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Gill's Ann Banash To Retire From Public Service

By PATRICIA PRUITT

With ten years on Gill's finance committee, five as its chair, and 20 years – seven terms – as selectman, Ann Banash says it's the right time to step away in May 2014 and let someone new seek the office.

At the end of the October 7 selectboard meeting, Banash announced she would not be seeking an eighth term, and advised anyone planning to run for the seat to start attending both selectboard and finance committee meetings as soon as possible.



FILE PHOTO

Banash, who has been spending winters in Florida, will not seek an eighth term.

"This is not a job you can jump into if you have no knowledge of what goes on in town," she warned. Banash first ran for selectboard back in a September 1993 special election, in a field of 3 or 4. The person elected in the May 1993 election became ill and had to step down.

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Turners Gears Up For Fourth Annual Pumpkinfest



ELLEN BLANCHETTE PHOTO

Last year's event brought 8,000 people to downtown Turners Falls.

By REPORTER STAFF

The fourth annual Franklin County Pumpkinfest will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, throughout Turners Falls. The event will feature 80 food and craft vendors and booths for non-profit organizations.

There will be live entertainment on three stages: in the town band shell in Peskeompskut Park, in front of Spinner Park at Fourth and Avenue A, and at River Station (the former Chick's Garage) on Third Street.

Local breweries – Berkshire Brewing Company, Lefty's Brewing Company, Element Brewing Company and The People's Pint – will host a beer tent in the park. There will also be a place for people to carve pumpkins, as well as a large children's area in front of the

post office.

Last year over 8,000 people attended the event, and organizer Michael Nelson expects as many or more this year. Since most of Avenue A will be closed off, and parking limited, non-downtown festival goers are encouraged to take the free shuttle bus from either Turners High School or Sheffield School. The bus will operate from 2 until 10 p.m.

The highlight of the event is the carved jack-o-lanterns, lantern parade and the sky lantern send off. Visitors to the event are encouraged to bring a pumpkin to add to the display. At dusk the pumpkins will all be lit transforming the downtown into glowing eeriness.

Pumpkin check-in opens at noon at the corner of Avenue A and

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SAWYER-LAUÇANNO PHOTO

The bridge has run one way, northeast to southwest, since early summer of 2010.

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

GREAT FALLS – The official reopening date of the Turners Falls-Gill bridge remains April 25, 2014, but limited two-way traffic may be flowing across the bridge beginning in mid-November, according to Michael Versek, public relations officer for the state Department of Transportation.

He said he was pleased that the work was proceeding ahead of schedule. "I know you folks out there are eager to get two-way restored." There is, however, still "plenty of work to do," and while the bridge reconstruction is about 89 percent complete, additional crucial tasks remain to be completed.

The MASS DOT is quite satisfied with the construction. Paving of a major section of a new concrete bridge deck began Wednesday. In the past few weeks SPS New Eng-

land and their subcontractors have also been laying sidewalks, securing railing, installing lighting, powerwashing, painting and grading the approaches. There has also been a great deal of continuing construction on the shrouded underside of the bridge. This major reconstruction will continue for some time.

When the bridge does reopen to limited two-way traffic, delays are occasionally still expected, and an officer will likely be on duty to enforce "traffic calming" and redirect motorists when necessary.

At night, unless a crew is working, the bridge should be fully open.

The \$40.7 million state project began in 2010. When finished, the bridge will have easier and reconstructed approaches, wider travel lanes, and increased pedestrian and bicycle accessibility. A new traffic signal will also be installed at Route 2.

Commission Greenlights Work To Widen Greenfield Road, Restore Wetlands

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

MONTAGUE – At the October 10 continuation of a public hearing, the Montague Conservation Commission approved a plan presented by two consultants from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for the replacement of four culverts and wetlands replication along Greenfield Road.

They did, however, add a number of conditions to the proposed plan in order to guarantee that the commission would have continuing oversight of the work plan and the contractors.

This aspect of the project is part of the larger reconstruction of Greenfield Road that is happening under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

This particular segment is necessary to ensure that due diligence is exercised in the conservation of wetland and wildlife areas.

At present, the existing culverts are smaller than necessary and their surrounding masonry walls are crumbling. The culverts convey the run off from perennial streams that dot the hillsides

along the road.

The majority of the culverts are located in the section between the Rail Trail and Randall Road. The culverts need to be replaced because they are not sufficient in size or condition to carry off the water from the intermittent streams.

In addition, the widening of the road and guardrail replacement requires culverts of greater length.

At present the culverts are asphalt-coated corrugated metal pipe and the headwalls are composed of field stone masonry. The new culverts will use corrugated plastic pipe and be resized to carry the peak flow under the road. The headwalls on both the inlets and outlets of the culverts will be constructed of cemented stone masonry. A

substrate of jagged rocks will also be placed inside the culverts to preserve the natural stream channels. There was little controversy about the reconstruction methods or sizing of the new culverts.

The commissioners asked a number of questions, all of which were answered to their satisfaction by the consultants. All four culverts were easily accepted by the commission.

The wetland replication plan, however, engendered much more discussion. According to the proposed plan, before any work on the approximately 236-square-foot area begins, sedimentation control and tree-protection devices will be installed. Next, existing

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SAWYER-LAUÇANNO PHOTO

The masonry on the existing culverts is in picturesque decay.

Kali B's Wings Slated for Former Ristorante DiPaolo Building



Dan Chapdelaine, chef, and Kali Ellis, owner, look forward to opening Kali B's in Turners Falls.

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

TURNERS FALLS – Kali Ellis is the new owner of the former Ristorante DiPaolo's in downtown Turners Falls. Ellis is best known to locals as the owner of Kali B's Wings & Things, the food truck across from Stop & Shop in Greenfield that does a booming business selling wings, burgers and fries.

Ellis says she had been looking for just the right place to open a restaurant for some time, but felt that her food truck "had gotten her name out, and people knew what kind of food [she] was serving."

When she heard that Denise DiPaolo and Hilton Dit-

ton had to close their restaurant, she got in touch with Denise.

Last Tuesday, October 9, she submitted the winning bid at a public auction for both the restaurant and contents.

Ellis says she is "thrilled" to be the new owner, and to be moving to Turners. "It's a cute little place, not too big."

Ellis does not plan to do any major renovations, just to clean and paint. She says she is also planning to make the main en-

trance on Avenue A, rather than off the adjacent parking lot.

She says she will definitely make use of the outside patio for seating during the warmer months.

Her plan is to open in December, although she acknowledges that the December date is a "bit ambitious": "January is more likely."

Ellis said she will keep her menu similar to what it is now: a variety of wings, burgers, specialty fries and various other sides. "I'll be expanding it some," she said, "but what we have now is what we will have once we open."

She said she is also hoping to get the liquor license currently held by DiPaolo's transferred to her: "This is very important. Montague does not have any available licenses, so we need this existing one."



SAWYER-LAUÇANNO PHOTOS

The restaurant currently operates out of a food truck across from the Stop & Shop in Greenfield.

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A Strong Downtown Benefits All Villages

The most-attended event in Turners Falls is, without a doubt, Pumpkinfest. Last year more than 8,000 people turned out to carve pumpkins, stroll in the lantern parade, sway to the music, feed their bellies and even indulge in a beer or two.

Whether this means that Turners is truly on the regional map as a destination remains to be seen, but it's clear that events such as this festival, as well as the Third Thursdays, the Block Party, The Upper Valley Music Festival, and numerous smaller events at the Shea, The Great Falls Discovery Center, Unity Park and at the Voo, Jakes, Between the Uprights, River Station and at Madison on the Avenue are attracting folks from far and wide.

And then there is the bike path. Judging from the license plates on the cars cramming the parking lot this last weekend, visitors came from New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut. And all this with a one-way bridge!

It's clear that Turners is doing something right. It's also clear that Montague cannot rest on its laurels. In the last few years new energy has come to town in the form of these events and new businesses.

Turners is feeling more alive these days, but activity should not be limited just to special events, nor should it depend on folks from elsewhere.

True revitalization means that the shops and restaurants are busy every day, every night. This can only happen if more from Montague begin to participate downtown.

We have noticed, with the exception of Pumpkinfest, that folks from other communities are often more present downtown than those who live elsewhere in Montague. We certainly do not want to discourage anyone from coming here. But we want to encourage those who do live in town to rediscover where they live.

We know that there are some in other villages of Montague who feel that the town government – not to mention its news media – is paying too much attention to downtown Turners.

We hear these concerns as valid, but we would remind readers that the 2010 U.S. Census accorded Turners Falls 52% of the town's population, in 7% of its area.

For us, this makes the downtown core a strategic place to focus the town's attentions, rather than an appropriate target of its jealousies.

Few towns have the opportunity that we do: to combine the best of urban development with rural conservation within our own borders. Economic growth in Turners Falls means greater revenue for the shared town coffers, and improves the desirability of Millers Falls as the next frontier for entrepreneurs and commercial homesteaders.

It is also the most sensible place to direct residential and commercial development. Many Montague Center residents feel the proposed reduction of minimum apartment sizes is unfairly timed to coincide with the proposed redevelopment of the Center School building.

But this reform is long overdue downtown, where the supply of market-rate single-bedroom rentals is kept unnaturally low, paradoxically pricing out artists, craftsperson and the young, employed singles and couples who might otherwise contribute to a vibrant downtown scene.

While many area residents are drawn to the ideal of self-sufficient, country living, there are inevitably goods and services that must be gone to town for. We hope that in the spirit of keeping this commerce local, they look first to Turners before venturing over the ridge to Greenfield, or to Hadley, or the global supply chains.

We applaud the efforts of town planner Walter Ramsey, town administrator Frank Abbondanzio, and RiverCulture to continue to create reasons for people to come to Turners. We are also encouraged by the support the selectboard has begun to show for remaking our town.

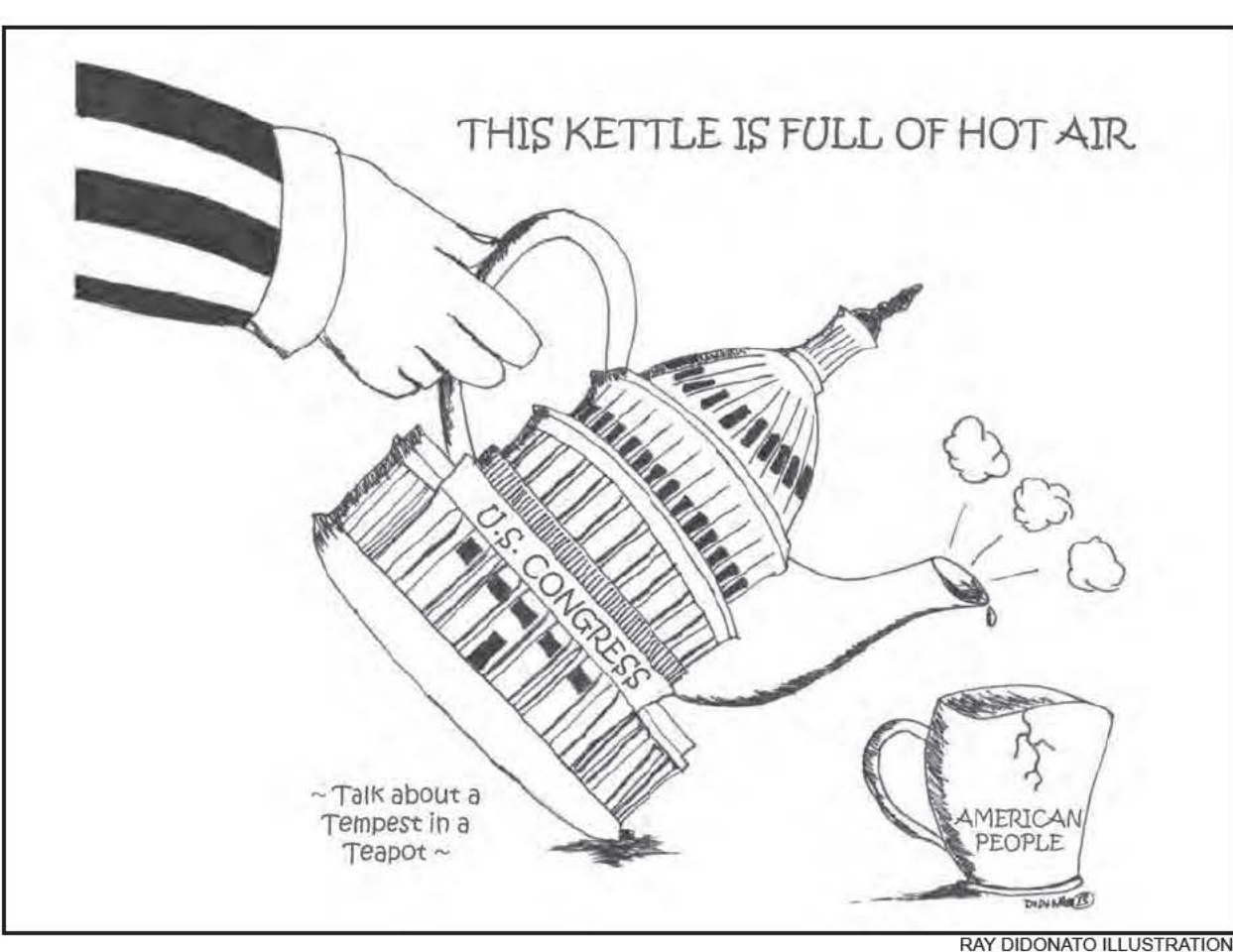
The momentum needs to continue. We would like to see the plans outlined in the Livability Study realized sooner than later, including the construction of a skatepark.

We would like to see the creation of a Native American Heritage Park. We would like to see our remarkable diversity celebrated with ethnic festivals.

Another desire is that the right developer will eventually be found for the Strathmore complex. We urge the town to continue actively marketing the mill.

We hope that the selectboard will be receptive to new ideas, to newcomers, to innovative experiments, to change.

Meanwhile, we are planning to thoroughly enjoy Pumpkinfest and



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Letters to the Editors

Keep Power Company's Service Center in Greenfield

We, the employees of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECo)'s Greenfield Service Center are reaching out to the residents and businesses of Franklin County.

Our parent company, Northeast Utilities, which recently underwent a merger with NSTAR (Eastern MA, Cape Cod & the islands), has taken second fiddle to policies, procedures and philosophies. NSTAR feels that by consolidating work centers they still can maintain the same customer service they presently have. Far from it!

All of our Greenfield employees live in Franklin County, and are between 5 and 20 minutes from our bucket trucks. We all take a great deal of pride in restoring power to our residents and businesses, because we are all customers just like you.

The local power company has had a presence in Franklin County for over 100 years, beginning with Turners Falls Power and Light Co. and Greenfield Electric Light Co., for one reason and one reason only: to provide good, quick, reliable service for our residents and businesses.

A move to house all the bucket trucks in Hadley makes no sense at all. To be the only county in Western MA without a WMECo presence would be a slap in the face to all residents and businesses.

We are linemen, electricians, stock clerks, garage mechanics and field technicians. If our company thinks that by sending everyone to the Hadley Service Center we will keep your outage times and response times the same, think again! Add hours to the time your meters stop spinning.

We all know what it takes to get the lights back on, and we're here to tell you that there will be longer response times and outage times, guaranteed!

The people of Franklin County need to know that a supervisor on call 24 hours a day cannot put wire back up on a pole or change a transformer, and the troubleshooter's main responsibility is making a situation safe first, then calling a two man crew (at least) to repair downed wires or fix a broken pole.

We are unique here in Franklin County. We're very rural. There are a lot of miles of wire that may feed only one or two homes. NSTAR is big city. Boston, Somerville, and Waltham to say the least. Big cities where many employees can work out of large service centers.

We are asking that you contact your selectmen and women, fire chiefs, police chiefs, state representatives and senators and Attorney General Martha Coakley. Let them know longer outage times are imminent!

We greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Whatever you can do and whoever you can talk to will go a long way to keep outage times to a minimum. Remember, we are all in this together.

Thank you,

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Healthy Geezer's Stats on Gay Parenting Questioned

Thank you to the Healthy Geezer (*Montague Reporter* Vol.12#02) for addressing the (unfortunately) negatively-framed query about gay parenting. I appreciate the matter-of-fact way you answered.

However, I question the accuracy of your last sentence; "Most gay parents conceived their children in heterosexual marriages."

According to a comprehensive, multiple-data study, released in February of this year by The Williams Institute at the University of California Law Center, only 7% of children in same sex parent households are step children. The other 93% are biological (49%!) adopted, foster, etc.

Regardless of how kids and parents end up together, all the data so far shines a positive and affirming light on the "issue" of gay parenting.

In the end we keep learning that gay parents are really just...well....parents!

And the kids? They are more than alright.

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Compiled by DON CLEGG

Come to Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls on Saturday, Oct 19, from 10 a.m. to noon for **“Helpful Health Hints,”** a free open house forum provided free of charge by local health professionals partnering. On hand will be a variety of presenters with brochures and points of interest representing their various areas of expertise. The TFFD’s ambulance will also be in the parking lot, staffed with two highly-skilled EMTs who may very well respond to save your life or that of a loved one.

Enjoy **“Skulls and Bones”** at Northfield Mountain Rec Area on Saturday, Oct 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Halloween skeletons are hanging around; and this program is an opportunity to check out the real thing. What stories can bones and skulls tell us about an animal’s life? Families will compare bones and skulls to see how birds differ from mammals and predators from prey.

Much of the time will be spent doing hands-on activities indoors,

with a short field walk. Will you be brave enough to try all the mystery bone building snacks and discover which of your favorite foods are best for bones? Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Also on Saturday, Oct 19, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., enjoy a **leisurely fall foliage hike** to the top of Northfield Mountain where you will enjoy the sun setting and the moon rising. Only one night past full moon, October’s **“Hunting Moon”** should be a treat to watch as it rises over our mountain-top reservoir. Bring a snack or picnic supper for dining at the summit. The downhill walk will be on a quiet, paved road, lit by moonlight (weather permitting!).

Participants should dress in layers, bring a flashlight or headlamp, water and food. Hike participants should be in moderate condition and able to hike 4½ miles with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Betsy Yetter presents her dependable service to **support elder independence** at GSB in Turners Falls on Tuesday, Oct 22, from 11 a.m. to

noon. Yetter holds both a BSW and an MBA degree which she combines with compassion, dependability and positive, empathetic support. If you or a loved one, family or neighbor is in need of a little professional organization or financial support, Betsy’s business, **“Loose Ends,”** may help. Please call (413) 863-4316 for reservations. A light lunch will be provided courtesy of GSB.

The First Congregational Church of Montague, 4 North St., is hosting **“Introduction to Centering Prayer,”** a free workshop with Armand Proulx. on Thursday, Oct 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Proulx has been walking beside Trappist monk, priest and founder of the Centering Prayer movement, Thomas Keating, since its experimental beginnings in the 1970s. It was Proulx who gave the practice its name, **“Centering Prayer.”** Please call (413) 367-9467 to register your interest.

On Saturday, Oct 26, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road, the **Gill Energy Commission** has arranged for residents to come to town hall to sign up for a **free energy audit** with Co-op Power, and to sign up for Gill Energy reduction campaign at the same time.

Enjoy a 35+ year-old celebration of Halloween through songs, stories and dance led by **locally loved singer/songwriter Roger Tincknell** on Saturday, Oct 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Mountain

Recreation Area. Tincknell is a two-time Parents’ Choice Award-winning recording artist with numerous CDs for children and adults.

Imagine a group of young witches, fairies and aliens in the glow of the firelight, spellbound by a slightly spooky story – or waltzing around in small family groups to Tinckell’s beautiful music, and you can get some sense of the delight this evening brings. Wholesome snacks also served. Dress warmly. Bring blankets to cuddle up with, flashlights and chairs for seating. Program meets behind the Visitor Center. In case of poor weather, the program will be held inside the cozy yurt. Free for all ages.

Charles Neville brings the swing to Wendell on Saturday, Oct 26, starting at 8 p.m. Something funky, something sweet, something sublime, and always something new to hear when Mr. Neville comes to town. Drawing from a pool of the regions finest players, the Charles Neville Jazz Quartet will move you.

The Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse is located in the Old Town Hall in the center of Wendell, offering a unique opportunity for music, fun and dance; always in support of a good cause. Come experience the Valley’s only Dessert-O-Rama in an affordable family-friendly venue. Open Mic begins at 7:30 p.m.

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MONTAGUE ENERGY CORNER

Be Recognized For Your Commitment To Green Energy

By SALLY PICK

MONTAGUE – With its new Montague Energy Star decal, the Montague Energy Committee will begin to recognize people across our town who are taking steps to make their homes and lifestyles greener.

The energy committee will have a table at Saturday’s Pumpkinfest, where anyone from any village who is taking qualifying green actions, can get this static cling decal to post proudly in a window in their home or car. All you have to do is tell us how you are greening your home and/or lifestyle, and you will earn a Montague Energy Star.

Qualifying green steps include: walking or biking to work and/or errands, following through on a Mass Save energy assessment and having air leaks sealed and/or insulation added to your home, doing your own home weatherizing, using a programmable thermostat, drying your laundry on a clothesline instead of in an energy-intensive dryer, lighting your home with energy efficient bulbs, replacing an old refrigerator with an Energy Star model, and/or installing solar power.

You don’t need to have completed all possible green steps to get an energy star; just tell us what steps you’re taking to help our community move toward a cleaner energy future.

We will also make decals available at future events and at our committee meetings on the second and

fourth Tuesdays of every month, in the upstairs meeting room at town hall.

Another way you can participate in our community’s energy future is to come to the Clean Energy 101 Community Forum. This is a unique opportunity for residents from the Town of Montague (from all five villages, of course) to engage in a conversation on clean energy ideas with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and two state energy-related entities, the Department of Energy Resources and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

This isn’t your typical planning exercise that results in a report that gathers dust on a few shelves. The forum is designed to give residents of Montague and the other three participating communities a voice in shaping future state-level clean energy programs and incentives that best meet our local needs and preferences.

Join members of our community in having our voices heard and acted on by the state. The forum is being held on Tuesday, October 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Greenfield Community College’s cafeteria in the East Building, Second Floor. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and refreshments and light food will be provided. To register, please go to frcogenergyforum.eventbrite.com.

The event is accessible and free, and we encourage you to come even if you don’t have a chance to register. Hope to see you there and to start seeing Montague Energy Stars throughout our community.

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Goodbye Sue, Hello David!

MONTAGUE – A public farewell is planned for retiring Montague Public Libraries Director Sue SanSoucie on October 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Carnegie Library, 201 Avenue A. David Payne, the new Director, will be welcomed.

Patrons, co-workers and volunteers are invited to add recollections and mementos of SanSoucie’s 30-plus years at the Libraries to a scrapbook. SanSoucie has been a staunch supporter of the Montague system of neighborhood branches.

Trustee Veronica Phaneuf said, “Sue has developed a library system that provides well for the needs of all the town. She has also

maintained a great relationship with patrons, staff, town employees and especially with others in the Massachusetts library community. Her leadership extends beyond the town and puts Montague on the map as a town supportive of the need for libraries.”

The event is being planned by the Trustees, staff and Friends. Patrons are invited to join the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries to participate in future events.

Contact the Carnegie Library for more information at 863-3214; to volunteer, contact Bunny Caldwell at buncald@comcast.net or (413) 824-0439.

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vegetation will be removed, and the area excavated to a depth of one foot below the finished grade. Hydric soil will then be laid in two six-inch batches, and the area seeded and planted with native shrubs.

A wetland specialist will review all permits and evaluate sites and mitigation areas both prior to and during construction. In addition, the specialist will inspect all work and submit written reports. The first inspection will occur at the end of the first full growing season. The area must have at least 75 percent of healthy growth or else the contracting company, at its expense, must reseed. By the second inspection, a year later, there must be at least 75 percent healthy foliage and 90 percent uniform cover by wetland species to be accepted as satisfactory evidence of growth.

While the commission members generally agreed that these protocols were sufficient, commission member Deb Picking, who is also an environmental scientist, questioned whether the plan for wetlands replication could actually be accomplished.

She noted the high failure of wetland replication projects and expressed concern over where the hydric soil would come from. She also noted that hydric soils differ considerably from place to place and that if the soil was trucked in from another location it might not be a suitable match for the soil in the present wetlands area.

The consultants said that soil samples would be tested on location and that as much existing hydric soil as possible would be reutilized. They also stressed that the wetlands specialist would be on site to monitor the procedures and work. Picking acknowledged this was necessary but also stressed that

the commission should have active oversight over the specialist since, in her opinion, not all specialists exercised as much diligence as they should.

Other commission members also made it clear that they felt that the commission needed to have continuing involvement, and that conditions needed to be placed on the replication procedures. In response, Chair Mark Fairbrother suggested that the hearing be continued for another month so that a statement of conditions could be drafted.

Town Planner Walter Ramsey, however, said that he had already drafted a series of conditions in regard to the project and the wetlands specialist and urged the committee to consider his draft at the present meeting. Members agreed, and the draft was passed out to the committee.

Among the conditions were that the commission review detailed plans in advance of reconstruction; that the wetland specialist meet with the committee before and during work; that any changes to the proposed plan would be subject to a thorough review by the committee; and that as much existing soil as possible be reused.

The committee seemed generally satisfied with the conditions and Fairbrother called for a vote. The proposed plan passed with the conditions with five yes votes and one abstention (Deb Picking).

Just before the hearing adjourned, abutter Andy Rewa pointed out to the committee that due to improper placement of catch basins near the intersection of Randall and Greenfield roads, flooding continued to be a major problem. Fairbrother acknowledged that he was aware of the situation and said he would contact DPW superintendent Tom Bergeron on Tuesday.



NOTES FROM THE GMRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Revolving Funds 101; Ja'Duke to Rent the High School Theater

By PATRICIA PRUITT

The meeting opened with a report from Kelly Loynd on Erving's thinking on school regionalization. Loynd said there is no interest in Erving in regionalizing Pre-Kinder-garten thru twelve years of school. However, the town is interested in a region including seven thru twelve grades, particularly with either the Pioneer Regional District or the Gill-Montague District. Erving wants to maintain full control over its elementary school through grade six.

Gill's Sandy Brown next raised the issue of minutes and ambiguity in the phrasing that left Brown, who had missed the meeting covered in the minutes, wondering did x happen or didn't it. After some discussion the text was amended for clarity.

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The Management Solution representative Andy Pacquette presented Part 2 of his tour of the all-funds budget, focusing on revolving accounts, school choice, transfers, and E&D. Pacquette explained that every revolving fund has its contingencies, for example, only the school choice revolving fund can be used as general funds, while circuit breaker funds are only for special needs students. The up and down fluctuation in the circuit breaker account is due to the up and down in reimbursement of claims which follows a formula set by the state.

He further explained that the school's E&D account is roughly comparable to the town's stabilization account, while the other revolving funds equate with free cash. He reiterated that only the school choice account can be used in a general manner, but there is no carry-over in the school choice account from one year to the next.

Superintendent Sullivan reported on undertakings and progress of the Communications Task Force to redesign and generally improve the GMRSD website, to develop a Parent Communication Guide as well as explore a District facebook and school facebook pages with Springfield. He also reported on attending the School-Community Partnership executive council meeting, as well as his meeting with the joint finance committees and tech panel of Gill and Montague.

He apologized for a late agenda item for the Committee members to consider. The music teacher has received a request from two former GMRSD marching band members, currently students at Franklin Technical High School, to be allowed to

join the marching band again. After some discussion as to whether they would need instruments or uniforms, the board voted the two be allowed to participate.

Next, Sullivan reported on his meeting with the Ja'Duke Performing Arts School's representative regarding the possibility of renting the high school theater for four performance dates and the pricing and other use requirements. The District's own use of the theater permits only the December and March dates desired by Ja'Duke. Sullivan said that February was not possible and it as yet not clear if June would be possible, but he would get back to them as soon as the District knew final dates. Ja'Duke agreed to those two dates.

Sullivan also agreed that Ja'Duke could use the cafeteria during performances as a staging area for performers not on stage. This raised some concern about sales of soft drinks which are off limits to the theater. The pricing proposed is as follows: \$925 per show and \$465 for the cafeteria for rehearsals; this is a non-profit rate. For performances, the rate is \$1850 for the theater; \$930 for the cafeteria; this is the for-profit rate. In addition, Ja'Duke will cover the costs of school tech and custodial personnel. This proposal was accepted with 5 voting for and 2 abstaining.

The suggestion was made that the schools host a forum on Chapter 70 in November before the budget season starts and invite other towns to participate. After a short break, the meeting then went into executive session to approve executive minutes as well as for collective bargaining negotiations.

NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

Dog Licenses, Code Updating, Funding and House Posts

By JOSH HEINEMANN

The agenda for the Wendell selectboard's October 9 meeting was short, consisting largely of town coordinator, Nancy Aldrich, giving board members updates on issues in progress.

Of the list of 31 dog owners who have not licensed their dogs, only 12 have not taken advantage of the extended period to license their dogs without a penalty.

After a moment, selectboard member Dan Keller offered to telephone three of those whom he knows personally. Selectboard chair Christine Heard said she would call several whom she knows, and board member Jeffrey Pooser did the same. The three of them each chose four calls to make to encourage the people to license their dogs, show the rabies vaccination certificate, and avoid the difficulty of going to court.

Town clerk Gretchen Smith has office hours Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon. She can arrange a meeting to license a dog by telephone, 544-3395 x102.

A notice from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority reported that of the \$60,000 that began the year, Wendell now has \$9,535 from the revolving loan fund available for bringing homes up to code.

Aldrich said it looks like there is no good news for the next round of funding. Wendell residents have borrowed \$1 million from this loan fund, and do not have to pay the money back until their homes

change hands. When loans are paid back the money is available for more loans.

Town counsel advised the board of health that the home rule provision that might allow a local board of health to accept an alternative human waste disposal system, lack of electricity, and hot and cold water as the simple-living petitioners have wanted, comes down to a challenge that a citizen can make citing state regulations for plumbing, electricity, and a full septic system.

The next money managers' meeting will be in the town office meeting room at 6 p.m. on October 13, just before the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting.

Board members compiled hours that Wendell residents spent in dealing with the floodplain bylaw that was passed at the September 25 special town meeting. They started with the hours spent at that meeting, then the time they spent with FRCOG representative Pat Smith in two prior selectboard meetings, and the time that Charles and Shay Cooper spent, as the owners of the only occupied house in the floodplain district.

As the meeting was ending, Keller mentioned buying more steel posts for house numbers. Posts are \$4.50 each, just under \$250 for 50 posts, and shipping is \$136. Shipping is the same for 100 posts and the other board members agreed it made sense to buy 100.

Money can come from the selectboard fund, which has enough now, but it is still early in the fiscal year.

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Rag Shag Permit Sparks Insurance Concern

By JEFF SINGLETON

The Montague Selectboard met on October 15 at 7:00 and finished its business well before 8:00, the second meeting in a row that lasted well under an hour.

The first topic was a request by Water Pollution Control Facility director Bob Trombley to change the wording of its agreement with Lightlife, the health foods company in the Montague Industrial Park. Lightlife, which makes frozen meatless products, was recently sold by the ConAgra Corporation to a private equity firm, Brynwood Partners. The selectboard unanimously voted to change the wording from "ConAgra-Lightlife" to "Lightlife Foods."

Next, Bruce Hunter of the Franklin Regional Housing Authority requested two actions involving the Unity Park renovation project. The first was a change order to improve the drainage system, including the installation of 100 feet of pipe. The changes were a response to "ponding" during rainy periods. Audience member Jeanne Golrick asked if this was the same "lousy pipe" leading to the industrial park that had

recently deconstructed. She was assured that it was different pipe.

The second request was from Hunter for \$2,695 to fund design changes. The drainage change order was approved unanimously while the design funding was held until the next meeting because the wrong amount appeared on the agenda.

Next, the selectboard appointed or reappointed members to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, popularly known as MEDIC. These included Richard Ruth, Moon Morgan and Donald Valley for three year terms.

Frank Abbondanzio reported that the public information process to develop the next Community Development Block Grant application will begin at the next selectboard meeting. This will be an "information session" seeking input from the residents of the various villages. Abbondanzio also announced that Patricia Dion, the Montague Treasurer, had been awarded the title of "Certified Municipal Collector" by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. The certificate will be awarded at an event on November 15 at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, MA.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 923 and the Veterans War Committee was given a permit for its annual "Rag Shag Parade, to be held on October 31. However the request for insurance was put on hold after a lengthy discussion of town policy, or lack thereof, regarding insuring such events.

The town has been informed by counsel that its insurance can be used to cover events, after a member of the sponsoring group is sworn in as a "town employee." Chair Mark Fairbrother stated he was uncomfortable with this procedure, and expressed the concern that accidents at events might cause the town's rates to increase. Selectboard member Michael Nelson noted that there seemed to be no guidelines to determine who would receive town coverage and who would not. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

At the end of the meeting several members of the audience asked questions about the status of buildings currently owned by the town, including the Strathmore (and particularly the bridge to it across the power canal), the rectory of the former St. Anne's Church, and the old Montague Center School building.

According to Abbondanzio, the Strathmore bridge question is part

of on-going discussions between the town and First Light, the power company that owns both the power canal and the bridge. A crucial issue is whether the state will require that the bridge be made handicapped accessible, a requirement that would significantly increase the cost of an upgrade. Concerning the Montague Center School building, Abbondanzio stated that the town and the developer, who intends to transform the building into 22 apartments, will probably sign a purchase and sale agreement soon. However, construction may not start before the spring. St. Anne's rectory, for which the town is seeking "expressions of interest" from potential developers, is being sealed for the winter.

These comments sparked discussion of whether questions not on the selectboard agenda could be raised without violating the state "open meeting law." Selectboard chair Mark Fairbrother advocated flexibility but also expressed concern that the discussions not become "deliberation," which is prohibited unless preceded by a posted agenda item.

"You're doing a very good job chairing these meetings," said audience member Jeanne Golrick. "You're making me nervous," said Fairbrother.

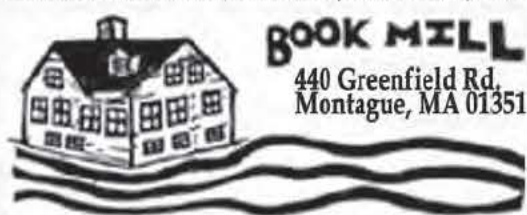
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NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Financial Auditor: Town of Gill “Very Well-Managed,” “Very Lucky”

By MIKE JACKSON

At its Monday, October 7 meeting, the Gill selectboard heard a report from auditors Scanlon & Associates, agreed to recommend the Riverside neighborhood be on the National Register of Historic Places, signed a lease with the Four Winds School in that neighborhood, and decided that outside help will be needed for smoke-testing the sewer system this fall.

At the end of the meeting, Ann Banash announced that she will not seek an eighth term on the board this spring (see story on pg. A1).

Audit

Tom Scanlon, a partner at Scanlon & Associates of Deerfield, reported on the town's finances after FY '12, with a focus on the category called “Other Post-Employment Benefits,” or OPEB: money the town might owe in the future, on past and present employees' benefits.

The auditors found no “material weaknesses” in the town's practices, but noted that they had found opportunities for strengthening efficiency and discussed them with employees.

Scanlon also discussed potential costs coming from a 2011 state law that allows other towns to prorate their retirees' health insurance premiums to towns where they had previously worked.

This could also affect the school district: a teacher who worked at Gill-Montague for 15 years and then Greenfield for 5 could end up with the district owing 75% of his retirement premiums to Greenfield. He recommended the town establish a special OPEB stabilization fund.

A large amount of free cash at the end of FY '12, in the neighborhood of \$211,000, in addition to around \$208,000 in its stabilization funds, means the town ended the year with reserves around 15% of its \$2.8 million budget, well over the 10% Scanlon said is the recommended best practice for towns of a similar size. He praised the town's “conservative” approach.

“The more we have in our rainy-day fund,” noted Banash, “the easier it'll be going into the next downturn.” But board members acknowledged that the free cash was “anomalous,” including as it did the results of underestimating local receipts by about \$143,000. Discussion ensued about how to keep the figure to 10% in years without such favorable errors.

“You're one of my better clients,” said Scanlon. “You have an excellent staff in place, and you're very lucky.”

Historical Commission Proposal

Ivan Ussach of the Historical Commission was next on the bench. “I've got some very soaked pumpkins,” he said, commenting on the afternoon's uncommonly hard rain.

But his business with the Selectboard dealt with the proposed designation of Riverside as a National Historic Place.

The idea, he explained, grew out of a joint effort of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to map out historic sites within a half-mile of the old Mohawk Trail. Riverside contains such a concentration of these that it made sense to request a district status.

Ussach brought materials to clarify the difference between what is being requested -- a listing on the National Register -- and the establishment of a Local Historic District.

The differences are practical. The state's 900 sites on the National Register, a more symbolic status, may garner tax incentives for the properties within, but don't limit their use in any way. Its 200 Local Historic Districts come with many more restrictions aimed at preventing “inappropriate” alterations to their architecture.

Banash noted that, as her own property was affected, she had submitted a letter in favor of the status, in that capacity.

She abstained from the board's vote to do the same as representatives of the town's people, which passed, 2-0.

Four Winds School

After a brief discussion with Steve Hussey, director of the private Four Winds School, which rents two rooms in the old Riverside School building, the board unanimously agreed to sign a new one-year lease with the school. It will pay \$575 a month, and if any more students enroll than its current ten, that figure will rise by \$50 per month, per student.

Hussey mentioned that the roof has not been leaking, or at least that the ceiling has not been, recently, and that he has gotten a bid on new carpeting, but that he wouldn't want to replace the carpet before the roof. Town administrative assistant Ray Purington said the town is looking for estimates on that job, on a “one to three year” timeline.

He and others noted that a new carpet, accepted as a “leasehold improvement” by the tenant, could be preferable to the town than putting it out to bid themselves, as it would cost “quite a bit less.”

Smoke in the Sewers

Mickey LaClaire of the Highway Department recommended that outside help be relied on, after all, for the town's smoke test of its sewer system for inflow & infiltration. After much talk about doing it all in-house, it is starting to seem like having someone on hand who has run such an operation before is a good idea.

Tighe & Bond, which can rent the town a smoke machine -- which

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I met Ann in 2003, in my first year on the Montague selectboard at a Franklin County Selectmen's Association meeting at the Stillwater restaurant in Charlemont. She asked how I liked being on the selectboard, and went on to tell me how enthusiastic she was about the selectmen's work, but she never mentioned she was then in her fourth term.

When we talked for this article, Banash expressed the same enthusiasm she has had all along in serving her community. In 1993, she felt it was “her turn to step up,” if the voters would elect her. Elect her they have. Now, she believes, is a good moment to step down.

“Gill is in a great place,” said Banash. “People are safe. The quality of life is very good. I love the town and I love working with people in Gill. I love the annual town meeting, and the way people work together to resolve issues.”

She recalled serving for 13 years with the same two colleagues: Leland Stevens and Phil Maddern. In fact, in her seven terms she has served with a total of six other members. Randy Crochier and chair John Ward are the current two rounding out the board.

On working with Crochier and Ward, Banash said, “They are both wonderful, thoughtful people, and even when we don't agree, we are able to be civil and to compromise. There is no dysfunction.”

For Gill, according to Banash,

the main issues will remain the same.

There is the difficulty of meeting an ever-increasing school assessment, yet maintaining a quality of education for the students of the Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD).

Another challenge is the Mariamonte property, which the town would like to develop as a commercial site, while working with the Native Americans' concern for historical preservation of the property.

Third is the issue of how to continue to provide services to the town at affordable prices.

Banash expressed “cautious optimism” for the future of the GMRSD; she said she is impressed with Superintendent Sullivan and his willingness to work with the towns and the joint Gill-Montague tech panel on budget issues. She is pleased the District has risen out of Level 4.

“Really,” Banash said, “if it weren't for the winters, I might have run for an eighth term.” As it is, she and her husband will continue to divide the year between winter in Florida and summer here in Gill for a while longer.

Banash will finish her seventh term by staying in weekly contact by phone with her selectboard colleagues and town administrator Ray Purington, as she has done since moving to Florida.

She said she feels honored and privileged to have served her town. Her hope is that in the future some will continue to “hear my voice in [their] heads.”

squats over a manhole and spews “nontoxic, nonstaining” smoke downward at 4,300 cubic feet per minute -- can also lend an operator. This package deal would cost \$2,500, for two days.

“I think that's a pretty good deal,” said LaClaire, who did not find any spare machines or consultants when checking with local towns.

He said Montague wastewater superintendent Bob Trombley told him that the town last ran such a test in the early 1990s, in Millers Falls, and that it was a “very good idea” to do so. LaClaire said he would call at least two other firms, in the name of due diligence, to make sure the standing offer is the best.

The board agreed to this plan. Houses in the system will need to be canvassed first, to make sure every drain has water in its trap, so smoke doesn't come out of sinks and toilets. This can be accomplished by running water through any seldom-used drains in the days prior to the test.

Sewers in the Hole

An increase in Montague's sewer rate means Gill will be operating at a deficit if it does not pass along the raise to its residents. The \$79,042 approved by town meeting will not meet the \$80,487 in projected expenses, especially not if \$2,500 is added to that figure for the smoke test.

“Kudos to Bob Trombley,” said

selectboard member John Ward, for keeping Montague's costs down compared with many other towns.

The board and Purington discussed scenarios in which the rate could be raised from 13.5 cents per cubic foot to 13.7 and 14 cents, and possibly higher. A full proposal for a rate increase will probably be up for vote at its November 4 meeting.

Other Business

The board approved a sewer abatement request, for \$17.58.

It appointed Andrew Cole to the Energy Commission. This brings that commission up to its “full working complement” of five members, according to Purington.

It agreed to renewing two cooperative agreements with the state Bureau of Forest Fire Control over purchases of excess property from the federal government.

LaClaire and fire chief Gene Beaubien noted that downed power lines in the day's heavy storm had closed Route 2 east of the Turners Falls-Gill Bridge. A car driver was trapped for a half hour, waiting for the power company to show up and cut the electricity to the lines.

That response time, they pointed out, will surely increase if WMECo's nearest service center is in Hadley rather than Greenfield, as is currently proposed. The selectboard discussed submitting a letter objecting to such a move. Purington said he would draft one.

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Officials participating will be GCC President Robert L. Pura, State Chief GED Examiner, Tom Mechem and Northampton City Council President, Bill Dwight. Students will also speak about their academic journeys and future plans.



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Private Donors Fund Head Start Through the End of October



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Local Head Start programs, like the one in the former Central Street School building in Turners Falls, will receive the philanthropists' funding through Halloween.

By **CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO**

FRANKLIN COUNTY – Laura and John Arnold, a Texas billionaire couple, last week donated \$10 million to fund Head Start programs across the country, including those administered by Community Action in Hampshire and Franklin counties. The local Head Start was facing a very uncertain future (see *The Montague Reporter*, Oct. 10) due to the government shutdown.

Had the funding not come through, Community Action would have had to close the doors at the Head Start Centers last Friday. To keep the programs running through October 11, Community Action had to utilize funds from the state.

Executive Director Claire Higgins said she "breathed a sigh of relief" when she got the word. "But we still only have funding through the end of the month. If the government doesn't reopen, we will likely have to temporarily close Head Start." According to Higgins, it costs \$550,000 a month to operate the local programs. She also said that the federal grant is retroactive to October 1. "If the government reopens, we'll pay them [the Arnolds] back. If not, we'll consider it [their money] a grant." She also noted that without the initial contribution from Governor Patrick and Early Education and Care Commissioner Tom Webber, they wouldn't have been able to open at all.

Higgins said that the fuel assistance program is still on hold. "If the shutdown ends by October 25, we won't have to lay off staff. Otherwise, we will." She added that she was feeling "optimistic."

According to *Forbes*, John Arnold is a former hedge fund manager who made his early fortune as an energy trader with Enron. Until 2012, when he retired at the age of 38, Arnold ran a successful hedge fund. In 2008 the couple formed the Laura and John Arnold Foundation which supports a range of

causes including criminal justice, education and pension reform. The donation to Head Start, however, came from their own personal checking account.

The philanthropic couple said in a statement: "We believe that it is especially unfair that young children from underprivileged communities and working families pay the price for the legislature's collective failures.... Like everyone else, we are disappointed in the stalemate that has led to the federal government's shutdown."

In a 2011 interview with the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, the couple described themselves as Democrats "without strong political leanings."

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Third Street.

There are two pre-festival opportunities for carving. The first is today, October 17 during the Turners Falls "Third Thursday" at River Station from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

On the day of the event, Montague Parks & Recreation is holding a pumpkin carving and scarecrow stuffing party from noon to 2 at Unity Park.

At the festival, pumpkin carving and lantern making begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 6.

The Montague Reporter and Field to Table, who share an office with us, will be carving a few pumpkins around the same time, so stop by 177 Avenue A to say hello!

Other activities for children, including games, piñatas, crafts and

coloring are ongoing from 2 to 6 p.m. Of special interest are Halloween science demonstrations by TFHS chemistry teacher Eric Newman in the Kid's Area starting at 3 p.m.

The music kicks off at 2 p.m. in three locales: in the bandshell at Peskeompskut Park, at River Station, and at the corner of Fourth St. and Avenue A. Karen's Dance Studio will perform dances in the park in between music acts.

At 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the former Ristorante Di Paolo, skateboarders will perform gravity-defying feats of all sorts.

At 6 p.m. pumpkin lighting begins. The lantern parade begins at 6:30 with a starting point at Third and Avenue A and wanders along the bike path. A sky lantern send off will happen at Second and Avenue

A at 7 p.m.; a fire dancer will perform at the same time a block away at Third and Avenue A. At 7:30 ribbons will be awarded in several categories for pumpkin carving skill. The event ends at 9.

Among the many musical acts, on the three stages, will be Lake Side Drive, Five Seven, Corki and Ken Demers, Ruby's Complaint, Funklynator, Strange Men, EvenSpeak, Tommy Fuentes Band, ToneArms, Curly Fingers Dupree, Lord Jeff, Sandy Bailey, Willy & the Poor Boys and Radio Vendetta.

From 4 to 5 p.m., the North County Line Dancers will perform, and from 5 to 6, the Zumba Dancers will show off their moves at Third and Avenue A. Karen's Dance Studio will perform dances in the park in between music acts.



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Village Sketchbook

TFHS Class of 1945 Reunion

By DAVID BRULE

ERVING – Opening the time capsule that is a high school class reunion is oftentimes a challenging proposition for all those involved.

I always like to start with a quick study of the TFHS yearbook for the class in question, and it’s often the same: look at all those young faces and great expectations! All smiles, trim, slim and fit, looking out into their futures.

And for sure, this Class of ’45, that is the epitome of the Greatest Generation, provided their children,

those of us of the Baby Boomer generation, with an example of survival in adversity and gave us the gift of their lifetime efforts: the greatest sustained economic prosperity this country has known.

Just remember, they entered high school a few months before Pearl Harbor was bombed, and they graduated just months before the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

My mother Shirley Smith Brule is a member of this class of ’45, and I’ve gotten all the stories of those war years in person over time. So

when I got the call to go to visit her classmates gathered this past Sunday, it was another one of those things that was meant to happen.

In getting ready to attend the reunion luncheon at Frank Prondecki’s French King Restaurant, I went rummaging through the bookshelves at my mother’s home, looking for the 1945 yearbook.

There it was, modest-looking in its soft cover, this plastic ring-bound book of not quite 100 pages. One of the organizers of the reunion, Albina Fronkus Pluta, reminded me that the book was produced in the war years, so using materials like a

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Top Row: Miss Ayer, Ronald Kelly, Marcel Paulin, Patrick Kelleher

Fourth Row: Walter Schuble, David Long, Raymond Hmielewski, John O’Connell, Arthur Sicard

Third Row: Dorothy Sabarceski, Edna Weed, Lillian Gamelin, Helen Jean Miller

Second Row: Jean Couture, Ruth Bowman, Shirley Cronin, Albina Fronkus, Irene Maziarz, Sophie Goly

First Row: Eileen Jacobus, Lucille Paulin, Ann Harlow, Joanna Frawley, Carol Schneider, Josephine Cislo, Mildred Zak

Dear Clio,



I am 68, and my husband is 73. Lately he’s becoming rather forgetful. As a result, I have taken to reminding him about things he said he would do, or about appointments.

When I do this, he becomes rather annoyed. But if I don’t remind him, he’ll likely forget, and then he always feels terrible as he’s been a man who was never late for anything, and could always be counted on when he said he would do something.

What can I do? I don’t think he’s getting Alzheimer’s disease because his forgetfulness comes and goes. I’m worried for him, and I guess I’m also worried for me. Our daughter says I should leave little notes for him. I do mark things on a big calendar but he forgets to look at it. I need some advice.

Worried Wife

Dear Worried Wife,

Your husband is very lucky to have you in his life. You are concerned about his health, about helping him get to his commitments on time, and about protecting his feelings. Even when he does not realize that you are taking care of him, you are working behind the scenes like a guardian angel to help him stay organized and to save him from any embarrassment.

Whatever is to come, I have no doubt that facing the challenges will be easier, since you have each other. You would make an even stronger team, however, if you were discussing this issue and strategizing together. You are talking to your daughter about the problem. Maybe

it’s time to bring your husband into the conversation. I’ll bet you would want them to talk openly with you, if you were the one becoming forgetful.

This will be an uncomfortable conversation. If you bring it up, your husband might say that you are wrong or even become angry with you. Also, once you talk about it, neither one of you can act like it is not happening. I can imagine that your husband in particular will not want to discuss it. A man who has always been organized and reliable must feel terrible knowing that he has neglected a commitment. Probably he is not only worried but frightened. On the other hand, you will be better able to help your husband with strategies like the ones you and your daughter have suggested if you have talked with him and found solutions that work for both of you.

Also, it’s probably a good idea for your husband to mention the forgetfulness to his doctor. If he is not doing this on his own, then you might want to encourage him. Who knows, there might be a reassuring explanation for the problem, even a solution, and if there is not, it’s probably better for both of you to know what to expect.

If I were you I would wait for a time when your husband has forgotten something and is feeling upset about it already. Otherwise he might deny that there is a problem to dis-

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TURNERS WINS HOMECOMING, 41 – 0



Colby Dobias (51) and Brody Markol (44) stop Pioneer from advancing for even one touchdown

By MATT ROBINSON

TURNERS FALLS – The Turners Falls Indians moved to 5 and 0 after defeating the Pioneer Panthers 41 – 0 at Homecoming on Friday, October 11.

And it was a hot time in the old town that night. That could have been one of the songs the crowd sang. I don’t know, since they were singing so many songs in the stands and chanting so many cheers.

Along with the usual contingent of parents, students and alumni, a group from the class of 1978 – a mob of fifty-somethings reliving their salad days – were boldly singing songs and chanting the old cheers that were popular when they were teenagers. And as the crowd grew louder, the football team responded.

Turners scored quickly and of-

ten. As has happened so often this season, the Indians scored on their first drive. Turners started on their own 48 yard line, ran three runs and scored a TD on the fourth play on a pass from Malcolm Smith to Jalen Sanders. And with less than three minutes gone in the game, Turners led 7 – 0.

Pioneer, who started on their own 15, never got past the 38. And once again Turners started at midfield, this time on the Blue 49. Turners continued to pound the ball and on 3rd and 2, Brody Markol got the first down to the Panthers’ 31. After an incomplete pass, Trent Bourbeau got to the ten yard line and Turners got a fresh set of downs deep in the Panther Red Zone.

On first down, Brent halved the distance to the goal line and set up a second down on the five. He then

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THE GARDENER'S COMPANION

The Last Few Days of Summer



By LESLIE BROWN

MONTAGUE – A two cord pile of stove wood looms in the side yard, waiting stacking. The grass is long. And although I have exhorted my fellow gardeners about the need for end of season cleanup, my own garden still waits to be put to bed.

I and a fellow retired educator have gone back to school, signing up for Elementary Spanish at GCC. We have been humbled for a month with the difficulties of learning the grammar of a new language, the homework and the tests. Still we enjoy the challenge and are entertained to be back with many of the students we used to work with.

Despite the work that waits, I long for a brief respite and persuade my partner with very little arm twisting that three days of the first week in October would be perfect for a visit to a ninety-plus relative before she makes her annual trek to Florida for the winter.

On that Wednesday we drive to Fitchburg and then board the train to Boston’s North Station. An hour and a half passes quietly and quick-

ly. We buy Charlie tickets for the “T” and are soon at Government Center near Faneuil Hall, just in time for lunch at the historic Union Oyster House.

No oysters for us, but we enjoy fresh fish, salad and a slab of the best cornbread I’ve ever eaten while admiring an artist’s rendering of Daniel Webster, a frequent visitor who is reputed to have regularly eaten six plates of fresh oysters chased by a glass of water and brandy with each, if you please. He looks none the worse for wear and perfectly trim. Perhaps he burned calories with all of that fine rhetoric.

Back out on the cobblestones we amble the short way to a harbor walk to admire the obscenely large yachts and handsome sailing crafts.

We ponder the idea of a boat tour of the harbor islands the next day but for now settle for a leisurely walk, admiring historic buildings, reading informative plaques and waving at a myriad of amphibious duck tours whose drivers spout a strange version of edited history full of humorous asides and improbable facts. The weather is incredibly warm, close to eighty degrees with plenty of sun and we are lulled into indolence.

Over the evening meal we learn that the harbor tour will not stop at the harbor islands because they are closed due to the government shutdown. The next day is HOT! We resolve to get off the “T” somewhat randomly and do so finding ourselves on the Boston Common.

Undeterred by the shutdown, the costumed guides continue to lead visitors along the Freedom Trail. We read about the history of the common which served among other things as a pre-Revolutionary encampment of British troops.

This is the oldest park in the country and comprises almost fifty acres of green land within the urban space. It was originally a feeding ground for domestic animals as were many of the commons of early towns. This destination is now the beginning of the fabled Freedom Trail which we hiked last trip. Today many have come here on their lunch break to eat or sun outside in the brief Indian summer warmth.

The city sports painted upright pianos in many locations. They invite players of all modes of music. On the Common we enjoy a jazz musician, dressed in 1940s attire, who sets down his leather briefcase to play expertly several songs. He is followed by a trio of teenagers who perform a karaoke version of a popular song while photographing themselves on their cell phones. Such open sharing of happiness!

We go slowly because of the heat of the day and because there is so much to see. We pass historic burial grounds, the edge of Chinatown and find ourselves thoroughly lost near the North End. A friendly policeman redirects us backwards towards Faneuil Hall once again.

It is such a pleasure to see that while new skyscrapers dominate much space, we can still see and marvel at the ornate, much smaller early edifices which often wear

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Pet of the Week



“Rover”

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Senior Center Activities
October 21 to 25

GILL and MONTAGUE

Gill / Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at Noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m.

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. 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 10/21
10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:55 a.m. Chair Exercise
12 noon Potluck & Bingo
1 p.m. NO Knitting Circle

Tuesday 10/22
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Painting Class

Wednesday 10/23
10 a.m. Aerobics
11 a.m. Monthly Health Screening & Flu Shots
12 noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bingo

Thursday 10/24
9 a.m. NO Tai Chi
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Pitch

Friday 10/25
10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:55 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 congregate meals. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 24 hours in advance. Call Mealsite Manager Rebecca Meuse at (413) 423-3308, for meal information and reservations.

For information, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity. Call the Center to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out when is the next blood pressure clinic.

Monday 10/21
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Osteo Exercise
12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday: 10/22
8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
12:30 Painting

Wednesday: 10/23
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 noon Bingo

Thursday, 10/24
8:45 a.m. Aerobics
12 noon Posture Perfect
12 noon Cards

Friday 10/25
9 a.m. Bowling
5 p.m. Lasagna Supper

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

Take-It-Easy Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$5 (first class free).

Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

WENDELL

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Hiker Breaks Ankle Near Hermit’s Cave

Monday, 10/7
10 a.m. Criminal application issued to [REDACTED], for operating without a license and speeding on Route 2.
11:52 a.m. Two-car crash on Route 2 near Stoneville Auto. Report taken.
5:30 p.m. Assisted Gill PD in closing down Route 2 due to downed wires.
8:40 p.m. Assisted French King Highway resident who reported harassing phone calls.

Tuesday, 10/8
3:30 p.m. Assisted Gill PD with a verbal-only domestic dispute on French King Highway in Gill. Subjects separated.
4:45 p.m. Mutual aid to Montague for serious motor vehicle crash. Assisted on scene.
11 p.m. Criminal application issued to [REDACTED], for operating a motor vehicle with no seatbelt and revoked insurance.

Wednesday, 10/9
3:30 p.m. Report of larceny at River Road residence.

Under
investigation.
4:45 p.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency in the area of Hermit’s Castle in Farley. Hiker with a broken ankle.
7:30 p.m. Arrested [REDACTED], for outstanding warrant.

Friday, 10/11
9:10 a.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency on Northfield Road.
10 a.m. One-car crash on French King Highway at Forest Street. No injuries.

Saturday, 10/12
11:45 a.m. Welfare check requested on Forest Street resident.
4:50 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on Route 2 bypass. Tow en route.

Sunday, 10/13
11:10 a.m. Alarm at elementary school. All secure.

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Obesity surgery is an extreme measure designed for men who are at least 100 pounds overweight and women at least 80 pounds overweight. There is no upper age limit for this type of surgery. However, the procedure is riskier for anyone older than 65.

Obesity surgery may be done through a traditional abdominal opening or by laparoscopy, which requires only a half-inch incision. The surgeon uses the small incision to insert instruments and a camera that transmits images to a television. Most bariatric surgery today is done laparoscopically.

Many people who have bariatric surgery lose weight quickly. If you follow diet and exercise recommendations, you can keep most of the weight off. The surgery has risks and complications including infections, hernias and blood clots.

Answers to the following questions from the National Institutes of Health may help people decide whether weight-loss surgery is right for them.

Is the overweight person:

- * Unlikely to lose weight or keep it off over the long term using other methods?
- * Well informed about the surgery and treatment effects?
- * Aware of the risks and benefits of surgery?
- * Ready to lose weight and improve his or her health?
- * Aware of how life may change after the surgery? There are adjustments such as the need to chew food well and the loss of ability to eat large meals.
- * Aware of the limits on food choices, and occasional failures?
- * Committed to lifelong healthy eating and physical activity, medical follow-up, and the need to take extra vitamins and minerals?

Bariatric procedures, on average, cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Medical insurance coverage varies by state and insurance provider. In 2004, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reduced barriers to obtaining Medicare coverage for obesity treatments. Bariatric surgery may be covered under these conditions:

- If the patient has at least one health problem linked to obesity
- If the procedure is suitable for the patient’s medical condition
- If approved surgeons and facilities are involved

Questions? Send them to fred@healthygeezers.com.

JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

Q. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was in the news not long ago for getting obesity surgery. What exactly did he have done and does it work?

Governor Christie had Adjustable Gastric Band (AGB) surgery which limits food intake with a band around the top of the stomach. The size of the restriction can be adjusted with a circular balloon inside the band. AGB works mainly by decreasing food intake. The snugger the band, the less hungry people feel.

AGB is one form of obesity--or bariatric--surgery. One study of this type of surgery showed that patients lost an average of 61 percent of their excess weight.

In addition to AGB, there are three other types of obesity surgery used in the USA:

Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass reduces food intake and absorption. This is the most common obesity surgery. In gastric bypass surgery, the stomach is divided into two parts. Food is rerouted from the smaller upper part of the stomach, called the pouch, to the small intestine. Food no longer travels through the remaining part of the stomach.

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cuss. He will be especially sensitive at this time, of course, but you are clearly a caring and empathetic person who knows the right way to say it.

Maybe you can use this moment to be honest about your own worries. I think you might say something like, "I'm frightened about what will happen as both of us get older."

If your husband is the sort who will run as fast as he can from this kind of conversation, then maybe you can simply ask him what you can do to help him avoid getting into a similar situation in the future. If he says, "It won't happen again," and tries to leave it at that, I think you can gently encourage him to face reality by reminding him that it has happened before.

I can tell from your letter that you are extremely attuned to your husband's needs. You know better than anyone how to get through to him, so I won't tell you what words to say, only that it's time to say them. Since you decided to write to me about the problem, I think you know this already.

This is going to be a difficult conversation. At the same time I am confident that you will find ways to support each other.

No doubt the two of you have faced other difficulties over the course of your marriage and have found ways to overcome them. You have identified your next challenge. Together I know you can find the strategies, and the strength, to stand up to this challenge. Good luck!

Yours,
Clio



Monday, 10/7
7:55 a.m. Car vs. deer motor vehicle accident on Route 47: deer had to be put down; vehicle towed.
12:20 p.m. [redacted] was arrested on three default warrants.
3:53 p.m. Numerous reports of downed trees and wires and street flooding associated with storms.
5:47 p.m. Tractor-trailer unit stuck on Gill side of Turners Falls-Gill Bridge. State police advised.
Tuesday, 10/8
3:33 a.m. Suspicious auto/individual reported near the dump. Unable to locate.
2:40 p.m. Domestic disturbance at Avenue A and Third Street. Peace restored.
5:30 p.m. Driver Warren Whitney, 70, of Whitney Way, killed when his vehicle struck a tree and caught fire on Route 63 near the crossover.
8:48 p.m. Sheep reported missing from Turners Falls Road residence.
11:16 p.m. Runaway/missing person report filed for female juvenile in DCF custody. County-wide alert issued.
Wednesday, 10/9
8:14 p.m. [redacted] was arrested on a default warrant.
11:40 p.m. Complaint regarding loud music on Crescent Street.

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plaques and have clearly been well preserved. In another space they might have been razed to allow for more new buildings, but this city, which holds much of this nation's early history, clearly values its origins.

We have walked for about three hours and we are ready for one more noon meal out, this time lunch at Durgin Park, an institution in South Boston since 1827. This second floor eatery has been left much as it was when it opened. Most of the seating is set at long

tables usually occupied by several different parties all sharing the same space. Now at two o'clock it is only sparsely filled and we ask to sit at a small table in the room which appears to be set up for functions.

This is a less crowded and more airy space with huge windows open to the false summer air. It is likely the time when the waiters take a lunch break of their own, but we are warmly welcomed and encouraged to take a leisurely meal and rest. Much of the menu is filled with traditional, hearty foods – sea-

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Fatal Crash on Route 63

Services rendered.
Thursday, 10/10
10:35 a.m. Vehicle crossing Turners Falls-Gill Bridge observed dropping metal along the way. Operator located and advised of complaint; returned to pick up pieces.
12:20 p.m. Tractor trailer unit leaving Southworth reported to have caused damage to electrical box controlling flashing lights at the Canal Street bridge. Highway department notified; investigated.
5:46 p.m. Report of damage to bedroom window, possibly caused by pellet or BB gun, on Woodland Drive. Investigated.

Friday, 10/11
5:40 a.m. Complaint of vehicle being operated at high speeds and unsafely on Davis Street; ongoing problem. Vehicle located; operator spoken to and warned.
8:11 a.m. [redacted] was arrested on a probation warrant.
2:56 p.m. Three-car motor vehicle accident with property damage at Turnpike Road and Montague City Road; no injuries.
5:07 p.m. Money and jewelry reported stolen on Fourth Street.
6:12 p.m. Report of threatening/harassing behavior by a neighbor in Montague Center. Advised of options.

6:25 p.m. Sick skunk reported in Dell Street backyard; described as having skinny tail and "walking funny." Unable to locate.
8:33 p.m. Small red toddler bike belonging to a four year old boy reported stolen near corner of Fifth Street and Avenue A.
Saturday, 10/12
10:50 a.m. Complaint of odor coming from wall in house on Turners Falls Road. Unfounded.
11:08 p.m. Possible drug activity reported on Fourth Street. Unfounded.
2:16 p.m. Complaint of someone blowing leaves into roadway at Millers Falls Road and Turners Falls Road.

4:48 p.m. Bicycle reported stolen from in front of Antonio's in Greenfield; suspected thief believed to live in Turners Falls, last seen wearing a "psychedelic" looking shirt.
5:19 p.m. Summons issued for a restraining order violation.
5:43 p.m. A Turners Falls man was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery and two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250.
6:56 p.m. Complaint regarding vehicles not stopping at the stop sign near the Element Brewery in Millers Falls. Referred to an officer.

food in chowders or on platters, all forms of beef and poultry and the signature Boston beans, cornbread and Indian pudding. We eat lightly as we are taking my mother-in-law out for dinner much later.

Revived, we return to the street and sit out near the harbor walk again before returning to the Common and its subway stop. The "T" is full once again, but we do manage to grab a seat part of the way.

We relax with coffee and books on our return and then spend a delightful evening out with a bright and beautiful, seemingly ageless

woman. We retire in short order by eleven as we feel the walking in many muscles.

We return home the next day to the rain and thus a further reprieve from chores. Getting away has been good therapy, and we are ready to return to work of all kinds when the new week begins. To my fellow gardeners, I recommend the tonic of walking away from it all if only for a few hours or days. It will help you return with renewed zeal to the tasks at hand.

Happy getaways, and happy gardening!



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scored a touchdown and the crowd went wild.

When things are going your way, sometimes even potential disasters come up roses. During the PAT, the snap was bobbled but an alert Smith passed the ball to Melvin Moreno for the two pointer. Turners was now leading 15 – 0 with 2:44 left in the first quarter.

Pioneer began their next series on their own 24 but went three and out and Turners took over on the Blue 34. Two plays later, Jalen Sanders ran 60 yards, scoring another touchdown and with 5.5 seconds left in the quarter, the Tribe was leading 22 – 0.

Turners got the ball back when Pioneer failed to get a first down. It took Turners four plays to get the first down, one more to get to the Pioneer 9, and two additional plays to score the touchdown. A penalty moved the ball back and the PAT was no good. But the rout was on, and the bleachers sounded like they did in the seventies, when the Turners Falls football team always seemed to win.

Neither Pioneer nor Turners was able to get a first

down on their next series but with 52.2 seconds left in the half, Turners took over.

Turners moved the ball to the Pioneer 36 as the clock ticked to 42.8. The crowd got uncharacteristically quiet. Thirty six yards is a lot of territory to cover in 42 seconds. But in both of the last two games, Coach Chris Lapointe and his two-minute offense have scored touchdowns in the final seconds of the first half.

The crowd cheered when Trent Bourbeau caught a short pass and then erupted when Bourbeau pitched the ball to Jalen Sanders who sprinted past the defense and into the end zone.

Turners now led 35 – 0 with only 33.2 seconds left before the half. But never count the Tribe out when there are still seconds left on the clock. Pioneer ran three plays, and on 4th and 10, with 19.1 seconds left, Pioneer got the first down.

Pioneer began their next play with 8 ticks on the clock. Malcolm Smith intercepted the pass and as time ran out, he ran the ball quickly down the field all the way to the ten yard line. The half ended

with the game firmly in hand and the hometown crowd celebrating.

Pioneer got the ball in the second half and drove up the field but on 3rd and 8 from their own 44, Melvin Moreno came up big again. He intercepted the pass and Turners began the second half on their own 26. It took Turners six plays to get to the Pioneer Red Zone.

And on 3rd and 4 from the 14, Brody Markol caught a Malcolm Smith pass and scored a touchdown. Turners led 41 – 0 at 3:27 of the third quarter. Not wanting to be unsportsmanlike, Coach Lapointe began replacing his starters and the game ended 41 – 0.

“Pioneer is a great team.” Coach Lapointe said after the game. “I’m proud of our defense. I’m happy with the goose egg.”

Lapointe then added quickly, “The road to the Inter-county League [title] is through Easthampton.”

Turners will face their biggest challenge so far, when they face the high scoring Easthampton Eagles, on Saturday afternoon, October 19.



LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here’s the way it was on October 16, 2003: News from The Montague Reporter’s archive.

More Grist For the Mill

As a new café opens in the old mill building at the corner of Greenfield and Turners Falls roads this weekend, it seems a good time to review that building’s history. The Alva Stone Mill was built in 1834, incorporating portions of an earlier mill. It operated as a granary on waterpower from the adjacent dam.

The 1855 Stevens map shows Stone’s mill with a large center building and two smaller attached wings. There were at least two other early corn mills in Montague, one at the mouth of the Millers River and one upstream from the sawmill on the Leverett Road.

Going Up

The Erving Center Fire Station is getting a new \$136,000 roof. Town administrator Tom Sharp

said that the building, which has always been used as a fire station, was originally constructed in the 1970s with a flat roof. Maintenance problems developed and town meeting appropriated the necessary funds.

Thayer Associates of South Deerfield have been very careful not to interfere with the station’s emergency readiness. The new roof will feature a graceful cupola housing the sirens. The project should be completed by mid-November.

Hopefully Not Going Up

Montague Town Planner Robin Sherman told the board she has been in contact with restoration ecologist Tim Simmons at Mass Fish and Wildlife, who is developing a fire management plan for the Montague Plains.

“As you know, pitch pines burn very quickly and are very volatile,” said Sherman.

Fish and Wildlife “has some proposed clearing they want to do,” along with

ongoing controlled burns, Sherman said. She suggested the selectboard hold a public hearing on the Plains fire management plan as part of their November meeting in Lake Pleasant, and the board agreed to do so.

Editorial:
Change In The Wind

Before you know it, these old villages are going to become hot commodities. The pressure of real estate development is moving our way from the east and south.

We’re glad to see broad efforts at economic development taking shape in Montague, as well as in Erving and Wendell. Those efforts will bear fruit in jobs and new opportunities.

But now is the time to give serious thought, as well, to preserving the affordability of our housing stock, and our agricultural land. Once lost to development pressures, these vital measures of the long-term livability of our communities cannot easily be replaced.

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hard-bound cover would have been a luxury, and out of the question.

Back in 1941, Superintendent Arthur E. Burke had announced in the local papers that 163 members of the new Freshman class of 1945 would enter the high school. Pupils came from the grammar schools in Turners Falls, including the parochial school of St. Anne’s, plus schools in Montague Center, Riverside, Millers Falls, Montague City, and Erving.

The yearbook was dedicated to Private First Class Joseph T. Sheff, beloved teacher at TFHS, who had been killed at Anzio in Italy in the senior year of this class. You will well remember that the athletic field at the high school was named for him, as is the former high school building on Crocker Avenue now called Sheffield.

In addition, thirty-seven classmates served in the armed forces, many of whom were granted diplomas while in military service.

Of course, the perennial photos of the venerable Arthur Burke and Principal George F. Wrightson were featured in the first pages. These men were to serve well into the late 1960s. I’ve often won-

dered what went through their minds when they saw the Boomer Generation coming into the high school, after having dealt with the Boomer parents in the 1940s!

Right there with the individual pictures were those unavoidable Turners Falls nicknames. Everyone had a moniker in Turners in those days, and this class had some gems. There were Deacon Guy, Nook Aldrich, Butch Beaubien, Cootch Couture, Rainy Day, Cicero Desautels, Bink Fronckus, Zush Goly, Wink Gunn, Harps Harlow, Speed Himileski, Rollie Leveille, Knuckles Martin, Scrub Mariarz, Peanuts Miller, Wack Raymond, and of course, Murph Togneri.

In their class will, the ’45ers took many humorous jabs at their teachers and administrators and, just to show how times don’t change: Flossie Porter, class advisor, was given an abundant supply of Kleenex to dry her tears when the class finally left. Mr. Burke was given a dependable barometer to help him predict days when school would be cancelled.

Mr. Wrightson was left an inextinguishable Bromo Seltzer fountain to help after his efforts to keep law

and order in the halls. Mr. Galvin was given a Mickey Mouse film so that his future classes could have a little variety.

The janitors were to receive a copy of the Spike Jones arrangement of “Whistle While You Work”. And so on.

So I had done my homework when I stepped into the dining room at the French King.

Albina Fronckus Pluta spotted me as soon as I came in. We had never met, but given I was the only underclassman in the crowd (I’m only a youngster from the class of ’64, after all!), she had no trouble figuring out who I was.

Impeccably dressed, and bright as I’m sure she was as a Senior in 1945, she quickly filled me in on those 14 classmates present. The classmates no longer with us number above 60, and others still were too far away or too reclusive to make the trip.

I spent time visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sirum, founders of the Sirum farm equipment firm. I was pleased to inform them that I had bought two Stihl chain saws and a weed-wacker from them over the years.

They were pleased to tell me

they were soon heading to Florida ahead of the winter weather sure to arrive!

Rollie Leveille shared baseball stories of his days in the minors with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He had made his living as a catcher in those days, with more than 1,581 at-bats, 22 home runs, and a batting average of .260. Hearty and hale at 87, he looked ready to step up to the plate at any moment. He allowed as he might need a pinch runner however, as his walking cane wouldn’t be much help in rounding the bases.

After spending an hour chatting

with Imelda Hamelin, Helen Kurtyka, Bertha Fortin, Robert Belado, Richard Webber and long-time family friend Jeannette Chagnon Sikora, I stepped back outdoors into a glorious autumn day.

I had met up once again with these survivors from the Greatest Generation, the kids who made it through the Depression and the war years, and in spite of all life’s tumult had retained their spirit and zest for life.

They’ve lived up to their class motto: *Ad Astra per Aspera* – Through Adversities, to the Stars.



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EVERY TUESDAY

The Millers Falls Library Club: Free after school program. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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 John-ny*. 9 p.m. to midnight. Free.

Avenue A & 2nd St., Turners Falls: *Farmers Market*. 2-6 p.m.

EVERY THURSDAY

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.

EVERY FRIDAY

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Karaoke with Dirty John-*

ny. 9 p.m. to midnight. Free.

ART SHOWS:

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Changing Coastlines*, oil paintings by Paula Tessier on display in the Great Hall



Thorn & Shout play original chamber folk and Americana at the Montague Bookmill on Saturday, October 19, at 8 p.m. \$5 to \$8 sliding scale. Check out their music at thornandshout.bandcamp.com.

through November 30th.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Painting The World Happy*, work by Denyse Dar on display through November 23.

EVENTS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Greenfield Annual Word Festival, downtown Greenfield, 6:30 p.m. Various venues see www.gawfest.org

Third Thursday, Turners Falls: *Get Pumped for Pumpkinfest!* Art exhibits, open studios, musical performances, walking tours, invited artisans and other attractions in the village, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Greenfield Garden Cinema, *Food For Change*, new documentary about food co-ops in the U.S. by filmmaker Steve Alves. Features Franklin Community Co-op history and scenes from Green Fields Market and McCusker's Market. Interviews with local folks and farmers. Premiers in Greenfield, \$, 7 p.m. Proceeds go to co-op education and scholarship funds.

Wagon Wheel, Gill: *Uncle Hal's Crabgrass Band*, 7 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Half Shaved Jazz*, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Tommy Filiault Trio*, acoustic rock with Sturgis Cunningham & Klondike Koehler, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Laurel & Hardy Film Festival*, \$, 7:30 p.m. Music before the movie: *Co-op Jazz*, 7 p.m.

Greenfield Annual Word Festival, various venues in downtown Greenfield. www.gawfest.org, 6:30 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague Center: Screening of the film *Moonshine*. A gritty twist on

opening reception for Denyse Dar, 6 to 8 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Kelley McRae & Rorie Kelly*, 7:30 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Laurel & Hardy Film Festival*, \$, 7:30 p.m. with music before the movie: *Dick Moulding, rompin' rags* and piano Americana, 7 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague Center: *Thorn and Shout*, Liana and Jenny, \$, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Dedicated to Delilah*, 80's Pop Rock and Ballads, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rockit Queer* with DJ Funkadelic Fern, \$, 9:30 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Greenfield Annual Word Festival, Greenfield Grill, Greenfield. www.gawfest.org, 11 to 3 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Elizabeth & Ben Anderson*, 2 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *John Sheldon - Up Close & Personal*, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Bingo!* Free, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Fine Arts Center, UMass, Amherst: *Kyle Abraham, Abraham. In.Motion in Pavement*. FAC Concert Hall, &, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Mid Week Music, All Souls Church, Greenfield: *Lisa Woods*, mezzo-soprano with *Jerry Noble*, pianist. \$, 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Boswell's Books, Shelburne Falls: *Slate Roof Poets Ed Rayher, Abbot Cutler, and Janet MacFadyen* reading from their recent *Slate Roof* chapbooks and more, 6:30 p.m.

Wagon Wheel, Gill: *Daniel Plane and Lefty Lance Smith*, 7 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Slope Editions* reading featuring *Christopher Janke*, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Shannon Wyatt & Peter Adams Nice*, rhythm guitarist singer/songwriter Shannon Wyatt with multi-instrumentalist Peter Adams Nice, 8 p.m.

Fine Arts Center, UMass, Amherst: *JD Parran, Bezanson* Recital Hall, \$, 8 p.m.

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Isaac Bingham and Sorrel Hatch, the groom and bride, drive the cows, who found the grass greener on the other side of the fence, to the barn for a ceremonial milking.



The No Name Band supplied music for dancing on the green. l-r: Susan Conger, Van Kaynor, and Ann Percival.



l-r: Patricia Crosby and husband Clifford Hatch, dancing, with their daughter, Sorrel, and son-in-law Isaac Bingham by their side.

A WEDDING LIKE NO OTHER

By JOE PARZYCH

GILL – On Columbus Day, October 14, Sorrel Lyman Hatch and Isaac Alexander Bingham married on the Upinngil Farm owned by Sorrel’s parents, Patricia Crosby and Clifford Hatch, located up in Gill. The wedding day was also the 25th anniversary of the purchase of the farm.

The wedding was in the manner of Quaker Friends with no minister, priest, rabbi, Justice of the Peace or official other than Nina Weyl, Clerk of the Mount Toby Friends in Leverett. In a Quaker wedding, no intermediary is necessary because the couple marry each other, in the presence of God, with family and friends as witnesses. During the ceremony, guests sat in silence on hay bales in a circle surrounding the couple.

Quaker Friends believe that God exists in all of us, that we might act accordingly by following our inner light, so that at a meeting anyone may feel moved to speak. Wedding guests were also invited to speak if so moved. Friends, guests and the couple sat for a time in contemplative silence.

Several people shared the sad remembrance of people who had passed. Others recalled happy times and the meeting of the

couple at the Mount Toby Friends Meeting House in Leverett. Since the marriage was under the group’s care, all members of the Mount Tobey Friends were invited to the wedding.

When moved to speak, Sorrel and Isaac stood to proclaim their love and lifelong commitment to each other. They also signed a commitment proclamation to that effect, which over 250 family and guests signed as witnesses to the proclamation. A colored pencil drawing of the Upinngil Farm by Clerk Nina Weyl, adorned the top of the proclamation. Fittingly, a flock of geese, who mate for life, flew high overhead during the marriage ceremony, as if choreographed.

During the sharing of thoughts, a guest was moved to speak about it being appropriate that the wedding was taking place on Columbus Day since Isaac had traveled the world, much like Columbus.

Betsy Evans, whose house is on land that borders the farm, said, “This farm is a magical place with chickens and cows. My promise is to take good care of my share of the fence.” She ended with the Robert Frost quote, “Good fences make good neighbors.”

Someone stood to say, “In Friends’ marriage ceremonies, the bride is not passed on by her father

as some sort of chattel, as in other marriage ceremonies. The bride acts as a loving participant in the joining of two people in a lifelong commitment to each other by their own free will.”

The couple had earlier filed an “Intent to Marry” form with Linda Hodsdon, Town Clerk of Gill. The Intent to Marry document will become an official marriage certificate once it’s processed by the State of Massachusetts.

The bride wore a white dress of tasteful design, which she sewed herself. The four bridesmaids wore casual dress, also with flowers in their hair. The groom wore a white shirt, black vest and chino pants which he’d reportedly purchased himself.

To cap off the ceremony, Isaac slipped a wedding ring on Sorrel’s finger, and kissed her. She in turn placed a ring on his finger and also sealed it with a kiss. The newlyweds then danced on the grass to music of the “No Name Band,” comprised of Ann Percival, Van Kaynor, and Susan Conger.

The parents of the bride and groom, Patricia Crosby, Clifford Hatch and Isaac’s parents Laurence and Deborah Bingham of Great Barrington, took turns dancing with the newlyweds and then with each other.

Vita Briggs Hendricks, a girl of four years of age, joined in with a graceful solo dance on the side.

After the ceremony, guests moved hay bale seats closer to the food tent to form a large circle. Guests lined up to partake of the abundant variety of potluck food arrayed on long tables. The picnic began with music supplied by the band and the sharing of stories celebrating love, marriage, family, and the land.

At 5 p.m., there was a Procession of the Cows. Bride and groom, now changed out of their wedding clothes, drove the herd of Ayrshire cows from the adjoining meadow, along a lane leading to the barn, for a ceremonial milking, with the help of guests.

The cows were skittish, unaccustomed to the large crowd invading their territory, accompanied by the flashing of cameras by gawking guests who either had never seen a cow before, or, at least had never seen a herd of cattle at a wedding. The cows, having never seen a wedding before, gawked at the herd of guests.

The couple will live and work at the farm and farm store after spending some time with Isaac’s family, the Bingham, on Lake Champlain. The farm store sells

raw milk to people who come from Vermont and New Hampshire, as well as Massachusetts, to buy the farm’s milk, bread and produce.

The Upinngil farm has recently curtailed cheese-making for lack of sufficient milk because of increased demand. Sorrel bakes whole wheat bread in her Little Red Hen bakery to sell at the Upinngil farm store. She uses flour ground from wheat raised on the farm. They also sell their home grown whole wheat flour at the farm store as well as to other bakeries.

In addition to raising sweet corn and various vegetables, the farm has a large “Pick Your Own” strawberry operation with picked strawberries also offered for sale.

While some guests assisted in the ceremonial milking of the cows, other guests, who may have felt they’d had more than their fair share of milking in the past, moved hay bales to the area of a bonfire for the cutting of the wedding cake, to later close the day around the fire with song.

There were no white stretch limousines, frilly wedding dress, tuxedos, best man nor ring bearer, but simply a moving declaration of love, commitment, and devotion to each other, before God and the world, sincerely vowing to remain together for the rest of their lives.



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