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Great Falls Harvest Begins



CHRISTINA SHEPARD PHOTO

Chef Chris Menegoni and his wife, and restaurant partner, Bridgette Chaffee

By ANNE HARDING

TURNERS FALLS – Readers, You're Invited to Dinner This Third Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, September 19, the long awaited soft opening is happening and the Great Falls Harvest Restaurant on 3rd Street will be open for business during September's Third Thursday.

Owners Chef Chris Menegoni and his wife Bridgette Chaffee have been working for several months painting, sanding, updating floors, moving bars, custom building walk-in refrigerators, rearranging spaces and even building furniture elements out of raw wood. They've had an incredible amount of help from friends and family and several members of the Menegoni and Chaffee families have become familiar faces to hopeful diners walking in from the street. In fact, for a short while some people thought Menegoni's mother Kathy

Hall was the new restaurateur.

As of this week, they will be open on a regular dinner schedule Thursday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. They will also be open Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., though Sunday hours may change depending on customer feedback. The Great Falls Harvest Restaurant previously opened its doors at 50 Third Street to host the emerging artists' stage at the Upper Valley Music Festival, and again for the Turners Falls Block Party. Then it was back to the hard work of completing the refurbishment of the space.

According to Chaffee it will be a quiet opening as all the elements are not quite in place. They've begun the process of transferring the Burrito Rojo alcohol license and a hearing is set for the September 23 selectboard meeting. They're planning to have local beers on tap and a variety of bottled beers as

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Gill-Montague Community School Partnership Loses Major Funding

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

TURNERS FALLS – The Gill-Montague Community School Partnership received word last week that their federal Drug Free Communities grant renewal request, for \$125,000 each year for five years, had been rejected. For the last five years the previous grant, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, has enabled the Partnership to identify needs in the community and to encourage collaboration among community sectors to meet these needs. It has funded a great many specific activities in the two towns, and covered a full-time coordinator and several part-time staff positions.

Cate Woolner, the Partnership manager, said that the news "felt shocking.... Although we knew we only had about a 30 percent chance of getting the grant renewed, it was a blow." She did note, however, that the Partnership is quickly regrouping. "We can hold on to some of the community activities until at least the end of the year without them being affected." She said that they have an outpouring of concern and pledges of support from their community partners. "This is not the end," she stated.

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Turners Meatless Food Plant Changes Hands

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

TURNERS FALLS – LightLife Foods Corporation, located in the Turners Falls Industrial Park, and one of the area's largest employers, was sold yesterday by its parent company ConAgra to a private equity group, Brynwood Partners VI L.P., of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Brynwood announced on September 16 that it had created a new portfolio company, Lightlife Foods Inc., to manage the operation. Brynwood, at present, has no plans to relocate the Turners manufacturing facility. Neither terms nor conditions of the transaction were disclosed.

A spokesman for LightLife said they couldn't yet comment on the sale. In response to the acquisition, Montague town administrator, Frank Abbondanzio, said: "We don't know a whole lot about the buyer. We haven't yet been contacted by them, so we don't yet know what the impact might be on jobs, or what their long-term plans might be. Job stability, of course, is a major concern."

LightLife was founded as The Tempeh Works in 1979 when Michael Cohen, an original partner

in the New England Soy Dairy in Greenfield, Massachusetts, seized on the opportunity to introduce the Indonesian staple, tempeh, to the American dinner table. Cohen and his partner, Chia Collins, built up the product line quickly and changed its name to LightLife Foods, Inc. In 1998 LightLife moved from Greenfield to the Industrial Park in Turners. In July 2000 it was purchased by

ConAgra.

According to *Inside View*, Lightlife Foods Corporation had \$46.3 million in estimated annual revenue in 2012, and

has around 150 employees.

In 1985 Lightlife introduced tofu pups, a meatless hot dog, to the market. This innovation led to a string of other premium vegetarian and soy products including meatless hamburger analogues, deli slices, ground meat substitutes, as well as the original items, tempeh and seitan.

The new entity, Lightlife Foods will be headquartered in the Boston area but will maintain the manufacturing facility in Turners. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that as part of this transaction, Brynwood VI has appointed Roy Lubetkin as president and CEO and Michael Morin as CFO of the company. Be-

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SAWYER-LAUCANNO PHOTO

VY's Closing May Complicate Hydro Relicensing



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The Turners Falls Dam

By MIKE JACKSON

NORTHFIELD – As the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant upstream in Vernon, VT is now scheduled to stop warming the Connecticut River late next year, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is holding off on accepting 18 aquatic impact studies submitted to it by FirstLight Power Resources in its bid to relicense its Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls facilities.

The Commission also shot down outright four studies requested by private landowners, conservation, recreation and environmental groups, the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and the Town of Gill.

FirstLight's license to operate its 1,119 mW underground pumped storage facility at Northfield Moun-

tain, granted in 1968, expires in April 2018. Its 1980 license to generate an additional 68 mW at five locations along the Turners Falls Power Canal expires at the same time. The company, acquired by the France-based global utility giant GDF Suez in 2008, must file for the license renewal in 2016. This year the FERC has had hearings and deliberations concerning what studies need to be run for that application to be considered.

On Friday the FERC issued its determination for the study plan. A final round of appeals extends the phase through December. But of the 38 studies proposed by FirstLight, four were approved as is, sixteen were approved with various modifications, and the remaining 18 – including studies on shad, eel, sturgeon and lamprey passage and spawning, mussel habitat and water

quality – have been put in limbo because they "may produce unusable data if conducted during 2014 while Vermont Yankee is still operating," according to the 75-page federal document.

Though VY owner Entergy spent much effort last year arguing with results of studies on its "thermal plume" commissioned by the Connecticut River Watershed Council, it seems that the FERC, at least, has determined that the heat from Vermont Yankee's cooling loop discharge may have notable enough effects on the river ecology 20 miles south in Turners to consider changes in the hydro relicensing timetable.

"Until we know more about the decommissioning," FERC spokesperson Celeste Miller explained, "and have a better understanding of how [it] may affect study design... it is unclear how [it] may affect the relicensing schedule."

For now, the next step is to hold a "technical meeting," not yet scheduled, so the various actors can get their bearings.

"We're awaiting notice of the next technical hearing by the FERC," said Chuck Burnham, manager of government and regulatory affairs at FirstLight. "We look forward to participating in that, and adjusting any studies as needed."

The status of FirstLight's 18 aquatic habitat studies, as well as that of a hydraulic study of the Power Canal proposed by environmental journalist and declared stakeholder Karl Meyer, is unclear due to what the FERC report called

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Montague Soapbox Derby: Sunday, September 22nd, 2013!



Proud winners of the soapbox derby's kids' division, 2012. (left to right) Kyle Kirkland, Ivy Muller and Ella Deters

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

TURNERS FALLS – The wheels will be spinning 'round and 'round again when the fourth annual Montague Soapbox Races comes to Unity Park in Turners Falls, MA, on Sunday, September 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m..

The race organizers are expecting more than 100 racers this year, including groups from neighboring states. Many Montague racers from previous years are entering again, with some entering additional carts.

Race organizers are hoping to hold another successful event for the town, and the region. Mik Muller, the Derby Director, said "I expect a fabulous day of gravity racing, and fun for everyone. And, though you can watch it from home, you can't fully experience the thrill, sounds and texture of an event like this without actually being there. Make

plans now to come out to Unity Park on September 22!"

Racers will be again divided into three divisions: Kids (8-12); Teens (13-19); and Adult (20+). Real metal trophies will be awarded to the fastest three carts in each division, with additional custom-made trophies, made by local artisans, awarded to carts based on style.

The Official Derby Announcers this year will include Montague ex-selectboard member Pat Allen, current selectboard member Michael Nelson, Montague town clerk Deb Bourbeau and the master of ceremonies will again be GCTV's "Duke of Sports," Russ Brown.

The soapbox organizers are also looking for race day volunteers; please let them know through their website or Facebook page if you would like to help. Free t-shirts and other collectibles will be given to volunteers, and ample refreshments provided.

Pet of the Week

Gentle Giant



“Bruizer”

Suggested kids age: 13 and up
Dogs: ok after meet
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Exercise: Very high

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I will need an experienced adopter to teach me some manners and provide me with plenty of aerobic exercise. I'm a smart guy, just need someone to teach me! I'm a Dixie dog. With the hundreds of dogs needing adoption in the overcrowded southern shelter, big boys like me get overlooked. I don't know why. I do my best to get y'all to notice me.

Ask a staff person about me if you'd like to know more.

Saturday: Erving Fall Festival

Features Town Flag Contest

The annual Erving Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veteran's Field. It will feature a rock climbing wall, Euro extreme air bounce, bounce house, inflatable horse derby, face painting, food, toys, and local vendors.

Assistant town clerk Betsy Si-

card said that the recreation committee has received several entries in the town flag design contest.

Submissions are due to the recreation commission by September 20. All submissions will be presented at the Erving Fall Festival on September 21, where festival visitors can vote for their favorite designs.

Let's Go to an Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Protect yourself, your family, and your community by getting prepared for emergencies!

On Thursday, September 26, from 10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., the Gill-Montague Senior Center is hosting Let's Make a Plan (LMaP): a free, 90-minute community education workshop designed to teach you how to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies.

The workshop will focus on the needs of older adults, paying special attention to the importance of medication planning and strategies, cop-

ing with health issues in a shelter or evacuation situation, and dealing with the impacts of power outages during extreme heat and cold events.

Participants will leave the workshop having started their emergency plan, with additional resources for continuing the preparation process, and – for free – items necessary to start their own emergency preparedness kit (as supplies last).

Register with the Gill-Montague Senior Center at 863-9357.



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION
By FRED CICETTI

It's that time of year again. The flu vaccine is available. Getting vaccinated every year is the best way to protect against the flu. There are two types of vaccines: the flu shot and the nasal spray.

The flu shot is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and those with chronic medical conditions.

There are 3 different flu shots available: a regular flu shot approved for people ages 6 months and older, a high-dose flu shot approved for people 65 and older, and an intradermal flu shot approved for people 18 to 65 years of age.

The intradermal flu vaccine is a shot that is injected into the skin instead of the muscle. The intradermal shot uses a much smaller needle than the regular flu shot, and it requires less antigen to be as effective as the regular flu shot. Antigen is the part of the vaccine that helps your body build up protection

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against flu viruses.

The nasal-spray flu vaccine is approved for use in healthy people 2 through 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

Flu is a contagious illness of the respiratory system caused by the influenza virus. Flu can lead to pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis, ear problems and dehydration.

Droplets from coughing and sneezing spread the flu. An adult with flu can infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. Children may spread flu for more than seven days.

The recovery time for the flu is about one to two weeks. However, in seniors, weakness may persist for a longer time. The common scenario for flu is a sudden onset of symptoms, which include chills, fatigue, fever, cough, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, muscle aches and appetite loss.

While nausea, vomiting and diarrhea can be related to the flu, these are rarely the primary flu symptoms. The flu is not a stomach or intestinal disease. The term “stomach flu” is inaccurate.

When symptoms strike, get to a doctor as soon as possible. There are prescription antiviral drugs to treat flu. Over-the-counter medicines can help relieve symptoms of the flu. You should also drink liquids

FACES & PLACES



Caleb Baranoski of South Deerfield and Kane Rich of Greenfield roll out the fence at Unity Park in Turners Falls. The two are members of the Franklin County Technical School football team, which turned out on Sunday to tackle the job of moving the construction fences at the park

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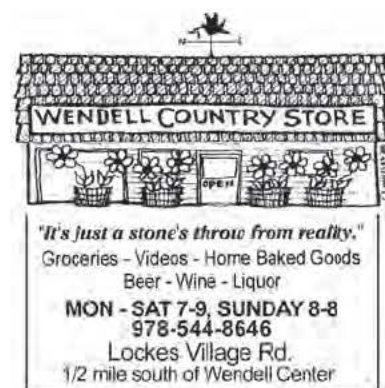
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Senior Center Activities – September 23 to 27

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 9/23

10:15 a.m. Aerobics
11 a.m. Chair Exercise
1 p.m. Knitting Circle
3 p.m. Balance Boot Camp

Tuesday 9/24

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 p.m. Lunch

Wednesday 9/25

10 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Monthly Health Screening
12 p.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bingo

Thursday 9/26

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. “Let’s Make A Plan”
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Pitch
Friday 9/27
10:10 a.m. Aerobics
11 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 9/23

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Osteo Exercise

12:00 p.m. Movie

Tuesday 9/24

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Greenfield Savings Bank – Craft Project
12:30 p.m. Painting
Wednesday 9/25
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 noon Bingo
Thursday 9/26
8:45 a.m. Aerobics
10 a.m. Posture Perfect
12 noon Cards
Friday 9/27
9 a.m. Bowling

LEVERETT

For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or coa@leverett.ma.us.
Take-It-Easy Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$5 (first class free).
Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

WENDELL

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.



Compiled by DON CLEGG

The **Franklin County Technical School** welcomes Folk/Rock Artist Ellis Paul & Rebecca Loebe (former contestant on the TV show "The Voice") to the Arts Block on Main St. in Greenfield on Friday, September 20, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. This is a fund-raising event for Franklin County Technical School sponsored by Travel Kuz Bus Company and Siemens Building Technologies.

Come one, come all to **bingo** at the Turners Falls Branch of GSB on Saturday, September 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A mystery caller has currently not been identified. GSB

will provide cards, prizes and light refreshments; all you need to bring is yourself. Seating will definitely be on a first call, first reserve basis. Place your call to Christina, or Kerri at (413) 863-4316. No one will be admitted without a reservation.

Christopher Sawyer-Lauçano will read from and sign copies of his new book of poems, *Mussoorie-Montague Miscellany*, on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m. at White Square Books, 86 Cottage St. in Easthampton. The book, which began when he was guest writer at the first Mussoorie Writers' Festival (www.mussooriewriter.com), is a meditation on time, place and

space. According to Richard Tillingham, "...these long poems carve channels for themselves as a river does, and the reader floats along, dipping his hand in here and there."

3rd Annual Benefit Hootenanny on Sunday, Sept 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. to benefit the Friends of New Salem Public Library. Bring your own lawn chair and beverage cooler. Yummy refreshments will be available. The hat will be passed to raise money for the continuing improvement of New Salem Public Library's programming, book purchases, electronic readers, computers and more. Held at Batenkil Farm (last house on the left), 137 South Main Street in New Salem.

Participate in "An Evening Tea and Discussion" on Thursday, Sept 26, starting at 6:30 p.m. of the book "**The Man Who Quit Money**" by Mark Sundeen at the First Congregational Church of Montague in the Chapel (entrance on Center St.). Join a discussion of the concepts and content found in this fascinat-

ing (true) story about the journey of a man who tries to live outside of the money system of the world. Participants are expected to have read the book beforehand and gather on the 26th to share questions and thoughts about this interesting book in an informal setting.

Montague Center Library has some copies of the book set aside for this study. Discussion will be facilitated by Bercia Zaniewski and Rev. Barbara Turner Delisle. For questions prior to the reading please call (413) 367-9467.

On Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m., Dawn Marvin Ward will present a slide show program titled "**Legends and Lore of the Moore's Corner Cemetery**" at the Moore's Corner Schoolhouse Historical Museum. The Schoolhouse is located at the corner of N. Leverett Rd. and Church Hill Rd. (diagonally across from the Village Co-op).

Then on Saturday, September 28 at 1 p.m., Ward will lead a **walking tour** of the Moore's Corner Cemetery located on Rattlesnake Gut-

ter Road in North Leverett. All are welcome to these free programs. No registration is necessary and both programs are funded by the Leverett Cultural Council. For more info please contact Ward at 367-9562.

Bring your ride, no registration fee to "**Cool Rides Car Show**" on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Show is open to "Show and Street" cars, motorcycles, trucks and farm tractors. Stickers and face painting for kids. Sample culinary delights prepared by Chef Pike and FCTS students. Enjoy food, refreshments and live DJ music. People's Choice trophies will be awarded. This is a rain or shine event and no pets allowed. Held at Franklin County Technical School located at 82 Industrial Boulevard in Turners Falls. For more info please call (413) 863-9561 x 264.

Send your local briefs to editor@montaguereporter.org.

Free Fall Flu Clinics

The Montague Board of Health will again be holding a series of free clinics in Turners Falls. Clinics are open to residents from 6 months old and up.

Flu vaccine is the best protection we have from the flu and its complications. Getting your flu shot also helps to prevent spreading flu from person to person.

The Montague Board of Health encourages participants to bring their health insurance cards.

Call the Public Health Nurse at 413-863-3200, ext. 107 for appointments if attending scheduled clinics is a hardship. There is no fee for the shot. Below are the times and places for the clinics:

Montague Public Safety Complex
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Saturday, October 5
10 a.m. to 12 noon

Pumpkin Fest
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Saturday, October 19
2 to 4 p.m.

Gill/Montague Senior Center
62 Fifth Street
Turners Falls
Wednesday, October 23
10 a.m. to 12 noon

Franklin Area Survival Center
96 Fourth Street
Turners Falls
Wednesday, October 30
3 to 5 p.m.
AND
Wednesday, November 6
3 to 5 p.m.

Hawks at Mount Tom

Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mt. Tom State Reservation, Holyoke

Celebrate the majesty of these birds during peak migrating season. Examine birds of prey up close at "Eyes on Owls," 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and Tom Ricardi's "Live Birds of Prey" at 12 noon. Please bring lawn chairs. See raptors on the move at hawk watch stations at Goat Peak and at Bray Tower.

For adults and children. There's more information at www.hawksatmttom.org. Service animals always welcome; but the nature of this event makes it unsuitable for other four-legged companions.

The event itself is free with a \$2 vehicle entrance fee. Activities take place near the Visitor Center. Park entrance at 125 Reservation Road (off of Route 5) in Holyoke.

Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Kestrel Land Trust, Mass Audubon, Trustees of Reservations, US Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Trail.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, Greenfield
St. Anne Cemetery, Turners Falls
St. Mary Cemetery, Turners Falls

In an effort to promote the simple dignity that reflects our belief in the resurrection of the dead, and to protect the safety of all who visit, we highlight the following rules and regulations:

- Flowers and veterans flags are allowed only within 12" of the principal monument
- The planting of shrubs or grass is not allowed
- Stones or woodchips are prohibited, to maintain safety during mowing
- Metal hooks and hanging plants are not allowed
- Various decorative items, including statues, trinkets, novelties, banners, seashells, crosses, hearts and Bibles, may not be placed on or near stones or lots
- Animals or pets, including dogs or horses, are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- Live flowers may be placed within 12" of the principal monument, May 1-October 1
- Wreaths and artificial log boxes are allowed within 12" of the principal monument November 1-March 1

We invite owners of lots to remove prohibited items by **October 1, 2013**.

Staff will remove them after that date. Thank you for your cooperation.

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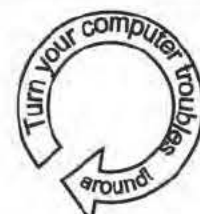
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Let Us Now Praise Leverett, Wendell, Gill, Montague and Erving

Leverett: We were thrilled to learn a couple of weeks ago that Leverett Elementary School was ranked as a Level One School by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools (DESE). This is an extraordinary accomplishment. Few schools in the state have earned this distinction which is reserved for only the highest performing schools in the state. Principal Anne Ross and the giving and gifted teachers who have pushed their students to

excellence are to be heartily commended. We can't help noting that this achievement comes just at the same time that there is much talk about the need for Leverett to joint Amherst-Pelham, due to declining enrollments and other factors. We urge the school committee and the citizens of Leverett to think carefully about giving up local control over a school that has proven itself to be among the very best anywhere in the state.

Wendell: We want to offer our condolences to the whole community on the passing of Bob Ellis, who was truly a man of the whole community. Bob will be missed, but his legacy, we know, will live on. We also want to celebrate the continued success of Franklin County's longest running poetry series: All Small Caps. Since 2006

All Small Caps has given us the grand opportunity to hear a variety of wonderful poems from our towns and way beyond. Saturday's anniversary reading only made us more aware of the treasures poets bring us. Our top hats are off to the ASC founders: Charles Bado, Stephen Broll, Jess Mynes and Paul Richmond.

Gill and Montague: We were quite pleased to see GMRSD Superintendent Sullivan meeting with the finance committees and selectboards from Gill and Montague last Wednesday evening. We feel that major strides in town-district cooperation have been achieved in the last few years, and by all indi-

cations the new superintendent is more than willing to continue this trend. It is important that the community support its schools; it is also important that the schools recognize they are part of the community. This definitely seems to be the case. Kudos to Gill and Montague, and to Superintendent Sullivan.

Erving: We are well aware that Erving has been going through a series of upheavals ever since the selectboard only agreed to renew Bud Meattay's contract through the end of August. We know quite well that the decision created divisions within the town. We hope now that the town can move on with the appointment of Philip Wonkka to the position of fire chief.

We would like to offer our con-

gratulations to him, and specifically want to note his conduct "under fire" at the meeting in which former chief Meattay and others resigned from the department. He extended his hand to these men and thanked them for their service to the town.

We now hope that the good folks in Erving will extend their hands to both Bud Meattay and Chief Wonkka. We feel pretty sure that they will.

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Corrections

In our September 12th issue we incorrectly stated that Bud Meattay had been chief since 2005. In fact, he was named chief in 2009.

In the same article we also misidentified Mitchell "Mickey" LaClaire, Sr.. He is a "Sr." not a "Jr."

We also somehow managed to misspell Anja Schutz's name in the headline announcing that she had been chosen to paint a new crosswalk in Turners Falls. Our apologies.



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Letter to the Editors

Refreshingly Wild

I was shocked and appalled this week to read in the *Reporter* that the TF Streetscape Committee has updated its rules on planters on the Avenue to enforce some dull suburban notion of quaintness and homogeneity.

While I agree the planters should still be bursting with flowers, I also strongly believe that the space should be open to the broadest range of noncommercial/nonpolitical creative expression.

The only outward sign of life on the Avenue emanates from Rodney's corner and the refreshingly wild aesthetic with which he decorates the space. I should also note that I have yet to meet Mr. Madison, nor ever set foot in his store—I simply thoroughly appreciate that he's here, and that he makes the space visually interesting.

The presence of funny objects and strange sculptures adds a desperately needed sparkle to a village that might otherwise appear

to be a dead little pile of beautifully-restored bricks. As a downtown homeowner of seven years, I can attest that I love those bricks! While they should be functional and historic, they should be stacked with pizzazz and painted to express the energy of the people who live with them in this moment.

I would also argue that the fruits of his efforts are shared with neighboring establishments, in the form of enticing the meandering motorist to stop, walk around, and see what's going on.

Please, I implore anyone who claims the power to impose the overall "look" of this village that they make every effort to embrace heterogeneity and polyphony. To use a phrase that I hope will never need to be made into some dumb bumper sticker, "Keep TF weird!"

Thank you,
Neil Young Cloaca
Turners Falls

Conservation Gift Given in Bob Ellis' Memory

By PAM RICHARDSON

WENDELL – At its annual meeting this month, the non-profit Bear Mountain Preservation Association (BMPA) of Wendell voted unanimously to make a \$500 contribution to the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust in memory of one of Wendell's most respected citizens, Bob Ellis, who passed away on September 6. (See this paper, September 12.)

Since its incorporation in 1986, the Mt. Grace Trust has protected more than 26,000 acres of land in north central and western Massachusetts.

Bob was a focused and passionate man who devoted himself to his activities as an artist, a naturalist, an activist, a deep ecologist, and a land preservationist. He also served for many years as President of BMPA.

BMPA was founded in 1978 to help dissuade the Commonwealth from re-routing Route 2 through the wild forest lands at the base of Bear Mountain where it meets the Millers River. Many Wendell residents participated in this decade-long grass-roots movement and BMPA played a major role in reversing the Commonwealth's plan.

By its charter, BMPA, Inc. is mandated to protect and maintain Wendell's Bear Mountain (and any other public or quasi-public lands) as a wilderness area, State Forest land and wildlife refuge.

In Bob Ellis's words, BMPA "is a strong defender against development of Wendell's natural bounty, recognizing that wilderness values are essential to the health of the land and the wellbeing of the com-

munity itself."

Some of BMPA's efforts after its success in stopping the re-routing of Route 2 include opposition to bringing electricity to Ruggles Pond Recreation Area, endorsement of discontinuing Morse Village Road which ran through a portion of Whetstone Wood Sanctuary, and support of the Town of Wendell's acquisition of Fiske Pond. All of these projects were realized.

BMPA is especially pleased with the recent decision by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to re-designate a large portion of Bear Mountain as "Reserve" rather than its former "Woodland" status. This means that much of Bear Mountain now receives the highest level of protection afforded by the Commonwealth and is no longer subject to logging.

In his will, Bob Ellis left his home and property to the Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust because his vision and sensitivities aligned with those of the Trust. BMPA wishes to further support that vision through its gift in Bob's name.

In a 1990 letter, in his capacity as President of BMPA, Bob wrote in favor of discontinuing the road through Whetstone Wood Sanctuary.

In the letter, he said, "Perhaps we can agree with Thoreau that we are rich in proportion to the number of things we can afford to let alone...I recognize that true tranquility and solitude are so little valued that the achievement of a place where they may prevail is a loving and creative act, a true humanitarian gift."

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The Partnership is a broad-based coalition of organizations, families, youth, educators and community volunteers that support youth and youth programs in the Gill-Montague area.

While the Drug Free Communities grant only funded part of their programs, it was a major source of funding to community organizations. The grant specifically supported initiatives to increase youth connections to the schools, provide opportunities and recognition for youth, and lent support to area parents.

Hit the hardest by the loss of the Drug Free Communities grant are The Brick House and Montague Catholic Social Ministries (MCSM).

Woolner and Project Director Kara McLaughlin said the coalition's Executive Council will begin working immediately on a plan for going forward with some of the core activities as they seek other supporting funds. The Executive Council will meet today, September 19. A full Partnership meeting is scheduled for September 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Turners Falls High School.

Jared Libby, operations director at the Brick House Community Resource Center, said the GMC-SP has provided his organization with "a mechanism to collaborate and coordinate activities with our partners in the community: families, the school district, service agencies, the police department, and more," and "a hub of staff that have worked hard to keep us all connected, so we can address common needs and challenges."

Susan Mareneck, director of Montague Catholic Social Ministries lamented the loss of funds. "It's taken five years for the Partnership to generate a real connection between groups in the community....And now that we're just gaining traction, the lack of funds will definitely make an impact. It's certainly challenging but I hope we can continue the work we all have been so engaged in and find other sources of funding."

Woolner emphasized that the grant made possible direct work with youth. "We know from evidence-based research and from our own knowledge that a major factor in preventing alcohol and drug abuse among young people is making them feel good about themselves and giving them a sense of positive possibilities." She noted that both the Brick House and Montague Catholic Social Ministries have used the grant money to do exactly this.

Father Stan Aksamit, pastor of Our Lady of Peace and a board member at MCSM, said that while "grants are in an iffy state for everybody," the loss of the Partnership's central funding represents "a traumatic blow to the community."

Fr. Aksamit said that the grant environment is "very volatile... Often funders start looking for a different angle after multiple years and start looking elsewhere for who to fund." While he felt it is understandable that the grant was not renewed, he stressed that the defunding is "unfortunate for an organization that does so much."

Libby commented: "The Partnership works hard to identify needs in the community and encourage collaboration among different sectors. Some specific contributions have been funding and supporting a parent council to keep service agencies informed of emerging needs of families, and providing the Montague selectboard with information about alcohol advertising regulation."

Woolner said that while the loss of this funding will certainly impact the entire community, she is hopeful that the good work can continue in some way.

"We have a lot to celebrate in this community," she said. "We'll go forward."



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Building Alarms and Car Troubles

Monday, 9/9

9:55 a.m. Report of alarm at French King Restaurant. Same secure.

1:05 p.m. Welfare check requested on a Northfield Road resident. Same fine.

2 p.m. Arrested [REDACTED], on a court warrant.

4:30 p.m. Report of annoying phone calls at Goodell Place.

Tuesday, 9/10

9:10 a.m. Alarm going off at Lillian's Way. Found to be workers.

10:10 a.m. Found motorcycle helmet. Turned same in to station.

Wednesday, 9/11

8:35 a.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency on Maple Avenue.

7:30 p.m. Assistance requested with out-of-control dispute in Bernardston.

Thursday, 9/12

12:24 p.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency on Warner Street.

12:55 p.m. Report of gas alarm at Care Drive. Found to be due to power outage caused by downed line.

3 p.m. Report of burglar alarm on Dusty Road in Warwick. Same advised.

Possible breaking & entering. Assisted with same.

5 p.m. Alarm at Care Drive. Found to be due to power outage.

6:30 p.m. Report of disturbance on North Street. Resident was calling for lost dog.

11:15 p.m. Dog located and

brought back to owner. Owner advised of disturbance and leash laws.

Friday, 9/13

3:20 a.m. Alarm at Accurate Automotive. Building secured.

11 a.m. Criminal application issued to [REDACTED], for operating on a suspended license.

4:30 p.m. Criminal application issued to [REDACTED], for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration and without insurance.

6:20 p.m. Suspicious motor vehicle located at Laurel Lake. Driver was hiking in woods.

Saturday, 9/14

8:30 a.m. Spoke with sub-

ject regarding landlord/tenant issues.

Sunday, 9/15

7:45 a.m. Advised of suspicious person loitering at convenience store. Gone on arrival.

1:40 p.m. Report taken of possible breaking & entering at North Street residence.

5:10 p.m. Assisted Orange Ambulance with medical emergency on East Prospect Street.

5:55 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Route 2 near Maple Avenue. Report taken.

7:30 p.m. Report of custody dispute at Mountain Road residence. Spoke with residents.

7:35 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle reported on Route 2 near Christina's.

NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

iPads and Mac Airs Coming to Erving Elementary

By KATIE NOLAN

The selectboard approved Erving Elementary School's plan to lease three iPad carts equipped with 24 iPads each and one Mac Air cart equipped with 20 Mac Airs. The leases will be paid from accounts dedicated to technology purchases by the school, including the school computer stabilization account.

Tom Smith, Erving Elementary School technology coordinator, presented the school's technology plan. Smith said that over 40,000 educational apps are available for the iPad or Mac Air and that Apple has a commitment to education, providing professional training and con-

sultation to schools. He noted that Orange Elementary Schools have 144 iPads available to their students, Bernardston Elementary has 35 iPads, and Gill-Montague will be deploying 80 iPads within a year.

After the approval, Principal James Till invited the selectboard to visit the school and see the iPads in action once they are leased.

The board appointed Kathie Curnick of Old State Road to the Council on Aging (COA). Joe Bucci of State Road was appointed as first alternate to the COA and Sarah Meuse of Briggs Street was appointed as second alternate.

A special town meeting will be scheduled for October 21.

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fore joining Lightlife Foods, Lubetkin served as CEO of Sun Country Foods, Inc., a successful Brynwood VI portfolio company that was divested in 2012, and prior to that served as CEO of Backyard Farms, LLC. Morin most recently served as CFO of Sun Country Foods and prior to that held the position of CFO of Richelieu Foods, Inc., a successful Brynwood Partners V L.P. portfolio company that was divested in 2010.

"We are pleased to announce the acquisition of Lightlife and its manufacturing facility from ConAgra Foods," said Henk Hartong III, se-

nior managing partner, Brynwood VI. "Lightlife is a well-known brand with excellent nutritional and wellness attributes. Lightlife has a very loyal consumer following and customer base. We look forward to investing in Lightlife Foods and extending the company's refrigerated and frozen meatless offerings."

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, with the purchase of Lightlife, Brynwood Partners has now completed 38 brand acquisitions from 15 different corporate sellers. Other food companies include DeMet's Candy Company; Back to Nature Foods Co. LLC; and Pearson Candy Company.



G-M Ratifies Teachers' Contract

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

GILL-MONTAGUE — In the school committee meeting held on September 10, Joyce Phillips announced the teachers contract between the Gill Montague regional school district and the Gill-Montague Education Association (GMEA) representing the teachers of the district had been ratified. Phillips said the district received a letter from the GMEA of the official notification on Monday, September 9, and that the teachers had voted unanimously to ratify the contract. She said she and Superintendent Michael Sullivan had signed the contract upon receipt of the letter from the teachers union. The contract gives the top tier teachers an increase of \$1000 over three years (\$400 the first year and \$300 the next two) and a 2% across the board increase to teachers at all other levels.

Phillips said all parties agreed the process was a really good one and the letter from the GMEA expressed that. In it, Annmarie Hallowell, writing for the teachers said, "Unit A met on Thursday, August 29th, and after the presentation of changes to the contract, voted unanimously for the contract. Members are aware that further changes will be brought forward from the [Joint Labor Management Committee] JLMC." She then thanked Phillips and Shelly Clark for presenting at the meeting and said, "It was nice to bring the process through the full circle. On behalf of Unit A members, a huge thank you to the committee for your support. We appreciate all you do."

After announcing the contract ratification to the school committee, Phillips made a statement expressing her disappointment that some members had chosen to comment on the contract publicly when they had agreed to wait until after the contract was officially ratified before making any public statements. In keeping with this policy, the ratification vote taken at the August 13 school committee meeting was made without comment and members were not permitted to make any statements regarding their votes. This was to allow the process to continue forward until after the teachers voted on the contract. Sandra Brown, speaking to her decision to publish a letter in the Montague Reporter on September 5, said that she waited until after the teachers ratified the contract but Phillips said that the contract was not officially ratified until that Monday, when she and Superintendent Sullivan signed it, and that the school district had not been officially informed until after the letter was published. Brown did not explain how she knew of the vote by the teachers. Phillips made it clear, that however it was that the information came to her, this was not official. Phillips said she strongly disapproved of the decision by Brown and Marjorie Levenson, who also signed the letter, for making the negative statements about the contract before the district had time to announce it. Brown said she only wanted to explain her reason for voting no. Both Brown and Levenson said that their concern was about the fiscal sustainability of the contract, and that Jeff

Singleton, representing the towns, had requested a report from Management Solutions to evaluate the effect on the long term impact on the budget. Management Solutions, as the district business director, did present a breakdown of the budget that showed the impact of teachers' salary increases at both 1% and 2% levels, out for four years but Singleton did not feel this met his criteria and so voted no on the contract, as did Brown and Levenson, at the August 13 meeting. This, according to Brown, was the reason they chose not to support the ratification of the contract.

Karl Dziura, president of the GMEA, speaking after the meeting, said everyone agreed the teachers deserved the salary increases they received in the new contract for all the hard work they had done on the Accelerated Improvement Plan. He said he was sorry the first thing that came out to the public was so negative because there was great agreement between the parties on the final contract.

New Return to Play Policy

Athletic Director Glenn Doulette brought to the committee a description of the new policy on when student athletes can return to play after being injured with a head injury or concussion. The policy lays out very clear steps all along the way and requires all parties to be involved in the decision. The policy has been adopted by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Administration Board of Directors concerning concussions. All member schools, which includes Turners Falls High School and Great Falls Middle School, are expected to conform to this policy.

The policy is: "Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional."

The materials explaining this policy emphasizes that a head injury can be life threatening. It especially warns athletes to take it seriously, to report any symptoms and to pay careful attention to the occurrence of any of these particular symptoms: headache, pressure in head, double or blurry vision, sensitivity to light or noise, nausea or vomiting, balance problems or dizziness, feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy, confusion, concentration or memory problems.

It further warns that, "Athletes who have not fully recovered from an initial concussion are significantly vulnerable for recurrent, cumulative and even catastrophic consequences from a second concussion injury." With sufficient time to recover, ath-

letes can safely return to play. Athletes are warned not to hide their symptoms, that it is better to miss a game than to miss the entire season. The return to play policy includes parents signing off on having been informed of the concussion protocols; with the athlete being attended to by a physician, PA or nurse practitioner; a completed signature form returned to the athletic director; athlete reading and signing off on reading "Concussion Information." The athlete then notifies the coach and pretty much everybody gets copies.

This policy, according to Doulette, fills in a hole in their policy and will help them collect data and keep track of injuries. He said this was "a little loose" in the past. They will do testing for everyone across the board. This applies to all sports. He asked that the school committee support the new policy. They voted unanimously in support of the new return to play policy and protocols.

The next school committee meeting will be held on September 24, 2013 at Turners Falls High School at 6:30 p.m.

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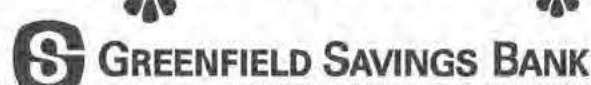
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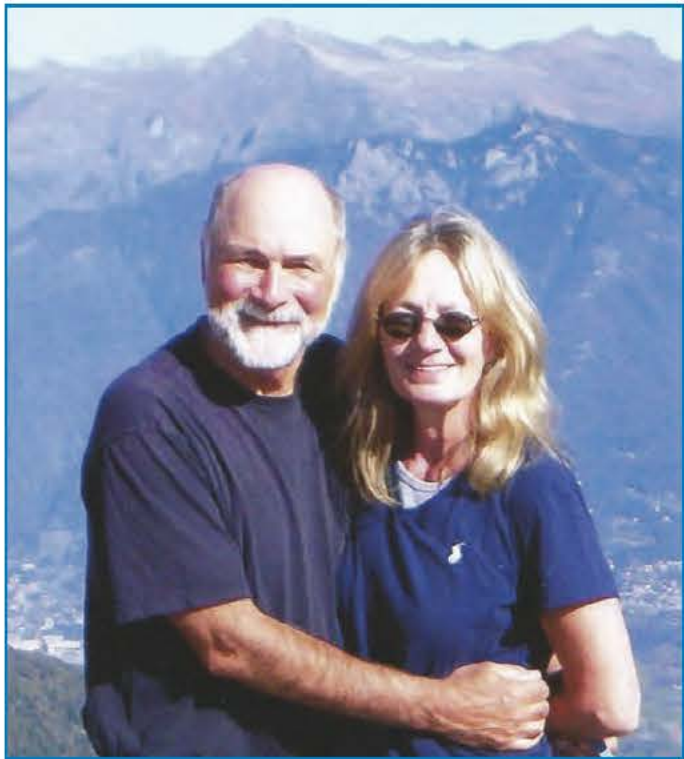
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“this unusual circumstance.”

What is clear is that, with the exception of Meyer's proposal, every study proposed by the communities surrounding the hydro utility was dismissed by Friday's determination.

Reached for comment, Meyer said he was glad that his request has, so far, not been rejected as unnecessary by the FERC. “It's good that it's being considered. I think all the things that had to do with fish were put aside, and it's not a bad thing that we're putting these studies off.” Meyer spoke of a relicensing process “set up to grind down” those outside the industry: “You get two weeks to comment on 500 pages... Any delay, or caution, on the part of FERC is laudable.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife, the New Hampshire Department of Wildlife Services, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Landowners and Concerned Citizens for License Compliance, and the Town of Gill requested a study on the impact climate change is expected to have on the utility's operations, including during “high flow” events, over the coming decades.

FERC, asserting that “global climate change models” are “too uncertain to rely upon for the development of license requirements,” ruled that this study would be unnecessary, as it would not add to the insight already provided by the models prescribed in FirstLight's own proposed studies.

The FRCOG, the Franklin Conservation District, as well as, again, the Watershed Council, the Concerned Citizens, and Gill, requested a study be undertaken on the feasibility of redesigning the system entirely. Their suggestion is that the “Turners Falls Pool,” as the section of the river above the Turners Falls dam is known by utility companies and regulators, be replaced by the construction of an alternate lower reservoir, creating a “closed loop” with the upper one.

This suggestion was aimed at mitigating impacts of the wide fluctuations in the river level caused by the project's operation, particularly riverbank erosion.

FERC rejected the argument that this feasibility study would be inexpensive, listing the “major infrastructure changes” entailed in such an overhaul, including possibly taking the entire operation offline for a year or more, and adding that “it is unclear that the project's ongoing effects cannot be reasonable [sic] mitigated under its current physical configuration... We do not see the need for FirstLight to conduct the requested study until we better understand the environmental effects of the existing project configuration...”

“Many people in these organizations, and towns, have been working on this issue, some of them for decades,” said Kimberly Noake MacPhee, program manager for natural resources planning at the FRCOG. “We were disappointed that many of the comments that we made were not incorporated into the

study plan determination.”

The FRCOG's Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Committee, she noted, has been meeting since the early 1990s, and saw the current study plan as an opportunity to advocate for an alternative to the use of the “Turners Falls Pool” as a lower reservoir.

MacPhee noted that an upcoming phase of the relicensing is a 401 Water Quality Certification from the state Department of Environmental Protection. “We're looking toward that process to continue our advocacy for more, and better, science, so that the river and all of its resources are better understood, and so that adequate conditions can be placed on the operation.”

A coalition of boating and rafting companies and clubs requested a study on the hypothetical economic benefits of releasing more flow into the river, a “contingent valuation” study, which was summarily rejected as its findings “would not likely inform a licensing decision.”

Finally, a request for the study of noise pollution from Northfield Mountain was rejected by the FERC based on a reading of preliminary evidence submitted by FirstLight and its neighbors. On several of the instances at which neighbors reported hearing sounds at about 42 Hz, the project was not in operation, and 42 Hz is not a frequency at which the mountain vibrates while in operation, according to FirstLight and the US Air Force.

It vibrates at 30, 60, and 90 Hz.



MONTAGUE CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities,
and science programs due October 15, 2013.

The Montague Cultural Council has set an **October 15, 2013** postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council chairman, George-Moonlight Davis, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in all 5 of Montague's villages (Lake Pleasant, Montague City, Millers Falls, Montague Center, and Turners Falls) – including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Montague Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Montague Cultural Council will distribute about \$ 4,250 in grants for 2014 programs. Last year, the Council awarded \$3,700 for 16 grants in 2013 that supported dancing and outdoor music, theatrical productions, a parade, a museum, various workshops and presentations, science education with live animals, and multicultural concerts in the Gill/Montague Senior Center and Peskeomskut Park in Turners Falls.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the Montague Cultural Council, including opportunities for 1-6 year memberships, contact the Council chairman George-Moonlight Davis by phone at (413) 422-1010 or by e-mail at gmoon1010@gmail.com.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx. (Please note: web-access is available for free at most local libraries.)

Application forms on paper are also available at the Carnegie Library (in Turners Falls), the Montague Center Library, the Millers Falls Library, the Montague Town Hall on Avenue A in Turners Falls, and other convenient locations to be arranged.

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Turners Powers Over Belchertown 43 – 13



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Trent Bourbeau on his way to scoring one of two touchdowns.

By MATT ROBINSON

TURNERS FALLS – On paper, the game could have gone any way. Belchertown had graduated 10 se-

niors, Turners lost 14. Both teams were defeated in the super bowl last year and this was the first game of the year for both squads. But Turners Falls lived up to their Power-

town nickname and coasted to a 43 – 13 victory.

“This is a great challenge for our team in the first week.” Coach Christopher Lapointe said before the game. “We understand that last year was last year, and that this is an entirely new team and coaching staff. Belchertown has always been a formidable opponent and one that we haven’t defeated over the past three years. We have to be in better physical shape than our opponents.” Coach Lapointe added, “We were in the super bowl and our kids are using that experience to drive them this year as we all want to be back in that game but first and foremost we want to win the Intercounty League.”

And Turners was more physical. They hit harder, they played harder, and they tried harder. They dove for fumbles, they made second and third efforts and they played as a unit.

Turners ran a complicated offense, using misdirection and counters, requiring each man on the field to be in every play. Although Trent

Bourbeau rushed for 159 yards and averaged almost 8 yards a carry, it wasn’t his victory alone. The line played remarkably; they opened up holes in the Belchertown line giving the backs wide lanes to run upfield and gave Malcolm Smith plenty of time to set up his passes.

Behind the line, Malcolm Smith was 8 for 11 and threw for 90 yards with a touchdown. Other offensive standouts were Jalen Sanders, who scored two touchdowns and two extra point conversions, Trent Bourbeau, who also scored two touchdowns and a pair of two pointers, and Malcolm Smith who ran for two touchdowns. Brody Markol and Melvin Moreno each added extra points.

On the defensive side of the field, Melvin Moreno had an interception, Alex Carlisle and Colby Dobias each picked up fumbles, one of which was caused by Tyler Charboneau and Tanner Castine had a sack.

And it wasn’t just the players on the field that made a difference. The

entire bench was yelling encouragement. Every time Belchertown went to pass, they yelled “Pass” and each time Belchertown ran the ball, they called out the direction of the run.

With the game out of reach at 43 – 7, the fourth quarter was mercifully short. The officials decided that the clock would run continuously, no time outs and no out of bounds clock stoppage. Belchertown scored with only 28 seconds left in the game.

Coach Lapointe and Turners cannot rest on their laurels. The Belchertown game is over and done with and now he has to concentrate on the home opener against Ludlow. “Our complete focus is on Ludlow. We understand that they are the next team that stands in the way. We enjoyed the Belchertown win, but weren’t satisfied.

“Each game presents its own challenges, and we understand that the team that is more prepared will be the one that will come out victorious.”

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well as barrel wines on tap by the glass or carafe and a selection of bottled wines. Chaffee promises a casual and unique fine-dining experience and affordable prices. She’s been in the restaurant business over 16 years and is excited about the meal pairings – the interesting sides and their accompaniments which make it easy to omit an animal protein or choose a variable vegetarian plate. Some of the pairings include chick pea masala, red lentil dahl, and coconut rice with edamame but like the dinner menu, offerings will change daily.

Chaffee has many years of “front-of-the-house” experience and expects the Harvest to provide a welcoming environment and three zones of activity. The main dining room area is quieter and slightly closed off for more intimate dining; there is a modest bar-like area for mingling, drinks and light meals and a waiting area with a pool table and places to snack. There are also plans for outdoor seating.

Menegoni says Chaffee will be the face of the Harvest, while he’ll be the man behind the stove. Like every chef, he has dreamed of having his own restaurant. He worked part-time in the business through high school, but was first exposed to fine dining when he worked with Chef Anna O’Donnell at Colonel Isaac’s in Barre in the early ‘90s. This exposure to French-style cuisine, and O’Connell’s natural approach to menus, ignited Menegoni’s passion for cooking. It was here he learned to cook from scratch using local ingredients, forgoing processed foods.

The next stop was the Café D’Arte in Greensboro, North Carolina where Menegoni had the opportunity to learn authentic Italian cooking and manage a busy sauté station. He was inspired by the back story of two brothers immigrating to the United States and building a successful restaurant business by virtue

of hard work (and good cooking).

When Menegoni returned to Massachusetts he worked at the Cold Brook Country Club under the tutelage of Chef Kevin Wood. He says Wood took him under his wing, possibly because he was constantly pestering him with questions. Menegoni started as a fry cook and moved up to the sous chef position getting his first taste of developing specials menus and gaining more experience in the sauté station.

The next stop was four years at Val’s Restaurant which featured a diverse menu with a strong Greek influence. Menegoni worked very long hours in the high volume restaurant and decided it was time to try something different so he went back to school to study audio engineering but he was hooked by the cooking bug. He was offered the opening chef position at the Brick House Western Grill where he stayed until property ownership issues forced the restaurant to close; followed by a year-long stint at The Blue Heron where he worked with Tom Schnapp (now the Chef de Cuisine at the Farm Table in Bernardston). Menegoni spent the last five years at Picasso’s in Barre where he expanded his knowledge of vegetarian cooking, had more freedom to experiment with seasonal dinner specials and learned to make desserts.

A pregnant Chaffee and Menegoni bought their house in Turners Falls in 2007, planning to quickly renovate and flip the house. Instead they became part of the neighborhood and their daughter Velouria is now six. They feel rooted in a community that has been very welcoming. For the past five years they’ve been making the long commute to Barre where they’ve both been working at Picasso’s. The 50-minute drive each way, complicated schedules for transporting Velouria to school and arranging child care have been wearying and both are thrilled to be working walking dis-

Wendell’s Good Neighbors Celebrates 25th Anniversary With Community Supper

By GLORIA KEGELES

Wendell’s Good Neighbors Food Pantry is celebrating 25 years of service to the residents of Wendell and New Salem by hosting a Community Harvest Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, September 29 at 5 p.m. at the Wendell Town Hall. There will be no charge for admission, and all are welcome. Bring a dish to share and your own plates and utensils. Good Neighbors will provide the rest.

Rosalie Rosser and Nancy Graton founded Good Neighbors in 1988, with the full support of the Wendell Selectboard. The town donated the space and utilities to our mission of offering food security to anyone in need, residing in Wendell and New Salem.

Following Nancy’s departure in 1991, Rosalie managed Good Neighbors with the help of her family and pantry members until her tragic death in 2007, at which time her daughter, Lola Hess, assumed the position of Director. With the continued help of her family and community, Lola managed Good Neighbors until her resignation in 2012. In December 2012, Good Neighbors was incorporated

as a state non-profit organization, and has applied for federal non-profit status.

Nancy returned to the pantry in 2007 to assist Lola, and was voted President of the Board in January 2013.

Good Neighbors is unique in many ways. While many pantries depend primarily on the Western Mass. Food Bank, Good Neighbors also receives three truckloads of food every week, donated by Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods Market (thanks to the relationships Rosalie developed and fostered with them), and by Hannaford’s Market and local gardeners.

The many food sources allow us to cover all of the 15 large tables and the stage at the Town Hall with food every week. Open every Sunday including holidays, from 1 to 2 p.m., Good Neighbors offers a wide variety of foods including meats, soy-based proteins, breads, baked goods (including gluten-free options), grains, produce, dairy, frozen foods, and more.

Unlike many pantries, Good Neighbors is 100% operated by its volunteer members. There are



NANCY GRATON PHOTO

Food donations and recipients meet up at Good Neighbors

no income requirements to join. At present, one third of Wendell’s residents are members, as well as 25 households from New Salem, with new households joining every month.

Good Neighbors also provides on-site assistance throughout the application process for programs serving low and moderate income households, including SNAP (formerly food stamps), fuel assistance, housing rehabilitation grants and loans, and more. Good Neighbors operates a Christmas program, offering a variety of gifts for all ages.

The Community Harvest Pot Luck Dinner will be setting places to remember and honor Rosalie Rosser, as well as Bob Ellis, a beloved long-time Wendell resident who recently passed away.

We are looking forward to the community coming together to share our harvest in celebration of this remarkable landmark accomplishment.

tance from home.

Menegoni is also excited by the addition of a newer eight burner stove for the sauté station, a convection oven and a custom built, highly insulated walk-in cooler, not to mention a fabulous mahogany bar, compliments of Loot. The Harvest plans to work closely with local farms, meat producers and east coast sea-

food providers so the specials will depend on the season. While the menu is not finalized at this time, Menegoni promises diverse offerings – the planned opening menu looks a little like “Around the World in Seven Meals.”

Both Chaffee and Menegoni have commented on the welcoming and encouraging attitudes of the down-

town businesses, especially Loot, Funk*Shun, Madison on the Avenue and The Rendezvous. They’ve also met many townspeople who wandered in during the renovation process and though many have expressed sadness about not finding their favorite burrito available they’re excited about the prospect of a new eatery.



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NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

Warrant for Town Meeting September 25 Served, With a Slice of Cake

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Following the pattern of their summer meetings, the Wendell selectboard's September meeting had a short agenda, and ended relatively early. The selectboard table was graced with a sourdough chocolate cake with wild grape jelly frosting that was left by Kate Nolan on her way to a meeting of the council on aging. The cake was moist and sweet and, after the two meetings ended, less than ¼ of it returned home with Nolan.

Board members had to review and sign for posting the warrant for a special town meeting that will be held Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

The first three articles were offered by the planning board and would create a flood plain overlay district and provide definitions needed for understanding what that district is, and list activities, like storage of hazardous waste, and construction on slopes greater than 25% that are prohibited in that district.

Article 4 would allow an easement for parking on town owned land at the east edge of the town office building

lot for the next house east.

The area involved could be considered part of the community garden, but is in shade and has not been cultivated yet.

Article 5 would create a Wendell access committee of three members that would advise other town committees about complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provide aid to disabled people in town.

Article 6 would transfer money into a sick leave stabilization account, and article 7 would pay a \$70 bill of a prior year.

Town coordinator Nancy Aldrich said that on September 8 she completed her tenth year of working for Wendell. She went on to say that 31 town dogs are still unlicensed. Since the effort to enforce compliance began in the summer, two people have come in and licensed their dogs, and two more have said they would.

Selectboard Chair Christine Heard reported that school committee member Sarah Chase resigned, citing too many other commitments. That leaves the school committee with two members, a quorum, so they can

still meet. Chase is willing to serve on the recreation committee.

Selectboard member Jeoffrey Pooser said that a broadband committee member told him that the new estimated start up date for the middle mile internet connection is in December.

Selectboard member Dan Keller said that the kitchen committee is looking into hiring a mediator to help resolve issues of access and chemical sensitivity in a renovated kitchen. Because the administration of Franklin County Technical School offered the labor of their plumbing, electrical, and carpentry shops and so reduced the potential cost of the renovation, the kitchen committee expects to be able to pay the cost of mediation out of their budget, keeping the town's mediation account available for other situations.

Keller also reported that the propane tanks are back in place at the senior center, and grass has sprouted where the highway department graded behind the center to direct water away from the building. Tom Chaisson has a go ahead for sealing the building's chimney.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

DEA on Mountain Road

Tuesday, 9/3

7:15 a.m. Located illegal dumping on North Cross Road.

9:10 a.m. 911 hangup call at French King Highway residence.

1:35 p.m. 911 medical call at Main Road business.

7:10 p.m. Responded to French King Highway residence for possible breaking & entering in progress. Gone on arrival.

Wednesday, 9/4

3:45 p.m. Damage to a motor vehicle at Main Road residence by a passing truck.

5:45 p.m. Summons service to Riverview Drive resident.

6:10 p.m. Summons service to Oak Street resident.

9:45 p.m. Responded to North Cross Road for reported annoying behavior.

Thursday, 9/5

11:20 a.m. DEA on Mountain Road for reported marijuana grow operation.

2:15 p.m. Past assault & battery at a Main Road residence reported.

Friday, 9/6

6:35 p.m. Smoke reported at a French King Highway business. Area search negative.

Saturday, 9/7

4:35 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with a possible intoxicated driver on Shedd Road.

Sunday, 9/8

10:35 a.m. Alarm sounding at Route 2 business. Employee error.

12:15 p.m. Motor vehicle vs. deer accident on West Gill Road.

Monday, 9/9

10:45 a.m. Firearms issue on Franklin Road. Investigated same with no charges.

11:10 a.m. Investigation of past assault & battery on Main Road.

2:50 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Main Road and French King Highway. No injuries.

Tuesday, 9/10

4:20 p.m. Court process issued to Meadow Street resident.

4:45 p.m. Medical assistance to student at Northfield Mount Hermon campus.

5:15 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with disturbance on Shaw Road.

10:30 p.m. Responded to Turners Falls-Gill Bridge for reported possible jumper.

Wednesday, 9/11

9 a.m. Court process issued to French King Highway

resident.

1:20 p.m. Suspicious motor vehicle reported on Center Road. Checked out OK.

5:30 p.m. Welfare check completed on Oak Street.

Thursday, 9/12

10:25 a.m. Oversized tractor-trailer unit stuck in the area of Factory Hollow.

1:40 p.m. Power outage at Main Road intersection. Traffic lights not working.

2:30 p.m. Dog found on Boyle Road, brought to Franklin County kennel.

3:35 p.m. Tractor-trailer unit stuck on Turners Falls-Gill Bridge.

8:30 p.m. Owners of lost dog contacted, referred to kennel.

9:05 p.m. Possible jumper reported on French King Bridge. No one located.

Friday, 9/13

6:25 p.m. Intoxicated operator reported at Gill Mobil. Transported to Fox Inn.

Saturday, 9/14

2:10 p.m. Alarm sounding on Boyle Road.

3 p.m. Large sink hole on Main Road near center of town. Notified highway department.

Sunday, 9/15

12:40 p.m. False alarm at NMH set off by student.

Wendell Coffeehouse Season Kicks Off

On Saturday, September 28, the Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse is bringing fiery June Millington to rock the house on the opening night of the 2013-14 season. A pioneer among women in rock n' roll, June has toured the world's stages and mentors a new

generation of female musicians. Bring a friend. Bring your dancing shoes.

The Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse is located in Old Town Hall in the center of Wendell, MA, offering a unique opportunity for music, fun and dance; always in support of a good

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GILL CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

The Gill Cultural Council is accepting grant applications for this year. Proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals are welcomed for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs; October 15 is the postmark deadline.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Gill, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures. Last year, the Gill Cultural Council had about \$3870 to distribute in grants.

Completed applications must be received or postmarked by October 15'. Revised application forms are now available, including brand new PDF versions of both Standard and Field Trip applications for applicants who do not use Microsoft Word.

Standard Grant Application

Word: www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.doc

PDF: www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.pdf

Field Trip Grant Application (formerly known as the "PASS Application")

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The Gill Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Mutual Aid Agreement for Montague Police

By PATRICIA PRUITT

At the September 14 meeting the selectboard was asked by Chief Dodge to approve the Montague Police department as a signatory to a mutual aid agreement among all towns in Franklin County.

The agreement will permit local police to act in a situation in another town where now Montague Police have no authority. He emphasized this was not a way for small towns to gain police coverage or supplement small departments. Individual officers would not decide to give aid to another town; shift supervisors would make that decision. Such a decision would not be made during a crisis in Montague, thereby depleting our police coverage of the problem. Montague would also benefit in being able to get assistance in our town when necessary.

Dodge said it's an agreement he has wanted to sign on to for some time; now the mutual aid idea for police forces has gained momentum, and mutual aid agreements soon will be the norm state-wide. The selectboard approved the request, with the proviso that they and the Chief revisit how it has worked in June 2014.

Tom Bergeron next made a request for the Board to allow his foreman to take a truck home seven days a

week. It was stated that state law charges \$3 per day for a truck kept at home. Having the truck would assist his foreman whose job is to assess a problem and get his workers to the site as quickly as possible. In cases of sewer back-ups, and during winter conditions timing can make a big difference.

Selectman Boutwell suggested approval during the winter; Selectman Nelson suggested during the months of the onstreet parking ban, i.e. November 1 until April 1. Mr. Bergeron added during the months that the pagers are used or roughly the same months as the onstreet parking ban. He emphasized the truck would be used for official work only.

There were two requests for one day liquor licenses. Bill Goldfarb of Lefty's Brewing Company, Greenfield sought a one day license for this Sunday's Soapbox Derby on First Street. It was approved unanimously.

The second was requested by Christopher Menegoni of CVB Harvest, LLC for an outdoor event on October 19, from 12 to 10 p.m., at his new restaurant, The Great Falls Harvest Restaurant, on 3rd street (formerly Burrito Rojo). Menegoni also sought a Use of Public Property permit for the 3rd Street parking lot area immediately adjacent to the side of his restaurant. Chair

Fairbrother had no issue with use of the parking lot; Selectman Nelson recused himself from voting on Menegoni's requests because of possible conflict of interest due to his being an organizer of the Pumpkinfest event also held on October 19. Boutwell and Fairbrother voted to allow use of the parking lot for the hours and day requested.

However, Fairbrother adamantly stated he would not vote for a one day liquor license for Menegoni who has not yet received a transfer of the liquor license from the Burrito Rojo owner. In fact, the liquor license hearing for that will be held at the September 23 selectmen's meeting. Boutwell pointed out that people receive one day liquor licenses without a regular liquor license all the time. Menegoni mentioned that he had two TIPS trained staff serving, and had 16 years experience in food and beverage service. To no avail. It became clear that Fairbrother, true to his word, would not vote for the license; Boutwell would. It was a hung liquor license, so to speak.

Fairbrother suggested that Menegoni could make the one day liquor request at the next selectboard meeting.

The Great Falls Harvest Restaurant will open for dinner on Thursday September 19, as part of the Third Thursday festivities.

Montague Town Meeting Approves All Articles

By C. SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

Mail carriers have nothing over Montague town meeting members. Despite booming thunder, sharp flashes of lightning and drenching downpours, members turned out on September 12 to exercise their civic duty. The articles of greatest significance were those relating to the sewer emergency near the Industrial Park, followed by approval of wage and salary increases for town employees. The passage of all the articles resulted in appropriations of a little over \$1.8 million. \$1.67 million was for sewer repairs. This sum will not come directly from taxation but from long-term borrowing.

Sewer Scenario

Before voting on the sewer repairs, both WPCF superintendent Bob Tromley and Paul Gilbert from CDMSmith gave an overview of what had been done and what still remained to do. Gilbert explained that between May 17 and May 24 fiber optic cable was being laid along Industrial Boulevard near the Tech School wastewater pump station. Tom Bergeron, DPW superintendent, who was on the scene where the trenching was taking place, noticed sewage bubbling up from the line below. He immediately recognized that a line had been broken. The force main was excavated and 45 feet of pipe were replaced. But within a short time another leak appeared. It was discovered that sand had washed into the gravity sewer system lines, clogging up drainage and resulting in further eruptions. Within a few days the leaks had multiplied along Industrial Boulevard and Millers Falls Road. A camera probe revealed clogs in 980 feet of line along Millers Falls Road. Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio, got in touch with the State Department of Revenue to authorize emergency borrowing without prior town meeting approval, to fix the problem. After considerable back and forth, the DOR agreed with the understanding that ultimately Town Meeting members would have their say. Bids were received and Baltazar Construction was chosen as the contractor. 750 feet of Millers Falls Road

was excavated and the new line readied.

But the sighs of relief were short-lived. When Baltazar went to hook the new line into the old, they discovered that the new pipe was one and a half feet higher than the existing upstream sewer. Concurrently, a portion of the existing sewer collapsed requiring additional replacement. Construction was then halted to determine the best course of future action. Ultimately, a change order was issued and the misalignment dealt with, though not really corrected as a siphon still needs to be employed to move the sewage downstream. During this entire period, Tromley arranged for sewage to be pumped into tankers and hauled away to prevent backups to businesses in the Industrial Park, at Hillside Plastics and at homes in the trailer park.

Though this fixed the immediate problem, more work is necessary. So far, the repairs have totaled \$764,000. But as more is needed, new bids were solicited. Again Baltazar was the lowest bidder coming in with a quote of \$936,000 to complete Phase II of the project.

Five articles were devoted to expenses related to the sewer repairs. All passed. But there were a number of sharp questions from the members. Jeanne Golrick from Precinct 2 wondered why the town was hiring the same consultant and same contractor who apparently were responsible for the misalignment. Golrick never got a direct answer, though Abbondanzio did say that the town was consulting with lawyers about possible litigation. It was clear that both Baltazar and CDMSmith would continue.

Town Employee Raises

In 2012, Town Meeting approved the hiring of a consulting firm, Stone Consulting, Inc. to conduct a study to determine appropriate pay ranges for all full-time employees, as well as permanent part-time employees. Rachel Brown of Stone Consulting told the Town meeting members that all positions were rated as positions without regard for the individuals in those positions. Her recommendations, accepted by the selectboard, were to collapse the

existing 18 steps into 10 with 2.7 percent increases between steps one and seven, and two percent increases between steps seven and 10. The result of the reassessment was that everyone will get paid more. All salary increases are retroactive to July 2013. Those who will benefit the most are the town administrator whose pay will rise from \$90,045.83 to \$95,170.83 and the police chief whose pay will go up from \$86,089 to \$91,688.68. Most of the other raises were in the one to two thousand dollar range, with some employees, such as the town accountant barely receiving a raise at all. The total increases amounted to \$140,000 but the town accountant, Carolyn Olson noted this actually amounted to a \$25,000 increase over what had originally been projected, since the old scale would have still raised salaries by \$115,000. As of town meeting, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers had accepted the town's offer. Employees represented by the Town of Montague Employee Association and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America had not yet ratified their contracts. As a result, the amounts may need to be amended at a future meeting.

Other Articles

Among the other major articles approved by Town Meeting was \$14,070 for a part-time animal control officer whose duties will be shared with Greenfield and Deerfield. Members approved a new DPW groundskeeper position, whose primary duties will be at Unity Park, at a salary of \$31,220. \$110,000 was voted for replacing a boiler at Sheffield School but with an amendment that the town energy committee be involved in the process. Members also had to consider whether to pay the Turners Falls Fire District \$860 in taxes and interest for the now town-owned Ste. Anne's Rectory. There was, however, a suggestion by Precinct 1 member, John Reynolds, that perhaps the town ought to let the Fire District seize the rectory for back taxes. Despite applause at this idea, the members in the end voted to pay the fire tax.

Montague Finance Committee Invites GMRSD Superintendent Sullivan to Town Hall

By PATRICIA PRUITT

TURNERS FALLS – On Wednesday September 11, the towns of Montague and Gill, represented by finance committees and selectboards, met with the GMRSD Superintendent to discuss in a pre-budget season calm the upcoming task of financing the District in the next fiscal year. Again this year, the town meets a new superintendent for whom the towns are also a new experience. John Hanold, chairman of the Montague Finance Committee saw this early meeting as an opportunity to hear the District's plans, and to lay

the groundwork for a cooperative working relationship between towns, and district. Superintendent Sullivan expressed his interest in working cooperatively. While the GMRSD is out of level 4, Sullivan emphasized the Administration will continue its sustained attention to the educational program and requirements of DESE.

On the financial side the superintendent listed the following: Staffing is now stable; while programmatically there may be shifts, they will not be large scale; the administration will continue to seek grant opportunities; one exception is the increase in

technology acquisitions.

Montague finance committee member Michael Naughton addressed the dual challenges of maintaining financial viability of the district AND the affordability of the towns to pay.

The calendar of the budget season was discussed. The District's budget deadline is January 31. In December town administrator Frank Abbondanzio prepares a forecast of revenues for both towns and the District. This forecast will change as the budget season goes on. Hanold said the town will

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LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was on September 18, 2003: News from The Montague Reporter's archive.

The Demolition of GTD

Over the past two years, we watched as the S&R Corporation demolished Greenfield Tap and Die Plant 1, the birthplace of the precision cutting tool tap and die industry.

Ten years ago, Olivier de Cavelle purchased the 13 Greenfield Tap and Die buildings for \$1. He generated considerable enthusiasm in town with grand visions of an \$8 million investment with up to 80 incubator companies, a car museum and a teen center. The Chamber of Commerce endorsed his pipe dreams and gave him an office to work out of.

Under his direction, Plant 1 buildings were stripped of copper wiring and cables, plumbing, aluminum windows and frames. He was soon after deported to France for overstaying his visa. The town took ownership for

back taxes in 1997 and, after studying various proposals, decided to demolish the plant.

A Global Hub for Social Change...

Bernie Glassman's Peacemaker Circle International advances its work in conflict resolution through training sessions, networking and administrative support. Physical centers, called hubs, now exist to facilitate this work in Europe and the Middle East, but the international hub is right here at the Peacemakers' new home on Ripley Road in Montague.

Work is already in progress on a \$1.1 million renovation of the old dairy barn on the property. They are carrying on a longstanding tradition of activism and community-building from that setting, the former "Montague Farm."

At Monday's selectboard meeting, chair Ed Voudren told Glassman, "I appreciate the humanitarian spirit of your work... I hope you win

a Nobel peace prize."

... For the Record

Audience member Jeanne Golrick asked Glassman to state for the record whether his nonprofit educational organization will pay real estate taxes. Glassman replied Peacemakers, though legally tax exempt as a 501(c)3, has paid and will continue to pay the equivalent of what the real estate taxes on their property would be.

Editorial: In Memoriam

Martin Luippold, Sr. passed on last week, on Sunday, September 7, at the age of 78. He leaves behind not only the family-owned and operated grocery store he built from scratch, Carroll's Market.

He also, in a very real sense, leaves behind the sense of community he helped to build in Millers Falls over the course of more than fifty years as the hometown grocer. That's a legacy that will endure.

address the challenges posed by reentry to increase public safety and reduce recidivism.

The objectives of this program are to provide offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders with appropriate evidence-based services. Funds may be used for treating co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders in the Sheriff's jail programs, providing recovery support services, reentry planning and programming, and post-release treatment and aftercare programming in the community through the completion of parole or court supervision.

"All of Franklin County owes a huge debt of gratitude to Congressman McGovern for his support of this funding," Donelan said. "A small percentage of offenders commit the lion's share of crimes in our community. If we are successful in turning those offenders away from crime with the skills and support to succeed with a job and a strong family, we make all of our citizens safer and we save a lot of time and money throughout the criminal justice system."

their success upon release," Donelan said. "This grant is very competitive and I view the award as validation of the great work we are all doing here at the Sheriff's Office."

"This highly competitive grant is big news for all of Franklin County," said Congressman Jim McGovern. "I believe Homeland Security begins with home town security, and the innovative programs offered by the Franklin County Sheriff's office go a long way to keeping our streets safe, while ensuring that released prisoners can transition into being productive members of our community."

The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from jail and returning to communities, including resources to address the myriad of needs of these offenders to achieve a successful return to their communities. The goal of these funds will be to provide support to the Sheriff for the development and implementation of comprehensive and collaborative strategies that

Franklin County Sheriff To Receive Federal Reentry Grant

GREENFIELD – Congressman Jim McGovern and Sheriff Chris Donelan announced September 12 that the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a \$600,000 federal grant for reentry services. The grant, given under the federal Second Chance Act, will provide funding over two years for a broad range of inmate services to transition inmates back to the community prepared to be productive, law abiding citizens.

Sheriff Chris Donelan explained that he has been moving the House of Correction into a more therapeutic direction with enhanced inmate programs, but that this infusion of money will allow programs to move forward. "We will now enhance our counseling & vocational programs, improve our transition and reentry relationships and connect inmates with community resources that will ensure

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Chaos Descends on Eleventh Street

Monday, 9/9

10:44 a.m.

was arrested on a straight warrant. 11:18 a.m. Gas main struck by construction crew on Eleventh Street. Resulting leak led to brief evacuation of Eleventh Street down to I Street.

2:39 p.m. Loose pit bull on Alice Street; reportedly aggressive when approached. Services rendered.

9:28 p.m. Caller reported raccoon on North Leverett Road property; had been in same place for a long time; not sure if it was alive. Officer confirmed raccoon was deceased. Advised of options.

Tuesday, 9/10

12:55 a.m.

was arrested on a straight warrant.

8:13 p.m. Lights and crossing arm failed to activate when train passed through Lake Pleasant Road railroad crossing. Pan Am Railways contacted; aware of problem; working on it.

Wednesday, 9/11

4:58 a.m. A Turners Falls man was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order.

10:23 a.m. Woman and dog attacked by another dog while walking in Unity/Maple Street neighborhood. Services rendered; Board of Health advised.

11:03 a.m. Bear reported living in barn on Randall Road. Caller referred to environmental police.

11:46 a.m. Officer removed a piece of foam from the road near Cumberland Farms.

2:57 p.m. Large snapping

turtle reported in parking lot of Simon's Stamps. Good Samaritan assisted turtle back to canal.

4:13 p.m. Several marijuana plants confiscated from an Alice Street residence.

6:22 p.m. Young shirtless male reported screaming obscenities at passers-by near the bike path at Eleventh Street. Investigated.

Thursday, 9/12

11:10 a.m. Overnight vandalism reported to two tractor-trailers parked behind Shady Glen. Report taken.

11:55 a.m. Domestic disturbance on Eleventh Street.

1:11 p.m. Laundry reported stolen from Third Street laundromat in August.

7:02 p.m. Street flooding at Grove Street and Goddard Avenue.

8:09 p.m. Report of a suspicious person attempting entry to a vehicle parked in a driveway on Montague Street.

8:12 p.m. Street flooding at Montague City Road and Turnpike Road.

Friday, 9/13

9:34 a.m. Noisy fire alarm panel at Carnegie Library. Referred to DPW.

9:56 a.m. Complaint regarding trash and debris in a Second Street backyard attracting rats. Referred to Board of Health.

7:04 p.m. Investigated reports of a registered sex offender living in a Turners Falls residence where he wasn't supposed to be. Summons issued.

8:22 p.m. Fight on Fourth Street. Peace restored.

10:39 p.m. Fight at Between the Uprights/Second Street Bar. Peace restored.

Saturday, 9/14

11:15 a.m. Laundry reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Eleventh Street.

11:44 a.m. Complaint regarding a couch that has been sitting on the Eleventh Street tree belt for over a month.

2:13 p.m. Report of vandalism/graffiti on the walls inside the entrance to the Crocker Building on Avenue A. Services rendered.

3:31 p.m. Report of a group of kids on the porch of a house at L Street and Fourth Street playing "loud gross music" and smoking marijuana. Responding officer found no evidence of drug use, but did advise subjects to turn down music.

6:26 p.m. Request for animal control officer to pick up white rabbit that has been sitting in a Wrightson Avenue field for over an hour. Advised that Montague does not have an animal control officer; referred to local animal rescue.

10:13 p.m. Ongoing problem with vehicle doing donuts and disturbing the peace on Bridge Street in Millers Falls in the evenings between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Referred to an officer.

Sunday, 9/15

12:04 a.m. Summons issued for the arrest of an Avenue A resident following a neighbor disturbance.

4:32 p.m. Motorist struck by child on bicycle while driving in L Street Alley. No injuries.

9:46 p.m. Loud noise disturbance on Central Street. Advised of options.

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provide the District with a town financial "lay of the land" in January, to give an idea of an affordable assessment. At the same time, when the school is preparing its budget, the towns are interested in its priorities and resources.

In early March, Gill and Montague will meet with the

District to see where it is in the cycle. For the towns, the budget season is over in the second week in April to allow time to prepare for early May town meeting.

Naughton turned to the concern over the differing formats used between towns and school budget office. He expressed hope for more consistency in the presentation of financial data. Ha-

nold, looking at the documents given him by Sullivan, expressed his delight at the formatting.

Superintendent Sullivan, the two town selectboards, and finance committees all expressed that they found the meeting useful and promising.



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Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Celtic session*, 10:30 a.m.

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Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Kidleidoscope*, environmental program for ages 3-6 and their adults. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., free.

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 Johnny*. 9 p.m. to midnight. Friday Night Karaoke. Free.

Avenue A & 2nd St., Turners Falls: *Farmers Market*. 2 to 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.

ART SHOWS:

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Flotsam*, photographs and collage by Trish Crapo on display through October 12.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Watercolors* by Diane Nevinsmith. On display in the Great Hall through September 28th.

MUSEUM**EXHIBITS:**

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association: *Indian House*, open 11 to 4:30 p.m. Weekends in Sept. to Oct 6.

Memorial Hall Museum Music Room, Deerfield. *Poetry to the Earth: The Arts and Crafts Movement* in Deerfield.

EVENTS:**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Just Roots Community Farm, Greenfield: *Wild Edibles Plant Walk with Felix Lufkin*, 3 to 5 p.m. Register justroots.org

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls, artist reception, *Trish Crapo*.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Stephen Cahill Art opening*, 7 p.m. *Half Shaved Jazz*, 8 p.m.

Turners Falls, *Third Thursdays Night Out*, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Montague Reporter, 177 Avenue A, Turners Falls: *Open House*. Music by *Edward Shamo*, classical guitarist, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Live Birds of Prey*

Program with Tom Ricard, 2 p.m.

The Blue Rock, Shelburne Falls: *Patty Carpenter* vocals & piano and *Draa Hobbs* on guitar, 6:30 p.m.

Mocha' Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Randy Smith with Hooly Mae Brown and special guest Keeghan Nolan*, \$, 7:30 p.m.

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Ellis Paul*, \$, 8 p.m.



Tony Vacca, Saturday, September 21st at The Arts Block, Greenfield, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Levangie & The Mud, Blood and Beer Band*, 9 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague Center: *City of Four*, \$, 8 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Lake Side Drive*, classic rock, \$, 9:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Winnie and the Pooh Bears*, the CCR cover band formerly known as Willy and the Poorboys; *Sandy Bailey*, and probably *Jamie Berger*, 9:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Reprobates*, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Gender Role Free Contra Dance* with caller Jim Fownes, music by Becky Hollingsworth and friends. \$ Experienced session 4 p.m., supper 6 p.m., all level dance, 7 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Mocha Maya's*, Shelburne Falls: *The Peachy's*, 8 p.m.

Arts Block, Greenfield: *Tony Vacca*, \$, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Burrie & Friends*, progressive folk, 9 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Turn It Loose*, classic rock, \$, 9:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rockit Queer* dance night with Guest DJ Bobby Roastbeef, \$, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Montague Soapbox Derby, 11:30 to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, Unity Park, Turners Falls

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Greenfield Community College, Main Campus: Gallery Talk, Professor Joan O'Beirne discusses her current body of work, noon to 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Fancy Trash*, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *And the Traveler*, jazz/funk, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Mocha' Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Adam Bergeron*, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Head Band*, reggae, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *The Super 8 Players* with short silent films, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Old 78 Farm Fall Festival, Warwick. Music, food, vendors, rain or shine, \$.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Watershed History: The Brickyards of Montague City*, 2 p.m.

Mocha' Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Katie Sachs & Dave Derham*, 7:30 p.m.

Wendell Full Moon Coffee House, Wendell: *June Millington*, \$, 8 p.m. with Open Mic at 7:30 p.m.

Montague Bookmill, Montague: *The Women Songwriter Collective*, \$, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Wildcat O'Halloran Band*, guitar based blues, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Avedis*, Mark Schwaber, indie rock and singer/songwriter, 9:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Psycho Magnetic*, classic rock, \$, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

McCusker's Market, Shelburne Falls: *Co-op Jazz*, 2:30-4 p.m.

free.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *T-Bone & His Uke with Bassist Extraordinaire Joe the Plucker*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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By **LESLIE BROWN**

The reviews are mixed on the state of the garden following our two week stay on the coast of Maine. As expected, the tomato yield has been far from normal due to gardener negligence and the overabundance of rain in June. Again, we gave up our beautifully colored Swiss chard to the deer. Fortunately many other plantings have done well or perhaps the gardeners would have turned in their badges looking for other more profitable labor. The timing

of the green beans was fortuitous. We enjoyed fresh, crisp baby beans before our travels and returned to the beginnings of a healthy start on beans for drying.

A second planting is just now coming in so we may look forward to eating more fresh beans with dinner. These Kentucky Wonders lend themselves handily to both fresh and dried beans. When the pods are larger and a bit tough for fresh eating, we leave them on to fatten their seeds until the outsiders turn brown and dry. They split easily then, shedding a crop of dried seeds which will store well for cooking in baked form.

While the watermelon and winter squash vines are dying from lack of sun, cool temperatures and late powdery mildew, the crop is ready, fit and fat. We will pick the Acorn

squash as the stem dries and wipe the fruit clean of dirt. Then they will store well in a cool place for fall and winter eating. The baby watermelons will also store well for a shorter time, especially if we take care not to bruise them. Still they are a warm weather crop which would look bizarre we think on the harvest table. If anything, we could wish for more squash next year.

The sweet peppers are large and just starting to show their second color whether red, orange or yellow. There is no rush to harvest as the plants are still a hearty, healthy green. These colorful veggies are all the sweeter when cooked if allowed to ripen to their colored stage. We especially enjoy them roasted or grilled with just a spritz of olive oil.

The asparagus is filled with large

healthy ferns. These are now feeding their roots much as a spring bulb will do after flowering. We won't cut them down until they start to brown. Then, one more weeding before feeding with fertilizer to boost next spring's crop of spears. The bed is well established now. Just a little tending will feed us for indefinite seasons to come.

The runners in the strawberry bed have rooted and begun to produce baby plants. I originally planted twenty-five plants in rows about eighteen inches apart. The new plants are developing in the space between the original rows, creating a full bed for next season. I will trim the runners which extend beyond the baby plants so that the bed will not be so filled with plants that none can really thrive. This way we will have good sized fruit for our

first harvest next year. If we continue this process of setting runners and eventually taking out original plants which look spent, we should be able to harvest nice fruit for several years before it will be time to replant from the start. We will use some of this fall's leaves to mulch the bed over the winter.

Our new fence saved us from the heartbreak of crops totally lost to the woodchuck and other scavengers. This is the sunniest part of the garden and so it is ideal for the most heat loving crops. If we can get another area fenced next spring, I'd like to let squash sprawl in another space and bring the tomatoes back to more sun. Once the current crop of beans and peppers are done, we'll weed again and then lay a good deep layer of manure to work in.

To Be At The Farther Edge: Photographs Along the New England Trail by Barbara Bosworth

By **RICHARD BALDWIN**

WENDELL – The Wendell Free Library is one of nine host sites for a series of large format color photographs by Barbara Bosworth, a well known New England artist and teacher at Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. This show consists of seven large color photographs brilliantly presenting scenes from our general area.

Exhibition Curator Randi Hopkins writes: "Photographer Barbara Bosworth spent the summer and fall of 2012 hiking sections of the New England National Scenic Trail (NET) as the National Park Service's first Artist-in-Residence for the NET. Traveling with her large-format view camera, Bosworth created a striking visual response to the vistas and paths she encountered. The 215-mile trail that she

photographed runs through a remarkable swath of New England, rich in natural beauty, geological significance, and cultural heritage. It is one of only 11 national scenic trails and has long been an inspiration and resource for artists, historians, scientists, and travelers."

A selection of Bosworth's work, "...presented by the National Park Service in cooperation with the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, [is] on view at nine venues along the trail from September through November 2013. Her works capture the unique experience of nature – what is seen at one particular moment during one particular day, at one particular time of the year – as well as the paradoxically timeless nature of our natural environment."

These archival inkjet prints are stunning in their range of color and exquisite detail only obtainable using a large format camera. They are reminiscent of the paintings by members of the Hudson River School (1835 to 1870) which includes such famous artists as Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church and Albert Bierstadt. Thomas Cole painted a well known view of the Oxbow from Mount Holyoke, and Steven Hannock, a contemporary artist has continued the tradition of making a painting of the same view in his *The Oxbow: After Church, after Cole, Flooded (Flooded River for the Matriarchs E. & A. Morgan)*, *Green Light*, 2000. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Like the Hudson River School artists, Bosworth portrays a combination of weather and light, which resonates so powerfully with all who love nature and especially landscape. In this show, her large triptych, *Young Rock Climbers at Farley Ledges*, draws the viewer

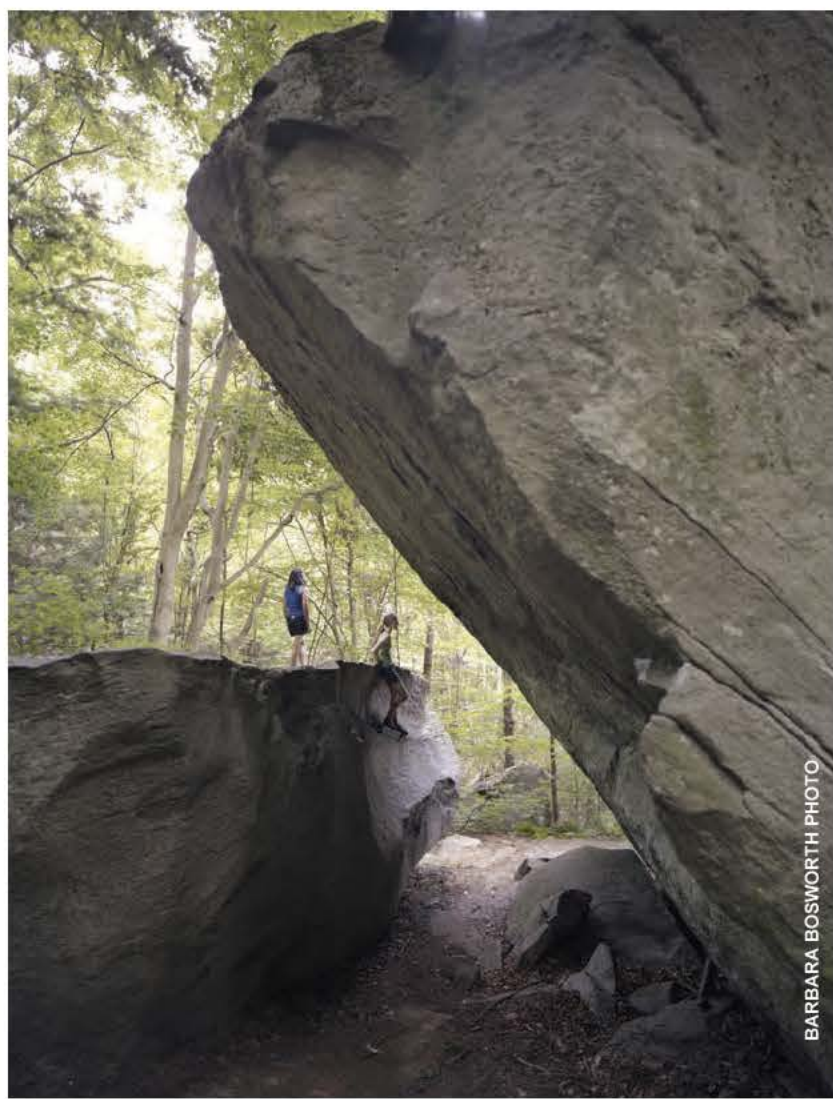


Illustration: Detail, *Young Rock Climbers At Farley Ledges*

in only to be overwhelmed by the power of the huge rock leaning over two figures in the middle panel.

In another series of three large prints, *Traprock*, meant to be viewed as a triptych, the play of light and dark over the rock surfaces acts as dramatic counterpoint to the traprock itself. In contrast to these powerful images, four panels portraying a cloudy sky bring air itself into the exhibition.

Make sure to visit www.net-air.com/BarbaraBosworth to see more of Bosworth's photographs in the nine exhibitions and especially to see the short video about this project. You can easily find more information on the artist via Google. She is well known, and her work is in a number of museums, among them: Cleveland Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston,

the National Museum of American Art, the Nevada Museum of Art; the Phoenix Art Museum; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; and the Center for Creative Photography, Tucson, Arizona.

"This exhibition was financed in part by the National Park Service's *Connect Trails to Parks* program, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System in 2018." There are brochures and handsome catalogues at each exhibition site so viewers can see all the paintings involved.

The show runs from September 3 through November 30 in the Herrick Room at the Wendell Free Library. Hours are Tuesday 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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