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Erving to Hold Special Town Meeting on September 15

By KATIE NOLAN

The Erving selectboard has scheduled a special town meeting on September 15 at 7 p.m. at town hall. Originally scheduled for June 30, that special town meeting had to be cancelled due to incorrect posting. This meeting takes up the same money articles as before.

The warrant includes nine articles that seek to transfer \$253,000 from existing budget line items to cover expenses at the former International Paper site and the former Usher Plant, purchase of a Ford F550 truck, completion of Church Street and North Street road work and other items.

It also includes an article asking approval of a 10-year contract with Montague for treatment of wastewater at Erving's wastewater treatment plant.

The articles are:

1 – Transfer a total of \$29,046.69 from town hall emergency generator, senior center emergency generator, and Route 2 re-location legal expenses appropriations to fund mothballing, professional services, engineering, and planning expenses at the former International Paper site on Paper Mill Road.

see **ERVING** page A3

Discovery Center Hosts Railroad Salvage Art Show

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

TURNERS FALLS – The idea for an exhibition focusing on the former Railroad Salvage building in Turners Falls began last year when local artists Nina Rossi and Barbara Milot discovered that both of them had a passion for the now-crumbling edifice.

Both had been photographing and sketching the building for years. "Our approaches were different," said Milot, "but our focus was the same."

Rossi elaborated further: "We thought an exploration of our twin artistic relationships to this building would be a great idea for a

Turners-centric exhibit. Anne Harding joined the project, contributing her amazing research skills to reveal its colorful past."

The result of this collaboration between the three Turners Falls artists, entitled *Welcome to Railroad Salvage*, opens this week in the Great Hall of the Great Falls Discovery Center with a reception on September 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Anne Harding will give a talk at 2:30 p.m. that day about the past of this iconic building from its beginnings as the Griswold Cotton Mill, to its evolution into two different department stores, to its sorry and sad state of decline in the last years.

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Nina Rossi's painting of Railroad Salvage in decline.

GILL-MONTAGUE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Back to School: District Sets Its Vision, Values

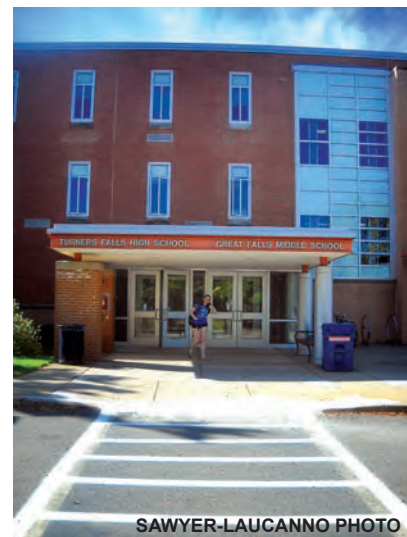
By PATRICIA PRUITT

At the August 19 meeting of the Gill Montague Regional School District, Superintendent Michael Sullivan presented goals, visions and values for the district.

The GMRSD is at the beginning of its second school year under the direction of Sullivan, and a seemingly tireless team of administrative staff and frontline teachers. The invigorated district has taken on a great deal of work during Sullivan's first year.

This has included ongoing efforts to articulate a district vision, mission statement, and core values and beliefs, as well as a district motto. The goal of this visioning process has been to understand how the district sees itself, as well as its mission, values and responsibility to and for students.

To that end, a "visioning workshop" was first held in June with school committee members, prin-



SAWYER-LAUCANNO PHOTO

cipals, and other staff. Sullivan was the scribe at the white board, trying to keep up with the suggestions and revisions coming from the floor.

This became the rough draft which was then revisited in August, and brought before the school committee at its August 19 meeting, where the school motto underwent yet another revision.

In its final iteration the District Motto is: "Building the Bridge to Success."

The district vision of itself is that of a "community that empowers every student for continuous learning, active citizenship, and personal fulfillment."

To achieve this lofty goal, the district mission states that the means of realizing the vision is through "challenging and supporting every student to succeed through strong leadership, community engagement, and excellent teaching."

While the hows and whys of im- see **GMRSD** page A6

Traveling Rhubarb Circus Takes to the Road – and the Kingdom of the Stars

By CELIA BALES

MONTAGUE CENTER – Circus has an array of strange sounds, particularly when it's the Traveling Rhubarb Circus (TRC). If you were to pause outside the old barn where the circus is based, you'd find quite the cacophony. Pyramids fall, fabric rustles, joints creak and performers laugh and shout in equal measure.

TRC is not about competition; it is about community, and putting together something amazing with the sheer will and cooperation of a bunch of kids in a barn. The performers argue, and make mistakes, and have bad days, but somehow through the chaos, they've created something they're proud of.

Lucia Mason, 15, the founder and director of the circus, manages the challenge with remarkable patience.

Audio storytelling is Karen Warner's passion. As professor of sociology at Goddard College, she is intrigued by the TRC's youthful energy and way of working together. So, this summer, she brought her microphone to the barn and captured some of these unique voices during practice sessions.

Settled in with her recorder and patience, Karen asked performers what was special about the Traveling Rhubarb Circus.

"It's about doing circus arts, about giving us a way to create our own thing and being leaders," responded Miette Muller, 17, who is the producer and publicist of the troupe.

"Our circus is made up entirely of people under the age of 17, and we do all of our producing and directing and choreographing. We have about a dozen kids who are performers and do all the backstage tech stuff."

This year, TRC branched out, and began giving performances outside the annual production in the fall.

"We were invited by Deb Lane at River



MIETTE MULLER PHOTO

Larkin Christie and Bella Lattanzj demonstrate the hyra, which the troupe recently purchased using a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.

Valley Day Camp in Deerfield to come and perform for their last day of camp in August," said Muller. "Since it was at a school, we could set up the trapeze and fabric and perform some aerial acts, along with some floor acts.

"After the performance, we split the kids up into groups, and they all had a chance to try different circus arts. It was really fun watching the kids climb on the fabric and try out clowning."

The troupe also performed at Greenfield Savings Bank and on Old Home Days, along with a few other events.

"Now we're actually living up to our name," interjected Solena Davidson-Carroll, who first joined TRC in 2012 at age six. "We're a traveling circus!"

In the summer, TRC applied for a grant see **CIRCUS** page A6

More To Share: Bicycle Advocates Lend A Hand On Dangerous Road

By MIKE JACKSON

GREENFIELD – When Andy Toomajian heard that the Greenfield Area Bicycle Coalition was going to be cleaning up the road over the ridge, he knew what he would be doing that Saturday.

"It's not even fun to go on when you're in a car," said Toomajian, who makes the commute from Turners Falls across the White Bridge and up Greenfield's Turners Falls Road, a steep and winding climb notoriously lacking in a sidewalk or, at points, a shoulder. "There's not a lot of ways to get between the two [towns] on bike or on foot."

So Toomajian, Jessie Gro-

neman, and their son Llewyn showed up to join the ad hoc road crew as it cut back brush, shoveled and swept up sand and gravel along the edges of the pavement, and collected trash and debris.

Llewyn said the group had picked up "all sorts of stuff," adding that the largest piece of trash he encountered was a piece of metal, and that the grossest was a diaper.

Wearing safety vests on loan from Greenfield's DPW, and under the protection of a police detail, the Bicycle Coalition members and their supporters made it a little more than halfway up the hill in the hot sun before calling it a day.

Though the road remained narrow when the work was done, it was a very visible first public action for the Coalition.

"There's no shoulder, and I don't think there's going to be any in my lifetime," said Rocky Perham, who uses the route nearly every day, "April first to December first," as he cycles from his Greenfield home to work in the Airport Industrial Park.

"It's a little sketchy," he said. "My biggest concern is a little section just above the quarry on the downhill side, where I have to be like 4 feet out, away from the white line, in order to not chip teeth."

"We want to work with motorists to try to make it safer for everyone," said Alden Booth of Gill, one of the Coalition's founders and a director of MassBike Pioneer Valley. "Bicyclists have the right to be in the road, especially when it's dangerous like this, and it's narrow."

Booth spoke of the need for signage and public education to encourage road sharing, wide passing, and "letting people know that they can cross the yellow line to pass a bicyclist -- a lot of people don't realize that."

Acknowledging that this road sharing can lead to animosity, Booth advised his see **BIKES** page A4



JACKSON PHOTO

The Greenfield Area Bicycle Coalition and friends did what they could to make Turners Falls Road a little safer for all travelers.

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This week's Montague Reporter was made possible by Brian from About Face Computing, who dropped what he was doing on Wednesday to pull apart the managing editor's computer and install a new power supply so the thing would turn on.

We once again encourage our readers to patronize their fine business, located on the corner of Avenue A and Fourth Street in Turners Falls.

They are the best sort of volunteers.



SAWYER-LAUÇANNO ILLUSTRATION

Back to School!

Pitching In ... Without Burning Out

Reflecting on the history of Turners Falls, as many of us are doing this month, inevitably leads to taking stock of its present state.

Ours is not a simple little town. Talk of a post-industrial "renaissance" or "resurgence" only gets at a part of the picture.

Artists, musicians, craftspeople, and entrepreneurs are slowly accumulating in Franklin County, and they enrich our lives, but the steady loss of living-wage jobs and the experience of multi-generational poverty are not often enough addressed by what they can provide.

Our village center in Turners Falls is beautiful, with flowers teeming from planters, art out on display, a freshly rebuilt bridge and park, a bike path and community gardens. Yet so far, few anchor employers have taken the bait.

The change is real, and it is positive, but it is frustratingly slow. And at its heart is the work of hundreds of volunteers.

In fact, one thing that gives us an advantage over so many old mill towns in the Northeast is that we are part of a town, and a county, in which there is a remarkable ethic of quiet, dedicated volunteerism.

When people ask us what we love about Turners Falls, this is what we point to. There is change and development, but it isn't driven by out-of-town investors seeking to turn a profit on a boom.

The sort of abrupt and shallow rebirth seen when a neighborhood or town becomes trendy these days can be a catastrophe in and of itself, bringing with it a surge in rents, hostilities between neighbors, new forms of crime and the fear of displacement – not to mention the hangover and decline once the trend-seekers have moved on to greener, more "up and coming" pastures.

The great promise of Turners Falls is that so many of us who live downtown, and throughout Montague and its surrounding towns, share a vision of broad civic participation shaping the village's future. And in this respect, slow but steady wins the race.

Backed by unusually generous local businesses, churches, and clubs, and supported by a sympathetic town government, those who put their free time into community improvement are the village's greatest asset.

Some quietly take the initiative and act: pick up trash along the roadside, plant flowers in our park-

ing lots, set up ramps in parking lots for kids to skateboard.

Others volunteer with organizations, teach workshops at the libraries, senior center or Brick House, or give presentations at the bank or Discovery Center.

A great many pour time and energy into helping out around the Gill-Montague schools, including in sports and music programs, the Gill-Montague Education Fund and the Community-School Partnership.

A few brave souls are ambitious enough to organize parades, block parties, festivals, soapbox derbies and fashion shows.

More than a few get roped into the lower echelons of Montague town government, putting in years of diligent work on appointed or ad hoc committees, including consultative ones like the streetscape, skate park, community garden, and civic center committees.

And our community theater, cable access station, community newspaper, and community center – the Brick House isn't just for teens – all aspire to provide space and platforms for greater public involvement.

The administration of these nonprofits is difficult and thankless, since they are ideally infrastructure for others to use: the energy committee writes a column for the newspaper; public transportation activists meet at the Brick House; the Shea hosts events for RiverCulture.

But not everyone has time to be a super-volunteer. Change is slow, and most people are just trying to live. There are always going to be setbacks: loss of funding, businesses closing, personal tragedies, continued struggle with addiction and violence in town.

And here's where this ambitious project of civic revival can start to go sour.

Projects and organizations are begun more often than they are properly finished, so they tend to multiply. The limited time of our volunteer corps is gradually pulled toward administrative matters.

Some, wanting to put their all into this work but needing to pay the bills, become quasi-volunteer staffers at nonprofits, and neighbors who once worked side by side become unpaid management and their underpaid staff – a recipe for resentment in both directions.

When there are too few hands on deck, boards of directors recruit

from the same pool of usual suspects, and expert volunteers find themselves wearing too many hats.

Organizations focused on recruiting volunteers onto their boards might not, unless they have volunteer coordinators on staff, do a good job at broadening their bases of support.

A newspaper or television station straining to cover the administrative arcana of town government, week in and week out, might not have time to attract and train new amateur journalists and filmmakers who would submit more lively content.

Burnout and frustration can ultimately give way to factionalism and in-fighting. Small towns may be famously conducive to feuds, but when community involvement itself starts to feel like a political arena, it can become a deterrent from participation.

We might like to think "if we build it, they will come," but this is rarely the case – merely leaving the front door open is only enough to attract folks already actively promoting their pet causes.

And when these barriers to outreach are present, we sometimes compound the problem by asking more volunteers to participate in more decisions, in a misguided attempt to seem more democratic and empowering.

Plenty of folks want to help their neighborhood, or even just get active in public and meet people. They shouldn't have to sit through meetings to do any of that. And they certainly shouldn't have to become members of anything.

Turners Falls, in particular, has a remarkable diversity of new arrivals, continually bringing a wide range of skills, experience and fresh perspective to our town.

This is a blessing, and while we also need the insight of longtime residents, newcomers shouldn't have to wade through a labyrinth of personalities, committees, jargon, acronyms and petty drama before they feel welcome to contribute to their new home.

Let's not lose sight of what already sets this town apart. We will measure its ongoing revitalization not by how much money new arrivals have in their wallets, but by our ability to make them part of our community.

So, who wants to join the welcoming committee?

Letter to the Editors



Running for Erving Selectboard

My name is George-Moonlight Davis. My wife, Morning Star Chenven, and I live in Erving. I have lived here for five years, and for many more years in Franklin County.

I am one of three candidates running for selectboard in Erving. I am running for the third seat on the board because I want to become an active part of this wonderful town that we live in. I would like to give back to my community some of what it has given me.

I am a father and grandfather, have served in the Navy, and have attended Greenfield Community College and UMass-Amherst. I have worked in the fields of education, healthcare and the arts.

I would like to help unify Erving, which now has some divisions amongst its citizens. I have experience in bringing people with differing opinions together, to better understand each others' points of view.

I want to listen to Erving's towns-

people, its families, business owners, and those who serve in government. My door will be open to hearing the needs and wishes of all.

I'd like to interest the Erving community in becoming more involved with the issues that our town faces. My aim is to have more transparency in our town government, so that people can better participate in decisions that are important to their lives.

I want to preserve the environment, history and traditions of Erving, as well as encourage forward thinking to benefit the town.

I think that I can bring new ideas to Erving that will enliven and unify the community. Let us put aside our differences and come together as a community seeking well being for all our citizens.

I hope that you will make your vote count on October 7 and elect me as your next selectman.

George-Moonlight Davis
Erving

GUEST EDITORIAL

Outside Broadband Land

By NANCY FOLBRE

MONTAGUE CENTER – Many of us living in areas of Montague with no access to broadband have been looking hopefully toward Leverett as its municipal initiative to offer high-speed internet access to all its residents moves forward.

Up here on Chestnut Hill, we are not densely packed enough to make it profitable for Comcast to sign us up, but because most of the town is privately served, we're not eligible for state assistance.

With help from our state representatives we are exploring a District Improvement law that could offer public provision in our neighborhood, essentially imposing a small property tax increase on ourselves that would allow us to piggyback in a very cost-effective way on the new Leverett system. We're also interested in any other options that could help us solve the problem.

Since the precedents are unclear, this process seems to be moving

along more slowly than an intermittent dial-up connection.

Sitting here, on hold, I am learning more and more about the economics of broadband. I have learned that some of our neighbors are likely to move out of town if we can't get high-speed internet. I have learned that others are fearful the service would not be worth the small tax increase required.

Yet I have also gained confidence that everyone in our neighborhood would benefit, and that the town of Montague could use our proposed project as testing ground for an initiative that could boost local economic development.

Broadband is a pocketbook issue for everyone. Many people working in the high-tech sector literally can't work from home without it, even if they fork out a large amount of money for alternative satellite or cellular data connections (which are not feasible for all locations).

Small business owners and see GUEST ED next page

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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Free introduction to "Flourish at 50+" on Friday, September 5, from 9 to 10 a.m. at The Movement Studio, 24 Third Street, Turners Falls. Flourish at 50+ is a movement class that improves posture, builds strength, offers special stretching routines and relaxation skills, in stress-free, enjoyable ways that will make you feel good.

Everyone is welcome. Space is limited. Please pre-register with Lisa Enzer. (413) 367-2658 or lisa.enzer@gmail.com.

Come greet, meet and be dazzled by Frye Angel. Megan Thompson magically transforms herself into

Frye Angel as she performs with fire on the front lawn of Greenfield Savings Bank, Turners Falls on Saturday, Sept 6, at 10 a.m.

After the live event (weather permitting), come and join Thompson inside for some background history, discussion and questions.

Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality is a free film presentation by Shakti Butler, with facilitated conversation on Saturday, September 6, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (doors open at 9:30) at the First Congregational Church, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield.

With moving stories from racial justice leaders, this film is designed to deepen and shift the framing of

racial disparities, moving viewers to an understanding that institutional and structural inequities, and not individual issues, are the core problem. The conversation will be facilitated by Kara McLaughlin of the Gill-Montague Community School Partnership and Rachel Stoler of the Franklin Regional Council of Government's Partnership for Youth.

To reserve childcare or for more information, email@massslavery-apology.org.

"Song Buffet" featuring award-winning singer-songwriters Carrie Ferguson, Heather Pierson and Caroline Cotter, will perform on Saturday, September 6 at 8 p.m. at the Montague Bookmill. They play blues, jazz, folk, and pop. Come load up your plate.

A Look at Vietnam Today: Peace Villages and Agent Orange with Pat Hynes on Thursday, September 11, at 7 p.m. Mount Toby Friends Meetinghouse, 194 Long Plain Road (Rt. 63), Leverett.

Hynes will offer a presentation on Vietnam, looking at both the ongoing damage created by the use of Agent

Orange during the war and the hopeful work of Peace Villages there.

This event is brought to the meeting by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee, and is cosponsored by the New England Peace Pagoda and the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice.

In March 2014 Hynes traveled to Vietnam to investigate the plight of the victims, the contaminated sites, and restoration.

In her presentation she will bring photos from her visit to the Vietnam Peace Villages in Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City and also Children of Vietnam in Da Nang – facilities with classrooms, clinics, organic gardens, and community-based programs where young Agent Orange victims receive rehabilitation, vocational and educational training, and many kinds of support for their families. She will also tell of US-Vietnam collaboration to clean up Agent Orange-dioxin sites at former US air bases.

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Republic Services presented a check for \$2,000 to Turners Falls RiverCulture on September 3. Republic, which provides solid waste and recycling service to Montague, made the award as part of its community partnership program.

From left to right: Republic general manager Eric Curtis; Montague town administrator Frank Abbondanzio; RiverCulture director Suzanne LoManto; and Republic area manager Bruce Stanas.

E-Cycle That E-Waste!

Keep old electronics out of the waste stream! St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will hold an "E-Cycling" fundraiser to benefit the Brick House, Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to noon at the Montague Town Hall parking lot.

Accepting TVs, batteries, computers, parts and peripheral devices, audio and medical equipment, copiers, phones, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, electric razors, fans and small electrical appliances that run on a power cord or batteries. Suggested donation of \$10 (\$20 for TVs).

No magnetic tape, styrofoam, chemicals, used medical supplies, hazardous wastes, fridges, dishwashers, yard equipment, packaging or fluorescent lights.

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entrepreneurs are penalized, sometimes forced to maintain a separate office in an area with access.

Students have a hard time finishing their homework. Real estate agents tell us that lack of broadband access not only lowers the asking price for a home, but may prevent its sale altogether.

The economic benefits of broadband are greatest for those who use it the most. A few of my neighbors don't regularly use computers at home. But the benefits of broadband extend beyond computer use to cheaper phone services – including Skype, which allows virtually free long distance calls – and cheaper entertainment packages, in the form of streaming video.

I have been developing a work-

sheet that would enable households to estimate what they are currently spending on telecommunications and entertainment and how much they could potentially save, based on cost estimates from the Leverett project. The worksheet is more complicated than I'd like it to be because so many different bundles of services are involved.

Also, current cost comparisons tell only part of the story. As with any investment, it's the future payoff that matters.

And the future is pointed very directly at expansion of high-speed computing, including new applications for health technology that could make it easier for the elderly or disabled to continue living at home. Broadband is destined to become the most important component

of our basic utility infrastructure.

That's why the small kerfluffles created by Comcast's refusal to serve low-density neighborhoods have larger implications. They illustrate the tension between the goals of an increasingly powerful monopoly and the public interest.

Lack of competition in the industry means that few of us have a real choice in the marketplace. The American Customer Satisfaction Index shows that Comcast is one of the lowest-rated companies in the U.S.

Law professor Susan Crawford details the growth of its economic power and political influence in her book *Captive Audience: The Telecom Industry and Monopoly Power in the Gilded Age*. She also argues that the company is unlikely

to move rapidly toward the superior fiber-optic technology being deployed in other countries.

Any development that offers local consumers more choice and generates more competition would benefit the town, potentially providing better, as well as cheaper services than a large monopoly that funnels profits out of the community.

At the very least, greater choice would give customers – and town selectboards – more bargaining power in their negotiations with companies like Comcast.

That's why Leverett's broadband project serves as a great example. And that's why Montague should support neighborhood groups that are reaching for new ways of improving high speed internet access.

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2: Transfer \$91,585 from the economic development/infrastructure improvement continuing appropriation to purchase a 2014 or 2015 Ford F550 truck and other accessories.

3: Transfer \$45,000 from the economic development/infrastructure improvement continuing appropriation to complete the road job on Church Street and North Street.

4: Transfer \$5,000 from the Usher Plant demolition continuing appropriation to fund invasive vegetation control and brush/tree cleanup at the Usher site on Arch Street and Crescent Street.

5: Transfer \$60,000 from the Usher Plant demolition continuing appropriation to fund the repair and renovation of the chimney on the boiler room building at the Usher site on Arch Street.

6: Transfer a total of \$5,000 from relocation expense/administrative coordinator and Route 2 relocation legal expenses appropriations to fund improvements to the Pearl B. Care Historical Building.

7: Transfer \$4,500 from the tax title foreclosure appropriation to fund the costs associated with the October 7 special town election to elect a Select Board member.

8: Transfer a total of \$12,835 from Route 2 relocation legal expense and economic development/infrastructure improvement appropriations to fund specialized landscape services on town properties.

9: Enter into a 10-year inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Montague for the treatment of Montague wastewater at Erving's wastewater treatment plant. Average annual payments to Erving over the contract period are estimated to be around \$200,000.

All of the articles, except Article 5, were recommended by the finance committee. The fincom took no action on the Usher chimney expense proposed in Article 5.

According to town coordinator Tom Sharp, the fincom wanted the Usher Plant Re-Use committee to justify the expenditure to the town meeting.

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fellow cyclists to work on "positive association" and clear communication with drivers.

"When I ride this road – and I've probably ridden it over a thousand times – when it's safe to pass me, I move over and use my hand like this," he demonstrated, pantomiming a wave and a smile.

"As soon as cars realize that we're trying to communicate and work together, they can be really nice."

Also pitching in was Maureen Pollock, who lives in Turners Falls and works in the planning department of the town of Greenfield. Pollock said that the action was "a collaborative event," building on existing advocacy.

"Sandra [Facto] of Turners actually brought this project to light," she said. Earlier this summer Facto led a campaign about the road's dangers for pedestrians, calling for the public to join her daily march up and down the hill in her mobility scooter.

"I was reading the *Reporter* and noticed it," said Pollock, who serves as the town's representative to the Bicycle Coalition. "And a bunch of us decided, 'you know what? Let's clean it up!'"

The most notable find of the day for Pollock was a curb, discovered along the road's lowest section, buried under over six inches of sand and debris. She said the group also found one syringe.

"We want to raise awareness of the safety issues of this road, and make it safer for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike, by giving a little more room for walkers," Pollock explained.

"And, this is a way of introducing the group."

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Kathy Becker, representing the Full Moon Coffeehouse Committee, met the Wendell Selectboard early in its August 28 meeting and offered to make the Wendell town hall beneficiary of the December 13 coffeehouse.

L'il Bee Dee and the Doorites are the scheduled performers. The Athol public library, originally scheduled to be beneficiary, backed out.

The money usually raised at a coffeehouse is not enough for the major repairs and maintenance that the building needs on occasion, like a new roof or insulation, but it can be a little payback for regular coffeehouse use of the building, and could cover a small improvement, or make up for dings and bruises the building has received from years of the monthly gatherings.

She said that the town hall was beneficiary once before, but that time the coffeehouse committee bought things for its own use and she offered suggestions, like curtains for the side of the stage, or for the windows, providing recycling containers, or upgrading the water supply to the kitchen to protect it from freezing.

This last suggestion would probably cost too much, and will likely be covered by the kitchen improvement project.

The band gets 60% of the admission, and the beneficiary gets 40% of the admission and all of the concession sales. Becker said that the coffeehouse committee this year is leaning more towards dancing in its choice of performers.

The selectboard accepted a bid of \$23,812.50 from Apollo Construction of Leverett for replacing the slate roof on the senior center and putting a slate roof on the gazebo.

The annual town meeting approved \$15,000 to replace the senior center roof, but at this meeting selectboard member Dan Keller pointed out that you can see light through the gazebo roof and the wood underneath is wet.

The town can save some money by getting both jobs done at one time. The money above what was allocated at town meeting could come from the year's town building maintenance fund, but that would nearly deplete that fund, and selectboard chair Christine Heard suggested putting a request for \$9,000 on the special town meeting warrant.

The process of setting the fiscal 2016 budget has not started, so adding that amount to the town's spending now will not give a moving target for the finance committee or the assessors when they work on the fiscal 2016 budget.

Special Town Meeting

Thursday, September 25, was set as a tentative date for a special town meeting, depending on wheth-

NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

December Coffeehouse Will Benefit The Town Hall

er town moderator Kate Nolan is available. (Nolan was able to fit September 25 into her schedule and so the meeting is unofficially scheduled for that day.)

The only other item on the agenda so far is a bill from the prior year.

Fire Department

Joe Cuneo, Wendell's new fire chief shared with New Salem, met the selectboard to update board members about the state of the fire department and the changes that have come to the Wendell fire department since he became chief in March.

The FRCOG sent Wendell its report of the transition, basically saying that the transition went well. The two departments are still independent, but Wendell changed its training night to Thursday, the same night that New Salem (and Shutesbury) train, and the two departments have met for joint training several times and worked well together.

The equipment bay and office are being cleared of extra stuff (including the former Engine #1) and are easier to function in. Cuneo said he has several feelers out for the replacement brush truck that was authorized at the annual town meeting.

With a fast internet connection at the fire station and highway garage there is a screen set up that displays current weather conditions (also observable through the window) and also predictions for the coming days, useful for both fire and highway departments.

Wendell has a fire chief, Cuneo, a captain, Asa de Roode, and no other officers, no deputy chief, no lieutenant. With the number of firefighters now on the department, Cuneo saw no need for a new officer now, but if more people join the department, a need may arise.

Cuneo is paid for 19 hours a week by both towns, but the next logical step is to combine his pay and offer him benefits. The two finance committees and selectboard need to work together to make that change, but there is a model to follow: that of town coordinator, Nancy Aldrich, whom they also share. She is paid by New Salem, and New Salem then sends Wendell a bill for its share.

Trains

Michael Idoine, retired from an official town position, is still interested in town affairs and sent an email to the selectboard about expanded rail service in Franklin county.

The long detour of the north-bound train, through Palmer and Amherst will soon be replaced by an improved straight line from Springfield through Greenfield and Brattleboro, and Amtrak hopes to expand commuter service in the Connecticut River valley, which

planners are calling "the knowledge corridor."

Plans for east-west passenger trains through Wendell Depot are not part of this upgrade, but Idoine suggested that the town see what property it owns in Wendell Depot, and what may be done to develop a train station there when that service is restored.

Examiner Demanding

Aldrich read a letter from a frustrated title examiner who drove all the way from Litchfield, Connecticut to see the Wendell tax collector, but found her office closed on the day he came. Aldrich was in the selectboard office that day, but could not open the tax collector's office, and so his trip was for nothing.

He questioned the legitimacy of a town whose offices closed for a good part of the work week. Aldrich said he was able to get the information he needed with a telephone call made when the tax office was open.

Populace Impractical

One hundred fifty people voted for a preferred town flag on Old Home Day. The design, with a multi-color sunburst, was preferred by 60 of those votes, but that design may be impossible or too expensive to make into a flag.

Selectboard member Jeffrey Pooser said there might be a limit to the number of colors that can be included.

Other Business

Aldrich said that the Friends of the Wendell Library is giving the library donation account \$9,000 to add more hours to the time the library is open and for other improvements.

Denise Andrews and the Massachusetts undersecretary of Housing and Urban Development are scheduled to come to the town library on Wednesday September 3, time still to be announced. The planned discussion will be about senior housing options in town.

Board members signed appointment slips that put Janice Doubleday on the energy committee and made Mary Thomas planning board clerk.

Keller said that the gas line by the town hall cellar was found, and the road crew graded the area so that water now can flow away from the cellar door, which can stop rotting.

He also recommended a money request for the special town meeting to deepen the sump pump hole in that cellar, and even install a dehumidifier.

With buildings and grounds coordinator Ted Lewis he changed the flow in the town leach field, and left a tool for doing that, along with instructions and a schedule for that regular maintenance procedure, in the town office mechanical room.

Deer Paths early childhood nature program has openings starting in September!

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Deer Paths offers small classes (maximum of five students) for 3 to 6 year old children in Wendell. The daily routine is a hands-on experience of exploring the woods and streams, caring for animals, and learning about nature and social connections through songs, stories, creative movement, crafts, investigation and imaginative play. One or more days per week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please contact Seal LaMacleine at Deer Paths for more information at (978) 544-1990, or deerpaths@gmail.com. To learn more, go to www.deerpaths.org.

TOWN OF MONTAGUE CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION SEEKING MEMBERS

The Montague Board of Selectmen is seeking individuals interested in serving on the town's Civic Center Commission.

The Commission is responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the Shea Theater in Turners Falls including the development of a lease with an Operating Entity (currently the Shea Board). The Commission will be working with the cultural community on the development of a long term plan for the Theater, based upon community input, and a Request for Proposals (RFP) from prospective operators of the facility.

The Commission will then negotiate a long term lease for the Shea and report its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to: Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376.

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The show is part art and part history, part lament, and part celebration of the building.

Or, as Rossi explained it: "It's too far gone now for even the most foolish dreamer to exercise brick fantasies, or another deceptive con artist to work another flim-flam deal, but it's not beyond consideration by visual artists such as Barbara and I."

And what consideration these artists have brought to the task. The colorful paintings by Rossi evoke equally the vibrancy of the former discount department store as well as its haunting descent into ruin.

Milot's beautifully rendered pen and ink drawings of the present building are as evocative as Piranesi's drawings of the remains of ancient Rome.

Anne Harding has created on one full wall of the Great Hall a colorful timeline of the building's history over the last century and a half. She's hoping that visitors will help further

annotate the presentation by adding their own memories to the building's march through time.

Rossi, who moved to Turners in 1987, noted that when she first "moved into a big old house in Turners Falls... a trip to Railroad Salvage was necessary to outfit the kitchen...."

"A few months later," she recalled, "I bought satin slippers there to wear with my wedding gown. Four years later, I found rubberized flannel sheets to slip under my baby's leaky backside - leftovers from the '50s, I think."

And while the store is long gone, Rossi said that she still walks down there from time to time "to photograph the stages of decay."

Her first construction, "FUBAR", dates from 2007 which she remembers as "a particularly interesting point in time where fresh graffiti was visible and the walls rose to their full height. The round circle of unpainted brick always delighted me,

and in newer pieces I have given in to letting the building have as many circles as it wants."

Milot's large drawings began, she said, as doodles. But the work on display in this show is far from anyone's even best doodles. Using her photographs of the structure as a model for her art, the large pen and ink sketches embrace the "what was" and the "what is" with terrifying accuracy.

Commenting on her work, Milot noted that her "pen drawings are made from multiple photos with the skies improvised from my many cloud photographs. I leave the drawings less resolved at some edges so there is contrast between the densely packed lines that describe textures, forms and space with loose lines scattered near the bottom or sides of the paper.

"I draw, erase and sand down the pen lines and redraw over the sanded areas to get textural effects that read as brick, wood or plant forms. I



SAWYER-LAUCANNO PHOTO

Nina Rossi, Anne Harding and Barbara Milot collaborated on "Welcome to Railroad Salvage."

would like the drawings to suggest the process of deterioration in the way that they are made as well as in the subject depicted."

The show is open now, and runs through September 30. The Discovery Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.



The Weldon Elevator Challenge

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

GREENFIELD – The residents at The Weldon House in Greenfield are in their third week of an eight week process of living without an elevator. This five story, 100-year-old building, is designated specifically to serve senior citizens and the disabled.

The building management did their best to prepare people ahead of time with guidelines, suggestions, promises of limited help but also explanations of what they could not do.

So they would provide assistance with things like carrying groceries up and laundry up and perhaps also down, but could not help residents navigate the stairs.

This is because their lawyers and insurance policy providers had explained to them that such actions could lead to lawsuits should any accidents occur.

As a resident of the Weldon, I approached this with a good deal of apprehension and concern for myself and other residents.

Initially, I think those of us who are fairly active were more concerned about the older residents who use walkers and seem far too feeble to navigate several flights of stairs.

Even those who are quite active but in their 90s were very frank in

saying they could not do it.

An initial tenant meeting with the building management team on July 17 did not go well, and left residents upset and angry. Fortunately, a meeting held by the Human Rights Commission at Greenfield's Town Hall on August 11 went better.

Answering questions from commissioners, Richard Henken, president of Schochet Companies which owns the building, announced that residents who felt they could not manage living in the building during the repairs would have the option of staying in a hotel, the Hampton Inn in Greenfield, at the management company's expense.

At the time, he said three residents had already accepted this alternative.

He also said that he thought those who chose to stay with relatives could be exempted from paying their rent for the time they were not in residence.

He added that he thought so, but would need to check. Nevertheless, especially since most residents have a subsidized rent, a lot of people seem to have moved in with relatives for the duration.

A Quiet Time

The building is very quiet and seems significantly more empty than usual. It's hard to be sure, since there

could be people hiding in their apartments but that is doubtful.

The other thing that seems to be missing is the activity of care givers, workers who generally are here all the time, in the elevator, in the laundry room, and would be in the stairwells now so their absence is an indication that the people they take care of are not here.

In their absence are a lot more family members in and out, who are either bringing stuff in with visits from grandchildren or coming in to get things and pick up mail.

That is evidence of a strong caring community and fortunate residents who have had options in dealing with this.

For myself, I have to admit it is turning out to be a lot harder than I expected. I consider myself to be fairly active and although I'm not exactly in the shape I was at 30, I can certainly walk a flight of stairs and even dance on occasion.

Well, maybe those occasions have been less frequent than I noticed.

What gets me, now that I'm older, is that I run out of breath more quickly, and as the days of walking four flights down and up again progress, the irritation to my hip and knee joints builds up so a certain amount of pain has been bugging me now.

Preparation

What we all did to prepare was shop like crazy for groceries and stock up specifically on products that weigh a lot so these would not need to be toted up during this time. People with cats started with giant bags of cat food and litter.

I bought extra oatmeal - not so heavy, but I use a lot - and rice. I bought a nice package of chicken breasts at Food City, which likes to sell at a discount when you buy in bulk.

Those I cut up and froze, and now am gradually defrosting. I've not had to buy anything much these last two weeks except milk and salad greens, a few fresh vegetables so I guess I

did a good job.

I will say, however, that I'm clear there is no way to buy enough food to last eight weeks, and I will certainly need to buy more as time goes on.

I also blew my entire budget on food in August so I hope the savings in September will make up for it.

Support

There is a feeling of isolation and loneliness in the quiet here, and I feel my life becoming a bit more narrow as I hesitate to go out more than once a day. I plan my days so that all outdoor activities are done in one trip.

I think ahead about what groceries I might want and decide based on weight whether it's worth buying them.

I do have help from friends, for which I'm grateful. And those neighbors still here are offering each other support.

When it's all done, we will have a new elevator and the promise to at least consider building a second elevator in the future.

It is my belief this experience has brought the people who live here closer together which is a good thing.

I look forward to those absent returning home, and life returning to normal as we prepare for winter and dream of trains coming to town to offer winter travel opportunities as the frost settles on our towns.



BLANCHETTE PHOTO

One of several staircases in the Weldon House. This one has several landings in between stairs, a place to rest a moment. The sofa on the second floor faces a window that looks out on High Street.

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from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. “Rose, Lucia and Celia spent hours writing this proposal the day before, because we didn’t realize the deadline was so close,” said Muller.

Despite the last-minute application, the circus received a \$300 grant, the highest amount the council gives. The money was used to buy a lyra, a spinning steel hoop that will be used in the upcoming production, *Look!*, which opens on September 12.

This third production is a combination of circus and theater, set to music. A grandfather’s story brings two children into the kingdom of the stars.

“There are a lot of myths about the constellations,” said Jackson Blain, 16, who clowns for TRC, and this year is playing the grandfather. He continues in an ironic tone, “We don’t know any of them, so we decided to make up our own.”

Myths aren’t the only thing the circus makes up. The troupe has found that there just aren’t enough moves and poses that have already been created.

“We come up with most of the moves ourselves, assisted by ideas from some photos on the Internet” explained Ivy Muller, 13, who helps choreograph. “For the move we call the ‘Everlasting Death Star,’ Lucia hangs off the trapeze bar upside-down by her knees and she puts out her arms like a star. Then I slide down past the bar and put my arms and legs behind hers.

“When we first started practicing, it was really hot and we were



Cecilia Ball shares her skills with campers at the River Valley Day Camp last month.

sticking to each other – at first I couldn’t figure out how to get out of the position!”

Despite all the awkward positions and literally sticky situations circus gets them into, the troupe keeps coming back each year, with some dropping out and some new members. Karen wanted to know why people kept coming back.

“It started out as just a neighborhood thing,” answered Alex Davidson-Carroll, 10, who performs in the circus with his sister, Solena, and brother, Gray. “And then I just... didn’t quit. I still like it, I keep coming back to it, and I feel a commitment to it.”

“I just love to learn, improve, and perform, especially with the friends that I have had all my life,” said Lucia Mason. “And if you haven’t known a person all that long and you end up in the same circus troupe you are going to get to know them really fast.”

For Bella Lattanzi, 14, it’s “one big trust exercise, because you really have to rely on each other and know that people are going to hold you up.” This is true both in the physical sense, with circus’s end-

less pyramids, tumbling and various ways to hang off things, and in the mental sense.

“I think most of circus is trust and confidence,” said Celia Bales, 16, who performs and helps design costumes. “Most moves take a little bit of strength, a little bit of flexibility, and a lot of confidence.”

Being in the circus has changed all involved. For Miette Muller, it’s given her confidence, and allowed her to channel the side of her that loves organizing.

Jackson Blain has been given the opportunity to write his own material to open the show, and learn to deliver humor to a wide age group.

“The first year I didn’t know what I was doing when I started the circus,” laughs director Lucia Mason. “It was just a bunch of kids with big dreams and a few that jumped on the bandwagon.”

The Traveling Rhubarb Circus has blossomed over the years, and the annual performance is only one part of it. It gives confidence, community and activity to young people, and has become a wonderful organization.

Tickets for “LOOK” are available at www.travelingrhubarb.com or at the Montague Mini-Mart.

Showtimes are Friday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 13 at 3 and 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m. The show takes place in the barn at 2 North Street in Montague Center.

Troupers include Jackson Blaine (Leverett); Montague Reporter carriers Alex and Grey Davidson-Carroll (Montague); Celia Bales (Gill); Ivy Muller (Greenfield); Bella Lattanzi (Montague); Lucia Mason (Montague); Cecilia Ball (Leverett); Larkin Christie (Whately); and Amos Kohrman (Whately).

Their manager is Miette Muller of Greenfield, and lights and sound are run by Jesse Ball and Maxwell Karlin (Leverett).

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plementing this vision have not yet been completely worked out, Sullivan’s “strategic plan” for the district (which we’ll present next week) does address more directly how teachers, administrators and students can achieve these goals.

As for its core values, the GMRSD learning community has identified four areas: “persistence,” “integrity,” empathy,” and “continuous learning.”

According to Sullivan, each of these core values is grounded in what makes a school and learning work well: You become smarter through persistence. Integrity means doing the right thing “even when no one is looking.” Empathy is the ability of “being able and willing to understand another’s perspective.” And continuous learning, the idea that knowledge is constantly expanded, can provide not only a boost in the classroom but in life as well.

Eight core beliefs finish out the District’s visioning document.

- 1) All students are capable of learning at high levels;
- 2) Successful students and educators need 21st century skills including the ability to think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively, and collaborate;
- 3) Student success is best demonstrated through authentic appli-

cation of knowledge and skills in meaningful ways;

4) Education for the whole student requires development of the child’s academic, social, physical, and emotional well-being;

5) Everyone deserves to learn in a safe and supportive learning environment, in which all members of the school community demonstrate respect for each other;

6) Effective schools are places where adults, as well as students, learn together;

7) Schools must partner with parents and families for students to succeed; and

8) Public education is the primary means we have for cultivating democracy and achieving social justice.

The District acknowledged that some of the beliefs came from the Belmont Public School System.

The district’s visioning plan has clearly set itself high expectations, solid values and a commitment to students and their need to learn. In addition, it acknowledges its place as part of the communities it serves.

Next week the *Montague Reporter* will detail the district’s Strategic Plan which outlines the serious challenges the district faces and its plan of addressing them by building upon its strengths.



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How Has Turners Falls – and Montague – Done It?

By JOE KWIECINSKI

TURNERS FALLS – Town planner Walter Ramsey believes that the dramatic resurgence of the village of Turners Falls lies in the confluence of several factors.

“We’re starting to realize the benefits of several decades of good planning and historic preservation,” said Ramsey. A resident of Turners, he points to four reasons, among others, that have played a prominent role in the revitalization of the area.

“The bike path,” said Walter, “the Shea Theater, the Colle Build-

ing, and the Discovery Center have all helped us get to the point we are today.” Many people are employed at the New England Foundation for Children in the Colle, a rehabilitated building that stands as a central part of the area.

“People’s spirit and dedication to renewal have been amazing,” added Ramsey. “We’re starting to see people from within the community making investments in town as well as from the southern portion of the Valley, looking to Turners Falls to open up businesses and to come here for recreation.”

A good deal of the resurgence can also be credited to the locality’s natural beauty, its proximity to the river, and its charming spot for downtown. In addition, historical preservation has played an important role. Downtown fea-

tures a group of remarkably beautiful buildings and truly outstanding parks.

“In 2013,” said Ramsey, “we did a master plan for the development of Turners Falls. It calls for making improvements to the downtown streetscape, enhancing connections to the Connecticut River waterfront, filling up vacant buildings, and we’re in the process of developing a small industrial park, so that we can retain local businesses that wish to expand.”

In just the past year there have been examples of small business resurgence. For example, work is under way on 102 Avenue A, a new commercial storefront. Twisters, an ice cream shop, has started scooping on Avenue A, conveniently located near a bike path.

Also opening their doors are a trio of restaurants – KaliB’s Wings and Things, Great Falls Harvest, and The Alvah Stone restaurant at

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SAWYER-LAUÇANNO PHOTO



THE GARDENER’S COMPANION

Endings and Beginnings

By LESLIE BROWN

MONTAGUE CITY – Like the waning summer, the garden is winding down.

We are harvesting the last of the tomatoes and the green beans; the winter Butternut squash matures on the vine; the last planting of lettuce sprouts put in a raised bed.

Even as this garden season ends, the seeds for the next are setting. The asparagus bed is huge with fronds which feed a hearty crop to come next spring. The strawberries have set runners for their new, young plants.

In the late fall we’ll plant garlic cloves to set roots and then wait for the first thaw of spring. We’ve planted a new climbing rose and a butterfly bush.

Before the heavy frosts, we’ll plant more perennials. This season I’ve chosen bare rooted plants of Siberian iris, a delicate variety in white and blue aptly called “Wings over Water”. These can be planted in areas too damp for many flowers, will tolerate partial sun, and over time will spread.

We have shared two family reunions this summer. The first, my step-family: Woody’s step-mom and two of his half-sisters, three step daughters, two sons in laws and two grandchildren. We also have a great grand-baby now in the family, but he was at home in California. Age span of the group: ninety plus

to a few months old.

Two other step “kids” and their families were unable to attend. Just the same with Ken: we were a dozen, catching up on news, taking pictures and eating heartily.

Happily, the weather was fine if a bit warm. It’s wonderful to get together this way annually and to feel the same loving connections.

Later in the month, the Galvin family, Ken’s mother’s extended family. She was one of seven, all but one of whom is gone.

There were, however, many cousins, as might be imagined, also his sister, one brother, two sons, two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. One nephew was recently married. He and his wife are expecting soon. Age span of this group was late eighties to the youngest, still *in utero*.

This, too, was a warm and happy group, already planning for the next get together.

Endings and beginnings: two days near the end of the month, we wake up to Fall, reaching for blankets. It is 55 in the house. The cat is on the bed.

People note how early the season is beginning. This is followed by a return to the heavy, muggy days. The cicadas and katydids hum at nightfall. The cat sleeps in the sunroom by the open windows.

The roses are lovely again with one last blooming. The butterfly bush looks like a late lilac. But the yard looks more like fall with the blossoms of goldenrod and wild
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Anja Schutz’s *PORTRAITS* Opens at the Rendezvous on September 5

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

TURNERS FALLS – *PORTRAITS*, photography by Anja Schutz, will open at The Rendezvous, 78 Third Street, in Turners Falls on Friday, September 5, at 7 p.m.

The opening coincides with the seventh anniversary of the popular bar and café.

According to Schutz, *PORTRAITS* is an exploration of masculinity. “In traditional portraiture men are encouraged to take ownership of their identity as men, to project confidence and, of course, to banish vulnerability.

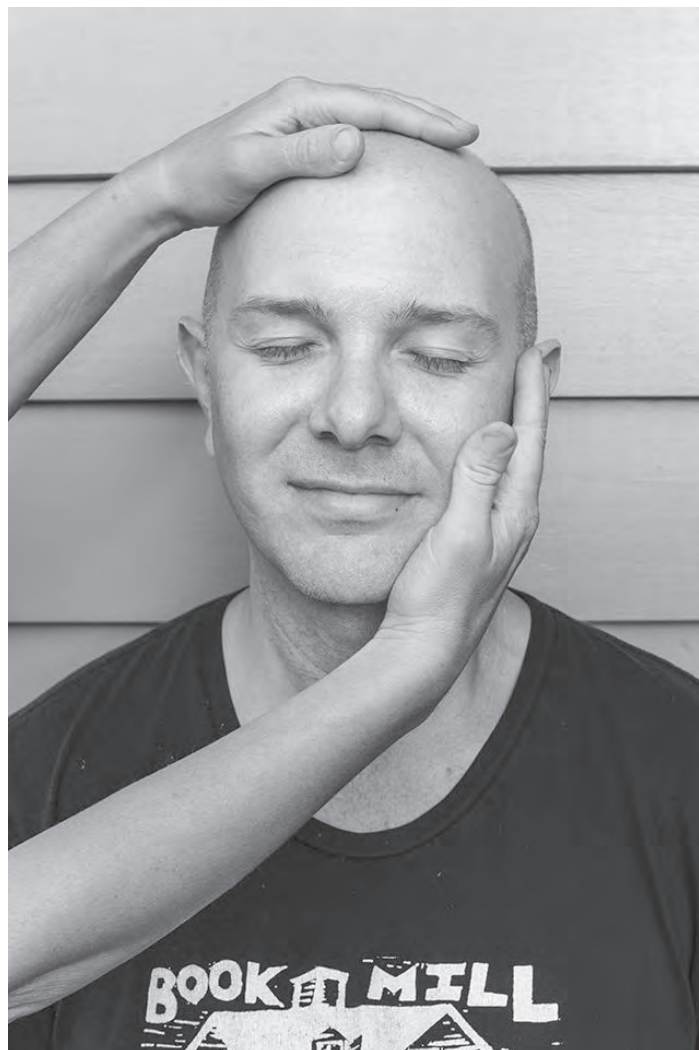
Their eyes, aware and in control, challenge the gaze of the viewer. What happens when this immediate communication and expression of strength is taken away?”

What happens is well documented in Schutz’s sensitive black and white portraits in which each male in each photo is photographed straight on, eyes shut, while a pair of hands gently caresses his face.

According to Schutz, the look of surprise that often appears on each of her subject’s faces was the result of them being unaware in advance of what she was planning.

Among her subjects are many local residents that viewers will certainly recognize – even with their eyes closed and arms framing their faces.

These remarkable photographs will be on display through November.



Chris “Monte” Belmonte finds himself disarmed.
Photograph by Anja Schutz.

MONTAGUE ENERGY CORNER

What You Can Do If You Are Opposed to the Gas Pipeline

By SALLY PICK

If you would prefer that the proposed new gas pipeline not be built, one of the best ways to get involved is to reduce your energy consumption at home.

Space heating accounts for over 60% of U.S. residential natural gas consumption, according to the Energy Information Administration’s 2009 data, and appliances, electronics, and lighting account for 35% of residential energy use, up from 24% in 1993. The more collective energy consumption goes down, the less likely the need for a new gas line can be justified for home heating and for electricity generated from gas-powered utilities.

While you may think that small energy-saving steps will not make a difference, remember that the single largest source of energy over the past 40 years is efficiency. That’s in part because, for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity that we use, it takes roughly 3 kilowatts of energy to generate and transmit that one kWh to our homes. Avoiding wasted energy is, well, very efficient.

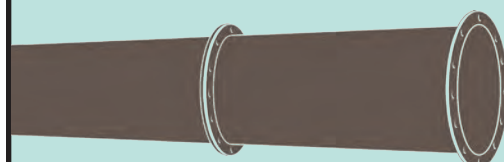
What can you do? There are ways to avoid wasting energy for homeowners and renters.

- Have a free Mass Save **Home Energy Assessment**, get free efficiency stuff during the assessment, and qualify for 75% subsidies for insulating your home

to tap lots of Mass Save efficiency incentives, including the following.

- Mass Save will install free **programmable thermostats, water-saving devices** for faucets and showers, efficient **lighting** (compact fluorescent bulbs and newer LEDs); screen you for eligibility for the **ENERGY STAR® refrigerator rebate** of up to \$75; and, as applicable, seal **air leaks** for free and insulate your home at 25% of the cost.
- If you have a 30+ year old functioning **boiler or furnace**, take advantage of the Mass Save *Early Heating Equipment Rebates* of up to \$4,000. To qualify, eligible equipment must be installed by October 31, after you have gone through the necessary hoops that will take some time. You may also be able to cover the out-of-pocket costs for your new system, with a 0% Mass Save HEAT Loan. Customers must request a Mass Save Home Energy Visit before September 30, prior to replacing their boiler or furnace. One-to four-family homes, **including rental properties**, may be eligible for this rebate. More information is available at www.masssave.com/residential/offers/early-heating-equipment-rebates, or call Mass Save ASAP for details and to get the ball rolling before it’s too late to get through the process.
- Turn down your thermostat at night and when you’re out for at least several hours. Using a **programmable thermostat** makes this easy. By turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees, you can save 5% to 15% a year on your heating bill – a savings of as much

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Pet of the Week!



MILO

Milo is a tiny little ball of energy with the sweetest face you've ever seen. He'll impress you with his fun personality and jumping skills.

This guy's enthusiasm for life is simply con-

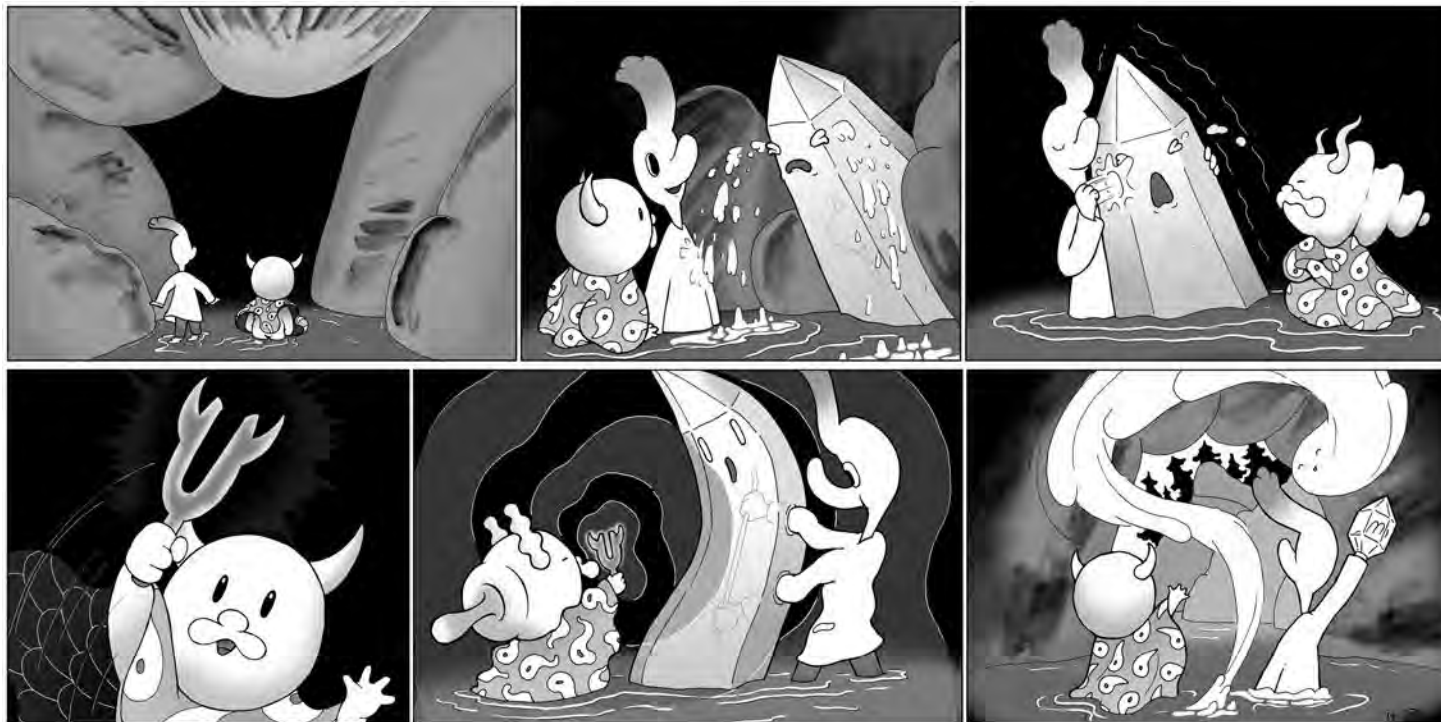
tagious! Milo would be a great family pet who would get along well with kids and other dogs who share his passion for life.

He hasn't lived with cats, but he might not mind – the more playmates, the better!

Come and meet Milo today – he might just be the guy who will make your family complete!

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

WEIRD HEALING! by OVERTURE



Overture is based in Shelburne Falls. Check out opertura.org.

Senior Center Activities! September 8 through 12

GILL and MONTAGUE

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

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

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

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

Monday 9/8

8:30 a.m. Foot Clinic by appointment

10:10 a.m. Aerobics

10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise

1 p.m. Knitting Circle

Tuesday 9/9

Closed for Primary Election

Wednesday 9/10

10:10 a.m. Aerobics

10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise

11:15 a.m. Friends Meeting

Noon Birthday Lunch

12:45 p.m. Bingo

Thursday 9/11

9 a.m. Tai Chi

10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Noon Lunch

1 p.m. Pitch & Five Crowns

Friday 9/12

10:10 a.m. Aerobics

10:50 a.m. Chair Aerobics

WENDELL

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

Call the Center for a ride.

ERVING

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

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

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

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

Monday 9/8

9 a.m. Tai Chi

10 a.m. Osteo Exercise

Noon Quilting

Tuesday 9/9

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics

9:30 a.m. C.O.A. Meeting

10 a.m. Dance Fitness

12:30 p.m. Painting

Wednesday 9/10

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Chair Yoga

Noon Bingo

Thursday 9/11

8:45 a.m. Aerobics

10 a.m. Healthy Bones

Noon Cards

Friday 9/12

9 a.m. Bowling

Noon Lunch at Poet's Seat

LEVERETT

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

Take-It-Easy Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$5 (first class free). Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

WENDELL LIBRARY NEWS

More Open Library Hours!

Starting the first week of September the Wendell Free Library will be adding Thursday and Sunday hours to the library schedule! These extra hours will run through the end of June 2015.

Library hours from September 2014 through June 2015 are: Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sundays noon to 4 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 20 at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 12. Online registration forms may be completed at www.franklincounty-wastedistrict.org.

Registration forms will also be available at participating town offices and transfer stations. Participants will be assigned an appoint-

ment time to bring wastes to the collection; appointment time will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of the following towns: Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

Gill, Orange and Sunderland

residents must pay to participate. Greenfield residents are not eligible.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals.

For a complete list of acceptable items, visit: www.franklincounty-wastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

THE HEALTHY GEEZER

Secondhand Smoke!



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

Q. How dangerous is secondhand smoke? My son smokes in the house and it is annoying.

Secondhand smoke – also called environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) – is made up of the “side-stream” smoke from the end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the “mainstream” smoke that is exhaled.

Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke absorb the same 4,000 chemical compounds that smokers do. More than 60 of these compounds are known or suspected to cause cancer.

About one in a hundred deaths worldwide is caused by secondhand

smoke, which kills an estimated 600,000 people a year, according to World Health Organization (WHO) researchers.

Secondhand smoke causes increased cardiovascular risks by damaging blood vessels, decreasing your ability to exercise and altering blood cholesterol levels.

Some research indicates that people exposed to a spouse's cigarette smoke for several decades are about 20 percent more likely to have lung cancer. Those who are exposed long-term to secondhand smoke in the workplace or social settings may increase their risk of lung cancer by about 25 percent.

Some of the components found in tobacco smoke that are known to cause cancer or are suspected to be carcinogenic include: formaldehyde, arsenic, cadmium, benzene and ethylene oxide.

Here are a few other chemicals in tobacco smoke along with their effects: ammonia (irritates lungs), carbon monoxide (hampers breathing), methanol (toxic when inhaled) and hydrogen cyanide (interferes

with respiration).

Throughout the world, governments are taking action against smoking in public places, both indoors and outdoors. Smoking is either banned or restricted in public transportation. Several local communities have enacted nonsmokers' rights laws, most of which are stricter than state laws.

Although air-conditioning may remove the visible smoke in your home, it can't remove the particles that continue to circulate and are hazardous to your health, so don't hazard yourself that running the AC is the answer to secondhand smoke dangers.

To solve your problem, you should try to get your son to seek help in fighting his addiction to nicotine. There are many programs available. Call your doctor for some recommendations. Meanwhile, for your own health, you should insist that he not smoke in your house.

Questions? Send them to fred@healthygeezers.org.

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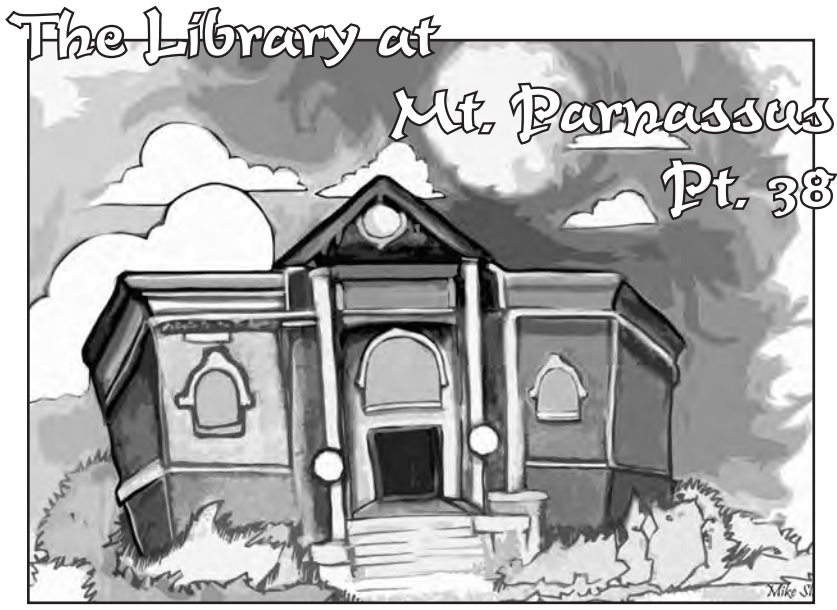
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In the foyer, Melantha gives Otis a critical glance.



By DAVID DETMOLD

“Taking an interest in children’s literature?” asked Melantha, in an acid tone.

She was standing behind the desk, musing over her Tarot cards.

“Not really,” I said. “Everything’s changed since I was a boy.”

It was warm in the foyer. Heat rose from the clanking furnace in the basement and the steam lofted up to the vaulted wooden ceiling, shrouding it in accumulated mist.

Vertical wooden ladders ran on oiled casters on long metal tracks attached to the upper levels of the stacks on either side of the main desk, but in the dim light the upper rungs and the higher tiers of shelved books they gave access to where practically invisible to the patrons down below.

Lucius took special delight in moving the ladders in exact anticipation of borrowers’ requests, providing a stair to their desired books even before Melantha had finished looking up their call numbers in the ancient Dewey Decimal catalogue.

Over the years, there had been persistent rumors of errant bibliophiles lost in the library after they had been last seen ascending to the elevated regions where the library held its prize collections: calfskin bound and gilt leafed quarto volumes on antediluvian religion, ancient history, cosmogony, the biographies of the Titans, tragedy, oenology, animal husbandry and other mystical subject areas and rare arcana; these rumors were perhaps apocryphal.

Along the front wall of the lobby a marble frieze, with muscular sculpted figures in bas relief running along the cornice above the double glass doors, depicted the release of Zeus from mental anguish, the blow of Hephaestus’s labrys, the theophagy of pregnant

Metis, and the birth by Jove of fully armed Athena, the wise goddess, from the splitting headache of her father. Small wonder more people accessed literature from audiotope these days.

Melantha was wearing a chaireuse blouse, with blue and purple peacocks seated on each breast, fanning their many-eyed tails. Some of the peacocks’ eyes were open, some closed or drooping. I was watched by dozens of irides-

cent irises as I approached Melantha at the desk.

“I’m sure we still have some of the juvenile classics in our collection,” said Melantha deprecatingly. She kept her eyes on the Tarot cards. “Aesop’s Fables. The Ode of Gilgamesh. Ask Penelope. She’ll find them for you.”

“I’ll do that sometime, but not now. She’s in one of her moods.”

“Which one?”

“I’m not sure,” I said. “One of them.”

I came close and said to her shyly, “Melantha. I found a note from you the other day. It had fallen in the wastebasket. I can’t say I understood it completely....”

The python on her shoulders, basking in the warm air from the registers, opened one milk-white ophidian eye.

“Well, actually, Ol’ Clare helped me to translate it,” I added.

That snake made me nervous. I opted for a different approach.

“Guess what?”

“You found a job.”

“That’s right!” I laughed. “How did you know?” I felt giddy suddenly. “Who needs a resume? I just walked in cold and filled out an application. At the Janus Corporation. They called me back right away and told me I was hired.”

“Janus?” said Melantha.

“Up on the Hill.”

“That’s a familiar name. Aren’t they in almanacs?”

“No, no. Data mining. I’m just an entry level helot.”

Melantha took a long breath and raised her eyes and looked at me. She smiled ironically, with one eyebrow raised, beneath the sweep of her dark hair.

“So,” I said, shifting from one foot to the other. “I was wondering if maybe you could use some help with that old computer. Last time I stopped by it looked like it might have a blown circuit or maybe it has a bad motherboard or something. I could have a look at it. Maybe I could fix it for you.”

The mist was rising through the floorboards.

“I threw it out,” said Melantha, uttering each word distinctly. She spread her hands, palms up, above the cards on the walnut desktop. “I’ve gone back to basics.”

Continued Next Week

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Flying Lanterns Knock Out Power

Monday, 8/25

8:34 a.m. Caller reports that overnight someone put a nail and a screw in his tires. Responding officer advises that the screw and nail have been in the tires for quite some time and have just made their way through to the point where the tires started to leak.

9:08 a.m. Caller from East Main Street reports that her wallet and medication (Adderall, Clonazepam, Ambien, and Seroquel) were stolen overnight. Report taken.

9:32 a.m. Report of a woman in front of a building on Avenue A yelling at passersby. Quiet upon arrival. The woman denies yelling at anyone today but admits she was yelling yesterday.

9:59 a.m. Report of graffiti on Avenue A related to the shooting in Ferguson, MO. Graffiti also reported in Greenfield. 2 females caught on surveillance. Investigated.

6:28 p.m. Caller alleges that someone in her building is stealing her cable.

6:32 p.m. Caller reports visiting a residence on Avenue A recently and leaving behind a black bag containing tattoo equipment. The occupant is now refusing to return the items and is reportedly posting pictures of the items on Facebook. Caller stated that she is also being threatened by the resident. Advised of options.

Tuesday, 8/26

12:30 a.m. Party into station to report that a Hispanic male, approximately 28 years old, pulled a silver handgun on him in the area of First and Second streets. Area search negative.

2:01 a.m. Clerk at F.L. Roberts reports that a white male, approximately 15 years old, stole food and possibly other items.

4:29 p.m. Burglary/breaking and entering on West Chestnut Hill Road; house was entered via a kitchen window. Investigated.

6:07 p.m. Report of a possible sick fox on Fairway Avenue; animal described as “mangy and hairless.” Area search negative.

9:11 p.m. Pizza House employee reports two groups of people verbally fighting in the alley. Several officers responded; 3 state police units en route from Gill and Greenfield.

Wednesday, 8/27

9:39 a.m. Officer flagged down by a party who struck a fox in the area of Turners Falls and Millers Falls roads. Deceased fox located near woodline at Turners Falls Road and Griswold Street.

9:42 a.m. Caller reports that his neighbor has a black Lab missing a leg. On walks, the dog sometimes appears to be struggling to keep up and subsequently lies down. The owner reportedly then pulls on the dog’s leash to try to get him to keep moving. Referred to an officer, who spoke with the dog’s owner.

12:32 p.m. 911 call from employees at Red Fire Farm reporting a former employee came to the farm, apparently intoxicated, and acting aggressively: driving as if trying to hit people, confronting employees, and smashing beer bottles. Last seen driving southbound on Meadow Road in a red car with Vermont plates.

Sunderland police advised to be on lookout. Two additional 911 calls reported that after the officer left the scene, the subject returned and began doing donuts at the farm, then again headed toward Sunderland. Someone matching subject’s description was spotted at the Whately Diner, drunk and falling over at the gas pumps. Negative contact. Area PDs advised.

12:43 p.m. Two kitchen chairs reported stolen from curbside area of Millers Falls Road. Officer advises that chairs may have been mistaken for free items due to their location on the curb. Town administrator advises that it appears as though the parties at this residence are running a business/daily tag sale. Parties advised that they have exceeded the limit of 3 tag sales per year.

2:28 p.m. Report of a young fox near the 6th hole at Thomas Memorial Country Club. Caller describes the fox as “looking like he wants something,” “looking like he wants to be pet,” and appearing as though he could possibly have mange. Caller advised not to touch or approach the fox and given advice from animal control officer.

4:20 p.m. Report of dog left in vehicle at Community Health Center

over 30 minutes. Caller reached in and unlocked door. Officer retrieved dog, waited for owner to contact MPD, and spoke to the owner at length.

Thursday, 8/28

7:31 a.m. Caller requesting assistance with her ten-year-old daughter, who is throwing things in the house and refusing to go to school. Officer followed the caller while she transported her daughter to Sheffield Elementary.

8:25 a.m. Caller requesting to speak with an officer regarding ongoing issues with a former employee of Red Fire Farm. Caller advises that last night the subject went to another former employee’s house, entered without permission, and began screaming. Caller also inquired about trespass options for their Montague location. Advised of options.

3:32 p.m. Caller reports a disturbance earlier in his home, and that when he was in the area of Food City approximately 45 minutes ago, he was approached by an involved party, who said “You better sleep with one eye open, I’m going to burn the house down...” Referred to an officer.

9:05 p.m. F. L. Roberts clerk reports that 3-4 males grabbed a 30-pack of Budweiser as they left the store. Description of suspects obtained; Greenfield PD advised.

Friday, 8/29

5:53 a.m. Runner on Route 63 reporting two horses loose near the intersection with Lake Pleasant Road. Caller will remain with horses until officer arrives. Officer made contact with owners, who came to collect them.

12:46 p.m. Request to assist Gill PD in checking on the welfare of a male subject acting strangely and spinning around on the Turners Falls-Gill Bridge. Subject is wearing only a swimsuit and has red hair. Officer spoke with a party who advised that he was walking on the sidewalk area before the bridge, but never made it to the bridge. Subject continued on his way along the bike path.

2:05 p.m. Report of a man in a wheelchair who appears to be stuck in a ditch near the Water Department. Caller advises that motorists have stopped to help him but are parked

“all over the place.” Unable to locate.

3:37 p.m. Unwanted person in Lake Pleasant. Party served restraining order in hand, allowed to gather personal items, and sent on way.

6:33 p.m. Report of loose cows and sheep on Sunderland Road. Area search negative.

7:26 p.m. Family dispute at People’s Bakery. Advised of options.

Saturday, 8/30

10:58 a.m. 911 caller from Central Street complaining of what appear to be normal living noises coming from her neighbor’s apartment. No noise found; caller found to be intoxicated.

11:08 a.m. Report of a small kitten on an AC unit of the third floor of a Fourth Street building. Powertown maintenance will respond.

5:35 p.m. Caller expressed concern about cows in a field at the end of East Mineral Road. One appears to be “overly full of milk”; caller is aware that if a cow is not relieved of its milk, it can cause pain. Officer checked on cow, which was pregnant.

Sunday, 8/31

8:23 p.m. Caller reports a dozen red lights in the sky near her house. Second caller reports 30 red lights in the sky. Officers advise that these are likely luminaries being set off. Source located. Motorist reported that one of the luminaries was caught in a power line at Dell and Dunton streets and that the line was sparking. TFFD notified. Reports of power flickering, followed by confirmed outages. WMECO en route.

9:01 p.m. Caller reporting that he is inside People’s Bakery and that one of the owners is attempting to destroy product that the caller paid for. Involved parties spoken to; continuation of family issue; no one able to come to agreement on any of the issue. Advised of options.

10:01 p.m. Caller reports that he was mugged near Shanahans on Avenue A by a white male with a bandana over his face and wielding a knife. Caller refused to give the male anything; male left and headed toward the bike path. Caller uninjured, but shaken up. Thorough area search negative. Report taken.

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- If you have ducted forced air heating, **sealing the duct joints and seams** could save you 20% or more on your heating and cooling. *EnergyStar.gov* (search on “duct sealing” on that website) has information on how best to do this.
- For new appliances, purchase **Energy Star rated** ones. You’ll save on your electric bill and may qualify for Mass Save rebates (see *MassSave.com*).
- **Advanced power strips**, which you can order from *MassSave.com* at a \$15 discount, allow you to turn off some electronics automatically when you turn off the device that’s plugged into the master strip. For example, you could plug your TV into the master plug and DVD and cable box into secondary plugs. When you turn off the TV, the DVD and cable box would automatically turn off and come back on just fine after a few seconds of telling you that it is not connected. Cable boxes draw a fair amount of phantom electricity while they’re on standby, FYI. These power strips also have an

“always on” plug option.

- Dry your laundry on **outdoor clotheslines** and/or racks. According to the Energy Information Agency, clothes dryers “account for over 4% of total residential energy use in the U.S.”
- Have your heating system **tuned up annually**, before the heating season gets going, to keep it running most efficiently.
- If your heating system has filters, the Energy Star website recommends, “At a minimum, **change the filter** every 3 months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool – wasting energy.”
- Caulk or foam seal **air leaks** around window frames, holes in the external walls of your basement for pipes, wires and such. These air leaks typically add up to a hole the size of a basketball in most homes.
- Add **door sweeps** and **weather stripping** to drafty doors.

Many of these energy-saving options just take a bit of time and money.

So, if you include them in your fall winterizing, your home will feel more comfortable, your energy bills will drop, and the region will reduce its demand for energy!

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

Here’s the way it was on September 2, 2004: News from the Montague Reporter’s archive.

Colle Building: Nearly Full

The Colle Opera House is quickly filling up, rendering the town’s vision for revitalizing this historic, key commercial block with new tenants nearly complete.

After receiving millions in grant funding – primarily from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Community Development Block Grant funds – the much-needed renovations were finally brought to completion this summer.

On August 30, the selectboard awarded a lease for nearly half the first floor’s space to Michele and Elaine Fournier-LeMay, who plan to open a restaurant there called “bellybowl” in October.

On the upper floors, the Northeast Foundation for Children (NEFC) will join Winrock Ecological Services. NEFC is in the process of relocating their headquarters and 25 to 30 employees from Montague City Road in Greenfield. NEFC was also awarded a two-story brick building, through an innovative commercial homesteading program.

NEFC Executive Director Roxann Kriete said she was delighted with the award of the building. “Turners is on the cusp of exciting growth, and this is a great opportunity for us,” she said.

“We really like being part of a small town and the feeling of being able to be part of this movement forward. It’s so fun to be part

of something that people in town have worked so hard for years to have, and to see events flourishing here.”

e.e. cummings’ New Biographer

Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno has made his home in Montague for twelve years. He is an author, professor, linguist, father, and husband to newly elected selectboard member Patricia Pruitt.

Sawyer-Laucanno is soon to bring a new creation into the world, with the publication next month of e.e. cummings: A Biography.

The book has already received high praise in advance reviews, cited for being “so adept at weaving together the difficult elements of cummings’ life that it is the biographer’s accomplishment, more than the poet’s, that remains in the mind,” by Publisher’s Weekly and “essential to understanding the artist and the artistry,” by Kirkus.

“I have a tremendous amount of admiration for e.e. cummings as a writer, and gained a greater admiration for him writing the book. I was amazed at what he was able to do. However, there are many things about him as a person that I don’t admire, and these are discussed in the book.”

Patio Alcohol License Denied

Linda Morrow, owner of Yesterday’s, a bar at 78 Third Street in Turners Falls, came to a public hearing before the selectboard to request an extension of her all alcohol liquor license to include a

proposed outdoor seating area in a fenced-in 8.5’ x 18’ patio.

The patio would extend from the sidewalk to the front door of the bar. Morrow made her request based on customer demand for an outdoor smoking area, in response to the recently enacted statewide ban on indoor smoking at commercial establishments.

Board member Allen Ross said “I don’t want to be in the position of encouraging people to smoke and drink in one of the most public places in Turners.”

Neighbors, including Basically Bicycles owner David Carr and Suzee’s Third Street Laundry owner Chris Janke, said their concerns with the proposed patio included increased noise levels, smoke drifting toward their businesses, and lack of clear boundaries between patrons of the bar and customers bringing laundry to the laundromat, or testing out bikes on the nearby parking lot.

Acting chief of police Gary Billings said he felt noise complaints would increase in the densely populated residential neighborhood if outdoor drinking were allowed, and felt it would be difficult for the bar’s management to supervise patrons in the patio area, and keep alcohol from being handed over the patio fence to passers by who might not be of age to purchase alcohol.

The board expressed sympathy for Morrow’s predicament, but turned her request down.

They encouraged Morrow to build the patio anyway, to clearly delineate where patrons wishing to smoke out front could do so without spilling over onto the sidewalk.

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the Book Mill in Montague Center.

And within the last few years, other restaurants and shops have opened: Second Street Bakery (on Fourth Street), The Black Cow Burger, Nina’s Nook, Loot and Madison on the Avenue.

Ramsey is pleased by the resurgence of the area but notes it’s an ongoing challenge. “In redeveloping older buildings,” said Walter, “there are significant amounts of legal and financial hurdles to overcome. One of my biggest challenges is finding adequate space for buildings to locate. People say they want job development, but we have limited options on places to locate those endeavors.

“Overall, the town has a good track record in protecting historically significant buildings in village centers while protecting outlying agricultural and forested areas.”

Meanwhile, Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio is equally proud of the progress Turners Falls has made. In 1981, the town did an economic study with some disturbing results.

“We learned,” said the personable Abbondanzio, “that there wasn’t a good reason to come to

Turners Falls. We had to make improvements on our infrastructure and overcome a poor self-image to overcome the stagnant situation.”

And thanks to the labors of many, the great return to renewed activity began.

“The architectural beauty and historic heritage of the community,” said Abbondanzio, “combined with the natural beauty of the river were each important in the revitalization. They were important in the development of the locality as a planned industrial community starting in the late 1860’s. And we tried to build on those strengths throughout our revitalization effort.”

The idea of Montague as an interesting, exciting, artistic place was driven by the efforts of artists themselves living in the community. The town and the state were also convinced that revitalization lay in as many constructive directions as the town could muster.

From 2004 to 2006, members of the growing artists’ community took initiatives and put together public activities, such as the summer Dog Parade organized by photographer Ariel Jones and Denise DiPaolo, who later started Ristorante DiPaolo on Avenue A.

The first Suzee’s Third Street Laundry Lost & Found Fashion Show, featuring “recycled laundry leftovers,” took place in 2004. Artists, including Jack Nelson, Joe Landry, and Nina Rossi, began opening their studios to the public.

Governmental assistance came from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the legislature’s support for its vision for arts and communities fostering art activities for their citizens.

Then-town planner Robin Sherman applied for, and Montague received, its first of several state Cultural Council Grants. But the key ingredient still is the initiative of artists, and other business people as well as both local and visiting citizens making it happen.

One of the keys to the resurgence, therefore, was the establishment of the Turners Falls RiverCulture Project in 2005. Recognized as “a creative community” by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, RiverCulture puts together outstanding events such as the block party, now in its eighth year, and over the last year the “Third Thursday” downtown events.

Pumpkinfest, initiated by Mike Nelson, now Montague selectman,

draws thousands to the village each year.

“The cultural component has established Turners as a commercial destination,” the town administrator said. “People set up businesses because they want to be around a place that other people are coming to.”

The Boston Globe has recognized the local cultural transformation. And the September-October issue of *Yankee* magazine lists many reasons to come to Turners, delivering a stake to the heart of the 1981 economic study with its albeit true but biting conclusion.

The area’s comeback was greatly aided by \$25 million of investment provided by public funding earmarked for rehabilitation efforts. Critical, too, was the commitment made by private investors.

“Individuals had enough confidence,” said Abbondanzio, “demonstrating that, quite simply, when public investment occurs, private investment follows.”

Frank loves the area. He grew up in Quincy, learning about the Adamses and other historic figures. “I was trained as an historian,” he said. He received a bachelor’s degree in the field from UMass, Amherst in 1973 before tacking on a master’s

in international affairs and regional planning from Carlton University in Ottawa, Canada.

“Turners Falls has a rich history,” its town administrator said. “I’m in love with the natural beauty of this part of the Connecticut River. It’s now been made a publicly accessible feature with the canal bike path.

“The waterfront park has been so enhanced over the years with the bike path. First Light maintained it extremely well. The utility company made a lot of improvements.”

Abbondanzio has been town administrator for 29 years now. He began his work in 1980 before leaving in 1992 to serve in the same capacity in the town of Lee, returning in 1997.

“In 1982,” said Abbondanzio, “I had a class in the UMass landscape architecture department, which was doing a master plan for downtown Turners Falls. The professor from the class described Turners ‘as like a Hollywood set between takes.’ I’ve told folks over the past decade that we now have actors in motion on that set.”

Patricia Pruitt contributed additional reporting to this article.

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

ART SHOWS:

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Out Of Line*, pen and ink drawings by artist and humorist, Linda Baker-Cimini. Work on display through 9/10.

Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Museum, Hadley: *Field Notes 4: Transect* an exhibition of drawings, paintings, collages and sculptures created by architects Sigrid Miller Pollin & Stephen Schreiber, landscape architect Jane Thurber. Through 10/15.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Welcome to Railroad Salvage* on display in the Great Hall through Sept 30. Constructions, reliefs and large scale drawings by Turners Falls artists Nina Rossi and Barbara Milot, with historical timeline and commentary by Anne Harding. Reception on Saturday, September 13 from 1-4 p.m., with a presentation by Anne Harding of juicy details from the building's past, from its beginnings as the Griswold Mill to its present state of neglect, at approximately 2:30 pm during the reception.

CALL FOR ART:

Call for art submissions for the Fourth Annual *Triple S: Sensual, Sexual, Smut* show. Looking for a wide spectrum of erotic art from regional artists, previous participants encouraged. Exhibit opens February 2015 at Nina's Nook, Turners Falls. Send submissions to naban@verizon.net before Jan 23. Info: www.ninas-nook.com

EVENTS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Downtown Greenfield: *First Friday* event, 4 to 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Drew Patton's Hit Parade*, a night of croonin' the hits of the 1940s. Anja Schutz photography show

opening reception. 7th Anniversary of The Rendezvous, 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Labor Day*. Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin in this locally filmed movie. PG-13, 111 min, \$, with music before the movie at 7 p.m. Special additional feature - a 1/2 hour documentary: *End Of Summer - Making Labor Day* which includes shots in Shelburne and Turners Falls and others that did not make it into the feature film. Interviews with the filmmakers and actors shot on location and specific commentary on why they choose to make this film in this area. 7:30 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls:



"Zane & Malik" one of the Portraits, Photography by Anja Schutz on display at The Rendezvous, Turners Falls. Opening Reception Friday, September 5, 7 p.m.

Julia Weldon, indie-folk-pop, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Green Fields Market, Greenfield: *Free Chair Massage* with Susan DelMonte, 10 a.m. to noon.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Paper Mills of Turners Falls* Join Bill Wilson from the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage and DCR Park staff for a program on the four paper mills of Turners Falls, 10:30 a.m. Starts with a brief discussion, then walk along the canal.

Northfield Mountain Recreation Area, Northfield: *Ahoy, Matey! Kids Cruise on Board the Quinnetukut II*. 11 a.m. and at 11:50 a.m. \$, pre-register 1-800-859-2960.

Fish Park, Athol: Tool Town Live presents *Trailer Park*, 7 p.m. Rain location: Memorial Hall, Athol.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Labor Day*. See 9/5 listing, \$, 7:30 p.m. with music before the movie at 7 p.m.

The Loft at the Clarion Ho-

tel, Northampton: Vocalist Rob Fletcher (Erving) and flugelhorn player Ed Brainerd (Agawam) perform music associated with trumpet player and vocalist Chet Baker, \$, 7 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague Center: *Songbirds of New England*, an evening of musical offerings from songwriters Caroline Cotter, Carrie Ferguson and Heather Pierson, \$, 8 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Hanging Scarlet*. With a mix of styles from progressive rock to folk, Rob, Tim, Rocky and Joe come together to write and play music that "Rocks" and has a message of hope & love. 8 p.m.

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

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Booty Nights*, 70s-2000s Hip Hop & Soul, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Canal-side History and Nature Walk*. Meet at the entrance of the center and we'll leisurely explore level, paved bike trails and village sidewalks to learn about plants, animals, and mill town history. All ages welcome. Continues September Sundays 14th, 21st, and 28th, 8:30 a.m.

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, Hadley: *The Sky Blue Boys*, \$, 3 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Bruce's Browser, Athol: Film showing of *Inequality For All*, in "the back corner." A passionate argument on behalf of the middle class, featuring Robert Reich - professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member - as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has a devastating impact on the American economy, 6:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Nora's Stellar Open Mic Cabaret*, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Great Falls Discovery Center Coffee House, Turners Falls: *Ray Mason*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and homemade baked goods, museum and museum

store open during intermission. \$, performance at 7 p.m.

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Scottish musician + Harp with Jim Malcolm* singer songwriter from Scotland with a local harp Trio opening, 7 p.m.

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

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Uncle Hal's Crab Grass Band*, Americana, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

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Still, we have braved the traffic for a stop at Mrs. Looney's lobster where she will weigh out your choice and steam it for you. If you wait, she will send you out on the front porch and then step out and yell heartily for Ken and ring the cowbell even though you are the only ones waiting.

Last year, I foolishly asked her how she cooked the scallops, and was treated to a raspy voiced, "I don't!" I never asked again.

Then to the rocky midcoast where Ken found a rental on the harbor trail walk and we indeed walked everywhere in town we

wanted to go and only took the car out twice, once to drive to Lincolnville Beach and the other to hike Beech Hill preserve, walk to the Owl's Head lighthouse and have dinner with friends.

We took the ferry to Vinalhaven and admired the harbor seals and watched the sun rise and set over our own harbor every day. Ocean therapy for two weeks!

And then the time ran out, and we made the long drive home.

Now to the pleasures of the upcoming season: picking late season raspberries for one last pie, walks near the tall cornfields in Old Deerfield where last year we saw the Snowy Owl, setting out the Mum flowers in rust and yellow, reminiscent of the foliage to come, evenings by the fire pit in the cool after a warm day, more gatherings with friends and families as the holidays approach.

The season is bittersweet, with endings but also with beginnings. We hope to enjoy it all.

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