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Power Town Sold; Several More Changes Under Way Downtown

By MIKE JACKSON

TURNERS FALLS – Last Friday, the Portland, Maine-based Silver Street Development Corporation closed on its purchase of the ten Power Town Apartments buildings, housing over eighty affordable housing units in downtown Turners Falls, from Norwood-based HallKeen Management.

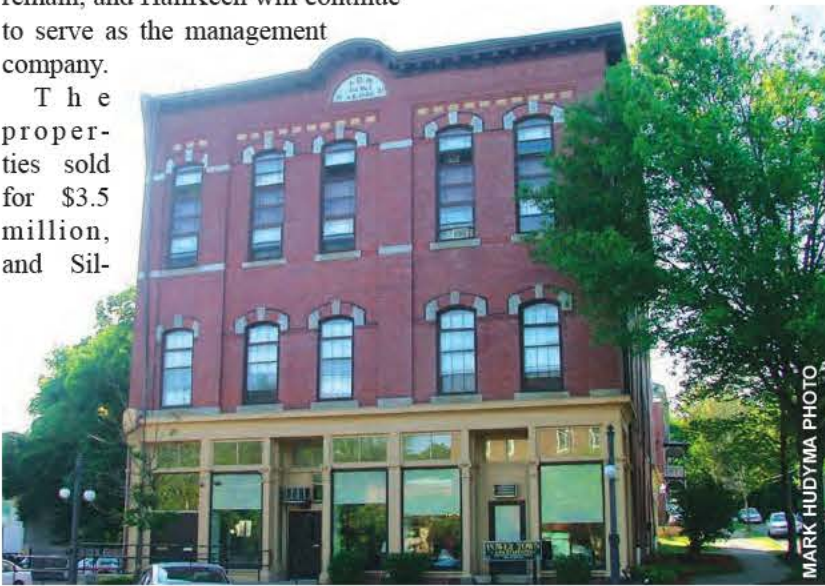
By all indications, the buildings – 118, 118B, 152, and 175 Avenue A, and 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, and 25 Fourth Street – will see some repair and rehabilitation, allowing residents to remain, and HallKeen will continue to serve as the management company.

The properties sold for \$3.5 million, and Sil-

ver Street, through an entity called “Power Turner Falls LP,” took out a \$6.93 million mortgage from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) on the same day. MassHousing is a public agency that sells bonds to finance investment in affordable rental housing.

Town planner Walter Ramsey said the town’s attempts to convince Silver Street to free up some of the buildings’ ground-level units to commercial storefront use had been unsuccessful.

“The state’s subsidizing it, but see **REAL ESTATE** page A5



MARK HUDYMA PHOTO

HallKeen will continue to manage the properties, but the town could not convince the new owners to free up this office space to retail use.

Conservation Trust Projects Sit Near, and On, Proposed Gas Route

By MARK HUDYMA

NORTHFIELD and ERVING – The Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, headquartered in Athol, is more than just a vocal opponent of the proposed Northeast Energy Direct project.

Since its formation in 1986, the organization has worked to preserve over 28,000 acres of land, staving off numerous threats from commercial and residential development, and fragmentation of parcels into land too small to farm or preserve. Now, they are taking on large-scale energy infrastructure.

“We’re hearing from people we haven’t heard from before,” said executive director Leigh Youngblood.

America’s largest pipeline company, Kinder Morgan, plans for its Northeast Energy Direct pipeline, which would ship natural gas from Susquehanna County, PA to Dracut, MA, to run through more than 100

conserved Massachusetts parcels.

Northfield’s Alderbrook Meadow Sanctuary is not in the direct path, but it is near it. Last winter, the town voted to protect the property, which Mount Grace has been involved with for the last five years.

The land will boast the first Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant trail in the region, allowing individuals who need a “cane, walker, or wheelchair” to travel a half-mile loop through mixed deciduous forest before arriving at an observation deck on a beaver pond.

The route has been established, and construction will begin in the fall. Also included behind the property is a snowmobile trail, which will be protected along with the accessible trail.

The property is near the site of the Beers Massacre of 1675, where soldiers marching to relieve the English colonial garrison at Northfield were ambushed by a Nipmuc force led by Metacombet, who was, unbeknownst to

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MARK HUDYMA PHOTO

The trust has acquired land on top of Erving’s Poplar Mountain slated for the major pipeline project.

Covering the “Gap”



FATTARUSO PHOTO

Changing lives: MCSM’s Taryn Valdez and Chief Dodge promote the annual diaper drive at the Montague public safety complex. The drive runs from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. See page A2 for a list of local drop-off points.

By TIA FATTARUSO

FRANKLIN COUNTY—Taryn Valdez and her precocious 16-month-old daughter Tianna posed for a picture with Montague police chief Charles “Chip” Dodge at the Montague Public Safety Complex, to promote one of several diaper drop spots for this year’s Franklin County Diaper Drive.

“It’s heartbreaking to think that moms have to stretch a diaper longer because it’s so hard to make ends meet,” said Valdez, who works at the Montague Catholic Social Ministries.

She added that even with a supportive, hard-working partner, it

can be challenging to make ends meet. When Tianna was sick recently, she had a \$25 co-pay for a doctor’s visit on top of having to take the day off from work.

While Valdez feels fortunate, she also sees many families in need of diapers, and empathizes with them. “I understand that in the blink of an eye, that could be anyone,” she said.

“I’m able to look at life so differently because I’m a mom,” said Valdez, who has become a more active part of the community since having her daughter.

She noted the large local population of farmworkers, who often

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ERVING SELECTBOARD

Sharp Balks At Workplace Surveillance

By KATIE NOLAN

After the selectboard refused to turn off or relocate a recently installed security camera that records activity at his desk, Erving’s administrative coordinator Tom Sharp asked the board to schedule an executive session to discuss an “exit strategy” from his job.

The security camera was installed in the selectboard meeting room/office space last week as part of an upgrade for the town hall security system that has been in place for approximately five years.

The camera constantly records activity in the majority of the room and includes views of Sharp’s desk and municipal clerk Betsy Sicard’s desk.

In a letter to the board, Sharp wrote that the camera “is pointed directly at my desk.” He said that the lack of privacy in his workplace was “causing me emotional distress.” Sharp told the board members, “I’m troubled by it – I don’t want it pointed at me, period.”

Town IT coordinator Jacquelyn Boyden said that the camera was located and installed to provide a view of the entire meeting room and of the file cabinets located near Sharp’s

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Turners Sports Teams Soar Into Postseason



DAVID HOITT PHOTO

Jenna Putala knocks it out of the park as the Turners Falls Indians defeat the Pioneer Panthers 14-2 at the Bourbeau Fields Complex on Senior Night. Senior Amber Caouette is on deck.

By MATT ROBINSON

The Turners Falls Girls Tennis team was granted an eighth seed, and will host Lee on Thursday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m..

The Turners Falls Baseball Indians, who have won 8 of the last 10 games this season and are riding a five-game winning streak, earned

a bye and will host number 11 Pathfinder on Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m..

And the Turners Falls Softball Indians, who were given a second seed, defeated the Pathfinder Pioneers in their first playoff game Wednesday, 22-0.

Mackenzie Phillips almost pitched a perfect game. In the fourth inning, however, she

allowed 1 walk, but catcher Gabby Arzuaga picked the runner off as she tried to steal second. But that was the only baserunner for the Pioneers.

Jessica Loynd took the mound in the fifth inning and nailed the door shut with a 1-2-3 inning of her own.

After a dribbler to the mound and 2 K’s, the Tribe see **SPORTS** page A7

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Send Your Letters!

For the second week in a row, the *Montague Reporter* has not received a single Letter to the Editor. (Apologies if we've missed one.)

Page A2 should be brimming with opinions – we know you're probably all out working hard on your own concerns and enjoying it being June out there and/or preparing for your high school graduation tomorrow and/or having a life.

But at least three or four of you must have an observation to make, or a public apology or thanks, or a bone to pick with our coverage, or a home remedy to recommend.

We suppose there may be more appropriate venues for all of the above, but just so we don't get too lonely, please humor us with the occasional public note sent to editor@montaguereporter.org.

Send Your Diapers

Our collective complacency was deeply shaken last fall when junior Montague selectboard member Mike Nelson sat straight up in his roly chair and cast a symbolic vote against the many-tentacled diaper-charity complex.

Across the table, Judith Weinthal, a retired therapist and member of the Franklin County Early Childhood Mental Health Roundtable, had been soliciting the board's approval for a "proclamation" endorsing the awareness that it's hard for poor people to buy diapers for their kids sometimes, and "encourag[ing] the citizens of Montague to donate generously to diaper drives."

"On a greater philosophical level," Nelson declared, "it's just getting to be too much. And I think these low-income families – God bless them, I know they work hundreds of hours to take care of their families – at some point, they need to take care of themselves."

At that point, his colleague Mark Fairbrother felt he was in a safe space to disclose that he shared Nelson's viewpoint but had made, and then voted for, the motion out of a desire to avoid controversy.

Weinthal retreated from that

meeting with an endorsement in hand, but it was a Pyrrhic victory – her overreach, and Nelson's brave stand, had broken a seal, and a subterranean resentment had begun to seep into the public air.

As we know, if you give poor babies diapers, they will never learn to take care of themselves.

We're sure Nelson was just trying to get the word out that he was about more than just event planning, but it was an embarrassing moment for the town. People don't have babies because the diaper-drive people might give them diapers.

Donating diapers is pragmatic, compassionate, old-fashioned, well-targeted, private sector charitable giving, an act of kindness that most directly benefits the most innocent and unfortunate among us. If the proclamation was unnecessary, his dissenting vote and associated grandstanding was doubly so.

This is the only weird thing we've noticed from the generally level-headed, current chair of the selectboard, so we'll chalk it up to indigestion – and drop off a pack of Huggies in his name when we make our Friday bank deposit.

Last Call: Website Campaign

Every time we're about to declare our spring capital campaign over, another \$25 check trickles in. We're raising money to fund the development of a website at www.montaguereporter.org, and we made it most of the way to the goal we set.

Next week we'll give it a final tally, so if you've been meaning to mail us a contribution (177 Avenue A, Turners Falls) or PayPal us one (montaguereporter@gmail.com),

this is really the last chance to be counted!

Anything that comes in after that will go toward sending heartier gruel down the gruel-chute to the proofreaders, who live in our basement and never see sunlight.

We really appreciate all the donations we've gotten, from the big ones all the way down to the tiny ones. And we're looking forward to breaking new ground online this summer.



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have no income over the winter months.

"They live on nothing and are so grateful for a pack of diapers each month," she said.

The "diaper gap," or "diaper need," is "part of a much bigger picture of much bigger needs for low-income people," said Judith Weinthal.

Weinthal heads this second annual diaper drive as a founding member of the Diaper Task Force formed last December under the wing of the Franklin County Resource Network and sponsored by Community Action.

Why Diapers?

According to Weinthal, in a study on the basic needs of both low- and high-income families, disposable diapers are in the top eight. For low-income families, though, the cost of diapers, at up to \$100 per month for one child, is a much higher percentage of gross income.

With 12% of Franklin County below the federal poverty line, including 400 children under the age of 5, the implications of not being able to afford diapers are great.

"We ask people to take a minute and think about what it's like," said Weinthal.

Research has shown that families will make economic trade-offs such as buying less food or watering down detergent to buy diapers, while some also find themselves borrowing money, reusing diapers or keeping a child in a wet diaper longer.

"There's a whole parent / child relationship that's not healthy for either one due to stress," Weinthal said of the increased risk of anxiety and depression found in a recent Yale study of parents who experienced diaper need.

Why Disposables?

Though it is legal in all U.S. states for day care providers to accept children in cloth diapers, more often than not they ask parents to provide each day's worth, or four to six, disposable diapers, according to Weinthal, essentially making access to them a requisite for getting to work or school.

Bekki Craig, coordinator for Community Action's parenting program, reiterated that day care programs do not take cloth diapers, but added that even if they did, they are still expensive.

Craig said that while she used cloth diapers at home, it was "extremely time consuming," and required access to a washing machine, as many laundromats do not allow diapers. Furthermore, she said, even cheaper diaper covers are \$20 each, requiring 4 or 5 per day and bought anew as a child outgrows them.

A Stopgap Measure

Craig also echoed the importance of healthy development in children, especially before the age of 6, when brains develop the most, she said. "Is a parent less likely to pick their child up or comfort them if there's nothing they can do?" she asked.

Families living paycheck to paycheck often remain at that threshold for a long time due to the nature of social "safety net" services, Craig pointed out. As a family earns more and begins to move from poverty into what is considered "low income," they often become worse off, qualifying for fewer services and tax credits.

At the same time, no social program accounts for the cost of diapers, which are prohibited purchases through both SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) benefits.

Founded in 2011 as a response to the diaper gap and the lack of programs that support diaper purchase, the National Diaper Bank Network has 235 membership organizations around the country distributing over 36 million diapers annually.

The network's director of communications and development, Troy Moore, said those independent non-profits range in size, distributing anywhere between 1,000 to 250,000 diapers per month, but all with the goal of promoting the elimination of diaper need and providing clean diapers to more children.

"Families are forced to make the unconscionable choice between paying their rents, heating their houses, or buying diapers," said Moore, adding that they should not have to endure such stress or worry about the continued impact it may have on a child's physical and emotional development.

Linda Jablonski is co-chair of the Franklin County Perinatal Support Coalition and assistant nurse manager at The Birthplace at Baystate Franklin Medical Center, which has donated 1,000 diapers, and where diapers are being accepted this week as part of the drive.

According to Jablonski, half of all births at Baystate Franklin qualify for MassHealth coverage, comparable to the nationwide rate of 45% of births covered by Medicaid.

"Families with economic insecurity are affected negatively," she said. "If children don't attach well, they can end up with developmental delays." That affects the whole community, she added.

And it is the community that can help close that diaper gap that, according to studies, as many as one in three families experience.



Diaper Drive Details

The Spring Diaper Drive, sponsored by the Franklin County Diaper Task Force and The United Way of Franklin County, runs from May 10 to June 20, in an effort to honor both Mother's and Father's Day. On June 20, the United Way's Day of Action will be dedicated to helping close the diaper gap by collecting donations on the Greenfield Town Common from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Throughout the drive, donations can be brought to several locations throughout the county, including many in Montague:

The United Arc, 294 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Greenfield Savings Bank, 282 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Montague Police Department, 180 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls

The Community Health Center of Franklin County, 338 Montague City Road, Turners Falls

While dropping off diapers can be a tangible, gratifying way to donate, financial contributions are also being accepted and can help stretch the dollar farther by buying in bulk, or allow for additional purchases of the most needed sizes, 2 - 5. To donate online, visit www.communityaction.us and click on "community partnerships."

Make checks payable to Community Action, with FCRN Diaper Drive in the memo line.

Mail check to Diaper Task Force/FCRN, Community Action at 393 Main St., Greenfield, MA 01301.

For more information, contact Judith Weinthal at jweinthal@gmail.com or 413.548.5469, or Sandy Sayers of United Way of Franklin County at ssayers@uw-fc.org

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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Congrats to Cynthia Roy-Clark, a patron at the Erving Public Library, who created the winning video for Massachusetts libraries in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) 2015 Teen Video Challenge.

This competition is in its fifth year of encouraging teens to get involved with promoting summer reading and public libraries. Each participating state selected one winning video to be named the official CSLP Teen Video Challenge state winner for 2015.

Twenty-six states and over one hundred teens participated in the creation of these winning videos. Winners receive \$150, and their associated library receives prizes. To view this year's winners, please visit CSLP's website at www.cslpreads.org.

St. Andrew's Church, at 7th & Prospect streets in Turners Falls, is holding a **craft fair** on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be local vendors featuring crafts and food along with raffles. Rain date is June 13.

On Saturday, June 6, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Turners Falls Fishway, **print your very own T-shirt** or tote bag and discover the intricate beauty and important function of fish fins and scales. Learn about resident fish as well as migratory fish that return to the Connecticut River to lay their eggs. Wear clothes that can get stained.

Families can bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful riverside picnic area adjacent to the Fishway. The Turners Falls Fishway is located on First Street off of Avenue A in Turners Falls, MA. There is no pre-registration required. The event is suitable for ages 5 and older. If raining, event will take place at the Great Falls Discovery Center

This event is part of the 10th Annual Family Fish Day at the Great Falls Discovery Center.

Celebrating that milestone Birthday soon? **Turning 65?** Feeling uneasy about your insurance op-

tions? No Problem! Come and learn about Medicare by attending the "I am New to Medicare. What are My Options?" on Tuesday, June 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Turners Falls Branch of Greenfield Savings Bank.

The bank is partnering with Lorraine York-Edberg, SHINE Program Director from Franklin County Home Care, who brings her expertise to the program. Feel free to come with your questions and concerns.

Think you might have an item of value? Find out what it's worth. Bring it to **Our Lady of Czestochowa Church Appraisal Fair** on Monday, June 15, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Saint Kazimierz's Hall on the corner of Avenue A and Seventh Street. First item \$8, additional items \$4 each.

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NOTES FROM THE GILL-MONTAGUE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Committee Reorganizes, Hopes Gill Approves Budget

By PATRICIA PRUITT

At its May 26 meeting, the new school committee continued covering nuts-and-bolts suggestions ranging from Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure, to ways to streamline informing the community of events at the schools, to selecting new members for the various ongoing subcommittees, to decid-

ing the summer meeting schedule. Sandy Brown, newly elected chair of the committee, gave the various members time to respond to various topics, while also keeping the meeting moving through its evening agenda. Superintendent Michael Sullivan gave a report consisting of 8 items. First on his report was the statement by the Gill finance and selectboard

of their intention to recommend the school budget at Gill's annual town meeting, which is being continued June 10.

At the June 1 meeting of the Gill finance committee and selectboards, both groups voted to strongly recommend passage of the GMRSD budget to Gill's annual town meeting, which will continue on June 10. This news was not yet available to the May 26 school committee. Both Sullivan and business director Joanne Blier will present the budget at the June 10 town meeting.

Sullivan went on to announce his planning meetings with the new team of high school and middle school principals. He spoke proudly of the May 20 All School High School meeting held to honor those in the National Honor Society.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education [DESE] has reviewed the first year of the PARCC tests, and is changing the amount of testing for the future to one round, with the math section taking 60 minutes less. He also invited school committee members to an afternoon farewell to honor the faculty and staff retiring from the district after years of service.

Joanne Blier recommended increasing the money available for transportation costs to \$250,000, to be taken from the E&D account. The superintendent then announced Blier's election as next year's president of the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials.

There was a brief discussion of a free workshop offered by Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Committee member Marje Levenson suggested having the training filmed in order to have it as a review resource.

Next came a lengthy discussion of subcommittees, with newly elected members scrambling to know what these were. Although the idea of adding a subcommit-

tee or two to the school committee meeting schedule was daunting to some, it was agreed by the experienced members that the Joint Labor & Management committees needed to continue, if only because there was still negotiating to be done.

The JLMCs are of three varieties: teachers are subcommittee A; para-professionals and staff are subcommittee C; cafeteria and food service workers are subcommittee D. Jane Oakes and April Reipold were voted to work with Unit A: Teachers; Joyce Phillips and Christina Postera chose and were voted to Unit C; Leslie Cogswell and Levenson chose and were voted to Unit D.

Next came assignments of the Warrant Subcommittee. Two or three members are needed to sign warrants within three days of their being prepared. Reipold, Oakes, and Mike Langknecht were all voted for this duty.

Next the school committee tackled the problem of when to meet during summer vacation. They voted to meet once in July, and once in August. They chose July 28 and August 18 as their meeting dates.

As a part of the meeting's new business, school committee members gave brief voice to possible goals for the year to be more fully discussed in the future meetings. Langknecht suggested the goal of becoming the school of preference for resident students, while Levenson added, "What are the character or choice-out qualities parents are looking for?" She said she also wished to examine the regional agreement to see why it is that Montague picks the Gill representatives to the School Committee. Reipold said she wanted to focus on public relations.

Levenson asked that refiguring the cable angle of the meetings so that the entire committee could be seen together be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on June 9.

School District Makes Use of Interns

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

Leslie Cogswell, school committee member from Montague, did a study of the interns working in the Gill-Montague district schools.

In a report presented to the committee in April, Cogswell said, "The school district continues to be a teaching and learning environment to students of all ages. Currently, GMRSD is a model for excellent teaching to students from various colleges and universities."

According to her report, there are currently fourteen interns working in the district, representing three colleges from three different states: Marlboro College in Brattleboro, Vermont, Antioch University in Keene, New Hampshire and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Cogswell broke the report down by district schools, as follows. At Gill Elementary there is one student intern from Antioch working three days a week. She's completing her masters degree in environmental education and is helping to develop Gill's nature based learning programs.

Gill also has a second grade student teacher working five days a week from UMass Amherst's Early Childhood Education bachelors degree program. Hillcrest Elementary has a first-grade student

teacher working five days a week, also from UMass.

Sheffield Elementary has a graduate student from UMass Amherst's Elementary Education program doing a five day a week practice teaching program. There are two second grade student teachers doing their final full time internships from UMass Early Childhood Education bachelor's program.

A graduate student from the Integrated Learning program at Antioch is doing a three day a week practice teacher program at Sheffield. There are two part time UMass counseling interns and two pre-practicum counseling interns at Sheffield as well.

Great Falls Middle School has a graduate student from Marlboro working in the sixth grade classroom on ELA and Social Studies. Another student interning with middle school guidance works two mornings a week through UMass.

Turners Falls High School has a student teacher in a social studies class all year, teaching 10th to 12th grade. He is enrolled in the Masters of Teaching for Social Justice program at Marlboro College.

Cogswell said the district is lucky to have all these wonderful college students working as interns in the district, and said that she has learned many of them request the district as their choice to do their internships and practice teaching.

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desk, not to monitor Sharp's activities. She said, "You don't have the luxury of privacy in the public domain."

Selectboard member and town IT consultant Jacob Smith said, "You work in a public office in a public place. The goal was to monitor secure files." Smith asked, "What are you doing that you're so concerned [about being monitored]?"

When Sicard, who had not commented, was asked what she thought of the camera recording her desk, she replied, "I don't like it." She added that she works hard for the entire workday and doesn't need constant monitoring.

Selectboard chair William Bem-bury told Sharp, "The camera stays."

Selectboard member Arthur Johnson suggested that partitions could be used so that Sharp and Sicard "are not working on camera." The selectboard room has a movable room-divider partition located between the camera and Sharp's desk, but Sicard's desk does not have a similar partition.

Bembury and Smith voted to keep the camera online and in

its current location. Johnson abstained. However, the board agreed to remove the security camera's feed from several of the town hall computers and restrict access to the feed to the selectboard computer and Boyden's computer. The board decided to meet with Sharp in executive session on June 15.

"You asked for an exit strategy. I didn't ask for an exit strategy," Bembury told Sharp.

Boyden reported that, with the recent upgrade, town hall now has ten security cameras located throughout the building.

June 29 Special Town Meeting

The board discussed draft articles for the June 29 special town meeting, with proposed spending from free cash totaling \$154,152, including \$75,000 for re-siding town hall.

Proposed spending also includes the following: tuition for a student attending Smith Vocational School, \$21,000 for installing new flooring at the police station, money for re-finishing wooden tables and chairs at the library, establishing a \$25,000 fund for repairing or rebuilding the library, purchasing a washer and

dryer and snow blower for the senior center, and \$2,500 for a public address system and accessories for town meetings.

One draft warrant article is a resolution opposing construction of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline North-east Energy Direct pipeline through Erving.

Another would allow seniors to work for the town to earn an abatement of up to \$750 on their property taxes.

The final warrant for the meeting will be completed by June 15.

Trash and More Cameras

Resident Paul Neville asked that the town remove trash, including computer monitors and tires, from his property on Old State Road. He said the trash was left by non-residents taking advantage of Erving's "Everything Goes" trash collection.

Neville said that non-resident dumping at the time of "Everything Goes" happens repeatedly. He agreed to call the police promptly the next time he observes dumping, and will allow the town to install a security camera in the location where items are dumped.

The board agreed to remove and dispose of the trash on this occasion, but did not want to set a precedent for doing this.

They noted that Neville was willing to have a security camera placed on his property to catch dumpers. The board plans to prosecute anyone caught dumping trash at this location or anywhere else in town.

Fire Department Uniforms

The board approved fire chief Philip Wonkka's request to buy uniform polo shirts and duty pants for firefighters for \$1,500 from his current budget and added \$9,500 for 18 "Class A" dress uniforms consisting of jacket, pants, long sleeve and short sleeve shirts, tie, shoes, hat and badges.

Johnson asked if the firefighters would be wearing the dress uniforms, saying, "We don't want to pay for uniforms they never use."

Bembury and Wonkka both agreed that it was worthwhile for townspeople to see firefighters in uniform, and that uniforms were good for firefighter morale.



Wendellites Prepare for Annual Town Meeting

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Wendell's annual town meeting will be held Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Its warrant with thirty-two articles is posted at the town office building and on the town website, www.wendellmass.us, and is briefly summarized here.

The first three articles would allow the town to accept the town report, to borrow money from time to time for periods of less than a year, and allow the treasurer to enter into compensating balancer agreements during fiscal 2016, starting July 1.

Article 4 would allow for the regular operating expenses for

the town, including road maintenance, salaries of town employees, schools, totaling \$2,795,965.

Article 5 would allow the town to borrow up to \$1,920,000 to pay for its share of construction, installation and start-up of a regional high speed broadband network.

Several regular spending articles would use money from the town's stabilization fund, including paying the notes on the town office building, the Mahar construction project, contribution to the insurance reserve and the pension reserve funds, and \$5,600 for payment on Wendell's share of capital improvements at Swift River School.

Less regular spending articles that would come from stabilization are purchase of a new police cruiser, \$40,152; a wellness program for the fire department, \$2850; a ventilation system for the highway garage and fire station, \$36,000; fire turnout gear, \$39,609; purchase of self contained breathing apparatus' (SCBA's), \$65,000; and purchase of a Cascade System (which would be used in refilling the air tanks of the SCBA's), \$40,000. Any article that takes money from stabilization requires a 2/3 vote to pass.

Article 28 would move \$298,052 from free cash into the stabilization account, and article 8 would raise

and appropriate \$5,000 for stabilization.

Article 27 would raise and appropriate \$23,862 to pay for the deficit in the snow and ice removal budget for the winter of 2014-2015.

Articles 29 through 32 would change the positions of treasurer, tax collector, clerk, and the board of assessors from elected to appointed positions. According to Massachusetts general law chapter 41 section 1B, if those pass at town meeting they become town procedure only after they also pass as a ballot question at the next town election typically held in May.

Friends of Gill: Caring for the Community

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

The Friends of Gill is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the town of Gill and its people. The group regularly holds community events to raise funds for town services.

In March, the organization held a pancake breakfast at Gill Congregational Church. The funds they raised went to support college scholarships awarded to students from Gill.

Kathy Augustine, a member of the Friends since the group began, said the group provides the refreshments for the concerts: "It's our famous strawberry shortcake they come for."

She also explained how the group started, which was around the time of Gill's 1993 bicentennial celebration.

"It was a group during the Gill Bicentennial. They had roast beef dinners - Bernie Keach started it.

"After the first dinner, during the bicentennial, she decided to get a group together, and it became known as Friends of Gill."

The group meets once a month, at the Gill Congregational Church in the center of town. It has about a dozen active members.

Augustine says their mission is simple: "It's an organization that helps our community."

The Congregational Church plays a larger role in the group's beginnings than just playing host to its meetings. The group shares a lot of history with the church. In 1993, Augustine said, the group was raising funds "to keep the church. Bernie wanted that. They started to have roast beef dinners. There was no congregation, and people just wanted to take care of the building."

Besides making strawberry shortcake, Augustine also mentions that one fundraiser is selling apple pies. "We make about 120 apple pies," she said, "and sell them towards the scholarship program."

Another group that cares about the town and its history is the Gill Historic Commission, which recently hosted a meeting for Gill's residents interested in efforts to nominate the Gill Center and Riverside Historic Districts to the National Register of Historic Places.

The next event that Friends of Gill are part of this year is the Concerts in the Common. This series, which has been going since 2007, will take place Tuesdays on the common in front of Gill's town hall.

The June 30 concert will feature Michael Nix playing classical banjo from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Town Reps Eye Cooler Lights

By BEVERLY KETCH

The Gill selectboard meeting on June 1 began with a discussion of new LED street lights. A quote from Fred Davis Corp. has been submitted to the selectboard for both 3,000 Kelvin (K) and 4,000 K lights.

The 3,000 K lights, a relatively "warmer" color, are priced at \$12,178, and the 4,000 K ones, relatively "cooler," at \$11,092. The higher kelvin lights may be hormone disrupters, so the more expensive choice may be preferable, especially since both estimates are below a previously approved amount.

The decision will be made at a later meeting.

Carney Construction Company, of Ware, MA, has been awarded the contract for the replacement of the safety complex roof. Their bid of \$121,138 was the lowest submitted. The highest was \$169,000, and three other bids were around \$145,000.

A new 5-year contract with Springfield Materials Recycling Facility was approved by the board. Although the company's payment for recyclables is now going to be less, it is still far better than paying to put them in the landfill.

The last order of business was the approval of the appointment of William Kimball as a part-time police officer. The selectmen agreed that he was a wonderful choice for the job.

All also agreed that the selectboard meeting had been short and sweet.

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Summer at the First Congregational Church

By LEE WICKS

MONTAGUE CENTER – Pastor Barbara Turner Delisle, who signs her email messages as Pastor Barb, is doing her part to contribute to summer fun and enrichment in Montague. The First Congregationalist Church will be the site for a series of intriguing workshops and an impressive jazz concert on June 21.

Save the date and bring a chair or blanket for four hours of music – from 2 to 6 p.m. – on the common outside the church. The Broken Cello Orchestra, a 12-piece local band, and the Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra, a full 18-piece band, will perform.

Both are donating their performances, for the joy of community and to help raise funds for the church. Delisle said, “The concert is free, but we will be selling strawberry shortcake and lemonade, and a few other goodies. This rain or shine event will be held inside our beautiful sanctuary in case of rain.”

And throughout the summer, Art and Soul, a forum for weaving together the arts, spirituality, community building and social justice, is offering workshops that blend creativity, introspection and discovery.

Susannah Crolius, the director and facilitator, says, “Art & Soul’s purpose is to create nurturing yet provocative experiences where people from many different life experiences can reflect on, engage and share with one another through the vehicle of creativity.”

All workshops listed here will be held in Montague at the church. Offerings in other locations can be found at Art & Soul’s website. The following course description come from the website, www.artandsoulhcc.org.

Locating Our Lives, Discovering Holy Ground: Maps as Autobiography. June 8, 15, 22, 29; 6 to 9 p.m.
Using maps and old photographs as both guide and creative medium, this four-week series invites exploration of those life experiences that have informed us spiritually, emotionally, relationally, physically and culturally. Sliding Scale Fee: \$60 to \$160 for the series.

Pie Making as Prayer and Celebration. July 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
There is something about pie. Pie is memory, delight and gift. And it is strawberry season! Alternating between focused memory-making, prayerful contemplation and sharing stories, pie will be made, baked and eaten! Bring a pie pan and a rolling pin if you have one. Sliding Scale Fee: \$20 to \$50.

Many Faces: Mask Making as Contemplation. Monday evenings, July 13, 20, 27; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
The oldest masks found are over 9,000 years old, though it is believed that mask wearing is a much older practice. You could argue we are always wearing masks around ourselves and with each other. Experimenting with different forms of mask-making, this series explores through creativity, the many faces we put on. Sliding Scale Fee: \$60 to \$100 for the series.

You can register by signing up at: artandsoul.wm@gmail.com, or call Susannah at (413) 348-2385. To stay informed about ongoing programs and events at the church, go to www.montaguechurch.org.

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there’s no way for the town to weigh in,” said Ramsey.

“We made a good-faith effort to try to convince [Silver Street] that it was a good idea to reopen some of those storefronts on the Avenue to retail use, but it was not an attractive option to them,” he said.

In particular, he said, offers to trade space in the town-owned former Saint Anne’s rectory building on Sixth Street for HallKeen’s offices, currently in the historic Hibernian block at Fourth and A, were declined. “The town didn’t have any teeth to require them to do that,” Ramsey said, “but it’s unfortunate that they didn’t want to pursue it as an option.”

Still, according to Ramsey, it looks as if a large amount of money will be invested in renovating the properties. “They’ve been in the building department, pulling permits for improvements,” he said. “I believe a pretty substantial amount of money is being put in. They are due for rehabilitation, mostly interior as I understand, but also some exterior work, repointing brick and doing some new windows.”

Calls to MassHousing, State Street Development and HallKeen were not returned as of press time. Town administrator Frank Abbondanzio was out of town this week and was not available to speak to the *Reporter* about the property transfer.

38 Third Street

Several months ago, FunkShun owner Christa Snyder decided to close her 38 Third Street brick-and-mortar location to focus on her up-

holstery and sewing business, and started looking for a tenant for the little yellow building.

The space has been rented by a new shop called Dusk.

Proprietor Emily Magleby, who recently moved to the area from Cambridge, said her business “will have a focus on handcrafted and small batch items, but I’ll also be selling things that I personally just think are cool.”

Magleby said that back east she “had heard about a place called Turners Falls that was supposed to be like the J.P. of western Mass.”

Like Boston’s Jamaica Plain neighborhood, she explained, Turners Falls has a reputation of being “a place where a lot of artistic people can do their thing, it’s less expensive than nearby places, and it’s an area where unique talents that sometimes get overlooked in larger towns are appreciated and cherished by people.”

She adds that she’s looking to get in touch with “local makers” whose crafts Dusk might stock, directing the curious to shopatdusk.com.

Magleby anticipates combining web and store sales – “that’s a necessity for any shop anywhere this day and age” – and does not anticipate painting over the eye-catching exterior yellow. The shop is nearly ready to open, she said, and she is “really excited to be a part of Turners Falls.”

104-112 Avenue A

Just around the corner from Dusk, and past Stuff, several storefronts in one property have now remained mostly vacant for years. Owner Danny Chow has been al-

lowing Turners Falls Riverculture to use the windows as a kind of sidewalk gallery space, with rotating exhibits.

Last summer Rodney Madison moved his store, Madison on the Avenue, into the first of these, 104 Avenue A, after the corner building he had been previously renting in next door was purchased and renovated.

Ramsey said that the town’s board of health has been inspecting the building, which is currently home to tenants upstairs, and that it is under consideration for receivership. “It’s got some water damage,” he said. “Hopefully the insurance will cover it, and the town doesn’t have to get involved.”

Under the state’s receivership statute, courts appoint a contractor to renovate a property and render it habitable. This “receiver” is then given a lien against the property, to recuperate expenses, and if the owner of record cannot pay, the receiver can foreclose on the building and send it to public auction.

Two L Street properties are currently being renovated by Obear Construction under the town’s receivership program.

111-115 Avenue A

Directly across the Avenue from Chow’s building is another property sold last Friday. The historic Starbuck building has been home, for the past five years, to Gary’s Coins and Antiques.

Tom Cameron and Mary Mathers of Easthampton, who owned the building for eleven years, had initially tried to sell it themselves, and eventually went through a realtor.

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Cameron, who works in town at Hillside Plastics, says they turned down “six or seven” offers along the way.

“It’s a nice building,” he said, explaining how the Starbuck company had started with a smaller building in the rear and then built the handsome avenue block as they got successful. “It’s got the alleyway, it’s got the bay doors... It’s a pretty neat property!”

Last winter, while he was repairing the building’s roof, Cameron ended the leases of the at-will tenants in the two upstairs apartments in anticipation of finding a buyer.

He finally accepted an offer made by Ya-Ping Douglass of Second Street, who says she and friends plan to live in the upstairs apartments and use the commercial spaces, including the currently vacant back building, “in ways that directly benefit the immediate community.”

For now, she said, that would include keeping Gary’s Coins on as a downstairs tenant. “We like Gary [Konvelski] a lot, and know that his store has been a major presence on the Avenue for the past five years,”

she said. “We’ve agreed to a one-year lease for the time being.

“He has told us he’ll be consolidating his shop to the main storefront, which means the left side will be open for other opportunities soon.”

“I enjoyed having the building for the first eight years or so – the last three have been tiring,” said Cameron, who expressed disappointment when he heard the town had been unable to convince Power Town’s new owners to open up more ground-level units for retail.

“The downtown is halfway there,” he said. “People are trying, but they need some support from the town... There’s a lot of cosmetic stuff that’s not getting done.

“One more thing that would help the downtown is a stronger police presence – a beat cop, or someone downtown,” he continued.

“People are pretty comfortable early in the evening, but after nine o’clock, regular people aren’t as comfortable walking downtown – people that you want as customers in your business.”



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Senior Center: First in Line?

By JEFF SINGLETON

The town of Montague has significant building needs: a very small public library, built near the turn of the 20th century; a decaying and potentially unsafe highway department garage; and a senior center with inadequate space and parking. As a result of the work of an aggressive senior center committee and funding from a Community Development Block Grant, it appears that the senior center may be first in line.

But is a new Senior Center the priority? That question remained very much on the table at the first selectboard meeting of June 2015.

Town planner Walter Ramsey gave the selectboard a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of a planning study directed by the senior center committee. The study was funded by a 2013 Community Development Block Grant, and written by the firm Catlin and Petrovick.

Ramsey noted that the committee had met eight times over the past six months, undertaken a survey and a focus group, visited a number of other senior centers, and held two public meetings in town.

He showed data which suggested that the senior population as a percentage of the total Montague population will continue to increase over the next few decades. (The percentage of school-age children will continue to decline.)

He also showed the results of a survey of 151 residents, mostly seniors and soon-to-be seniors, who said they would more likely use a senior center if a new one was built.

The Catlin and Petrovick study concluded that the town needs a new senior center, and that rehabilitating the current building on Fourth Street is not a realistic option. After considering three other sites – including St Anne's church and an area just to the south of town hall – the committee settled on 38 Avenue A.

38 Avenue A is the current site of the much-debated former Cumberland Farms building, owned by a quasi-public organization called the Montague Economic Development Corporation (MEDIC). The old "Cumbies building" has been coveted by the local access station, Montague Community Cable Incorporated, and has been the subject of a good deal of debate by Montague town meeting, which has refused to allocate funds to tear it down. The senior center proposal would see it torn down to construct a new building for seniors and others to meet.

Ramsey showed a floor plan and

an artist's conception of the two-story building proposed to replace Cumbies. The total area of these two floors - which include a meeting room, dining facilities and a gym - was estimated at approximately 11,000 square feet. The artist's conception had the look and feel of an attractive brick factory building. This, it was argued, is consistent with the aesthetic of a former factory town.

The proposed facility, unlike the current senior center, would have plenty of parking due to its location next to the Great Falls Discovery Center.

Ramsey finished his presentation with a slide showing "next steps" in the process. These might include a geotechnical analysis of the ground in the area, a brownfields study, a bid-ready design plan, fundraising, and a discussion of how the project fits in with the town's broader capital needs.

Selectboard member Michael Nelson asked if the committee had considered additional uses for the center, such as space for producing local access television shows. Ramsey said the committee "wants the space to be flexible," but also noted that current grant funding is designed to produce a senior center, not a facility for other purposes.

Rich Kuklewicz asked if federal funds could be used for construction, to which Ramsey responded that block grant money may only be used for design purposes. There was discussion of other potential locations, with Ramsey noting that the space to the south of town hall was a "close second" to the Avenue A location.

Ramsey also noted that the committee had not looked into town-owned school properties, including the building that currently houses the Hillcrest School.

Selectboard members expressed concern about whether the senior center was the biggest priority, given the condition of the highway building and the need for more library space.

It was decided that the next step in the process would involve setting priorities in this area with the town's capital improvements committee. No date or timeline was set for resolving this issue, however.

More Planning

Ramsey remained at the front table to discuss two other issues.

He asked the selectboard to execute three agreements with the historic preservation offices of tribes involved in the Turners Falls battle-



The senior center committee has been presenting this "concept" illustration of a potential new building at 38 Avenue A.

field grant. These agreements involve research on the 1676 battle or massacre from the Native American perspective, funded by the National Park Service. The board preferred to seek legal advice before committing their signatures to the agreements.

Ramsey also asked the board to execute a contract with Bales Energy Associates to develop performance specifications for heating upgrades at the town-owned Shea Theater. The consultant fee will be paid by a state Green Communities grant.

The board endorsed this request.

The selectboard also awarded a \$396,550 grant to Mountain View Landscape and Lawncare Inc for the Streetscape Enhancement Project on Avenue A. The award was recommended by Bruce Hunter of the Franklin County Housing Authority, which is overseeing the project, funded by a 2013 federal Community Development Block Grant.

There was a good deal of discussion about what to do with lights and light poles that are being removed and replaced along Avenue A. The selectboard was informed that the highway department is storing the old lamps, which are difficult to replace, for potential future use.

Ballot Investigation

Town clerk Deborah Bourbeau came to the front table to address recent complaints from Betty Tegel that absentee ballots for the last election had been mailed out too late. Tegel, who arrived after the discussion had started, has advocated mailing out ballots forty-five days in advance, as required in November state elections.

Bourbeau stated that she had mailed out 35 ballots on May 5, fourteen days before the annual town election, and that all but four were returned on time.

Bourbeau said she did not know why Tegel's ballot had not arrived in her Greenfield mailbox until May 14, but that the Secretary of State, which oversees elections, had "no concerns" about the process in Montague. "I did my job," she declared.

Bourbeau also argued that mailing out ballots 45 days in advance was not realistic, since ballots would not be finalized in time.

There was a lengthy discussion and much speculation about the problem with Tegel's ballot, and why a copy may have been returned to her apartment in Montague.

The selectboard seemed to conclude that current procedures were sound, and that the mystery surrounding Tegel's ballot could best be solved outside of an official board meeting.

Other Business

Police chief Chip Dodge presented the selectboard with a letter of commendation for officer Jon Dempsey, who has served as narcotics detective since November 2013. The letter went into some detail about three Turners Falls drug arrests that Dempsey, along with the District Attorney's anti-crime task force, has participated in.

Dodge's letter stated that Dempsey's job requires him to "build bonds and create trust," and that his work was "extremely dangerous due to the types of people you are dealing with."

Suzanne LoManto, the Turners Falls Riverculture director, informed the board of a number of events during the summer that may require special permits. One of these is the Upper Valley Music Festival, which will take place on July 25. The festival did not take place in Turners Falls last year due to a scheduling snarl involving the Shea Theater. This year, LoManto is planning a sidewalk sale to coincide with the festival.

A request by Sammy Guilford to be appointed to the cable advisory committee was voted down 2-1 by the board. Jason Burbank, who chairs the cable committee, opposed the appointment, stating that Guilford's presence might make the board "difficult to manage." Guilford served on the committee a decade ago.

The selectboard approved new wording for the state-approved liquor license for the Montague Inn on Route 63.

The license had been designated for the building while a proposed sale to a buyer had reportedly been in the works. But, according to town executive assistant Wendy Bogusz, "there was someone else that was requesting the license." State officials therefore proposed that the name of the inn, which currently appears on the license, be changed to "an entity."

John Reynolds asked, "But not the same people that actually came for this license initially, the guys from Amherst?"

"No," Bogusz responded, "it will be the owner of the building."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

Vehicle, Motorcycles Collide

Friday, 5/8

10:43 a.m. Complaint about aggressive dog in Cave Hill Conservation Area. Dog owner located and advised of leash laws.

Monday, 5/11

3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision on Route 63. Operator transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital with minor injuries.

Operator cited numerous charges.

Wednesday, 5/13

1:25 p.m. Officer served restraining order on Juggler Meadow Road.

Sunday, 5/17

7:33 p.m. Officer responded while off-duty to assist Massachusetts State Police with a motor vehicle accident involving two west-

bound motorcycles collided with an eastbound vehicle. Cyclists both transported via Life Flight.

Tuesday, 5/19

11:15 a.m. Subject reports his vehicle hit by another unknown vehicle while parked. Report taken.

Saturday, 5/23

1:30 p.m. Well being check on Rattlesnake Gutter

Road. Subject transported to Wing Memorial Hospital.

Sunday, 5/24

11 a.m. Report of black bear in front of public safety complex, gone on arrival.

Sunday, 5/31

1:25 p.m. Assisted Amherst Fire Department with medical emergency on Lead Mine Road.

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Alderbrook Meadow is less than one mile west of the newly proposed site for the pipeline's 80,000-horsepower compressor station on Bald Hill. The transmission lines on the other side of Beers Mountain from the sanctuary are the pipeline's proposed route.

Access for the trail will be on Route 63 approximately two miles south of the center of Northfield. A parking area will also be built for access to the trail.

The newest acquisition by Mount Grace is located just down Route 63, at the summit of Erving's Poplar Mountain. It is accessible from trailheads on Old State Road, and connects to the extensive trail network incorporating Erving State Forest and the Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center.

The Erving conservation commission is also working on establishing a trail that traverses the ridge. The steep face of the hill allows views to Northfield, Erving, Wendell, and Montague, and a vista of both the Connecticut and Millers rivers. The hill is visible from Routes 2 and 63, and frames much of the dramatic lower Millers River valley.

The ridge of Poplar Mountain and the surrounding terrain is rugged, and transmission lines criss-cross it from north to south and east to west. The peak is steep, and access from any angle requires climbing the last thousand feet to the top.

Though the 100-foot-wide power line right-of-ways divide the woods, Poplar Mountain and the surrounding area is remote, allowing wildlife including deer, bears, and coyote to

roam relatively unhindered. This reporter encountered a doe and fawn as he ascended the mountain's north face.

Construction of the proposed pipeline would require deforesting a 200-foot swath, and Mount Grace and others have suggested that the rocky terrain would require heavy blasting for the burial of pipe.

The town of Erving purchased the 125-acre estate of John Ginius in 2007, and at the time it was believed the Mackin parcel was a part of that estate. John Mackin's heirs got in touch with Mount Grace last year to pitch donating the land to the town with conservation restrictions, completing the original acquisition. The deal was finalized in May.

The Northfield and Erving projects showcase the organization's efforts as it participates in the leadership of a coalition opposing the pipeline through those towns.

A farm on Montague's Hatchery Road that Mount Grace has under agricultural protection restriction (APR) was bisected by an early version of Kinder Morgan's route, but after staunch local opposition, the point at which the project would drill under the Connecticut River was moved north about a few hundred yards, happening to avoid that property.

"We are strategic in our conservation," said Youngblood. "Biodiversity, farm conservation, major landscape preservation like Poplar Mountain, with localized community projects like Alderbrook, describes our mission well."

The Trust will offer a free public hike of Poplar Mountain on Sunday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. The hike will start in Erving State Forest and ascend Poplar Mountain, following the route of the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline.

Mount Grace staff will discuss the property and strategies to further protect and preserve it. "We do very strategic and informed conservation here in Massachusetts," said Youngblood. "It would be a tragedy to have it undone."



PARZYCH PHOTOS

Okay, so maybe Sewer Project Pictures Corner isn't a regular feature, but we've been hanging onto these pictures Joe Parzych sent in for a few weeks now and this looked like a good spot. They're of Baltazar Construction's project to install a forced main on Avenue A to serve the First Street pumping station. Baltazar sure gets in a lot of those low bids! They're headquartered down in Ludlow. Big thanks to Joe for the pics.



SEWER PROJECT PICTURES CORNER

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Found to Be Picking Flowers, Told to Move Along

Monday, May 25
9:50 a.m. Report of subject in the middle of the bridge, found to be state worker.
1:15 p.m. Assisted disabled motor vehicle in Route 2 rest stop.
Tuesday, May 26
10:38 a.m. Walk into station reporting a past breaking and entering on Mountain Road.
2:30 p.m. Report of subject destroying flowers

on town property, found to be picking flowers, told to move along.
Wednesday, May 27
6:40 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle reported at Old State Road, same removed.
Thursday, May 28
10:10 a.m. Report of illegal dumping at Old State Road, under investigation.
1:30 p.m. Reports of vandalism and destruction

of property at Old State Road residence, report taken.
3:40 p.m. Report of black bear in area of Lillian's Way, gone on arrival.
Friday, May 29
7:40 a.m. Report of computer scam on French King Highway. Report taken.
3:45 p.m. Arrested [redacted] for operating under the influence, negligent operation

of a motor vehicle and destruction of property under \$250.
Saturday, May 30
6:35 p.m. Report of harassment on French King Highway. Report taken.
Sunday, May 31
9 a.m. Assisted with medical emergency on Mountain Road.
6 p.m. Assisted Northfield police locating missing hiker at Birnham Road.

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took their bats in the bottom of the first. Mackenzie Salls led off with a hit to centerfield. Jenna Putala drew a walk and Amber Caouette clocked a RBI double. Gabby got another hit and advanced Amber to third. Courtesy runner, Abby Loynd replaced Gabby. Then Mackenzie P. boomed a double and was replaced by courtesy runner Maddy Johnson. Jordyn Fiske hit a sac and two more Blue runs crossed the plate. The Tribe was up 4-0 after 1.

In the second inning, Powertown scored 8 more runs, putting the score at 12-0. Haley Whipple led off for the Tribe in the second and reached on a grounder to left. And then Jordan Meattay came to the plate.

In the regular season, 6 of the 9 Lady Indians had parked homers – an amazing stat which shows how many weapons Gary Mullins has in his arsenal. Jordan, however, was not one of those 6... until Wednesday's game. She cracked a two-run homer over the fence, and the Tribe took a 6-run lead with no outs.

Mackenzie Salls came up next, and hit a shallow center field single. She stole second and third on a wild pitch and Jenna Putala hit her home with a pretty double.

Two more walks loaded the bases, and Mackenzie Phillips batted-in 2 more runs. Maddy again replaced her on base and was forced out on a fielder's choice. A sac RBI by Haley Whipple accounted for the last run of the inning.

The leadoff batter for Turners in the third inning was Mackenzie Salls. She reached on a base-on-balls. Then three consecutive doubles by Jenna, Amber and Gabby kept the hit parade going. Then something nice happened. Mackenzie P. and Jordyn Fiske each got hits, but for whatever reason, only 1 run crossed the plate. Each of the runners stopped after taking only one base. And it went on and on.

Bases remained loaded as the runs came in, 1 or 2 at a time. And then with the bases loaded, the inning ended when a base runner simply walked off the base and was called out for leaving too early.

Turners led 19-0 after 3 innings. Coach Mullins sent in Abby Loynd, Nicole Thibeault, Jessica Loynd, Maddy Johnson and Sienna Dillensneider. Powertown scored 3 final runs in the fourth inning, and the game was called via the Mercy Rule.

Mackenzie Phillips went 3 for 3, with 3 RBIs. Jordan Meattay and Amber Caouette also batted in 3 runs with 2 hits apiece. Jenna Putala went 2 for 2 from the plate and knocked-in 2 runs. Mackenzie Salls, Jordyn Fiske and Gabby Arzuaga each had 2 hits and 1 RBI. Haley Whipple and Abby Loynd each had a hit and drove in a run. Melissa Hersey scored a run and had a RBI, and Sienna Dillensneider scored a run.

The next game will probably be played on Sunday, June 7, depending on availability. They will host Number 7 seed Mount Greylock.

Technology & Your Child

Children are increasingly exposed to screens of all kinds, from smartphones and DVDs to iPads and computers. While some forms of media have proven to be beneficial to older children, according to the AAP Council on Communications, "there is no credible evidence that any type of screen time is beneficial to babies and toddlers, and some evidence that it may be harmful."

In fact, child development professionals and early literacy specialists suggest that what infants and toddlers need for optimum development is time with adults, talking, moving, playing and socializing!

For parents and others wanting to make sure children are getting the right types of stimulation during the right developmental stages, Jeanine

Fitzgerald of the Fitzgerald Institute will be presenting a workshop "SCREEN TIMES: What's Right for your Child?" on Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hillcrest Elementary School, 30 Griswold Street in Turners Falls.

The workshop is free, and childcare and a light snack will be provided. Please reserve a spot by June 5th by calling the Hillcrest Elementary School at 863-9526 or contacting Karen Guillette at 863-4804 x 1005. When you call, please let us know if you are bringing children and what ages so we are sure to have adequate child care available.

The workshop is sponsored by the Gill-Montague CFCE Program, with funds from the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education & Care.



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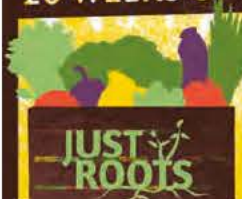
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BECOME CLEAN

The late Katharine Hepburn once said this: "We are taught you must blame your father, your sisters, your brothers, the school, the teachers – but never blame yourself. It's never your fault. But it's always your fault, because if you wanted to change you're the one who has got to change."

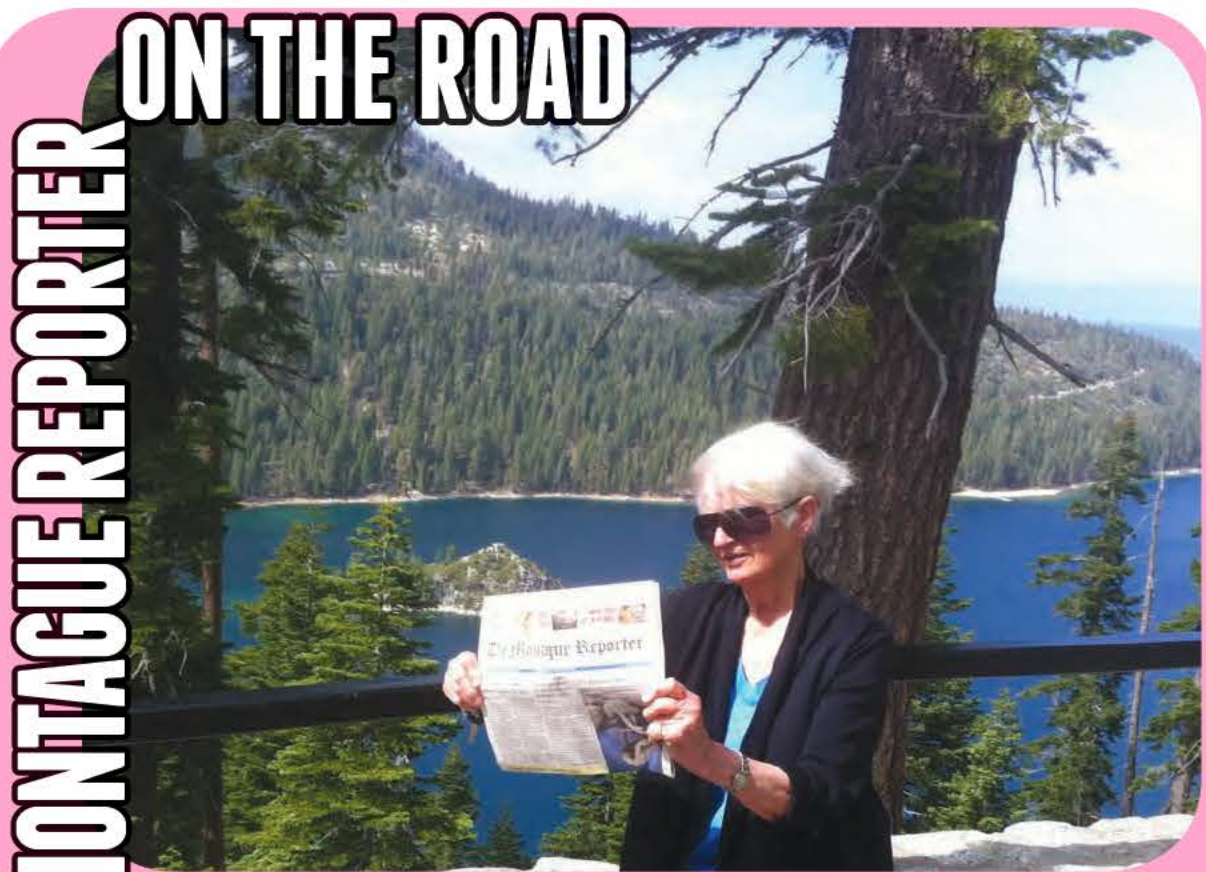
Whether it's an opiate addiction, alcohol, or food, the first step to change will be admitting that you're the one with the problem. We can blame society's ills, or even Christianity, if you wish, but the blame for our actions lies on us.

The Bible says:
"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is always before me."
(Psalm 51:2-3)

Admit to Jesus Christ your sins and ask him to be your Savior. He and only He can remove these sins.

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Made of Thunder: Stunning Beadwork Continues Tradition

By ANNE HARDING

DEERFIELD – Gerry Biron’s extraordinary new portraits of present-day Native bead workers, along with some of their finest beaded works, can be seen at the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association’s Memorial Hall Museum (PVMA) in Deerfield.

They are exhibited along with an incredible array of historic pieces from the collections of Biron and others, ranging from the years 1800 to 2015: intricately beaded hats, bags, picture frames, collars and other items. *Made of Thunder*, *Made of Glass II: American Indian Beadwork of the Northeast* will be on display through November 1, 2015.

When his previous beadwork exhibit and tour came to an end in 2009, Biron was left wondering, “What’s next?” The answer came after his longtime friend, former Chief of the Assonet Wampanoags, Wind-song Blake, counseled Biron on the undertaking of a ritual vision quest.

The answer, in short, was “living portraits.” The prior exhibit featured portraits worked from rare 19th century photographs of people wearing beaded hats and bags. Biron feels they were “flat” in comparison to those on display at Memorial Hall Museum today.

It took Biron five years to find this group of sixteen living artists and complete their portraits. He started by reaching out to museums known for their beadwork collections, and found a few present-day bead workers, who then helped him find others.

Biron visited each artist for several days to interview them and learn their stories and processes. Building



Karen Ann Hoffman, by Gerry Biron. Courtesy of the artist.

this deep connection to his subject, Biron believes, brings depth and life to the portraits.

Hung in conjunction with their beadwork, the effect is compelling and one feels an instant connection to the artists by viewing their portraits and work simultaneously. The portraits are done in graphite and

colored pencil, acrylic, water color and ink. Each one is an investment of 150 or more hours.

One thing Biron learned during the course of his interviews was a greater awareness of beading history, which was a bit of a surprise since he’s been collecting beadwork

see **BEADWORK** page B3

Life without Electricity in Rural Northfield

By JULIE CUNNINGHAM

A long, windy dirt road in the backcountry of Northfield seemingly leads to nowhere. In that nowhere is where Don and Judi Campbell have set their nest to enjoy the later part of their lives.

Surrounded by nature, the couple has created a way of life that incorporates modern conveniences with mindful living. “Living off the grid,” as Don calls it, means the Campbells make their own electricity with solar panels and an AC converter.

To make sure there is enough for the house to run, the Campbells are careful about how much electricity they use. Everything gets turned off as soon as it is no longer in use, and Don said they go so far as to turn off the power cords to make sure everything is completely off.

“You learn pretty quick there are many alternatives to using electricity,” said Don.

When the couple first moved into the house in 1998, it was a bit of an adjustment.

“You get annoyed when you first live off the grid, but it doesn’t last long – you learn pretty quick,” Don explained.

Some modern appliances use quite a bit of electricity, and it took some getting used to. Judi said she wouldn’t use the toaster oven for a long time after the couple first moved in, because it uses 1,500 watts of electricity. The computer has to be turned off as soon as it is not in use, which means the couple has to reboot it every time either of them uses it.

“You begin to be a little more careful about that kind of thing,” said Don.

With no cell service in the house, Don and Judi rely only on their landline phone to communicate with the outside world. When the phone lines are disrupted,

see **OFF GRID** page B4



Don and Judi Campbell live in a part of Northfield that isn’t serviced by the electric company. They make their own solar electricity, but have to be careful about how much they use throughout the day.

Bring Back the Hood Ornament: Style, Elegance and Safety

By PETER REICH

NORTH LEVERETT – Increasingly, on roads here in Franklin and Hampshire Counties, drivers of all ages hug the center line of the road: WHY?

There was a time when the car-driving portion of our brains grew pretty much hard wired for one of the most subtle ergonomic devices ever invented: the Hood ornament.

“All you have to do,” said the astute driving instructor more than fifty years ago, “is line up the hood ornament with the right side of the pavement and you’ll be perfectly aligned in your lane.” And after awhile the minuscule portion of the brain devoted to driving comes to an understanding with the eye and the two hands at ten and two: lane alignment and safer driving become automatic.

This driving instructor was the best ever. It was the summer of 1960. A VW Bug cost \$1,565 new; Nixon and Kennedy were preparing for the first ever televised candidate debate in anticipation of November’s presidential election; the Summer Olympics dazzled in Rome; first class postage was four cents; *Psycho* shocked on the silver screen, *Guns n’ Roses* ruled on TV; “It’s Now or Never,” “The Twist,” “Cathy’s Clown,” “Itsy-Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini” played on the radio, and the driving instructor had a convertible.

We were sixteen years old and loved learning to drive well away from the center line of the road guided by that magnificent wind-swept hood ornament.

We were taught to maintain one car length of distance for every ten miles of speed between us and the car in front, and to check the rear view mirror every three seconds (this was before they had side view mirrors). Let the



car’s natural braking power do some of the slowing at a red light. The pavement is most slippery directly after rain begins, before the slippery, residual oil washes away.

Hands at two and ten o’clock. And all the while, our brains were conditioned to rely on the trusty hood ornament to keep us safely aligned in our lane.

If you hadn’t noticed, hood ornaments are pretty much gone (and show me a red-blooded American of a certain age who doesn’t thrill at the sight of 1953 Pontiac Chieftain Hood Ornament). Even without a hood ornament, and with certain automobiles, the eye could still latch, unconsciously, onto the tip of a windshield wiper, some visual clue to assist in lane alignment, but then they vanished beneath cowlings and it got worse:

A few months back, I slipped into the driver’s seat of my son’s Prius and it was like sitting at the console of an airliner with a razzle dazzle 21st century control panel providing even more interior distractions to the road-focused eye.

And as for any visual aids to lane placement,

see **HOOD** page B4



WEST ALONG THE RIVER

Dynamite, Log Drives, and River Hogs: Part I

By DAVID BRULE

MILLERS RIVER – The annual Connecticut River log drive reached Wells River, N.H. and is expected here in about three weeks.

It totals 45,000,000 feet of spruce lumber, half of which is consigned to Bellows Falls. The remainder will go to the Connecticut River Lumber Company at Holyoke.

– news item from May 1884

Back in the year of ’75 – eighteen seventy-five, that is – the whole river valley from Brattleboro to Turners Falls would have been gearing up for the wildest times these riv-

er towns had ever seen. Tens of millions of logs would be floating downriver during the month of June, to choke the river from the French King Rock to the Narrows above the Turners Falls dam.

A sure-footed person could cross the river on the logs from Montague to Gill in those times without getting wet feet! One legendary log jam in 1897 took plenty of dynamite from July until October to open up.

Accompanying the logs would have been several hundred wild and soaking-wet log drivers, “river hogs” in their own parlance, riding the trees down from the regions

of the Connecticut Lakes. Red-shirted and spike-booted, they worked the river in the years from 1875 until the last real drive of any size in 1915. They were the source of legends, stories and tall tales told by those who remember them.

The river men themselves, some of whom settled in our villages here along the river once their logging days were over, kept local historians busy collecting their memories and recording the bragging about seemingly impossible exploits on the river.

Millers Falls historian John A. Taggart wrote down many of their tales in the late 1800s when he interviewed such old timers as Caleb White, Ira Luey, Chauncey Loveland, and Solomon Caswell, all living out their days in Millers Falls.

Here are a few examples: Caleb White of Dry Hill often told the story of how, on a \$10 bet, he “shot” the high water roaring over the Millers Falls dam. Taggart saw the exploit himself and wrote down the story word for word, as it happened that day.



A lot drive at the dam, around 1910.

see **LOG** page B4

Pet of the Week



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“ANGEL”

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Contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society at (413) 548-9898 or at info@dpvhs.org.

Senior Center Activities June 8 to 12

GILL and MONTAGUE

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

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

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

Monday 6/8

8 a.m. Foot Clinic Appointments
10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
1 p.m. Knitting Circle

Tuesday 6/9

9:30 a.m. Mat Yoga (fee)
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Tech Tutor appts.
12:45 p.m. COA Meeting

Wednesday 6/10

10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
Friends' Meeting (call for time)
Noon Birthday Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bingo

Thursday 6/11

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:10 a.m. Tech Tutor
Noon Lunch
1 p.m. Pitch & Five Crowns

Friday 6/12

Reflexology by Appointment
10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
1 p.m. Writing Group

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Flexibility and Balance Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$6 (first class free). Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

ERVING

Erving Senior Center, temporarily at 18 Pleasant Street, 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 the Mealsite Manager at 423-3308 for meal information and reservations.

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

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

Monday 6/8

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Osteo Exercise

Tuesday 6/9

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
9:30 a.m. COA Meeting
10 a.m. Cardio Toning

Wednesday 6/10

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga

Thursday 6/11

8:45 a.m. Aerobics
10 a.m. Healthy Bones, Muscles

Friday 6/12

9 a.m. Quilting, Bowling
Noon Lunch at The Arbors

WENDELL

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

MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS

This Week at MCTV

This Wednesday, videographer Bret Leighton captured the amazing storytelling of Eshu Bumpus at Sheffield Elementary. A renowned storyteller, accomplished jazz vocalist and a master of physical characterization, Bumpus has performed across America with the mission of encouraging literacy and building community through the communication of story. This program was funded in part by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council. Watch for the event on TV and online.

Also being shot this week will be the first episode of Valley Views with Valerie Magoon. Shooting will take place during Fish Printing at the 10th Annual Family Fish Day hosted by Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls this Saturday, June 6, between 10am and 2pm. In cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, anyone can come and learn to fish! Equipment supplied or bring your own.

This Wednesday, June 3, MCTV live-streamed the Precinct 5 Town Meeting, Debate and Election Run-off organized by David Detmold.

The video will then be posted for viewing through the MCTV website, www.montaguetelevision.org.

On Friday, June 5, MCTV will be on hand to film Turners Falls High School Graduation. A DVD of the event will be available for purchase.

New videos now available for viewing:

- Cable Advisory Committee Meeting from 5/28/2015
- River Song Project Performance by Tony Vacca and the Nolumbeka Reconciliation Commemoration Ceremony
- Montague Memorial Day Ceremony
- GMRSD Committee Meeting from 5/26/2015



MIK MULLER GRAPHIC

MCTV: May, 2015

THE HEALTHY GEEZER

Abuse of Antibiotics

However, each year doctors in the USA write about 50 million antibiotic prescriptions for viral illnesses anyway. Patient pressure is a major cause for these prescriptions.

When you don't finish your prescription, your antibiotic doesn't kill all the targeted bacteria. The germs that survive build up resistance to the drug you're taking. Doctors are then forced to prescribe a stronger antibiotic. The bacteria learn to fight the stronger medication. Superbugs are smart, too; they can share information with other bacteria.

The antibiotic vancomycin was, for years, a reliable last defense against some severe infections. But some superbugs have figured out how to resist even vancomycin.

More than 70 percent of the bacteria that cause hospital-acquired infections are resistant to at least one of the antibiotics most commonly used to treat them. About 100,000 people die each year from infections they contract in the hospital, often because the bacteria that cause hospital-acquired infections are resistant to antibiotics.

Here's what you can do about this problem:

- Protect yourself by washing your hands often, handling and preparing food safely, and keeping up-

to-date on immunizations.

- Take antibiotics exactly as prescribed. If you cut your treatment short, you kill the vulnerable bacteria, but allow the resistant bacteria to live.

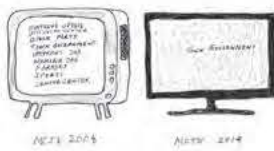
- Never take leftover antibiotics from your medicine cabinet or from a friend. The antibiotic might not be the right one to use. And, if it is, you probably won't have enough pills to kill the germs in your system. This can lead to more resistant bacteria.

- Don't pressure your doctor for antibiotics if you have a viral illness.

Penicillin, which was introduced six decades ago, was the first antibiotic. It was derived from mold. We now have more than 150 of these drugs. Antibiotics are a class of antimicrobials, a group that includes anti-viral, anti-fungal, and anti-parasitic drugs.

Previous treatments for infections included poisons such as strychnine and arsenic. When antibiotics arrived, they were called "magic bullets," because they targeted disease without harming the host.

If you would like to ask a question, write to fred@healthygeezers.com.



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By FRED CICETTI

Q. I had a bad cold so I asked my doctor for an antibiotic. He seemed reluctant, but I insisted and he gave me the prescription. I was supposed to take it for 10 days, but I stopped after 7 because I felt better and I...

Stop! Next you'll tell me you prefer not to cover your mouth when you cough.

Taking antibiotics unnecessarily and not completing your prescription are the leading causes of "superbugs," bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. These superbugs are one of the most serious threats to global public health.

The first thing you should know is that antibiotics are used to combat bacteria, not viruses. So, these potent drugs should be used for infections of the ear, sinuses, urinary tract and skin. They're also used to treat strep throat. They should not be used for viruses that cause most sore throats, coughs, colds and flu.

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for more than 30 years.

He says, "The creators of this work are today's culture bearers of their respective Nations and the people best suited to tell their story. It's important to know that many contemporary Northeast Woodland artists are not reviving or reintroducing an ancient art form; rather several communities are part of the vital continuance of an unbroken tradition." Biron stressed the importance of these longstanding traditions.

In 2012, Biron also published *A Cherished Curiosity: The Souvenir Beaded Bag in Historic Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Art*. Considered by many to be the definitive work on this art form, the beautiful hardcover book is full of fabulous color plates, illustrations, old photographs and meticulously researched history.

Biron carefully documents the astute work of Indian women who found ways to adapt their traditional skills to provide a meager living during increasingly difficult times. By honing in on the tourism market and fashion changes following the end of the Revolutionary War, many native women survived by selling and trading their new art form – the wonderfully intricate beaded hats, purses and other items infused with compelling designs and traditional motifs.

Biron expressed gratitude toward his friend Grant Wade Jonathan, who generously shared his extensive collection of antique Tuscarora beadwork for the exhibit. Jonathan is a Tuscarora raised beadwork artist and an attorney who currently works in the Indian Program at the U.S. EPA in New York City.

When he is not assisting the Haudenosaunee in addressing their environmental concerns, he pursues his other passion of Tuscarora raised beadwork design.

He learned the art form from his mother Lorraine, and from his father has heard the stories of his Great Grandmother Edith Jonathan who sold beadwork at Prospect Point in Niagara Falls.

Jonathan particularly enjoys creating his contemporary interpretations of historical Tuscarora souvenir art called "whimsies." He says, "During my travels throughout the country, I collect antique Tuscarora whimsies as a way of preserving and protecting our history.

"My collection has allowed me to revive old patterns, techniques, and concepts that were regularly used by prior generations, which I share with my community and especially with other Tuscarora bead workers."

He also lectures on the beadwork history of his people, telling stories of the bead workers who sold their art at Niagara Falls, ensuring the correct attribution of the beadwork based upon oral and documented history.

Through his art and his lectures he strives to preserve and protect the history of Tuscarora raised beadwork and the sale of it by Tuscarora families at Niagara Falls, NY.

One type of popular "whimsy" of the 1800s was the ornately beaded picture frame, often including statements like "remember me" or "forget me not."

Among other works, Jonathan has a beautiful frame on display at PVMA with fine examples of raised beadwork, including floral motifs, intricate borders, wise owls and doves.

Rhonda Besaw taught a workshop on cabochon beading to a dozen willing learners (myself included) who were then treated to a personal tour of the exhibit, where they were joined by Biron, Jonathan and Karen Ann Hoffman.

Each artist talked of their work and process and honored their teachers.

One of Besaw's featured pieces was a breathtaking peaked cap in a style that was popular in the mid 1800s.

This cap was inspired by Biron's 1996 portrait of his great-grandmother. Besaw said the caps were originally made by the Northeast Woodland tribes of the Wabanacki, Cree and Ojibway.

Besaw noted that tribal membership of the historic pieces can be discerned by the cut of the hat and the motifs found in the bead patterns.

The hat on display was a commission made in honor of Biron's great-grandmother Clarissa Basque Tellier, so it was made in the Mi'kmaq style (the Mi'kmaq were members of the Wabanacki).

Besaw used a historic cap housed in the British Museum as the basis for the upper part of the cap, while the lower part was embellished with original designs paying specific tribute to Tellier's status as a medicine woman and honored ancestor.

Besaw shared some of her original sketches for the intricately beaded cap, which features tiny size 15 glass beads along with some antique steel cut beads.

It took her about four months to complete the piece, but Besaw was quick to point out that she only beads when she is in a mindful headspace. Otherwise she believes she does a disservice to herself, her ancestors and the work.

During the workshop, we learned that Besaw attended many Native American festivals, dancing in jeans and a tee shirt, but yearned to don the beautiful traditional regalia so many others were wearing.

She sought the advice of an elderly Crow woman who taught her the basic stitches she still uses today.

A novice crafter at the time, Besaw knew nothing of sewing or beading, yet persisted in creating a beautiful dress for dancing.

She loves to share her addiction to beading with others, and has been beading for 13 years now.

Her instructions and presentation materials at the workshop were clear and understandable, but it was her reverence for the art form that resonated with me. She says, "when I sit down to bead, I invite my grandmothers to join me; those who crossed over long ago.

"Just as my ancestors were inspired, many of my colors and designs come from dreams and reflection." She believes one must honor the dreams in order to ensure future dreams.

Karen Ann Hoffman, like the other artists, honored Biron's long-term dedication to the preservation of the heritage beadwork as well as her Cayuga teachers Samuel Thomson and his mother, Lorna Hill. She first met them in the late 1990s at a raised beadwork workshop.

She fell in love with the art form. "I loved its beauty, its symbolism and its connection to our worldview and history. I was amazed that such a small thing, a bit of glass, a strand of thread, could hold so much."

The beadwork's distinctive raised effect comes from using more beads than minimally needed to fit a space in the design, causing the beads to arch higher and higher as a greater number of beads are added.

Hoffman believes in the three tenets of beading that she learned from her mentor and teacher: the work must be beautiful, intentional and meaningful.

Hill taught her that "beauty is see **BEADWORK** page B6

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Officer Advises That There Are Multiple People With Lights and Instruments Playing on the Bridge Over the Canal (Best Birthday Party Ever)

Monday, 5/25

1:58 a.m. Caller from Lake Pleasant Road complains that a train just parked on the tracks by her house and woke her up. Call placed to railroad; Pan Am advises that train should be moving through fairly soon.
1:39 p.m. Officer reports that while on a call, he had to put down a bird with an injured wing.
7:58 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense) and a default warrant.
9:31 p.m. Report of a moose wandering in the Chestnut Street area. Area search negative.

Tuesday, 5/26
2:11 a.m. Alerted by state police that male had entered F.L. Roberts to request an ambulance after being hit by a car. TFFD and MedCare notified and en route. Male reports left side rib pain and states that he was struck by the front driver side of a small sedan in the alley between Third and Fourth Streets. Local departments advised to be on lookout for suspected vehicle.
10:41 a.m. Superintendent of schools reports that a threatening message was found written on the boys' bathroom wall at Sheffield Elementary School this morning. Officers and TFFD off at Sheffield. School officials identified student who wrote it.
11:33 a.m. Caller reports that a bag of her belongings was stolen while she was at a function at St. Kazimierz Society on Saturday. Officer advised caller that due to delay in reporting, she could not be provided with a police report.
11:55 a.m. Caller reports that two days ago he was assaulted by an unknown male party at an unknown address (possibly Chestnut Hill). Caller can't remember what happened after the party jumped him; has injuries including teeth knocked out and a split lip.
12:03 p.m. Bird researcher working in wildlife management area on Plains Road reports that there has been shooting in the area during the last couple of days. Caller has already contacted environmental police. Advised of options.
2 p.m. Highly intoxicated male at Hubie's Bar taken into protective custody and later released.

Wednesday, 5/27
2:05 a.m. Caller reports that the vehicle he is traveling in struck a porcupine on Millers Falls Road. Officer removed deceased animal from travel lane.
7:25 a.m. Report of a black bear in Millers Falls moving from New Street to the Pioneer Tavern area to South Lyman Street.
10:24 a.m. Report of suspicious male going door to door on Highland Circle inquiring about a lost dog. Referred to an officer.
1:21 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested on a default warrant and a straight warrant.
5:50 p.m. 911 call advising of fire alarm due to burnt popcorn at Farren Care Center. TFFD advised.
Thursday, 5/28
2:40 a.m. Reports of two shoplifting incidents at F.L. Roberts: a male stealing wine and a female stealing alcohol. Suspects identified and spoken to by officers. Summons issued to male.
8:42 a.m. Resident reported to officer that a bear was sighted in the Turnpike Street/Walnut Street area; bear was showing no fear of noise or people as it wandered through the neighborhood. Officer spoke with staff from Thomas Memorial Golf Club, who advised that within the past week a bear was sighted at the sixth hole and at their dumpster. Environmental Police advised. Additional report that the bear was in the bushes, possibly lying down, at the corner of Turnpike Road and Montague City Road. Subsequent call from CT River Internists reporting that the bear is currently in their parking lot. Responding officer reported that bear left the parking lot and has crossed the road. Another officer reported that the bear was just spotted on Hillside Road heading into the plains.
8:55 a.m. Minor transported from Great Falls Middle School to juvenile

court in Hadley.
11:46 a.m. Report of burglary/breaking and entering on Davis Street. Report taken.
2:02 p.m. Request to assist with an unruly student at Turners Falls High School. Student removed to residence.
2:40 p.m. Caller reports that someone dropped off a cat at his residence and he cannot hold onto it. Caller referred to Dakin Animal Shelter.
2:43 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested and charged with operating to endanger; failure to use care in starting, turning, backing, etc.; failure to yield at an intersection; disorderly conduct; transporting/carrying an alcoholic beverage as a minor; and failure to yield at an intersection.
6:41 p.m. Report of possible fight in the alley behind Third Street. Peace restored.
6:46 p.m. Caller advising of man with green hair participating in drug activity behind an Avenue A building. Referred to an officer.
8 p.m. Report of woman in lime-colored shirt and winter white ski cap walking with open container of beer on Fourth Street. Referred to an officer.
10:29 p.m. Report of disturbance on Randall Road; kids yelling profanities at caller. Unable to locate.
Friday, 5/29
8:16 a.m. Caller from Chestnut Street requests to speak with an officer regarding a neighbor's chicken that has taken up residence in his yard. Caller expressed concern for chicken's previous living conditions, as it was being kept in a desk on the porch of a house. Second caller, also from Chestnut Street, called to complain about a rooster that has been getting loose in the neighborhood. Resident from Grove Street reports that the rooster was in her garden just now; she is concerned that the rooster will eat her plants. Copies of calls left for animal control officer, who is on a personal day. Officer unable to locate rooster.
2:45 p.m. Report of a Jeep hung up on the retaining wall by the canal near Railroad Salvage. Area search negative.
3:59 p.m. Caller from Turnpike Road requesting assistance; she has locked herself out of her house and had just started cooking something on the stove. Only caller's cats are inside house. Ser-

vices rendered.
7:01 p.m. Caller reports that an older lady who is feeding the geese near the dog park area at Unity Park was yelling at his daughter for playing near the geese. Officer spoke to both parties, who agreed to keep separated.
7:18 p.m. Caller reports two needles on ground near dumpster in Hillcrest Homes parking lot; neighbor's child picked up a needle to show the adults. Officer spoke with all parties involved; child was not injured by needle.
9:24 p.m. [redacted]

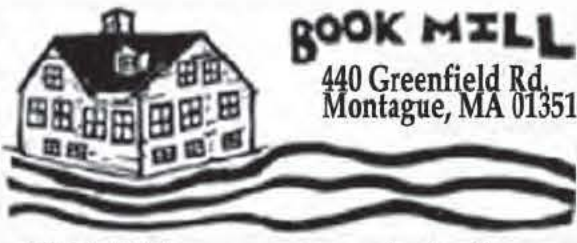
[redacted] was arrested and charged with possessing an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and having no inspection sticker.
Saturday, 5/30
9:21 a.m. Caller from Madison Avenue reports that she is with a 1½ year old child who was standing barefoot in the middle of the road. Caller has been with her for 10 minutes and has been unable to find out where she lives. Officers en route. Child reunited with mother.
7:03 p.m. Caller from J Street reports that the U.S. flag that the condo association put out for Memorial Day has been stolen. Advised of options.
7:23 p.m. Complaint regarding loud music coming from Hubie's Bar. Business has permit and officer did not find noise to be excessive.
8:18 p.m. Second complaint regarding loud music coming from Hubie's. Caller advised that business has proper permits and that this will likely be happening every weekend and potentially on Thursdays. Caller, upset, referred to selectboard office to register his concerns.
Sunday, 5/31
1:06 a.m. Caller complaining of loud music, like a band, playing in the area of Avenue A and First Street. Officer advises that there are multiple people with lights and instruments playing on the bridge over the canal behind the Discovery Center, along with several onlookers. Party broke up upon officer's arrival.
4:42 p.m. Report of "stinky and smoky" fire in backyard on Federal Street. Fire extinguished by MCFD.
8:36 p.m. Report of bear, possibly cub, in a tree on Montague City Road. Officer got bear to move back into wooded area.

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On an afternoon when Caleb was holding forth in the Millers Falls tavern called the Lake House, bragging about his feats in the days of the Connecticut River log drives, one of the skeptical listeners called him out on it, and challenged him to shoot the Millers Falls dam that very day. Caleb bet him ten dollars he could do it easy as pie.

The whole crowd from the bar charged out down the muddy Bridge Street to the river where the water was raging more than four feet over the dam. Many tried to persuade the old man from going through with it, but Caleb just laughed, jumped in a boat and shoved off, heading for the dam.

Taggart writes: "To the surprise of all, the fearless boatman shot over the raging waters, keeping right side up and coming safely to shore some distance below the dam. Caleb got his ten dollar wager and his reputation as a boatman and a truthful man was firmly established in the village."

Another old-time log driver was often seen on the streets of Millers Falls, proceeding slowly along with the help of a pair of canes. This was Solomon Caswell, whom rheumatism, the legacy of many a log driver, had incapacitated in his later years.

Taggart related that Caswell loved to tell many tales about his times on the river between Canada and Hartford. Many in town confirmed Caswell's athletic prowess on and off the river. He was an inexhaustible source of stories about his early days as a "river hog," as he liked to call himself.

He told Taggart that he was born "somewhere" up in Canada, and that "my parents had so many children that they couldn't furnish beds for all of us. I never slept in a bed until I was 21 years old. Used to roost on a rail like a turkey! That's why I'm so holler-footed. Ever notice my feet?"

"I suppose I was the homeliest baby in the whole parish. I was so darn homely that my

mother was ashamed to take me to a quiltin' party one time. She borried a baby from another family and left me home!"

Caswell went on: "I'm the only man went over the Turners Falls dam and came out alive. Don't know how I came to fall in, but I figured if I could keep from banging my head on the cribbing and rocks, I could make it. I could swim like a fish. I knew they'd be watching for me so when I came into the white water below the dam, I squirted a mouthful of water up into the air to let 'em know I was alive.

"One of them yelled, 'He's spoutin' water like a whale!' They sure enough saw me, and I spouted again for good luck. I came to some easy water, where I clumb onto a rock and waited for them to come with a boat and get me. They laughed at me and said it was no use to try and drown a man that was born to be hanged!"

Solomon Caswell spent his life on log drives in Canada and on the Connecticut, sometimes working on a flatboat between the French King locks and Hartford. He was even landlord of the tavern at the mouth of the Millers River for a while. For many years he owned and operated a farm at Northfield Farms. He died in 1898 at the ripe old age of eighty-nine.

By the time of the last log drive in 1915, many more tales were to be told, and more legends born.

Part II will follow more stories of legendary log jams, the infamous George Van Dyke, rivermen like Stephen Morse, and wild nights at Durkee's Tavern.

Compiled from the writings of Millers Falls historian John A. Taggart, and the scrapbooks of Mrs. Florence Chaffin of Millers Falls. Scrapbooks on loan from the Erving Historical Commission.



LOOKING BACK:

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was June 2, 2005: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.

Landfill, Sewer Head To Montague Town Meeting

In a lengthy but informative pre-town meeting Tuesday night, about 75 members, town officials and engineers came together to discuss 11 articles that will be voted on at the upcoming town meeting on June 9. The big-ticket items are the landfill project, which could bring substantial new revenues, and upgrades to the town's sewer system treatment plant, which will have a high cost for the town.

Because the meeting was purely informational, the final decisions on these and the other nine articles will be made at next week's town meeting.

Article 5 would give the selectboard power to issue a request for proposals and identify a vendor for the landfill construction at the 37-acre Turnpike Road site next to the town's former landfill and burn dump. Development of the landfill could generate \$5 to \$10 million dollars for the town over the course of the intended 20-year contract, according to Bob Weimer, engineer for Camp Dresser and McKee.

Town meeting members debated about possible alternative uses for the site.

Article 6 asks if the town will agree to provide the estimated \$5.7 million needed to address "the combined sewer overflow mitigation and upgrades to the waste water treatment plant." According to the engineering firm that has been consulting on the project, Montague's treatment plant was built in 1964 and updated in 1970. Some of the mechanical

components are over 20 years old.

Additionally, the project would improve the ability of the system to handle hundreds of thousands of gallons of run-off and raw sewage that currently flows into the Connecticut River - without treatment - during major rain events.

Erving Purchases Mitzkovitz Property

At a packed special town meeting on May 23rd, Erving voted to spend \$165,000 from free cash to purchase 8.3 acres of land owned by Ken Mitzkovitz on the French King Highway.

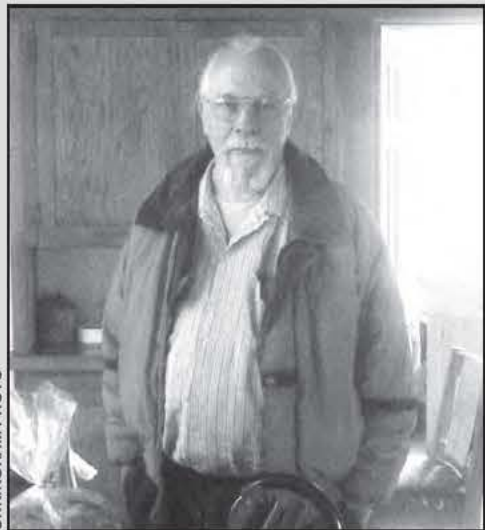
Facing an unusually large crowd of more than 70 residents, many of whom were near neighbors of the property, selectboard member Andy Tessier assured the voters the selectboard would make no move to develop or transfer the property without returning to town meeting for approval.

The land had been eyed for a private housing development, and later considered as a possible site for affordable homes and senior housing.

According to Lillians Way resident Liz Carroll, "A group of us got together trying to be proactive with the board. We sent out a flyer, and put together a petition," calling for the conservation of the land, which is a Zone II aquifer recharge area, near the wellhead for Erving's water supply. "Our primary goal was for the town to purchase the property to protect the aquifer," which provides drinking water for 500 residents, Carroll said.

That goal was realized on the 23rd, with a unanimous vote of the special town meeting.

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Don Campbell bought the house with his wife Judi (not pictured) in 1998, but it had to be rebuilt after a fire resulted in a total loss.

which tends to happen, they either have to leave the house to find cell phone service or communicate via email.

Even though they make their own electricity, Don and Judi can't sell any back to the electric company without being hooked up to the wires. This is one of the only annoyances that remain for Don about living off the grid, but for the most part, he enjoys it.

"Living off the grid is fairly normal. You just have to be intentional about what you are doing," he said.

Don and Judi purchased the home from a friend in 1998, when they were searching for a place to live. They knew it was an off-the-grid house, and were up for the challenge. Sadly, in 1999 they suffered a house fire that resulted in a total loss.

When the house was rebuilt they worked with an architect who helped them balance

windows with insulation, but they had to make some tough decisions. Solar panels, especially back when the house was built, were expensive. While buying more meant saving on propane, it also meant less money to put into the house itself.

"Any time someone builds a house, there is always a tradeoff," said Don.

There are some unexpected perks that go along with an off-the-grid house. During the big ice storm last winter, when the rest of the neighbors lost their electricity, Don and Judi were unaffected. Since cold weather doesn't directly affect the amount of sun that hits the solar panels, on a sunny winter day they have plenty of electricity.

Besides electricity, the Campbells have all the other modern home conveniences. They enjoy wireless internet, indoor plumbing, and running water from a well in the backyard.

While there isn't any cable, they do use a TV to watch movies, and they carry cell phones to use when they are not at home.

Along with the house, the couple owns 42 acres of forested land. Don said there have been bear and moose sightings on his property, which he thinks is pretty interesting. He also keeps a cow, a bull, and guinea hens on the small portion of the land that is cleared.

Don has some good advice for anyone looking to build their own off-the-grid house.

"Make sure the site is conditioned to what you want to do. You need to know about the wind and the sun, to make sure the site is good for what you want to do.

"Learn about it, think about what you might have to give up," he said.

For now, Judi and Don are enjoying their way of life being so close to nature, and more in touch with the seasons.



HOOD from page B1

the sweeping Starship Enterprise-like console left me completely disoriented vis-a-vis the proper position of my vehicle in its lane.

No wonder there is more distracted driving these days. Absent any built-in, visual guide, the simplest and arguably unconscious solution for many modern drivers seems to be: hug that center line of the road.

More and more, on roads here in Franklin and Hampshire counties: drivers of all ages hug the center line of the road, swerving to the right when oncoming cars are spotted - or not.

And well-trained drivers must focus more intently than ever on hugging the right edge line.

Much accident avoidance research has focused on younger drivers [see sidebar], but findings and recommendations apply to drivers of all ages, especially those who cruise along county highways and byways with both driver's side tires kissing the yellow center line.

A study published last month by the American Automobile Association (AAA)

reported results of a "naturalistic" study of teen drivers and crashes using dash cams to record accidents.

The cams, called in-vehicle event recorders (IVERs), collected video, audio and accelerometer data when a driver triggered the device by hard braking, fast cornering, or an impact that exceeds a certain g-force.

Investigators studied 7,000 videos of teen-age drivers and found that "Drivers were seen engaging in some type of potentially distracting behavior leading up to 58% of all crashes examined.

"The two most frequently seen driver behaviors were attending to passengers (14.9%) and cell phone use (11.9%).

"Cell phone use was significantly more likely in road-departure crashes than any other type of crash (34% vs 9.2%)."

What we might begin to see on certain highways, according to a report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, are "effective low-cost roadway distracted driving countermeasures such as edge-line and center-line rumble strips."

Yes, those ubiquitous nagging rumble strips (first introduced on the Garden State Parkway in 1953) quickly remind us when

we've strayed too far to the right.

So anytime now, be prepared to encounter center-line rumble strips, and by the time we grow accustomed to them, we'll all have self-driving automobiles anyway.

But when you stop to think about it, that pleasant, persistent and reassuring line down the center of the road, solid or striped, provides a good deal of comfort and reassurance.

It is right there, inviting, dependable, and consistent. So until they bring back hood ornaments or put in those rumble strips along the center line, why not go ahead, set the cruise control, and hug that comforting line?

Once, long ago, on a dark New Mexico night driving down a long arrow-straight stretch of state highway, an old fellow watched the hood ornament gobble bright white stripes off the inky tarmac, and muttered, "The funny thing about life is, it doesn't have that dotted white line down the middle to tell you where to go."

Information for this article came from AAA and the Governors Highway Safety Association.



Who is most at risk?

The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16 to 19 year-olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash.

Among teen drivers, those at especially high risk for motor vehicle crashes are:

- Males: In 2011, the motor vehicle death rate for male drivers and passengers ages 16 to 19 was almost two times that of their female counterparts.
- Teens driving with teen passengers: The presence of teen passengers increases the crash risk of unsupervised teen drivers. This risk increases with the number of teen passengers.
- Newly licensed teens: Crash risk is particularly high during the first months of licensure.

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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. 6:30-7 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Kidleidoscope*. Hands-on environmental experience for young children, 3-6 years. 10:30 - 11:30 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.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Great Falls Farmers Market, Turners Falls: Fresh produce, plants, crafts, etc. 2-6 p.m.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

The Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *TNT Karaoke*, 8:30 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EXHIBITS:

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Bruce Kahn: Dreams, Fantasies and Fetishes* Wildly unpredictable Kahn is back for a second showing of his unreal photo compositions. Runs through 6/7.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Cool Cats*. Highlighting the work of Montague painter Christine Mero, the show also includes paintings by Donna Estabrook and N. S. Koenings, with sculpture, toys, and other items by Nina Rossi, Peggy Hart, Edite Cunha, Belinda Lyons Zucker and others. All cats, all the time. Opens June 11.

Artspace, Greenfield: *Pivot: Focus on the Human Form*. Artists participating in the exhibit reside in Colrain, Greenfield, Montague, Northfield, Shelburne, South Deerfield, and Turners Falls. Highlighting this year's member's exhibit is artwork by Nina Rossi of Turners Falls. Opening Reception on Friday June 5th, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Exhibit runs through 7/3.

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: *Tom Wyatt: Reflections*. Digital photography exhibit. Runs through 6/30.

Deerfield Arts Bank, S. Deerfield: *LandEscapes*. Group show. Reception for the Community 6/4, 6-8 p.m. Runs through 6/21.

Sunderland Library, Sunderland: *Ann McNeal, Elements of Nature: Photographs, Paintings and Poems*. Runs through 6/29

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Artists of the Deerfield Valley Arts Association*. Artists' reception 6/4, 12-2 p.m.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: Sawmill River Arts, Montague Center: Seeking artists for cooperative gallery featuring fine arts and crafts. For more information see www.sawmillriver-arts.com.

Wendell Free Library invites artists to submit applications for two-dimensional work to exhibit in the Herrick Meeting Room gallery. Applications accepted at any time. See www.wendell-mass.us

EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Coop Concerts, Energy Park, Greenfield: *Devlin Miles, Joe Graveline, Pint-size String Band with Mike Pattavina*. 6 p.m.

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *The Collected Poets Series featuring Paul Richmond and Becky Sakellariou*. Poetry. 7 p.m.

Paton's 1940's *Hit Parade*. 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. 7:30 p.m. Ken Swiatek, singer/songwriter. 7 p.m.

Stone Soup Cafe, All Souls Church, Greenfield: *Seth Glier*. Benefit concert for Stone Soup Cafe by this Shelburne Falls native and Grammy nominated singer/songwriter. Benefit dinner at 6 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. \$

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *Ray Mason*. Indie rock. 8 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague: *Mad Habits, Wishbone Zoe*. 8 p.m. \$

Artsblock, Greenfield: *Trailer Park*. Benefit for Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Franklin County. 9 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. 7:30 p.m. Co-op Jazz. 7 p.m.

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *Rob Larkin*. Rock. 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Big Lebowski Night*. Screening and costume contest. 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *Abe Loomis*. Americana. 2:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *Show of Cards*. Folk rock. 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Mocha Maya, Shelburne Falls: *10th Anniversary Party*. All Day!

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Shout Lulu*. Southern string band. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Surly Temple & Friends*. Jim Henry, Doug Plavin and friends. 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Uncle Hal's Crabgrass Band*. 6:30 p.m. *Lexi Weege, Buddy McEams*. Blues. 9:30 p.m.

Great Falls Coffeehouse, Turners Falls: *Chris Devine and Michael Nix*. Donations benefit free nature presentations by the Friends of the Discovery Center. 7 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague:

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Deja Brew, Wendell: *Barrett Anderson*. Boogie Blues. 9 p.m.

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This year's Artspace members' exhibit features artwork by Nina Rossi. While observing the model in a pose, Nina deconstructs her drawing into geometric shapes that become abstract renditions of the figure which are later reconstructed in the creation of her decoratively painted wooden figurines.

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

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Roosters*. Classic rock dance music. 8 p.m.

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Holy Vex* record release show, with *Bent Knee, Old Soul, and Gregory McKillop*. All ages, substance free space. Doors at 8 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Artspace, Turners Falls: *Pivot: Focus on the Human Form*. Opening reception. 5:30 p.m.

John Doe Jr., Greenfield: *Holy Vex, Rebel Base, Taxidermists*. 6 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Drew*

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without a reason." Hoffman hopes that when people look at her work they will ask themselves, "What is she trying to tell us?" because her designs have great meaning and tell a story that will resonate long after she has passed from the earth.

On display at PVMA is an incredible jardiniere made of translucent white beads on stiffened black velvet.

Hoffman typically works the dichromatic pallet to avoid the distraction of multiple colors. Similar pieces have been acquired by the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, the State

of Wisconsin, and the Indianapolis Children's Museum.

Hoffman believes her beadwork connects her to old beadworkers; she can feel them encouraging her to "do it right, do it well and honor our past and future." "I hope the old beadworkers will give me a gentle nod of approval - that they will tell me I've gotten the meaning right, and that the future generations will know something of the old ways when they see these pieces."

Made of Thunder, Made of Glass II was organized by Gerry Biron, who co-curated the exhibition with Suzanne L. Flynt, Curator of Memorial Hall Museum.

The beadwork and paintings are on loan from Gerry Biron and JoAnne Russo, Grant Wade Jonathan, and the participating artists. The exhibition represents a longstanding interest of PVMA in honoring Native peoples and their history.

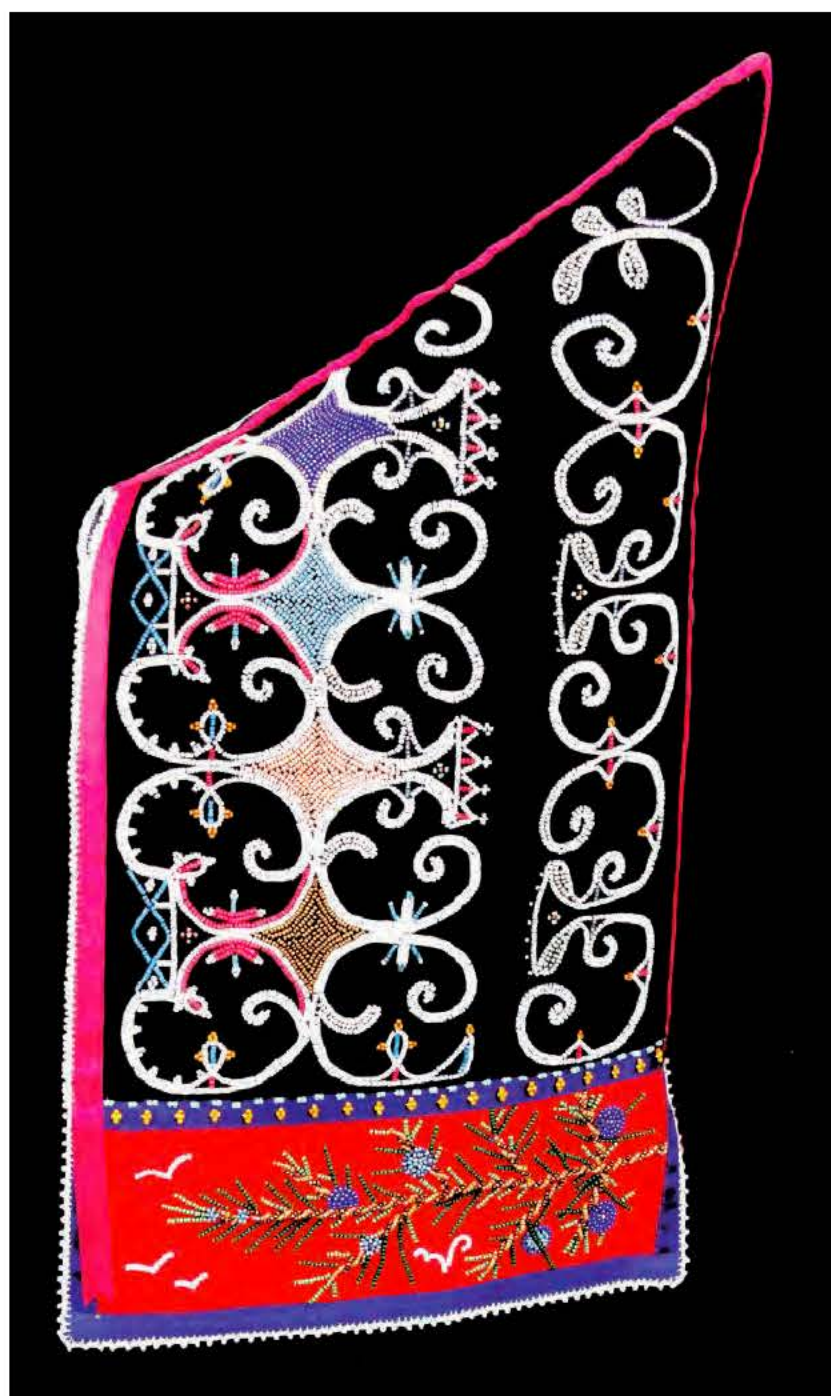
The exhibited work was produced by the Wabanaki (Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Abenaki, Maliseet and Mi'kmaq) from Maine and the Maritime Provinces of Canada and the Haudenosaunee or Iroquois (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora), from New York and Canada.

Of special interest is the beadwork made in Kahnawake by the Kanien'kehaka (Mohawk), a community in Quebec, Canada, with a longstanding relationship to Deerfield dating back to the 1704 French and Indian raid, when seven Deerfield captives were adopted by the Kanien'kehaka.

The Deerfield captives eventually married and had families in Kahnawake, and the two communities have maintained connections for over three hundred years.

This exhibition was made possible by the support of Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association and its members. The exhibition runs to November 1, 2015.

Memorial Hall Museum is located at 8 Memorial Street, Deerfield, MA. It is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 to 5:00 until November 1. For more information, visit the museum's website at www.deerfield-ma.org.



Rbonda Besaw's peaked Mi'kmaq-style cap.



SUZANNE FLYNT PHOTO

Gerry Biron and Grant Wade Jonathan, at the PVMA exhibit last week.



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