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MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

## Plans Shared for Millers Falls Development; Board Votes To Open Road And Put Down Dog

By JEFF SINGLETON

At Monday's Montague selectboard meeting, details about the proposed development of the Powers Block in Millers Falls were discussed, residents seeking to re-close a road were directed to town meeting, and a reportedly violent dog previously granted a stay of execution was ordered to be put down after all.

The meeting opened with a public comment period in which two residents complained that their requests to be placed on the board's agenda had not been honored.

Christine Bates of L Street spoke first, asking the board why they had not acted on her request of several weeks ago. Town administrator Frank Abbondanzio explained that

he felt her item should first be addressed to the police, but Bates replied that she already had spoken with them, and she felt the issue needed public discussion.

Jeanne Golrick and Lisa Adams both also requested slots in a forthcoming board meeting.

### Powers Block Plans

Robert Obear of Obear Construction Company presented a power point description of the proposed project to renovate the Powers Block and several adjacent buildings in downtown Millers Falls.

Obear showed an artist's conception of the renovated block, with a Mexican restaurant called La Mesa Del Molinero on the ground floor. The second and third floors will be

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## A "Long and Winding" Look Back at the Farm Communes



PETER SIMON PHOTO

This picture of Montague Farm and its residents dates to the fall of 1969.

By JOE KWIECINSKI

AMHERST – Two major local community leaders will be taking a trip to the past Monday, November 3. Highly regarded filmmaker-farmer Daniel Keller and Susan Mareneck, executive director of the Montague Catholic Social Ministries, will be part of a four-person panel that day from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The site is the Lower Level of the W.E.B. Du Bois Library as the UMass/Amherst Libraries play host to the Tenth Annual Social Change Colloquium.

The conference, entitled "A Long and Winding Road," will spotlight the close to a 45-year history of

some of the area's best-known communes, which are chronicled in the Library's Special Collections and University Archives. A reception follows the speakers and discussion. All events are free and open to the public.

Montague Farm and Wendell Farms, along with Tree Frog Farms in southern Vermont, were each a portion of the back-to-the-land movement in those halcyon days of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Each of these farms remains productive today.

John Scagliotti and Verandah Porche complete the four-person panel. Scagliotti is a film producer, see COMMUNES page A6

## Next Week's Town Meeting: So What's On The Warrant?

By REPORTER STAFF

MONTAGUE – Town meeting members will be voting on an unusually long warrant at their Wednesday, October 29 special town meeting. The 25-article warrant contains mostly financial requests, but other business includes amendments to zoning bylaws and liquor license petitions.

Among the many funding requests seeking town meeting approval are four from the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF).

The WPCF is asking for \$20,000 for supplementing their FY15 budget for engineering services; \$13,700 for supplementing their FY15 budget for wages; \$20,000 for purchasing and installing software for the WPCF lab; and \$294,000 to be transferred from the WPCF retained earnings for reducing FY 2014 sewer rates.

Due to WPCF recurring costs for sewer repairs the selectboard, the capital improvements committee and the finance committee are requesting that town meeting members vote to establish a special purpose WPCF Capital Improvement stabilization fund.

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REPORTER FILE PHOTO

The town offered the Powers Block under the Commercial Homesteading Program.

## MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT

### Denise Andrews (D)

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

Denise Andrews, running for her third term as State Representative for the 2nd Franklin District, said she hopes the voters will reward her again for her service to the district.

"We've got a good team from this area in the House that is working hard. We've gotten results that matter for our constituents. But there is more to do. And I am ready, eager and able to do it."

Andrews cites a great many accomplishments she has brought to her district over the last four years. Among them are bringing last-mile broadband to rural towns; shoring up Athol Hospital; attracting more tourism to the area; helping to appropriate funds for major infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges; and helping to secure funding for many municipal projects including the reconstruction of Greenfield High School.

In addition, she cites her early and staunch opposition to the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee gas pipeline, an issue, she says, of great importance to her constituents.

Among her many priorities for the next term is increasing economic opportunity in the region. "We've done a remarkable job pulling the state out of recession. In fact, Massachusetts is now number four nationwide in fiscal health. But we have much more to do."

In that regard she says that public-private partnerships are essential for real growth to happen. "Bridges and roads, major infrastructure projects, broadband, social services all require government involvement."

Among her projects for next year are accelerating innovation and work on regional economic development.

"We have a hardworking, educated, and talented workforce ready and eager to staff opportunities," she says. "We need to insure that we have a competitive infrastructure to attract and support this region's growth. Fiber optics, water, sewer and transportation must be a strategic priority for our region in order to compete for growth opportunities."

"We also have unique growth opportunities in



health services, farming, innovative alternative energy technology, downtown retail, social services, manufacturing, education, and tourism."

Andrews says that while "we have done a lot to create good jobs, we need to also focus on job workshops and preparedness..."

"All people should have access to high quality education. Our educational systems need to equip all people throughout their lives with knowledge, skill development, common sense, and connections. Continued investment and innovation in education is essential."

"Education must enable all people regardless of their background to realize their potential, engage fully in see ANDREWS page A7

### Susannah Whipps Lee (R)

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

Susannah Whipps Lee, running for the second time for State Representative of the Second Franklin District, says she is "feeling confident" that voters will support her in this election.

"2012 was a learning curve," she says. "It's different this time round. I'm running a better campaign, and the political climate has changed."

Whipps Lee stresses her Western Mass roots: "I grew up here. My family has built a business here. My ancestors are from here and I plan to spend my life in the beautiful North Quabbin Region," she says.

She bills herself as a fiscal conservative, and has campaigned on creating more jobs without government help.

A major theme in her campaign has been the need to build an economic climate which will increase the number of quality jobs.

"This district has an intelligent, qualified and able workforce, as well as a great history of industry and manufacturers," says Whipps Lee. "We must work to attract industry and enterprise to the 2nd Franklin District."

She points to her own experience as a business owner as evidence that jobs can be grown in her district:

"By the age of 25, I had opened and operated two successful restaurants. In 2000 I joined my family's business, Whipps Inc. In the last five years the company has grown 150 percent. We now have over 70 full-time employees."



Whipps Inc., which manufactures water control gates, has steadily increased market share since its founding in 1977. "We're an environmental company in an industry that makes devices for municipal water systems."

"Recently, we've also begun to make equipment for desalinization plants. We have customers and sales reps around the world: Saudi Arabia and Jordan, Latin America and now Canada."

Whipps Lee continually touts the importance of the private sector in creating jobs, and is critical of what she terms the state's "anti-business" attitude. "Massachusetts is ranked third from last in being business-friendly. We need to change that climate to make business easier to grow and prosper."

As a way of helping private industry and investment, she has inveighed against the Massachusetts inventory tax that she claims keeps companies from housing their products in Massachusetts since it is typically cheaper for manufacturers to transport their products from outside the state.

One reason she says she is running is to help break the predominance of Democrats in the legislature: "Because of this one-

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## Party For Your Right To Fight?

When we got home last Saturday night, bellies full of pumpkin pizza, deep-fried Oreos and lobster pierogi, we turned on the news and heard for the first time that just up Route 63 in Keene, that other pumpkin festival had not been going quite so well.

Keene State, a public liberal arts college, has an undergraduate enrollment of about 4,800. The roughly half of those students who come from New Hampshire must pay \$22,000 a year in tuition, fees, room and board, while their out-of-state peers pay \$29,000.

Eighty-two percent of applicants to Keene State are accepted. 85% of matriculants apply for need-based financial aid, but only 66% receive it, getting an average of \$6,300 a year. That's \$25,200 after four years, or, to put it another way, payments of \$160 a month for 20 years at current interest rates.

Even still, the average percent of need met at Keene is only 62%, and it is safe to assume that much of the gap is bridged by a combination of additional private loans and jobs held during college.

The real cost of higher education has more than doubled in a generation. It may still make economic sense for the average high school graduate to go to college, any college, simply because those with diplomas still out-earn those without by an even greater sum.

So sandwiched between the fear of failing into permanent second-class economic status, and the anxiety of a post-graduation adulthood spent paying off debt by working at probably socially pointless jobs, lies college.

For many it is still a brief but shining oasis of learning, opportunity, and personal growth, where they can enjoy social privileges and leniency otherwise only accorded to Hollywood celebrities and the children of billionaires.

Reflecting on the conditions under which people become idiots does not excuse or affirm their idiocy. But the steady intensification of the demands we put on college – telling entire swarms of 18-year-olds they have four years to be free before it's back to society's dungeons – does in fact seem to turn a fair number of them into instant idiots, and has even generated an entire cottage industry around trying to get them to please tone it down.

For a real view into the abyss, check the YouTube postings of "I'm Shmacked," an incredibly popular video production company

that tours the country's state schools filming people crushing beer cans on their foreheads, and edits them together over a throbbing dubstep soundtrack.

"I'm Shmacked" cameramen have twice been charged with incitement to riot. It's not actually illegal to tell people to party harder, so charges were dropped in both cases. But why are the celebrants so ready to become militants?

If the students' goal in partying lies in their need to confirm, rather than simply enjoy, their freedom, then it is logical both that they would encourage the recording of their behavior, and that they would seek to test it against forces they see as capable of constraining it.

There's nothing new or un-American about a mass of spoiled little drunkards lashing out at the closest authority figures they encounter. In fact, the Egnog Riot at West Point in 1826 sounds like it was exactly that, and even then the expelled cadets went on to become governors, generals and Supreme Court Justices.

But for some reason the phenomenon is gathering steam. In just the past year, there have been party-riots at SUNY-Cortland, Michigan State University, the universities of Dayton and Cincinnati in Ohio, UMass-Amherst, UCSB, Iowa State University, Colorado State University, Western Michigan University, and the universities of Connecticut, Kentucky, Arizona, Delaware, and Minnesota. Something's happening.

And when FinnaRage TV, a cut-rate, regional knockoff of the "I'm Shmacked" model, announced they would be filming off-campus parties at Keene State during Pumpkin Festival, students there realized they could, for once, be a part of that something.

Thrown bottles, flipped cars, broken bones, lacerations, souvenir street signs and alcohol poisoning: these are the hard-won accomplishments of the world's freest people, in struggle against the armored agents of a world after graduation.

Meanwhile, the search continues for 43 students, freshmen from a rural teaching college in the Mexican state of Guerrero, last seen being taken away by the police a month ago. They had been collecting funds to travel to a demonstration against education cuts when they fell under attack.

If you pray, please pray for them.



## Letters to the Editors

### Clarification: Wendell Meetinghouse Hookups

I would like to clarify and add to Josh Heinemann's article on the Wendell Selectboard meeting of October 8, 2014.

I was pleased that the Selectboard was willing to have the town coordinator investigate what the implications of adding the Meetinghouse to town water and/or septic would be.

In addition, the Friends of the Meetinghouse were encouraged to contact the engineers who designed the system to find out what the capacity is, so we can know if there is room for the addition of the Meetinghouse.

We look forward to being able to have community events in the building. We expect that some events will involve joint use with the town hall – for example, a wedding in the Meetinghouse with a reception in the town hall.

The town hall kitchen opens up a lot of possibilities for working together.

I did not say that we have grants available that require a septic and water system. Grants would be available without those requirements.

I did say that our plans for making the Meetinghouse a town asset would be enhanced with water and septic available.

Nan Riebschlaeger, President  
Friends of the Wendell Meetinghouse

### Consider The Green-Rainbow Party

I live in Leverett and am an active member of the Massachusetts Green-Rainbow Party.

I read your excellent community newspaper on a regular basis and haven't yet seen much coverage of our team of candidates who are running for statewide office:

MK Merelice, *Auditor*  
Ian Jackson, *Treasurer*  
Danny Factor, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*

Readers would probably be impressed by the "Community Uplift Initiative" which these candidates are proposing to attack poverty and unemployment with programs directed from the local level instead of spending on corporate welfare directed by Beacon Hill. That is the kind of policy initiative that you will only see from the Green-Rainbow Party.

Strong initiatives to address climate change and create green jobs are also a priority of the Green-Rainbow candidates, as they are for their fellow Green Party candidates across the nation.

Readers of this paper deserve to be told about the Green-Rainbow option.

Ruth Weizenbaum  
Leverett

### Why Andrews

Last week I had the opportunity to sit next to Denise Andrews at an event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Wheeler Memorial Library in Orange.

As I talked with Denise, I found her very engaged and knowledgeable of the issues important to me, like education, broadband, and our post office.

Two thoughts crossed my mind. The first was: where is Susannah? The second was: if Susannah were our rep, would my town of Wendell, or others in the region, have new libraries?

Susannah is a competent, dedicated Selectman; as someone who enjoys the outdoors, I find her support of sporting and issues around responsible gun ownership encour-

aging. A one-issue voter might vote for her.

But with children in school, roads in need of repair, skyrocketing energy prices which require a green and sustainable solution, the need for broadband, the dignity of having an accessible and modern library, ensuring our town receives its fair share of local aid, I cannot reconcile Susannah's anti-tax views with any of these needs.

New libraries replacing old, leaking, moldy ones; potholes filled and bridges repaired with accompanying construction jobs; schools receiving record amounts of transportation reimbursement; long-term infrastructure projects supported by a phased tax increase over time.

This is what our region needs!

Raymond DiDonato  
Wendell

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Compiled by DON CLEGG

**Free computer help is available** at the Carnegie Library on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon during October and November. Advance sign-ups for 30 minute one-on-one slots are recommended.

Topics can include basic computer skills, more advanced questions, and downloading e-books. Bring your own laptop, or other electronic device, or use a library laptop. Tech consultant Shirley Keech is the instructor.

This service is part of the Bridging the Digital Divide in Montague project, funded by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. Call 863-3214 to sign up or for more information.

There will be a **Remembrance Ceremony** for past and present victims of domestic violence this Saturday, October 25 at 10 a.m. in Peskomskut Park.

All local residents are welcome. Bring comfortable chairs and hand drums.

Also this Saturday, learn how to create a **habitat for pollinators** with help from local bee expert Tom Sullivan on Saturday, October 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Turners Falls

branch of Greenfield Savings Bank. Sullivan is a wealth of information on many other aspects relating to the healthy life of a bee, so feel free to come and ask questions, chat and share stories.

The Erving Historical Commission will hold an open house at the Pearl B. Care Building in Erving on Sunday, October 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A continuous **slide show of historic images of Erving** will be shown, as well as a new exhibit of framed enlargements of images of Erving business and industry from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s.

The Commission continues to catalogue, scan and preserve many images and documents in the town collection, and to make improvements to the Pearl B. Care building.

Massachusetts has a **new Energy Code** as of October 1 of this year, and local building inspectors want builders to know about the changes that have been made.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program is hosting a workshop on these changes on Wednesday, October 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Olver Transit Center, which is located at 12 Olive Street in downtown Greenfield. This seminar will feature speaker Mark Newey of

the Center for Eco-Technology. Builders and the general public are welcome to attend this free workshop, but RSVP is required, so if you are interested please send an email to [admin@frcog.org](mailto:admin@frcog.org). For more information log on to [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org)

Greening Greenfield and the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice are showing the film **Harvest of Empire** on Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church located at 43 Silver Street in Greenfield.

This film tells the story of the Latinos who leave their homes in search of a better life in America.

Follow up discussion will be led by Attorney Buz Eisenberg and Kit Carpenter of the Center for New Americans. Refreshments will be available and donations accepted.

**Calling All Trick or Treaters:** Please come and show off your costumes before the Rag Shag Parade on Friday, October 31, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Avenue A in Turners Falls.

Local businesses and organizations will be inviting costumed youngsters into their work places with sweet rewards. Look for a bright, orange pumpkin displayed in local business store front windows or doors as the welcome sign. Participating locations starting at the Shady Glen all the way down the Avenue to Cumberland Farms.

Make your way to the **Rag Shag Parade** at 5:15 in the Food City parking lot. The parade will stroll

down the Ave to the great Falls Discovery Center parking lot. Come join in the fun. Adults are encouraged to dress up while accompanying their youngsters.

Join Mass Audubon and the Center for Eco Technology for a **“Wind Turbine Tour at Berkshire East,”** and visit this energy source in Charlemont. Take a chairlift ride up to Berkshire East’s 277-foot tall turbine and learn how it provides green electricity for the region.

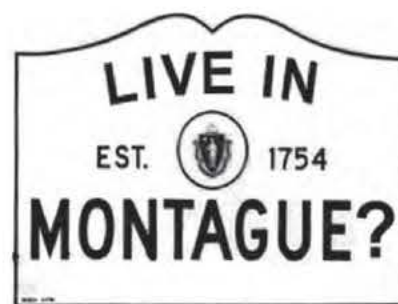
The program, which is suitable for individuals and families with children ages 8 and up, will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1. There is no fee for this program, but preregistration is required.

Please register by Wednesday, October 29. For more information, please contact Mass Audubon Connecticut River Valley Sanctuaries at (413) 584-3009 ext. 812 or [arcadia@massaudubon.org](mailto:arcadia@massaudubon.org). Directions and parking info will be provided when registered.

A **family dance** with David Kaynor at the Montague Common Hall, 34 Main St., Montague Center will be held on Sunday November 2, starting at 5 p.m. All ages welcome.

Children, please don’t forget to bring your parents. Admission by donation; all proceeds help keep the hall viable. Potluck, social hour, and evening contra dance to follow.

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## More Letters to the Editors



### For Broadband, For Kulik

There is, at last, real progress being made to bring high-speed internet service to the people in unserved towns in western Massachusetts. A key reason for that progress is the work and advocacy over many years of State Representative Steve Kulik.

Efforts to solve this problem culminated in 2008 with the creation of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, of which Steve was a strong proponent.

With \$40 million in state funds and \$45 million in federal stimulus funding, MBI earlier this year completed a “middle-mile” network to serve community facilities in 123 Western and Central MA towns.

The challenge now is to build a “last mile” network to serve homes and businesses. As Vice-Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Steve has been a leader in that effort.

Governor Deval Patrick included \$40 million for last-mile in a proposed bond bill. Steve not only worked diligently to assure its passage, but when the bill came before his committee, added another \$10 million in funding.

Now that the bond bill has be-

come law, Steve continues to play an active role in moving the last-mile project forward. He has been a supporter of WiredWest, a cooperative of 44 Western MA towns formed to build a regional last-mile network.

With Senate Majority Leader Stan Rosenberg and State Senator Ben Downing, Steve has been an important player in bringing WiredWest and MBI together in a working partnership.

Along with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, they are about to conduct several regional meetings to discuss with town Select Boards and Finance Committees the roles and responsibilities of their towns in implementing a last-mile solution.

As the last-mile network is rolled out over the next few years, we need Steve Kulik in the State House to continue his vital and strong leadership.

**James Drawe  
Cummington Selectman,  
WiredWest Vice Chairman**

*The views expressed are his own and not those of WiredWest.*

### Geological Turners Falls

I’m very much enjoying the four-part descriptive article on the geological legacy of Turners Falls, by John Furbish. However, a single misidentification lends itself for correction.

The series’ dateline, “Great Falls,” is a geographical and geological non-entity. John’s definitive geologic descriptions are found in the village of Turners Falls – in the Town of Montague – and on the north side of the Connecticut River in Gill.

I’m well aware of the very general description of what “Great Falls” encompasses, and one will not find it in any geographic or geologic reference to this place. Some businesses or institutions may use the moniker “Great Falls” in their titles... so be it. It defines not the village.

Potential visitors to this area may explore maps and seek directions to Turners Falls, Gill, or the Town of Montague. The non-existent locale mentioned as “Great Falls” may prove to be confusing, and the village of Turners Falls must be referred to as what it is: Turners Falls.

**Ed Gregory  
Turners Falls**

#### The editors respond:

*We don’t know who first re-introduced this place name to usage, but they were not without historical precedent, as we find written mention of the name as early as 1791 (Acts and Resolves Passed by the Massachusetts General Court), 1826 (Report of the Commissioners of the State of Massachusetts on the Routes of Canals), and 1857 (Elliott’s New England History).*

*Protecting the visitors from confusion not being our sole editorial priority, we find it a charming and useful name, not for Turners Falls, but for that otherworldly area surrounding the trijunction of Greenfield, Montague and Gill.*

*It is our current editorial practice to occasionally use it in the dateline of articles concerning the river; features of the surrounding rock; work on the bridge; the portal; etc.*

*We are not engaged in a campaign to rename Turners Falls – any more than the school district is – and our articles and their datelines are not posted to any wire services.*

*Nevertheless, your objection is well noted, and we appreciate your standing for principle, because the names we use do matter.*

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If this article passes, the next article asks for \$100,000 from retained earnings to be placed in this fund.

Town meeting members are also being asked to authorize the formation of a town capital improvement stabilization fund and approve initial funding of \$350,000.

And one more stabilization fund needs a cash infusion. The finance committee is asking for \$213,039 for increasing the town stabilization fund.

The Montague police are also looking for money for dispatchers. One article asks members to approve raising the wage of part time (per-diem) dispatchers from \$13 – \$15 an hour to \$17 – \$19 an hour. If town meeting approves, the police are also requesting an appropriation of \$22,000 to supplement the FY'15 dispatch budget in order to pay for the higher wage rate.

Other money items include reimbursing the town for transfers from the reserve fund; \$10,000 for repairs to the Carnegie and Millers Falls libraries; \$10,000 for the airport commission; and \$16,084 for reimbursing the Turners Falls Fire District for the portion of Medicare reimbursements received by the town that were related to the Turners Falls Fire District retirees.

Of the non-money items, town meeting is being asked to approve three petitions to the State Legislature for liquor licenses. This measure is necessary since the town has exceeded its liquor license quota.

The first of the petitions is for an all-alcohol (on-premises) license for Robert Obear for the Powers Block, 26-28 East Main Street in Millers Falls. The town is arguing that this license is necessary for facilitating the redevelopment of this Chapter 121B blighted property under the town's Commercial Homesteading Program. Obear Construction is hoping to secure a commitment from a restaurant to occupy the first floor of this building, and the guarantee of a license makes the offer more attractive.

The second petition is for an all alcohol (off-premises) license for the Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague Center.

The Montague Inn, which surrendered its liquor license last year, is also seeking an all alcohol (on-premises) license.

A major article asks for authorization "to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, temporary easements in certain parcels of land, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Montague City Road." The town planner is making the request in order to enable the Town to undertake the Montague City Road Bike Path Crossing and Bus Stop improvement project.

The planning board is also asking members to approve changes to the zoning bylaws.

## TFHS A "Level 2" School Again

By PATRICIA PRUITT

**TURNERS FALLS** – Gill-Montague Regional School District superintendent Michael Sullivan announced on Tuesday, October 21, that Turners Falls High School is now again ranked by the Department of Secondary Education (DESE) as a Level 2 school.

Sullivan noted in his statement that the high school had been "erroneously placed in Level 3 when the state determined our MCAS ELA [English Language Arts] participation for high needs students was below 90%."

Since this was not the case, the

superintendent appealed the decision by providing information about two students who were unable to sit for the exam. "The state agreed with our appeal," commented Sullivan, "and has made the change back to Level 2."

He also explained that "academic performance was not a factor in the temporary classification as a Level 3 school."

Gill Elementary and Great Falls Middle School are both ranked Level 1 schools.

The former Montague Elementary School, now Sheffield and Hillcrest Schools, remains as a Level 3.

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designated for office space.

The adjacent building, 30 East Main Street, will feature a laundromat, while Obear's own firm will lease space at 34 East Main.

Obear provided a time line for demolition and construction, as well as estimates of both temporary and permanent jobs created by the project. He said he intended to invest nearly \$1,000,000 in the renovation.

Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio stated that the next step for the town is to negotiate a development agreement with Obear, and that he hopes that will take place within the next month. If a contract is reached, a property transfer would be the final step.

## Cross Road Hearing "In Vain"

According to Montague selectboard member Mark Fairbrother, the issue of Greenfield Cross Road, which connects Greenfield Road and Hatchery Road, is simple: "The road was closed illegally. There was no reason to close it, it should be reopened."

Thus began a brief and poorly attended hearing over the plan to reopen Greenfield Cross Road, which connects Greenfield Road and Hatchery Road, after more than a decade of barriers and "do not enter" signs.

The meeting may have been poorly attended because the decision had already been made. On October 6 the board had voted to reopen the road, with a target date of October 30. After that vote the board decided to hold a public hearing.

In response to the complaint that the policy had already been decided before the hearing, selectboard member Michael Nelson stated that he was perfectly capable of changing his mind on an issue in response to public discussion. He pointed to a just-completed dog hearing where the attitude of a dog owner had strongly influenced his final decision.

Lisa and Robert Adams, whose property abuts the road, were the most outspoken members of the audience, questioning the reopening. They agreed, however, that the road had been closed illegally.

Robert Adams argued that the road had been closed because it was dangerous and that the situation had gotten worse as a result of the closing of the Greenfield Road bridge over the railroad. This has led to significantly more through

traffic on Hatchery Road. Lisa Adams argued that the state Department of Transportation "still has a safety issue" with the road.

Selectboard chair Chris Boutwell responded, "If I had my way, it would be one way."

Adams also wondered why the cost of reopening had plummeted from an original estimate of over \$50,000 to virtually nothing now. Highway chief Tom Bergeron stated that the first estimate had assumed the road needed to be repaved, but that "after walking it, it's not in that bad shape."

Nelson agreed that the road had been closed improperly and therefore needed to be reopened. However he suggested that residents who felt the road should be closed could put the issue on a town meeting warrant by petition.

"That's not the point," exclaimed audience member Jeanne Golrick. "This was an in vain hearing."

## An Oldie But Goodie

In another road-related issue, former selectboard member Patricia Pruitt came before the board to advocate for more "progress" toward improving public access to Dry Hill Cemetery. The most convenient path to the cemetery has been the subject of dispute between landowner James Senn, whose property abuts it, and the town.

The conflict was, in theory, resolved nearly a decade ago, but the town has still not created a usable access road. An initial estimate of the cost of a paved road was deemed prohibitive.

"We don't need a superhighway," said Pruitt. She advocated that the selectboard cost out less expensive options. Pruitt also noted that parking could be made available on town property across Wendell Road. She framed her request by stressing the recent death of long time town meeting member Art Gilmore, who persistently advocated for the opening of the cemetery and access road.

Town planner Walter Ramsey stated that he would soon be meeting with a design firm that specializes in "recreational trails" to cost out two options: the creation of a walking path from Wendell Road and improved access for vehicles from Dry Hill Cross Road to the south.

This seemed to meet the definition of "progress" Pruitt was advocating. "[The Dry Hill Road issue] has been a thing for I don't know how many years, and we need to

**Great Falls Middle School Students of the Week**  
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**Grade 7**  
Spencer Blair

**Grade 8**  
Deven Goshea  
Dominic Carme

make some progress," said Boutwell.

## Dog Stay Reversed

The board voted to "put down" a dog owned by resident Jody Rattigan, but was then informed that the dog had left town "visiting."

The dog has been the subject of several hearings and the police chief, Chip Dodge, has recommended that the animal be euthanized as dangerous. Rattigan has argued that the dog is very gentle, only attacking people in uniforms, primarily a postal worker who, she claims, parks too near the house and walks "back and forth."

At its October 6 meeting, the board had granted a stay of execution but only if the dog was kept on the property, away from potential victims, and out of further trouble. Rattigan was also required to send the town a written plan for controlling the dog and, hopefully, reforming her behavior. The failure of the owner to submit a plan by the due date (October 14) led to Monday's hearing.

The board still appeared to be divided over what to do. Michael Nelson seemed initially open to Rattigan's argument that the failure to submit the proper "paperwork," which she felt had not been emphasized at the October 6 hearing, was not a good reason to kill an animal.

However, when Rattigan said she had failed to read a warning letter personally delivered by the police chief, Nelson became incensed, and voted with Fairbrother to put the dog down.

At this point Rattigan informed the board that "the dog is out of town, so good luck from there."

"So you just lied to us when you said the dog was at home?" asked Mark Fairbrother. "No, she resides at home," replied Rattigan. "She's out of town visiting tonight."

## Commission Launched

Abbondanzio presented a revised schedule for the "envisioning" process associated with the Shea Theater. He stated that the initial public discussion would take place on November 4 at town hall, which he called "neutral ground," rather than the Shea itself as originally planned.

On November 9, there will be a meeting of the newly revived Civic Center Commission, and a "follow up forum" on December 2. Both events will also take place at town hall.

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## State Urges Caution Against Mosquito Bites

**WESTMINSTER** – Last Thursday, October 16, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the second case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) infection detected in a mammal this year.

The infection was found in a five-year-old horse from Westminster, a town in Worcester County. The horse had to be euthanized.

This finding raised the EEE risk level in Westminster to “Critical,” and that of adjacent towns to “High.”

Although these risk levels come with a recommendation to reschedule evening outdoor events, the weather will generally be cool enough that mosquito activity will be minimal.

“Infected mosquitoes continue to be present in our environment and will be around until the first hard frost,” said DPH State Public Health Veterinarian Dr.

Catherine Brown. “Although mosquitoes are much less active when temperatures are below 60 degrees, the detection of EEE in a mammal should remind residents to take precautions when outdoors. Use insect repellent, cover up exposed skin, and avoid outdoor activities at dusk and night time, when mosquitoes are at their most active.”

There have been no human cases of EEE so far this year. There have been four human cases of West Nile virus (WNV). Last year, there was one case of EEE acquired by a Massachusetts resident.

EEE is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. It is a serious disease in all ages and can even cause death.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

### NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

## Raises For Department Heads; Bids for Mill Cleanup

By KATIE NOLAN

At its October 20 meeting, the Erving selectboard unanimously approved 10% raises for highway foreman Glenn McCrory and water and wastewater operator and supervisor Peter Sanders, retroactive to July 1.

Since the board eliminated the position of highway/water/wastewater director in June, McCrory and Sanders have taken over the supervisory functions for their departments. According to selectboard member Margaret Sullivan, “They have not been compensated for the additional responsibilities.”

The raises are contingent on approval of funding at the November 24 special town meeting. The highway/water/wastewater director position was created by the selectboard in July 2012, with some of the funding for the director’s salary coming from elimination of landscaping and mowing contractors and part-time janitorial positions.

The landscaping, mowing, and janitorial positions were restored this fall. As part of an exit agreement, former highway/water/wastewater director Paul Prest is on paid administrative leave from June 29 until December 28, 2014.

Because of the restored contractors and janitorial hours and the exit agreement, additional money will be needed in the highway, water and wastewater budget items to fund the raises.

### Two Special Town Meetings

The board signed the warrant for the Monday, November 3 special town meeting. It will consider only one article: the citizen petition for instituting a procedure to recall elected officials.

A second article, proposing a new zoning bylaw that would allow aboveground storage of petroleum products in the town’s groundwater protection zone and possible construction of a gas station at the Semb property, was retracted by the planning board.

“There were problems with the wording,” said planning board member Jacquelyn Boyden. Boyden said that at the public hearing on the bylaw, the planning board realized

there was a flaw in the proposed language that would have allowed aboveground storage of any hazardous material, not just gasoline.

She said the board would draft another version of the bylaw with stricter language, hold a public hearing in December, and present it to the town at a future STM or at the 2015 annual town meeting.

The board also reviewed draft articles for the Monday, November 24 special town meeting, with articles proposing expenditures of “free cash” for various projects, including \$125,000 for legal costs for appellate tax court, purchase of equipment for the fire department, Usher Plant chimney work, repairs at the Pearl B. Care historical building, and constructing a carport for the FRTA senior van.

Costs for some of the expenditures were not finalized. For instance, bids for the Usher Plant chimney restoration will not be opened until November 5.

The warrant for the November 24 meeting will be completed and reviewed by the selectboard and finance committee in time to post it on November 10.

### Plant, Chimney Bids At Usher

Usher Plant reuse committee chair Jeanie Schermesser told the board that a quote from Vegetation Control Service, Inc. of Athol for removal of invasive species from a 12-foot area around the building’s water tower seemed high, at \$11,000, and that the committee will seek bids from other companies.

One of the conservation commission’s conditions for work in the wetland areas of the former plant is that invasive species be controlled. Schermesser said that the committee will look into possible federal grants that may be available for control of invasive species along Keyup Brook upstream of the former Usher Plant.

Schermesser reported that committee member Jeff Dubay worked with Andrea Woods of Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to develop a bid package for work on the chimney at the former Boiler Building. The board approved expenditure of \$750 for the FRCOG’s services.

At the September 22 selectboard meeting, selectboard chair William Bembury said, “What I heard [at the previous week’s special town meeting] was that the town wants “an up-to-date bid,” for both: 1) removing the top 16 feet of chimney and renovating the rest; and 2) removing the exterior portion of the chimney entirely.

Sealed bids are due to the town by November 5. The expense will be included in the warrant for the November 24 special town meeting.

### 34 Northfield Road

Bembury reported that he had talked with 34 Northfield Road property owner Winston Lavalley about potential town purchase of the land located between the Senior/Community Center and Erving Elementary School.

“They are just at the stage of making a decision as to what to do. All of their children except one want them to sell the property,” Bembury said.

He added that the members of the Lavalley family “were not thrilled” about the likelihood that the town would tear down the 118-year-old house, but “they were very interested in the concept of a library” at the property.

Bembury said Lavalley told him that the town would have the right of first refusal on the property.

### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Update

The board received a letter from Alan Fore, Tennessee Gas Pipeline’s public affairs vice president, with a brief update on the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project. A sample letter to landowners along the pipeline and a list of open houses to be held in November and December were attached.

The landowner letter states that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved Tennessee Gas Pipeline’s use of the pre-filing process on October 2.

According to the letter, by using the process, “Tennessee and the FERC will have the opportunity to identify and resolve issues by consulting with stakeholders, including affected landholders, and participating agencies through meetings,

telephone calls, and/or written correspondence...”

Local open houses will be held in the Innovation Center in Orange on December 2, at Greenfield Community College on December 3, and at Mohawk Trail Regional School on December 12.

### Human Resources

The board will move the human resources responsibilities from being shared by the town administrative coordinator and treasurer to the treasurer’s office, starting July 1, 2015.

Because this will add work for the treasurer’s office, the board will consider hiring an additional clerk for four hours per week.

As part of the review of human resources tasks, Bembury reviewed the Greenfield human resources webpage to find out how it organizes human resources responsibilities. He recommended that Erving consider some of the features, such as downloadable forms, for its own webpage.

Currently, Boyden and municipal clerk Betsy Sicard keep the town’s website updated.

### Wireless Sound System

Information technology consultant and finance committee chair Jake Smith will get additional information about wireless sound systems for use at town meetings.

Bembury presented the specifications for a \$649 system including three personal microphones and four hand-held microphones, but said sound systems were beyond his area of expertise.

Smith will report back to the selectboard at its October 27 meeting.

### Appointments and Resignations

Eric Duffy was appointed to the Usher Plant reuse committee.

The board accepted Arthur Johnson’s resignation from the finance committee. Johnson was elected to the selectboard on October 7.

Finally, the board signed a letter of gratitude to Craig Moore, who served on the conservation commission for many years. “I heard he was on for 40 years,” said Boyden.

## Town of Leverett Fire Chief

The Town of Leverett, population 1,900, seeks an energetic, citizen-oriented part-time Fire Chief who can balance small town culture with the technical needs of a modern fire department.

Chief completes oversight and management duties for the department, manages fire and medical response, actively fights fires and provides medical treatment. Town will consider joint chief with another town.

Qualifications include strong communication and management skills, five years’ fire and one year supervisory experience, residence within proximity of town as required by law. Knowledge of community a plus. Estimated 20 hours/week. Salary ranges from \$17,000 to \$19,000. Benefits included.

Applications and resumes due by November 14, 2014 to Selectboard Office, PO Box 300, Leverett, MA 01054.

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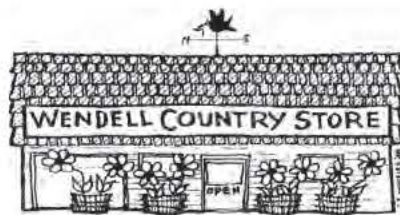
## Elementary Union 28: Superintendent Search Gets Underway

The search for the new Union #28 Superintendent is beginning.

As a first step, the search committee will need input from the school community regarding the qualities and skills of our next school leader.

A survey has been created to gather that information. Please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QSF762S> to view the survey, which will take approximately five minutes to conclude.

The deadline for the survey is October 25, 2014.



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**COMMUNES** from page A1

director, radio broadcaster, and Emmy winner. Porche is a poet-in-residence, writer, and performer. Professor Timothy Miller of the University of Kansas will moderate.

Dan Keller is a founder of Wendell Farm where he works today, maintaining it as an organic tract of land. Keller was also allied with the founders of Montague Farm, the "sister" outfit.

"I can certainly speak," he said, "to the history of both farms. We were just a group of kids graduating, or close to it, back in 1969. Students from Amherst College, Smith and Mt. Holyoke began farming and living independent lives as artists, photographers, musicians, and sculptors, producing a hefty amount of creative work."

Dan is the only original member of the Wendell Farm still living and laboring there. Four households currently have residence: Dan and his wife, Nina; Dan's daughter and her husband and two children; Martin Church and Nora Gurley; and Keller's longtime friend Anna Gyorgy. Anna is one of the original founders of the Montague Farm in 1968.

Gyorgy was also one of the main forces of the anti-nuclear group. Originally, she lived at the farm for a decade and later, lived abroad as the wife of an ambassador. She recently moved back to one of the houses on the farm.

there was a downside to those days. "Remember," said Dan, "we were rebelling in a significant way. None of our parents had imagined this future for us. Our way of life tended to break up families. Many of us lost our parents in the process."

A graduate of Laconia, New Hampshire High School and Amherst College, with an English major, Keller is an award-winning maker of films. Many of them deal with the Vietnam experience and nuclear power. Dan's 1983 documentary "The Secret Agent" focuses on the nefarious chemical weapon Agent Orange and was honored at the New York Film Festival.

For some 30 years, Dan has created documentaries that engage the heart and the head. Among his impressive filmography are "Lovejoy's Nuclear War" (1975) and "Save the Planet" (1979).

"If it weren't for Sam Lovejoy," said the 67-year-old Keller, "there might be a giant twin nuclear power plant in Montague today."

The internationally distributed movie helped create the anti-nuclear movement. It tells the true story of Lovejoy, who loosened the turnbuckles on a cable which suspended a 500-foot weather tower on the Montague plains. The structure was built to measure weather conditions in conjunction with the building of a twin nuclear power plant on the Connecticut River.

Lovejoy turned himself in that

of Chicago, Susan graduated from Smith College with a bachelor's degree in art and political science before adding a master's degree in art.

"I call my presentation 'Nurturing the Spirit,'" said Mareneck. She has done many things in her life including 35 years as a teacher in New York City plus living her conscience as a civil rights and anti-war activist during her college years.

"I'm still a professional artist," added Susan. "I call myself a painter, but I work with mixed mediums. I like to do unusual things – for example, instead of merely looking at a landscape or a person, it's more interesting to capture the history of the landscape or person."

"In other words, what's behind the appearance? I've created a person or place, but it's so revealing to incorporate some of the history behind the art."

Mareneck taught girls from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for two decades at the Spence School on the east side of The Big Apple. At that point, she was recruited to become head of the art department right across the street at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, also a K-12 girls educational institution.

Susan's rich, diverse experiences have informed her work at the local Catholic Ministries. "The relationships we build," said Mareneck, "with the families we serve must be authentic. They must know you and your history and you must know them and their background, so that true transformation can occur."

"The mission of our ministries is to walk beside those we assist: to listen to them and to hear the ways in which they need support. Living in a commune, we all learned about meeting needs – such as how to eat properly, how to stay warm, how to help each other. We became a real family."

"My old friends are still connected to me. That kind of connection helps us feel safe and secure in a world that feels anxious and scared. I feel blessed to have gone on to work with wonderful colleagues in New York City and continue to make strong connections today at Montague Catholic Social Ministries."

In addition, Mareneck is very proud of her two children. Her son is a businessman and musician in Brooklyn, while her daughter is a school librarian in Seattle. "I admire them both very much," said Susan. "I have always learned a great deal from them and am still learning."

In working with clients in activities such as the teaching of parenting skills, said Susan, she and staff have learned much about resilience and the basic decency of people.

"People are much better than they think they are," said the ministries' director. "We try to provide them a mirror, in which they can see their own strengths, and strategies through which they can unleash their own recognition of those abilities."

For more information about the Tenth Annual Social Change Colloquium, please contact Rob Cook at (413) 545-6842.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION MONTAGUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CDS) ANNUAL UPDATE

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 - 7 p.m.  
2nd Floor Meeting Room of Town Hall  
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The purpose is to review Montague's CDS. Local citizens are encouraged to attend. Review the plan at [www.montague.net](http://www.montague.net) or at the Planning Department. Session to be held in conjunction with the regular Planning Board Meeting.

## The Montague Retreat Center: A Hive of Activity



WICKS PHOTO

*A homeschooling cooperative uses the Retreat facilities every Monday.*

By LEE WICKS

When William and Beth Jacobsen bought the onetime Montague Farm property at 177 Ripley Road three years ago from the Zen Peacemakers, they had a vision for a Retreat Center, backed up by specific plans to be phased in over time.

First they rolled up their sleeves to deal with repairing the geothermal heating system and other parts of the property that had been neglected. Restoring the Great Hall, creating a stone patio for events, and developing a commercial kitchen were all on the list.

Each of those goals has been reached, including the framing in of guest rooms on the second floor of the Great Hall.

This year there have been seven weddings. A white tent wired with twinkling lights covers the new stone patio, and the setting could not be more romantic. Word is spreading and the Retreat Center is now listed on a number of wedding planners websites.

Fifty-one children belonging to a home-schooling coop swarm the place on Mondays, using the inside for classes and meetings, and the grounds for play.

There are two yoga classes during the week. Nancy Paglia teaches on Monday afternoons from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Lisa Enzer teaches on Tuesday morning from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Enzer says, "Having a warm, clean, accessible location for classes is wonderful, and the unique history of the space brings a richer undertone to practice. Students always remark on the beauty and spaciousness of the great room."

In addition to her weekly class, Paglia offers a Women's Yoga Circle on Sundays. The Circle meets once a month for six months and offers "an opportunity to create a sacred space within. Through yoga, meditation, journaling, music and sharing, participants will experience profound states of relaxation and rejuvenation." The next session begins on December 29.

Registration details for all yoga classes can be found at [www.montagueretreatcenter.com](http://www.montagueretreatcenter.com).

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, The People's Bakery uses the commercial kitchen to produce more than 800 loaves of bread. The People's Bakery is a family-owned wholesale bakery that has been specializing in spelt bread in Massachusetts for the last 10 years. Their products can be found from Boston to Upstate New York in co-ops, health food stores and grocery retailers.

Both Bill and Beth Jacobsen have put considerable sweat equity into this project. Their clothes are often paint-splattered, or Beth is painting while Bill goes out to cut brush and clear a field.

This effort and good planning is creating a resource in this community only limited by imagination. When the guest rooms in the great Hall are completed, wedding parties will be able to stay on site, but the Retreat Center could also become a venue for corporate retreats, writers' workshops, educational seminars or artists.

The facility lends itself to a multitude of uses. Future plans include the restoration of the old farmhouse and eventually construction of some small guest cottages.



PETER SIMON PHOTO

*May Day, Packer Corners, Guilford VT, 1971*

"The late 1960s and early 70s," said Keller, "were heady days. There was an exuberance in the air. We thought we were on the right side of the issues regarding the Vietnam War and nuclear power. In retrospect, we were partially right, and it's a darn good thing we expressed ourselves. There were so many satisfying endeavors including being out in nature and producing our own food."

"We managed to grow healthy food while producing lots of art and music and making significant contributions to the community through political activism. It was exhilarating to be involved with something new and different and be on the same team. Personally, I developed close friendships that have endured close to 50 years."

However, Keller acknowledges

night to Montague police with a statement that he had toppled the tower in self-defense to protect the life and health of his family. He went on trial in Franklin Superior Court, and was ultimately acquitted. These days Lovejoy is a commonwealth lawyer who is solidly behind the anti-pipeline movement.

Keller is in his third term as a member of the Wendell Selectboard. He's also spent 17 years on the town's Finance Committee.

Dan will be joined Nov. 3 by Susan Mareneck, who has guided the fortunes of the Montague Catholic Social Ministries for the past five years. Mareneck, a soft-spoken and thoughtful administrator, will speak about how her experiences at the Montague Farm and her renovation of a farmhouse in Leverett shaped her life of care and concern. A native

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**NOTES FROM THE GILL-MONTAGUE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Gill School Council Backs Structured Recess Time**

By PATRICIA PRUITT

Whoever thinks a school committee meeting holds little in the way of good news should have attended the October 14 meeting. From the public participation opening through the two principals' presentations on "what's happening" in the middle and high school programs of the school to the superintendent's report, there were many points to feel GMRSD is taking a positive direction.

In the public participation slot the school committee heard back from the parents heading the Gill School Council announcing the Council's decision regarding the concerns heard from several parents at the school committee that Gill's recess practice was not allowing free play or free choice during the only undirected periods in a student's day, namely lunch and recess, with recess their major focus.

The issue was referred to the Gill school council and they made the following decision: Gill School Council upholds the current recess format. They found that students have multiple choices and while each one chooses one area for recess, what they choose to play in the area of choice is up to them. They believe there is better organized supervision on the playground as a result.

They also think the issues

around organized sport playing, where in the past there was more arguing than playing, have been positively decreased. Now they see that playing goes on for the recess period.

They did recommend one change and that was to combine the trees area and the structures area which will not impact the level of supervision. This will allow students to go back and forth between the two areas.

Nadia, the student representative to the School Committee, announced that the time period for students to change classes will change from two minutes to three minutes next semester. She also announced upcoming conferences for student council members to be held in Hyannis, MA.

There will be 2,000 student council members from across the state taking workshops in "mentoring in leadership." Nadia is herself a member of the TFHS Student Council and feels these mentoring conferences are extremely valuable.

Principals Donna Fitzpatrick, head of the Middle School, and Tom Osborn, head of the High School, each came prepared with an explanation of all the strengths and new developments in their respective school programs.

Principal Fitzpatrick is in the happy position of heading a Level 1 program. Her presentation em-

phasized the several ways that teachers in the middle school are collaborating, and challenging students.

Principal Osborn emphasized more writing for students across the curriculum, the 9th grade academy where there have been zero suspensions, the Restorative Justice Center, a space created for students to drop in when they need to talk, or to take a break from a situation. Students can also take the Restorative Justice class and become a support for other students dropping into the justice center.

Osborn threw out two statistics: one was 153 students, or 57%, on the honor roll out of 270 enrolled. The second was only 3 suspensions thus far this school year in the high school.

He closed his presentation with a rousing student-made film celebrating TFHS, *A Small School with Big Possibilities!*

These two dynamic principals are an important part of a reinvigorated student centered education. After the long several years in receivership, it's a new day at GMRSD.

Business Manager Joanne Blier announced the hiring of Jim Huber from Pelham as the new Building Manager. He has an extensive background in construction. With budget season approaching, she plans to have revenue projections and estimates for November 12.

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party dominance, Massachusetts is currently governed in an atmosphere that promotes bigger government, higher taxes, continued wasteful government spending, and more anti-business regulations."

One business she is not in favor of hosting in her district is the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline. She has been opposed to the proposed project from the beginning.

As an Athol selectboard member, she says she told Kinder Morgan to "take a hike" when the company appeared before the board. "I'll fight to make sure no one's legacy gets torn up by this pipeline," Whipps Lee says.

"There is a decided lack of transparency [on Kinder Morgan's part]. They're trying to do an end-run around property owners, and simply get approval from FERC. That's not right."

**As an Athol selectboard member, Whipps Lee says she told Kinder Morgan to "take a hike" when the pipeline company appeared before the board.**

She notes that when a Kinder Morgan representative appeared before the Athol selectboard, she asked whether the company had received any welcome. When the representative said "no," she replied: "You're not going to get one here either."

Whipps Lee, a gun owner with a license to carry and member of the Orange Gun Club, is firmly opposed to any regulations on firearms.

She wrote that the bill recently passed before the Massachusetts House and Senate and signed by the governor, "An Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence," is "the newest and most onerous of a long line of attempts by the leg-

islature to limit the Constitutional freedoms of the citizens of the Commonwealth."

She doesn't object to all parts of the act. She says the provision that makes Massachusetts compliant with the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is logical. But what she objects to is the coupling of mental health to gun violence.

"Not all mental issues result in gun violence," she says. "It further stigmatizes victims with mental health issues, by making the assumption that somehow their mental state will lead to using a gun."

In a letter she wrote to Massachusetts Speaker Robert DeLeo while the bill was still in committee, she said: "I personally find it both broad-reaching and offensive to create the inference that there is a correlation between emotional/psychiatric distress and murderous behavior."

"Few families live their lifetimes without experiencing a relative with mental illness or substance abuse issues. Almost none of them experience murder."

Whipps Lee says Massachusetts already has plenty of gun laws and that the answer to gun violence is not more legislation. Rather, she says, the solution "is to simply start holding people who misuse firearms accountable for their behavior."

"If we became, again, a society who held the individual responsible for his/her behavior and stopped making excuses that grant impunity, we'd go a long way to reduce all sorts of crime, violence included."

She notes that the state has "had an assault weapons ban for 20 years. We have 12-week background checks. I'd personally feel much safer living on a street of people who have licenses to carry."

Susannah Whipps Lee is a graduate of Athol High School, Mt. Wachusett Community College (Assoc. Deg.), Johnson & Wales University (Assoc. Deg.) and Fitchburg State College (B.Sc.).

She has served on the Athol selectboard since 2005.



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life, and contribute and compete in society, democracy and our economic future."

Andrews says she is proud of her record on gun control, though also affirms the importance of the Second Amendment.

"The Second Amendment says nothing about 'Stand your ground,' and that is not where we need to be. We do need to be aggressive in our crackdown on illegal use and trafficking in guns. Assault weapons only belong in the hands of trained professionals, not in the hands of John and Sally Citizen."

Although she was an original sponsor of the bill that would become "An Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence," she said she was not at all satisfied with the final version that went to the governor.

"A lot more work needs to be done locally and nationally. We didn't do nearly enough to address the mental health issues associated with gun violence. Nearly 60 percent of gun tragedies are suicides. We did not go nearly far enough in looking into how to help those who have mental problems."

She says that one of the biggest issues currently facing Western Mass. is the proposed natural gas pipeline. She notes that she was

one of the first elected officials in the state to unequivocally oppose the project:

"I don't see the need for it. For \$4 billion, we could do a lot on creating renewables, which in tandem with increased conservation, would make us far stronger."

**Andrews says that the state "needs to develop a clear and effective energy policy, for the next ten years and beyond."**

Andrews says that beyond the immediate issue of the pipeline, the state "needs to develop a clear and effective energy policy for the next ten years and beyond." She favors a thorough examination of the state's energy needs. With that information in place, she says a policy that emphasizes renewable energy over the use of fossil fuels is necessary.

She also adds that "nuclear power should not be part of the equation. I was thrilled when Vermont Yankee shut down."

Prior to becoming representative for the 2nd Franklin District, Andrews was employed for 25 years by Procter & Gamble. In her time there she served in various leadership positions in manufacturing, human resources and global diversity. She is also a founding partner of an entrepreneurial consulting company, Legacy Unlimited, which specializes in global leadership, diversity and inclusion. Diversity is not just a concern for Andrews in the private sector, she also serves as the appointed Chair of Governor Patrick's Advisory Council for Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity and Diversity. The Council's mission is to work with key leaders in all sectors "to move the commonwealth toward becoming an exemplary state in diversity by 2020."

Andrews is a graduate of Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Xavier University (Ohio).

Andrews and her partner of 29 years, share a rich extended family, including their miniature schnauzer Sebastian, and reside at Lake Mattawa in Orange.



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## NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

## Garden for Cremation Remains Proposed at Gill Congregational

By DAVID DETMOLD

"I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever," proclaims the bulletin board in front of the Gill Congregational Church this week, quoting Psalms (23:6).

But with cemetery space scarce in town, and his congregation aging, pastor Gary Bourbeau has come to the selectboard with a novel idea for a final resting place for the remains of any who might prefer an above-ground setting from which to slough off this mortal coil and move into the afterlife.

"A scatter cemetery – or scatter garden – that's what we agreed we'd like to offer to the town," said Bourbeau. "It's a very space friendly use; you would just need room for the markers."

Bourbeau, who recently joined the cemetery commission, said the idea came to him after discussing the problem of the town's overcrowded cemeteries with members of the congregation.

At first, the church considered offering the quarter-acre lot behind their building in the town center to the town, with the idea of using it for a cremation only cemetery, where ashes would be buried in individual plots.

Then, Bourbeau said, the idea of a "green burial cemetery" was brought up, where bodies of the deceased could be buried without embalming. But Bourbeau said the proximity to neighbors, and to Un-

adilla Brook at the rear of the lot, argued against that suggestion.

Finally, as he talked the matter over with John Davis of McCarthy Funeral Home, Bourbeau said Davis came up with the suggestion of using the small plot for a scatter garden, where cremation remains could be scattered by friends or family members in raised bed gardens, surrounded by a wheelchair accessible pathway, benches, and solar lighting, and the only permanent division of purchased space would be for stones or markers memorializing the departed.

As he considered the possible downsides to the proposal, Bourbeau said, "I thought, someone is going to go there at 2 in the morning and scatter their ashes, and that's fine, but you pay to place your marker there."

He said the congregation was unanimous in supporting the idea of offering the lot to the rear of the church to the town for the purpose of creating a scatter garden.

Bourbeau said the cemetery commission would continue to seek a location to build or expand a traditional cemetery in town, but in the meanwhile, the scatter garden might indirectly help to free up a little more space in one of the town cemeteries.

"My wife and I have plots at Center Cemetery, but we would give those up," and use the scatter garden behind the Congregational Church instead, said Bourbeau,



It will take a town meeting vote to accept a gift of land from the church.

"because my heart is there."

The Gill Congregational Church was one of the first buildings put up after the town of Gill separated from Greenfield in 1793. The Church was in continuous use from 1795 until some time in the mid 1970s, when a dwindling flock decided to attend services in Bernardston instead.

The period of disuse ended in 1994 when Bourbeau, a lay pastor, came to reopen and revive the church. Under his leadership, the congregation has rebuilt the basement kitchen and dining area, added a new furnace, built a new sidewalk and repainted the graceful structure inside and out.

But Bourbeau said everyone in the congregation is now getting on in years – at which point Betsy Burnham gave him a severe glance, until he amended his comment to say – "Everyone but Betsy is getting on in years," and so it is time to give thought to the congre-

gation's final disposition.

Asked when he would like to get the scatter garden 'off the ground,' Bourbeau grinned and said, "before I die," but added, next year would be fine.

The board was amenable to the proposal, although it will take a vote of town meeting to accept a gift of land from the church for that purpose.

"I think it is a wonderful idea," said chair Randy Crochier, who said he was speaking as both a member of the selectboard and the board of health. Bourbeau noted that no state law prohibits the scattering of ashes from cremations.

He added, "Some people get a little nervous when there is a religious institution dealing with a civic institution. We just want to make the offer."

But, as Thornton Wilder noted in *Our Town*, that nervousness dies down over time.

## Other Business

The board approved the transfer of a liquor license from the owner of the former Jan's Package Store, at the bottom of Main Road, to Steve Schechterle, owner of the Spirit Shoppe package stores in Sunderland and South Deerfield.

Schechterle said he planned to do some interior remodeling to make the space more accommodating to customers, and would like to get the new store open before Christmas.

The last time remodeling took place there was when a van driver put his vehicle into forward instead of reverse and drove through the front of the building, about two summers ago.

Schechterle said all his main

employees would have training to determine which customers to serve.

He said he planned to have his store open at 9 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, but would not open before 10 a.m. on Sundays.

In addition to beer and wine, alcohol and tobacco, Schechterle said he would carry chips and dips and mixers, along with lottery tickets.

One of the two main pumps at the Riverside sewer systems pump station is down for repairs. The three-and-a-half year old impeller failed 18 months after its two-year warranty expired.

But selectboard member John Ward noted that since the two pumps alternate service each week, a fair argument could be made that it had not truly been operating for two full years as yet.

The board voted to join the new Upper Valley Veterans Services District as of July of 2015.

The board also voted to spend \$2,100 repairing the brakes on the fire department's 1987 Ford rescue van. Fire chief Gene Beaubien said the van, which was purchased for the town by Northfield Mount Hermon in the mid-'90s after first serving as an ambulance in Pennsylvania, was the most used vehicle in his department.

As a side comment, Beaubien noted that the fire engines are also reaching, or have reached, typical replacement age, with one engine still in service from 1978, and another since 1987. The newest engine was purchased in 1995.

"Our fleet is aging rapidly," said Beaubien.

"We're all aging rapidly," replied Ward.

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## TURNERS FALLS BEATS EASTHAMPTON, STAYS UNDEFEATED



Jalen Sanders gains yardage for Turners.

By MATT ROBINSON

TURNERS FALLS – They shouldn't even play Easthampton. "They have more kids on their football team than we have in our senior class." "They're a city school." These are just some of the comments I've heard in the past few weeks about the Turners Falls-Easthampton rivalry.

And from Greenfield to Springfield to Northampton, almost every pigskin prognosticator picked the Easthampton Eagles to beat the Turners Falls Indians. "We eat that stuff up," Coach Chris Lapointe said after the game. "We love it when they don't think we can win."

The game was an old fashioned, smash mouth, beat-em-up slugfest. Players would collide from twenty-yard sprints, smaller players would hit low, quicker players would change directions and when one man couldn't take down a runner, two, three or four joined in the scrum. At times, the noise from all that banging was louder than the boisterous cheering of the fans in Blue.

Easthampton won the toss and elected to receive. The Eagles began their drive on their own 35. Their smash and crash offense banged down the field. But each yard was contested. Trent Bourbeau, Emmitt Turn, and Alex Carlisle each made tackles in that first defensive series but Easthampton kept pounding the ball.

The Blue Defense kept the Eagles grounded, allowing only 3 or 4 yards per carry but on each key play, a third and 5, a fourth and 1, a third and 10, the Eagles managed

to get just enough to keep the drive going.

And on third and 1 from the Blue 10, the defense had the runner caught behind the line but he managed to get loose and scored the first well-earned touchdown of the night. It took them seven minutes to grind out 65 yards.

Watching this first series, I thought to myself, "How long can they keep this up?" Each and every player was smashing into other players at full speed, trying as hard as they could, getting back up off the turf so they could do it all again. It reminded me of the Hagler-Hearns fight. With the adrenaline pumping, both teams became overanxious.

Easthampton tried for the 2 point PAT and the defense jumped offside before the ball was snapped. The ball was moved half the distance to the goal line. This time, Easthampton jumped and the ball was moved back away from pay dirt. The hit Tionne Brown made on the ball carrier was so hard that the ball came loose and Easthampton came up short. A small victory, but the hit kept Turners within six points.

And 19 seconds later, they took the lead. Jalen Sanders received the kickoff on the Blue's 15. Looking downfield, he saw lanes opening up. Each blocker did his job, hitting one pursuer and then getting up and blocking another man downfield. No one gave up. Jalen ran into one lane and when it collapsed, he switched directions and ran behind another blocker, then ran past everyone into the end zone.

With all his zigzagging, it took him 19 seconds to run 85 yards.

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## A High-Spirited Addams Family at the Shea

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

TURNERS FALLS – The Ja'Duke production of *The Addams Family* opened this weekend at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls. A high spirited musical with a fine ensemble cast, this delightful, laugh-out-loud funny show is great entertainment for the whole family.

It continues to amaze me that so many truly talented actors and musical performers reside here in our small community and contribute their time and talent to theater performances for our pleasure. This is yet another example of our good fortune.

With the scene set in the Addams family mansion and surrounding grounds, specifically the graveyard, the show begins with the ancestors rising from their graves. Dressed all in white, with faces deathly white but for circles blackened under their eyes and hollows marked under

cheekbones, these half-dead singer-dancers make up a slightly lifeless, distinctively un-energetic chorus who still succeed in providing music and dance backing up the more active (alive) actors. They also do a very good imitation of statues that blend with the background in many scenes. Not as easy as it looks.

As the name indicates, *The Addams Family* is based on the characters many of us grew up with in either newspaper cartoons or the TV show of the same name. A distinctly odd family, with ghoulish qualities, living hidden away in a large creepy mansion in the middle of Central Park in New York City, they love what most fear, are inclined to appreciate all that is dark and spooky to the average person, but nevertheless crave what we all do, love and appreciation.

This common theme carries through the show with parents struggling with their own roman-



Gomez (Rod Hart) and Morticia (Juniper Holmes) in *The Addams Family at the Shea*.

tic lives as they confront the not so uncommon challenge of worrying about their teenagers growing up too fast. Wednesday, the daughter of Morticia and Gomez Addams, is in love with Lucas Beineke, the son of the very ordinary Alice and

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## ROCK PRIMER, PART FOUR: THE HISTORY OF PESKEOMSCUT, MA

By JOHN FURBISH

THE GREAT FALLS – Thinking I was done, I headed home. Cutting across the grass at the edge of 38 Avenue A, I noticed a detail, and turned and grabbed my camera for a photograph. I thought how chaotic this vista looks – unlike the neat blocks in the diagram at right – concluding that much more was needed here, and the sooner the better.

The Great Falls Discovery Center opened in 2004, and for financial considerations was scaled down from what was originally hoped, so any improvements could return to the original conceptions for a larger entity. This outside area had been engineered to look like a generalized "Charming New England Landscape." As a result, there was no sense of the particulars of the site.

Suddenly it became clear to me why there was a duplicate outdoor sign explaining "New England Habitats" on the other side of the trees in tract D and I ran over to look at it.

In the past, I had tried for a long time to figure out if the sign could be referring to the side of Canada Hill, viewable from the hill behind the sign. Yes, this part of the disorderly south lawn of the Discovery Center was itself a big element of the problem, and the two



Overview of Discovery Center and Grounds.

concrete jut-outs below the sign suggested a rock-solid solution.

Out with the vague Habitats sign on the west side of parking, and in with a "Peskeomscut Past/Present", pairing of informational/interpretive signage areas with a lot more local and tourist appeal. I grabbed the sign on both severely-weathered sides.

I then reimagined it as showing an aerial photograph of the waters above the dam, combined with an overlaid graphic tracing the submerged locations

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By PETE WACKERNAGEL

FRANKLIN COUNTY – The temperature hit 31 degrees Fahrenheit in Sunderland early this morning. It's an event that I've pined for, in hot Super Bowl-like anticipation, since the first cool turns a month ago.

I think for many non-agrarians, this season brings, with the clouds, a pall of decreasing energy and increasing introversion. But for farmers on the other hand, the time has finally arrived to get our heads out of the soil, to awaken and behold that the world has in fact continued slowly revolving throughout the ascetic flagellation that has been our

summer work schedule and very existence.

A frost is a liberation, like the sigh of relief that comes after a long-held breath.

We had a frizzle last week, otherwise known as a near-frost. It succeeded in melting the dill, whose frilly antennae-like leaves, held brazenly in the air, do too good of a job at gathering the freezing dew. A real frost of significance shakes things up in a much bigger way.

Chard, lettuce, most herbs, peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, beans, potatoes, squash, all of these begin to dissolve at 31 or 32 degrees Fahrenheit. But while it's the cold hand of death for these vegetables, it does

## A Frost Is a Liberation

wonders for many of the vegetables that survive. Carrots, spinach, and kale respond to freezing temperatures by converting starches to sugars in their veins in order to decrease the temperature at which they freeze through.

This not only protects them but makes each spinach leaf taste like it has a teaspoon of sugar dumped on it. Many other changes happen in the fields when the temperature hits 32 degrees. All insect pests die. Baby weeds freeze and then disappear in a way that seems not so much like death, but more like a negation of existence, like their multitudinous weed-essences go back to the great swirling Oort Cloud of weed-souls where they await their next chance at being a pain in the ass.

I began this column in the spring with a discussion of garlic as a pact, as an agreement with oneself to continue farming the next year. This bond rides on the fact that one plants garlic in the late fall where it overwinters, inert, to send its shoots aboveground in the spring.

see AGRARIAN page B4



## FRANKLIN COUNTY PUMPKINFEST 2014

Despite threatening weather, Saturday's fifth annual Pumpkinfest in Turners Falls was the largest yet. There were more vendors than ever, and more attendees – just under 10,000 this year, by organizers' estimate. Many attendees arrived without pumpkins. See you there next year!



# Pet of the Week



## “MUTTLEY”

Hi, I'm Muttley! I'm active and energetic and I LOVE to play fetch! I have lots of life in me and am looking forward to finding a new home to call my own.

I have all the right traits to be called man's (or woman's) best friend - I'm friendly, fun, loyal, loving, and most importantly of all, I'm housetrained!

I would love to find a home with

kids who will play with me and love me. I'd be great for first time dog owners, because I'm pretty well trained and super easy to get along with!

I'll be here at Dakin waiting to meet you - come soon!

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

# FACES

# & PLACES

Turners Falls High School principal Thomas Osborn and assistant principal for the high school and middle school Kimberley Hearn greet visitors to Food City on Saturday, October 18. The pair was there to boost awareness of the increased offerings and opportunities for students at these schools. They also passed out distinctive "TF" buttons which seemed to be a very hot item.



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### ERVING LIBRARY NEWS

## This Saturday: STEAMrollin' With the Lego Lady

Jean Daley, the Library Lego Lady of Wendell, will present a program for ages three to six on October 25 from 11 a.m. to noon including a story walk, hands-on construction with LEGO DUPLO™ for children and parents, and a story reading.

Information on other upcoming Science Technology Engineering

Arts and Math (STEAM) programs in Erving and four surrounding libraries will be shared.

This is part of a series of thirty-two programs offered by the four SLEW (Shutesbury, Leverett, Erving and Wendell) public libraries especially for children ages three to six, thanks to an LSTA grant.

As part of a commitment to improve math and science understanding for young children, the funds can be used for programs that promote understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).

Programs Free. Children must be accompanied.

### THE HEALTHY GEEZER

## Holiday Heart



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

*Q. Whenever I drink a little too much wine, I find that I wake up at night and my heart seems to race for a while. Can wine do that?*

The short answer is yes. But, first, it sounds like you haven't told a doctor about this. And you should - immediately. What you're describing could be atrial fibrillation. The risk of atrial fibrillation increases with age, particularly after age 60.

Atrial fibrillation - also called AF or AFib - is the most common form of irregular heartbeat. It is an abnormal heart rhythm originating in the atria, the upper chambers of the heart. The rate of impulses through the atria can range from 300 to 600 beats per minute.

Because the atria are beating rapidly and irregularly, blood does not flow through them as quickly. This makes the blood more likely to clot. If a clot is pumped out of the heart, it can travel to the brain causing a stroke. People with atrial fibrillation

are five to seven times more likely to have a stroke than the general population.

Infrequent and brief episodes of atrial fibrillation can be triggered by overindulgence in alcohol, caffeine and food. Doctors sometimes call AF "holiday heart."

However, some of the most common causes of AF are high blood pressure, a variety of heart problems such as coronary artery disease, chronic lung disease and pulmonary embolism, which is a condition that occurs when an artery in your lung becomes blocked.

In at least 10 percent of AF cases, no underlying heart disease is found. In these cases, AF may be related to alcohol or excessive caffeine use, stress, certain drugs, electrolyte or metabolic imbalances, or severe infections. In some cases, no cause can be found.

Among the commonly used tools to diagnose atrial fibrillation are the electrocardiogram (ECG); a Holter monitor, a small external recorder usually worn for one to three days, and a portable event monitor that enables a patient to record an AF.

Many people live for years problem-free with atrial fibrillation. However, chronic atrial fibrillation can cause problems. Besides stroke, there is the danger that clots can travel to other parts of the body (kidneys, heart, intestines), causing damage.

AF can decrease the heart's

pumping ability by as much as 20 to 25 percent. AF combined with a fast heart rate over a long period of time can cause heart failure.

AF symptoms include a racing or fluttering heart, fatigue, dizziness, feeling faint, chest discomfort, and shortness of breath. However, you can have atrial fibrillation without symptoms.

Initially, medications are used to treat atrial fibrillation. There are also medications to prevent blood clots. In addition to taking medications, there are lifestyle changes you can make. These include: quitting smoking, limiting alcohol and caffeine, avoiding activities that seem related to your irregular heart rhythm.

When initial remedies don't correct or control AF, a procedure such as electrical cardioversion may be necessary. In this procedure, an electrical shock is delivered to your chest wall to restore a normal rhythm.

Then there are devices such as an implantable atrial defibrillator that delivers low-dose therapy to convert AF to a normal heart rhythm.

Patients with chronic AF not relieved by medication or procedures are candidates for surgical treatment. Many of these approaches can be performed with minimally invasive (endoscopic or "keyhole") surgical techniques.

Questions? Send them to [fred@healthygeezers.org](mailto:fred@healthygeezers.org).

## Senior Center Activities October 27 through 31

### 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 10/27

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Clinic (by appt.)
- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle

#### Tuesday 10/28

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Five Crowns
- 1 p.m. Painting w/ David Sund

#### Wednesday 10/29

- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
- 12 noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Bingo

#### Thursday 10/30

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 11 a.m. Halloween Sing-along
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Pitch

#### Friday 10/31

- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
- 1 p.m. Writing Group

### 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.

### ERVING

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

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

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

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

#### Monday 10/27

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Osteo Exercise
- 12 noon Movie

#### Tuesday 10/28

- 8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Dance Fitness

#### Wednesday 10/29

- 8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Chair Yoga
- Noon Bingo

#### Thursday 10/30

- 8:45 a.m. Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Healthy Bones
- Noon Cards

#### Friday 10/31

- 9 a.m. Bowling

### LEVERETT

For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or [coa@leverett.ma.us](mailto:coa@leverett.ma.us).

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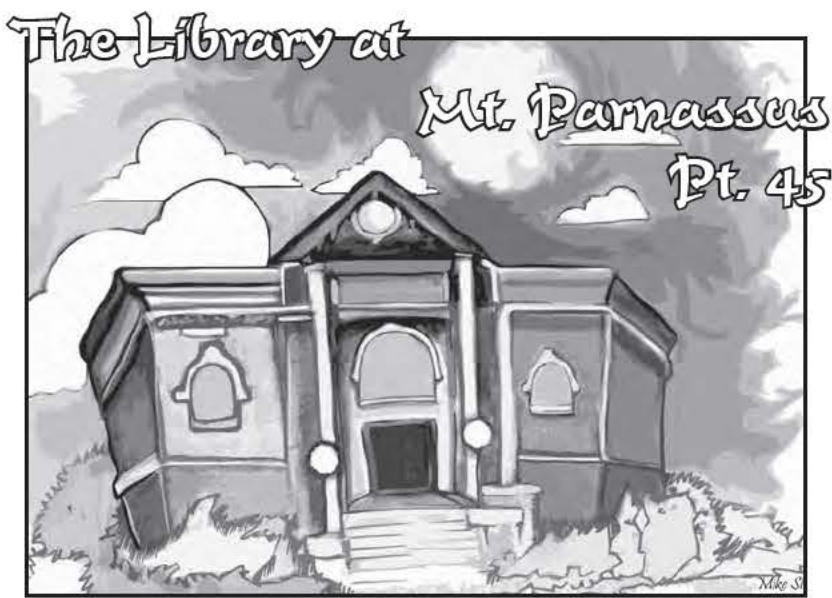
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We pause to observe market forces in...



MIKE SLIVA ILLUSTRATION

By DAVID DETMOLD

Despite the cold, we paused to admire the Dolor Store windows for a while. Plastic, multi-colored floral arrangements in each bay formed an artful background to the wedding gowns on display.

The plastic flowers lent an artificial, all-season patina of permanence to the possibility of marriage for potential shoppers passing by.

Cadmus roomed over on Third Street, across from the old livery stable, around the corner from Athens Pizza, where Vivian Shepherd used to work before her ex came over to her house one morning while her three year old daughter was asleep and strangled her at the bottom of the basement stairs and left her there as a warning to the child about the dangers of matrimony.

Cadmus and I walked together through the park. There was a wind, but the night was not too bitter. My thoughts were far away.

I said, "If you could have anything in the world you wanted, anything at all, what would it be?"

"A t-bone steak," answered Cadmus.

"You may get your wish."

We cut across the back of the park, and walked along the temple colonnade.

Mt. Parnassus still maintains a classic temple. Ours has massive fluted Doric columns in the typical peripteral style supporting an unornamented entablature. Public displays of religion are discouraged now, but our temple was not dedicated to any particular god or goddess.

It provides a contemplative common space where people walk and talk on lazy summer mornings, or a stately backdrop for harvest festivals and farmers markets in the spring and fall.

The naos is empty. The opisthodomos lies open to the sky.

Even in these bleak times, the maintenance of grand old public buildings is generally supported.

Despite the drain on our public coffers from the deployment of standing armies, the endlessly upgraded stockpiles of ever more sophisticated weapons, and the expensive foreign wars in which we were perpetually engaged, our town still had a little left over for public works.

Just recently, private funds had been raised to supplement what little our town could ante up to erect new granite obelisks at the veterans memorial, to provide the necessary space to add carefully engraved names of the newly dead from Mt. Parnassus, soldiers who had given their lives in the mission to uphold democracy in far off Persia, or in Babylon.

In the distance, dogs were howling. The wind whispered through the skeletal trees. Dim shadows flitted among the pillars and the marble walkways of the park. Someone had lit a small fire on the barren altar, but it had burned down now to embers in the starlight.

Some teenagers were hanging out tonight, standing here and there among the columns, singly or in groups, dressed in hooded jackets and baggy pants. We sat and watched them for a while.

I thought, if I were hanging out here for long, on a night like this, I would build the fire up.

More people drifted down the walkways from town, young men and women, some older guys. The boys would greet them on the peristyle, brief conversations would ensue, and complicated handshakes, money and small polythene packets would change hands.

Some of the teenagers were black, some spoke Spanish, some were white, the girls mostly, very young. One held a baby in her lap. The child was sleeping, wrapped in a blanket.

The largest youth, a white guy named Corey, I knew him, his parents lived up on the Hill, carried several cell phones and seemed to be the locus of activity.

He placed a call, and a little while later a black sedan with tinted windows, unusual in our town of endlessly repaired jalopies, slid down the street and parked beneath the trees at the corner of Sixth, under the dim streetlight by the Orthodox church.

Like ants to honey, the hooded children and their clients swarmed around the dark sedan; the tinted glass slid down. After a moment, the customers slowly dispersed.

A police car drifted by, circled and returned. The black car rolled up its windows and drove away.

In the darker shade at the rear of the park, orange beads of light glowed as pipes were lit, gelid stars along the rocky ledge. They briefly glowed and were soon extinguished.

The young girl rocked her baby and chatted in Spanish with her boyfriend. Corey lounged against a pillar with some other youths. They pulled their hoods close against the wind. As we watched, they looked at us, not friendly.

"Let's go," said Cadmus, turning up his collar. He coughed a dry, hacking cough. His boots crunching through the snow made the same brittle, tearing sound.

We walked out past the naked cherry and crabapple trees. They were gaunt stick figures in the winter night with the wind sighing through the branches.

Continued next week.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Musicians May Attempt To Turn The Volume Down

Monday, 10/13

7:05 p.m. Report of a disturbance between a blonde female and several other parties in front of Carroll's Market. Officers spoke to involved parties, who dispersed.

7:21 p.m. Caller reported girlfriend missing from their apartment and had reason to believe that she might be in danger. While officer was speaking to caller, girlfriend contacted him; she was at a business meeting and her reference to "dying" stemmed from being bored in her meeting. All is well.

7:51 p.m. Report of a moose wandering in the area of Dunton Street. Officers located a juvenile moose in the area of Vladish Avenue; last seen in the area of Montague Street headed towards Oakman. Moose eventually went into gravel pit near the high tension wires.

8:07 p.m. Caller from East Main Street reports that her apartment was broken into and that two credit card numbers written on a piece of paper, as well as an Adderall prescription, are now missing. Officer advised of call; investigated.

Tuesday, 10/14

7 a.m. Caller from East Main Street requests that MPD contact a locksmith for her as she is out of minutes on her cell phone. Officer responded to her residence; caller wanted MPD to call a locksmith, run various errands for her, and sit at her house with her so that she feels safe. Caller informed that MPD does not provide these services and advised of options.

2:51 p.m. Grill belonging to First Light Power reported stolen from Unity Street sometime over the past two weeks. Advised of options.

7:17 p.m. Party into station to request information on how to have two people and a child removed from her apartment; they have been allowed to stay there for the last three weeks, and they are refusing to leave. Advised of options.

7:34 p.m. Storage unit on Woodland Drive reported broken into; items missing. Report taken.

Wednesday, 10/15

12:14 p.m. Caller spoke with an officer re: parties she had allowed to stay with her, but has since kicked out. Advised of options.

2:38 p.m. Female into lobby to speak with officer regarding dispute with her male neighbor over the ownership and care of a cat. Advised of options.

2:44 p.m. Report of syringe between properties on Third Street. Item recovered by officer.

4:40 p.m. Report of a sick-looking opossum in a driveway on Warner Street. Referred to an officer.

6:22 p.m. Caller from Fourth Street reports that a male is back living in the area "snorting cocaine" and

that it makes him "act wild"; caller then disconnected. Unknown whether "wild" behavior is in progress or if the caller is referring to something in the past. Officer advised no one located behind address in question.

7:40 p.m. Caller requesting that an officer come speak to her regarding parties that she let stay with her for a month and who have since left. Caller advises that parties left their dog and some of their belongings behind. Caller states that she has been getting threatening text messages from these parties and that they are using abusive language. Other female involved called to report that the original caller is stating that she cannot pick up her belongings from the apartment; she plans to come in the morning with a truck to get all of her stuff and requests that her dog be left with a man who lives downstairs. Officer spoke with second caller. Dog transported to kennel.

9:32 p.m. Three vehicles found to have been entered at Masonic Lodge; one party reported that an iPod Classic and some cash were stolen. Investigated.

Thursday, 10/16

6:31 a.m. Report of a breaking and entering overnight on Burnett Street; laptop missing. Investigated.

9:07 a.m. Assisted Med-Care by removing violent patient to the hospital.

9:40 a.m. Caller inquiring about his options regarding a piece of construction equipment that he loaned to someone and has not yet gotten back. Responding officer determined matter to be a civil issue; use of the bulldozer was part of a business deal, and other factors are involved. Advised of options.

12:53 p.m. Party on Federal Street reports that her son stole jewelry from her residence. Report taken.

7:54 p.m. MPD contacted by Electronic Monitoring, who reported that a party went through the Hillcrest School area, which is one of his exclusion zones, between 4 and 4:05 p.m.

10:17 p.m. First caller from Millers Falls Road and George Avenue reports a male party banging at her door, possibly in a wheelchair. Second caller reports that while driving, she noticed a male party in a wheelchair in the roadway, possibly looking confused or needing assistance. Officer transported involved

male to the trailer park on Millers Falls Road. Second officer advised that the male party was unwanted at the trailer park; transporting to Dell Street.

Friday, 10/17

10:44 a.m. Report of a male party in a wheelchair near Avenue B and Davis Street towing a cart filled with what appeared to be personal belongings. Second caller reports that a male subject in a wheelchair stole the cart he is towing from a residence on Davis Street and is filling it with curbside recycling bins he is stealing from residences on Davis Street. Officers spoke with the subject; situation was resolved.

1:40 p.m. Assisted DCF in removing children from a residence.

2:02 p.m. Report of a male party who was in a wheelchair and is now lying in the middle of Unity Street yelling for help. Party appears to be intoxicated. MedCare contacted for transport to hospital.

3:29 p.m. Neighbor disturbance and allegations of child abuse on Fifth Street. Report taken.

5:44 p.m. Caller reports that some teenagers are cutting down brush and trees with a machete at the end of an alleyway on Third Street. Officer who talked with one of the kids reports that it was just twigs and that they were going to stop.

7 p.m. Officers on scene of disturbance at game at Turners Falls High School. One party taken into protective custody.

Saturday, 10/18

2:07 a.m. Report of loud party spilling into the Third Street alley near L Street; multiple people outside wrecking shopping carts in the alley. Unable to locate.

12 p.m. Officer retrieved drug paraphernalia left behind in the restroom at Cumberland Farms.

12:18 p.m. [Redacted] was arrested on a straight warrant.

6:24 p.m. Caller reports that she was attending a baby shower at St. Stan's and one of her family members threw a beer at her; beer got all over the caller and her four year old daughter. Family member was apparently thrown out by St. Stan members. When caller left the baby shower, she noticed that her windshield had been cracked. Investigated; summons issued.

6:40 p.m. One-car acci-

dent on Turners Falls-Gill Bridge; party transported to hospital. One lane of bridge temporarily closed to traffic.

6:54 p.m. Intoxicated male on the Seventh Street sidewalk. Removed to hospital.

7:58 p.m. Two parties about to fight at Kali B's Wings and Things were spoken to and sent on their way.

8 p.m. Caller complaining about the noise level from the music going on at the Pumpkin Festival downtown. Caller advised that proper permits for playing music were obtained, but that complaint would be passed along to downtown officers. Officer stated that musicians may attempt to turn the volume down.

9:41 p.m. Caller reports that her father has shown up at her home highly intoxicated and is now refusing to leave. Officers transported one party from scene. Caller called back to report that her father took her sweatshirt. Officer advised.

Sunday, 10/19

2:58 a.m. Several calls from same party complaining of loud noise coming from an apartment on Central Street. Unfounded.

3:22 a.m. Complaint of loud party in house on Bridge Street. Keeper of house contacted and advised that if MPD receives another complaint about noise at this residence, they would be charged with keeping a disorderly house.

5:03 a.m. Caller from Bridge Street reports that her roommate is missing. Caller later called back to advise that roommate returned home; he had run off after the police left the house earlier.

11:20 a.m. iPhone reported stolen from Pumpkin Fest last night. Report taken.

11:55 a.m. Party from Sunrise Terrace into station to report that his residence and his vehicle were broken into last week. Documents/paperwork were taken from the vehicle; unknown what was taken from the residence. Investigated.

4:59 p.m. Disturbance on Fourth Street; one male confronted by two other males regarding his sex offender registry status. Investigated.

7:18 p.m. Caller from Lake Pleasant reports that a neighborhood boy shot at her daughter with an air rifle and struck her a few times in the legs and chest. No medical attention required. Boy and mother spoken to.

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## AGRARIAN from B1

In planting the next year's crop in the fall, one says, "I will be here, to harvest next August."

It implies, requires continuity. And while I will participate in the planting, pushing the cloves point-upwards two-inches down into the warm earth, then covering with a scratchy blanket of straw to ward off the wintry cold, I will not be renewing my contract here.

Due to irreconcilable personal differences between the ownership of Riverland Farm and myself, returning to farm here is a life sentence that I will not submit to. Unlike most jobs where relationships with the ownership are distant or only ancillary, it is not so in farming.

You work closely in everything and a friendship must evolve if it is to work out. Repetitive, arguably boring tasks lend themselves to intimate conversations, sharing of long-held secrets, discussions both grandiose and specific. Without a friendship that fosters these things, the farm as a group of people can-

not perpetuate itself.

When I first experienced attitude-ruining feelings, back in July, they seeped in slowly, innocuously, like a bank of fog rolling in off the river. It led to a small identity crisis, and my ego was compromised.

I wondered if I was actually not a farmer, despite having cultivated that identity for three seasons running.

This sounds trite, but if you've ever had the feeling you know its terror – at times I felt that I couldn't work another day, but then did. Now I recognize it as a symptom of being worked to the bone by a farm that I did not believe in.

It seems obvious now that maximizing efficiency in vegetable production would have a dehumanizing, debilitating effect on the "labor". But now, with the first detectable scent of freedom floating with the leaves on the breeze, I can enjoy the end of this season, and revel in the fact that I will not be harvesting the garlic that we will plant in the coming weeks.



## Mark Your Calendars:

### Dove of Peace Christmas Bazaar

**TURNERS FALLS** – Our Lady of Peace Women's Group will be having their annual Dove of Peace Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, at 90 Seventh Street.

There will be handmade crafts, a multi-affle table, baked goods,

homemade apple pies and meat pies, attic treasures, a children's room, Christmas ornaments, scarves in the TFHS colors and much, much more. Lunch will be available at the Christmas Cookie Café.

One of Santa's elves will be there to hear the children's Christmas wishes.

Screening of the Oscar nominated film

**"The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner"**

Event Time: Saturday, November 15th 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Sunderland Public Library  
20 School St. - Community Rm.  
Sunderland, MA 01375

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Synopsis of the film...  
In 1994, a year after serving two terms as one of the most popular governors in modern Washington State history, Booth Gardner was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. In 2008, as his health continued to deteriorate, he returned to the political spotlight as the driving force behind a ballot initiative that would legalize one's choice to die.  
With the help of "Yes-on-I-1000" Campaign Strategists, Gardner mounts a statewide campaign to generate the 225,000 signatures necessary to get the initiative on the November ballot, ultimately obtaining 320,000.  
The film chronicles his controversial crusade, looking at both sides of this hotly debated issue. Film runs 40 minutes and will be followed by Q&A and discussion.

For questions, and to RSVP, please contact:  
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## Montague Senior Center Among Local Organizations Honored for Accessibility

**HOLYOKE** – The Greenfield Country Club, the Second Congregational Church, and the Montague Senior Center were all honored for accessibility to persons with disabilities at the annual access awards luncheon held by Stavros Center for Independent Living at the Log Cabin in Holyoke on Thursday, October 16.

Jim Wolejko, Franklin County Advocate at Stavros, said the Montague Senior Center (62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls), housed in a converted church, has a fine ramp, an ac-

cessible rest room, and ample space for wheelchair users.

"They've done a very nice job, but even better is the commitment the Center's volunteers show to make everyone welcome," Wolejko said.

"A caring attitude is always the most important part of access, and the Senior Center has this quality in abundance."

Also honored was Robert Sidorsky, DVM, who maintains a mobile veterinary practice in Shelburne Falls.

## LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

*Here's the way it was on October 21, 2004: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.*

### Erving Fire Chief Hired As Gill Highway Super

After almost two years, Gill has hired a new highway superintendent. Mickey LaClaire, who has been the fire chief of the neighboring town of Erving since January 2003, when he took over for William Care, will keep his post in Erving while tackling the Gill highway post.

LaClaire will bring administrative and budget-making experience to his new post, along with years of handling heavy equipment in past construction jobs. He thinks these skills will complement Eddie Ambo's 22 years of on-the-job experience.

And he is counting on the advice he will be getting from Hastings, who has offered his assis-

tance while LaClaire learns the ropes.

"It will be a big learning curve," LaClaire said. "But I really look forward to working for the town, meeting the residents, and hearing their concerns."

### Moltenbrey Gets Major Facelift

The Franklin County Regional Housing Authority, and their non-profit housing development wing, Rural Development Inc., are halfway through a \$3.5 million top-to-bottom rehab of the Moltenbrey building on the corner of Third and Avenue A in Turners Falls.

The work has been going on since July, with careful attention paid to preservation and restoration of the building's historic detail. By next May, Montague will have a completely renovated, three-story block across the street from the soon-to-be-bustling Colle

on the main intersection of town.

The upper floors will be remodeled to 26 single-room occupancy units, each with their own kitchenette and bathroom. As before, they will be reserved for sober housing for people in recovery from substance abuse.

The Moltenbrey started life as a grand hotel before becoming a boarding house.

### Town Website Launch Delayed

Montague selectboard member Al Ross said the long-delayed launch of the town's new website would be delayed a little longer, due to the need for software upgrades and staff training.

The extended start-up date may give Hallmark Institute of Photography students time to take more photos of village sites to augment the much-anticipated launch.

## ROCKS from B1

of the course of the river and Peskeomscut waterfalls, the rock quarry that had yielded all the dinosaur tracks as well as the sites of the 1676 Massacre.

Because I knew this area was in the sphere of interest of the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, which had connections with the Town of Montague, the state DCR and federal FWS, all of which partnered together to control what happens here, I knew where I might go to present my ideas to commemorate Peskeomscut.

Then I headed for home along the walkway for parking, but soon stopped with an "aha" feeling.

The Town had recently received a National Park Service grant to study the Great Falls battlefield, and it's likely that the study results might support informational/interpretative signage.

Looking to the right of where I was standing – at the little square of greenery surrounded by the parking – I thought this spot, shown in the middle of a horseshoe of parking spaces in tract D in the diagram, might be a good place to have a series of outdoor signs, matching the Peskeomscut ones, about the 1676 Great Falls Fight.

Working to develop new signage did seem quite doable and I had a strong feeling that the year-long writing of this article might lead me into more efforts to use what I had learned to create a benefit for a community which seems to have forgotten about Peskeomscut, ex-



*The grounds of the Discovery Center could display interpretive markers.*

cept as the hard-to-pronounce name of a downtown park where the rock display is placed out of sight in the back.

If you would care to help improving outdoor signage, by asking them to take a local tone for the signs in the southwest parking area at the Great Falls Discovery Center, please tell them at the Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge at (413) 548-8002.

The 1676 massacre by Capt. William Turner and 150 colonials effectively ended Peskeomscut's time.

Industrialists ended up taking charge of things, damming the river in 1794 in order to make a canal with 10 locks in 1798 for barges to pay to transport freight.

Built atop one waterfall, the dam filled the river's drainage basin and covered the other two falls at Peskeomscut, effectively stopping fish

migrations. In 1869, the canal was expanded and used to power the mills that lined its sides, and mill workers walked to work and lived in the nearby settlement of flatland called Turners Falls, which fell on harder times when the mills left, after WWII.

Corporations took charge of the canal to make profit-generating power, starting in 1906, and today the Connecticut River is controlled by GDF Suez's First Light Power with its hydro and pumped-hydro facilities supplied by the 20 mile long Turners Falls impoundment (water-area) and the reservoir 800 feet above ground level on Northfield Mountain.

We can't reverse history but we can remember it. And honor it.

*This concludes our "Rock Primer."*



*This interpretive sign could be so much more if it were to include historical information about Peskeomscut.*

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**FOOTBALL** from pg B1

Emitt Turn added the 1-pointer and with very little rest, the defense walked back on the field.

Easthampton started their second drive on their own 40, and gained 4 yards. On the next play, Turners had the ball carrier in the grasp but he managed to squirt loose and ran 66 yards all the way into the end zone. And just like that, Easthampton retook the lead. They got the 2 pointer and with a minute 39 left in the quarter Turners was down 14 to 7.

Turners got the ball back on the 30-yard line. Trent and Jalen each carried the ball and Tionne completed a pass to Alex Carlisle but it wasn't enough. Facing fourth and 2 from the Blue 38, Coach Lapointe decided to punt. The second quarter began with Jalen punting the ball and Easthampton took over on their own 23.

The Powertown defense forced the Eagles backwards and on third and 13, Tyler Charboneau crashed into the running back and stopped the Easthampton drive in its tracks.

Turners took over with wonderful field position at their own 48 with seven minutes 39 seconds left in the half. Trent Bourbeau pounded the ball four times advancing the ball to the 35. Then the offense switched it up and Tionne completed a pass to Emitt Turn. Trent moved the ball to the 6 and Turners Falls had first and goal at the Eagles' 6. A run for no gain and a QB sack pushed the ball back to the 18.

On third down, Powertown got back some of the yardage and facing 4th and goal, from the 7-yard line, Coach Lapointe called a time out.

At this point, I want to mention the names of the team's "Front Five." They are a major reason why Turners Falls has been so successful this season: Center Cullen Wozniak, Left Guard Tyler Charboneau, Left Tackle Spencer Hubert, Right Guard Tanner Castine, Right Tackle Colby Dobias.

Seven yards is a lot of yards to

gain on one play and fourth down makes it a do-or-die situation but Coach Lapointe's cardiac kids got the job done. Tionne hit Jalen Sanders in the end zone and Turners Falls was keeping pace. But a missed PAT meant that they were still down by 1 point, 14 to 13 with four minutes 36 seconds left in the half.

On the next drive, the huge crowd became so loud that I could barely hear the pads colliding. Easthampton took over on their own 34 and systematically marched down the field. With only one minute 16 seconds left in the half, the Eagles had a 1st and goal from the Blue 6. Nick Croteau made a huge hit and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and goal from the 4 with less than a minute left. And on 3rd and goal from the 2, Easthampton scored another touchdown. With very little time left in the half, Powertown got the ball back, trailing 22 to 13.

The Turners Falls Football Indians have faced similar situations in the recent past: needing to score with only a few seconds left on the clock. The Blue took over on their own 37. Trent Bourbeau got a first down. As did Jalen. But time was ticking. And with 20seconds left, Turners had the ball on Easthampton's 40.

Then Alex Carlisle got the ball. They moved the ball to the 21 and then to the 10. And the clock stopped with only 4 ticks left.

The crowd, which had been so loud, were silently watching Coach Lapointe as he spoke to his squad. And as time ran out, Tionne completed the TD pass to Jalen Sanders and the crowd erupted once again. And as the Boys in Blue ran off the field, trailing by only 3 points, the Turners faithful met them, shouting encouragement and congratulations.

Turners opened the second half with wonderful field position when Kyle Bergmann jumped on a bouncing kickoff. Starting on their own 49, the Offensive Eleven marched down the field, chewing up the clock as they went. On third and 6, they

got the first down. On fourth and 2, they got the firstdown. On Third and 6, they got the first down and moved the ball to the 18. Then to the 15.

And facing another third and 6, they forced the ball to the 3 yard line for a first and goal. The two lines crashed into each other and the ball was forced to the 1. Then with 2 minutes 17 seconds left in the third quarter, Trent Bourbeau ran into the end zone. With Emitt Turn's one pointer, Powertown now led 26 to 22.

Jalen Sanders booted the ball into Easthampton's end zone for a touchback and the Eagles took over on their own 20. Castine, Bourbeau, Carlisle, Charboneau and Will Roberge each made tackles but Easthampton slowly and painfully moved the ball up and down the field and finally scored on a fourth and 1 from the Blue 3 yard line.

When the Eagles couldn't convert the PAT, Turners got the ball back trailing 28 to 26.

Call it what you will. Heart. Guts. The Will to Win. But I don't believe one Turners Falls player ever doubted that they would score again.

The Turners drive began at their own 45. It took three hard-running plays to gain 9 yards and Turners was once again facing fourth down. Trent got the yard and the Indians had new life. They got 4 yards. Then another 4, moving the ball to the 36.

Then they got 12 and a penalty gave the Blue first and goal from the 10. A loss moved the ball back 2 yards but with one minute 42 seconds left in the game, Trent ran the 12 yards for the game winning touchdown and Jalen caught the 2 point PAT, putting Powertown ahead 34 to 28. Another come-from-behind, game winning touchdown in the final two minutes.

Then time seemed to stand still as the kickoff went out of bounds. The defense couldn't rely on the clock. They had to stop Easthampton if they wanted to win.



DAVID HOITT PHOTO

*Emitt Turn raises his helmet as the Indians head back to the locker room after their 34-28 victory over the Easthampton Eagles.*

And they did want to win. With more than a minute on the clock, Easthampton converted a fourth down and had a fresh set of downs. It was then that they started carrying Easthampton players off the field. "It's the adrenaline." The EMT on the sidelines explained to me. "They're going full speed and have been, the whole game." She said. There were three injury time-outs in the final plays of the game.

And after each play, those players who couldn't get up, were helped off the field.

The game ended when the Turners' defense forced a fourth and 7 and Easthampton was unable to score before the final whistle blew.

It's easy to rest on your laurels when you're 6 and 0 and your toughest regular season games are behind you. But not for Coach Lapointe. During the post-game huddle after talking a little about the Easthampton game, he started talking about Mahar. Take a hot shower, watch the film, and on Monday it starts all over.



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## State Representative

# Steve Kulik

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~ Peter d'Errico, Leverett SelectBoard, Chair of Leverett Broadband Committee

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~ Karl Dziura, English Teacher, Turners Falls High School and President, Gill-Montague Education Association



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- Achieve a record high 90% reimbursement rate for Regional School Transportation
- Pass new funds and initiatives to combat domestic violence and substance abuse
- Increase funding for our Councils on Aging and Home Care Services for our Senior Citizens

I have also been a leader in the legislature in opposing the gas pipeline, and working for a more sustainable and responsible energy future. There is much more to do to strengthen our economy and maintain our quality of life in western Massachusetts. That's why I ask for your vote to re-elect me as your State Representative on Tuesday, November 4th.

# The Scarecrow Artist of Montague Center: A Young Man Honors the Memory of his Grandmother

By BARBARA WHITE

Each year in the middle of the summer an array of colorful, creative scarecrows appear in the fields adjacent to the barn at Lena Garbiel's farm.

I walk my dogs in this area most days and notice them every year. I've always been curious and wonder – who's the artist?

In typical Yankee fashion I never stopped to ask, but when a group of dancing scarecrows appeared in the front yard of Lena's home a few weeks ago I couldn't resist.

The Garbiel family have been farmers and land guardians in Montague Center for many years and I always assumed it was she who created these great scarecrows.

However, when I read Lena's obituary in August, I realized the artist was someone else.

My curiosity got the best of me and, channeling my wife's Midwestern extroversion, I took the plunge, stopped my car, and asked the woman in the front yard if she was the creator.

It turned out the artist is actually her 27 year old son and she was thrilled I was asking about them. She told me all about Patrick and invited me back the next day to meet him.

I said I thought this scarecrow scene deserved a story in the local paper. I'm not a professional writer by a long shot, but I do enjoy sharing stories.

When I returned the next day, Patrick regaled me with the story of this year's tableau: the Scarecrow Polka.

The artist created four sets of partner scarecrows, all dancing the polka in tribute to his Polish Grandmother, Lena.

The scene includes a maestro who quietly keeps the beat and music going; though he has no face and is not filled with hay as the others, without him there would be no dance (perhaps a metaphor for Patrick himself).



One of the many scarecrows created by Patrick Garbiel for his Grandmother.

Patrick shared tales about each scarecrow, each with a name and full back-story, like "WrongGo" whose body is backwards and feet are all askew, who "just can't get anything right!" according to the artist.

WrongGo's partner is Jug-sy, who, despite being one legged and deaf, is successful thanks to other scarecrows in the scene who use sign language. Patrick's imagination goes on and on.

During our conversation Patrick revealed that his passion for making scarecrows started when he was 7 years old because he loved the Oz books and especially loved the Scarecrow character.

He explained to me that he has difficulty reading and especially

remembering (spends several mornings a week at the Literacy Project where he is working toward getting his GED).

This year as a tribute to his Polish Polka Dancing Grandma (and her sisters) he created the Scarecrow Polka display in his Grandmother's front yard on Meadow Rd.

This is a Halloween/Fall treat not to be missed. Take a beautiful Fall drive, stop by.

Ask for Patrick and he will be glad to share his stories about each and every scarecrow in the yard! And by the way, next time you're curious about your neighbor, take the risk, ask – worst case scenario, they'll think you're nosey!



## GRAVESTONE RUBBINGS AT THE ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Erving Public Library is displaying gravestone rubbings from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries in the Library during the months of October and November. These rubbings were meticulously created by Doris Felton, an amateur local historian who donated most of her work to the Erving Public Library in 1978.

Felton visited the gravesites in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont during the 1970s and recorded the epitaphs on the stone on the backside of the rubbing.

An epitaph is the short phrase or poem that is inscribed on a gravestone marker. Epitaphs are often inspired by the decedent's life and accomplishments. The most famous epitaph is simply, "rest in peace."

The ones that Felton recorded are much more interesting. There is a book of the epitaphs that she collected available for viewing.

The gravestone rubbings are just a small part of the historical information collected by Felton. A room devoted to her collection and those of her parents is part of the Erving Public Library.

The Traversari Room contains collectibles, ephemera, newspaper clippings, area histories, and local artifacts. The Traversari Room is open to the public during regular library hours: Sundays 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays 1 to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Library Director, Barbara Friedman, at the Erving Library or call (413) 423-3348.

### SHEA from B1

Mal Beineke. A simple story is made complex as these two very different families collide.

Juniper Holmes as Morticia gives a powerful performance.

Just her presence on stage holds your attention with her sensual style of walking, her fine singing voice, her superior manner with Gomez, her self confidence and control of the scenes.

She shares many musical numbers with Rod Hart as the two smooch, tease, argue and romance their way through the show.

While many of the show's songs are of a "talking to music" style, there are moments when the performers are given a chance to shine musically and they do.

Hart as Gomez has a few such solos which show his softer gentler side where you get to hear the warm quality of his voice as he sings about his relationship with Morticia in "Happy Sad" and "Not Today."

Sara Paige offers an excellent performance as Wednesday, who wants to be normal, and is supposedly the one normal member of the Addams family.

And yet, what she likes may not meet that criteria as much as one thinks. Even if she dons yellow – putting aside the black she usually wears -- she is still dark at heart.

The Beineke's are a fun family. Upbeat, serious but open-minded, they try their best to go along with the Addams' way of life.

Alice played by Dawn Ross and Mal played by Justin Begin, are the parents of young Lucas played by Kyle Woodcock. They are both excellent. Ross, as Alice, gives a very high energy performance, with a lot of high pitched squeals and a few shrieks.

There is a lot of physical comedy in this show and hers is the most lively. Her performance in the dinner scene at the end of the first act is terrific, shocking in a very funny way, as the scene devolves into something resembling a Marx Brothers movie.

Mal Beineke (Begin) also goes through a transformation in the second act that is instigated by Gomez and is very well played.

Woodcock does a fine job of portraying a confused young man in love but not ready to take dramatic steps that would take him away from his family, even for love. The scenes between Wednesday and Lucas are charming and musically lovely.

Adding to the fun and energy of the show, Lurch played by Chris Rooks who speaks little but offers quite a great many laughs just by walking across the stage or opening a door.

Uncle Fester, played by the very tall David Neil, brings a kindly look at the slightly odd but interesting character of a man of imagination.

Pugsley played by a fine young actor, Daniel Lenois, is the Addams' young son who is always poking at his big sister, who returns the favor.

He has many scenes with his sister, mother Morticia and Grandma who tries to teach him the Addams ways.

Grandma, played by Judith Dean Kulp, is excellent in her role, playing the part broadly with abandon, contributing greatly to the show with her oddness, great comedic timing.

Much of the success of this show is due to the fine direction of Nick Waynelovich and choreography of Kimberly Williams.

Lighting director is Jana Purington, artistic design by Chris Rooks, set design and construction, Duane Waters. In charge of microphones (small, attached to the face where they are barely noticed) is Samm Osborne. Costumes by Amy Herzig. Stage manager is Codey Kolansinski.

The show will run for one more weekend. Performances on Friday, October 24, Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 for 65 and over and children 12 and under. Purchase online at [www.jaduke.com](http://www.jaduke.com) or at the Shea box office.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

## Suspicious Historians On The Loose

#### Monday, 9/29

5:15 a.m. Suspicious motor vehicle on River Road. Subject had parked to walk their dog in the woods.

9:45 a.m. Family disturbance at Center Road residence.

10:15 a.m. Suspicious motor vehicle on Cove View Lane. Investigation indicated survey crew.

2:50 p.m. Two-car motor vehicle accident with injury on Barney Hale Road.

6:40 p.m. Disabled tractor-trailer unit located and assisted on Route 2.

#### Tuesday, 9/30

8:40 a.m. Motor vehicle accident with deer on Route 2.

5 p.m. Motor vehicle reportedly operating erratically on Route 2. Stopped same. Medical issue.

#### Wednesday, 10/1

9:10 a.m. Assisted federal agent with background check on resident.

4:40 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with incident of beating and robbery with handgun shown.

8:05 p.m. Fire alarm sounding at Northfield Mount Hermon.

#### Thursday, 10/2

9:15 a.m. Complaint of dogs in roadway in the area of Barton Cove Road.

11:30 a.m. Suspicious people reported in the Riverside area turned out to be the Historical Society looking at homes.

4:25 p.m. Assisted large snapping turtle in the roadway on Route 2.

5:25 p.m. Spoke with ATV operators on Center Road following a complaint.

#### Friday, 10/3

8:05 p.m. Maine Department of Corrections investigation on Franklin Road resident.

#### Saturday, 10/4

7 p.m. Possible fire on Green Mountain Road. Checked area.

8:50 p.m. Assisted Erving PD with resident with mental illness issue.

#### Sunday, 10/5

7 a.m. Animal abuse reported at Mobil station.

Checked area.

2 p.m. Checked Gill residence for stolen motor vehicle located in Deerfield.

3 p.m. Lost wallet located at state boat ramp.

7 p.m. Assisted Greenfield PD with a motorcycle accident on Route 2 at Adams Road.

8:55 p.m. Malfunctioning alarm at the Giving Tree school.

#### Monday, 10/6

7:20 a.m. Single motor vehicle accident on Hoe Shop Road. No injury.

9:40 a.m. Medical assistance at Mount Hermon. Subject transported.

#### Tuesday, 10/7

6:25 a.m. Possible suicidal resident reported on Main Road. Checked OK.

2:05 p.m. Assisted Erving PD with resident with mental illness issue.

6:55 p.m. Motor vehicle vs. deer accident on Route 2 at Peterson Way.

#### Wednesday, 10/8

4:30 p.m. Assisted resident with firearms issue on Pisgah Mountain Road.

7:10 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with injured party thrown from a horse.

8:10 p.m. Mountain Road resident reports an issue with a Vermont motor vehicle in the morning hours.

#### Thursday, 10/9

5:05 p.m. Oil slick on Main Road. FD contacted for cleanup.

#### Friday, 10/10

12:40 p.m. Loud explosion heard on French King Highway. Could not locate same.

#### Saturday, 10/11

12:05 p.m. Alarm sounding at the Schuetzen Verein. Member error.

1:15 p.m. Medical assistance at Mount Hermon. Subject transported.

4:30 p.m. Two-car motor vehicle accident on Myrtle Street. One person transported.

#### Sunday, 10/12

10:05 a.m. Motor vehicle vs. deer accident on Main Road. No injuries.

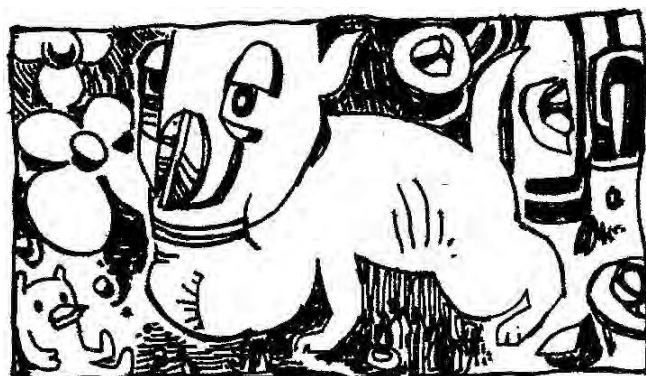
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**ONGOING:**

**EVERY SUNDAY**

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Celtic Sessions*, musicians of all levels welcome to play traditional Irish music, 10:30 a.m.

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

**EVERY MONDAY**

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

**EVERY TUESDAY**

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

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

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

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

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

**EVERY THURSDAY**

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

**EVERY FRIDAY**

Between the Uprights, Turners

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

**ART SHOWS:**

Leverett Library, Art in the Community Room: Works by *Eggvard Munch and Pablo Peckasso, Macaylla Silver's Art's Eggs* on display through the end of October.



Dana and Susan Robinson perform at The Montague Bookmill on Friday, October 24, 8 p.m. Their newest CD, *American Hornpipe*, has been described as "...a melting pot of Appalachian, British, and African influences, full of earthy grooves, elegant melodies, stories of heroes, ne'er do-wells, and cautionary tales."

Wendell Free Library, Herrick Room Gallery: *Artists from the Blackstone Studio Printers in Worcester: Lisa Barthelson, Sally Bowditch, Nina Fletcher, Susan Mampre, Jacqueline Ross, Karen Nunley, Jean Murphy, and Kathy Murray*. Prints on display through November 1.

**EVENTS:**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Uncle Hal's Crabgrass Band*, Americana, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Blue Pearl*, blues/jazz, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: Local writer and public historian *Cathy Stanton* presents *Food and Farming in Wendell: Rebuilding a History*, 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Northern Borders*. Director Jay Craven will be present for discussion. \$, 7:30 p.m. with music before the movie at 7 p.m. with *Dick Moulding*.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Ja'Duke Presents The Addams Family*, \$, 7 p.m.

Montague Common Hall, Mon-

tague: *Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante of Scotland*. Also featuring a song with *Leverett Community Chorus*, \$, 7:30 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague Center: *Dana and Susan Robinson*, guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing & harmony-singing blend of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music. \$, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Damon Reeves Band*, roots/rock/blues, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Patty Carpenter and Friends*, 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: Children of all ages and fami-

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Ryan Hobler*, Americana Noir songster, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Free Range Cats*, jazz & groove music, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *The Misty Blues Band*, groovable blues, 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Ja'Duke Presents The Addams Family*, \$, 2 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Ray Mason*, acoustic guitar, 8 p.m.

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Greenfield Community College, Main Campus: *Art Club/Experimental Watercolor Group*. The purpose of this club is to maintain a supportive community for those interested in the Visual Arts. We aim to create an inspirational environment where individuals are invited to engage in dialogue about contemporary art issues, participate in the process of traditional and experimental art making and nurture one another's creativity. Rm: S104, 12 to 1 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *All Small Caps, A Night of Spoken Word Season Finale*. Doors open at 7 p.m. Open mic at 7:30 p.m. with featured reader to follow.

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Maris Otter*, original folk/rock by Alyssa Kelly and Jen Spingla, 8p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Scott Lawson Pomeroy: Fear No 80s*, with special Halloween Fear No Ozzy set, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Rag Shag Parade and trick-or-treat, Greenfield and Turners Falls.

Deerfield Inn, Old Deerfield: *Zombiefest - Monster Bash*. Commonly referred to as New England's most haunted inn. Spooky decorations, prizes for costumes, menu specials, \$.

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music from Celtic, medieval, and renaissance traditions. Light refreshments served, BYOB. \$, 7:30 p.m

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

W.E.B. Du Bois Library, UMASS Amherst: *Long and Winding Road: The Legacy Of The Back-to-the-land Communes Of The 1960s*, 4 p.m. See page A1.

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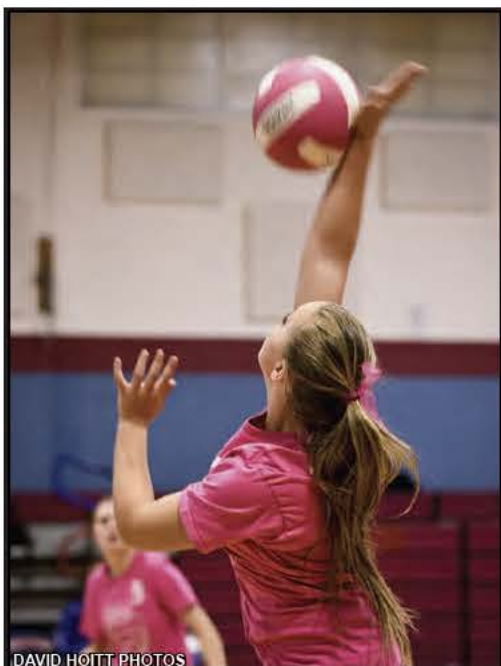
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Jordan Fiske puts some power on the ball.



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