Free cash results from the calculation of a town's remaining unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year, based on the balance sheet as of June 30.

The expenditures proposed in the STM warrant will be postponed until the fiscal year 2014 free cash is certified by the state in the fall.

These include: \$125,000 for appellate tax court legal expenses in FirstLight's appeal of the town's valuation of the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, \$60,000 for emergency generators, \$50,000 for town hall siding and roof work, and \$38,000 for fire department equipment, \$50,000 for an engineering study for a public water system in the center of town, \$10,000 for building improvements at the Pearl B. Care historical building, and \$10,000 for tree warden expenses.

Sharp said that he posted the warrant on the evening of June 16, after the selectboard meeting in which the selectboard finalized the STM warrant and also decided to terminate long-term town employee Paul Prest's position as highway/water/wastewater director.

Sharp characterized it as "a very stressful evening." Normally, he gives the finalized warrant to town clerk and constable Richard Newton, who is in town hall late on Monday evenings.

On the evening of June 16, however, Newton was attending a funeral and was not available. Because June 16 was the last date the meeting could be posted, Sharp, who typically posts selectboard and committee meetings, posted the warrant himself, signing his initials and the posting time on the warrant.

Several days before the STM date, a citizen informed Sharp that the posting was improper because the warrant had not been posted by a constable.

Sharp then contacted town counsel Donna MacNicol and they jointly called the attorney general's office, which agreed that the posting was improper.

Klepadlo said, "In the future, you need to notify all of our constables." Erving has three elected constables.

Sharp said, "It was a mistake. I don't understand what you mean to accomplish by putting this letter in my file and holding this executive session."

Klepadlo said that if the board needs to take any further action to discipline Sharp it needs to document its actions with official notices and meeting minutes.

Selectboard member Margaret Sullivan said, "This board has done some things we don't like to do because of lack of documentation."

She said the board was simply following the town's personnel policy and that it was difficult under open meeting law to talk informally with

an employee about complaints.

"We need to let you know we're not happy with this," Sullivan said. "We need to follow the policy with all employees."

Sharp questioned, "So the next time an employee makes a mistake, you're going to put them in this seat?"

Selectboard member William Bembury said that Sharp posting the warrant himself was "a big mistake." He said that the board needed to document that they had spoken to Sharp about the improper posting and came to some conclusion. "It's unfortunate we have to do this, but that's the world we live in."

Sharp asked the board what was meant by conduct in the notice letter.

Klepadlo said that he feels that Sharp sometimes "sneaks" unposted items onto the selectboard agenda. Sharp responded that Massachusetts General Laws allow unanticipated items to be discussed at open public meetings and that because the word conduct implies integrity, "I was incredibly insulted to read that in the letter." Klepadlo said that people in town have expressed the feeling that the board does not act openly and that "we need to be 100% open."

Regarding hours of work, Klepadlo told Sharp that he has called the office at 10 am, at the start of Sharp's office hours, on several occasions and found that Sharp was not in the office.

Sharp said that he has a detailed log of the hours he spends working for the town and would be glad to share that with the board. "I am often the first person to arrive at town hall and the last person to leave," he said. Sullivan said that Sharp should post his office hours and adhere to them.

Regarding expectations, Sharp said, "This is certainly not a charge."

Asked to specify what expectations were at issue, Klepadlo said, "We need to come to an understanding about what we expect of you and what you expect of us."

Sharp asked the board to commit to meeting in a retreat setting with him and a trained mediator as soon as possible "to make us a better team and leave the town of Erving in a better place."

Although the board was willing to agree to the idea of meeting with Sharp and a mediator, Sullivan felt a private retreat session would not meet open meeting law requirements and Klepadlo said a quick time frame was not acceptable, considering that it is summer vacation season.

Sharp and the board agreed that they would plan to meet jointly with a mediator to work on becoming a better team before September 30, assuming the meeting could meet open meeting requirements.

New England Direct Pipeline

Klepadlo commented that the July 8 meeting with Kinder-Morgan representatives and about the proposed New England Direct natural gas pipeline was "fruitful."

He said, "The next step should

come from residents as a non-binding resolution for a special town meeting or annual town meeting."

Bembury said he had spoken with pipeline opponent Morningstar Chenven and given her information about how to put a citizen petition on town meeting warrant.

Sullivan suggested that opponents "maybe should try to stop fracking, rather than transport."

Re-Development Projects

Sharp reported that he was meeting with Robin Sherman of Franklin Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Franklin Regional Council of Governments planner Margaret Sloan and Usher Plant re-development committee chair Jeanie Schermesser on July 23 to discuss redevelopment plans for the former International Paper Mill/Millers Falls Paper property and the former Usher Plant.

Sharp said he was waiting to hear from town counsel about whether auctioning the former IP/Millers Falls Paper property would require town meeting approval.

The board approved paying the \$6821.52 insurance cost for the property, pending finance committee approval of using reserve fund money. The board instructed highway foreman Glenn McCrory to construct a temporary fence around the property.

Lee Street Extension/
Restored Maintenance Request

Greg McGarry, nephew of longtime town resident Ursula Kersavage, who owns three lots on Lee and Wheelock streets, asked the board to approve extending Lee Street 280 feet beyond the currently paved portion, along an unpaved roadbed layout shown on town and state maps.

This would allow potential buyers John and Faith Griffiths to build "their dream home" on two lots at the end of Lee Street. The Griffiths had attended the June 9 selectboard meeting asking for the town to upgrade and maintain the unpaved end of Lee Street.

McGarry noted that his mother grew up in Erving, and his aunt Ursula would still reside in town except for her current illness.

He said that he and his family have strong ties to Erving and that the family's interests are similar to those of Erving residents.

He said that because state and local maps show the road layout as extending beyond the paved section and because the family has paid developable land tax rates on the lots, "We always believed the town would extend the road." He added, "It's the right and just course of action."

Highway foreman Glenn McCrory said he had called several contractors who had not seen the location to ask for cost estimates. He said the contractors provided ballpark figures of \$500,000 to \$750,000 for the 280-foot extension of the road. Klepadlo said, "We would like to help, but it's really not possible for us to do anything," because that expenditure of that amount of money

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ERVING from previous page would need to come before town meeting and free cash to support such an expenditure was not likely to be certified until fall.

He said that, although the extended road layout had been on town maps, “We cannot find that it was accepted [as a town road].”

McGarry said, “I find it difficult to believe that my family for 100 years has been paying taxes as if they could build on that lot, but the town is not allowing us to go forth with building plans.”

Realtor Corinne Fitzgerald cited the example of Old Wendell Road in Northfield, where that town has extended the road as new buildings have been constructed on unmaintained sections.

Klepadlo said that the board would “not make a commitment tonight,” because “We don’t have the funding for it,” and that the town is awaiting advice from town counsel and more information about whether the unpaved portion of Lee Street is a town road or not.

Sullivan commented that a private person might be able to upgrade the road for less money, because they would not need to meet town road specifications.

Realtor Corinne Fitzgerald asked whether a private citizen would be

able to build a road on a town road bed and Sullivan answered, “Probably not.”

Erving Public Library

Library director Barbara Friedman updated the selectboard on Erving library activities. She presented Bembury and Sharp with their new plastic library cards with a colorful photo of the French King Bridge.

She said that the feasibility study committee, formed after the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners provided the town with a \$50,000 feasibility study grant, was meeting July 29. The committee will visit the Buckland and Sunderland libraries.

She said the process of upgrading Erving’s library facility could take four to five years.

Friedman said she had applied for a \$10,000 grant for preschool

science-technology-engineering-art-mathematics (STEAM) programming.

She told the board that “summer is booming,” with 117 children participating in the summer reading program. She said that the July 22 Mad Science program would be held at Erving Elementary School because programs with many participants do not fit at the library building.

French King Bridge

The board agreed that they would like to participate in discussions with the town of Gill about preventing suicides at the French King Bridge and will work with Gill on scheduling a meeting. Sharp said that Blair is compiling data on suicide attempts at the bridge.



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“You’re the appointing authority,” said Moruzzi at one point in the exchange. “I have to go out and find my own replacement?”

The spark that ignited the current row appeared to come from a decision by the selectboard to seek letters signed by senior fire department staff, as they turn 65, holding the town harmless if they are injured in the course of activities that are beyond the terms of job descriptions for firefighters who remain on active duty over the age of 65.

But as Dean Alfange, a member of the study committee, pointed out, as of this week, job descriptions for senior firefighters have not been written yet.

Olson, Alfange said, was understandably hesitant to sign such a waiver when it was unclear what activities would be proscribed.

Brazeau said he did not want firefighters over the age of 65 entering a burning building and putting their lives at risk.

But department personnel on hand for the discussion pointed out that many of the more routine aspects of their job, which now predominantly involve medical calls and car accidents, also involve risk to responders.

It is precisely the experience gained with decades of active service that allows senior staff to assess risks and deploy resources accordingly, they argued.

An hour and a half later, tempers had cooled, and an agreement seemed to be taking shape to detail job descriptions for senior staff,

and to allow for the reappointment of Captain Moore at the end of August.

In the meanwhile, Moruzzi said he and others would continue where Olson’s efforts to train the newer recruits had left off, while considering his own options for continued service after January of 2015.

Moruzzi, who started off the meeting by noting that the position he filled was that of a strong chief, independent of the selectboard in terms of policy for running his department, wound up saying he was not sure when he would retire.

“If I am the only person there and I’m doing everything, then no,” Moruzzi said he would not seek to stay on the force past 65. “We’ll see how things play out,” he added.

The selectboard continued to insist they needed a plan to handle the transition at the fire department as senior officers reach 65, and that it was the chief’s responsibility to provide one.

Broadband Rollout

The board announced the first public hearing on the rollout of Leverett’s first in Massachusetts municipal “last mile” broadband network.

The multi-million dollar fiber optic network, which will allow every household in town to subscribe for state of the art broadband services, is expected to go live by the end of the year.

The public can get their questions answered about the rollout and even qualify for a free month of internet

service from Crocker Communications, the town’s designated internet service provider, by bringing their checkbook and preregistering at the August 21 meeting, which will be held at the elementary school, d’Errico said.

He gave estimates for what it would cost Leverett citizens to subscribe for phone service through the municipal broadband network (about \$30 per month), internet only (about \$25) or both combined (about \$45).

He said the cost to subscribers to pay for the administrative aspects of the system, formally known as the Town of Leverett Municipal Light Plant, will be determined based on the number of households that sign up. If 600 subscribers sign up, for example, d’Errico said the town would charge each about \$30 a month for administration.

These and other variables will be part of the discussion on August 21. D’Errico said Crocker may add other incentives for pre-registering. For example, it may be that pre-registrants will receive a date-stamped receipt that will allow the internet connections to their homes to “go live” in the order that they first sign up, d’Errico said.

Other Business

In other news, the board directed administrator Margie McGinnis to write to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) formally requesting membership for the town of Leverett. The board has heard from at least one resident who would like

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to use the FRTA to reach medical appointments in Greenfield.

FRTA director Tina Cote has remained firm in her assertion that Leverett cannot be a member of two regional transit authorities at the same time.

Leverett is currently a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) for call response van service for senior citizens and handicapped residents.

The board has also expressed interest in the fate of the FRTA’s Route 23, which is the sole fixed route public transportation traveling through town borders, up and down Route 63.

“I can’t believe that the state, that is giving them all this funding,” said Brazeau, “would allow the FRTA to cancel a bus route from Greenfield to UMass, which has to be the biggest employer in the area.”

Transportation advocate Roy Kimmel has offered a plan to reduce

the fare on that bus route and divert it three miles to the center of Leverett for park and ride service, to better serve residents of the town of Leverett, but the FRTA has refused to hold public discussions on that route in Leverett, citing the town’s membership in the PVTA as a prohibitive factor.

Finally, the board decided to keep the spelling of Teawaddle Hill Road the way it is, after Peter Davis, a resident of that public way for 50 years, wrote to the board seeking a correction to Teewaddle Hill Road. Consultation with the town historical society failed to back up his claim.



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NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

Wendell Board Votes To Oppose Solar Law

By KATIE NOLAN

At a special Friday meeting on July 25, the Wendell selectboard voted to send a letter to state representative Denise Andrews and state senator Stan Rosenberg opposing proposed solar legislation H4185.

The letter states that, although the law improves current solar policy by eliminating caps on net metering, it also takes steps that will hurt local solar businesses.

“H.4185 will penalize existing solar customers and decrease solar benefits by eliminating the utility distribution portion of the net metering credit, imposing a minimum monthly bill and declining incentives...”

The selectboard wanted to approve and send the letter quickly, because the legislature will be voting on the bill the week of July 28 to August 1.

The selectboard also voted to adopt the provisions of 940 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 29.10 which allows remote participation by a board member for meetings subject to Open Meeting Law.

When a member participates remotely, a quorum of the board or committee must be physically present at the meeting and all votes must be taken by roll call votes.

As a result of adoption of the provisions, remote participation may be used by any board or committee in town.

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will be heading to Washington, D.C. on August 26 to attend a one-day workshop hosted by the National Park Service to help grant administrators facilitate their projects.

Ramsey said the \$60,000 will primarily be used to hire a principal investigator and to pay the Native American Tribal preservation groups as consultants. Brule said they will also need to hire an expert consultant on military terrain.

For thousands of years the site of the battlefield has been of significance. The Pocumtucks and their ancestors had long welcomed Native peoples from throughout the region, as the village was located at the confluence of two major Native American travel routes, the Mohawk Trail and the Connecticut River.

In the spring, when the salmon and shad ran the river, Native peoples from far and wide came to partake in the river’s spectacular boun-

ty. It was precisely this traditional gathering that was attacked on May 19, 1676.

At dawn on that day, with 50 garrison soldiers, among them Lieutenant Samuel Holyoke, and 100 other men, mostly farmers, the company led a surprise attack on the main Indian camps at Peskeompskut.

Although the accounts of the number of Indians killed varies from 200 to 350, what all agree on is that the victims were mainly elders, women and children.

Turner, along with 36 of his men, was killed on the retreat to Northampton; Holyoke was wounded but survived.

The massacre was a major blow to the Indians, and is generally regarded as a turning point in Metacom’s War.

Not only did the English victory greatly compromise the food supply for the Native Americans, the attack also destroyed the blacksmithing

and gun repair capabilities of the Indians. Within three months Metacom was dead and the war at an end.

According to the application it was necessary to protect the battlefield from the steady encroachment of development of all sorts: residential, commercial and industrial.

The grant application was not fully supported by the Montague selectboard. Mark Fairbrother voted against it when it came up for a vote last year. Nonetheless, the votes of selectmen Chris Boutwell and Mike Nelson allowed the grant to be submitted to the National Park Service.

Ramsey said that because the grant award wording was only finalized this week, it was too late for it to be submitted to the July 28 meeting of the Montague selectboard for approval. That will take place on August 11.



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42nd Street, which is currently playing at the theater.

Nick Waynelovich, the President of the theater company Ja’Duke which is one of the primary users of the Shea venue, questioned whether the value of the proposed ten-year contract required a bidding process under state law. (Chapter 30B mandates an RFP for all contracts over \$35,000). He requested a written legal opinion from town counsel.

Shea supporters also claimed the uncertainty of an RFP would undermine the ability of the theater to attract bookings.

The board responded by extending the current contract through the end of 2015 and asking town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio for a written opinion on 30B.

Thus at the August 29 meeting, Abbondanzio cited a written legal opinion stating that if the value of the contract exceeded \$35,000, an RFP would be required.

The value of the ten-year contract would need to be determined by a certified appraiser.. Abbondanzio requested that the Selectboard appropriate \$600 for the appraisal, a request approved by the board.

Theater Criticism

However, during this discussion, numerous complaints directed at the current Shea administration were raised by members of the Turners Falls arts community who had filled the meeting room.

John MacNamara, a co-owner of the store Loot on Avenue A, stated that the failure to give adequate notice of the expiring contract reflected deeper administrative problems. “I wonder who’s in charge at the Shea,” he stated.

He stressed the Shea’s double-booking of the Upper Valley Music Festival and a Ja’Duke production, which led to Turners Falls losing the festival, raised questions about the theater’s organization and priorities.

The Shea “never even told them

they didn’t have a space,” according to MacNamara, noting that festival organizers found out at the last minute when they drove by the theater.

Jamie Berger, a co-owner of the bar/restaurant Rendezvous, stated that he had approached the theater to consider booking a broader range of events, including literary events, but “they never got back to me.”

He termed claims, made at the previous meeting, that an RFP process would undermine the viability of the Shea “grandiose and ridiculous.”

A number of other speakers suggested that the theater was not open to emerging cultural developments in Turners.

Lisa Davol, former director of RiverCulture, which has organized numerous cultural events in Turners, complained that every time she attempted to collaborate with the Shea, “I was turned away.”

The theater, Davol stated, did not seem to recognize that “we are in a new era.”

According to former Reporter editor David Detmold, the Shea has “stuck with a tried and true formula” – traditional musicals – that has limited their audience.”

The Shea board, he said, “thinks more of its resident companies than the community at large,” and “too often has circled the wagons.”

Gillian Morgan, a member of the Shea Theater board, responded that that the organization is in fact open to criticism and input. In response to questions about the close relationship between the Shea and companies like Ja’Duke, she emphasized that “no company that rents is on the board of directors.”

Several speakers suggested that the perceived conflicts between the “old” and “new” Turners Falls might be resolved through an RFP.

Abbondanzio proposed that the Selectboard revive an organization called the Civic Center Commission to oversee a potential bidding process. The commission was apparently central to revitalizing the Shea

in the late 1980s.

The Selectboard seemed open to this approach but will await the decision of the appraiser before moving forward with an RFP.

Bad Paving Job

The Shea discussion came at the end of another long summer meeting that featured a number of ongoing controversies. One of these is the effort to put the finishing touches on the sewer restoration at the intersection of Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard, the entrance to the industrial park.

Paul Gilbert of Camp, Dresser and McKee Smith, the project engineer, said he was “not impressed” with the final blacktopping job done by the company hired to do the sewer restoration, Baltazar Contractors of Ludlow.

DPW head Tom Bergeron proposed that “my guy,” Warner Brothers, redo the work at an estimated cost of \$35,394.

This idea was not greeted with enthusiasm by the Selectboard, which heard several expressions of anguish and frustration from members of the audience.

Town meeting member John Reynolds termed the situation “ridiculous” and “outrageous.”

Jeanne Golrick, a frequent critic of the project, asked, “Could we not hire these people [Baltazar] any more?”

Bergeron suggest 8:57 p.m. Assisted a kitty ed that the problem was caused by assigning the project to the lowest bidder.

The specific problem, he explained, was that sandy soil caused the resulting trench for the sewer to be significantly wider than predicted, and wider than Baltazar’s black topping equipment. The company then refused to subcontract the job to Warner Brothers, which apparently has the proper equipment.

The overall project has come in under budget so the new work will not require a new appropriation from town meeting.

The Selectboard voted to approve the needed funds “grumpily,” in the words of board member Mike Nelson.

Board member Mark Fairbrother, who voted for the appropriation, concurred with the adverb.

Hatchery Road

On another issue that has produced much grumpiness, there has been significant progress in the effort to resolve the right of way controversy on Hatchery Road, where Lisa and Robert Adams want to rebuild several barns destroyed by fire.

The town has argued that the barns are within the Hatchery Road right of way and thus cannot be rebuilt according to the state building code. The Adamses have produced old maps to challenge the right of way claim.

The solution to the problem has been to petition the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to help certify a new right of way of fifty feet.

Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio has initiated the process with FRCOG and proposed to use \$2,000 in community development block funds to hire Mr. Toth, who has worked with the Adamses analyzing old maps, to do a new survey.

The Adamses, however, remained rather grumpy, complaining that some of the drainage work being done on the related Greenfield Road project was in fact taking their land without due process.

Meanwhile Michael Naughton, a colleague of Lisa Adams on the Montague Finance Committee and a Millers Falls resident, questioned the basis for the fifty-foot right of way measurement, which he suggested was arbitrary.

Building inspector David Jensen respond that the measurement was standard for “commuter roads.” Hatchery Road has been designated a commuter road due to the rerouting of traffic as a result of the de-

cision not to rebuild the Greenfield Road bridge for the use of automobiles.

Other Business

In other news, Police Chief Chip Dodge requested that the board approve a sign restricting truck traffic on First Street, which runs down the hill from Kostanski funeral home and by the renovated Unity Park.

Dodge said he had been informed by a local resident that large trucks were speeding down the hill creating a dangerous situation in the park. On the advice of DPW head Tom Bergeron the board approved two signs which would read “No Commercial Vehicles Over 10 Tons.”

Dodge also asked the board to approve the resignation of one part-time dispatcher, Jeremy Komell-Bernstein and the hiring of another, Danielle Marie who also currently works full time in Greenfield as the dispatch supervisor. The board approved the requests.

The board dealt with several requests for designated parking spaces and one-day liquor licenses during the upcoming Turners Falls block party.

The parking space requests were approved, but a liquor license request from the Black Cow Burger was denied because it had not been submitted in a timely fashion and the applicant was not in attendance.

There was also the question of whether the license, which would allow liquor to be served on sidewalk tables, would set a precedent.

Alice Johnson, a Turners Falls resident who noted that she “was not a politician,” began the meeting by presenting ideas for removing graffiti from a building on Second Street.

Frank Abbondanzio suggested that she collaborate with the community policing officer in Turners and gave Ms. Johnson the appropriate contact information.



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will be assembling at 2:45 pm near the intersection of K Street and 9th.

Led by the **Celebration Brass Band**, this on-foot parade is in the style of a New Orleans second line. In other words, musicians up front are followed by everybody who wants to join in.

Neighborhoods and organizations are encouraged to show their pride by walking together with a flag or banner or by just showing up and strolling along the avenue. Businesses are invited to strut their stuff as well. Individuals are welcome to join in just to celebrate you being you!

Costumes can be elaborate or as simple as a silly hat. If you don't have the time to assemble a costume, the organizers plan to have some costumes on hand for people to don at the last minute.

If the entire parade route is too challenging for some to walk, anyone can join in anywhere along the route and shake a leg for a few feet or a few blocks.

Last year the parade included community garden fairies, motorized wheelchairs, large and lovely slugs, the K Street neighbors on a porch crawl float, the ever-popular lawn chair brigade, and, of course, **Miss Turners Falls**, who will again be appearing this year in a new outfit created by Christa Snyder of Funk*Shun.

Music, of course, is a big part of the Block Party. In addition to the acts at the waterfront, on a stage at Spinner Park a number of great bands will be enlivening the atmosphere throughout the day.

The music kicks off with **Burrie Jenkins** at 2 p.m. playing "summer of love-west coast guitar." At 3 p.m., after leading the parade, the **Celebration Brass Band** will continue to entertain.

Acoustic-folk guitarist **Eric Reinhardt** comes on at 3:30 followed by the eclectic group **The Original Cowards** at 4:30 p.m. who will be rocking the avenue with a blend of rock and some roll, soul, blues, punk from a distance.

The **Salvation Alley String Band** will perform a mélange of

country rock style tunes at 6, featuring everything from honky-tonk, western swing, Bakersfield country, bluegrass, to rock and roll.

At 7 p.m., **World Way**, an African roots reggae band will close out the Spinner Park acts.

But those ready for more can head to the Rendezvous for an after party with the **Wildcat O'Halloran Band** at 9:30 p.m.

Along the Avenue, various storefront galleries will be showcasing the talents of many local artists in an



Adam John Mulcahy's "Speed Freak" will be on display in an Avenue A storefront window as part of the ReIMAGINE exhibit.

exhibition entitled **ReIMAGINE**.

The imaginative exhibits include work by Annaliese Bischoff, Harry Greenwald, Bronwen Hodgkinson, Lyn Horan, Amy Johnquest, John Landino, Suzanne LoManto, Adam John Mulcahy, Jack Nelson, Dean Nimmer, Michael Sjostedt, Tami Stiles, Katherine Truesdell, and Stacy Waldman.

As in the past, Paperlogic (formerly Southworth Paper Company) will be offering a tour of their plant. Lucky participants can get a real understanding of how paper is made by being able to view the entire process, from pulp bales to finished paper.

Those interested should meet at 3:45 p.m. under the Paperlogic sign, 36 Canal Street Turners Falls. The tour begins promptly at 4 p.m.

Children's favorite **Robie Bones**, who plays a variety of instruments and performs traditional as well as original compositions will also be setting up near the Discovery Center.

All festivities are free and handicap accessible. There will be ample parking on the side streets and in town lots.

For more information, see www.turnersfallsriverculture.org and www.nolumbekaproject.org.

Jeff Singleton Appointed Town Designee to FRTA

By PATRICIA PRUITT

MONTAGUE – With selectboard chair Boutwell declaring his disinterest in representing Montague at the FRTA meetings, Singleton's request to be appointed "designee," as delineated in the FRTA Bylaws found no opposition from any selectboard members.

Singleton is positioned as town designee to represent Montague effectively. He has been the town's

main source of information about the fate of Route 23 to Amherst, and has taken it upon himself to vigilantly follow the FRTA process of setting routes, and assessing costs to the member towns.

Singleton was recently appointed to the town's energy committee, where he serves as a liaison on transportation issues.

Further he was asked by the selectboard to work with town administrator Abbondanzio and Walter

Ramsey, town planner, to identify what transport services the town of Montague needs.

Singleton assured the board that he will try to get more specific information regarding town assessments from FRTA.

To date the FRTA consultant, according to Singleton, has offered only a general explanation of how assessments are made.

State Awards Montague \$823,626 For Housing and Streetscape Improvements; Literacy Programs

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded the town of Montague a Community Development Block Grant of \$823,626 for Avenue A for streetscape enhancements as well as to provide early literacy training and housing rehabilitation assistance for housing units in Turners Falls.

According to town planner Walter Ramsey, the streetscape project grew out of the downtown "livability" planning process that concluded last June. Among the many improvements suggested in the study was the creation of landscaped seating area on Avenue A, added signage and new street lights.

Ramsey said that the grant will pay for a number of these improvements. He cited as major undertakings the upgrading of 33 street lights that have reached the end of their useful lives with new, high efficiency lamps and poles and the creation of a new pedestrian plaza at southwest corner of 3rd Street and Avenue A by extending the sidewalk area into the intersection.

In addition, the grant will pay for the replacement of existing planters with newly-designed landscape elements that will provide pedestrian seating as well as rebuild deteriorated sections of the brick sidewalks in order to improve safety and access-

sibility.

New trash and recycling receptacles will also be placed all along the Avenue.

The application states that as Avenue A is the main thoroughfare in Turners Falls, and its intersection with 3rd Street is the busiest corner of the downtown, the improvements on this corner will be a boon to many elderly, disabled and low income residents who do not have cars, and walk to work, appointments, church and shopping.

Replacing lighting along the Avenue and reconstructing the intersection and crosswalk at 3rd Street will dramatically improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and wheelchair users.

The town is also applying for funding to design Phase 2, which will extend pedestrian level street lights along both sides of Avenue A from 5th Street to 7th Street including the installation of lighting in the currently dark Peskeompskut Park.

Ramsey said he was "pleased that the Patrick Administration and DHCD have once again demonstrated a commitment to the revitalization of Turners Falls and the quality of life for the residents of Montague."

Early Literacy Training

Susan Mareneck, Executive Director of Montague Catholic Social Ministries, said she was delighted to have received a part of the grant funding for early literacy training.

The grant will provide much needed funds to continue a program of providing English and related activities to immigrant children at the pre-K, kindergarten and first grade levels.

The Program has a dual purpose in that it will provide convenient, no cost childcare for low income parents with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) so that parents can attend classes for English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) as well as provide early literacy education to their children.

Beneficiaries of the Program will be low income LEP parents, who benefit from having free childcare that allows them to attend ESOL classes, and their children, who benefit from early education and language instruction. It is expected that the Program will serve at least 35 beneficiaries.

Mareneck said that the present program, which began as a pilot in 2012 in conjunction with the Center for New Americans, has been highly successful. Indeed, last year, MCSM received a commendation from the Gill-Montague School District citing the improvement in the English skills of immigrant children.

Mareneck commented that the original idea that immigrants were in need of English training began in 2009 when MCSM partnered with the Center for New Americans to provide a range of ESOL programs for immigrant women.

This then grew into the present program, now facilitated by Leticia Salena with curriculum development and teaching by Jimena de Pareja. Both are native Spanish speakers.

Mareneck offered high praise to M.J. Adams of the Franklin County

Regional Housing Authority, who, she said, read the fine print and realized that funding would also be available from the grant for continuing programs. "M.J. really facilitated MCSM being able to reapply for this important grant."

Housing Authority

M. J. Adams, Director of Community Development at the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority, said the grant will enable the housing authority to continue working with low and moderate income homeowners to correct health and safety code violations at their properties in Turners Falls.

She said there was a long waiting list but that she hoped to assist as many homeowners as possible.

Funds will be used for initial lead paint risk assessments or full lead abatement inspections, post abatement compliance inspections, and correction of code violations.

The compliance inspections will be given as a grant to participating homeowners, because these costs have been barriers to participation in past programs.

The program will also provide homeowners and owners of rental property an affordable funding mechanism to correct code violations within their homes, bringing the units into compliance with the building and/or sanitary codes.

Through a point system, the program will target the most distressed, substandard housing units with the most code violations that are occupied by qualified low-to-moderate income owners.

Housing rehabilitation funds loaned to Owner-Occupants will be in the form of a "50/50," zero interest deferred payment loan (DPL). This means that 50% of the DPL will be repaid upon the sale or transfer of the property and 1/15th of the remaining 50% of the DPL will be forgiven each full year after the date of closing. After 15 years of compliance, a full 50% of the loan will be forgiven.

Housing rehabilitation funds loaned to Investor-Owners will also be in the form of a zero-interest DPL, but the entire amount borrowed will be repaid upon the sale or transfer of the property.

The maximum loan amount under this Program will be \$35,000 per unit for properties that involve lead paint remediation, septic system replacement/repair, asbestos removal, well drilling, historic preservation, or handicapped access work. The maximum for units not including these work items will be \$30,000.

Adams said that the process starts with a site visit by a rehab specialist who prioritizes work that needs to be done. The staff then works with the homeowners to secure bids for the rehabilitation and helps process their loans.


Last year the grant paid for work in Millers Falls. The year after next the focus will be on Lake Pleasant.

Adams said that this grant is enormously helpful in assisting homeowners to upgrade their homes with the result being safer and healthier building conditions. Ultimately, of course, it has a major impact on improving the community.


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NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Gill Board Likely To Oppose Gas Pipeline

By DAVID DETMOLD

Following a well-attended public hearing at Greenfield Community College last week on the natural gas pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and planned to traverse Franklin County on its way to Dracut from the Berkshire County town of Richmond, the Gill selectboard expressed opposition to the project on Monday night.

Selectboard member John Ward, along with town administrative assistant Ray Purington were among the more than 300 people in attendance on July 24 when Kinder Morgan representatives answered some questions that had been submitted in advance by members of the public, and pledged to answer other questions in the near future.

"My takeaway from that meeting," said Ward, "is that the pipeline is part of the larger discussion we need to be having about climate change, and whether it is important to put the brakes on some infrastructure projects," in order to shift resources to renewable energy and energy conservation.

Ward is co-owner of the Green-

field Solar Store, which deals in renewable energy systems.

When Ward emphasized investing in energy conservation as the most cost effective way to deal with capacity issues in New England's energy portfolio, selectboard chair Randy Crochier followed up with the comment, "The argument over whether [the proposed pipeline] is safe goes away if we don't need the capacity."

Referring to the controversial method of releasing natural gas from shale deposits through the forced lateral pumping of a slurry of water and chemicals – hydraulic fracturing – which, Kinder Morgan has said, would provide 60% or more of the gas to be carried through the planned pipeline, selectboard member Greg Snedeker said, "There is a frenzy of fracking right now, and it's being financed with junk bonds."

Snedeker wondered whether that financial bubble would burst to the detriment of governments that may be counting on tax revenues from the pipeline, which is estimated to cost \$4 billion to construct.

Purington offered his takeaway from the GCC meeting, saying, "People who are opposed to this

pipeline and want to stop it have quite an uphill battle."

While federal permitting for the project is still some years away, Purington recalled a Kinder Morgan spokesperson telling the audience at GCC their company has never yet been denied permission to build an infrastructure project it has brought before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Ward noted that Kinder Morgan was a direct descendant of the Enron corporation, famed for precipitating what was then the largest bankruptcy in American history after years of spurious accounting procedures were revealed hiding mountains of debt.

"These projects can go south quickly," added Snedeker.

Crochier asked Purington to get a copy of the resolution recently signed by the Montague selectboard opposing the pipeline project. He said even though the pipeline is planned to skip Gill on its planned route from Deerfield through Montague to Erving, Northfield and points east, the Gill board should make its position on the project known by formally voting on a similar resolution.

Fire Department

In other news, the Gill board appointed Patrick Crowningshield as a volunteer firefighter, and accepted the resignation of William Kimball from the same department "with deep regret."

Highway Department

Turning to the highway department, the board seemed adamant that the town should not pay a bill for repairs to the front end loader, which amounted to \$10,533.

"The dollar amount is unacceptable," said Purington, presenting the bill.

The Komatsu loader, purchased new in March of 2010, came with a four year warranty, which expired about three weeks before it began to overheat during normal use.

After multiple trips for service to Hadley, during which the problem – which turned out to be a power distribution valve – failed to be diagnosed, the malfunction was finally corrected in June.

The town will seek a reduction in the amount owed for that repair, even as it prepares to pay for a new problem with a one-ton pickup truck at the highway department, now in for service.

One bit of good news regarding town owned vehicles emerged when word came that the Riverside Water District would accept as a gift the

small electric vehicle formerly used by the fire department.

The EV is being "road tested" now by the water district, which could use it to check water meters in the small, relatively flat Riverside neighborhood. The car would come with its expensive to replace battery pack fully charged, courtesy of the town.

No Bid On Land

The board passed up a chance to bid on land being removed from Chapter 61-B protection by the selectboard's own administrative assistant – Ray Purington.

Purington is planning to sell less than a third of an acre of land he recently purchased near an existing house lot, as he moves the remaining acreage on Atherton Road into permanent forestry protection under Chapter 61. Purington will pay any back taxes associated with the small parcel coming out of 61-B.

Tick Labs Still Open

Crochier noted that free tick testing is still available for Gill residents as part of the town's participation in the Franklin County cooperative health program.

Testing for tick borne disease is advisable both for the person bitten, and for the public in tracking the spread of Lyme disease and other ailments, he said.

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THEATER REVIEWS

A Thoroughly Modern *Frankenstein*

By DAVID DETMOLD

GREENFIELD – Writer, actor Lindel Hart and director Linda McNerny have teamed up with Wendell theater magus Court Dorsey to bring a robust and strangely human adaptation of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's *Frankenstein* to the reanimated shell of the former First National Bank Building in Greenfield.

Although the current run is sold out, can we not hope for a revival? What would be more natural than reviving Frankenstein?

From the fevered dream of Mary Shelley to the fervid scream of Peter Boyle, there is always something godlike about the birth of Frankenstein's monster. Whether it's Boris Karloff or Robert DeNiro, audiences have shuddered in awe whenever he lurches to life.

In this production, the monster gestates atop a massive dais where First National customers once lightheartedly dashed off bank drafts before the Panic.

Covered in a flame-like gold lamé sac, the monster writhes more to the pulse of electronic beats than lightning bolts, as fulgurant video effects light up the cavernous brick walls of the soaring interior.

Naked we came into the world, and naked emerged the gorgeous monster from his ectoplasmic



Lindel Hart, as the creature, awakens.

sac. We feel confident Franklin County has never seen the like before in a bank lobby, although the world stage may view such histrionics with a wearied eye.

Soon enough he's wearing ragged pants and befriending a blind man in his cabin. Alas, we know too well, hell is waiting on beating wings to break loose as civilization, in the form of language, works its wormlike way into the newborn monster's transplanted brain.

If the monster's birth is godlike, then Victor Frankenstein is like Lucifer, bringing light to the darkened stage as a falling angel not even Milton could have embodied with the same assured sangfroid of M. Dorsey.

Dorsey plays Victor with a restrained glee bordering on mania, a character trait he appears to have honed for decades in his burrow. He makes *noblesse oblige* look more fun than necrophilia, the pursuit of science look like lechery, and

see **MONSTER** page B5

Ja'Duke's 42nd Street Is High-Energy Entertainment



BLANCHETTE PHOTO

Kimberly Williams, center, surrounded by the ensemble cast in the final production number of "42nd Street" last Sunday at the Shea.

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

TURNERS FALLS – The Broadway theater is rife with legends of understudies becoming overnight stars, which is the inspiration for many plays and films, including the musical "42nd Street" currently in production by Ja'Duke at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls.

In a twist, this production which is a play within a play has yet another layer of the unexpected right here in Turners Falls.

This musical first produced on Broadway in 1980 is the story of a young woman named Peggy Sawyer from Allentown, who gets a chance to be in the chorus of a Broadway show.

Sawyer proves herself with the cast and the director, Julian Marsh when the show's star, Dor-

othy Brock who has no ability to dance but is a well known musical theater star, falls and breaks her ankle. Unable to go on, Peggy is picked by Marsh to go on in her place, saving the show and becoming a star herself.

In a life-imitates-art moment, the week before this show was due to open at the Shea, Kylee Cole, the young dancer who was playing Peggy Sawyer, fell and broke her ankle. After weeks of rehearsal, the producer/directors found themselves with no one to play the lead.

This was a big crisis for the production, and a big disappointment for a young performer. It was no hopeful understudy who took Cole's place, but the very talented singer and dancer who was also

see **SHEA** page B5

POLKA MASS!

The 25th Anniversary White Eagle Polka Mass

By JOE PARZYCH

GREENFIELD – Fr. Stanley Aksamit of Our Lady of Peace in Turners Falls, conducted a Polka Mass at the White Eagles Society Picnic Grounds on Sunday, July 20 with the Eddie Forman Orchestra playing hymns arranged with a polka beat. Musicians doubled as the choir.

The polka mass marked the 100th anniversary of the White Eagle Society at the organization's dance pavilion and picnic grounds on Plain Road in Greenfield. A total of about 300 people attended the event.

It was 25 years ago that Reverend Father John Lis, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church on Deerfield Street in Greenfield, first arranged for a polka mass with music furnished by Eddie Forman and his orchestra. That first event marked the 75th Anniversary of the White Eagles Society.

Lis' successor, Father Stanley Aksamit, continued holding an annual polka mass for 24 more years, moving it to the White Eagles picnic grounds when the Sacred Heart

Church closed.

Aksamit, who became pastor of Saint Mary's Church of Peace in Turners Falls, carries on the tradition of an annual polka mass at the White Eagle Picnic Grounds. (A white eagle is Poland's national symbol and is depicted on their nation's flag.)

Arranging hymns to a polka beat, comes easily for Eddie Forman after years of experience and educa-

tion. As a young man, Forman was inspired by accordionist Myron Florin, who played accordion in the Lawrence Welk Orchestra.

Forman is not only an accomplished musician, but has a BA in Music Education from Westfield State College. He taught music at Hopkins Academy where he retired, last year, after 34 years.

The aging crowd gathered for the see **POLKA** page B5



Fr. Aksamit, with the Eddie Foreman Orchestra behind him.

MOMS FIND RESPITE

At the Women's Resource Center

By JOE KWIECINSKI

TURNERS FALLS – Picture this: as a mother with young children, you require some time for yourself. You'd love to "recharge your batteries" while your kids are busy and being cared for close by.

Well, the above scenario is now a reality. The Children's Trust of Massachusetts has provided funding to Montague Catholic Social Ministries to offer free childcare for mothers of young children when they visit Open Hours at the Turners Falls Women's Resource Center and Family Center (TFWRC), situated at the corner of Avenue A and Third Street.

While their "Moms" drop in Thursday mornings

from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., the TFWRC's Open Hours, free childcare is extended to the young kids at the Family Center, located just around the corner at 41 Third Street in the same building.

"We're very excited about this new program," said Susan Mareneck, Executive Director of the Montague Catholic Social Ministries. "The program opened July 1, thanks to the grant from the Children's Trust of Massachusetts as partners with the Family Center of Greenfield and administered by Community Action of Franklin, Hampshire, and North Quabbin Regions.

"A lot of families who come for our services are either single mothers or have a number of small children, so when the father is at work, they don't have the wherewithal to access day care."

The state's premiere family support organization, the Children's Trust extends both support and resources to promote early literary skills and solid emotional development. Specifically, their goal is to "strengthen the Commonwealth by funding and managing parenting support programs designed to help families raise physically and emotionally healthy children."

Mothers of young children get the chance to relax during the open hours. They can read a newspaper or a book, enjoy a freshly brewed coffee, participate in activities such as crafts, use a computer, and learn about self-care, obtain free gently used clothes, or get information about local resources – among other pursuits.

see **RESPITE** page B6WEST ALONG THE RIVER:
MID-SUMMER GAZETTE

By DAVID BRULE

MILLERS RIVER – This has been a month of summer days to savor, a true summer with its heat that weighs heavy by noon, only to be interrupted by tropical rains and winds that rock and toss the tops of trees laden with leaves that catch the wind like the sails of a tall ship.

Keeping track of the wild things and their human neighbors along the river is the self-imposed task that is welcome relief.

Relief, that is, from our strife-torn world of the nightly news, the turmoil of our so-called civilization where towns and nations alike are fraught with dysfunctional governments and multi-billion dollar interests willing to sacrifice our woods, rivers, cultural and natural heritage for corporate gain. What to do?

Voltaire's *Candide*, in a similar situation, was advised to cultivate his garden.

July 5. This reporter, in following Voltaire's advice, can inform you that this is a timeless day in the garden: hummingbirds duel and sweep in arches over the red beebalm.

One female, sick and tired of the

Rubus occidentalis –
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pesky male swooping over her and keeping her from breakfast, simply hovers lower in the green blades of the vegetation and drops out of sight until the pesky testosterone-driven male moves over to a bare branch

to preen and admire himself in the sun. Meanwhile the catbird watches all this from the lilac, mewing and flouncing to the birdbath and back.

This has been the summer of the swifts. These cigar-shaped acrobats streak through the brightening air in great circles. Life reassuringly resumes its summer rhythm.

July 6. A quiet Sunday morning when anything is possible. The air fresh and clear, when abruptly the neighbor's dog bursts through the underbrush and onto the porch, scattering the squirrels and chipmunks busy mooching their breakfast seeds.

Maggie wants her cheese, and doesn't mind pushing the squirrels out of the way to get it. I like her to keep shaking things up out here.

Meanwhile, two families of the two local species of wren, the house and Carolina variety, work their see **WEST ALONG** page B4

MONTAGUE LIBRARY NEWS

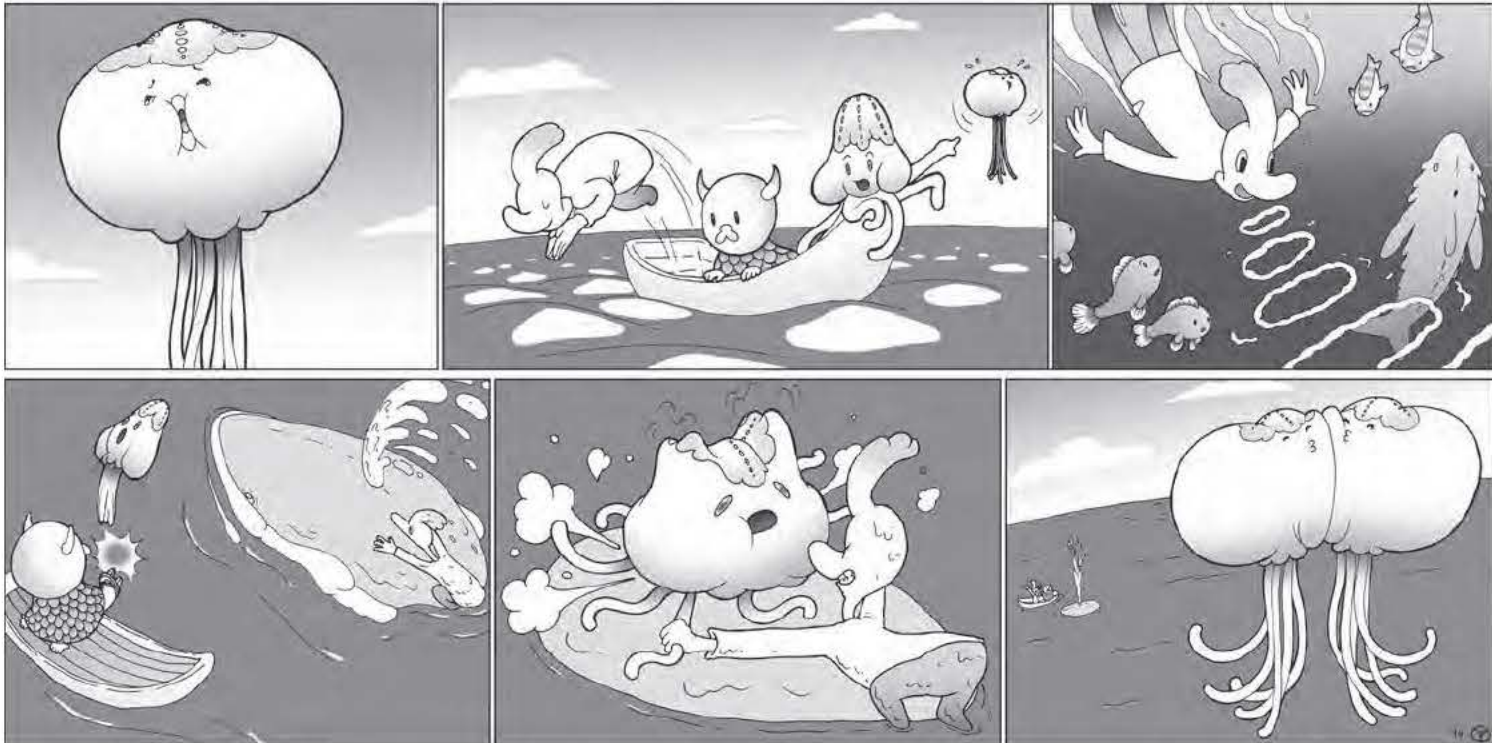
Lego, Genealogy, Birds of Prey

On Thursday, August 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Lego Lady, Jean Daley visits the Carnegie Library. Children, ages 7-12 and their caregivers, are invited to play and build with a variety of Legos.

Also on August 7 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Carnegie Library the informal Turners Falls Genealogy Gathering will resume meeting for an informal discussion of family research. The program is facilitated by Sarah Campbell. For more information, check out <http://genealogygathering.blogspot.com>.

On Tuesday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m. Tom Ricardi will share the natural history of Live Birds of Prey, on the lawn of the Carnegie Library. Tom will share the natural history of some magnificent birds, demonstrate some of their unique behaviors and inspire children of all ages to appreciate, respect and conserve these important members of our wild kingdom. If the weather is unpleasant, the program will be held inside the Carnegie Library.

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Senior Center Activities

August 4 through 8

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

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant.

For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is closed.

ERVING

Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 24 hours in advance. Call Mealsite Manager Rebecca Meuse at (413) 423-3308, for meal information and reservations.

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

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

Monday 8/4

9 a.m. Tai Chi

10 a.m. Osteo Exercise

Noon Movie

Tuesday 8/5

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics

10 a.m. Dance Fitness

12:30 p.m. Painting

Wednesday 8/6

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Chair Yoga, B.P.

Noon Bingo

Thursday 8/7

8:15 a.m. Foot Clinic

8:45 a.m. Aerobics

10 a.m. Healthy Bones

11 a.m. Cards

Noon Cards

Friday 8/8

9 a.m. Bowling

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THE HEALTHY GEEZER

The Scoop on Hips

By FRED CICETTI

Q. I'm considering having a hip replaced. What are the odds that this operation will work?

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says joint replacement surgery is successful in more than 9 out of 10 people. And replacement of a hip or knee lasts at least 20 years in about 80 percent of those who have the surgery.

In the procedure, an arthritic or damaged joint is removed and replaced with an artificial joint called a "prosthesis."

Artificial joints are medical devices, which must be cleared or approved by the FDA before they can be marketed in the United States

The goal of surgery is to relieve the pain in the joint caused by the damage done to cartilage, the tissue that serves as a protective cushion and allows smooth, low-friction movement of the joint. Total joint replacement is considered if other

treatmentoptionswillnotbringrelief.

In an arthritic knee, the damaged ends of the bones and cartilage are replaced with metal and plastic surfaces that are shaped to restore knee function. In an arthritic hip, the damaged ball and socket of this joint are replaced by a metal ball and plastic socket.

Several metals are used, including stainless steel, alloys of cobalt and chrome, and titanium. The plastic material is durable and wear-resistant polyethylene.

The two most common joints requiring this form of surgery are the knee and hip, which are weight-bearing. But replacements can also be performed on other joints, including the ankle, foot, shoulder, elbow and fingers.

After total hip or knee replacement you will often stand and begin walking the day after surgery. Initially, you will walk with a walker, crutches or a cane.

Most patients have some temporary pain in the replaced joint because the surrounding muscles are weak from inactivity and the tissues are healing, but it will end in a few weeks or months.

Exercise is an important part of the recovery process. After your surgery, you may be permitted to play golf, walk and dance. However, more strenuous sports, such as tennis or running, may be discouraged.

There can be complications from joint-replacement surgery. These include infection, blood clots, loosening of the prosthesis, dislocation of the joint, excessive wear, prosthetic breakage and nerve injury.

There are remedies for all of these complications, but sometimes the correction will take more surgery.

Surgeons are refining techniques and developing new ones such as minimal-incision surgery. In this type of surgery, smaller incisions are used.

Minimal incisions reduce trauma, pain and hospital stays. Not all patients are candidates for minimal-incision surgery.

There is a surgical alternative to total hip replacement. It's called hip *resurfacing*. The primary difference in hip resurfacing is that the surgeon doesn't remove the ball at the top of the thigh bone.

Instead, the damaged ball is reshaped, and then a metal cap is anchored over it.

Hip resurfacing, unlike hip replacement, preserves enough bone to permit a total replacement if it is necessary later. Resurfacing is not recommended for patients with osteoporosis, a disease that makes bones porous and vulnerable to fractures. Some healthcare experts advise getting a replacement hip joint, not a resurfacing, if you are older than 65.

Questions? Send them to fred@healthygeezer.org.

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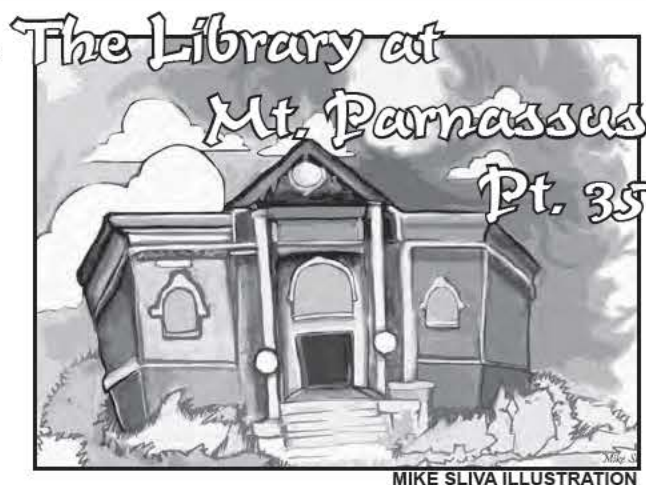
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Leaving Creon's bike shop, our narrator decides to return some books to the library, in the hope that Melantha will have calmed down a little since his last visit.



By DAVID DETMOLD

It was snowing again. A soft new mantle of white covered the library grounds and the evergreens.

I trudged back up the hill, each footstep casting a spray of powder before me, leaving a trough of blue behind. Other footsteps made their way up and down the steps and wandered off in all directions.

At the top of the stairs, where the narrow crack opened in the library landing, the snow had melted and dissolved away.

I opened the door and stamped my feet in the entryway. Lucius glared down at me from he sat perched on a ledge high up on the curving exterior wall. He was cleaning the leaded glass in the circular window from which the library's light shown for travelers near and far through the long winter nights.

"How's it going, Lucius?"

He frowned down at me. I wiped my feet on the doormat. A trickle of water fell on my head. I looked up again and caught Lucius wringing out his washcloth.

He laughed, and started singing, and returned to his window cleaning. In the golden aureole of light, he leaned in close to the panes. His high clear voice made a rippling mist on the glass, which he wiped and wiped away.

In the lobby, Melantha was standing behind the desk, musing over some cards she had spread in front of her. The cards were arranged in three parallel rows, with a final fan shaped spread of cards arranged above the topmost row.

A luxuriant python was coiled around her shoulders.

I went up to the desk, and waited a moment before speaking to her. I thought of my last visit: Tony laid out in the reading room, the electric storm behind the desk when Melantha hit the faulty computer key, the shattered tripod. I was nervous.

When she did not look up, I finally said, "Melantha. I feel like such a fool, for speaking to you as I did the other day."

I put my books down on a corner of the desk, careful not to disturb her layout.

"You would be the fool," she answered, in a low tone, "if you tried to assume an air of false humility now."

She continued her perusal of the cards, and did not lift her head to look at me.

After a while I said, "That's a lovely snake you're wearing."

I wandered over to the children's room and bumped into Penelope, who was standing by herself in the

center of the room, dressed in pale blue satin.

She wore a headdress of the same bright crystal blue. It fell in a long shimmer down her back. Her golden hair, trailing from a loose chignon, mingled in its train like sunbeams in a waterfall.

Penelope was standing on a footstool with her arms raised, practicing spells with her lotus wand, gazing out the window at the lightly falling snow.

She looked the very goddess of youth, descended barefoot and shimmering amid the picture books and juvenilia.

"Where are the children?" I asked quietly, shy to interrupt.

"They are... occupied elsewhere," said Penelope airily. "The little beasts."

Her voice seemed to come from several places in the room at once.

"Won't you come in and make yourself more comfortable?" she added, suddenly attentive.

She motioned to the nearest of the little reading tables with her wand.

When I looked, I saw it was laden with red grapes and fruit juice and fig bars and quartered pomegranates, a tempting snack. I went over and took off my coat and sat down and drew my knees up to my chin.

"Penelope." I looked up at her admiringly. "I want to thank you."

"Whatever for?" she asked. Her voice had a lilting bell-like tone. I thought if the sun would just peep out from behind the clouds for a moment I would be able to see every curve of her body through the sheer fabric of her gown.

She smiled, and gathered a handful of satin and stepped lightly down off her stool and glided toward me. The beaded hem of her dress trailed silkily in her wake.

"No. It is *I* who should thank you..." she cooed. She ran her fingertips on the back of my neck. "... for coming to warm my cold chambers with the ardor of your manly presence."

Was she teasing me? I'm a sucker for talk like that.

"Shucks, Pen. Penny."

"Penelope."

"Penelope. Cut it out."

"Is that pine tar I smell?"

"It's in the shampoo I use. For my dandruff."

She laughed and brushed her hand lightly through my hair, curling the ends in her fingers. "Won't you have a bite to eat?" she purred. She motioned to goodies on the table with her wand. The delicacies so near at hand had begun to make my mouth water.

Continued next issue.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Subject Was Actually Wearing Tan Shorts

Monday 7/14

8:14 a.m. Caller found a young child wandering alone in the alley between Third and Fourth Streets. Determined to be same child who was wandering alone downtown last week at 3:30-4:00 a.m. Mother spoken with; report taken.

12:41 p.m. Tools stolen from a vehicle on Eleventh Street. Report taken.

5:24 p.m. Caller reported that a man claiming to be from WMECO came to her door and asked for her information in exchange for a free consultation and a \$25 gift card. A female party was also going door to door across the street. Parties spoken to; will move along and obtain proper permitting.

Tuesday 7/15

6:08 a.m. Caller reports finding an injured white cat with blood on it outside his door on Newton Street. Animal control officer found that cat had minor wound. Cat returned to owner.

12:30 p.m. Strong odor of gas detected in several areas of Turners Falls, Montague City, Gill, Greenfield, and Erving. Police and fire departments checked area for possible gas leaks; nothing found.

1:28 p.m. Caller requested that animal control officer check on a fox that is lying in her backyard. Upon officer's arrival, the fox ran into the woods.

1:50 p.m. Caller stated that she was storing two motorized bikes at her friend's store (Madison on the Avenue) and gave him permission to sell one of the bikes; the other bike was not to be sold. Store owner told her that someone from Millers Falls purchased the bike for sale but ended up taking both bikes. Referred to an officer.

3:24 p.m. Caller from Erving complaining of threatening/harassment from ex-girlfriend. Advised to contact Erving PD. Caller was not happy and stated that "I'll take matters into my own hands and we'll see how it turns out." Officers on duty advised.

Wednesday, 7/16

12:10 a.m. Cow in middle of Greenfield Road. Same returned home.

1:09 a.m.

was arrested on a default warrant.

12:23 p.m. Altercation involving several parties on Avenue A. Investigated.

5:54 p.m. Caller wanted on record that earlier to-

day she was walking into the Food City parking lot and encountered a former neighbor with whom she did not get along. Caller states that when she encountered her today, former neighbor smirked at her, shook her hips, and spoke in a snotty tone.

9:25 p.m. Report of fight near Unity Park involving at least five people. Upon arrival, officers observed people fleeing area. Victims given statement forms and encouraged to complete them. Charges may be forthcoming.

9:37 p.m. Report of fight in progress on Avenue A. One party taken into protective custody.

Thursday, 7/17

2:04 a.m. Shoplifting at F.L. Roberts. Summons issued.

8:18 a.m. Accompanied TFFD to Davis Street to serve paperwork pertaining to illegal use of fireworks.

9:29 a.m. Motor vehicle accident involving recycling truck and moped on Avenue A. Moped operator scraped knee and was given a verbal warning for following too closely. Report taken.

9:45 a.m. Chief received information that bicycle helmets that had been disposed of at transfer station last night were being sold on Avenue A. Services rendered.

7:08 p.m. Complaint regarding dogs on Central Street acting aggressively towards neighbors. Advised of options.

Friday, 7/18

3:17 p.m. Two anonymous calls reporting a disturbance at Third and L Streets. Investigated.

3:44 p.m. Three calls reporting an altercation on Avenue A involving approximately ten people. Determined to be continuation of previous call on Third Street. Investigated.

4:51 p.m. Caller is lost in the woods. Caller's location identified using 911 ALI and mapping information. Officer located caller, who was unharmed.

6:26 p.m. Caller advises that she heard from her niece that there will be a fight at Unity Park tonight involving a black SUV from Springfield. Referred to an officer.

6:35 p.m. Fight in progress at Unity Park. Montague, Gill, and Erving officers on scene; spoke to several parties. Two parties sustained injuries to head area (hair pulled out). Report

taken.

8:20 p.m. Caller reports that her neighbor was pushing a cart through her yard earlier. When told he couldn't cut through, neighbor accused caller of racism. Investigated; verbal only.

9:05 p.m.

was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

11:38 p.m. Couple arrived home to Keith Street to find their house broken into and burglarized. Referred to an officer.

Saturday, 7/19

10:25 a.m.

was arrested on a probation warrant.

1:37 p.m. Caller concerned about kids picking berries in the roadway on Montague Street; would like DPW to trim the bushes and put a signboard there. Message left for DPW.

4:07 p.m. Caller reports that grandkids found 3 syringes on the ground in front of their house on Eleventh Street. Services rendered.

5:19 p.m. Report of fox wandering on Oakman Street eating raspberries. Fox looks thin. Caller concerned it may be rabid. Referred to animal control officer.

7:37 p.m. Report of older man in park across the street from Aubuchon's lying in the grass with his pants down. Caller concerned because party has his children with him. Man got up, pulled up shorts, and walked in the direction of downtown. Services rendered.

9:30 p.m. Caller reports people camping on her property off First Street; can see camp fire from house. TFFD en route. Responding officer advised TFFD can cancel. Adults fishing with child. Services rendered.

Sunday, 7/20

10:52 a.m. Vandalism at Sheffield Elementary School; smashed windows and glass doors. Report taken.

11:25 a.m. Caller requesting an officer to mediate dispute with his sister. Caller wants sister to leave the house so that he can treat it for fleas; sister does not believe house needs treatment and refuses to leave. Situation mediated; peace restored.

2:36 p.m. Report of dog barking for an hour on

Central Street. Officer spoke with owner, who will bring dogs inside. Original reporting party called back to advise that after the officer left, her neighbor threatened to shoot the caller's cat if she sees it in her yard again.

4:38 p.m. Camera and candy bar reported stolen from a vehicle parked at the Bookmill. Report taken.

5:14 p.m. Caller reports that a female who is now at the Cutlery Block grabbed her friend and threw him from his bike onto the ground. Both parties located and spoken with. Investigated.

5:16 p.m. Party into station with syringe that was found in front of her house on K Street.

6:59 p.m. Multiple reports of male on bike path yelling and swearing on a cell phone. Party identified; family members spoken with. Officer remained on lookout in area. Investigated.

Monday, 7/21

8:36 a.m. Object thrown through double pane glass window on L Street. Report taken.

9:22 a.m. Caller reports seeing a man completely in the nude sitting in a chair on the side of Montague City Road and picking things up off the ground. Upon arrival, officer determined that subject was wearing tan shorts that may have been difficult to see from a distance.

Tuesday, 7/22

2:19 p.m. Report of adult male bicyclist balancing a 2 year old on a bike's fender while riding near Seventh Street and Avenue A. The child is not wearing a helmet. Area search negative.

6:08 p.m. Request for officer to dispose of two needles and a spoon found in the Fourth Street parking lot. Services rendered.

6:56 p.m. Following a suspicious person report,

was taken into protective custody.

Wednesday, 7/23

8:40 a.m. Request for welfare check on a child who is hanging over a railing on the second floor of a house on Fifth Street. Officer on scene; child brought down safely; DCF contacted.

8:39 p.m. Caller from Montague, CA reporting a fight in progress at a trailer park. Information taken and call placed to sheriff's department in Montague, CA.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

Gas Leak, Truck Fire:
Both In Other Towns

Tuesday, 7/15

10 a.m. Firearms issue with residents on Center Road.
10:40 a.m. Phone scam reported by Main Road resident.
11:10 a.m. Restraining order issued by party on South Cross Road.
12:50 p.m. Odor of gas reported in Riverside area. Determined to be coming from across the river.
4:25 p.m. Found dog on West Gill Road. Owner located.
4:50 p.m. Found another loose dog on West Gill Road. Owner located.
10:25 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle allowed to stay overnight in the construction area on

Route 2.

Wednesday, 7/16

7:10 a.m. Firearms issue on Hoe Shop Road.
9:50 a.m. Tree reported blocking Bascom Road. Removed same.
3 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with alarm at residence.
Thursday, 7/17

4:40 p.m. Truck fire reported. Located on Route 10 in Northfield.
5:30 p.m. Hiker injured in Erving. Assisted with traffic for Life Flight transport.
9:30 p.m. 911 hangup call on West Gill Road. Family disturbance.
Friday, 7/18

12:35 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with disturbance at Route 10 business.

3:40 p.m. Investigation of North Cross Road resident for larceny from another community.
6:45 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with large party / noise complaint in Unity Park.
Sunday, 7/20

11:03 a.m. Motorcycle accident in Factory Hollow area.
12:10 p.m. Medical assistance to West Gill Road resident. Subject transported.
3:05 p.m. Party transported to hospital for mental evaluation.
4 p.m. Trespass order issued to North Cross Road resident from Leyden PD.

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GMXX ONK CKRBWA." - KAHLUA LEEKS

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8:57 p.m. Assisted a kitty in the roadway at First and L Streets.
Thursday, 7/24

9:47 a.m. Complaint that goats are loose again on East Chestnut Hill Road. ACO advised that a large number of goats are loose on property; no sign of measures to contain goats. Neighbor stated that several goats have died due to not being fed or fed properly. ACO will be following up.
1:40 p.m. Larceny from an apartment on Third Street. Report taken.
6:24 p.m. Caller reported that neighbor threatened to "break his neck" because the caller's trash can was in view of his house, which violated a park rule. Investigated.
Friday, 7/25

4:34 a.m. Check on vehicles parked near pier across from Unity Park. Two parties fishing; one waiting for the sun to rise.
9:30 a.m. Report of two coyotes walking

on Country Club Lane. Environmental police and ACO advised.
1:06 p.m. Report of snapping turtle in road at L Street and Elks Avenue.
4:08 p.m. Money reported taken from purse in Peskeomskut Park. Referred to an officer.
6:06 p.m. Report of skunk near Masonic Lodge. Skunk later left area and returned to woods.
10:59 p.m. [redacted] was arrested on two default warrants.
Saturday 7/26

12:10 a.m. Report of fight in progress on Fifth Street. One female party arrested.
1:41 a.m. Male 911 caller reported being struck by a bat on Fifth Street. Caller declined to press charges and denied being injured. Advised of options.
8:51 a.m. [redacted] was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.
8:57 a.m. Two vehicles broken into on G

Street; wallet, iPhone, and cash reported missing. Report taken.
2:36 p.m. Caller reports 3 people on the hill near Our Lady of Czestochowa Church who may be throwing beer bottles down the hill into traffic. Officers spoke to Father Charles, who is going to handle this matter.
7:00 p.m. Black bear with injured foot reported lying in woods near house on East Taylor Hill Road. Caller advised of options. Bear moved back into the woods.
9:12 p.m. Party suspected of stealing from vehicles at Bookmill seen going from vehicle to vehicle in parking lot. Investigated.
9:31 p.m. Vehicle stopped on Turners Falls-Gill Bridge watching the fireworks and tying up traffic. Party moved along.
Sunday, 7/27

10:02 a.m. Bicycle reported stolen from porch on Eleventh Street. Report taken.

LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was on August 5, 2004: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.

Mariamante Lot Draws Interest from Abutter

After consulting with town counsel, the Gill selectboard agreed to support the request of Main Road resident Richard Green to separate the southerly 2 acre parcel of land from the 12 acres currently under a purchase and sale agreement by the town.
The town has agreed to buy the land, currently owned by the Mariamante Academy, for \$239,000 if the present owners do not find a suitable buyer by September.
Green has been negotiating separately for the southerly parcel. "I want it only for privacy. I might cut down a tree or two now and

then," he said.
The board supported Green's request on the condition that any purchase price for the lot be deducted from the town's purchase and sale agreement for the remaining 10 acres of land

Park Changes Protested in Erving

On July 26, kids and parents appeared before the Erving selectboard to protest changes that had been recently made to a small neighborhood park.
"The small park" is an open area surrounded by homes, where neighborhood children gather to use the field for football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and baseball.
Recent changes include the addition of grills, cement blocks, and a tetherball pole placed in the

middle of the playing field. Kristi Vorce, 12, said "we used that field for everything, and they go and put a pole there."
A follow up meeting on August 4 with the recreation commission gave residents further opportunity to voice their concerns. Commissioners said the tetherball pole hadn't been slated for that location, and that they were not aware of the plans for other cement blocks installed in the field.
The neighbors and the recreation commission discussed ways to improve future communications about the park, and both sides agreed to alert each other of any changes. All seemed to agree that they were working to make the parks a better place for the children.
"We just want to be able to play there," said Vorce.

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noisy way through the margins of the yard. These are the busy-bodies who thrive on scolding and zipping through the rhododendron, perching on the roof peak of the shed, sometimes singing, sometimes just rasping.
The warming sun this day reaches into the edge of the lawn where the wild blackberries and their prickly runners have been allowed to grow. They have given bountiful fruit for just us and perhaps the catbird, depending on who gets there first.
Ignoring the thorns protecting these jet-black droplets, I reach in and come up with two fistfuls of blackberries, organic, natural, wild-grown and just right to layer into the cereal bowl, or snarf down right now, while standing there as the catbird scolds, arriving too late. Aha!

July 13. Today is the day of the marathon anti-pipeline walk. Although I expected I would join the hike from the Cheapside Bridge to the Millers River Bridge, the weather is so hot and heavy that I gave myself permission, considering my age, to pass on the trek through the Plains.
When I was 14, could I ever have imagined that I would ever get so old that I could not deal with the noon-day heat in mid-July?
At 14, the whole gang of us began working on tobacco under the netting in the heat that must have reached one hundred degrees. None of us seemed to mind putting in eight hours a day in those conditions.
Now as I approach 70, I opt for a nap on the couch with a rotating fan keeping me cool!
Remember the Quabbin? Remember Boston deciding the death of all those lovely towns in the Swift River Valley? We hear the same arguments in favor of the pipeline: "Jobs! Progress!"
Most of us are saying: "Never again!" We will not lay down for Boston or for Tennessee Gas pipelines.

14 July. A very quiet day, the

sounds of almost no sound, after a night of tropical rain. It started up around 3 a.m. We got up in the shadowy light, streaks of lightning flashing in the upstairs rooms while we closed the windows.
Now at first coffee, even the catbird moves in silence. No swift streaks over the yard. Only the house sparrows chat quietly over their breakfast.

19 July. A Red Letter day in more ways than one!
We received word from Walter Ramsey, the Montague Town Planner, that the hard work over the winter has paid off. We won a \$60,000 grant to conduct our own study of the infamous battle that occurred at Peskeomskut in what is now known as Turners Falls.
Many of us have been working on this for two years, and finally the National Park Service deemed our proposal worthy of funding.
Soon Historical Commissioners of the five towns (Montague, Deerfield, Greenfield, Gill, Northfield) and representatives of five tribes – Wampanoag of Gay Head and Aquinnah; Narragansett; Nipmuc; Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans; and Mohegans – will collaborate on researching and recounting the histories of that three-hour event in 1676 that gave one of our villages its name.
Whether it was a tragic, genocidal massacre, or a triumph of colonial forces over what they perceived as an inevitably doomed race, depends on your view of history, and will be the focus of years of future study.
Regardless of one's opinion of William Turner or the Indigenous Peoples involved, we are now on the right path, the path toward continued healing over an event that occurred over three hundred years ago and left its scar.

22 July. This morning families have brought their unceasingly hungry and complaining young to feed in the back yard. Black and white warbler chicks follow their parents, beak open and wings fluttering,

begging: *Feed me! Feed me! More! More!*
The catbird has her hands full with her own youngster: always more insects to cram into that gaping beak!
She wings over to the top of the tomato stakes, then to the edge of the bird bath, keeping a sharp eye on the lawn before pouncing on some yummy breakfast bug for her offspring.
The grosbeak, all rosy breasted, cares for her daughter, who is already learning how to extract sunflower seeds from the summer feeder.

28 July. "Old houses were scap-folding once and workmen whistling" – T.E Hulme

Workmen arrive bright and early at the house just up the street. Roofers they are, ready to get to work by 7, before the day's heat gets too high.
They swarm all over the peak and high pitches of the house, whistling, singing, laughing, as they start a rain of old shingles pouring off the 140-year-old dwelling now getting a new spruce-up.
These crews work fast. They've got to make the most of the cool of the day. They'll work through the heat regardless, but getting a good start is the key.
There's nothing like having a new roof over your head, and nothing like watching skilled workers moving confidently and quickly through the job.
This whole neighborhood of cottages, first built in the 1870s to house workers for the Millers Falls Company just up the street, is still thriving five generations later.
Most houses have been renovated, restored, and maintained. They enjoy, some unknowingly, their privileged location along the now-rising river rushing into late summer, itself also restored to its clean, wild, eternal state, and home to many a wild

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the rites of matrimony like a trip to the carpet cleaners, all with a smile that would make the Marquis de Sade blanch.

But look out! For an added fil-lip, Dorsey has broken down his personality disorder into multiple personas, playing everything from his own fiancée to a five-year-old boy in this production, proving that for some of us schizophrenia can be its own reward.

The story is not frozen in time at the dawn of the industrial age, when science first gleamed as a savior in the darkened hovels of humanity. Rather it reverberates with meaning for our fraught era.

The death of children scattered on the beaches of Gaza, falling under the wheels of the freight train from Honduras, falling in the wheatfields of Novy Russia are echoed in the cruel death of Victor’s little brother, and all theimps of the modern laboratory are at play in the morphing ink blots of genetically engineered clones, slippery with abortifacients and mesmeric artificial intelligence.

Look on the blasted Safe Deposit Vault of self sufficient nation states and weep.

Even when he stumbles, Hart

imbues his monster with the grace of a ballet dancer. His suffering and rage speak more fully of the human condition than the high flown speech of his infamous creator.

But towards the end, the audience begins to wonder whether consciousness, in particular the gift of language, becomes this monster as much as mute inchoate rage became Karloff, or Lon Chaney Jr. A moment comes when we fall prey to the irrational fear that the play might get talked to death.

But no, the immersive danse macabre of master and slave, father and child, God and Adam wraps us in its tattered skirts and winds us once more round the rosie to the blind man’s hurdy gurdy.

Dorsey, more and more vulnerable, weaves in the mortal embrace of his creation as Hart’s beautiful scarred monster becomes ever more acutely aware of his fate.

His fate is man’s fate: to yearn for the stars, to seek love in the least likely of places, to destroy everything he puts his hand to, to tear down the tower and drag his maker after him into hell in his ruin.

It’s a monstrous play, and a momentous one. I would urge you to go, to see for yourself what theater can do, and enjoy every



SHEA from pg B1

dance director and choreographer, Kimberly Williams, who got herself together and stepped in to do an amazing job playing Peggy Sawyer.

Despite little time to rehearse, Williams and the cast pulled off a fine performance. This turns out to be a rare opportunity to see a talented choreographer show her stuff onstage.

While she performed flawlessly, the dancers who surrounded her and joined her onstage were also doing what she had directed them to do. The result is a show that is seamless in its presentation, excellent in every way.

This is a high energy, upbeat, dance your heart out kind of show. The ensemble sings full-throated songs filling the theater with strong harmonies as all the dancers tap their way across the stage in a continuous tap-happy beat.

Everyone dances with precision. Vocal quality is perfection. Many of the songs are familiar: “42nd Street” the theme song of the show is a favorite, as is “Lullabye of Broadway”.

Lots of quiet scenes with fine acting give pace to the show with a moment to breathe before the next heart-stopping production number.

Juniper Holmes, as Dorothy is wonderful; her singing voice strong and a pleasure to listen to. Justin Begin as Julian Marsh balances his gruff behavior with gentle kindness giving depth to the character of a director famous for his toughness, but taking a big risk on a new show.

Connor Gibbs plays the tenor who finds Peggy and encourages her to join the show. His vocal solos are excellent, as are those of Begin’s. Nick Waynelovich has done an excellent job of casting and all those portraying lead characters are surprisingly gifted singer/dancer actors.

Maggie Jones (played by Dawn Ross) and Bert Barry (played by Jeremy Lajoie) are the writers of the show “Pretty Lady” and they sing and dance their way through

all the tough times as the show’s back-stage drama progresses. Pat Denning (played by Chris Rooks) is fine as Dorothy’s secret boyfriend, whom she hides from the show’s financial backer, Abner Dillon, played broadly with great good humor by Scott Gudell.

Andy Lee is the dance director, played so well by Ken Keo with his big smile and cool style, his job is to hold the story together in both plays.

Some key cast members are Annie (Caroline Burden), Phyllis (Sam Marsh) and Lorraine (Kaitlin Grant), taking part in some great scenes where they encourage Peggy and always seem to end up dancing.

The entire ensemble cast deserves to be very proud of what is a terrific performance all around.

It’s not possible to name everyone but the work of the backstage folk needs acknowledgement. Nick Waynelovich as Producer/Director has a magic touch and professional style that seems to offer a great show whatever the choice. Kimberly Williams as Director/Choreographer deserves a great deal of credit for her wonderful work.

Vocal Director Judith Kulp has done an amazing job with the cast. Lighting Director is Jana Purington with Michelle Rooks on spotlight.

Ellen Purington does a great job taking charge of microphones, which allow everyone to move freely and be heard wherever they are on stage.

Costumes by Amy Herzig and Judy Kulp; Set Design and Construction by Duane Waters; Artistic Design by Chris Rooks; Assistant Choreographer Alison Furkey.

42nd Street will continue next weekend, Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and senior citizens 65 and over with general seating.

Tickets can be purchased in advanceonlineatwww.jaduke.com/shows, or at the door on the day of performance.



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polka mass in the dance pavilion seated on folding chairs. Church service began with Eddie Forman’s Orchestra heralding the entrance of Fr. Aksamit and his altar servers with a rousing opening hymn arranged to a polka beat as priest and servers walked down the center aisle.

Altar servers, following Aksamit in the procession, were Ashley and Samuel Bobala of Millers Falls, and sisters Talia and Tabitha Caloon of Turners Falls. Band members doubled as the choir.

The White Eagle Society was founded in 1938 by a group of Polish immigrants in Franklin County. One of the founders was Alexander Gibowicz, grandfather of the present president, Robert Gibowicz, who sang the sentimental ballad, “Kiss Me, I’m Polish,” in Polish, with his granddaughters, Amanda and Cara Gibowicz.

The purpose of the society was to give Polish immigrants a place to socialize and carry on traditions of the old country. As the society membership grew, the members purchased a meeting hall on Mill Street in Greenfield, for socializing.

The society conducted free English classes where immigrants could learn to read and write English. The

society also offered members help in gaining U.S. citizenship. Health and death benefits are also a part of membership.

The meeting hall was a place where people of Polish descent could gather to socialize in their native language. They also gathered for dinner dances, enjoying traditional Polish food and dancing.

Later, the society members bought land on Plain Road in Greenfield for a site for a dance pavilion and picnic grounds for Sunday afternoon picnics and socializing.

Fr. Aksamit, who had recently taken a bus tour of the national parks, used the trip as the theme of his homily. He displayed a large number of photographs he’d taken, but focused on the Crazy Horse monument carved out of a South Dakota mountain, by sculptor Korczal Ziolkowski.

A museum of Indian artifacts exists, and a hospital to serve Native Americans is in the plans at the site. No federal funds are used for the museum, hospital or sculpture. The granite sculpture will dwarf the presidential heads at Mt. Rushmore when finished.

Taller than the Washington monument and two football fields wide, the sculpture is of the Lakota warrior Chief Crazy Horse, who never

surrendered, never signed a document, and refused to live on a reservation.


Aksamit said he was moved by Crazy Horse’s indomitable spirit, which is much like the spirit of the Polish people, who resisted dominance by others through the years, resulting in Poland’s ultimate freedom.

Ziolkowski is now dead, but his widow and children carry on his work, 64 years in the making. The sculpting is not done with hammer and chisel but with explosives.

While the music was toe-tapping lively, the service was surprisingly moving, bringing tears to people’s eyes, especially at the close, when the congregation sang God Bless America in English and Poland’s National Anthem in Polish.

Sadly, the White Eagle Hall was sold a few years ago. Its membership is down to 30 members, 75% of them over 85. Without new members, it appears that this most recent polka mass could be the last hurrah.

After the mass, there was a chicken barbeque, served with green salad, sweet corn, and watermelon. Dancing to Eddie Forman Orchestra then resumed until 6 p.m.



MCTV Asks for Feedback

By CINDY TARAIL

MONTAGUE – Montague Community Television (MCTV) welcomes viewer feedback--in fact, sometimes viewers are the first to notice technical difficulties.

Recently, MCTV performed a series of tests to identify why audio/video coverage of some of the regularly televised meetings taking place at Town Hall was faulty.

Ultimately, MCTV identified the modulator as the malfunctioning culprit of broadcasts that were very difficult to watch.

This modulator performed intermittently and so was difficult to isolate as the source of the audio drop-outs. MCTV got a replacement modulator from Comcast on July 28 and installed it in time for a successful selectboard meeting broadcast that evening.

Viewer feedback on MCTV broadcasts or programming should be submitted by phone or email to 413-863-9200 or infomontaguetv@gmail.com. When reporting technical difficulties or any other concern or comment, MCTV requests that viewers share their name and contact information so that the staff can clarify the issue at hand and resolve it more quickly.

MCTV’s station hours have changed slightly. The station is generally open on Monday from 10-6 and Tuesday-Friday from 10-4. Evening hours are available with advance notice so that arrangements for staffing can be made.

To reserve equipment, engage in one-to-one mentoring or group training, or to meet with staff, call, email or stop in to make an appointment.

Four Area Libraries Receive Preschool Education Grant

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has awarded a cooperative grant to four Franklin County libraries – Shutesbury, Leverett, Erving, and Wendell – under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The libraries are recipients of a special STEAM grant (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math).

These grants will allow the local libraries to work with their communities to increase children's interest and skills in these important areas.

Working in tandem with schools, the Community Network for Children, and agencies like the Boston's Children Museum, Legoland Discovery Center, and the Hitchcock Nature Center, the libraries will conduct thirty two-hour programs for preschool children.

This age group was chosen because the libraries feel that STEAM education should start in the earliest years when a child's interests, desires, and abilities are being formed.

Research also shows that the arts support crucial developmental skills in creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

A Reflection In Preparation For The Block Party

By QUICKCHANGE

TURNERS FALLS – Preparing to make an appearance as Miss Turners Falls at the annual block party has given me a chance to reflect on the current, less peaceful state of my downtown neighborhood.

The face of the village has changed over the past several months. I no longer find it pleasing to sit on a bench on Avenue A and watch the world go by.

Having inquired as to the feeling of disappointment, I saw that it came from a subconscious perception of Turners being my savior, since on more than one occasion I landed here after a period of homelessness.

Upon inquiring as to the feeling of grief at no longer being able to fulfill my need to sit on a bench on Avenue A and view the scene as peaceful and idyllic, I recalled a recent insight, gleaned from Daniel Quinn’s “Providence,” that to feel any sense of need is to be ignorant of the opposite reality: that we are “needed” by the community of life.

Inquiring as to my wish to see peace restored to Avenue A, and my desire to be used as a vehicle for peace, I realized that, just as surely as no town can be a savior to me, so neither can I be a savior to any town I live in.

For in truth, according to Quinn, we are “needed” by the community of life, not because we are elevated above it – or stronger, or wiser, or more influential – but simply because we belong to it rather than its belonging to us. (We are really just compost!)

Finally, in searching to find a

deeper motivation for going in character as Miss Turners Falls to the block party – deeper than that of wanting to be entertaining, and deeper even than the desire to promote self-love – I found myself wondering if in creating the persona, I had inadvertently offered a convenient scapegoat for holding the virtues to which people aspire, thereby somehow diminishing their desire to pursue them.

My conclusion was that I should guard against viewing myself – in the words of the late Diana, Princess of Wales – as a “queen of people’s hearts,” and against becoming (at least in my own mind) a version of “the people’s princess,” because when the people of Turners Falls themselves become corrupted, there is little even a princess can do to redeem them.

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Montague Retreat Center Makes Commercial Kitchen Available To Public

By LEE WICKS

Maybe people have been telling you for years that you ought to sell those amazing brownies you make from a secret recipe. Or perhaps you grow so many blueberries that you would like to make pies to sell at local markets.

A new commercial kitchen in Franklin County could help you realize those dreams, though there are some requirements to ensure health and safety for consumers. Those rags-to-riches stories do not usually include information about insurance, labeling requirements, safety rules, and a requirement that refrigerated items must be transported in refrigerated trucks. Complicated as it seems, there are resources to lead a potential entrepreneur through the process.

William Jacobsen, owner and director of the Montague Retreat Center, said, "Anyone who wishes to rent our kitchen to produce food for the wholesale market would have to get a certification from the state at a cost of \$300 per year. The contact person is Cristine Majowski (christine.majowski@state.ma.us), and the application can be downloaded at mass.gov/dph/fpp."

Ms. Majowski would come to the Center for a meeting with the food producer to go over safety rules and labeling requirements.

The Franklin County Community

Development Corporation (FCCDC) in Greenfield also has a commercial kitchen to rent, but that kitchen does not have ovens. This new facility expands opportunities for food producers and enhances food production in our area of abundant fertile farmland and is probably the only option for bakers.

The hourly rate for renting the kitchen at the Montague Retreat will be \$25 per hour, with a minimum rental time of 4 hours per week. There are two clean secure storage areas so that renters do not have to haul basic ingredients back

and forth. Dry storage will cost \$25 per month and cold storage will cost \$100 per month.

"Real Pickles" got its start at the commercial kitchen in Greenfield and there was a recent article about the wonderful blueberry jam that's being produced there as well. Here's a chance for bakers to shine.

Go to www.montagueretreatcenter.com to view the facility and find contact information. The Center is located at 177 Ripley Road, near the Leverett border, on the former site of the Montague Farm and Zen Peacekeepers house.



Cooking, baking, storage and small-business incubation: The Retreat Center will rent its commercial kitchen and ovens at a cost of \$25 per hour.

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"Some women bring home-baked goods," said Mareneck, "and other kinds of homemade food to share with others at the Women's Center."

Mareneck stresses that children can acquire some early literacy skills while at the Family Center. The kids sing, draw pictures, and listen to stories, along with other activities.

In addition, mothers will benefit from volunteers who conduct workshops on craft or art activities. Sometimes a self-care method, such as acupuncture, will be taught by "a woman who comes in to offer a demonstration," according to Susan.

"Word has spread very quickly about this program,"

said Mareneck. "There is a great need for this service. Giving mothers a respite is extremely important. We've wanted to provide such a program for many years, so we feel very grateful that we're able to present it."

The Women's Resource Center is open to any woman in Franklin, Hampshire, and Worcester County. The free childcare program is designed for children from prenatal through six years old.

For more info on either the Turners Falls Women's Resource Center, the Family Center, or the new respite program, please call Christine Diani at 863-4804 x.1003, or Vickie Flynn at 863-4804 x. 1004.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Bad Fall At The Ledges

Monday, 7/14

7:25 p.m. Officer on Pratt Street to speak with residents regarding neighbor issues.

7:30 p.m. Report of power outage at Laurel Lake Road. National Grid is aware and working on restoring power.

Tuesday, 7/15

3:30 p.m. Two-car crash, Weatherheads Convenience Store parking lot. No injuries.

Wednesday, 7/16

5:15 p.m. Call to station of fire alarms at Warner Street residence. Found to be a faulty detector.

8:30 p.m. Arrested

for a passing violation, operating at a speed greater than reasonable, reckless operation, failure to stop for police, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, and possession of class A and B drugs.

9:45 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with a domestic disturbance on Center Street. Verbal only.

Thursday, 7/17

4:30 p.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency at Farley Flats. Subject fell from the climbing ledges.

9:45 p.m. Assisted Gill PD with domestic disturbance. Verbal only.

Friday, 7/18

6:15 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with large fight in Unity Park.

10:30 p.m. Suspicious

vehicle parked on access road at Laurel Lake. Owner located and moved on.

11:45 p.m. Suspicious vehicle at Freight House. Checked same, moved on.

Saturday, 7/19

3:30 p.m. Motor vehicle with flat tire. Not a hazard; tow en route.

4 p.m. Report of two dogs in a motor vehicle in a parking lot. Owner located and dogs removed from car.

7:15 p.m. 911 hangup on Camp Road at Laurel Lake. Found to be a child playing with a phone.

10 p.m. Assisted Northfield PD with a large party with a bonfire.

Sunday, 7/20

2 a.m. Two suspicious male subjects walking on Route 2.

Monday, 7/21

9:45 a.m. Took report of past disturbance on Central Street.

Tuesday, 7/22

1 p.m. Took report of fraud on Warner Street.

Wednesday, 7/23

2 p.m. Report of carbon monoxide alarm at Pratt Street apartment. Fire and EMS on scene. Nothing found; advised building manager.

7 p.m. Well-being check requested on Central Street due to disturbance. Subject denied assistance.

Thursday, 7/24

10 a.m. Report of tractor-trailer unit striking East Main Street

embankment. Stopped same and obtained information.

9:30 p.m. Well-being check on East Prospect Street. Subject transported to Franklin Medical Center.

Friday, 7/25

10:15 a.m. Report of larceny of firewood at Forest Street residence. Found that wood had not been stolen.

11:30 p.m. Assisted with removal of a bat from Central Street home.

Saturday, 7/26

12:45 p.m. Assisted Gill PD with altercation on West Gill Road.

6:25 p.m. Report of passengers throwing water balloons from car, southbound on Route 63. Unable to locate.

11:30 p.m. Assisted Gill PD with dispersing large underage gathering in area of high-tension wires on Pisgah Mountain.

Sunday, 7/27

10:30 a.m. Suspicious vehicle at Durkies Point. Found homeless subject setting up camp. Northfield PD advised; subject moved along at property owners' request.

3:15 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Gunn Street. Verbal only.

Tuesday, 7/29

5:50 p.m. Report of two subjects walking on catwalk under French King Bridge, throwing rocks into river. Gill PD handled same.



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Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *TNT Karaoke*, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

EVERY MONDAY

Montague Center Library: *Evening Story Time* Young children and their families are invited to wind down at the end of the day with stories, with Angela. Children are invited to come in their pajamas. 6:30-7:00 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Kidleidoscope Tuesday*. Hands-on environmental experience for young children. Story, interactive game and craft with rotating topics. Ages 3-6 with a parent or guardian. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Slate Memorial Library, Gill: *Story Hour*, stories, popcorn, and a hands-on craft project. We welcome new families, 10 a.m.

Leverett Library *Spanish Conversation Group*. Brush up on or improve your Spanish in a casual and friendly environment, 4 to 5 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Free Texas Hold 'em Poker tournament*, with cash prizes.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Great Falls Farmer's Market, Turners Falls, 2 to 6 p.m.

Between the Uprights, Turners

Falls: *Karaoke with Dirty Johnny*. 9 p.m. to midnight. Free.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Karaoke with Dirty Johnny*. 9 p.m. to midnight. Free.

MUSEUMS

Local libraries have passes for area museums. *Wendell Free Library* has: Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Historic Deerfield, Mass MoCa, and more. *Leverett Library* has: Clark Art Institute, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Historic Deerfield, Springfield Museums and more. Check with each library for museums available and restrictions.

ART SHOWS:

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: *The Breathing Landscape*, by Linda Ruel Flynn of Orange. Work on display in the Marion Herick Room Gallery through August 31.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Out Of Line*, pen and ink drawings by artist and humorist, Linda Baker-Cimini. Reception with the artist on Saturday, August 16 from 4-7 p.m. Work on display through September 10.

Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Museum, Hadley: *Field Notes 4: Transect* an exhibition of drawings, paintings, collages and sculptures created by architects Sigrid Miller Pollin and Stephen Schreiber, and landscape architect Jane Thurber. On display through October 15.

EVENTS:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Northern Routes Experimental Music Series* a two-day festival celebrating adventurous music. *Glenn Jones, Marissa Nadler, Glitter Pen, Matt Weston, Trevor Healy, Bunwinkies, Twilight Tipi, Passerine, and Matt Krefting*, \$, 4 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *42nd St.* by JaDuke, \$, 7 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Equalites*, reggae, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: Ja'Duke presents the *Pirate and Princess Parade*, \$, 11 a.m.

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Northern Routes New Music Festival*. Performers include Peter Starnfel, Juan Wauters, Metal Mountains, Crystalline Roses Band, Tarp, Willie Lane, Tongue Oven, and Hallock Hill. \$, 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *42nd St.* by JaDuke, \$, 7 p.m.

Arts Block Cafe, Greenfield: *Jazz Plus* with *Juke Joint Jazz + Doug Hewitt Group*, \$, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Jukin*, rock/reggae/funk, 9 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *All Fired Up*, classic rock, \$, 9:30 p.m.



Swashbuckling pirates, thrilling sea battles, tempestuous romance, action and adventure at Pothole Pictures showing of Captain Blood with Errol Flynn on Friday & Saturday, Aug. 8 & 9, 7:30 p.m.

Turners Falls, Block Party & Pocumtuck Homelands Festival! See page B8

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *42nd St.* by JaDuke, \$, 2 p.m.

Old Deerfield Sunday Afternoon Concert Series presents: *Dúo Fusión* with Joe Belmont, guitar and Sarah Swersey, flute a classical and jazz program. Memorial Hall Museum, Memorial St. in Old Deerfield, \$, 3 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Meet & Greet, Susannah Lee*, 4 p.m.

Energy Park, Greenfield: COOP Concerts: *Michael Nix* - intriguing performance style incorporating various styles and textures drawn from classical guitar and banjo, jazz, blues, folk. *Oren & Gabriel* - influences of 20th century folk, blues, ragtime music, and *Devlin Miles* - accomplished songwriter, sings about love, loss, and derelicts, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Common People's Concerts, Gill: *Sirius Coyote*. Traditional Inca & Aztec Sounds, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, Hadley: *Achéray Ensemble*, \$, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Genealogy Gathering*, informal discussion of family research facilitated by Sarah Campbell. 6 - 8 p.m.

Energy Park, Greenfield: COOP Concerts: *Abe Loomis* - singer-songwriter; eclectic sound rooted in folk, country, and early rock and roll. *Stephanie Marshall and Friends* - folk n rock n country, 6 p.m.

Leverett Library, Leverett: Music on the Patio, *Austin & Elliott*, 7 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Roosters*, classic rock dance music by Bruce Scofield & Mark Feller, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Falltown String Band*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Captain Blood*. Held at Memorial Hall with music before the movie at 7 p.m.

Great Falls Coffeehouse, Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Small Change*. Dennis Avery - Steel guitar, vocals; Karen Hogness - mandolin, vocals; Al Canali - guitar and vocals; and Chris Morano - bass, vocals. Doors open at 6:30, \$.

Arts Block Cafe, Greenfield: *Turkuaz*, Brooklyn's power/funk nine-piece, \$, 8:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Barrett Anderson*, renegade blues, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Arts Block Cafe, Greenfield: *Jazz-Tai Chi Student Workshop Performance*, 2 p.m. and *Fredie Bryant* with his *Kaleidoscope Trio* from NYC, playing a collage of rhythmic grooves and guitar timbres, 4 p.m. Also The Happier Valley Comedy Show & Ha-Ha's and special guests, \$, 8 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Captain Blood*. Held at Memorial Hall with music before the movie at 7 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Petty Thieves*, blue grass, 9 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Sledge*, classic rock & roll, \$, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Crow's Rebellion*, Steve Crow (electric guitar, vocal), Peter Kim (bass) and Joe Fitzpatrick (drums). warped Americana, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Greenfields Market, Greenfield: *Living Clean in a Toxic World*

Free presentation by Dr. Laila Tomsovic. Open to all, please register ahead: contact Dr. Laila Tomsovic drilaila@grow-community.com

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Rhythm, Inc.*, reggae dance party, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Surly Temple*, Jim Henry, Guy DeVito, & Doug Plavin, 8 p.m.

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ABOVE: For his 98th birthday, the Montague DPW crew paved the end of Randy Subl's driveway. The driveway, which is town property, had worn down quite a bit since 1950, the year Randy built his house. Happy Birthday, Randy!

BELOW: Joey Mosca and Kylie Gamache, participants in Montague Parks & Recreation's Summer Playground Program, hold up one of the Playful City USA road signs that will be installed this summer. Montague was recognized as a Playful City USA community by the Humana Foundation earlier this spring.



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PLAYFUL CITIES &



ABOVE: Myra enjoys an ice cream at Twisters on Avenue A. Myra and her sister Lilya went to the Avenue A ice cream shop and eatery with their grandmother, Lina Roberge.

BELOW: Quickchange stands on the corner of Third Street and Avenue A to protest drug dealing in downtown Turners. She says she has finally decided it was necessary to raise her voice — and her sign.



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