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## Roll Out the Pumpkins!

By REPORTER STAFF

**TURNERS FALLS** – The Franklin County Pumpkinfest will enliven Avenue A this Saturday, October 29. The event is in its seventh year, and has grown into a very popular festival, drawing thousands of visitors to Turners Falls for the day-long festivities. Avenue A will be closed to traffic from 11 a.m. to midnight from First Street to Seventh, and there will be bands, food and craft vendors, kids’ activities and – of course! – lots of pumpkins! The event officially begins at 2 p.m. and clean-up begins at 9 p.m.

While the total amount of **jack o’lanterns** may fall far short of the Keene Pumpkinfest record set in 2013 of over 30,000 (the official count here was 725 for last year’s festival) there are always plenty of inspiring and original designs to view, and the orange glow of hundreds of pumpkin heads up and down the Avenue spreads a great deal of seasonal cheer. Costumery is encouraged at the event.

Check your pumpkin in to the festival as early as 10 a.m. in front of St. Kaz; at 11 a.m. another check-in opens at the corner of Avenue A and Second Street as well. There’s pumpkin **decorating** from 2 to 6 p.m. at 2nd Street and Avenue A for kids; note that carving will not be featured, just decorating, for safety reasons, but there will be approximately 300 pump-



Will the festival beat last year's count of 725?

kins available, according to organizer Michael Nelson, thanks to generous local farmers.

At Peskeomskut Park, find a **beer garden** and **musical acts** on what has been named Scotty’s Stage, after Scotty’s on the Hill convenience store, a major supporter of the festival, and entertainment coordinator Scott Kuzmeskus. The beer garden is restricted to 21+ with valid ID, and the cost of each drink is \$5, which you get by purchasing tickets. This year the festival welcomes back Brick & Feather, Berkshire Brewing, Lefty’s, The People’s Pint, Element & Headwater Cider. Karen’s Dance Studio performs between acts, which include Back Track, Adynkra, The Staff, and Curly Fingers DuPree.

A **second stage**, which was rented from the Greenfield Recreational Department, will be at Fourth Street and Avenue A near Spinner Park. Lexi Weege opens here, followed by AfterGlo, Lakeside Drive, and Jimmy Just Quit.

see **PUMPKINS** page A5

## Supporters and Opponents of Indian Mascot Talk Honor, Tradition at High School Forum

By MIKE JACKSON

**TURNERS FALLS** – “It’s an Indian head. You go into a museum and you see Indian heads,” said JoAnn Waryasz, whose Class of 1966 of Turners Falls High School just celebrated its fiftieth reunion. “I am far from being a racist – and I think a lot of people around here are not. They’re good, kind people,” she added.

Waryasz was one of the first to speak in a two-hour forum held Tuesday by the Gill-Montague school committee to collect public opinions on whether the school’s mascot, the Indian, should be changed. Well over a hundred people came to the high school auditorium for the event, the first of two such forums.

Speakers signed up on three lists: for and against changing the mascot, and a “neutral” list. After two rounds of comment, the neutral list had been exhausted.

After another eight, those against a change had also had their say, and some began to trickle out, perhaps to watch the Cleveland Indians handily win Game 1 of the World Series. Most remained, though, and



Turners Falls High School sophomore Tyler Lavin and Amalia FourHawks, who spoke on different sides of the issue, talk in the lobby after the forum.

listened to the final dozen speakers explain their opposition to the mascot.

“We understand that you want your team name to sound fierce, and powerful, and dominant,” said Amalia FourHawks of Florence, who stood at the podium with her husband Leonard. “But this in itself proves that you do not understand our culture.... Is

your culture so bereft of heroes that you must appropriate ours?” FourHawks suggested that the town’s bald eagles, or waterfall, could serve as a source of inspiration for a new mascot.

“This country is founded on democracy,” said Thomas Demers, who argued against a change. “The majority who believe in something see **FORUM** page A5

## Montague Town Administrator: Two Finalists Interview Thursday

By MIKE JACKSON

**MONTAGUE** – This Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m., the town selectboard will interview two finalists for the top position at town hall. The meeting is open to members of the public, and votes may be taken.

The first candidate, Andrea Llamas, will interview at 6:30 p.m. Llamas served as town administrator in Ashfield from 2005 to 2008, and

since then has held the same position in Buckland. She is also a past chair of the Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts.

The second, Steven Ellis, interviews at 7:30 p.m. Ellis is a former Montague town meeting member who works as a senior research manager at UMass’s Donahue Institute.

According to executive assistant Wendy Bogusz, they are the only two candidates being interviewed.

One or the other may be hired to replace Frank Abbondanzio, who announced in July that he expected to retire December 6. At the time of his announcement, the town planned to hire a candidate in time to provide for a training overlap in November.

Abbondanzio has served as Montague town administrator from 1980 to 1992 and from 1998 to the present, a total of thirty years in the town’s top appointed position.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Closing of Deerfield’s Stillwater Heightens Regional Bridge Angst

By JEFF SINGLETON

On Monday, the town of Deerfield closed the Stillwater Bridge which crosses the Deerfield River in what is known as West Deerfield. The bridge, which connects Upper Road to Stillwater Road, is a major commuter route from the Deerfield area north to Greenfield. The closing disrupted school bus routes to Deerfield Elementary School, Frontier Regional High School, and the Franklin County Technical School.

The town of Deerfield has scrambled to fund a temporary fix. The selectboard received permission from the state Department of Revenue to take \$50,000 from free cash to stabilize the bridge abutments before the winter snows fall – and before a special town meeting can legally appropriate the money.

According to selectboard chair Carolyn Ness, the board believes the state can throw in another \$50,000 to stabilize the abutments.

The serious structural problems with the Stillwater Bridge have been known to local and state officials for some time. The bridge is on a state list which says the design/repair process will begin in 2020. But that is four years away. On Thursday, October 19, a state inspection declared that the bridge must be closed because sediments around the abutments have washed away. It is not clear that the \$100,000 “temporary fix”



It is unclear where funding will come from to repair the structurally deficient Coke Kiln Bridge in Leverett.

will even last for four years.

The Stillwater bridge crisis resonates with officials in other towns in the region. Every town in the area seems to have a major bridge problem or two.

A recent report by the Franklin Regional Council see **BRIDGES** page A3

## TFHS: The Week in Sports

By MATT ROBINSON

It was another exciting week for the Powertown sports machine. The football team came from behind against Athol to clinch a piece of the ICN Crown; the volleyball squad went toe-to-toe against one of the best teams in the region and then solidified their second place standing by beating Mahar; the field hockey team lost against top-ranked Holyoke but then shut out Pioneer. “The little school that could” continued to surprise and confound their opponents.

“They laughed at us,” one of the players’ mothers told me after the Athol football victory. “They called us midgets and said ‘how can we lose to such a small team?’”

I get that a lot in one form or another. At the volleyball game a day

earlier, Agawam’s school photographer directed me to the gym walls. “Look at all those banners,” he said. “How does such a small school win so much?” (He had already told me he couldn’t believe that Agawam, a school with “more than 300 seniors,” had so much trouble beating the Lady Indians.)

In fact, Turners Falls’ reputation as a tiny powerful school backed by a supportive horde of Blue Boosters spreads beyond western Massachusetts. Last year, at the state championship softball game, someone working in the snack bar pointed to the sea of Blue shirts in the stands. “It looks like everyone from Turners Falls came to the game,” he said. “Is there anyone left in your town?”

And when the Blue Tribe traveled to Connecticut and beat Woodstock see **SPORTS** page A6



Turners Falls’ Jack Darling stays a step ahead of the Red Raiders as Turners Falls remains unbeaten with 24-14 victory in Athol.



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## Finding Strength in Our Vulnerability

By NINA ROSSI

How do we find strength in our vulnerability? That is the question underlying two art events I participated in this past weekend.

For myself, a lifelong struggle to keep my heart open, to be vulnerable, in spite of or even because of, abuse, neglect, self harm, and a plethora of other excuses to withdraw and clench and defend, expresses itself in such participation and airing of what you might call blatant vulnerabilities: posing nude for Anja Shutz's *#GrabHim-ByTheBallot* photo project protesting Trump's candidacy and his "pussy grabbing" remarks, and the *Exploded View* collaborative performance, where we brought our poems of anger and surrender, our scarred triumphs, to an audience through words, images, music and movement.

Anja's project drew 66 women of all ages to her warehouse studio on Saturday to share their stories and pose, with strategically placed ballots, in front of her camera. More women are scheduled for portraits, and Anja will continue to shoot right up to Election Day. The artist has taken the political and made it personal.

"I was happily surprised that many people took the time to tell me the reasons they had decided to come take part. These were all deeply personal reasons, and I was very honored that they trusted me with both their stories and their presence," said Anja.

"I knew the women who would show up would be bold and brave and wonderful. In this current political climate, it can be very frightening to put yourself out there. And I think, in part for exactly that reason, women decided to do this."

"There is no point to living in fear, and it does feel wonderful to reach that point in which you've decided, *enough*."

For me, *enough* means finally accepting the body I have been given, even as it fades into its middle and old age, after decades of torturous self harm and shame and disgust, and abusive relationships that reinforced self-hate.

The random violations that every woman endures throughout decades of her life in the form of verbal and other abuse in public places, the critical judgments and coercions that slip into our private lives through poisonous relationships, the emotional and other blackmail that occurs in our uneasy wielding of or yielding to power – my god, the list could go on and on – so many reasons that I and others flung to the floor with our clothes to stand in front of Anja's camera on Saturday for her project.

With the *Exploded View* project, our group of eight women started with what were deeply personal words in the form of poetic verse, and found the political through bringing these words into art and movement. We hit the walls that kept us in: anger, shame, depression, all manner of dysfunction.

For many of us, just finding the courage to breathe the words out with a voice that emanated from our guts, a voice that could resonate with power and be strong in the face of an audience, was revolutionary, and required real physical support from other members of the group. A majority of us are over the half-century mark, yet still we trembled with an anxiety about making our voices loud enough. We held one another and literally cried as our true voices rang out.

How to find strength in vulnerability. Fear and shame, versus love and acceptance. We can't all participate in such art projects as described above. Or can we?

What's our life about – aren't we shaping that, and shaping other people's, as we go along? In whatever way we interact with people and systems around us, we can certainly refuse to visit shame and fear upon them. And we can hold each other and help each other find the voice that begins from a deeper place, the voice of truth.

To find out about participating in Anja Schutz's *#GrabHim-ByTheBallot* and to see photos of the project so far, visit Anja's business Facebook page, "Anja Schutz Photography and Art."

Photos of the *Exploded View* art and performance are also on the "Exploded View" Facebook event page. *Exploded View* welcomes encore invitations.

*Nina is an artist, writer and owner of Nina's Nook in Turners Falls, where she has lived for 29 years. Her mother, Alice S. Rossi, was a feminist scholar and sociologist, and one of the original founders of the National Organization for Women.*

*Nina is the Montague Reporter's features editor.*



## Letters to the Editors

### Clarification on Chief-Hiring

The story in the October 20 *Montague Reporter* on the Leverett Select Board police chief hiring process (page A1, "Town to Post for Top Cop Job") needs some clarification.

The hiring process for the new police chief was already underway when the Leverett Personnel Committee voted to add language to the Leverett Personnel Policy creating an avenue for promotion to a vacant position within a department, and thus not affected by the change in the policy. The position had already been posted for a week before this change was made.

When the Select Board discussed the hiring, it came to light that the town departments do not have the right to promote within the departments, although this has actually happened from time to time. For that reason it seemed sensible to amend the policy to allow for promotions -- although, as stated above, this change does not apply to the current hiring of a police chief to replace Gary Billings.

**Julie Shively**  
**Leverett Select Board**  
**and Personnel Committee**

### Indians: Not As Innocent As Some Would Believe

As of late there's been quite a stir about the Turners Falls High School mascot.

Recent *Recorder* letters have alluded to the Captain Turner raid on the Indian gathering at Riverside; not the Turners Falls side of the Connecticut River, mentioning that Turner indiscriminately killed the Indians that were there at the time of the foray.

As an historical fact, Turner and his men did kill a sizeable number of the Indians encamped there. For those folks who believe Turner had nothing better to do than kill Indians, let's briefly examine *why* this took place.

Prior to King Philip's War, concerted Indian attacks were waged upon the English settlers in Massachusetts, and elsewhere. The Indians stole crops and cattle, burned buildings, and in some instances kidnapped and killed settlers. These attacks went on for a number of years. There came a point in time when the settlers had to make an attempt to put these assaults to rest.

A contingent of settlers approached the then-governing body of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to plead their case.

Hearing and understanding the concerns of the settlers, the officials were aware of a person that was jailed in Boston for being a religious dissident. They knew this person had military background, and as an enticement for him to form a group of a few military men along with the majority that would be made up of settlers, commuted his sentence, and allowed him to formulate plans for the encounter at Riverside. This person was "Captain" William Turner.

The raid took place in the dark hours of the morning of May 19, 1676. Turner had little knowledge of the number of Indians gathered there. It turns out that most of the Indian braves were away hunting, and the gathering was made up of *mostly* women and children.

The rest should be familiar to those so interested in the Turner incident.

Now here's the rub. Indians are not as innocent as some would believe. Native American advocates never mention the aggressiveness and vicious intent of the various Indian tribes in and about the New England area at that time. In *some* instances, that aggression was duly wrought.

Turner's raid was sanctioned by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. I say again: *sanctioned by the Massachusetts Bay Colony*. With Massachusetts' blessing, the encounter at Riverside now resides in the annals of New England and Indian history.

Concerning this truncated historical account, and the knowledge that the *Massachusetts Bay Colony officials endorsed Turner's actions*, those who wish to change the Turners Falls High School mascot (name and logo) – and some are now also advocating changing the name of the village of Turners Falls, to whatever – may also want to consider changing the name of Massachusetts.

After all, the *Massachusetts Bay Colony officials* would be the *leading contributor* to the entire Riverside episode. I would think that this would be far more offensive than an "Indian" moniker or "head-dressed brave"... the rather mundane TFHS mascot.

I would encourage those so inclined to sympathize with the Indian culture and tradition to expand their historical understanding in regard to this portion – "The Falls Fight" – of King Philip's War, also known as Metacom's Rebellion. One will also learn that "The Falls Fight" would be the leading contributor to ending the 1675-1676 war.

Numerous historical accounts of King Philip's War and the "Falls Fight," et al., are available via the internet and local libraries. Learn the Rest of the Story before making judgment.

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# LOCAL BRIEFS

Compiled by DON CLEGG

There will be a **vivid display and presentation of art** by Maricella Obando-Moya at the Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls this Saturday, October 29, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Maricella was born in Costa Rica and has come to live in our community. Along with Maricella comes her passion for art which she developed at a young age using charcoal from the family’s woodstove. She uses oils and acrylics, also making some of her own paints. Come and visit some tropical paradises and underwater swims without leaving your chair. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Calling all Trick or Treaters!** Come and show off your costumes before the Rag Shag Parade on Monday, October 31, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Avenue A in Turners Falls.

Local businesses and organizations will be inviting costumed youngsters into their workplaces with sweet rewards. Look for the bright orange pumpkins, displayed in local businesses’ storefront windows or doors, as the welcome sign. Participating locations will start at the town hall all down the Avenue to Cumberland Farms.

**BRIDGES** from page A1

of Governments (FRCOG) lists 298 bridges in Franklin County. According to FRCOG, 83 of these, or over 25%, are either “Functionally Obsolete” or “Structurally Deficient.”

“I have gone to multiple meetings, to complain about multiple bridges,” Deerfield’s Ness told this newspaper.

Consider the following bridges.

**Coke Kiln Bridge, Leverett**

This bridge over the Sawmill River was closed recently by state inspectors. Like the Stillwater Bridge, it was on a state list to be repaired in 2020, but was closed due to structural problems. In this case, carrier beams had rotted away.

Leverett highway department superintendent David Finn says his department could implement a temporary fix immediately, but the state is requiring a professional engineering study first.

The town is collecting bids for the engineering work, with estimates up to \$140,000. Finn believes that the total cost of the replacement could be \$400,000.

This is big money for a town the size of Leverett. Finn estimates its total level of state Chapter 90 highway aid, which may have to be used to repair the bridge, is approximately \$150,000.

Leverett has plenty of other highway, bridge, and culvert repairs on the table. One is a current project to repair the surface of the bridge on Dudleyville Road, which traverses the Sawmill River in North Leverett near the Village Coop.

To make matters worse, there is a beaver dam downstream from the Coke Kiln that has produced flooding. The river nearly runs over the bridge during the rainy season, undermining its integrity.

Montague police chief Chip Dodge and his friendly staff will have a watchful eye on the downtown for safety reasons. Make your way to the Rag Shag Parade at 5 p.m. in the Food City parking lot. You could win a prize! Adults are encouraged to dress up and accompany their youngsters. Sponsored by the Montague Business Association.

The **Dove of Peace Christmas Bazaar** is Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 90 Seventh Street, Turners Falls. It will have something for everyone: attic treasures, a multi-affle, homemade apple pies, a straw draw, a bake sale, gift baskets, crafts, affordable children’s gifts, a Christmas booth, and much more.

Make room for the famous lunch at the Christmas Cookie Café, with meatball grinders, corn chowder, ham salad, apple pie by the slice, cookies, coffee, soda, and water.

Historians and connected community members will lead a discussion on **what happened to Greenfield’s tool industry**, and where to go from here, on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GCC’s Downtown Center at 270 Main Street.

Greenfield went from being the tap and die capital of the world, pro-

viding excellent work opportunities for its citizens, to what we see now in the space of a generation. Plant closings over the past 30 years have hollowed out Franklin County’s economic base and dealt a severe blow to how the region defines itself based on productive value. This has been a dramatic – and traumatic – shift that is overdue for a careful reckoning. A shared understanding of what was lost, and how, will guide us in evaluating options before us today.

This event is free and open to the public. There will be a break for lunch, and people are free to come and go and provide for their own refreshments. It is hosted by The Museum for Our Industrial Heritage located in Greenfield. For more information, visit *industrial-history.org*.

The **GCC Turkey Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, November 5, at 9 a.m. at GCC’s Main Campus. Growing each year, November 5 will mark the third annual Turkey Run/Walk to raise funds in support of GCC students.

The 3.1 mile race welcomes everyone, whether you are a competitive runner or a leisurely walker. This an opportunity to get out with friends, enjoy the fresh air, and help change lives, all at the same time. For serious runners, the event is sanctioned by the USATF. Registration is now open at *www.gcc.mass.edu/turkeyrun*.

There will be a **used book sale** at the Carnegie Library on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. All books, DVDs, CDs, and audio books are \$1 each or less.

remained uncertain, with town residents complaining to local and state officials that the railroad should be required to finance the repairs.

Last year the state announced that the bridge would be rebuilt as a pedestrian and bicycle bridge, with automobile traffic redirected to nearby Turners Falls Road.

The new plan was for bridge reconstruction to take place in conjunction with the state-funded project to reconstruct Greenfield Road itself. But this project had been in the works for over two decades, with an uncertain future.

Finally, in 2015, that work began. Greenfield Road was completed this summer, and new bridge abutments have been installed. But the bridge itself, according to Bergeron, has been delayed by further negotiations with the railroad, and by the need for Verizon to remove several telephone poles.

Bergeron says the bridge will hopefully be completed in November or December, before the winter weather.

## State Bridge Policy

Many towns in the region – indeed in the state – have similar tales of bridge woe. The general perception in Franklin County is that towns in the eastern part of the state get priority. This may be true, but eastern localities have larger populations, and therefore much more traffic per bridge. Bridge usage – in addition to the condition of individual bridges – is a key criterion for being on the “state list.”

Exactly where this list is, and the full criteria for being on it, seems to be a mystery to most local officials.

“The Coke Kiln bridge is on some state list,” said one Leverett selectboard member at a recent meeting, adding that getting to the top of the

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**In memory of WWII Veteran Stanley Holmes**, and with all veterans and active military in mind, there’s a free veterans’ skate party at the Collins/Moylan Skating Arena, on Barr Avenue in Greenfield, on Saturday, November 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Shirley at *vetskate11516@yahoo.com*.

The **Franklin County Diaper Bank** is low on diapers, and needs funds to purchase them!

One out of three families struggles to afford diapers. Food stamps and WIC can’t be used to purchase them, and a gap in the supply of diapers can have major implications for health and the parent-child relationship. Supplying diapers can allow a parent to enroll a child in childcare and pursue school or work.

The Diaper Bank provides free diapers to families in tough financial times when they are struggling to make ends meet. It is currently distributing over 3,600 diapers a month, and the need is rising.

To find out how you can help, go to *communityaction.org* and click “Ways to Give.” And save the date for Monday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m., when the program is the beneficiary of **Soup and Games Night** at Greenfield’s Hope and Olive restaurant.

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list “could take 20 years.”

Carlyn Ness told the *Reporter* that Deerfield “had a hard time” keeping the Stillwater bridge on “the list.”

The list – or lists – do not appear to be on the MassDOT website. Efforts to obtain the list, as well as state criteria for being on it, from the DOT were not successful as of this writing.

The FRCOG has obtained a state list, or at least a 2014 version of it. The agency’s analysis of this data, which is used to construct a map of bridges in the county, appears in its most recent Transportation Plan. The plan’s narrative also contains good information on criteria used to prioritize bridges on the region. The FRCOG report can be downloaded at *frcog.org/publication/franklin-county-regional-transportation-plan-2016/*.

In fairness to the state, the list appears to be a work in progress. Bridges are added and ranked based on complex criteria involving their condition and usage. But the availability of state funds is also a factor, and funding is clearly a major wild card.

In 2008, after publicity surrounding the collapse of a bridge in Minnesota which killed several motorists, the state appropriated \$3 billion for an “Accelerated Bridge Program” (ABP). The DOT website summarizes what the agency believes are the impressive results of the program. Under the ABP, the state has advertised for 199 construction contracts, which will replace or repair 270 bridges.

However, the MassDOT website also notes that, with ABP funds nearly exhausted, the number of “structurally deficient” bridges on the state list has only been reduced from 543 to 429.



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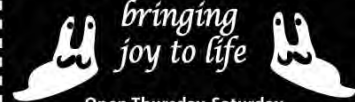
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The closest FAFSA Day site is at Turners Falls High School on Sunday, November 6 at 1 p.m. Visit [www.masfaa.org](http://www.masfaa.org) to register and learn more.

### NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

## Broadband Committees Double Price Estimate, Set Out to Market Plan

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Wendell moved another step closer to getting high-speed internet connections to every household in town last week, as members of the broadband operations and construction committees met the selectboard at its October 19 meeting.

The committees had drafted a letter which they intend to send to every household in town, a questionnaire about what services the household would subscribe to, and how much money the household would be willing to pay for those services. Their plan is to visit each house to explain what is being offered, and which of the household's present costs would be made unnecessary with the internet service.

They revised upward the Wired-West estimate of \$49 per month to about \$100 a month, a cost that would be affected by the number of homes that accept the service. There might be a low-income rate.

Television will not be offered, because none of the vendors offer it. Committee member Alistair MacMartin commented that television, as we know it now, will not be around in ten years anyway. Other ways of getting the same programming are already available, and are likely to be expanded.

Committee members worked on editing the draft with selectboard input, and discussed the most effective way to get the letter distributed, and to get citizens to respond. Committee member Carol Judd said, "people don't read letters," a fact that was borne out by a board member having to ask about something that was near the end of the draft letter.

The letter will be sent out within two weeks, and committee mem-

bers intend to contact any household that declines the services offered, and those that fail to return the letter. They would explain how the new service might be useful, and might replace a service that household is paying for now, in the hopes of changing, without coercion, a "no" response to a "yes."

### Briny Water

Selectboard chair Christine Heard met with both Wendell's and New Salem's boards of health at Swift River School to deal with the sodium level in the school's water supply. That level was high in the spring, and there was hope that summer rain would bring the level down. Summer rain did not come and the sodium level spiked in August, but has gone down since then.

The sodium content of the water is within drinking water standards, but may be a concern for people with high blood pressure. Parents have been notified. The source is uncertain, but may result from the use of salt and sand for winter maintenance of the school's parking lot and driveway, even though the well is drilled into bedrock.

A suggestion in spring was to have the Wendell DPU take that job from New Salem, because Wendell's winter mix has less salt than New Salem's. Principal Kelly Sullivan suggested that the parking lot could be restructured so that drainage would flow away from the well, as part of the school's capital improvement program. One stopgap solution might be to have students bring water bottles which they can fill from imported water.

### Open Spaces

Open space committee chair Marianne Sundell is in the pro-

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mission members.

Paul and Melinda Godfrey have a buyer for a small plot of land that is now under Chapter 61 and so has earned the town less money in taxes. Chapter 61 gives the town right of first refusal for any property being sold, but the selectboard, in keeping with their preference for keeping land in the tax base, was not ready to buy the property.

They forwarded the information to town departments that might have an interest in that parcel before passing on the town's right. If the property is sold, the taxes saved will have to be paid.

The town got only one bid for a replacement highway truck, \$198,713 for a Western Star single-axle dump truck. The board forwarded that bid to the highway commissioners so they can make sure that the truck offered meets their specifications.

The selectboard forwarded a draft Request for Proposals for computer and network supervision at the town offices to the town's technology committee for comment. The technology committee has one member who does not like Microsoft, and does not like Word, but Word is the writing program that town officials use.

Selectboard member Dan Keller said he spoke on the telephone with a pleasant-sounding woman from the state attorney general's office about the September warrantless seizure of medical marijuana in town, but he did not make much headway. The 500' lower limit for flight applies only to fixed wing aircraft, not to helicopters, which are restricted only if they endanger the public.

## Wendell Voters Approve Indigenous Peoples' Day

By JOSH HEINEMANN

In just under an hour Wendell citizens approved unanimously all fourteen articles in the special town meeting warrant, with the exception of a proposed wetlands protection bylaw, which was passed over at the request of the conservation commission so it can first be edited and clarified at a public hearing.

Voters approved using the stabilization account to add \$3,209.32 to the town's sick leave account, and to pay two bills of prior years that totaled \$52.83.

They approved articles that made possible the annual town meeting's decision to pay debt service for the town buildings and Mahar renovation from stabilization, and approved raising and appropriating \$5,000 for the ice and snow account, which was underfunded at

the annual town meeting.

Voters approved accepting from the estate of Mason Phelps a donation of 13.75 acres of land, known as the Collins lot, off Old Egypt Road. Voters also approved accepting a conservation restriction on 33 acres with buildings and improvements, fronting on Wickett Pond Road, formerly owned by Marion Herrick, and now owned by Judy Hall.

Voters also approved articles that prohibited smoking and consumption of alcohol on town-owned property, and an article "to state that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wendell."

The fourteenth article, to dissolve the meeting, was approved to the sound of chairs being folded and carried to the side of the town hall.

## An Opening on Open Space

By MARIANNE SUNDELL

WENDELL – The Open Space Committee is looking for one more member. Our work includes coordinating stewardship for town forests, planning educational events about the natural world and ecological stewardship, reviewing potential environmental impacts of proposed large developments, and helping to protect land in town with important conservation value.

We usually meet monthly on Monday afternoons, but will be meeting on both October 31 and

November 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the town office meeting room. Anyone who may be interested in joining WOSC is welcome to attend these meetings to learn more.

Currently Charles Smith, Marianne Sundell, Ward Smith, and Rowan Gay have been appointed to the committee. Finding an additional member with related education and experience would be ideal, but all are welcome to join us. In the event that more than one person is still interested after our first two meetings, the committee will make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

At our first two meetings we will be going over sections of the open space plan and related maps, discussing the current project in the town forest-expanding the habitat cut to support grouse, looking at the proposed wetlands bylaw, and planning future hikes and events. Some topics in the open space review will include local land use controls, town trees and forests, Chapter 61, protection priorities, and the open space survey results & action plan.

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Robert Lord performs between acts. Various acts will strut their stuff at the Third Street intersection (closed for the event): Pizazz Dance Studio, Franklin County Community Chorus, North County Line Dancers, Zumba Dancers, and Fire Dancers at 6 p.m.

All events and the festival itself are free. Dogs are allowed, but for the safety of all guests and the animals themselves, organizers suggest not bringing them. There will be **free shuttles** from the Turners Falls High School and Sheffield School parking lots.

In conjunction with the festival are a few other happenings in Turners Falls, starting with a **Halloween Party** at the Carnegie Library in the morning. Children may arrive with their caregivers at 10:30 for crafts and snacks, costumes or not. The Great Falls Discovery Center needs

help with their pumpkin display during the afternoon, and families are invited to visit and make pumpkin-related crafts at outdoor tables during the afternoon.

At the Great Falls Harvest, Richie Richardson is hosting a pop-up boutique featuring fashions by several Caribbean designers and artists from New York: Simply Greta, CJ Original, Gilbert Mckella, and Richardson himself. The 115 Avenue A entrance to the Harvest restaurant will lead you into a special **Caribbean Lounge** experience. There will be a menu of exotic food and drinks priced between \$5 and \$8, and Richie promises “a warm, relaxing and fun place for dining where you can chill with music and eat delightful food.”

On the adult end of the dial find yourself at the Shea Theater at 7 p.m. for a **Night of the Living Dead** concert. Area musicians pay tribute to several great musicians who have

passed since last Halloween.

Playing and performing in costume as various “late greats” are Daniel hales and the frost heaves, the Soul Magnets, the Warblers, Bourquensweeno with Steve Koziol, Josh Cole, and Monte Belmonte as David Bowie as Jareth the Goblin King. Tickets are \$5, and you may come and go throughout the evening. Beer, wine, cider, and Libation are available in the lobby of the theater.

Get over to the Rendezvous for a Halloween **costume dance party** at 9 p.m. with DJ Fern, if you have enough energy left. You’ll also find costume dance parties that night at the Deja Brew Pub (Wendell), Pioneer Tavern (Millers Falls), and the Arts Block (Greenfield).

Drive carefully, pay attention to your limits, be safe, and have some Pumpkinfest fun this Saturday – it’s practically unavoidable!



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are the ones who get their way, so to speak. Democracy originated from Indians.”

Demers, who said his own heritage included Blackfoot, Mohawk, Nipmuc and French ancestors, cited a *Washington Post* survey of self-identified Native Americans. “The majority was for the use of logos,” he said. “This logo has these people in this town, and this area, studying Native American history. As much as you don’t like it and you disagree, it’s a fact. If you take that away, you lose your identity with the white people.”

Lori-Lee Adams, who graduated from the school in 1989, also opposed a change. “Yes, the Indian people are oppressed,” she said. “I fully get that. But I also understand that using the logo is not an action of discrimination.” And Norman Emond of Erving suggested that if the name should change, so should those of the French King Bridge and Mohawk Trail. “Wiping out the name doesn’t make things better,” he argued. “I think those things actually enhance what they’re put on.”

But a number of speakers argued that the school’s use of the mascot impacted them negatively.

“If you’re only listening to argue, and you’re not listening to understand, that is the first problem,” Madison Ramirez Mazaheri told the crowd. “Somebody is telling you that you are being harmful, that you are being hurtful, that you are being disrespectful.”

“We’ve survived genocides, rape, smallpox blankets, reservations,” said Nawontah Waters, a 23-year-old from Colrain who identified as a member of the Montauk and Shinnecock nations. “My ancestors went through that; I have that in my blood. And to be on the back of a t-shirt, being reduced to a logo or something that you caricature, doesn’t show me respect.”

“We didn’t make it this far just to be a logo,” he added. “You really want to respect and help our people,

go help at Standing Rock.”

“We’re standing on colonized Nipmuc land,” said Rhonda Anderson. She warned of “an erasure of cultures and races by compressing identities into one word – ‘Indians.’ Rather than honoring native people, these caricatures and stereotypes are harmful, and contribute to a disregard of personhood of Native people.”

The event’s only notable lapse in civility began when Anderson had been speaking for twelve seconds beyond her allotted three minutes. Thomas Demers stood up in the audience and began clapping loudly over her speaking, and a few others joined him. “If her time is up, she needs to know,” Demers shouted, as school committee chair Mike Langknecht assured the bristling assembly that he would be able to handle facilitation.

“My family’s never known to be politically correct, or to be pushed around by political correctness,” said Brenda Silva of Erving, who added that she was a taxpayer, and was descended from the Cherokee tribe. “We don’t have a problem with the logo.”

Silva called attention to Captain Turner, who led the 1676 massacre at the Falls, thereafter known as Turners Falls. “This fact alone should make the Natives want to put more energy, and more time, into changing the name of this town,” she said. “More so than changing the respect that the Indians get from a logo of the Indian people.”

Law Collins, who graduated with the Class of 1980, also wondered why attention was being directed at the team’s name. “Why Turners Falls High School, and why not over two dozen other high schools that are in this state that carry an Indian name and logo?” he asked. “Why is it Turners Falls, now, and why isn’t it everywhere at once?” “These are rhetorical questions,” Langknecht interjected, in an attempt to quell responses from those audience members who did feel other team names should change.

Three students from the schools

spoke, all in favor of retaining the current mascot.

Emily Young, a seventh-grader at Great Falls Middle School, spoke with three peers standing beside her. “We are representing all Turners Falls students,” Young said. “The Indian is very important to us, and we see the Indian logo as something to bring honor, pride, dignity, and strength to our school and others.”

“I haven’t met one student who has said we have the Indian as a racist symbol,” said junior Abby Loynd. “We are using it to honor the terrible thing that has happened, and honor the lives that were lost, and show our pride in the people they were.”

And sophomore Tyler Lavin also said he felt the mascot “shows honor.”

“When they say that it’s offensive,” he said, “I want to know – why? How is that offensive to you?”

“If it is to be changed,” Lavin added, “I want to be part of that.”

“I think we’re missing a golden opportunity to teach the students,” said Bryan Blanchette, who had traveled from Rehoboth. “You say that you’re honoring indigenous people. Well, understand what’s happening now. Because dogs were used to attack women and children back then, and that’s happening at Standing Rock. And you can find out about this by going on Facebook – just research it. If that’s truly what you want, if you want to honor indigenous people, do that.”

Rich Hall, a district parent, said he was against the mascot: “To take someone’s culture and turn it into a logo, I think, is very demeaning.” Hall said that when his sons, who play in the school band, first cheered for the team by name, “my skin crawled.”

“I’m not trying to say anyone’s racist, or anyone’s mean-spirited – that’s not what this is about,” he continued. “I think it’s a matter of perspective, and empathy, and understanding of what’s going on.”

“What would it mean to change it?” Sam Stegeman of Conway asked, directing his comments at a large block of district students and

parents in the auditorium’s center section, many wearing matching blue t-shirts bearing the slogan “We Support the Indians.”

“Would it mean that you were caving in to basically politically correct outside pressure? Would it mean any kind of admission of guilt – or that someone would think it was an admission?”

Stegeman challenged the supporters of the mascot to “humbly and boldly choose to do something you don’t really want to do, because you’re being asked to do it.”

“This school has an undue bad reputation,” said Kara McLaughlin, project director at the Gill-Montague Community School Partnership. “This is an awesome place to raise your kids, it’s an awesome place to go to school, and everybody should be proud of that. Let’s come together around something we can be all proud of, instead of having to have some people feel bad about it.”

“We live in a district, like many districts in Massachusetts, which is burdened by financial woes,” said Kathy Lynch of Montague. “And, if we want to be a district that attracts a student base with involved parents, we’re probably not going to do that by putting high up in the air a symbol which is widely considered to be racist, whether or not people directly in my community consider it to be racist.”

“How does Turners Falls want to be remembered?” asked Elizabeth Ramirez of Holyoke, who said she used to live in Turners Falls’ Patch neighborhood. “I know there’s a lot of people here who feel that there’s outside people influencing this.

“But people all over the valley, all over Massachusetts look to Turners Falls: what are they doing? How are they representing the state? How are they representing the North? And you are a reflection of us. I don’t live here any more, but I still care about it, and I want Turners Falls to be on the right side of history.”

Anthony Melting Tallow, a Chocopee resident and member of the Siksika (Blackfoot) Nation, made an

impassioned appeal to unity.

“We know that you have a proud tradition,” he said. “This is a microcosm of the conversation that’s happening nationally, and it has to do with reframing the conversation around how we’re going to make our way forward into the future. Because right now, and on a lot of fronts, the future doesn’t look very good. For all of us....

“There’s 4.2 million Native Americans. You’re starting to hear our voices now, and we’re starting to speak for ourselves – we’re starting to be proud of who we are. Our laws, our cultures were outlawed until 1978, for 95 years. So we’re resurging now.

“And you’re going to be hearing a lot more from us, and we want to include you in the conversation. That’s what we’re reaching out tonight to do.... Aren’t we stronger together?”

The forum came to a close at 8 p.m. sharp, but many attendees lingered to discuss the issues – in some cases, reaching across the aisle in polite debate and discussion.

District superintendent Michael Sullivan was beaming. “That was an awesome exercise in civility,” he said. “I’m so proud of the school committee and the community. It’s a very hot, divisive topic, and it was the polar opposite from our presidential debates. It’s really good to see people being able to do this well.”

Mike Langknecht, the facilitator and school committee chair, also had positive things to say about the forum. “It went great. A lot of difficult things to hear, and we knew it would be,” he told the *Reporter*. These people came, and it’s not easy, and they’re courageous to come up and speak.”

The committee has scheduled a second input forum, using the same ground rules, in the high school auditorium from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15. Additional educational and discussion events around the issue are also planned, and no specific deadline has been established for the committee to reach a decision on the matter.



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NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

# Five Models For Fire Department Growth

By KATIE NOLAN

In August, the recreation commission pledged up to \$14,000 from its revolving fund for construction of a proposed 210-foot long, 140-foot wide stone dust walking track at Erving Elementary School. Earlier this month, when Mountain View Landscape and Lawn Care, Inc. of Chicopee submitted the lowest bid for construction of the track at \$25,560, the board expressed its frustration with state bidding and prevailing wage regulations.

At the October 17 meeting, selectboard chair Jacob Smith had asked how New Salem/Wendell’s Swift River School had complied with state bidding and contracting regulations in building its walking track, primarily with donated labor and materials. This week, Smith clarified that he had not intended to imply that SRS had used improper contracting practices.

Smith said that Erving has since contacted SRS, and found it had used “very creative ways to keep the budget down” and that it had “unique opportunities with the site.” He said that Erving would consider that information, where applicable, as it proceeds with the EES project.

Administrative coordinator Bryan Smith said he had discussed the EES track bid with low bidder Mountain View, and reported that Mountain View felt the work could be done for less money without reducing the scope of the project, but the cost would still be greater than \$14,000.

The board decided to have administrative coordinator Smith verify that the scope would not be changed. He said that Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) staff members were looking for possible grants that could be used to help fund the track construction.

## Fire Department Staffing

In July, when the FRCOG asked the board to join a grant-funded study of emergency services regionalization, the board decided instead to ask fire chief Philip Wonkka to review the town’s emergency service needs and develop its own potential solutions besides regionalization.

The board and Wonkka agreed that the town’s greatest need was for emergency coverage during weekday daytime hours, when many of the town’s 17 call firefighters are working out of town.

On October 24, Wonkka presented the board five potential staffing models to provide daytime emergency coverage, along with estimated potential costs:

1. A part-time chief (the current model);
2. A full-time chief;
3. A full-time chief, plus one full-time firefighter (at an estimated

additional cost of \$86,000 per year for wages);

4. A part-time chief, plus two full-time firefighters (at an estimated additional cost of \$80,000 per year for wages); and

5. A full-time chief, plus two full-time firefighters (at an estimated additional cost of \$130,000 per year for wages).

Selectboard member Scott Bastarache observed that benefits would add approximately \$20,000 per full-time employee per year.

Wonkka told the board his department answers approximately 300 fire or medical calls per year, and that its annual budget is currently approximately \$200,000.

Bastarache said that “whether or not the town ends up doing any of these scenarios,” there were many tasks that full-time staff could complete, such as outreach to school children or elders, station maintenance, paperwork, training, and meetings.

Selectboard member William Bembury commented, “This is something we have to look at seriously, even if it is cost-prohibitive.”

Wonkka agreed, “It is a big chunk of change.” He noted that this was the first presentation of the staffing scenarios, and that he had not yet presented them to the finance committee.

Bastarache called the models “well thought out.” He said the board would review them, and continue discussing the future of the department’s staffing as a continuing item on its agenda.

## Riverfront Park

Bryan Smith told the board that construction of Phase I of the Riverfront Park project began October 24, and that contractor Mountain View is working double shifts, so that substantial work should be completed over the next two months.

The board received tentative approval from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for abandoning of the public water supply well at the former Usher Plant property.

Selectboard chair Smith said that Cushing and Sons Well Drillers had estimated the costs of closure at \$3,000. No other Massachusetts-certified well drillers had responded to the town’s request for an estimate.

The board voted to close the well, funding the closure from either the Usher Plant mothballing account or the water department revolving fund, depending on approval from town accountant Deb Mero.

The Usher Plant re-use committee wrote to the board, saying that, as the current water supply well is being abandoned, the town should move forward with siting a new one. The committee also asked the board to consider funding to

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Academy, a school of more than a thousand kids, I heard someone say, “Turners Falls, the little school that could.”

These are just a few of the many comments I’ve heard through the years, lending itself to a David versus Goliath analogy.

### Volleyball

Agawam 3 – TFHS 1

TFHS 3 – Mahar 1

The big news for the Agawam Brownies, coming into the October 20 game against Turners, was that they had just swept Minnechaug, something they hadn’t done since 2009. The sweep propelled them into second place in all of Western Mass, and if they were to vie for the coveted top spot, they would have to play perfectly for the remainder of the year.

They came to town with a confident swagger and a bevy of screaming fans, but the team they faced were fighting for their own life in a lower division: the Turners Falls Indians, the little school that could.

The first match was interesting. Turners shot out to a big lead, only to see it evaporate late in the contest. And as the match progressed, Agawam was no longer the confident giant, smiling and relaxed. If they were to beat the Little Blue Tribe, they would have to try, really try.

When the Brownies tied it up, Powertown wasn’t discouraged. Through some amazing digs and cooperative teamwork, the Indians stayed in the game. The match was extended beyond the regulation 25 because neither team could take a 2-point lead, but in the end, the Lady Indians prevailed, 27-25.

After they dropped the first match, the Brownies realized that they were in for a battle. Agawam knotted the series by winning the second match, but even then, Turners didn’t give up.

“I told them they need to get dirty, and they did,” coach Kelly Liimatainen told me after the

game. Agawam, which has lots of tall ladies with extreme firing power, kept setting up spikes and slamming the ball towards the Blue Ladies’ feet, but time after time, libero Adrianna Dimaio got under the fireball, keeping it in play.

The third match was a tossup, and again went beyond regulation as both teams seesawed past 25, fighting for every point. Agawam was able to get the game point, and took the match 28-26.

In the final match, Powertown continued to dive for digs and set up shots, but in the end, Agawam won, 25-22. In the game, the Agawam defense was so good that the Tribe was only able to get a handful of aces. Powertown had to rely on digs to keep the ball alive and sets to score their points.

For Turners, DiMaio had an amazing 24 digs in the game; Sienna Dillensneider had six digs, gave 11 assists, served one ace, had a block and a kill shot; and Tess Hunter finished with five aces, three kills and five digs.

On Monday, the Volleyball Indians expanded their second-place lead over Mohawk to three games by defeating Mahar, 3-1. It took the Lady Indians four matches to defeat the Senators.

Although Mahar was able to get a late game surge in the second match, prevailing 25-21, Turners’ 3 victories were all double digit wins, 23-12, 25-10, 25-9. Jordyn Fiske served 8 aces, made two kill shots and had four digs. Tess Hunter had 9 kills, two aces and a dig, while Melissa Hersey aced four serves.

### Field Hockey

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TFHS 2 – Pioneer 0

Last week, the Turners Falls Field Hockey Indians were rudely elbowed out of second place in the West Class falling behind both Pioneer and Southampton. This week they beat Pioneer, putting them a game behind Southwick. This Thursday, they play Southwick for

a chance to share second place in the West.

On October 19, Turners traveled to Holyoke to try to topple the first-place Purple Knights. The Blue Ladies made a game of it, but Purple eventually took the game by a score of 5-2. The loss hurt Turners in the West standings, but they proved they could score on the big guys.

Alyson Murphy and Cassidhe Wozniak scored the two goals for Powertown, while Hattie Harvey gave an assist. Goalkeeper Haleigh Greene kept the game close, making 14 saves.

Then on Tuesday, the Pioneer Panthers came to town, fresh off last week’s 4-1 victory over the Lady Indians. But this time, Turners scored two quick goals and coasted to a 2-0 shutout.

Cassidhe Wozniak and Alysha Wozniak scored the goals, while Nicole Thibeault helped out with an assist. In goal, Maddie Currier made 10 saves.

### Football

TFHS 24 – Agawam 14

For the third straight year, the Powertown Indians have clinched at least a piece of the league crown.

In 2014, Turners was a perfect 8-0 in the Inter County League and won the title outright. Last year Turners, Easthampton and Frontier all finished 6-1 in the ICL, and shared the title.

This year, Powertown sits atop the Intercounty North League, with one more regular season game to play. And if they hope to be the undisputed champions, they need to knock off the previously undefeated Red Hawks of Frontier.

In the pouring rain, on Friday, October 21, the Indians overcame a fourth quarter deficit to defeat the Athol Red Raiders, 24-14.

After failing to convert on their first possession, Turners was forced to punt the ball away, and Athol took over on their own 36. Red moved the ball to the 44 and then

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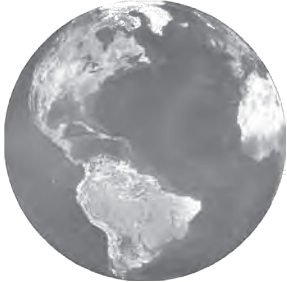
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## Conservación Panamá



Melva y Zeke durante su charla en Discovery Center.

Por VICTORIA MAILLO

Ezequiel Jakub fue por primera a Panamá cuando tenía doce años con un grupo amante de las aves, impulsado por su abuelo. Se trataba de observar las aves en su propio hábitat en la provincia de Chiriqui en Panamá, en la frontera con Costa Rica. Este primer viaje marcó su vida y después de esa primera experiencia volvió en muchas ocasiones trabajando para National Geographic, o con diferentes becas de investigación hasta que en 2011 conoció a Melva Olmos, panameña y especialista en felinos, que lucha por la protección del jaguar en Panamá.

Uniendo sus vidas y sus experiencias acerca de la biodiversidad decidieron fundar una organización sin ánimo de lucro llamada Conservación Panamá, Inc., registrada en Greenfield, MA.

Melva es la presidenta de la asociación y desde niña supo que su vocación eran los animales. Desde hace años lucha por la protección del jaguar en el mundo rural panameño. El jaguar, que está en peligro de vulnerabilidad y de extinción por la destrucción del hábitat, ataca el ganado de los campesinos y por ello no es muy popular entre los ganaderos de las zonas rurales de Panamá.

El jaguar es entre todos los felinos del mundo el que tiene la mandíbula más fuerte. Melva nos explica que el mismo hombre es el que crea el problema respecto a la vulnerabilidad del jaguar. El gana-

do no está dentro de cercas de protección y el jaguar mata a los animales, así pues el campesino usa veneno para matarlos, pero al mismo tiempo está destruyendo otras especies del ecosistema.

La asociación trata de encontrar fondos para acabar con la destrucción alrededor de las áreas protegidas a través de la educación con proyectos para implantar nuevas técnicas, y otros de respuesta rápida en caso de ataques de felinos para verificar que el jaguar es el protagonista de este.

La principal amenaza para el jaguar es la expansión urbana y la cacería. Por ellos disponen de cámaras con sensores automáticos para poder identificar el origen de cualquier incidente, pero para ello necesitan la colaboración de las comunidades indígenas. Se trata de proteger al jaguar con corredores, el más grande va desde México hasta el norte de Argentina.

En 2014 crearon Conservación Panamá, Inc. una organización sin ánimo de lucro dedicada a proyectos de investigación científica, pero con algo especial, ya que su fin último es ayudar a las comunidades rurales de Panamá. A veces los científicos van a esos remotos lugares para investigar, y el resultado final de dicha investigación no incide en la vida cotidiana del campesino.

Sus proyectos se basan en que los campesinos puedan tener una alternativa económica a través de la conservación, guía turística, y protección del medio

ambiente. Los fondos de la asociación provienen de donaciones privadas, del estado de Massachusetts, y de diferentes organizaciones y propuestas científicas.

El grupo indígena más abundante del país es Ngäbe, que ya habitaban el país antes de la llegada de Colón. Por tradición ellos no usan armas, la caza es simplemente su medio de subsistencia. Melva y Zeke han conseguido introducirse en las comunidades, han aprendido su lengua y eso les ha abierto la puerta para poder acercarse a los campesinos. En esas áreas rurales el trueque es la forma más común de comercio, pocas familias disponen de dinero en efectivo para poder comprar artículos de consumo.

La idea es crear un programa para personas que quieran observar aves como el quetzal por un precio justo que no se queda en manos de intermediarios, sino que va directamente al campesino. Esto permitiría a la vez que el campesino tenga un medio de vida en zonas rurales y también que a través de su trabajo aprendan la importancia de mantener el hábitat y el ecosistema.

Solamente en Estados Unidos hay 46 millones de aficionados a las aves. Las aves migrantes de Nueva Inglaterra pasan la mayoría del tiempo en Panamá y Costa Rica.

Zeke dirige talleres para formar a la población rural para poder ser guía turístico para visitantes interesados en aves provenientes de Sudamérica y de Estados Unidos. Los campesinos reciben la instrucción a través de talleres y materiales gratis. Al final del curso, con una alta exigencia de tiempo y compromiso, deben poder pasar un examen para poder nombrar las aves en español, latín y en inglés, poder describirlas e identificarlas. También con estos talleres se pretende enseñar a los pobladores de zonas rurales cómo crear un negocio, nociones de publicidad, redes sociales y otras herramientas para poder aumentar su poder adquisitivo a través de un salario justo. Se trata de aprender sobre el medio ambiente y ganar plata para hacer sostenible la naturaleza.

Si quiere saber más sobre Conservación Panamá, Inc o enviar un donativo, visite su página web: [www.conservacionpanamaca.org](http://www.conservacionpanamaca.org)

## Cumplimos un año: ¡Feliz cumpleaños!

Parece que fue ayer y ya hace un año que empecé con mucha ilusión esta página en español. La idea surgió al saber que en Turners Falls y Montague hay una gran población que habla español como lengua nativa, y muchos otros que están interesados en aprenderlo o lo hablan como segunda lengua.

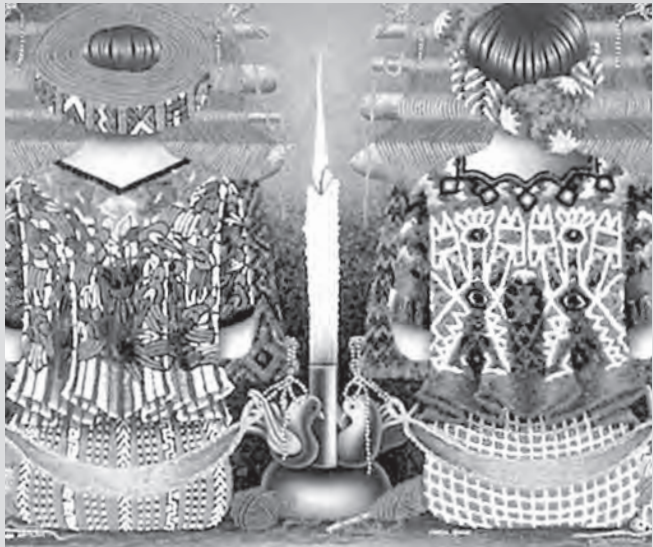
Desde ese día he intentado acercar hechos culturales, políticos y sociales a los hablantes de esta lengua.

Espero poder seguir haciéndolo por un largo tiempo, y con nuevos proyectos con los que estoy ilusionada y espero que les gusten. Como siempre, esta página no tendría ningún sentido si no fuera por la ayuda y colaboración de mis fieles lectores.

¡Felicidades a todos!

## Anuncios

- Clases de Zumba todos los viernes a las nueve de la mañana en Brick House Community Center en el 24 3rd Street en Turners Falls. Las clases son gratis y para todas las edades. Disfrute con nosotros de un poco de ejercicio y baile.
- En Discovery Center en Turners Falls el próximo viernes 28 de octubre de 3 a 7 de la tarde tendrá lugar una recepción para cerrar la exposición Migración: Conectando a través del Arte y la Cultura de las Américas. Si todavía no ha visitado la exposición, no olvide hacerlo de miércoles a domingo de 10 a 4 de la tarde. Realmente merece la pena.
- Misa en español todos los sábados a las 6 de la tarde en la iglesia de Nuestra Sra. De Ceztochowa en 84 K St, Turners Falls.
- Franklin Regional Transit Authority informa de la extensión de los horarios de transporte público entre Turners Falls, Greenfield y Northampton. Para mayor información visite su página web o la estación de bus en Greenfield.



Uno de los cuadros de la exposición Migración en Discovery Center.

## ¿Día de Colón?



Mapa de los cuatro viajes de Colón.

Por VICTORIA MAILLO

En Estados Unidos el 12 de octubre o el segundo lunes de octubre se celebra el Día de Colón. Me resulta interesante la

elección de este día, el único festivo oficialmente dedicado a un extranjero en los Estados Unidos, y que además nunca puso un pie en esta parte del continente americano.

La celebración de este día y el nombre utilizado ha originado y sigue originando mucha controversia, así que voy a plantear una serie de datos sobre ello. En España, este día se denomina Día de la Hispanidad o Día de la Virgen del Pilar y es festivo solamente en algunas comunidades autónomas dependiendo del calendario de fiestas. Este año el ayuntamiento de Madrid decidió colgar en el balcón una bandera indígena para incluir a todos los habitantes de la ciudad.

En Hispanoamérica es un día laboral en algunos países, y en otros es festivo. Por ejemplo, en Cuba, uno de los países en los que sí estuvo Colón, no se celebra de ninguna manera. En México y Colombia el 12 de octubre se celebra el Día de la Raza con sentido de mestizaje. En Uruguay se denomina el Día de las Américas, en Argentina se llama Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural Americana, en Perú la denominación es Día de los Pueblos Originarios y del Dialogo Intercultural. En Bolivia es el Día de la Descolonización y en Venezuela, Chávez lo instituyó como Día de la Resistencia Indígena.

Como pueden comprobar por las denominaciones, ninguna de ellas hace referencia a Cristóbal Colón. Interesante.

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had a huge 56-yard gain, and at 6:58 of the opening quarter, they drew first blood, 8-0.

The Athol boosters were right: they are a big team. Huge, in fact. But one thing I noticed in that first quarter is that those giant Red linemen were slow to get up. While the Indians were getting ready for the next play, the Raiders were helping each other off the turf. It seemed that Goliath was beginning to stumble.

Turners began their second series at midfield. An Owen Ortiz catch and a long run by Jack Darling set up a first and goal. Then Quinn Doyle pounded ahead for the TD, and Ricky Craver caught the 2-PAT to knot the game at 8 with 3:12 left

in the first quarter.

Athol does not provide seats for visiting fans. Instead, they are forced to stand for the entire game. But this worked out for the True Blue Faithful. The scores of Blue Boosters were able walk to where the ball was, up and down the field, and yell their encouragement to the players each and every play. They were so loud that at the volleyball game, two days later, two people whispered to me that they still hadn't gotten their voices back.

The game slogged on through the second and third quarters as Athol continuously pinned the Tribe deep in their own territory, and the Blue Indians relentlessly crashed against the Big Red wall. The stalemate was

finally broken in the fourth quarter, when the Raiders blocked a Turners punt and took over on the Blue 7. A QB keeper put Athol up 14-8, but the Tribe's special teams kept Red out of the zone for the 2-PAT.

Now trailing 14-8 late in the game, it was do or die for Powertown. The situation grew even more desperate for Blue as they failed to convert on third down and had to give the ball back.

But this is how championships are won. If Turners hoped to be champions, they would have to stop Athol, get the ball back, score a touchdown and the 2-PAT and then stop them again – all while time was running out.

But on the other side of the line, the Raiders began to falter. They had played 3-1/2 quarters of smash-mouth football against a smaller team, but they hadn't put the game away. On their next possession, wear and tear began to show on the Raiders, as they began making mistakes and moving the ball backwards.

Then on fourth and 17, Red was forced to punt. But the punter couldn't handle the snap, and the ball was grounded on the Red 7 yard line.

Given another lease on life, Turners splashed ahead 2 yards to the 5 and Jack Darling then rounded the corner for the TD. Tionne Brown connected with Nick Croteau for the 2PAT and Turners finally led with a thin 2-point lead, 16-14, with 4:46 left to play.

Athol had no answer for the Blue surge, and on their next possession they again marched backwards, courtesy of penalties, as their fatigue led to sloppiness.

Blue got the ball back on their own 21 with 2:20 left on the clock. Now the cleat was on the other shoe, as Turners needed to burn off time.

"First down. We need another first down to put the game away," the Blue horde screamed from the sidelines.

And Powertown answered. Quinn Doyle finally found a gap big enough for him to power through, and he



DAVID HOITT PHOTO

Emma Miner passes the ball during the TFHS senior-night match against Mahar Regional High School. Turners defeated Mahar 3-1 (25-12, 21-25, 25-10, and 25-9). Fellow seniors Jordyn Fiske (left) and Maddy Johnson (right) are in position for the play.



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crashed through the line and splashed ahead for 31 yards, all the way to the Red 48. Doyle then crashed ahead to the 44, and on the very next play, Jack Darling got the ball, was hit, rounded the corner – and sprinted the 44 yards to pay dirt.

Doyle put the icing on the cake with a 2-pointer of his own. And the Turners Falls Football Indians jogged to the warm dry bus, knowing they had earned at least a piece of the Championship Crown.

Jack Darling was the mudder in this game, rushing for 189 yards on 13 carries and scoring two touchdowns. Quinn Doyle banged ahead for 84 yards on the ground, and scored a touchdown and a 2-PAT. John Torres helped the ground attack with a 10-yard run, and Ricky Craver had 7 yards rushing and caught a 2-PAT.

Quarterback Tionne Brown had one completion to Owen Ortiz for 18 yards, and threw two extra-point scores. Nick Croteau caught a 2-pointer and had a 17-yard kick return.

Defensively, Tahner Castine made nine tackles, three of which were for losses. Doyle made six solo tackles,

while Will Roberge, Ortiz and Reilan Castine each had five.

Kyle Bergmann had six tackles, sacked the QB, caused him to hurry three times, and recovered two fumbles. Tionne Brown deflected a pass and made three solo tackles.

So the Turners Falls football team is now the team to beat. Every other team in the ICN have at least one loss. This Friday, they travel to South Deerfield to challenge the Frontier Red Hawks, and try to prove to yet another opponent that the "little school that could" might just be good enough to topple another giant.

Other Sports News


Stash Koscinski, a 1959 TFHS graduate and a mainstay at Turners sporting events, is back, resting comfortably at home.

Back in 1972 in the annual Hillcrest faculty/sixth graders softball game, I remember that Stash didn't take it easy on us. He hit a homerun over the fence, put down his bat, and jogged the bases.

Keep resting, Stash, and see you when you're better!



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## THE GARDENER'S COMPANION

## The True End of Summer

By LESLIE BROWN

**MONTAGUE CITY** – The brief return of summer allowed me to repair my delinquency in completing the fall to-do list. With a few days of heat ahead, we scampered off to the hardware store for a large can of water sealant, and I brushed it on the trim boards which cover the railroad ties forming the cornerstones of the pergola. All the rest of the wood is pressure treated and not of concern, but the trim board needed attention and got it, sandwiched in on a hot, breezy day with a warm night and an additional drying day before the rain.

The corner posts are a mellowed wood now, and the clear finish allows the grain and knots in the wood to strut their stuff. It is beautiful, and I am so glad that we abandoned our original choice of an opaque green stain.

The three vines we set in last fall have grown exponentially. The climbing rose almost touches the top crossbars of the pergola, the wisteria is a good three feet tall, and the sweet star flowered clematis has stretched up and over and is ready to spread across the top. The fourth corner post is guarded by a hefty concrete statue which is a cross between a griffin and some other mythical creature lacking the clawed talons. He is quite majestic

and approves in his solemn way of all the proceedings.

The gorgeous sterling full moon mid-month did not bring the expected frost, so we put off the final tomato harvest. Now the green fruit sits in the warmth of the sunroom and each tomato in its time turns yellow and then red. They are not as strong in flavor or as juicy as are their vine ripened siblings, but are tasty enough, well ahead of any found in the grocery store.

We continue to enjoy the last roses of summer, both the beach variety and a few of the bush roses. The huge dahlia plant also continues to open large, bright red flowers. A small pot sports one last pansy and the morning glory vine still blooms on the barn.

The extraordinary palette of this season's foliage pulls us away from the last mowing. This splendid show began in September, and although the recent wind and rain have dropped many leaves, still other trees are just turning to a soft, sunny yellow. The blueberry bushes are bright red, too. Driving or walking anywhere, the eye is pulled to the sight, especially to those hill-sides where the evergreens set off their painted neighbors with a vivid splash of green.

There are fifty daffodil or narcissus bulbs tucked in around the edges of the yard waiting for spring. They are such a bright early flower,

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## Got Leaves?

### Fall is the Perfect Time to Start – or Improve – Home Compost Systems

By AMY DONOVAN

**FRANKLIN COUNTY** – Autumn, with its chores of raking leaves and cleaning up gardens, is a great time to start composting, or to improve on home compost systems. Fall leaves are a very helpful addition to home compost bins, as they add much-needed carbon and create air pockets to increase oxygen. Rotting pumpkins are another welcome addition to a compost bin or pile.

Composting is easy, and it can be even easier with effective, low-cost composting equipment. "Earth Machine" compost bins are available for purchase at several loca-

tions within the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and "Sure-Close" kitchen compost collection pails are available at the District Office at 50 Miles Street, Greenfield.

#### Why Compost?

According to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), as much as 25% of the Massachusetts waste stream consists of compostable waste. Residents of towns that require "Pay As You Throw" trash bags or stickers can save money by composting food and paper waste, rather than

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The author's Earth Machine compost bin, with a shovel taking finished compost out of the access door on the bottom, and finished compost in her wheelbarrow.

## Before All This

By MIKE JACKSON

**NORTHAMPTON** – Jason Lovett has come across a lot of interesting things in the eight or nine years since he started looking for artifacts in the woods and fields: a gold dollar coin from the late 1800s, interesting enough but "worth its weight." A Revolution-era political button, showing a rattlesnake with thirteen rattles and thirteen eggs.

A 1620s penny bearing the likeness of Charles I, hammered in silver in the Royal Mint while it was in the Tower of London. A Dutch trade bead from the late 1500s.

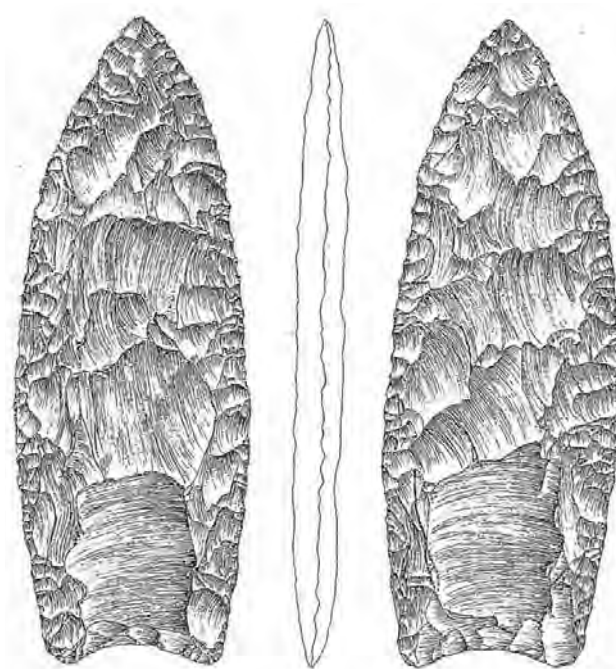
Sometimes he'll find something people made even earlier, he says, including arrow points, celts, and even "a grooved ax from the Archaic Period."

But last fall, while wandering a recently harvested field in the Northampton Meadows with a metal detector, Lovett, a Westhampton native who teaches special education in Vermont, spotted his most exciting find yet.

"I knew instantly what I was looking at," he says. Two days later, on an online forum for amateur collectors, he would write: "Staring up from the dusty earth was the most perfect point I had ever seen. I just about threw my shovel and detector in excitement."

Lovett brought the four-inch-long object to a meeting of the American Society of Amateur Archaeologists that weekend, where he showed it to a man named Dr. Richard Michael Gramly. Dr. Gramly confirmed to him what he had suspected: that it was a fluted spear point made possibly as long ago as 12,800 years, an artifact of what is known as the Clovis culture.

During this period, bands of people sharing certain



An artist's rendering of the four-inch-long Early Clovis fluted point Jason Lovett found on the Northampton Meadows.

specific practices – ways of making tools, patterns of habitation, hunting and gathering – are believed to have spread across North America.

The Clovis "paleo-Indian" people have long been a subject of debate; for example, some believe humans have occupied the continent for much longer, and others that the Clovis people "disappeared". But there is a broad consensus in mainstream archaeology that the Clovis culture helped small bands disperse through many North American ecosystems and, particularly as of a 2014 genetic study of remains of an infant found in present-day Montana, a broad recognition that many of the peoples encountered by Europeans on their recent arrival are descendants of the Clovis population.

During this period, Connecticut River Valley must have looked quite different than it does today. Until relatively recently, the entire area had been submerged by a glacial lake we call Lake Hitchcock, a holdover from the last Ice Age, which drained over the course of several centuries after a sediment dam downstream finally burst.

How a spear point, knapped from Normanskill chert sourced from what is now upstate New York using a technique associated with early Clovis toolmakers, ended up sitting atop a potato field in Northampton in 2015 is as yet unknown. But the young metal detectorist's find may have opened a new chapter in a contentious story involving landowners, insiders and outsiders to the state's archaeological bureaucracies, and questions surrounding preservation, scientific practice, and cultural heritage.

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Jason Lovett (left) presents Wayne Goulet of Hadley with the spear point he found on his land. Dr. Richard Michael Gramly (right) holds a professionally cast replica of the object.

## FACES & PLACES



Bird rehabilitator Tom Ricardi gave a presentation at the Great Falls Discovery Center last Saturday afternoon. At top: This red-tailed hawk is blind in one eye, and can't be released. Lower left: The hall was packed to capacity. Lower right: Ricardi shows a great horned owl, while students in the environmental education program Deer Paths look on.



# Pet of the Week

Hi, I'm Maddison! My tale starts out sad but I'm looking forward to a happy ending.

I had a family once but they lost their house and "forgot" to take me and other kitties with them.

A nice neighbor brought me here and said nice things about me. She said I came up to her right away and was friendly and very sweet.

I adore being petted and held. So what about the happy ending? Follow these instructions: you come visit Dakin, our eyes meet and you take me to my furever home.

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



“MADDISON”

## Senior Center Activities OCTOBER 31 to NOVEMBER 4

**GILL and MONTAGUE**  
**Gill / Montague Senior Center**, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m.  
All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the Center is closed.  
**Tues & Weds Noon Lunch**  
**M, W, F** 10:10 a.m. Aerobics; 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise  
**Monday 10/31**  
1 p.m. Knitting Circle  
**Tuesday 11/1**  
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
1 p.m. Painting Class  
**Wednesday 11/2**  
9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach  
12:45 p.m. Bingo  
**Thursday 11/3**  
9 a.m. NO Tai Chi  
10:30 a.m. Brown Bag  
1 p.m. Cards & Games  
**Friday 11/4**  
1 p.m. Writing Group

(413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity.  
Call to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out about the next blood pressure clinic.  
**Monday 10/31**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance  
**Tuesday 11/1**  
8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics  
10 a.m. Stretching & Balance  
Homemade Lunch  
**Wednesday 11/2**  
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing  
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure  
10 a.m. Chair Yoga  
Noon Bingo, Snacks & Laughs  
1 p.m. Veterans & Movie  
**Thursday 11/3**  
8:15 a.m. Foot Clinic  
8:45 a.m. Aerobics (fast)  
10 a.m. Healthy Bones  
11:30 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up  
12:30 p.m. Crafty Seniors  
**Friday 11/4**  
9 a.m. Quilting; Walking Club  
9:30 a.m. Bowling  
11 a.m. Market Shopping  
11:30 Pizza/Salad/Dessert  
12:30 p.m. Movie & Popcorn

**LEVERETT**  
For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or [coa@leverett.ma.us](mailto:coa@leverett.ma.us). Flexibility and Balance Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$6 (first class free). Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.**WENDELL**  
Wendell Senior Center is at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Nancy Spittle, (978) 544-6760, for hours and upcoming programs. Call the Center for a ride.

**ERVING**  
Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.  
Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 2 days in advance. Call (413)-423-3649 for meal information and reservations.  
For information, call Paula Betters, Senior Center Director, at

## LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was October 26, 2006: News from the Montague Reporter's archive

### School Closing Hearing Centers on Montague

At Tuesday's public hearing on elementary school configuration, Ron Lenois, Sr. of Coolidge Avenue told the school committee, "If you look at cold facts, Montague Center has to be the school to close." Lenois said he had one grandchild in the Montague Center school, and another recently graduated from there. "It's a wonderful school," he said, "with great teachers. The problem is, it's not possible to keep it open anymore."

Before opening the forum to public comment, Gill-Montague superintendent Sue Gee explained the school district is facing a probable budget increase of at least \$800,000 above this year's \$16,555,476 operating budget, with no anticipated change in programs. With declining enrollment, Gee said it was unlikely the state would increase Chapter 70 funds to G-M schools for the fiscal year beginning in July of '07, and the towns of Gill and Montague have signaled that they are looking at increasingly tight budget-making seasons next year.

Seeking to address the budget gap proactively, the committee is looking to reduce costs by streamlining the way services are delivered to the 25% of district students who fall into the "special needs" category – a line item where Gee anticipates a possible reduction in staff and a savings of \$160,000 next year – and by closing one or more of Montague's three elementary schools.

"Something needs to be done, now," said Precinct 4 town meeting member David Thompson. "You need to close one or two schools now. Even if you did all the renovations needed at Montague Center, there is still a parking lot issue there, and there's no room for expansion down there. You'd just be throwing good money after bad."

### Bandshell Rises at Peskeomskut Park

With rain in the forecast, subcontractors Pesto & McLaughlin of Pepperell, MA stayed overnight at the French King Motel and worked through this past weekend erecting the Peskeomskut Park bandshell. They are subcontractors to Northeast Infrastructure, general contractors of Southborough, who are renovating the park to the tune of \$342,000.

The town of Montague provided \$47,000 to make over the downtown park. The balance, \$295,408, came from Community Development Block Grant funding to provide new walkways, a tot lot, new loam and plantings, and the first bandshell for the town of Montague since the much-loved structure at Unity Park was torn down decades ago.

The attractive prefabricated red cedar bent wooden arches are sure to give the new bandshell a touch of class. The crew planked the ceiling with tongue and groove yellow pine and covered it with exterior grade plywood to await roofing with asphalt shingles. The Pepperell contractors sheathed the sides with OSB (oriented strand board) walls and covered them with black felt paper before applying the clapboarding.

Park committee member Donald Girard was on hand to view the start of the bandshell construction. "The bandshell is pointing toward the post office," Girard said. "I figured it should be pointed at

Avenue A, where people will park and listen to the band in their cars. But they said it's too late to change anything now."

### Railroad Salvage to be Demolished If Owner Does Not Act

Old buildings and new buildings were on the selectboard's agenda Monday, as building inspector David Jensen gave an update on the Railroad Salvage property. Last month, Jensen offered hope that a breakthrough might be in the offing in the long impasse over the former Griswold Cotton mill, known in recent decades as the home of Railroad Salvage, a 126,890 square foot brick building that has been crumbling into adjacent Power Street since last spring, after gaping holes in the roof led to a weakening of exterior walls.

Due to town officials' fears that more of the walls could fall, Power Street, one of two access roads to the residential South End neighborhood, has been blockaded by Jersey barricades since the end of May.

Gary Kosuda, Railroad Salvage's owner, canceled an October 18 meeting with Jensen at the last minute. Jensen said he will attempt to reschedule the meeting with Kosuda for the middle of November, shortly before Kosuda is due to appear in a Franklin County courtroom to present his plans for the building. Should either Kosuda or the plan fail to materialize by then, Jensen said the town will seek a court order to have the building demolished.

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## Reflection: On Conscientious Objectors

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

I have gotten into seeing a lot of movies based on real-life events and people. A movie called *Hacksaw Ridge*, about the first ever conscientious objector in American history to be given the Medal of Honor, will come out in theaters on November 4. It has made me want to write about conscientious objectors.

The focus of this movie, directed by Mel Gibson, was an Army medic during World War II by the name of Desmond T. Doss. This man is quoted as feeling that while "the War was justified, killing is never." That one piece of thought, is one reason why someone would want to become a conscientious objector.

One thing I know is that someone doing that – at least at the time of World War II – has been considered shameful to some people, along with being what the military service would call 4-F, which means you aren't able to serve your country because of a physical problem. Conscientious objectors have been labeled cowards by some people. That's what happened to Doss, according to the trailer for the movie.

But I think it takes guts and courage to stick to your beliefs, even when it makes all sorts of problems for you. Killing a man isn't always an act of bravery. Going out into a fire, or just a very dangerous situation to help someone, is an act of bravery. I think it may be a requirement, with firefighters at least. But doing that, even though you are scared, is a courageous thing as well: running into a burning building, when your first instinct should be to run for your life, takes a great deal of courage. I imagine the amount of courage it takes to run into battle when people are shooting at you, and risking your life at the same time, is quite a large amount.

I think some people get the definition of cowardice wrong. If being a coward was what people thought it was, then we wouldn't have any firefighters – and no people like Desmond T. Doss, let alone those men who attempted the most amazing Coast Guard rescue in history, which the movie *The Finest Hours* is about.

Other people have been conscientious objectors since World War II. One famous example was the boxer

Muhammad Ali, who refused to serve during the Vietnam War. I believe he had the belief that God didn't want him to kill another man. He did win in court on the matter, but at the cost of many fighting years, and his championship title. So the whole thing isn't some outdated notion that people used to put into practice.

As of 2005, several countries have individuals who are medics and do not carry a firearm, like Doss. His service was incredible. I am not just talking about running into battle, like he did, without a firearm. He ended up saving 75 people during the battle of Okinawa.

I don't know much about World War II, but I believe that the battle was massive when it came to the number of people there and who got hurt. On top of that, this man was wounded three times when he was doing his service as a medic.

A thought that I have mentioned before in some of my articles is that karma seems to reward these individuals who have done these amazing things with a long life. Doss, who died in 2006 at the age of 87, got one.

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Donovan recommends the “Sure-Close” pail, or a similar container.

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filling up their town bags with compostable waste.

Residents can also save money by using homemade compost on their gardens and lawns instead of purchasing bagged fertilizers and topsoil. Composting improves soil structure and water retention, adds nutrients to soil, reduces waste, and reduces climate-changing gases emitted from landfills and waste-to-energy facilities.

**How to Compost**

In your kitchen, use a “Sure-Close” compost pail or similar container to collect fruit and vegetable peels and trimmings, eggshells, coffee grounds and paper filters, stale bread, and non-meat table scraps. Add these “green” materials to your compost bin or pile by making a hole in the center of the compost pile, dumping the kitchen scraps in the hole and covering the scraps with fall leaves, finished compost, shredded newspaper, or other carbon-rich materials. Burying or covering up the fresh kitchen scraps reduces flies and odor and speeds up the compost process.

Do not compost pet wastes, meat, bones, fish, dairy, and oily foods such as peanut butter or salad dressing: these items will not break down in a small home compost bin, and they can attract pests, insects, and wildlife. Avoid composting diseased plants, weeds that spread by roots and runners, and weeds gone to seed.

Ideally, a home compost bin should contain about 75% “brown” carbon-rich materials such as finished compost, leaves, straw, dried yard waste, used paper towels (no cleaning chemicals), napkins, ripped up egg cartons, paper bags, or newspaper, and only 25% “green” nitrogen-rich materials such as food waste. Adding lots of leaves to your bin in the fall fulfills this carbon-rich requirement.

Some home composters stockpile fall leaves in a covered trashcan or under a tarp, and add them to their compost bin all year long. Oak leaves and pine needles should be kept to a minimum: maple and other leaves are ideal.

Tips: Introduce helpful micro-organisms to your bin or pile by adding a couple shovelfuls of garden soil or finished compost. The composting process needs oxygen; stirring or “turning” the pile every few weeks with a shovel or pitchfork will speed up the process. Add

water occasionally to make the contents as damp as a wrung-out sponge.

For a simple composting how-to, visit [tinyurl.com/compostingiseasy](http://tinyurl.com/compostingiseasy).

**Where to purchase low-cost equipment locally**

To make composting as easy as possible, the Solid Waste District Office sells green “Sure-Close” kitchen compost pails for \$5 each. This 2-gallon pail is meant to sit on the countertop or under the sink to collect compostables before taking them out to the backyard or municipal compost bin. The pinholes in the tightly locking lid allow moisture to evaporate, which reduces odor.

The Earth Machine home compost bin, which the Solid Waste District sells for \$45, is made of a tough, 50% recycled polyethylene plastic and has a twist-on locking lid. The bin stakes to the ground and is easy to assemble, rodent resistant, and designed for good aeration. The Earth Machine features an access door that can be lifted up to shovel out finished compost.

The Earth Machine compost bin is available for purchase, for cash or checks only, at these four locations: the Wendell Transfer Station (Tuesdays from 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.); the Orange Transfer Station (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.); the Colrain Transfer Station (open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.); and the District office at 50 Miles Street, Greenfield (weekday hours vary; call 413-772-2438).

District residents, including those in Montague, Erving, Gill, Leverett, and Wendell, may purchase Sure-Close kitchen pails at the District Office only, 50 Miles St., Greenfield.

Greenfield residents can purchase Earth Machines and compost pails from the Greenfield DPW (call 772-1528, x 6106).

For more information on composting or waste management programs, call the Solid Waste District at (413) 772-2438, email [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), or visit the District website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org). MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1 (800) 439-2370.

Amy Donovan is program director at the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.



**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG**

## Teens Manipulate Traffic; Bacon Causes Fire; Manhole Cover Stolen; River Rat Stuck In Bowl

**Monday, 10/17**

8:51 a.m. Officers conducting a lockdown drill at Franklin County Technical School.

9:51 a.m. Caller from Avenue A is reporting that someone broke into his car between 3 and 5 a.m. on 10/16 and stole items that are valuable to him. Report taken.

11:34 a.m. Caller wants to speak to an officer about a contractor who stole some of the building materials she had purchased in order to build a log cabin. Incident happened in May.

1:59 p.m. Caller from Scotty’s received a bad check from a female. Investigated.

11:12 p.m. Caller from F.L. Roberts requesting officers for a male who was involved in a shoplifting at the store last night. Male is currently outside of store; assistant manager wants him told not to come back. Officers en route. Male identified.

**Tuesday, 10/18**

8:36 a.m. Caller from J Street reports that for the past 2 days she has been finding two canvas carts from the Salvation Army outside of the building where she lives. Officer advised caller that MPD will check that location periodically during the night shift.

12:47 p.m. Officer attending an Immigration Coalition meeting.

4:25 p.m. Caller states that two males are fighting in front of Greenfield Savings Bank. No weapons seen. Responding officers found nothing showing in area.

5:08 p.m. Officer flagged down for suspicious person taking pictures of vehicles on the Gill-Montague Bridge. Officer checked area; unable to locate.

7:15 p.m. Caller reports a male lying on the bike path; unknown whether subject is intoxicated or sleeping. Officers drove bike path from Fifth Street to Eleventh Street; negative findings.

10:44 p.m. Caller states that three teenage boys keep hitting the walk button at the Avenue A/Seventh Street intersection, delaying the change in

lights. Passing motorists are beginning to get aggravated with the kids. Officer moved kids along.

11:33 p.m. Third party report of incident involving a vehicle on G Street; possibly someone running from area who attempted breaking and entering into the vehicle. Second caller reporting a woman at G and Eleventh Streets who is having difficulty breathing and vomiting. Some type of disturbance on G Street as well. Officer advises that female was able to remedy breathing with inhaler. Officers checking Crocker area for vehicle seen leaving Patch; unable to locate. Report taken.

**Wednesday, 10/19**

12:09 a.m. Caller reports suspicious male on Federal Street south of the railroad trestle. Unable to locate.

2:59 a.m. Officer out at First Street pier with suspicious individual; possibly a fishing setup. Male party and vehicle on site. Male will not be leaving right now due to setup and equipment. Officer will keep eye on same.

8:14 a.m. Caller reporting stolen vehicle; suspects that ex-girlfriend, who has expressed interest in the vehicle and been allowed to borrow it occasionally, took the vehicle. Ex cannot be reached by cell phone. Report filed. Caller later returned to MPD to report that he spoke with his ex, who confirmed that she has the vehicle but is refusing to return it. Officer spoke with female on phone; same advises she left the vehicle on Avenue A and agreed to meet officer to give her side of the story. Rau’s towing vehicle back to MPD. Stolen entry cleared.

9:06 a.m. Report of fire in stove on Unity Street; fire caused by cooking bacon. All occupants have evacuated. TFFD advises small fire contained to oven; will be extinguishing.

9:56 a.m. Caller reports that her dog went to the bathroom on the lawn of the above address and the owner came out and yelled

at her. Caller felt intimidated by his demeanor; thought it would be OK for dog to defecate on the neighbor’s lawn because she planned to pick it up. Caller advised that an officer will contact her; also advised not to allow dog to go on private property without owner’s permission.

2:25 p.m. Report of speeding issues and passing in no passing zones on Greenfield Road near Randall Road. Speed board sign will be relocated to this area.

2:37 p.m. Officer alerted to an elderly couple on Union Street whose dog is in the creek and in need of assistance. Animal control officer notified and en route. Officer advises to cancel ACO; dog is out of water.

9:09 p.m. Caller from Fourth Street states that a male was pushing a grocery cart in the area and entered her backyard. Male is no longer in backyard and caller does not feel threatened; however would like an officer to check. Negative findings.

**Thursday, 10/20**

11:40 a.m. Caller states that his kayak was stolen recently and he just observed his kayak propped up against a house on L Street. Officer spoke with caller and occupants of house, who claimed not to know anything about the kayak. Caller retrieved his kayak.

4:50 p.m. Caller reports witnessing a drug exchange in the Food City parking lot. Truck has since moved and is now in Fifth Street area. Officer located vehicle and followed it for some time; observed nothing illegal.

11:04 p.m. Caller states that his car was just egged on L Street and he has the kids who did it on scene. Officer en route to locate a parent; one party found with carton of eggs in his bag. Investigated.

**Friday, 10/21**

11:07 a.m. Caller, owner

of apartment building, reports having problems with involved male party sleeping in a shed on the property at night. Advised of options.

12:39 p.m. Walk-in reporting that his dog was attacked by one of three dogs on a Millers Falls Road property while walking there today. Owner of dogs at this address advised of complaint and their options.

**Saturday, 10/22**

1:29 a.m. Overnight clerk at Cumby’s reports that a black pickup truck has been parked at one of the pumps for over an hour. No gas has been pumped; vehicle owner not on scene. Car will remain on scene for the night; male subject did not want to drive because he had been drinking. Keys will be held at PD for the night.

8:35 a.m. Caller was walking along the canal near Rock Dam and heard somebody shooting a gun; feels it is a hazard being so close to the road. Officers checked area; no one near the canal. Parties are far away along the river. No hazard.

9:02 a.m. Caller reports that a manhole cover has gone missing from the Unity Park parking lot; now just a large open hole. Made contact with DPW, who will come out with a replacement or cover it with something ASAP.

1:34 p.m. Caller reports 2 intoxicated males causing a disturbance inside the Third Street laundromat. One male taken into protective custody.

**Sunday, 10/23**

10:04 a.m. Caller reporting a river rat stuck in the “bowl” of the skatepark. Some people were able to safely remove the rat and it ran towards the river.

8:07 p.m. Caller from Erving complaining that a train has been idling since Thursday; she would like the railroad contacted because it is disturbing the peace. Contacted Pan Am; train will be moved within the next few hours. Caller advised.

**MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS**

## This Week on MCTV

By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

Here at MCTV we wish you a festive Pumpkinfest on Saturday – here’s hoping you’re able to attend! Pumpkinfest 2016 will run from 2 to 9 p.m. on October 29 on Avenue A in Turners Falls; free shuttling will be available from Turners Falls High School and Sheffield School. Guests are encouraged to bring carved and painting pumpkins to help with the display!

Last week’s Gill Selectboard

Meeting (October 17) and Montague Selectboard Meeting (October 17), along with the Gill-Montague Regional School Committee Meeting (October 18) are now available on [montaguetv.org](http://montaguetv.org) for viewing.

We would like to empower you to stay updated on your town and school district’s events and policy-making – this is what having a public access station is all about. Some of the agenda items from this most recent school committee meeting included budget planning and home-

work policies and practices, so tune in to learn all about it!

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

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Caribou Migration

“I’m sure there are people in the Valley who do archaeology for hire who will wish I were dead, when they hear me talking about this,” Dr. Gramly tells me when I contact him to ask about Lovett’s find. On the eve of his 70th birthday, he is packing to travel to a dig site on a friend’s land in Maine where he has been working for years.

Gramly, who lives in North Andover, is the senior editor of a magazine called *The Amateur Archaeologist*, and he has much to say about the state of the field.

A proud rogue, Gramly himself is amateur as in unpaid, rather than untrained; his doctorate comes from Harvard’s anthropology department, and he has a lifetime of work in the field.

“Every man has a right to do science,” he says at one point during our interview, going on to mention the chemists executed during Robespierre’s Reign of Terror. He paints a picture of too-cozy relationships between state agencies and universities and archaeologists, who work, unlike him, for money’s sake.

These days, his focus is on known Clovis sites in the Northeast. He believes the key to understanding them is the migration of caribou. Several known habitation sites have been strategically located above what may have been bottlenecks for the animals’ seasonal migration for forage.

Dr. Gramly’s white whale is a certain spot on the Deerfield-Whately line, just south of Sugarloaf, that he says is “one of the largest sites that exists, at that time, anywhere in North America.”

The site, originally discovered during the construction of the Deerfield Industrial Park, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The National Park Service counts it as one of three “National Register Paleoindian Sites” in Massachusetts (another is the Riverside Archaeological District in Gill and Greenfield).

In 1998, Dr. Gramly published his findings on excavations he was involved in on the site in 1995, including a piece of calcined bone that could be radiocarbon dated to between 12,400 and 12,500 years before the present. That same year, according to the county registry of deeds, the state Department of Environmental Management purchased an adjacent parcel.

“They put the site on ice,” Gramly says. “It was intentionally kept unknown.... Science does not thrive in such situations.”

Gramly returned to Deerfield in 2013, in an agreement brokered with the Deerfield Economic Development Industrial Corporation (DEDIC), that allowed his team to dig within a 20-foot easement it holds around the industrial park. Artifacts uncovered in the dig are on display at the town hall in South Deerfield.

“We found ornaments, we found hearths,” he says of the 1995 and 2013 digs. “That site is a treasure!”

A Verified Find Spot

Dr. Gramly’s interest was piqued by the Clovis-era fluted point Jason Lovett showed him last October. He helped Lovett get the object professionally photographed, cast, and drawn. But he also itched to find out more about the location it was found.

Gramly contacted Bud Driver, a Deerfield Historical Commission member who had been helpful to him in 2013, to help him secure permission from the local landowner to investigate the site.

That proved to be a complicated task. The Northampton Meadows, a large tract of rich farmland on the bank of the Connecticut River, have been continuously farmed for centuries;

the land is a patchwork of properties, often leased out and farmed in rotation.

Though Lovett had thought he had secured permission to be in the fields, the friendly farmer who’d waved him on could not have spoken for all his colleagues – and did not speak for Allard’s Farm in Hadley, the owner of the strip of land the Clovis point had apparently been laying on.

More to the point, legally speaking, the object belonged to the landowner.

Earlier this month, Allard’s Farm owner Wayne Goulet, along with the owners of adjoining parcels on the meadows, met with Lovett, Gramly, and Driver on the land. Lovett presented Mr. Goulet with the point. “Whatever he decides to do with it is totally up to him,” Lovett says. “If he’s able to take care of it, and keep it curated in a safety deposit box, that’s just as useful.”

Dr. Gramly also provided Goulet with a display case for the point, and documents certifying its “provenience,” meaning where and when it had been rediscovered.

The farmers agreed to let the men dig a small test pit on the site. Driver invited along another archaeologist he had befriended, Dr. Stuart Fiedel, who had recently moved from New Jersey to Amherst to help assess the archaeological impact of a planned natural gas pipeline, but has since found himself with some free time.

“Quite frankly, I had my doubts about its authenticity,” Fiedel tells us. “Whole Clovis points with a verified find spot are worth a lot of money on the artifacts market.”

Furthermore, he says, they can be forged. “Several hundred people across the country are proficient flint knappers,” he explains, who will even find ways to artificially “weather” the items to fool collectors.

“I have never, in digging, come across a complete fluted point,” he adds. “That’s a rare experience – there aren’t too many of them out there. I know things from the literature, and points I’ve seen in exhibits and museum collections.”

But Dr. Fiedel said his doubts were allayed by Lovett’s readiness to turn the point, and its provenience, over to the landowner, and the men’s eagerness to dig in what seemed such an unlikely spot.

Chipping Debris

The test pit, two meters by two meters and 50 centimeters deep, yielded nothing conclusive, but nothing dramatically discouraging, either. The topsoil that has been plowed, according to Fiedel, was only about 30 centimeters deep; below that, the men found a “yellowish subsoil.”

Sifting through the dirt did turn up artifacts: prehistoric chipping debris, appearing to the naked eye to include both Normanskill and Onandaga chert. This kind of presence is “quite typical,” he explained.

Dr. Fiedel says he thinks Gramly’s assessment of the point’s age was plausible, based on the techniques used to chip it. But even if organic artifacts, which can be radiocarbon dated have been churned into the topsoil, he explains, it may be difficult to establish the presence of a Clovis band in that field.

“This find that Jason made is in the plow zone,” he says, “and if there was any charcoal or bone bits nearby, there’s no way of knowing if they were from the same original context, or from much later occupation of the same area.”

But isn’t the Northampton Meadows’ agriculturally rich soil the product of a meandering Connecticut River?

I took this question to a third archaeologist, Dr. Peter Thomas, who was the director of the archaeological program at the Univer-

sity of Vermont for 22 years before his retirement. Among other issues of local interest, Dr. Thomas has recently been considering how the river’s shifting course should be taken into account during the archaeological study of the battle, or massacre, at Riverside in 1676.

“I’ve worked up what had happened to some of the landscape after [Lake Hitchcock], in terms of the formation of the present valley,” Thomas said. “What I suggest is – based on analogy with river systems in Alaska, where there are still active glaciers -- that the valley bottom was covered, not by a single channel with adjacent floodplains, but what they call a braided river system.”



Lovett digs in the group’s test pit, while Dr. Stuart Fiedel looks on in the background.

Dr. Thomas says that only by digging – as deep as possible – on the site will anyone be able to determine if the point was found atop a 13,000-year-old hill or island.

“I wouldn’t have thought it likely beforehand,” he continues, “but it’s possible that it’s a relic landform, adjacent to one of those original braids or channels, that since then has never been eroded....”

“I need to see what that landform looks like, below the surface. If it is that old, then it’s got to have a very well-weathered soil underneath it, and then go into some stratified sands. If it’s all bedded sands right there, and no sign of buried soils, then there’s a good chance that we’re very fortunate, and have a landform there.

“If we don’t, then we have to think of some other way for that fluted point to get there.”

For example, he says, someone could have found the old point 5,000 years ago, and happened to have dropped it on the meadows.

“Without further confirmation, I don’t think it’s proven yet, but it’s very intriguing.”

Future Scientific Investigation

Dr. Gramly is more optimistic. “I find it likely that we’ll find a habitation site there,” he says. Looking south from the Meadows, he saw the narrow gap in the Holyoke range, and imagined foraging caribou passing through, vulnerable to hunters.

A Clovis site he has studied at Vail, Maine is “also at a valley constriction like that,” he adds, and “at the Sugarloaf site, there’s a huge ravine.”

Gramly says he thinks the site at Deerfield was a major settlement, comprised of perhaps 300 people, the largest gathering of humans in the entire region. His radiocarbon dates from that site closely matched a similarly configured site in Ipswich known in the field as Bull Brook, and he hypothesizes that Bull Brook was actually a seasonal “sojourn” for the same group of people.

“The Sugarloaf site is really important to

American archaeology,” he argues, bemoaning the decision by the powers-that-be in the state to hold off on a proper study. “A site like that could be worked at for a hundred years.”

But Dr. Fiedel takes a more measured view. “The rationale is to save a site like that for future scientific investigation,” he says. “And there’s a good case that can be made for that.

“Prior to 1948, no archaeologist had saved little bits of charcoal or burnt bone for investigation, because they weren’t useful for anything.” In that year, radiocarbon dating was first successfully applied to material from an archaeological site.

“No one would have guessed that in 1940. New techniques do develop over time. And they allow you to get more information out of the ground, if things are in their original context.”

The piece of bone Gramly had radiocarbon dated from the Sugarloaf site was not human – it came from a caribou, deer, or other cervid. “That’s about all the bone that’ll ever be found, should that site be dug extensively,” he predicts, adding that he prefers not to deal with burials.

“Burial laws can trump other factors,” he says, “but I don’t see that taking place on these Clovis sites, because preservation of bone was nonexistent, unless it’s cremated.”

In 2000, Dr. Gramly settled a lawsuit brought under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by the state of New York, Seneca Nation of Indians, and Tonawanda Seneca Nation, over allegations that he had removed and mishandled skeletons from a 17th-century Iroquoian burial site at Hamburg, NY.

The state’s attorney general heralded it as a landmark case, but when asked for comment, Gramly strongly maintains that he had done nothing wrong. “We were salvaging a cemetery that was going to be turned into a paddock for horses,” he says. “I had a legal right to do that work out there – I’m a trained person. Even so, that doesn’t stop people from suing you....”

“That gets pitched like we were doing grave robbing. I just want to write them up and put them in museums! Because I don’t work through the state – even though I don’t need their permission – I’m looked at as a ramrod, or someone who’s off on their own.”

As a condition of the settlement, Gramly agreed to seek the permission of the Seneca before doing any digging in the state, but by then he had moved to Massachusetts.

“Among amateur archaeologists, and the people in this country who are not government hacks, I’m a hero for standing up to people,” Gramly tells me. “I don’t like it when people who think they’re my peers tell me how to do science.”

With the ambiguity around the question of the Clovis people’s ancestral connection with contemporary Native American groups apparently having been resolved by the analysis of the Montana infant, questions may loom on the horizon over who should have the authority to manage the cultural resources, and possible burial or sacred sites, of such “paleo-Indians.”

For now, at least, unless actual human remains are uncovered, the rights of landowners prevail over all private land in Massachusetts.

And Wayne Goulet, the farmer who has suddenly found himself in the possession of what may be the oldest human artifact ever discovered in the state of Massachusetts, is, in the classic tradition of New England farmers, taciturn.

“I’ll let Dr. Gramly do the talking,” he says, when reached for comment. “All I know is, it was found on my land.”



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ONGOING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls-*Play Group*. Unstructured playgroup. Grown-ups can chat and connect with other parents and caregivers while supervising their children's play. 10 to 11 a.m.

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Homeschool Science. Hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)* activities for homeschoolers of all ages, with Angela or special guest. 1 p.m.

New Salem Public Library: *Teen and Tweens*. Program for 11 to 18 year olds. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.



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EVERY THURSDAY

Millers Falls Library, Millers Falls: *Music and Movement with Tom Carroll & Laurie Davidson*. Children and their caregivers invited. 10 to 11 a.m.

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

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

1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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

1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

Hubie's Tavern: *TNT Karaoke*. 9 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

EVERY THIRD FRIDAY

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

EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY

Community Yoga and Wellness Center, Greenfield: *Greenfield Circle Dance*. 6 to 8 p.m. \$

FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

Highland Park, Millers Falls: *Adult Co-Ed Pick-Up Soccer*, sponsored by Montague Parks and Rec. 10:30 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

Artspace Gallery, Greenfield: Beginning October 31, *inside art iii* - an exhibit of photography and writing by residents of

the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Opening reception, Friday, November 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Through December 2

Bernardston Unitarian Church, Bernardston: *River Rooms Art Exhibit by Alice Thomas*. Through October.

Deerfield Academy's von Auersperg Art Gallery, Deerfield: *"Cryptonyms" by Fafnir Adamites*. Sculpture exhibit by Turners Falls artist. Through October.

Discovery Center, Great Hall, Turners Falls: *Migration - Connecting through Art and Cultures of the Americas*. Guatemalan art display curated by local artists. Artist reception Friday, October 28, 3 to 7 p.m. Through October.

Leverett Crafts & Arts, Leverett: *Surface: Texture & Transparency*. Abstract paintings by Martha Braun. Through October.

Madison Gallery, Millers Falls: Temporary space while Avenue A is being renovated.

Salmon Falls Gallery, Shelburne Falls: Paintings by *Q Holmes: Birds and Circles*; paintings by *Kerry Stone: Flower Power*. Both through October.

Shelburne Arts Co-operative, Shelburne Falls: *"Birds, Beasts and Bugs"*, creations by Marian Ives. Through October. Starting November 2, *Tree Forms*, group show through November 21.

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: *Straw Weavings by Kathy Morris*. Exhibit through October.

EVENTS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

Arts Block, Greenfield: *First annual Creepshow*. "Come in your corniest costume." Lot of surprises. 8:30 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Problem with Dragons*, and *Oxen*. Heavy edged rock. 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Discovery Center, Turners Falls: Artists' closing reception for exhibit *Migration - Connecting through Art and Cultures of the Americas*. 3 to 7 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Uncle Hal's Crab Grass Band*. 6:30 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: Film classic *Night of the Living Dead*. Zombies on the loose at the farmhouse. Music at 7 p.m.: *The Ambiguities*. Film at 7:30 p.m. \$

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *The Suitcase Junket*, with *Twisted Pine*. 7:30 p.m. \$

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Grass Path, Trauma Queens, Ruth Garbus, Weeping Bong Band, and Venerate the Plough*. All ages, substance free. 8 p.m. \$

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Seth Adams*, pop rock; and special guest *Frank Critelli*, singer/songwriter. 8 p.m.

Arts Block, Greenfield: *And The Traveler, Rebel Base*, and *Mirrors*. Night of rock. 8:30 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Jays*. Originals plus '50s, '60s and '70s covers. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Halloween Party*. Crafts, snacks. Costumes or not. For children of all ages with their caregivers. 10:30 a.m.

Discovery Center and on Ave. A., Turners Falls: *Franklin County Pumpkin Festival*. Family celebration along the street in Turners Falls. Help decorate the Discovery Center display with pumpkins! 2 - 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: Film classic *Night of the Living Dead*. Zombies on the loose at the farmhouse. Music at 7 p.m.: *Hales and the frost heaves*. Zombie Rock. Film at 7:30 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Night of the Living Dead music with The frost heaves and hales, Soul Magnets, The Warblers, Bourquensweeno w/Steve Kozziel, and Monte Belmonte as David Bowie as Janeth the Goblin King*. 7 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *The Mary Jane Jones, Trailer Park, Wishbone Zoe, The Leafies You Gave Me*, and *Darklight*. 5 bands, 3 stages Halloween party. Prize for best costume. 8 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: Live Art Project Hexagon. Max Rudolph with the Halloween Show! Immersive art experience. 8 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Halloween Costume Party with Shokazoba Funkestra*. Afrobeat with jazz/funk sound. 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Halloween Costume Dance Party with DJ Funkadelic Fern*. Hip Hop, Funk, '70s to today.

Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *Halloween Show with Sledge*. 9 p.m. \$

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Same Old Blues*. Old-Timey country blues from the '30s and '40s. 8 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER, 31

MochaMaya's, Shelburne Falls: *Halloween*. All day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Northfield Mountain, Northfield: *Dale Monette and 30 years of photographing the Quabbin*. Presentation and talk. 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Eric Love*. '60s and '70s Gold. 8 p.m.

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Mega Bog, Little Angry, Pits*, and *Don-*

key *No No*. All ages, substance free. 8 p.m. \$

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Behold True Believers* and *Unconscious Disturbance*. "Psyche, pop, progressive rock." 9:30 p.m. \$

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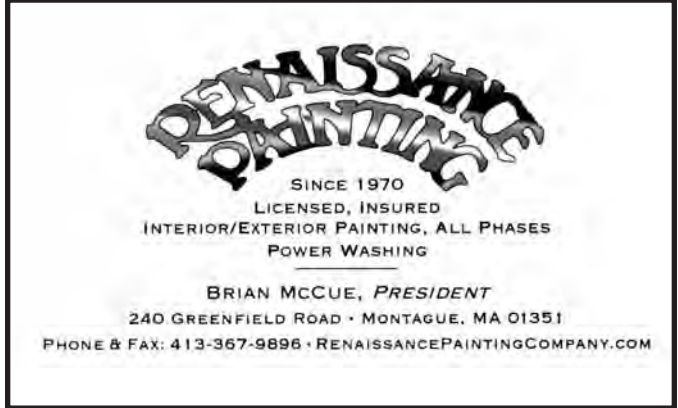
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**GARDENERS** from page B1  
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The season winds down. As there are a couple of nights with lows expected in the twenties, we shall surely have had a frost by the end of this week. It's never been so late

as this extended fall of the over-warmed earth. The river is as low as I can remember, and it's a wonder there are fish to be had.  
Soon it will be time for the autumn festivals of Halloween and Thanksgiving before the winter comes. November can be a gray, dank month without the sparkle of bright December skies. But it will bring, at last, an end to this dismal election season. And it will not be too late to spread lime, manure and compost, and store

this season's bounty of apples as sauce and pies in the freezer.  
For now, much color holds in the trees, the sun is bright and the air invigorating, inviting the gardener to walk the yard and woods envisioning new plantings in the future season. Put aside fall cleaning and save the windows for a damp and cloudy day. Admire the earth in this brilliant season and dream of the next garden to come.  
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