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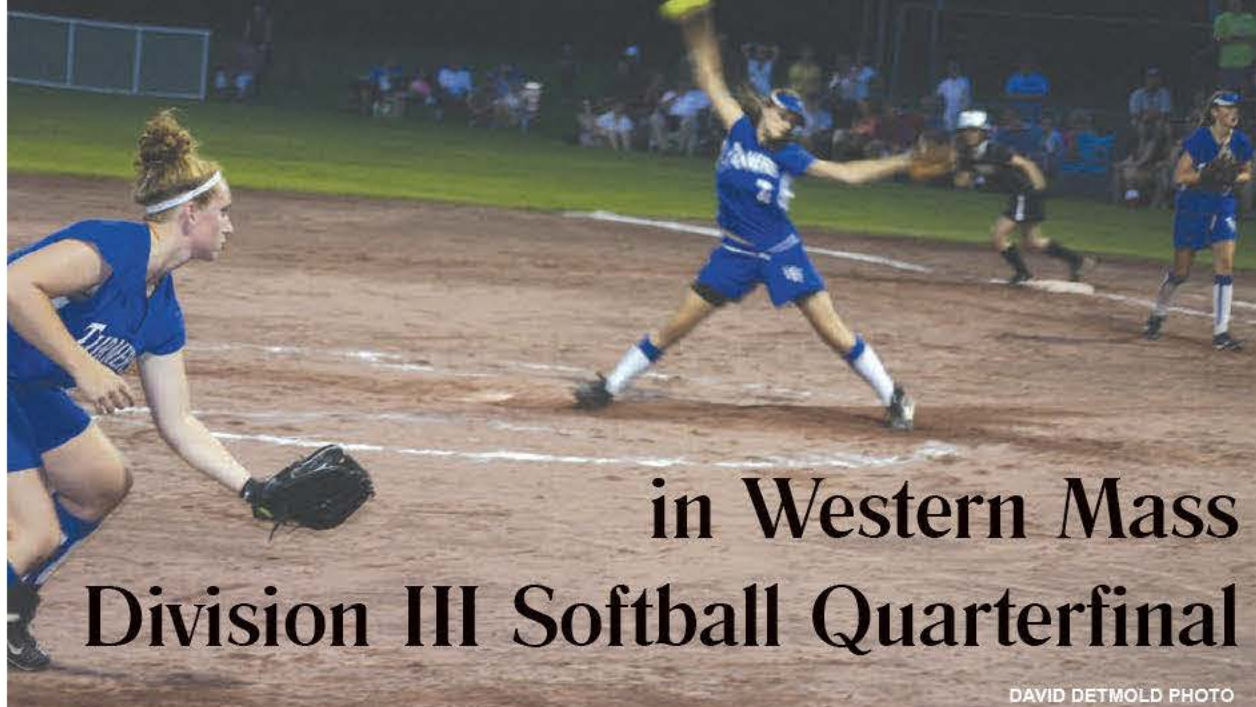
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THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGES

JUNE 6, 2013

Turners Beats Pioneer 2-0



in Western Mass Division III Softball Quarterfinal

DAVID DETMOLD PHOTO

Mackenzie Phillips to the rescue! The phenomenal freshman hurler saved the day for winning pitcher Dakota Smith-Porter (left, covering third base), keeping Turners' hopes for post-season victory alive.

By DAVID DETMOLD

With the Turners tennis team falling 3-2 to Monument Mountain, and the boys baseball team knocked out of contention 1-0 last Thursday by Granby, the girls softball team rallied to keep Turners Falls in post season play on Saturday, beating Pioneer 2-0. Freshman pitcher Mackenzie Phillips, who took the mound in relief with one out and the bases loaded in the sixth inning, had a lot to do with Turners' victory.

The scoreboard had remained blank for the first four and a half in-

nings, with both teams playing defensive ball behind the strong arms of their senior hurlers. Shea Healy struck out four, walked two, and allowed four hits for Pioneer. On the mound for Turners, Dakota Smith-Porter struck out four, walked six, gave up two hits and hit one batter.

It was a nail biter until the bottom of the fifth, when right fielder Brittany York went down swinging and left fielder Amber Couette popped out to second, and fans in the Turners bleachers were looking glum. Center fielder Jordan Meattey came close to making it a 1-2-3 in-

ning for Healy, grounding to shortstop Katlyn Grover, who fielded the ball neatly and then threw it wild past first base, allowing Meattey to hotfoot it over to second.

That error was just what Turners needed to spark a rally.

Up next, Jenna Putala got her second hit of the game, doubling to center and scoring Meattey. Then Smith-Porter came to bat to shore up her team's fortunes with a solid drive to center field, scoring the runner and putting Turners in the

see **SOFTBALL** page 5

Wendell Town Meeting Says Yes to Budget, No to Dispensary

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Wendell citizens voted to continue after 10 p.m. on Monday, when the annual town meeting would normally recess to a second evening, and so completed the entire annual town meeting in one four-hour-long session. Not everyone stayed to the end and one resident said the decision to stay late skewed the vote. Another considered that a second evening session would have skewed the results also, but in a different way.

With little discussion, voters approved the \$2,034,337 regular town operating budget including schools, as well as the normal bill payments, including \$15,979.81 overrun in snow removal cost for the 2012-2013 winter. Finance Committee recommendations manipulated appropriations of expenses between taxation and stabilization to keep the stabilization account constant and result in an estimated tax rate of \$18.45 per \$1,000.

Voters rejected Article 32, which would have declared Wendell "a medical marijuana friendly community," and accepted as written three articles that will make the town hall kitchen useable and Board of Health legal for serving the public.

Police Chief Ed Chase opposed a medical marijuana dispensary which would have made the quaint little town history. "We don't have

the resources," he argued, to host Franklin County's allotted distribution center. Others echoed the view that a medical marijuana dispensary would increase traffic, and tax Wendell's resources. Citizen Morgan Mead said he would support the medical marijuana article "if we dropped the word 'medical.'"

A change to zoning bylaws that would have eliminated the ten-year waiting period between construction of a house and subsequent construction of a secondary dwelling did not get the 2/3 vote required to change a zoning bylaw, but a zoning bylaw change allowing more than two people to live in a secondary dwelling passed 34 to 9. "Who would evict a young couple from a secondary dwelling because they had a baby?" said planning board chair Nan Riebschlaeger.

An article that would move the annual town meeting from Monday evening to a Saturday morning passed after outgoing Fin Com chair Michael Idoine gave his rationale for proposing it. He said that when he moved to Wendell, town meetings were held on a Saturday early in March, and continued with a break for lunch until the warrant was finished. It was a social occasion. Recently the Fin Com asked the selectboard to move the town meeting to June so that the Fin Com

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The Tale of Two Bridges: Updates

By JOSEPH PARZYCH

GILL-MONTAGUE – Final Deck Poured

Good news! The last deck pour on the Turners Falls-Gill Bridge is complete. To avoid closing the bridge for an extended time, SPS Superintendent Henry Mulvey elected to pump transit mix concrete from the yard of the gate house below the bridge. Carroll Concrete service of North Lebanon, NH supplied the bridge quality concrete which Carroll mixed on site. Monadnock concrete pump service pumped the concrete up on top of the bridge deck.

Allied Painting, of New Jersey, is in the process of painting the replacement beams on the bridge's understructure. They are blasting surfaces with a coal slag-based abrasive, and then applying zinc primer, epoxy, and a polyurethane finish.

This should provide much longer-lasting rust protection than the lead paint on the old beams, which had deteriorated over the years due to spray from the dam, and from exposure to winter road chemicals due to poorly maintained drainage. Some of the old beams were so eaten away by rust they looked like lace.

With the remaining demolition and cleanup of the old concrete bridge approach railings, and new electric and telephone conduits in place, SPS will fill the approach with processed gravel and



JOSEPH PARZYCH PHOTO

SPS Cement finisher, Herb Brown, foreground, trowels smooth the surface of the freshly poured concrete on the bridge's last deck pour.

crushed stone as requested by MA DOT. Some reconfiguration of the approaches is in the plans for changes in angle and elevation on the Turners Falls end.

More drastic changes are in store for the Gill end, with grade elevation changes, elimination of traffic light islands and elimination of the one way roadway into Riverside. Overhead traffic lights are in

place and will be activated at the end of construction. With the deck complete, it should not be too long before the partial siege of Turners is lifted.

Factory Hollow Bridge Update

Scopes Crane Service's 240 GMK Globe Crane, rented by Atlantic Bridge and Engineering set the first of two

see **BRIDGES** page 6

Montague: Meet the Candidates



Jeanne Golrick



Michael Nelson

By PATRICIA PRUITT

Last Thursday two candidates for Montague selectboard, Jeanne Golrick of Millers Falls, and Michael Nelson of Montague City, appeared on MCTV to respond to a host of questions prepared by citizens of Montague. The two are contending to fill a seat vacated early by Pat Allen, and are on the ballot during the statewide special election on June 25.

Questions were presented by a panel of three: Michael Naughton (Millers Falls); Janel Nockleby (Turners Falls), and Anne Harding (Turners Falls). The moderator was Chris Collins (Turners Falls).

Each candidate made an opening statement, after which the panel asked two rounds of questions allowing a two-minute response to the first candidate and a one-minute response to the second, then switching that order for

the next question. In all, approximately twenty questions were asked of each candidate. This article will cover a selection of the questions, but is not a complete transcript of what was asked or answered. Anyone can watch the debate on MCTV Vimeo or Cable under the title Montague candidates Debate, 5/30.

From the opening statements on, the differences in outlook between Ms. Golrick and Mr. Nelson were expressed in each one's own words. Mr. Nelson, self described as a "native son of 31 years," stressed the town's good efforts to build a commercial life in downtown Turners as well as to foster cultural events that brought people into town. He wants the town to continue to develop both the commercial side and the cultural activities of the town. He said the town has started on a path of development and should con-

tinue that momentum.

Ms. Golrick stated that she is running for the selectboard to offer her intellect and to share her years of experience. She first noted that the State Ethics Commission has not found her in any ethical violations affecting her fitness to serve on the selectboard. She stressed that she has three goals as a selectman: to form an open, transparent town government; to lead by example; and to increase participation of people in their local government. Golrick described herself as "diverse" in her thinking, and that she is able to see "what is coming from the east" to the town.

When asked what were the major challenges facing the town, Golrick expressed the following as main challenges facing town government. First, in her opinion, is the town's inability to live within

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Pet of the Week



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Leverett Library

Permaculture Your Backyard

The Leverett Library has a special event coming up on June 13 at 7 p.m.

Llani Davidson will discuss the basics of Permaculture Gardening and how to build a sustainable and

self-sufficient food garden in your backyard. Davidson is co-founder of Broadfork Permaculture in Montague. She is a certified permaculture teacher and designer with over 10 years of gardening experience.

Free Weekly Story Hour

Come and enjoy stories, song and craft activities with your children and other families and caregivers from your community at the Leverett Public Library on Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Story hour will continue over the summer!

Story hour is facilitated by Dawn

Marvin Ward, and is intended for children 0-5 years of age. It is sponsored by the Leverett Public Library, Friends of the Leverett Public Library and Union #28 Community Network for Children.

For more information please contact Gillian Budine, (978) 544-5157 or email budine@erving.com.

Erving Library

Laura Ingalls Wilder Event

The Erving Public Library will host an Afternoon with Laura Ingalls Wilder on June 23 at 4 p.m.. Attendees will learn what life was like in the 19th century both in the Midwest and New England with an emphasis on daily life and historic clothing.

Melanie Stringer presents a first-person educational history program in the persona of Laura Ingalls Wilder as a young farm wife and mother, circa 1895. At this time in her life Laura and her husband Almanzo were busy building up

the family farm and raising their daughter Rose in their new home in Mansfield, Missouri. They had no idea Laura would some day become a world-famous author, as she had only dabbled in writing school compositions and occasional poetry. However, at this age, she had already lived through most of the events which she would later write about in the Little House books.

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Erving Public Library. Reservations are recommended for this program.



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION
By FRED CICETTI

Q. I am 83 years old and I am very afraid of falling down stairs. My mother broke her hip that way, and I think of her every time I am on stairs.

If you think about falling while you are on a staircase, you increase the risk of falling. You have to learn how to redirect your attention away from your troubling thoughts and let your body take you up and down the stairs.

The techniques used to block out your worries and act naturally are taught by Zen masters and sports psychologists. The basic concept is this: distract yourself with anything benign so that your worries cannot creep into your consciousness.

Here's an example:

Senior Center Activities - June 10th to June 14th

GILL-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. The Meal Site Manager is Kerry Togneri.

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Call now to sign up for six week free introductory floor yoga class beginning soon on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter.

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 not open.

Monday 6/10

9 a.m. Foot Clinic by Appointment
10 a.m. Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
1 p.m. Knitting Circle
Tuesday: 6/11
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga with Jean Erlbaum
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Sing Along with Morning-star

Wednesday: 6/12

9 a.m. Foot Clinic by Appointment
10 a.m. Aerobics
11:15 a.m. Friends' Meeting
12 noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bingo
Thursday: 6/13
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Pitch
Friday: 6/14
10 a.m. Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
1 p.m. Writing Group

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 congregating 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.



Fighting for their food: Activists (l-r) Gloria Kegeles of Wendell, Nina Renshaw of Granby, Gail Mason of Wendell, and Barbara (last name unknown) have their say on the Amherst Common during May 25's global March Against Monsanto. Events were held in 436 towns and cities to protest the biotech conglomerate, which critics say is threatening food security, consumer health, and the environment. The company drew particular ire for its role in drafting the "Farmer Assurance Provision" of a federal appropriations act in March, protecting GMO crops while they face court challenges.

Wendell Free Library

Playgroup All Summer!

Come and enjoy time with your children and other families and caregivers from your community at the Wendell Free Library on Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The playgroup will continue over the summer.

The playgroup is facilitated by

Sylvia Wetherby, and is intended for children 0-5 years of age. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Wendell Free Library and Union #28 Community Network for Children.

For more information please contact Gillian Budine, (978) 544-5157 or email budine@erving.com.

THE HEALTHY GEEZER

The Inner Game of Stairs

Many years ago, I read a book, *The Inner Game of Golf* by W. Timothy Gallwey. The author employed Zen techniques to allow golfers to use their skills to hit the ball instead of thinking their way through shots. I tried his techniques and immediately improved my game. I was amazed but not convinced. Then I had an experience that proved to me that these Zen techniques worked.

Gallwey recommends replacing your controlling thoughts with mantras – words or sounds you can repeat in your head to keep your worries out of your way. My two mantras were "club back" and then "hit." That's all I thought about as I went through my swing.

One afternoon, I found myself in a fairway bunker about 120 yards from the green. The ball was partially submerged in the sand. I had only a vague idea of how to hit this shot to the green. I stepped into the sand with a 7-iron. I focused on my mantras and swung thoughtlessly at the ball. It landed 10 feet from the hole.

You can use the same technique when you are on the stairs. Choose a mantra and repeat it until you are back on a flat floor. Just counting the stairs as you traverse them might work. But a recent study suggested a novel method – clenching your left hand before you go to the stairs. This seems to work for right-handers only. About 90 percent of us are right-handed.

For the study, German researchers tested the skills of athletes. Right-handed athletes who squeezed a ball in their left hand before competition were less likely to choke under pressure than right-handed players who squeezed a ball in their right hand.

Reasoning is associated with the left hemisphere, while the right hemisphere is linked with automatic body movements.

Juergen Beckmann, chairman of sports psychology at the Technical University of Munich, and the lead researcher, theorized that squeezing a ball or clenching the left hand would activate the brain's right hemisphere and reduce the risk of an athlete choking under pressure.

"Many movements of the body can be impaired by attempts at consciously controlling them," Beckmann said. "This technique can be helpful for many situations and

tasks."

Sian Beilock, a University of Chicago psychologist and author of *Choke: What the Secrets of the Brain Reveal About Success and Failure at Work and at Play*, also recommends distracting the mind with meaningless details or speeding up movements so the brain doesn't have time to overthink. She also recommends writing down your worries.

There is work in clinical psychology showing that writing helps limit negative thoughts that are very hard to shake and that seem to grow the more you dwell on them. The idea is that you cognitively outsource your worries to the page.

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JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

Compiled By DON CLEGG

Music plus bingo at Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls on Saturday, June 8. Come play fun bingo from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with Jason Clark as the caller. Please call for bingo seating at (413) 863-4316. And in the bank lobby area, from 10 to 11 a.m., listen to the delightful music of Ed Hines. Hines has taught music in Franklin County Schools since 1988. He is a former Presser Scholar, Fulbright Scholar to the Republic of Turkey and an ASCAP award winner. Your ears will tingle with Ed's unique style of music. This is indeed a rare treat for our community.

The Gill/Montague District-wide elementary **band and chorus spring concert** is Wednesday, June 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sheffield School auditorium. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by adult.

On Friday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at Greenfield Saving Bank in Turners Falls, Lt. Jim Carpenter, Triad Supervisor for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, will be in community room for an over-view on the **Triad mission** and how his team of 5 professionals can bring services to those folks in the county who have all sorts of challenges. While every situation is unique, the basic premise to provide support, assistance and aid when applicable are caringly, confidentially and compassionately delivered to area residents. GSB is

partnering with the Triad office to provide this public service outreach to anyone who cares to attend. Come and share a mid-morning snack and pick up some literature or sign up for Triad visits. The life you save may be your own or loved one.

Lovers of Americana and old country music will enjoy Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards, a folk duo from Massachusetts, whose combinations of familiar melodies and poignant lyrics are backed with delicate arrangements on ukulele, clarinet, guitar, and banjo. The concert on Friday, June 14, is part of the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Music series, which supports free programming for the GFDC, and is raising awareness for the Massachusetts Walking Tour, which will pass through our area the following week. See masswalkingtour.org for more information. Doors to the Great Hall open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments available with the museum and museum store are open at intermission.

Crafts Are Us are hosting a show at the Greenfield fairgrounds, 89 Wisdom Way, on Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is free admission with a suggested donation of one or two non-perishable food items for the Franklin Area Survival Center. For info please call Bette at (314) 665-4030 or email craftsareus.kt@gmail.com.

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its means. She believes there should be more limited government, and, that the town seems to want to become a landlord. That, in her opinion, is not the correct role of the town.

Mike Nelson responded as follows to the challenges question. For him the Strathmore Mill complex poses a major challenge to the town's development. He would love to see a variety of businesses move in as well as some condo development. He visualized a beautiful condo overlooking the river and wooded hill beyond. The Strathmore could be as successful as the Eastworks building in Easthampton, in his opinion.

Both individuals believe themselves to be proactive, and not "rubberstamps" of someone else's agenda.

Each judged him or herself to have time for the work of the selectboard. Golrick is at home a portion of every day, and Nelson's position is also part-time and he makes his own schedule.

Responding to a question suggesting the villages of Montague do not feel connected to what goes on in Turners Falls, Nelson responded that the events such the Pumpkin Fest do bring lots of people, including those from the other villages, into Turners. Golrick, on the other hand, believes villages do have a feeling of disconnection, and sees that as a reality that needs to be corrected in some way. She said she feels the selectboard has focused on the downtown and has not reached out to the other villages to find out what each village wants for itself. That kind of development can grow organically from the village interests better, says Golrick, than from State money flowing into a project conceived elsewhere.

Golrick went on to say she felt there should be "less grant money, less Section 8 housing, and more industry. Turners Falls receives everything. The other villages are second class."

When asked if he supported the skate park, Nelson replied, "I know there is a spot set aside for it at Unity Park. I'm willing to work with those who want it and would work to make it happen, if it were used and maintained."

Golrick had a short answer: "if the town is the owner, no, I will not support it. If a private vendor is the owner, yes I will support it."

Regarding the Joint Native American - Town of Montague Pledge of Reconciliation, in 2004, Golrick said the Narragansetts were not a sovereign tribe, but worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and were after grants and tourism. In her view that is a faux program. Mike Nelson said he would uphold the town's side of the pledge. "It is critical that we represent all people in our town".

The next question concerned the expansion of the selectboard from 3 elected members to five elected members. Nelson is not opposed to a 5-person board, but wondered how hard it might be to get a representative from each village. He noted the recent difficulty on the town finance committee in getting a sufficient number to maintain a quorum. Golrick was all for 1 elected selectman from each village. That person would become the point person on issues affecting the village. Added benefits would be a more diverse body of opinion and making a quorum would be easier.

In closing remarks, Jeanne Golrick went first. Again, she mentioned her three goals, if elected selectman would be: open and transparent government; leading by example; increasing local par-

ticipation in town government. To accomplish open transparent government, she would put online or post the agendas of all town bodies; she has set up a website and email so people can easily communicate with her. She mentioned again that she believes in government of, for, and by the people, and, in addition, that she follows the Rule of Law, rather than the Rule of Man.

Mike Nelson reiterated his view that the town is at a crossroads and has been on a good path to increase new stores and to support them by bringing in people. The next phase needs to continue to capitalize on these earlier strides. He will continue to work to get properties back on the tax rolls. He'd like there to be more open forums to bring more townspeople into the discussion of issues and for them to be heard. "Everyone needs to be more responsible for the town."



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

Injuries from Bowhunting, Motorcycle Accident

Wednesday, 5/1

9:02 a.m. Jackson Hill Road resident reported abandoned bicycle on roadside. Picked up and tagged at the station.

12:35 p.m. Report of illegal dumping of old tires off Rattlesnake Gutter Road. Under investigation.

1:35 p.m. Old Mountain Road resident requested assistance with a property dispute.

3:20 p.m. Shutesbury Road resident claimed bicycle found on Jackson Hill Road.

Monday, 5/6

1 a.m. Accident on North Leverett Road. A 28-year-

old Amherst man swerved to avoid a deer, drove off an embankment and into a field. Towed. No injuries.

Tuesday, 5/7

5:41 p.m. Shutesbury Road resident stabbed with an arrow while turkey hunting. Transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital by the Amherst Fire Department. Under investigation.

Wednesday, 5/8

4:15 p.m. Burglar alarm at a Meadow Road residence. Building secure; no sign of attempted entry.

Friday, 5/10

6:47 p.m. Motorcycle ac-

cident on North Leverett Road. A 42-year-old Leverett man and his 54-year-old passenger were transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Under investigation.

Saturday, 5/11

12:30 p.m. Bear complaint on Shutesbury Road. Bear gone on arrival.

Sunday, 5/12

1:10 p.m. Two more bear complaints on Shutebury Road. Environmental police notified.

Tuesday, 5/14

2:20 p.m. Attempted to serve

arrest warrant on a Long Hill Road resident. Unable to locate subject.

Thursday, 5/16

8:32 a.m. Amherst Road resident reported illegal dumping on Amherst Road.

1:40 p.m. A wallet belonging to a South Hadley resident was turned in. Owner notified.

8:13 p.m. Assisted Shutebury Police with locating a possibly suicidal subject near Mount Mineral Road. Subject located and transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Monday, 5/20

9:39 p.m. Juggler Meadow Road resident reported a suspicious male subject on the Robert Frost Trail near their home. Officer checked the area. Subject was gone.

Tuesday, 5/21

6:10 p.m. Attempted again to serve arrest warrant on Long Hill Road resident. Unable to make contact.

Wednesday, 5/22

3:20 p.m. North Leverett Road resident reported vandalism to the electric fence surrounding her pasture. Neighbor spoken with.

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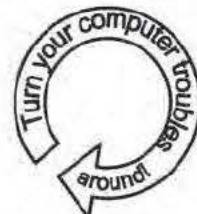
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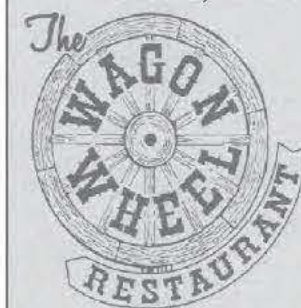
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"Marauders" Fill the Streets of Istanbul

For a week major protests have rocked Turkey. Initially, the issue was focused on the razing of one of the few green spaces left in Istanbul, but because of a violent police response to the occupiers in Gezi Square, the non-violent sit-in turned into a series of demonstrations against the government itself. Indeed, the chants have turned from "save the trees, save the square" to "Resign Tayyip!"

Tayyip is Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has, from the beginning, taken a very hard line against the protests and the protestors. From eyewitness reports we have been receiving over the last few days, it is quite obvious that the turmoil is profound and widespread, and the dissatisfaction with the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) is intense.

The extreme police reaction against the protestors has injured upwards of 4,000 people. One protester, Mehmet Ayvalitas, died of his injuries, and a 22-year-old man, Abdulah Comert, was killed with a firearm. Despite the police violence, there is no sign that these tactics of intimidation are working. Indeed, more and more ordinary citizens are flowing into the streets. Social media is abuzz with photos and videos, and the blogosphere has become a major communication tool in a country where the media have not been reporting on the protests. Facebook profile photos are changing quickly: Ataturk, Che, Mandela, and Martin Luther King are replacing pictures of puppies and smiling students.

Although Erdogan earned high marks at home and internationally for making Turkey's role in the Libyan crisis a humanitarian one, a part Turkey has also played toward the thousands of Syrian refugees flocking into the country, his rule has been received by his citizens in a consistently ambivalent and even critical manner.

The protests this week may signal that Erdogan's popularity is coming to an abrupt end. But it also may not. Erdogan is counting on his vast base of conservative, Islamic-leaning Turks to continue to shore up his party and his rule. These are the folks that Erdogan terms "smart citizens." In a much-publicized remark, Erdogan dismissed the demonstrations as the work of "extreme elements": "My smart citizens will recognize this, then they will give them the right lesson," he said.

Although the flash point was reached last week, anger against the Erdogan regime has been seething for the last few years, particularly among another set of "smart citizens:" secularists, moderate Islamists, young people, progressives of all stripes, and women.

Almost from the moment Erdogan was first elected Prime Minister in 2003, he has demonstrated a fear – some critics call it paranoia – of being ousted from power by force. He has reason to be on guard. Modern Turkey has been plagued by military coups. In addition, Erdogan's first political party, The Welfare Party, was outlawed because the Turkish constitution zealously upholds Ataturk's unwavering principle of secularism in government, and he and his party were perceived by the courts and the then-ruling CHP (Republican People's Party) as being a religious organization. Erdogan was given a ten-month prison sentence, but was released after six. Undeterred, he and his associates regrouped and founded the AKP in 1998, which adopted a policy of secularism underpinned by Islamic fundamental principles. Partly because the Turkish economy under the CHP was disastrous, the AKP swept into power in 2003.

The military in Turkey also has a mixed reputation. Some view the army as the guardian of the constitution, poised to enforce Ataturk's insistence on a clear division between mosque and state. Others see the military as a ruthless bunch of ultra-nationalists with little regard for democratic principles, quick to stifle any possible compromise of Ataturk's original vision of a strong central government in which Islam is seen as the political enemy.

Erdogan and the AKP are among those who view the military with great distrust. It was not much of a surprise, then, when several years ago a number of military officers were accused by the justice ministry of plotting to overthrow the government. At first just a few officers were arrested; by the end of 2011, over 400 current and former officers, among them many generals and admirals, were swept up and imprisoned.

When that round-up began, many Turks breathed sighs of relief. The memories of coups are generally not pleasant for most of the population. By the end of 2011, however, some Turks were beginning to feel that what was res-



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Letters to the Editor

Gill Town Meeting

It is that time of year again; Gill Annual Town Meeting is June 11 at 6:30 p.m. It is very important to attend this meeting as all business and financial issues for 2014 will be discussed.

Town Meeting is the opportunity for you to hear what has been discussed during meetings you could not attend, and hear what the Town's

Budget is going to be. It is the time when any questions you may have can be discussed. A place to make changes to any issue you may not agreed with. This is time these things can be talked about with your fellow Gill residents.

This is your money they are talking about and you as a Gill resident have the opportunity to make your-

self heard. It is very important that as many residents as possible attend this meeting. Don't let just a few make those decisions for you. Don't let a small group of people run Gill. GILL BELONGS TO THE RESIDENTS, ATTEND TOWN MEETING!

—Nancy Griswold
Walnut Street, Gill

Update from the Leverett Broadband Committee

The Town of Leverett and the Leverett Municipal Light Plant have selected Tim Haas, Senior Network Engineer in the Telecom Division of Holyoke Gas & Electric, as project manager for construction of the Leverett fiber optic network.

Mr. Haas, a lifelong resident of western Massachusetts, brings 23 years of telecommunications and networking experience to the Leverett project. His resume includes management and supervision of engineers, administrators, analysts and technicians in support of pub-

lic utility networks, municipal networks, public safety networks, public education networks and commercial high-speed network service offerings within the Massachusetts cities of Holyoke, Chicopee, and Springfield, and throughout the Pioneer Valley.

His experience includes analysis, design, engineering, budgeting, implementation, debugging, maintenance and monitoring of networks, systems and applications using optical fiber, optical switching, Ethernet, wireless, IP and TDM

technologies.

Leverett is pleased to have Tim as Project Manager in its effort to deliver robust, secure, reliable Internet services and the best possible user experience. The Leverett fiber-to-the-home network will bring high-speed, symmetrical broadband access to every home in town. Leverett's aim is to complete the project by the end of 2014.

—Dan Williams,
Leverett Broadband
Committee

ally going on was that Erdogan and the AKP were attempting to consolidate power so that they could push forward a "secret Islamic agenda" without fear of military intervention.

These arrests have not been confined simply to military officers: journalists, too, have been targets. More than a hundred journalists now sit behind bars with no trials scheduled nor evidence against them circulated in public. The attempted silencing of the press has created an even deeper chill in the country, and has made allies out of right-wing nationalists, liberals and far-leftists. Among those in jail are several highly respected editors, writers and publishers. And now, at least 29 young people have been arrested over twitter posts critical of the government.

For years, the opposition party, the CHP, has also been very actively engaged in attempting to make public at home and abroad their concerns that democracy is truly at peril in Turkey. Until now, they have generally confined their criticism to speeches. But now, they too, have begun to rally around the protestors. The trade unions have

also taken to the streets.

The protests seem to have taken Erdogan by surprise. His thinking, apparently, was that if he could remove the threat to his power from the military and the pesky media, he would be able to impose his ideas and policies on the country without fear of a major backlash. He was not counting on citizens to mount such an effective opposition. And while he may want to lock up everyone, he knows that this is not as easy as imprisoning military officers and journalists. He is clearly in crisis mode. If democracy is allowed to continue, this could spell a major turn in the political rule of the country. A viable opposition is forming rapidly, with seasoned leaders. Next year's elections could very well mean an end to the AKP stanglehold.

Last year Erdogan declared that his mission and that of his party was to "raise a pious generation." Ironically, this statement was made on the 75th anniversary of secularism in Turkey. Immediately, warning sirens went off in the minds of many Turks who have felt, since the establishment of the republic, free to practice (or not practice)

their religion as they saw fit, and to raise their children according to their own beliefs. Erdogan, under increased fire to clarify his position, only dug himself in further: "There is no reference to people as pious or non-pious in my statements. There is the ideal of raising a pious generation. I stand behind my words... Do you expect us, the AK Party, which has a conservative-democrat identity, to raise an atheist generation? Should we, instead, raise homeless drug addicts?"

This last week, Erdogan again denounced the majority of the protestors as anti-Islamist extremists, spoiled children and marauders (*çapulcu*). Said Erdogan: "We cannot just watch some marauders (*çapulcu*) inciting our people. [...] Yes, we will also build a mosque. I do not need permission for this; neither from the head of the Republican People's Party (CHP) nor from a few marauders. I took permission from the fifty percent of the citizens who elected us as the governing party."

The term "*çapulcu*" immediately caught on with the protestors. In characteristic fashion, the demonstrators turned the word against the government, and gave it a new meaning: one who is fighting for one's rights. All across Turkey, graffiti has been sprayed on walls saying: "I'm also *çapulcu*." Our Turkish email correspondents echo the phrase in their posts and in their emails.

Said one: "I'm neither rightist nor leftist: I am a *çapuller*."

The Montague Reporter's editors lived in Istanbul, in the shadow of Taksim Square, from 2010 to 2012.

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SOFTBALL from page 1

catbird's seat, 2-0. Shortstop T.J. Sanders grounded out to end the inning, but as it turned out, two runs would be one more than enough for the hometown team.

Pioneer mounted their biggest threat in the top of the sixth, wearing down Smith-Porter with patience at the plate. She filled the count on Pioneer catcher Jackie LaFleur before walking her. LaFleur took second on a passed ball, as Smith-Porter, visibly struggling, fell behind on third basewoman Mary Luckham, and walked her.

With two on and no out, right fielder Chianne Hubert bunted to the mound. Smith-Porter threw her out at first, but the runners advanced.

With a full count on the next batter, Katlyn Grover, Smith-Porter threw her last ball, filled the bases, and retired from the mound, taking over duties at third base from Breanna Breault.

One out, bases loaded, and freshman Mackenzie Phillips strides to the mound. Looking cool as a cucumber, she breezed three perfect pitches past first basewoman Erin Bertrand, who looked like she'd

been hypnotized. After that crucial strikeout, Phillips forced the next batter, Tara O'Neill, into a lame grounder to second, for the final out of the inning. Phillips saved the game for Smith-Porter, and saved the day for Turners.

After Healy fanned two more batters in the bottom of the sixth, Pioneer made one last try in the top of the seventh. Phillips never blinked as she mowed down the first two batters, with six strikes in nine pitches.

But Healy, at the bat, held on, drawing a walk from her young rival. Then, with the quarterfinal on the line, Jackie LaFleur hammered the ball to deep right field, where Brittany York retrieved it.

And in one of the best plays of the game, York nailed Healy with a beautiful peg to Smith-Porter, all the way over at third, who put the glove on the Pioneer pitcher as she slid into an ignominious finale.

Turners Falls moves on to face Granby for the Western Mass semi-final at UMass at 5 p.m. on Thursday. See you there!

**WENDELL** from page 1

had cherry sheet figures from the state and could set the budget with more precision, but the state has been later and later with their budget, and even as late as June this year, the state still has not resolved its budget and local aid amounts. The Fin Com might as well aim at a moving target in March, when it is easier for residents to spend a Saturday inside.

Discussion went long about Articles 17, 18, and 19, which would renovate the town hall kitchen. Riebschlaeger said the building was a gem, the least toxic town building, and that efforts should be made to make it totally non-toxic, and so available to more people. She was opposed to the kitchen renovation proposals.

Betsy Ames offered a friendly amendment that would have construction done in a way least damaging to the building's inhabitants - changed to users - and the environ-

ment. Beth Erviti asked who would determine the least harmful. Alistair MacMartin said the least harmful construction is to do nothing.

MacMartin, speaking for the kitchen renovation group, said they had talked with the board of health to learn what a kitchen for the public needs: a hood over the stove, washable counter surfaces, a three-bay-deep sink, a hand-washing sink, a mop sink, and a dishwasher. The group had eliminated considering a replacement for the tired and dirty electric stove, because the group wanted a commercial gas stove, but others insisted that a gas stove would make the building intolerable for people with multiple chemical sensitivity.

Myron Becker, a chef, said, "It grieves me that the most fundamental piece of equipment was left out." He said he has watched projects start and then dropped because people have been held "too close to the stove top and getting their fin-

Town Meetings Weigh In On Cuts At Baystate Franklin Medical

By GLORIA KEGELES

WENDELL – This week Wendell became the tenth community to pass a resolution at Town Meeting calling on Baystate Franklin Medical Center (BFMC), the only hospital in Franklin County, to reinstate services which are now only available at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Presented by Wendell resident and BFMC nurse Lena Morimoto, the resolution calls on BFMC to "commit all necessary resources to ensure the provision of all needed services and to commit to the long-term viability of a full-service community hospital at BFMC which will meet the health care needs of the residents of Franklin County".

In a press release about the Town Meeting resolutions, the Mass. Nurses Association, which represents the BFMC nurses, outlined cuts at BFMC, including "the elimination of pediatric services, reduced urology services, reduce services for the treatment of cardiovascular disease, elimination

of home care services and reduce lab services, along with cuts in the staff who deliver direct patient care". Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donelan had previously expressed concern that mental health and substance abuse care are in crisis in our county, during a March 6, 2013 community forum about local hospital services.

Little discussion ensued at the June 3 Town Meeting before

Wendell unanimously passed the resolution, which cites the fact that Franklin County is the most rural county in Mass., and that the lack of public transportation and the long distance between parts of Franklin County and the Springfield hospital present a challenge for many residents.

Leyden will be the eleventh and last town to consider the resolution at Town Meeting, on June 24. Voters approved the measure in Deerfield, Montague, Hawley, Shelburne, Colrain, Erving, Buckland, Whately and Heath.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WENDELL POLICE LOG

Unknown Subjects Take Things That Aren't Theirs

Saturday, 3/23	ed license.	3 p.m. Theft of tools reported from job site at 1 Elm Street.
8:36 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Depot Road. One person transported to Franklin Medical Center by Orange ambulance.	Sunday, 5/19	11:45 a.m. Minor fender bender at post office.
Thursday, 4/18	Friday, 5/24	4:01 p.m. Report of two subjects on Kentfield Road, walking with what appeared to be road signs. Unable to locate.
9:16 a.m. Theft of copper pipe reported at 1 Elm Street.	1:45 p.m. Theft of copper and other metal reported at empty house at 435 Depot Road.	7:30 p.m. Medical emergency on Depot road. Subject transported to Franklin Medical Center by Orange ambulance.
Tuesday, 5/14	Monday, 5/27	
12:36 p.m. Subject arrested for failing to stop for police and driving on a suspend-	6:15 p.m. Trees on wires on Locke Hill Road. National Grid to remove.	
	Tuesday, 5/28	

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Compost Competition Unites GFMS Students



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Great Falls Middle School students using the compost system in the cafeteria. They participated in a competition encouraging them to use the composting and recycling bins at the school.

By EMILY KREMS

TURNERS FALLS – Passionate about working to save the environment, 6th, 7th and 8th graders who comprise the Green Team at Great Falls Middle School have designed a whole school “composting competition” for the last 2 months of school. During lunch two days a week, Green Team members monitor the compost bins as students put food scraps, paper and cartons into the compost bins, bottles into the recycling bin, and trash into the garbage bins.

Each grade has its own compost bin on the two competition days per week. Put a plastic knife or fork in your compost bin? Point taken off. Try to cheat by putting trash in another grade’s bin? Another point off. And so it goes, until the cafeteria empties out as kids file off to class and the compost competition calculations begin. The amount of com-

post in the bins minus any points taken off determines the winning grade for that week. The 7th grade won the first week of the competition; 6th graders won the second and third weeks; the 8th grade won the fourth week.

“I am so proud of the Great Falls Middle School Green Team,” says Amy Donovan, Green Team co-advisor and Program Director of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District. “They have worked together with their advisors and the school custodians, who have been very supportive, to create an exciting and effective compost contest. I am positive that this weekly contest will prompt students to properly compost and recycle for years to come.”

The grade that wins for the week is awarded a prize: Up to 15 minutes outside at the end of the day, typically on a Friday. The grade that wins the most times will choose the

final prize of viewing a movie in the school’s theater or enjoying an ice cream social.

“We’re helping the world one composting bin at a time,” says 7th grader D’Ahnee Smith and active Green Team member. “I think it’s good that we are all so young and helping the environment. Adults don’t even always care about the environment and here we are recycling, composting, and doing all we can to help.”

In the fall of 2012, the Gill Montague Regional School District was named the “K-12 School Recycler of the Year” by MassRecycle, the statewide recycling coalition. The four school sites combined send about 8 cubic yards of compostables a week to a commercial compost facility, and all of the schools recycle paper, cardboard, bottles, cans and containers.

The author is a guidance counselor at Great Falls Middle School.

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Assistant SPS Superintendent Jeff Denecke observes the project as the last deck pour in the background continues. SPS will remove the remaining concrete railing and concrete rubble to the right, background, and fill the excavated area with processed gravel and crushed stone before paving, according to Superintendent Henry Muvey, who is pleased with the progress of the project.

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30’ I beams, 4’ high X 12” wide, on the new abutments and refurbished piers on the piecemeal bridge replacement on Route 2 in Factory Hollow. The concrete abutments sit poured over steel core support piers going down into bedrock, two piers on either end.

“When we’re done, this bridge isn’t going anywhere,” Atlantic Bridge and Engineering ironworker foreman Tom Carr declared. His firm is subcontracting the iron work for General Contractor, Northern Construction. Atlantic Bridge and Engineering is also subcontracting iron work for SPS on the Turners Falls-Gill Bridge repair project.

The Route 2 bridge beams are tied together with X bracing welded to the beams. When the next set of beams are set, the bridge will be 20 feet longer, since the new abutments are on piers set 10 feet behind the old abutments. Once the beams are secured, iron workers will weld corrugated galvanized steel form pans atop the beams to support bridge quality concrete. Though the bridge is being replaced piecemeal, the structure will eventually be tied together into an integral unit resting on at total of 12 H beam piles bored down 6 feet into bedrock. The bridge is designed to withstand an earthquake. And with proper maintenance the bridge

should last indefinitely, since quality concrete becomes stronger for 50 years as it ages, if corrosive ice control road chemicals are not applied.

Once the new section is completed, Northern Construction will divert traffic to it, still maintaining two-way traffic. The company will continue piecemeal demolition and replacement, eventually tying all the steel understructure together into one integral unit when complete. Work is at, or ahead of, schedule.



GCC Graduates

The Montague Reporter extends a hearty congratulations to this year’s Greenfield Community College graduates from the towns and villages of our newspaper.

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Graduation Day at Turners Falls High School

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

The gymnasium of Turners Falls High School was filled to capacity with friends and family of the seventy-seven graduates of the Class of 2013. The parking lot was overflowing, with cars parked on grass and along the street, determined not to let a simple thing like no place to park keep them from sharing in this important moment.

Graduation day at Turners Falls High School is always the high point of the year. Teachers, parents, administrators join together to celebrate the fruition of all the efforts made together as their young students become graduates and prepare to go out into the world to seek their fortunes. As always, the enthusiasm of the students as they cheer for each other along with the cheering crowd surrounding them makes for a joyful sound that rolls through the room as graduates come up, one by one, to get their diplomas.

The ceremony opened with the Turners Falls High School Band led by musical director Michael Bradley playing "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates marched with pride into the room. Then Brooke Martineau sang "The Star Spangled Banner" in her lovely strong clear voice. Principal Patricia Gardner offered everyone a warm welcome and heaped praise on the graduates. She told them how proud she was of them for their perseverance, saying, "It's not that you get knocked down, it's that you keep getting up again." Gardner then introduced Class President Christian Sawicki, Salutatorian Troy Langknecht, and Valedictorian Brandon Lenois who each offered



ELLEN BLANCHETTE PHOTO

Class of 2013 Graduates at Turners Falls High School on Friday, May 31 holding roses they received along with their diplomas.

words of praise and encouragement to their classmates and reminisced about their time together through the years.

Acting Superintendent Marty Espinola told the graduates, "The world we send you into is truly wonderful. It is also violent and scary. It is challenging and full of opportunity." He said being smart and talented doesn't guarantee success, because hard work and determination are important too. "The quality you most need to succeed is not something we could have taught you here. It's something that's deeply rooted in who you are and how dedicated you

are to the achievement of the exciting and worthwhile goals you set for yourself."

Espinola then showed a brief video of former teacher Angela Lee Duckworth in a Ted Talk, speaking about qualities that lead to success. She said an important factor is something called "grit" that has been shown as a predictor of success. After the film ended, Espinola said to the graduates seated before him, "It took four years for you to get here but you stuck it out. You have the ability to achieve. Go out there and be gritty!"

Joyce Phillips, chair of the Gill-

Montague school committee, quoted Reba McEntire song lyrics in offering guidance to the graduates. Phillips said she found wisdom in the words, "Wishbone, Backbone and Funny bone." She said the wishbone helps you see all the possibilities, backbone represents what gives you confidence, the funny bone provides humor that heals and refreshes.

Excitement increased as the Graduating Class of 2013 began the most important part of the ceremony, receiving their diplomas. At Turners Falls High School this traditional ceremony has students leaving the auditorium together, then stepping

in one at a time, as their names are called. Walking proudly through the entrance climbing up on the platform to be presented a diploma by school committee chair Phillips, who handed each one with a smile and a handshake.

Graduates then continued on to be greeted and congratulated by each of the administrators, Principal Gardner, Acting Superintendent Espinola and Class of 2013 Advisors Cherie Cloutier, Nancy Daniel-Green and Mary Jane Prasol. As each grad completed this walk, they were then greeted by another grad at the edge of the platform who would reach up and move their tassel to the other side and offer a hug.

This was repeated each time until all the grads had received their diplomas and stepped back to their seats, carrying a pink rose. The roses were a gift from Gill Montague Education Fund by Carol Gloski and Kaitlin Miner in memory of Sandy Miner. Holding their roses, the grads then were told to think of the person to whom they were most grateful and to go out into the audience and give their rose to that person. In what was a moving moment, graduates then turned and went out in all directions of the gymnasium to where their loved ones were sitting, and, with smiles and tears, gave them their roses.

The band played during the recessional as first graduates then everyone left the very warm, crowded gymnasium. In high spirits they stepped outside onto the lawn. Although the air was steamy, the sense of joy and accomplishment dominated the atmosphere.

Turners Water Wins Regional Award

By MIKE JACKSON

TURNERS FALLS — Have you noticed your friends from out of town filling empty water bottles at your tap when they come over to visit? Well maybe they should! The water here continues to impress, and last month the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection selected the Turners Falls Water Department for "regional recognition" at its annual Drinking Water Awards Ceremony in Springfield.

The award, for outstanding per-

formance in 2012, comes as the department is making significant investments in bringing a third well online. The department drew recognition for doing such a fine job "in an economically challenged area," according to a letter from Yvette DePeiza, program director for the DEP's Drinking Water Program. Turners Falls was the only district west of the Quabbin to receive the award this year. The letter cited the department's interconnections — it helped Erving and Montague Center during two storm events last

year, and another interconnection is planned with Greenfield — and its continuing work to develop the third well.

"I was surprised myself," said Superintendent Mike Brown. "I guess they've noticed the work we've been doing here. It's a total combination of my crew, the office staff, and the water commissioners working together to achieve these accomplishments." Brown added that the department goes out of its way to save the district money by doing jobs in-house, such as laying water mains, which are often put out to contractors.

The awards ceremony, held May 7 at Springfield Technical Community College, afforded delegates from the department a chance to hobnob with environmental professionals, as well as colleagues from around the west-

ern part of the state.

Check this paper soon for the Department's annual Consumer Confidence report on its water quality. Discerning residents can grab a glass and check for themselves.

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The Turners Falls Water Department accepts its recognition. From left to right: DEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell; TF Water Commissioner Stephen Call; Clerk and Collector Nancy Holmes; Superintendent Mike Brown; and Deirdre Cabral, western region chief of the DEP's Drinking Water Program.

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NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

Residency Requirement and Usher Re-Use Top Town Meeting Agenda

By KATIE NOLAN

Information-collecting drones, Cyd Scott informed the Erving selectboard at their June 3 meeting, are “capable of great good and also capable of great evil.” Arguing that drones are a threat to privacy, Scott asked the board to send a resolution to state legislators asking for regulation and oversight on their use.

The selectboard asked town administrator Tom Sharp to prepare a resolution to be placed on the warrant

for a special town meeting planned for this fall. Selectboard members agreed that a resolution passed by town meeting would carry more weight than one voted by three selectboard members.

For much of the rest of the meeting, the board worked on preparing two warrant articles for the more imminent special town meeting, which will be held on June 24: one to support redevelopment at the former Usher Plant, and one with a residency requirement for key town employees.

The first article would transfer \$50,000 to \$70,000 from the former Usher Plant demolition account to fund the Usher Plant Re-Use committee’s priority items, including hiring a planning consultant, mothballing the former boiler building, temporary lighting to use when touring the building, an LCD projector for presentations about the site, and surveillance cameras. The selectboard and Re-Use committee will meet jointly June 10 to finalize the amounts for the warrant article.

The second warrant ar-

ticle would enact a bylaw requiring the police chief, town administrator, highway/water/wastewater (HWW) director, and fire chief to reside in town. Sharp said that the bylaw would not be retroactive, and that people currently in the positions would be grandfathered.

The selectboard appointed Joseph Newton of River Road, William Bembury, Jr. of Church Street, water superintendent Pete Sanders, Lenny Clark, Jr. of West Main Street, police chief Chris Blair, selectboard member Margaret Sullivan, and Mike Hastings of Gill to the fire chief search committee. Hastings, an experienced firefighter, was recommended by selectboard member Eugene Klepadlo.

Emergency management director Philip Wonkka presented information about a grant application and HWW director Paul Prest updated the board about current department projects.

The selectboard will meet June 10 to finalize the warrant for the June 24 special town meeting.

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Warner Bros. Coming to East Main Street, Millers Falls

By PATRICIA PRUITT

The June 3rd selectboard meeting started soberly with Gina McNeely, director of Montague’s board of health, Mary Kersell of the Tobacco Control Coalition, and Rachel Stoler from the FR-Cog’s Partnership for Youth all presenting their efforts to get tobacco and alcohol controls in place, to protect underage youth from acquiring either substance over the counter. Twenty-one towns, including Montague, have adopted the tobacco control program. Kersell stated that the program has two objectives: to prevent tobacco sales to youth, and to prevent exposure to second-hand smoke. She went on to describe the tobacco industry’s marketing to youth, and displayed the newest tobacco products aimed at this group and priced cheaply: fruit-flavored cigars; cigarettes in the shape of a lipstick tube; cigarettes attached like fruit juice straws to another item.

She praised the work of Montague’s health agent Gina McNeely, who has

spent this year drawing up regulations on tobacco use for underage youth. McNeely noted there has been a drop in youth use of adult smoking materials, but an increase in the sale of cheap tobacco items. Both agreed that the new underage I.D.’s, which state: “NOT 18 (or 21) until this date,” have made carding easier for stores with younger customers. Stoler went on to present the Partnership for Youth’s efforts to curb underage drinking. She said studies have shown that the younger one begins to drink and smoke, the greater the likelihood of addiction in later years. Establishments selling either product to underage youth face similar fines and licensing interruptions of increasing severity from first offense to third.

Chief Dodge announced the newly increased No Parking area from Park Street, down Seventh as far as K Street. He stressed this has been done to insure safety along Seventh Street during church hours at the three churches along the intersection of L Street, Prospect Street and Seventh Street. He wants to give churchgoers a chance to make a safer pattern of parking using the lots available behind Our Lady of Peace on upper L Street and off T Street, behind the Congregational Church on L Street. Saint Andrews congregants can park farther in on Prospect Street.

Then we went to the movies!

Lee David Lee of Warner Bros. Pictures presented his permit request for the use of public property for the purpose of creating a movie set to be located in Millers Falls on East Main Street from 6 a.m., June 18, until midnight, June 22. Lee promised to inform all abutters in the area, both commercial and residential, and to work with Chief Dodge to assure reasonable traffic flow and parking for his crews’ 48’ trucks.

Lee then inquired if there would be any problem with Jean Golrick who, as it happened, was present in the audience. He asked her directly, and she replied that the town was not the owner of the property on East Main Street. Further she said she would give him the name of the actual owner. He gave her his contact information. Warner Bros. will also be shooting scenes in Deerfield and Shelburne Falls.

Petition Presented by Residents of Precinct 6

Mark Koyama of Greenfield Road presented a petition seeking more traffic speed control on the Montague City end of Greenfield Road. He pointed out that seventeen children live, and cross the road, in an area lacking speed limit signs. The only sign is toward the end of the road for incoming traffic. It says 25MPH, but is not much obeyed. Tom Bergeron of the Montague DPW told the group he would post both speed limit signs and SLOW CHILDREN PLAYING signs this week.

Mrs. Allen thanked the group for their initiative and reminded everyone that there will be a hearing in the Selectmen’s meeting room on June 27 regarding the upcoming construction project on Greenfield Road.

The selectboard appointed Garry Earles to the now forming Broadband/ Telecommunications Committee, authorized the creation of a gift account into which donations and money gifts could be deposited for the Agricultural Commission, and approved and signed a letter to the CEO of Hall-Keen, regarding their intention to convert storefronts in the Powertown complex from housing to commercial use.

Old Home Days 2013

The board also approved the annual request for use of public property – namely the town common – by First Congregational Church of Montague, for their celebration of Montague Old Home Days, from August 16 through August 18.

On June 22 the Community Running Association’s big race, New England Relay, will be passing through town from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their course is north along Route 63.

With great appreciation and reluctance, the selectboard accepted the resignation, effective June 30, of Lillian B. Fiske from the Montague Historical Commission, after many devoted years of service.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Snapping Turtles and Drunk Drivers

Monday, 5/20

1:30 p.m. Report of a cemetery plot dispute at Erving Center Cemetery, Mountain Road. Situation handled. Report taken.

10:30 p.m. Medical emergency on North Street. Assisted on scene.

Tuesday, 5/21

11:50 p.m. Alarm at Senior Center. Found to be secure.

Wednesday, 5/22

11:47 a.m. Report of attempted breaking & entering at North Shore Road, Laurel Lake. Report taken.

12:10 p.m. Report of a large snapping turtle on Papermill Road. Removed same from roadway.

10:25 p.m. Report of a bear in a Forest Street yard. Bear was gone on police arrival.

Friday, 5/24

11:30 p.m. Suspicious suspects in motor vehicle in the French King Bowling Alley parking

lot. They were fine, and moved on.

Saturday, 5/25

12:45 a.m. Arrested [REDACTED], on Route 2, for operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, concealed license plate, and negligent operation.

8 a.m. Assisted Brattleboro PD in locating dogs that were with Erving resident in their town.

11:25 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle in parking area of the French King Bridge. Operator will have vehicle moved tomorrow.

Sunday, 5/26

2 p.m. Gill PD requested assistance in locating a stranded boat between Northfield and the French King Bridge. Boat located and removed from water.

4:10 p.m. Disabled mo-

tor vehicle on West Main Street. Owner had tow truck en route. Not a hazard.

6:24 p.m. Report of a disturbance at Pratt Street residence. Verbal only.

Monday, 5/27

10:14 a.m. Assisted Warwick PD with an alarm on Dusty Road. Secure.

Wednesday, 5/29

7:05 a.m. Medical emergency at Box Car Restaurant, East Main Street. Assisted on scene.

7:45 a.m. Assisted Northfield PD with a warrant arrest on Warwick Road.

8:38 a.m. Assisted Northfield PD with a report of a disturbance on Main Street. Peace restored.

8:50 p.m. Report of a tree across Route 2, just before Old State Road East. Same removed.

9:30 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on State Road. Assisted.

Friday, 5/31

1:10 a.m. Arrested [REDACTED], for operat-

ing under the influence of liquor, negligent operation, defective equipment, marked lanes violation, no registration in possession, defacement of property, and possession of a Class B controlled substance.

1:20 a.m. Arrested [REDACTED], for disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and intimidation of a witness.

11:10 p.m. Report of unwanted male subject at the French King Bowling Alley. Subject gone upon arrival.

Saturday, 6/1

10 a.m. Abandoned 911 call to River Road. Trouble with phone line. No emergency.

9 p.m. Single-car motor vehicle crash. Report taken.

Sunday, 6/2

2 a.m. Report of a large tree in the roadway on North Street and Swamp Road. Removed.

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NOTES FROM THE LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Two Open Seats Filled

By DAVID DETMOLD

The Leverett school committee has two new members. In a joint meeting between the school committee and the selectboard on Tuesday evening, former selectboard member Fenna Lee Bonsignore and Leverett Elementary parent Cheryl Bonica were appointed to fill two vacant seats on the committee until next year's town election.

One seat had found no candidates at the April town meeting. The other became open after Swift River School principal Sheila Hunter – who consulted with the state ethics commission and determined she was indeed able to serve on the committee, with disclosure of her possible conflict of interest as a Union 28 employee, until her retirement in mid-July – decided to step down anyway, since other community members had expressed interest in serving.

Bonica introduced herself to the committee, saying, "I have lived in Leverett for eight years. I have two daughters, one four-year-old in pre-K, and one two-year-old, coming along. I'm very committed to this

school and to public education. I'm a clinical child psychologist."

Bonsignore said, "I'll be up front. At this point in time I am in favor of regionalization" – between the elementary schools of Amherst, Pelham and Leverett – "and I am in favor of custodial services," meaning consolidating the elementary school's services under the town's building facilities manager.

She continued, "I'd like to think of myself as a peacemaker. I'd like to see more communication between the school committee and the selectboard. I'm very much a proponent of public education. I'm very concerned about where the whole mix of charter schools, school choice, and state aid is heading. It needs to be addressed strongly in the next few years. We may have to get more political."

School committee chair Kathryn Brooks welcomed the new members to her committee, and invited Susan Mareneck, who was in attendance but declined to have her name placed in nomination at this point, citing work commitments and her new post as historical commission chair, to stay involved (especially

after Mareneck explained she had a background of 30 years as an educator).

The boards took advantage of their joint meeting to discuss a few other issues, starting with a round robin on how to handle the potential liability of the town and region for future retiree benefits. Regional school committee rep Kip Fonsh said the Amherst-Pelham Region was looking at a potential liability to past and present employees in the neighborhood of \$70 million, if you took the state's calculations for future retiree benefits seriously. He noted, "No one knows what the future of health care is going to look like."

For the selectboard, Julie Shively pointed out that it would require a sum roughly equivalent to what the town pays annually for police and fire services to fund the future benefits account at the level the state recommends. She said Leverett is one of the few towns in the Commonwealth that has made any contribution to a designated fund for future retiree benefits, and Rich Brazeau said the town maintained an excel-

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Dear Clio,



Dear Clio,

I have a great boyfriend, but he's not into personal hygiene. He showers only about once a week, and brushes his teeth every couple days. He says because he has dry skin showering is bad for him because it makes his dry skin worse. He says deodorant makes his underarms break out in a rash. I don't know what the deal is with teeth brushing.

I've talked to him many times about this but he doesn't seem to get it. What can I do? He's really terrific otherwise, but he stinks in this way.

– Clean Girlfriend

Dear Girlfriend,

My sister once told me that she preferred to date men who were cat people (rather than dog people) because you have to work harder to please a cat. We all hope that our partners will go out of their way to please us once in a while. I have been with the same man for years, but I still like it when he shaves or changes his clothes before we go out. It's nice that he treats going out with me as an occasion worth cleaning up for.

Girlfriend, I am guessing that this relationship is relatively new, which means your boyfriend should be trying to impress you, not taking it for granted that you will like him no matter how stinky he is. If you told me that your boyfriend had warts or a big nose, I would say that you should try to love and accept him the way he is. I think that not showering is a different situation, however, as this is something that he can easily control. I have dry skin myself, but luckily there are hundreds of skin lotions on the market. Some of them are unscented, in case your boyfriend objects to smelling good.

If your boyfriend's attitude is, 'This is the way I smell: love it or leave it,' I foresee other issues later on. I think you should bring up the problem, and see if he is able to react appropriately. It sounds like you have already hinted that the hygiene thing is an issue, and he has not picked up on the hint. It also sounds like the relationship is good enough in other ways to make it worth trying to save it.

There is no question that it will be awkward to tell your boyfriend that he needs to brush his teeth and shower, but I don't see another option for you. I suspect that living with bad breath and

body odor will not work as a long-term solution if you want to keep the spark alive. What I would suggest, therefore, is that you wait for one of those rare days when he has showered, and then say, "Honey, I am much more attracted to you when you are clean and smell nice," or something along those lines. I think it is hard for people to hear that they are physically repulsive, so better to keep it positive if you can. "I want you to brush your teeth before you kiss me" sounds slightly better than, "Your breath is disgusting."

I know that this will still be awkward, but think of the money you will be saving him on dental bills! Seriously, though, by speaking honestly you are demonstrating that you want to be with him enough to address this problem. If you did not really like him, you would probably be long gone. So you and I will know that this is proof of how much you care about the man, even if he doesn't see that right off.

Your request will be a good test of the relationship. If he says to himself, 'Girlfriend is really important to me. Guess it's time to brush my teeth,' that's a good sign for future disagreements. If he acts like he would rather lose you than take a shower, then maybe it's time for you to move on.

Girlfriend, good luck with this one. I know it will be an awkward situation, but I am sure that you will be as delicate as possible. If you ignore the problem, either you will break up with your boyfriend down the line or else live long term with a situation that is really kind of gross. So find strength in the fact that you are doing the right thing, and that you are doing it because you like this guy enough to work on the problem.

Yours, Clio

Contact Clio confidentially at: editor@montaguereporter.org

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

Dogs, Calf, Bikes, Fights, Deers, Beers

Monday, 5/27

6:20 a.m. Reported calf beside roadway on Main Road. Moved same to fenced area.
11 a.m. Complaint of bicycles taking up full half of roadway on Boyle Road.
5:55 p.m. Domestic fight reported on North Cross Road. Transported sub-

ject.

Tuesday, 5/28

10:10 a.m. Complaint of dogs running loose on Pisch Mt. Road.
10:35 a.m. Injured deer reported on Main Road.
11:20 a.m. Assisted Lebanon, NH police investigation of a Gill resident involved in a hit-and-run accident.

1:30 p.m. Complaint of speeding motor vehicle on River Road.

Wednesday, 5/29

8 a.m. Beer bottles found around elementary school playground.

Thursday, 5/30

2:30 p.m. Trespass order requested by West Gill Road resident against family members.

6:05 p.m. Alarm at Mountain Road residence. Found to be false.

Friday, 5/31

5:15 p.m. River Road resident concerned of family member's mental state.

9:40 p.m. Deer vs. motor vehicle accident on Route 2.

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lent bonding despite, supposedly, underfunding this account.

All present looked forward to the state legislature clarifying this matter in the coming months, since, as Brazeau noted, the Commonwealth as a whole is far more exposed to this liability than any town within the state. Shively spoke wistfully about the desirability of national single payer health care.

Talk turned to a letter both boards had received recently from the Leverett Peace Commission, which spoke of recent tension between the boards and recommended a professional mediator to help sort out differences. These differences came to the surface in a heated policy dispute about custodial services and building maintenance at the elementary school, with town meeting siding with the school committee at town meeting,

favoring keeping control of school maintenance and custodial services within the school committee, at least for another year. What some municipalities might consider simply a useful exercise in local democracy, where policy differences are aired openly and resolved by will of the majority, seemed in Leverett, at least by the evidence of the peace commission's letter, to have roused concern about the underlying relations of the selectboard and school committee.

But, speaking for the school committee, Brooks said, "We feel we can work these matters out without the services of a paid mediator, and we will proceed in that belief." Everyone else present signaled their agreement; Brooks will draft a letter to the peace commission for the other board members to sign.

Finally, the issue of capital borrowing at the regional school was broached, although Fonsh

took umbrage that he had not been prepared to answer questions on this matter, after sending an email several weeks ago to the selectboard explaining the need for long deferred maintenance projects at the high school and middle school to be addressed.

Brazeau spoke to the discomfort the selectboard felt when presented with a letter from the region advising Leverett of the region's plan to borrow over \$870,000 for capital improvements, in a budget year characterized by fiscal constraint, declining enrollment, and the reduction by attrition or layoff of an indeterminate number of regional staff (reported in March as five teachers and nine paraprofessionals). Over half a million dollars of the capital borrowing will go to pay for new boys' locker rooms at the high school and new tennis courts at the middle school, projects Fonsh defended as long overdue for safety

and health reasons, and, in the case of the boys' locker rooms, to meet the changing needs and newly defined rights of the student body in an era of increasingly diverse gender and sexual identification.

Brazeau said the town of Leverett felt blindsided by the capital borrowing, which all members of the selectboard agreed had not been adequately discussed, or even raised, at the four-town budget meeting.

"I was looking at the idea of losing 21 full-time positions at the middle school and high school," Brazeau said, referring to an early number of potential staff reductions, unless Leverett agreed to a \$100,000 assessment increase as part of this year's regional budget deal. "We've already lost different departments and programs," at the Amherst-Pelham Region, he continued. "That kind of magnitude of cuts caused me to think about justifying paying two

thirds to three quarters of our new taxes," under the Proposition 2½ levy limit.

Brazeau added, "People felt we were too easy on Maria," referring to Amherst superintendent Maria Geryk, "and too hard on Joan," referring to departing Union 28 superintendent Joan Wickman, during this year's budget preparations. "We try to be fair," said Brazeau. "We're talking about losing teachers and programs like electronics and metal shop, to retain kids because these programs are there." Brazeau said he would have preferred to consider the capital borrowing for tennis courts and locker rooms in the same budget hearing as the potential layoffs were discussed.

Shively said the new tennis courts might also help the region retain students.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Train Noise Bothering Millers Falls Residents

Saturday, 5/25
1:23 a.m. Medical emergency on Fourth Street. Removed to hospital.
2:30 p.m. Vandalism at Gary's Coins and Antiques at 115 Avenue A. Damage minor.
4:58 p.m. Smoke and possible chimney fire at Turnpike Road and Sandy Lane. Referred to fire department.
10:00 p.m. Complaint of motorcycles causing loud noise disturbance at Scalper's Lodge, Lake Pleasant. Verbal warning.
Sunday, 5/26
1:26 a.m. Loud noise disturbance at East Main Street. Advised of options.
5:41 p.m. Dog vs. dog altercation while being walked by owners on bike path in area of 15th Street and G Street. Dog bitten, but no dog or person injured.
Monday, 5/27
10:43 a.m. Caller from area of the bike path near Masonic Avenue, who heard what sounded like either gunshots or fireworks in the area over the past two days and most recently about 11 p.m. While walking her dogs, she observed tire tracks and fur or hair on the path, and suspects someone hunting in the area. She was advised to call immediately if she hears this again.
10:46 a.m. Medical emergency on I Street. Removed to hospital.
2:21 p.m. Vehicle off road, no

personal injuries. Cause of accident determined to be defective left front wheel. Flatbed en route to remove vehicle.
5:02 p.m. Threatening harassment at Turners Falls Road. Advised of options.
7:54 p.m. Medical emergency on Worcester Avenue. Removed to hospital.
8:23 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Worcester Avenue. Minor property damage.
9:55 p.m. Accident on Old Northfield Road. A Ford Ranger pickup struck a tree after swerving to miss a deer. No personal injuries. Damaged vehicle removed.
10:39 p.m. Caller from South Prospect Street complained of loud noise disturbance from train "dieseling" for some time. Call was placed to Pan Am Railroad, who advised they had a train there today, but it has since moved.
Tuesday, 5/28
10:33 a.m. Loud noise disturbance at A Turning Point, 29 Fifth Street. Vehicle was playing loud stereo for several hours. Caller approached male party and requested he turn down the music, to no avail. Unable to locate.
11:48 a.m. Fraud and identity theft reported on T Street. Caller complained that two Verizon accounts were opened in his name that he was not aware of.
2:34 p.m. Caller in Millers Falls reported her 14 year old niece has been having an "in-

appropriate" online conversation with a 21-year-old male, and that she saw him waiting for her outside Carroll's Market. Under investigation.
2:50 p.m. Stolen iPhone larceny at Sheffield Elementary School.
5:32 p.m. Medical emergency at A Turning Point, Fifth Street. Removed to hospital.
5:57 p.m. Burglary, breaking and entering at Couture property at 263 Millers Falls Road.
6:34 p.m. Burglar alarm sounded at Hallmark Institute of Photography at 27 Industrial Boulevard. False alarm.
7:55 p.m. Citation issued for operating with a suspended license at FL Roberts on Third Street.
9:30 p.m. Burglary, breaking and entering at Millers Pub, 25 East Main Street.
Wednesday, 5/29
2:12 p.m. Burglar alarm sounded at Millers Falls Rod & Gun, 210 Turners Falls Road. Accidental.
4:08 p.m. Threatening harassment at Franklin County Technical School. Party reported her son was pushed and continually harassed by another student. Spoke with school principal, who will arrange a meeting with involved parties.
8:59 p.m. Route 63 flooded in vicinity of 4 Federal Street. Residents cleared storm drain. Police closed off road temporarily while water receded.

9:32 p.m. Safety hazard to motor vehicles on 7th and Park Streets. Department of Public Works recently filled a large hole with dirt that was washed away by the heavy rains. DPW contacted.
9:38 p.m. Medical emergency at Avenue A apartment. Removed to hospital.
Thursday, 5/30
9:42 a.m. Bicycle accident, medical emergency by Aubuchon's on Canal Street.
1:46 p.m. Harassment in front of Avenue A.
5:40 p.m. , arrested at her home at , on a straight warrant.
10:36 p.m. , arrested at her home at , on a straight warrant.
11:06 p.m. Medical emergency on Canal Street. Removed to hospital.
Friday, 5/31
4:30 a.m. Medical emergency on Third Street. Removed to hospital.
11:08 a.m. Tree down and blocking road at 55 L Street, after being struck by passing tractor trailer unit. DPW cleared road.
1:32 p.m. Loud noise disturbance of automatic weapon firing at Old Sportsman Club, Millers Falls. Licensed operating party. No police service necessary.
1:52 p.m. , arrested at his store,

on a straight warrant.
3:37 p.m. FedEx driver bitten by small dog at 9th Avenue, Lake Pleasant. Two small puncture wounds on lower leg. Dog owner contacted.
4:17 p.m. Motor vehicle theft at Central Street. Caller said her boyfriend took her vehicle to Hampton Beach and is refusing to return it. Advised of options.
7:04 p.m. Medical emergency at Avenue A apartment. Removed to hospital.
7:19 p.m. Threatening harassing calls at Millers Falls Road. Investigated.
7:54 p.m. Medical emergency on Bernardo Drive. Removed to hospital.
8:42 p.m. Accidental 911 call on K Street. Man said he sat on the phone causing it to butt-dial 911.
9:26 p.m. Person well being checked at Farren Care Center. 54-year-old man taken into protective custody.
10:11 p.m. , arrested at Franklin County Emergency Shelter, 15 Farren Avenue, on a probation warrant.
10:56 p.m. Larceny at Third Street. Investigated.
Saturday, 6/1
12:33 a.m. General disturbance at L Street. Investigated.
1:20 a.m. Suspicious auto in vicinity of G Street. Man and his son who owned the car were fishing in river off G Street. All OK.
7:54 a.m. Medical emergency

at Moltenbrey property at 76 Avenue A. Removed to hospital.
12:45 p.m. Burglar alarm sounded at Funk Shun, 38 Third Street. Services rendered.
3:58 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle at Federal Street. Services rendered.
5:53 p.m. Domestic disturbance at Second Street apartment. Male and female across street yelling at each other; verbal only. Verbal warning.
7:43 p.m. Branch fell on wires at Federal Street, caused popped fuse and small pole fire. WMECO contacted.
9:27 p.m. Threatening harassment at Avenue A. Advised of options.
10:24 p.m. Medical emergency on Second Street. Removed to hospital.
11:54 p.m. Loud noise disturbance coming from bridge behind Town Hall on First Street. Determined to be workers with equipment problems.
Sunday, 6/2
2:22 a.m. Suspicious auto in vicinity of First Street. Individual fishing at pier. All OK.
3:17 a.m. Burglar alarm sounded at Franklin County Technical School. Unfounded.
4:22 a.m. Suspicious noises in garage building at corner of Franklin and Newton Streets. Investigated.
9:55 a.m. Medical emergency on New Street. Removed to hospital.
10:16 a.m. Medical emergency at Rock Dam. Removed to hospital.

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Carnegie Library: Children and their families are invited to come enjoy stories, crafts, music, activities and snacks, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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

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Montague Center Library: *Music and Movement with Tom Carroll and Laurie Davidson*. Children and their caregivers are invited, 10 to 11 a.m. Free.

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Open Mic with Dan, Kip, and Schultz* from Curly Fingers Dupree Band, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Free.

ART SHOWS:

Great Falls Discovery Center: *Paintings & Photography* by Nicole Werth. Through June 30.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Celestial Cafe* featuring three-dimensional collage by artist Emily Goodwin. Now through June 22.

LOCAL EVENTS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: Poetry reading featuring poets *January Gill O'Neil* and *Martha Rhodes*, 7 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Falltown String Band*, 8:00 to 10 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: Extended psych guitar haze with *Steve Gunn*, *MV/EE*, *Herbcraft*, and *DJ Matt Krefting*, 7:30 p.m., \$

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Jen Spingla & Alyssa Kelly*, original folk rock, 8 to 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Drew Paton's 1940's Hit Parade!* 7 p.m. Free.

Montague Bookmill: *The Lonesome Brothers*, Alone and Together. *Jim Armentti*, *Ray Mason* and *Tom Shea* each perform short solo sets followed by a full band set, 8 p.m., \$

The Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Vibraphonist Larry Chericoff* and the *Miniature Orchestra*, with local heroes *Tony Vacca*, percussion, and *John Clark*, French horn. Acoustic classical jazz fusion, 8 p.m. \$

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Yanni Batteau*, country rockabilly, 8 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Ketch-Fyre*, classic & mod-

ern rock & roll, 9:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *PG Six*, *Josephine Foster*, and *Victor Herrero*, beautiful touring psych/folk acts, 9:30 p.m., \$.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Equalites*, reggae fantastic!, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Shelburne Falls: *Annual River-Fest*: Paddlesports, Frog & Flower Parade, Vendors' booths, live music and more, 10 a.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Kristin Hoffman*, singer/songwriter with special guest *Stephanie Carlin*, folk rock jazz, 7 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Koyaanisqatsi* (1983). Classic portrait of our dying civilization, score by *Philip Glass*. Jump at the chance to see



JOSEPHINE FOSTER PHOTO

Hypnotic folk singer/songwriter Josephine Foster, from Colorado by way of Spain, lands at the Rendezvous in Turners Falls this Friday night. Foster shares the bill with husband Victor Herrero and folk-rock stalwarts PG Six. A special touring treat.

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The Arts Block Café, Greenfield: The Happier Valley Comedy Show double bill: *The Ha-Ha's* in "Shrink: Where Freud Meets Funny," and special guest *Sam Rush* of New Century Theatre and BUMP (Boston's Unscripted Musical Project), who create a fully improvised one-act musical on the spot, 8 p.m. \$

Montague Bookmill: Celtic Crossings Presents: *Ed and Neil Perlman*, father-son duo with traditional tunes for fiddle and piano, 8 p.m., \$

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: The *Mark Nomad Band*, danceable mix of blues, funk and beyond, 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Moose & the High Tops*, 70s and 80s classic rock, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Peter Janson*, instrumental guitar, 2:30 p.m.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *The Two Cellos*, feat. *Giovanna Moraga Clayton* and *Eugene Friesen*, 3 p.m., \$

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Steve Crow*, *Peter Kim* & *Joe Fitzpat-*

rick, warped americana, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Nick's Sweet '80s Movie Night: *Ghostbusters*, 9 p.m., free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Nora's Open Mike Cabaret*. Sign-up at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Free.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Fancy Trash*, indie folk rock, with special guest singer-songwriter *Zak Trojano*, 7:30 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: *Brittany Haas*, *Jordan Tice*, and *Paul Kowert*, exciting young voices in acoustic music, 8 p.m., \$

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Swift River School Band Concert*, 6 p.m.

Sheffield School Auditorium, Montague: *District-wide Band and Chorus Concert*. All are welcome, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Simon White & Mafu Experience*, 8 to 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Burrie & Friends*, progressive folk, 8 to 10 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Uncle Hal's Crab Grass Band*, funky-tonk, 8 p.m., free.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Great Falls Coffeehouse, Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Mark Mandeville & Raienne Richards*, folk duo playing americana and old country, 7 p.m., free.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Juke Joint Jazz* with the *Joe Belmont Jazz Guitar Trio*, 8 p.m., \$

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Eric French*, blues, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Ottomatic Slim*, chicago-style blues, 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Benny Lava Band*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Something Else*, jazz-groove, with *AstroBeast*, afropop-inflected dance music, and *Sitting Next to Brian*, percussive pop, 9:30 p.m., free.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Wendell Misfit Prom*. Parade from Wendell Center at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Wild Things."

Deja Brew backyard admission is a \$15 donation, to benefit the Senior Center. No cover in the pub.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Brook Batteau*, alt. rock dance pop, with special guest *Al Giordino*, 7:30 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *RockitQueer*, dance party, with *DJ Funkadelic Fern*, 9:30 p.m., \$

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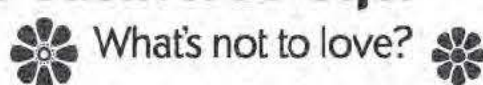


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Wendell Library Exhibits Works by Edith Hunsberger

By RICHARD BALDWIN

The Wendell Free Library presents *Paintings by Edith Hunsberger*, an exhibition of fifteen works in acrylic and watercolor. These well done works encompass a wide range of subjects expressing a wide range of feelings.

The bold colors and brush treatment in *Spring Garden* results in a burst of gaiety. In contrast to this is the spooky, ominous feeling in *Deep Danger* where deep blues swirl around in a high contrast composition filled with white linear elements that seem threatening by themselves.

In *Farmers Market* the mood is dark and brooding, enhanced by the heavy dark frame, yet in *Coffee Break*, the almost caricature treatment of the two laughing figures results in a sense of amusement, of shared pleasure. The more contemplative landscapes, especially *Sugarloaf View*, are in contrast to the amusing painting *Nice Back Rub—How 'Bout a Kiss?* where someone is petting a large frog.

The wide range of values and colors and the energetic brush work used throughout testify to Edith's love of painting. Her fascination with her subjects is enhanced by the shallow space in most paintings. In *Spring Garden* and in *Bridge over the Trout Stream*, intense colors and the sharp

edges of brush strokes permeate both foreground and background. This treatment brings the imagery to the front of the surfaces and close to both the painter and viewer.

In a way Edith Hunsberger can be described as a "people's painter". Not only does she present a wide range of subject matter with corresponding wide appeal, she also keeps her work reasonably priced. She regularly gives work to friends and to benefit auctions for local organizations. In addition she does work on commission.

She writes in her Exhibition statement: "Though I was an art teacher early in my career and have painted off and on for most of my life, my professional experience has largely been as a bureaucrat/manager/statistician – very dry and stressful, enlivened only rarely by out-of-the-box exuberance and risk-taking.

"But for the past several years I have been retired and live overlooking Lake Wyola in Shutesbury, MA. I am now happily painting (watercolors and acrylics), fly-fishing from my kayak, golfing, and playing tennis. I share my home with three dogs, two cats, one parakeet, and whatever the cats drag in (A frog in the dogs' water dish?). The doggies and I walk the adjacent pine woods daily, and I take a lot of pictures.

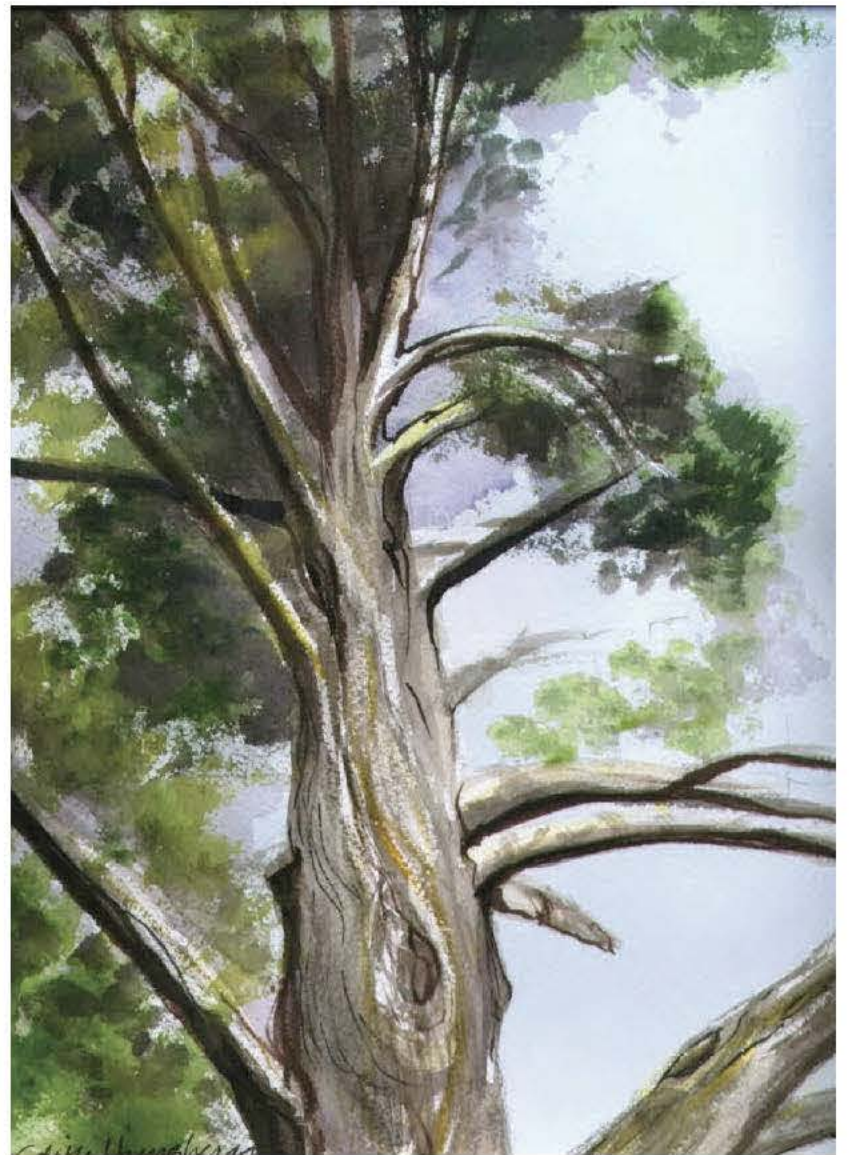
"Sometimes my own photos inspire my paintings, and sometimes

pictures found in newspapers, magazines, and other media serve to start the process. Occasionally I paint from life. Whatever the source, the result is a closer feeling for the subject. I love to paint; the act consumes me. I tend to fall in love with my subjects as I strive to capture them, simplify them, and change them. As with any good interaction, the process changes me, as well. I grow in kinship with the surrounding world. I am grateful for the greater connection. I hope you enjoy my work. It certainly has given me great joy!"

Edith has exhibited her work extensively in the Pioneer Valley. She has shown her work each year for the past five at the Paradise City Arts Festival in Northampton and for two at the festival in Marlborough, MA. She has participated in numerous group and one person shows including Art Space in Greenfield, the Jones Library in Amherst, the Leverett Crafts and Arts Center, Greenfield Community College and the Art Show in Amherst.

She maintains a studio in her home in Shutesbury and can be reached at 413-367-9890 or at ehunsber@aol.com. See more of her work at www.edith-hunsberger.artistwebsites.com. Ms. Hunsberger welcomes requests for commissions.

The exhibition runs from May 8 through June 30 in the Herrick Room at the Wendell Free Library.



Hunsberger's Old Cedar Tree. Photo by the artist.

Hours are Tuesdays 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and

Family Fishing Day Draws Hundreds



SARAH BEVILACQUA PHOTO

Wild success: Saturday's Discovery Center event reeled in quite a crowd.

By LYN CLARK

TURNERS FALLS – Yes, it was hot, and yes, it was humid, but real (or is that reel?) fisher folk are undeterred by such minor inconveniences. They came in great numbers by bus, by car, on foot, and in strollers to the Great Falls Discovery Center to help celebrate last Saturday's Eighth Annual Family Fishing Day.

Sponsored by US Fish and Wildlife Service, MassWildlife, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Friends of the Discovery Center, the event included activities for all ages: Lessons in fly-tying and casting; crafts

and face painting; fish tales and fish printing; and the opportunity to observe swamp dwellers – tadpoles, leeches and aquatic insects – up close and personal.

There was even a kiddie wading pool where toddlers (and some considerably older) could drop a line with a magnet into the water and delight in catching a magnetic fish and winning a sticker. (A gentle lesson in "catch and release" was slipped in here, although the release part was sometimes difficult for the very youngest to grasp.)

There were 3-foot long sturgeon on display in tanks, and the fish ladder was open for the underwa-

ter viewing of shad and lamprey on their journey up river past the dam. Fishermen of all ages took advantage of the state's no-license-required weekend to have fun with rod and reel in the Connecticut River across from Unity Park, with snacks and lunch nearby from Harbour Dogs.

The raffle at the end of the day, made possible through the Andy B. Anderson Memorial Fund, courtesy of the Harp Irish Pub in Amherst, provided about twenty lucky winners with fishing-related equipment.

It was quite apparent that despite the unseasonable warmth, everyone had a great time. Some 250 attendees of all ages registered for the event – the event's largest turnout in its 8 years – and many without children by-passed the registration table simply to enjoy the dioramas inside the Center. "I've lived here for five years and this is the first time I've seen these exhibits!" I heard one woman exclaim. "They're amazing!"

The Great Falls Discovery Center is the flagship visitor center of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge, and one of the gems of Franklin County. It is now opened for the summer seven days a week.

"Directions"

In the upper room, after Jesus tells the group: "In My Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you." Thomas says: "We do not know where you are going, nor do we know the way."

Thomas is asking Jesus for directions to heaven. The Bible records Jesus' directions.

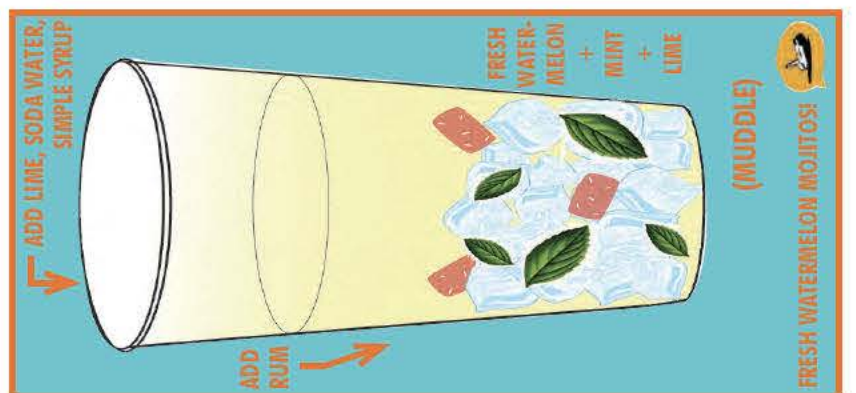
"Jesus said to him: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

Maybe you are seeking directions to heaven and have not found them. Jesus himself says we must go to Him. Remember...

We all have sinned and sin separates us from God. Jesus paid the price for our sin and died on the cross. Do you believe this? If so then bow your heart to Jesus Christ, confessing your sins and asking Jesus Christ to save you, a sinner, from sin.

Let not another second go by.
Ask Jesus Christ to be your Savior.

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