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Land Trust, Vegetable Farm Try New Model of Ownership

By JEFF SINGLETON

MONTAGUE CENTER – The Red Fire Farm on Meadow Road has been sold. According to the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, the sale “realized a long-awaited dream” of the previous owners, Sarah and Ryan Voiland.

So how does the sale of 122 acres of farmland by two relatively young and successful farmers constitute a long-awaited dream?

The simple answer is that when the Voilands purchased the land about seven years ago, the numbers did not work. “When we talked to our bank,” says Ryan Voiland, “it became pretty clear that as much as we needed the land to grow for 1,500 [community supported agriculture] members, the size of the mortgage would prevent us from

being able to invest in our people and infrastructure as well as we should.”

So the Voilands have sold the farm to Mount Grace, and are leasing the property back at a more affordable rate.

The actual story of the sale of the Red Fire Farm is a bit more complicated. The farm was initially based in Granby, where the couple leased much of their land. But around 2009, they realized their land was in danger of being sold for development.

At about that time, the Blue Meadow Farm on Meadow Road in Montague, a 12-acre nursery which was a destination for affluent consumers of obscure perennials, was up for sale. So was an adjoining 122-acre property called the Tuvek Farm. The Voilands sought to buy both properties, and

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Red Fire Farm's Ryan Voiland and his family may be at the vanguard of a new era of tenant farming.

Up The Hill: Turners Alums Inducted Into Hall of Fame

By RICHARD WIDMER

GILL-MONTAGUE – The list of reasons to be proud of Turners Falls High School just got longer by seven.

Thanks to the Alumni Hall of Fame Committee, led by Larry Cadran, Tuesday of Booster Week featured an all-school assembly to honor seven outstanding graduates of Turners Falls High School whose education in our schools started their life journeys.

Dr. Raymond Welsh, class of 1963, multiplied his high school science lessons into a career of viral cell research and discovery.

Fleet-footed Ken Caouette, ‘51, found his

way back to the track after fighting in the Korean conflict. Caouette became National Chairman of Officials for USA Track and Field, starting the women’s marathon at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles to the applause of 94,000 people.

Winnifred Gillete, ‘47, whose yearbook remembers her as “the true outdoor girl,” was remembered posthumously as an Army nurse.

Ken Cadran, ‘51, joined the US Navy after high school, where he learned a love of travel, discovered that not all people are alike, and shared his respect for first responders with a salute.

see **HALL OF FAME** page A6

ICE Makes Local Arrests In Sweep of Massachusetts

By MIKE JACKSON

FRANKLIN COUNTY – Last week, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents participating in a nationwide sweep made arrests up and down the Connecticut River, including at least one in Montague.

The federal agency announced that its four-day operation, which it dubbed “Safe City,” specifically targeted “jurisdictions where ICE detainees are not honored.” These included seven major cities, two major counties, and one state: Massachusetts, whose Supreme Judicial Court ruled this summer

that local authorities have no established legal right to detain people over non-criminal matters in response to such federal requests.

According to ICE’s September 28 announcement, the 498 people detained in the sweep between September 24 and 27 included 181 with no previous criminal convictions, and also included 50 Massachusetts residents.

The Pioneer Valley Workers Center, a Northampton-based group that has been organizing a detention response network, wrote Friday that they believed “approximately ten” of these were western Massachusetts residents.

see **SWEEP** page A4

Powertown – Of Prose?

By NINA ROSSI

TURNERS FALLS – Turners Falls will welcome all things poetical and wordy next week when the Great Falls Annual Word Festival takes over several hot spots in the downtown. There will be the clatter of typewriters on the sidewalks of Avenue A, and “newsies” hawking *avant garde* publications at the crossroads of journalism and fortune telling.

The Shea will be filled with Moles at night, and dry-tongued microphone addicts will refresh themselves with libations at local watering holes. The town will be spruced

up with speeches, stories, and “slams,” starting on Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15.

Conceived of by Wendell writer and Human Error Publishing founder Paul Richmond, the previous incarnation of this event was the Greenfield Annual Word Festival, which ran for seven seasons across the river.

This year things are staying safely on this side of the “hump,” and Richmond, founder of Human Error Publishing and this year’s Beat Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth, remarked that he has been received here

see **WORD FEST** page A5



The Shea Theater on Avenue A will be the epicenter of next week’s festival of writers, poets, and storytellers.

The Local Sports Week

By MATT ROBINSON

This week, the Turners Falls field hockey team played four tough games, the volleyball team stayed on top, the football team stormed into the Berkshires, and the golf team scored some individual points.

Also this week, the Franklin Tech Eagles upended the Green Wave football team, opening up the Intercounty North conference.

Football

FCTS 32 – Greenfield 14

TFHS 28 – McCann Tech 0

Last week, Turners’ coach Chris Lapointe predicted that Greenfield would not go undefeated. And one week later, on Friday, September 29, his prediction came true as the Green Wave was beaten by Franklin Tech, 32-14.

Tech’s victory opened up the Intercounty North conference. Every team in the ICN has at least one conference loss, except for Easthampton (3-0), who barely beat Athol (0-3 ICN) by 3 points, 20-17. So after four weeks, to quote the late, great Tom Petty, “the future is wide open.”

The city of Greenfield likes to dispatch their firefighters to the football field. When Greenfield wins, they drive around with their sirens blaring. After the loss to Tech, however, they just drove away silently.

Another difference in Friday’s game was the accommodations on the field. Traditionally, Greenfield doesn’t provide stands for the visitors. The opposing fans have to either sit on the Greenfield side or stand for the entire game. But on Friday, aluminum bleachers were set up for the Tech faithful. Not that

see **SPORTS** page A4



Franklin Tech’s Bailey Young (24) tacks on two points following Brian Mailloux’s touchdown giving the Eagles a 20-6 lead at the half.

HIS SPIRIT WAS ONE OF A KIND

We have heard that Albert Ray Payne – known to many as Ray, and to many others as Rainbow Fox – passed away last week. Ray’s last home was on Fourth Street in Turners Falls, but as anyone lucky enough to sit and talk with him a while will know, he had lived a long and interesting life. He was born March 30, 1942 in rural Florida, and was a survivor of polio, which he contracted at around 8 years old and which left him with limited mobility. Ray was involved in experimental theater circles in Boston and New York City in the 1960s and ‘70s; he performed in OM Theater Workshop’s New York run of *Riot*, which won an Obie Award in 1969. In his later life he was very interested in personalized ceremonial objects, and he identified strongly with his Cherokee ancestry. A quiet and private man, he had many friends. If you have anything to share about Ray, contact this paper. We have not yet heard of any memorial services.



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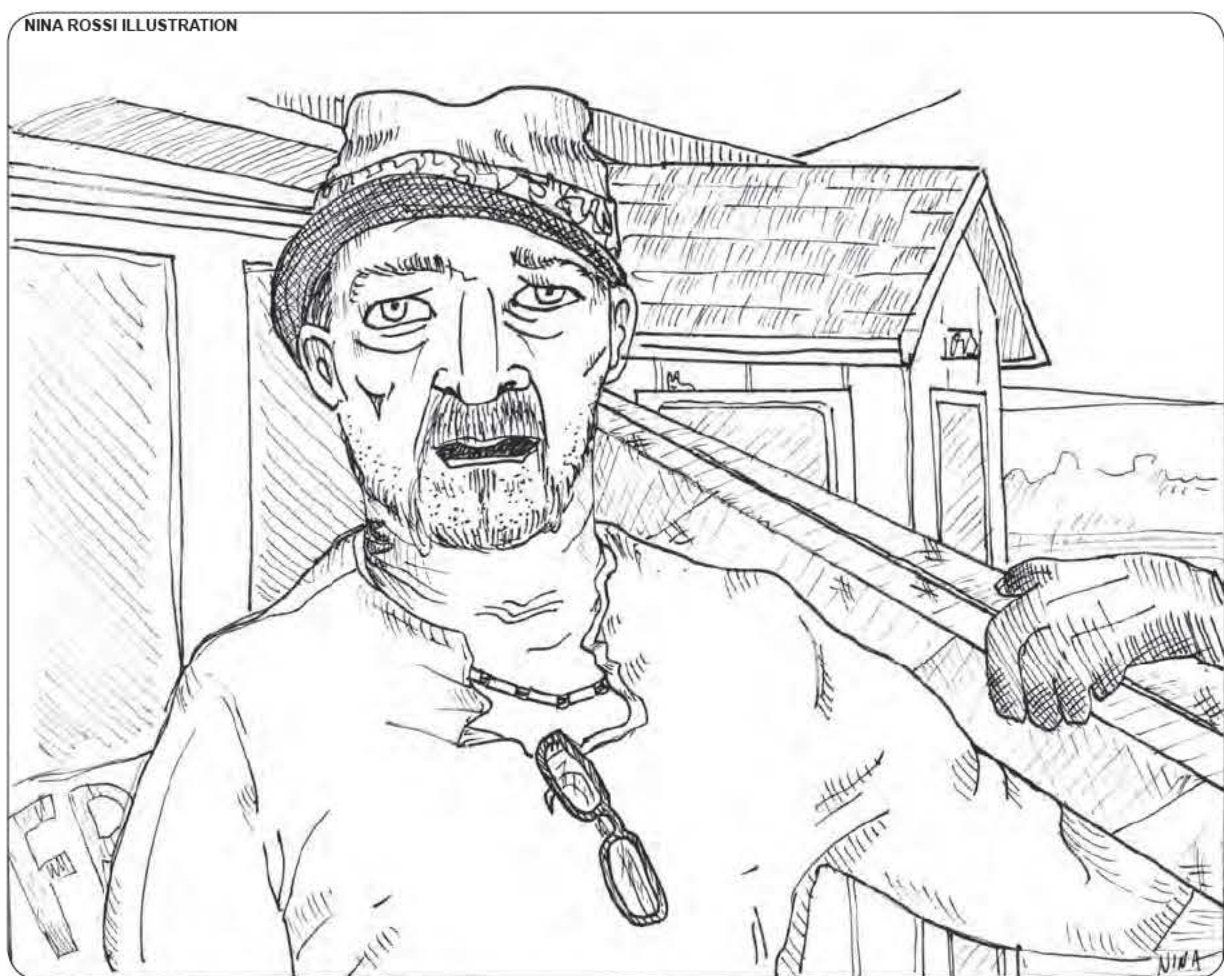
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Danny Dodge picks out items from the free pile at the former Picked store on Millers Falls Road on Tuesday. The resourceful father of 13 collects and sorts scrap to sell as a sideline to his work in the concrete trade.

Start At The Top

This Sunday, October 8, the **AutoZone in Greenfield** will host a free carwash and donation drive to help the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

Organizers are asking for donations of bottled water, non-perishable foods, diapers and other baby items, batteries, flashlights, first aid supplies, feminine hygiene products and other toiletries, blankets, money and gift cards. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the AutoZone at 430 Federal Street.

That same night, from 8 to 12:30, **La Mariposa** (111 Avenue A in Turners Falls) will host Pa'Lante, "a night of music, food and solidarity" featuring DJ AfroPanther.

Admission is \$5 minimum, though no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The food, intended to inspire further donation, will include homemade rice and beans, horchata, and mole brownies.

All funds raised at the party will go to the Defend Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Fund. If you can't make it, you can donate directly – and learn more about both that relief effort and others – at www.defendpr.com/relief.

The next day, Monday October 9, **Mystic Pinball** in Turners Falls is hosting a "Pinball 4 Puerto Rico Pop-Up Event," in which half of all cash proceeds will be donated to relief efforts on the island. That goes from noon to 4 p.m. at the all-pinball arcade located at 104 Avenue A.

And on Friday, October 13, there's a Salsa benefit dance at the **American Legion Hall** in Hadley. The cover is \$10, \$8 for students. There will be beginner and intermediate Salsa lessons, including some bachata and merengue moves, from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by an hour-long Kizomba class, and then a full-on dance party from 9 p.m. until 1 in the morning. Judging from the response online, that one might be a huge party, and again, organizers promise to dedicate 100% of the proceeds to Puerto Rico's relief.

Other fundraisers and donation drives have been bubbling up, so keep your eyes open.

Of course, donation only goes so far. Irma and Maria are not the only hurricanes that have hit the island.

The island could fit inside Massachusetts three times, but every person in the United States would have to pony up \$216 to cover its public-sector debt.

Puerto Rico, which has a 45% poverty rate and is losing workers to the mainland, found itself trapped in a spiral of borrowing. Hedge funds

and other wealthy investors bought up the island's bonds and sought to cash them in for full price.

Last year, with Puerto Rico's government unable to keep up on payments, its infrastructure failing and its economy threatening total collapse, Congress created a special oversight board known as PROMESA to impose austerity.

PROMESA can override decisions of the government of Puerto Rico. Its executive director is the former finance minister of Ukraine. Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, former chief economist of the World Bank, warned in February that the board lacks "any understanding of basic economics and democratic accountability." It has increased taxes and utility bills, and laid off public-sector workers.

And who is profiting? This week, investigative journalists at *The Intercept* discovered that one of the largest holders of Puerto Rican debt – long hidden behind a shell company – is a Boston hedge fund called the Baupost Group, whose manager, **Seth Klarman**, was named "New England's number one campaign contributor" by the *Boston Globe*.

Klarman, who went to Harvard and lives on Chestnut Hill, is a minority owner of the Red Sox. He was also one of the biggest backers of Great Schools Massachusetts, the committee behind the pro-charter-school Question 2 last year.

Through its front company Decagon Holdings, Baupost is among the investors literally suing Puerto Rico, whose power company is \$9 billion in debt, to cash out its sales tax bonds to the tune of \$17 billion.

That's a lot of pinball games – no wonder the power's still out. So let's all send aid, support, and love first. But after that, let's focus on the cancellation of Puerto Rico's debt.

Letters to the Editors

A Classy Town

I'd like to respond to two items I saw on the Editorial Page of the *Montague Reporter* from last week.

First, I was thrilled to see Rachel Roy's letter from 2010, when she wrote about the Montague Soapbox Derby. I was proud of how that event came off. With 1,600 spectators and 25 racers, we did pretty good. I hear the hot dog vendor sold out everything he had in a couple hours, and had to lay down on the ground to straighten out his back.

This was also the event that made me feel confident that I might be able to pull off a renaissance festival, and thus nine months later Mutton and Mead was born. (Rachel Roy didn't know it at the time, but it was coming ... another "classy" event!)

For those who miss the Soapbox Derby, never fear. Its day will return. We are planning to launch a new race operation that will work with towns to fundraise for their Parks & Rec departments. More info about that in the coming months.

Second, I was thrilled (again!) to

see the Montague Corkboard mentioned. I do miss the days before Facebook, and your chart exemplifies what that 500-pound gorilla did to all the local message boards out on the Internet.

It's pretty much the same thing the Internet did to local dial-up Bulletin Board Systems, around 1995. Those went from over 100,000 in 1995, to 0 – zero – in 1999 in the US.

Launched in September of 1999, the *MontagueMA.net* website was eventually visited daily by pretty much everyone in Town Hall and other municipal offices, as well as a decent chunk of the residents in town, and nearby. It was responsible for the ousting of certain selectboard members (ahem), and had a major impact on other local politics.

The mid-2000s were good days. Montague had a local newspaper, a local TV station, and a local community website. A real classy town!

The website's peak was in July of 2008, when we experienced over 72,000 visitors. Soon after, Face-

book started really gaining ground, and people started using that site instead. It didn't help that I personally stopped updating the website's server code around that time, focusing on another project. Thus, people went for the easier-to-use website with global reach, which eventually took over everything.

Lately I have begun to notice that some people are becoming weary of Facebook. All the user tracking and monitoring, and ads that follow you everywhere.

I get sick of it, too, and often wish for the days of being in touch with only my neighbors.

And to that end, we are planning on revamping the software next year, bringing it into the 21st century – just in time for its 20th anniversary, in September 2019. We hope that with an improved, mobile-friendly interface and tools similar to other social media platforms, people will return.

Mik Muller
Montague WebWorks

A Thank You

From the Board of Directors of the *Montague Reporter* to the Community, for making last week's Pub Quiz a rollicking success!

Special thanks are owed to:
Food City, for the crudites; Great Falls Harvest, the Five Eyed Fox, Turners Falls Pizza House, and Element Brewing Company for their gift certificates; and St. Kaz, for the use of their wonderful hall, and friendly bartending!

Also to the 1st-place quiz team, for donating their winnings back to the *Montague Reporter*.

And a special thanks to Matt Atwood, emcee extraordinaire.

You all rock!

Federal Raids Have Begun

This community is being terrorized. People are being kidnapped from their homes and workplaces. Children are going off to school and coming home to find their parents gone.

This is happening in Turners Falls, in Northampton, in Springfield – all over the Valley. It happened this week, and it will happen again and again.

No one is going to stop these heartless kidnappers from tear-

ing families apart and destroying lives. Instead we are going to pay their salaries: they are federal agents from ICE. Our tax dollars pay for their unmarked vehicles, their guns, and the time they spend lurking on the streets of our towns, hunting our neighbors.

My heart is heavy with grief. These are dark times for this country.

Evan Dick
Gill

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Compiled by DON CLEGG

The organizers of **Scarecrow in the Park**, the festival which takes place every October in Cushman Park in Bernardston, are seeking creative people to participate in this year's Scarecrow Contest. The event takes place October 21 and 22, and scarecrows must be in place by noon on October 20, as judging will take place soon after.

Scarecrow categories are Scariest, Funniest, Prettiest, Most Interesting Use of Materials, and History. Participants can enter one scarecrow in as many as they would like, at \$5 per category. There is a \$100 prize for the winner in each category, and funds raised benefit the Bernardston Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

Registration forms are available at 7 South Bakery and Cushman Library in Bernardston, and can be requested scarecrowinthepark@gmail.com. More details can be found on the "Scarecrow in the Park" Facebook page. All ages are welcome to participate.

Come and meet the "Jay Walker" himself on Saturday, October 7, at

10 to 11:30 a.m. at Greenfield Savings Bank, 282 Avenue A, Turners Falls. **Jay Butynski**, sports writer for the *Greenfield Recorder*, will be on hand to meet all of his local fans and faithful followers.

Butynski has many exciting sports events he can chat about with his audience. Whether Jay is covering Sonya Lamonakis and women's boxing or the many state championship Turners Falls softball teams, he always has some unique point of view or highlights of the event that captivate our attention.

On a side note, you could also learn about farming and harvesting, as Jay is part of the equally famous Butynski family farm in Greenfield. Light refreshments courtesy of Greenfield Savings Bank.

The **Great Falls Discovery Center** is switching to fall hours. The center is open 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through October 9, and starting October 11 will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All programs are free to the public unless otherwise noted, and the facilities are accessible.

The public is invited to join Mass-Wildlife habitat biologists and restoration ecologists on Thursday, October 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. on a **walk through portions of the Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area** that have been the focus of pitch pine and scrub oak barrens restoration for the past 20 years.

Visit previous timber harvest areas from 2006 and 2015, a recently completed harvest area, and a 30-acre reserve area. Learn about the restoration and management history of the site, and the effects of these activities for common and uncommon local wildlife. Hear from experts about management that will occur in the near future to provide habitat for a number of state-listed and dwindling species.

Meet at the MassWildlife parking area off Lake Pleasant Road, across from Beach Road. Wear sturdy boots, and be prepared for a moderately strenuous walk.

Community Action Youth Programs will be hosting their annual **HarvestFest** event on Thursday, October 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 154 Federal Street in Greenfield. The event is open to all community members.

The event will include a free community meal, as well as many activities including games, donut on a string, karaoke, face painting, and a photo booth – walk away with a beautiful family portrait or silly group photos with friends! All activities are free.

All are invited to a reading of *"The Historical Oracles,"* featuring As You Write It Writers, Well Done Writers and others, on Friday, October 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls.

The event is part of the Great Falls Annual Word Festival (see *article, page A1*). Writers will highlight historical stories of the Shea, and of life in all its glory.

A new **Cookbook Club** series starts at the New Salem Library on Wednesday, October 18, with Rob Chirico, local author of *Not My Mother's Kitchen: Rediscovering Italian-American Cooking Through Stories and Recipes*. Chirico will join the group to talk about his cookbook, as well as for a meal that participants will cook from recipes in the book.

This will be the kick-off event for a new Cookbook Club series, sponsored by the Friends of the New Salem Library. All are invited for a talk at 7 p.m. – no registration or cooking required.

If you wish to join in the culinary fun, sign up at the library. You will be asked to prepare a recipe from the cookbook, which is available at the library, to share. The meal will begin at 6 p.m., and is limited to 16 people; to register, stop by or call the library at (978) 544-6334. For questions, email NSFriendsOfLibrary@gmail.com or call the library.

Send your local briefs to editor@montaguereporter.org.

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join them into one farm.

However, the Tuvek farm was part of a state program called the Agricultural Protection Restriction (APR) program. Under that program, the state subsidizes farmers who want to designate their land for future agricultural use, by paying them the difference between the market value of the property and the value if the property were kept in agricultural production.

The smaller Blue Meadow Farm was not under an APR, and was almost too small to even qualify for the program. Putting the 12-acre segment of the newly-christened Red Fire Farm under APR created other complexities for the Voilands.

Under the program, ownership is limited to land and buildings related to farming, such as barns and greenhouses, but the Voilands wanted to link all the structures on the combined property, including the farmhouse, together. This would avoid a weakness of the APR: the incentive to sell farm housing to non-farmers at a higher profit, leaving potential agricultural property without housing.

So Red Fire and Mount Grace pursued a lease agreement requiring that any housing on the combined properties not be sold separately from the land.

In 2012, the land trust began to

raise funds to purchase all the land from Red Fire. This took approximately three years, and during that time, the market value of the land increased significantly. The final sale price for the property would end up at \$455,000 – still under the market value, which, according to Mount Grace executive director Leigh Youngblood, would have exceeded \$500,000.

Another obstacle to the purchase of the farm was that the state Department of Agricultural Resources determined that Mount Grace's conservation mission, in the words of Youngblood, "was not specific enough to ensure active commercial agriculture." So Mount Grace created a limited liability corporation, Mount Grace Farm LLC, to make the purchase.

The farm itself will continue to be known as the Red Fire Farm.

Finally, the sale had to be approved by the state, which held an interest in the property through the APR. But the proposed sale and lease agreement was relatively new legal territory for Massachusetts state policymakers. Youngblood contrasts this with the situation in Vermont. "There are literally hundreds of farms in Vermont," she says, "where the state has worked with land trusts to keep the houses and the farm together."

Not so in Massachusetts, where

state approval was a longer process. Just as light appeared at the end of the tunnel, a new Republican governor, Charles Baker, was elected. This led to a significant turnover within the state decision-making bureaucracy, causing more delays in the final sale.

The closing took place on May 1 of this year. "I thought the process would take a couple of years, when we started this," a relieved Ryan Voiland told this newspaper.

Mount Grace's announcement of the sale was also delayed for several months, given the organization's desire to focus public attention on a cluster of preservation projects on the Montague-Wendell border. The land trust portrays the Red Fire sale, and lease agreement, as an innovative new model to increase access to farmland for first-generation farmers.

"Land trusts can play an important role in helping farmers secure more affordable access to land, housing, and farm buildings," Youngblood says. "This model of shared ownership, with a long-term lease... is one tool that can help address these challenges."

Youngblood states that at the end of the Second World War, roughly half of the food consumed in New England was produced locally. Now, she estimates, the proportion is under 10%.

"We need to triple the amount of land in production," she argues. This means increasing access to farms by younger, first-time farmers.

The downside of the model would seem to be that, despite the long lease agreement and the incentive to pass the lease on to the family's next generation, the arrangement does not keep the asset itself – and its appreciating value – in the family.

But the traditional economic model of "family farms" may not be realistic, and for younger farmers who do not inherit property, entry is often just too difficult.

"I don't look at it all that differently [from ownership]," says Ryan Voiland. "We farm land we own, land Mount Grace owns, and land we lease. I look at the land Mount Grace owns as being just as secure as the land we own."

Next Saturday, October 14, Mount Grace will hold its 31st annual meeting at Red Fire Farm, and the public is invited to join them in celebration of the sale. Starting at 11 a.m., there will be guided farm and nature tours of the land, lunch with beer provided by the People's Pint, kids' activities, an award ceremony, and live music. Lunch tickets are \$35, though kids under 12 eat free. For more details, see www.mountgrace.org.



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Celebrating the Bridging of Communities

LEVERETT – Later this month, the Leverett Alliance will host a delegation of residents from Letcher County, Kentucky. The visit is part of a cultural exchange program called Hands Across the Hills, planned by the Leverett Alliance in partnership with Appalshop, an arts, media, and education center based in Whitesburg, KY. Though not all of the weekend's events are open to the general public, all are welcome to these events on Saturday, October 28.

Daytime events at Leverett Elementary School, 85 Montague Road, Leverett:

- Community forum, from 9 to 11 a.m.: Your chance to meet our guests from Letcher County, Kentucky, and members of the Leverett Alliance Bridging Committee. Learn how communities from very different parts

of the country can work together to achieve common goals.

- Leverett Community Chorus concert, 11:30 a.m. to noon: Songs to celebrate the heritage and folkways of Appalachia and New England.
- Community potluck lunch, noon to 1 p.m.: For admission, please bring a dish to share – “local” fare appreciated.

Evening events at Montague Common Hall, 34 Main Street, Montague:

- Community potluck dinner, 6 to 7 p.m.: Same guidelines as potluck lunch.
- Contra dance, 7 to 10 p.m.: With the Moving Violations, Ron Blechner, caller. Guest fiddle Autumn Rose Lester. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the Leverett Coop and Leverett Library.

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there was a whole lot of sitting for the folks from Tech – the Eagle fans stood shoulder to shoulder on the Blue sideline, following the ball from end zone to end zone. The Franks scored on their first possession when Spencer Telega pounded into Green's end zone, and increased their lead to 12-0 when he scored again.

Greenfield halved the score to 12-6, but at the end of the first half, the Eagles scored again. QB Seth Aldrich found Colby Mailloux for the TD, and Bailey Young added the 2-PAT to put the score to 20-6 at the half.

Green scored first in the second half to make it a 6-point game, 20-14, but the Eagles answered when Young scored on fourth and goal from inside the 1. Franklin put the cherry on the sundae when Telega scored again, putting the game out of reach 32-14.

And then on Saturday September 30, the Blue Tribe trekked over the mountain to play the McCann Tech Green Hornets.

Most of the game was played inside a cloud. North Adams is nestled between the Mount Greylock Reservation and the Hoosac Range, so storms get stuck. After about three quarters, the clouds began to lift over the hairpin turn and the Turners fans could see the mountains all around us. But for most of the game it was cold and wet – in other words, perfect football weather.

Kyle Dodge and the Turners Falls passing game got on track. They drove down the field on their first possession, but two penalties negated two touchdowns, and Turners was forced to give up the ball.

When they got it back, Blue again moved downfield, converting on fourth down to keep the drive alive. Facing another fourth, Dodge completed a 32-yard pass to Jaden Whiting, and Turners was up 6-0.

Later in the second quarter, Turners had a third-and-32 from the Green 35, and Dodge completed another long pass, this time to Andy Craver, putting Powertown up by two touches. Dodge hit John Fritz for the 2-PAT and Turners went inside the locker room leading 14-0.

In the second half, Marcus Sanders recovered a fumble on a punt return and Blue took over just short of the midfield stripe. Five plays later, Sanders banged into the end zone to put Blue up by 20, and Tyler Lavin kicked the PAT to make it 21. In the fourth, Turners constructed a 56-yard, nine-play drive, culminating with another Sanders TD and another Lavin PAT.

Under center, Dodge completed three passes for 100 yards, two

touchdowns, and a 2-point conversion. On the ground, six different players carried the ball for Turners: Sanders, John Torres, John Driscoll, Whiting, Dodge, and Craver.

Field Hockey

*TFHS 3 – FCTS 3
Southwick 3 – TFHS 2
TFHS 3 – Palmer 1
Greenfield 7 – TFHS 0*

On September 26, in a contest of evenly matched teams, the game ended with a tie. Both teams scored two goals in the first half and one in the second.

For Turners, Cassie Wozniak scored two goals while Jade Tyler scored the other, while in goal Haleigh Green made 11 saves. On the Tech side, Ashlee Townsley scored two goals and gave an assist, with Erin O'Neil putting in the third. Kristin Slowinski added an assist, and goalkeeper Kailynn Mason-Emond made 14 stops for Tech.

On Thursday, September 28, the Southwick Green Rams came to town. It was all Turners – that is, for the first half. Turners shot out to a 2-goal halftime lead, courtesy of Wozniak with an assist by Lucy Postera.

In the second half, the play was mostly in the Blue end. This led to 13 Southwick corner shots in the second period alone. Little by little, Southwick Rammed their way back into the game until, with the score knotted at 2 apiece and a minute 15 seconds left, they put in the winning goal.

At this game I was told of two major Turners Falls injuries, Cecilia Wood and Amber Taylor. (I can't go into detail for privacy's sake, but ask their mothers.)

On Friday, September 29, Turners hosted the Palmer Panthers. As they had the previous day, Turners took a two-goal lead in the first half. Aly Murphy scored the first goal at 27:17, and Wozniak got the second at 10:41.

Turners made it 3-0 less than three minutes into the second half, and coasted to a 3-1 victory.

Then on Monday, Turners ran into a buzzsaw called Greenfield. “At least they didn't score 10 goals,” one of the field hockey moms said as she was packing up her chairs.

Green scored quickly, putting up five goals in the first half alone, and it's a testament to Blue fortitude that they only allowed two more in the second half.

The Green Kilts always seemed to find the ball, and they always passed it in front of the Blue goal. This led to target practice for Greenfield, and put enormous pressure on Haleigh Greene and the Blue D.

Although Greenfield was held to 15 shots on goal, seven found

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The *Montague Reporter* has interviewed multiple confidential sources who say that federal agents waiting in two unmarked cars apprehended a Montague resident leaving his or her home for work early Wednesday morning, September 27.

They also report the resident, a parent and breadwinner, did not have a criminal conviction but may have illegally re-entered the country after a previous deportation order.

Montague police department records officer Marsha Odle said the town had received two communications from the Department of Homeland Security during the time of the operation: a request on the afternoon of the 25th to check for an automobile, and a notification on the early morning of the 27th that ICE agents would be acting within the town's jurisdiction.

Odle stated that the two requests pertained to two different parts of town, and characterized the Wednesday communication as a “courtesy call” that did not include any request for local law enforcement assistance.

DAVID HOITT PHOTO

Powertown's Kate Boulanger and Franklin Tech's Hailey Jackson vie for control of the ball during last week's cross-town matchup at Franklin Tech.

paydirt. Powertown did manage to take six shots, but each was knocked away by the Green D.

Golf

*Greenfield 23 – TFHS 1
Monson 23.5 – TFHS 0.5
Ware 21 – TFHS 3*

Against Greenfield on Wednesday, September 27, Brian Porier (55) scored Turners' only point, while Kyle Kuchienki finished with their lowest stroke count (52).

Then on the 28th against Monson, Kuchienki improved to 51, and stole half a point.

Turners finished up their week with a game against Ware on Monday. Tyler Noyes (65) took two points in his match and Porier (58) scored the other point, while Kuchienki improved to 46.

Volleyball

*TFHS 3 – East Longmeadow 0
TFHS 3 – South Hadley 1*

With less than half their games played, the Turners Falls Volleyball team has qualified for the postseason. The Blue Ladies currently sit atop the Northern Conference and remain unbeaten with a record of 9-0.

This week, they played two excellent teams – East Longmeadow and South Hadley – and prevailed.

On Wednesday, September 27, the East Longmeadow Scarlet Spartans came to town to challenge Turners. Blue's Coach Kelly Liimatainen was ready. Against a great team, with her perfect record on the line and clinging to the lowest rung on the top-ten ladder, she gave no quarter. Although Powertown took a huge lead in the first match, she kept her starters in.

And the players also gave no quarter. Limiting your opponent to

single digits in volleyball is remarkable. But Blue did just that in the first match. The Spartans took the lead 2-0, but that was the only one they could muster. After a couple of aces from Sienna Dillensneider, a few kills by Taylor Murphy, and a tip from Emma Miner, Blue led 8-2. Then Chloe Ellis came to the line with the score 9-3, and Turners scored 8 straight points, putting the match out of reach.

Powertown finished strong and took the first match by an amazing 25-7. They carried their momentum into the second match and never trailed. Scarlet hung on, however, pulling within 4 points at end game. Unfortunately for Sparta, the match ended on a net-serve and Blue took the second 25-20.

With two wins under their belts, Blue was able to confidently coast to a 25-16 victory in the third and final match.

When the Turners Falls volleyball team cracked into MassLive's Top 10 on September 19, another team was knocked out: the South Hadley Orange Tigers. So when the Blue Ladies traveled to South Hadley on October 2, the Cats had a little score to settle.

After Turners won the first match convincingly, 25-16, the Tigers clawed their way back and won the second 25-23, evening the game at 1-1.

Turners was able to take the rubber match by 3 points, 25-22 and finished with a 25-21 victory in the final.

Next week: The field hockey and volleyball teams face more top-10 squads, and the football team welcomes Mahar.

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WORD FEST from page A1 with open arms.

A large part of the festival will be framed within the proscenium of the Shea, and Turners Falls RiverCulture has lent sponsorship to the GFAWF's Powertown debut. Other locations hosting events include the Brick House Community Resource Center, the Great Falls Discovery Center, LOOT, and the Great Falls Harvest restaurant.

Billed as a "non-academic" poetry festival, GFAWF promises a "multi-venue, genre-crossing, boundary-bending, diverse and inclusive celebration of spoken word." Groups involved in the festival include Strawdog Writers, Women Voices In and Out, As You Write It, Well Done Writers, and the Exploded View group.

Richmond has typically relied on voluntary donations to defray the expenses of the festival. This year, he has decided to sell a festival button that will allow wearers to enter any Shea Theater event free of charge. Other venues at the festival are free, though donations are always welcome. The button is \$20 in advance and \$25 during the festival, and can be bought online at gaw-fest.org and picked up at the theater during the event. Richmond says he hopes wearing the button will alert local businesses to the influx of customers generated by the festival, and foster broader participation in the event going forward.

Opening day, **Thursday, October 12**, presents a triple feature: From 1 to 5 p.m. at the Shea, there will be an open mic and small press bookstore, with a chance to chat up on poetry, share your words, and have some coffee or tea.

Scuttle out for dinner then tunnel back for *The Mole: Five Minute True Stories, No Scripts, No Props* at 6:30. Watch and listen as ten brave story-

tellers spin their tales in front of you. Featuring Susan Cocalis, Alice Barrett, JT McKenna, Alison Murchie, Debra Krumholz, Marian Kelner, Eve Brown-Waite, Justine Dymond, Janice Sorensen, and Amie Hyson.

Richmond appears with a trio of musicians, who will improvise together as *Do It Now* at 8 p.m. The band features Tony Vacca on percussion, John Sheldon on guitar, Jo Sallins on bass, and Richmond with spoken word, responding to whatever is present in the news of the day or emotions of the evening, building on each other's rhythms and creating what Richmond refers to as a "movie-escape" of stories and music.

Audience members who attended the Benefit for Sierra Leone recently will have gotten a taste of this; others can preview by going on YouTube and searching for "paul richmond cuba." But if you are at all familiar with any of these fine musicians, you already know that this will be an inspiring show.

Friday, October 13 will be a very special afternoon at the theater with Historical Oracles from 1 to 5 p.m. *As You Write It* writers will read from their work, with a special focus on memories of the Shea Theater and "of life in all of its glory." The group includes Estelle Cade, Joan Hopkins Coughlin, Sally Fairfield, Lillian Fiske, Noreen O'Brien, Joseph A. Parzych, and Laura Rodley.

Well Done writers will also reveal their glories: Alice Thomas, Deborah Oeky, Cathy Boschen, Dolly Arsenault, Estelle Cade, Ellen Blanchette, Mary Glaser, Noreen O'Brien, David Bryant, Janet Keyes and Ted Scott — plus Mary Clare Powell, Richard Wayne Horton and others.

From 5 until 8 p.m. is when the keys will be rattling and pounding on the sidewalk in front of the Shea, as Strawdog Writers present *Side-walk Typewriters*: "type a poem,

type a story, take it home or read it at an open mic."

And keep an eye out for *Exploded View* members hawking their new creation on the Ave.

At 6:30 p.m., there will be readings at the Brick House, presented by Women Voices In and Out: Voices from Inside, a group of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women, as well as women in addiction recovery.

The Great Falls Harvest and the Shea will also host readings at 6:30 p.m., followed by another round at all three venues at 7:45. The lineup will be detailed in the program book, which has not yet been printed at this writing.

At 9 p.m., a special reading celebrating Women Writers will highlight the talent and diversity of women's voices at the Shea. Details also to be announced.

Saturday, October 14 starts off with a workshop with Tommy Twilite at the Great Falls Discovery Center. *The Easy Way to Write 30 Poems in 30 Days* is a workshop for poets and non-poets. Twilite will use simple prompts and demonstrate other "tricks of the trade" to get your writing going.

The emphasis of the workshop will be on having fun, and on using your creativity and energy to fulfill your own dream of writing 30 poems in 30 days. Twilite used his "30 days, 30 poems" challenge as a very successful fundraiser for the Center for New Americans in 2016.

The Shea will be home to small press, individual and group readers from 1 until 5, and the typewriters will take up their clatter again at 5 p.m. outside. LOOT Found and Made will join the Shea with open readings and scheduled readers to be announced, at 6:30 p.m.

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Ngoma Hill is one of the festival headliners at the Shea at 9 p.m. Local and international poets will present music and word. For a preview, check out nightbeatmag.com/ngoma-hill-a-life-devoted-to-social-justice/.

On **Sunday, October 15**, if you haven't already gotten word fever, try attending a *Free Introductory Fiction Writing workshop* at the Shea from noon until one. And then soak up your last dose of GFAWF while listening to various readers from 1 until 5 p.m. with a book fair and artist cafe.

So find your inner syllabic siren, and welcome the diverse talents such an event may bring to town. Turners Falls might become the Powertown of Prose!

NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

Bus Stop Switch Waiting On Truck Ban

By KATIE NOLAN

On Monday, Erving administrative coordinator Bryan Smith told the selectboard that he, Erving Elementary School principal Jim Trill, police chief Chris Blair, highway foreman Glen McCrory, and a representative of the F.M. Kuzmeskus bus company had all met to discuss the school bus pickup on North Street, and planned safety changes for North Street and Church streets.

Smith said that Kuzmeskus was happy to make changes in the bus stop location once the road layout was changed. However, Smith said there would be no layout changes until Erving and Northfield decided whether to institute a ban on trucks through Maple Street (Northfield) and North Street (Erving).

According to Smith, Kuzmeskus drivers have been informed that children should not wait for the bus on the bridge. The bus company asked the town to install a "Bus Stop" sign and a "Stop Ahead" sign. The board agreed that the new signs could be included in the safety upgrades for the road.

At the August 14 selectboard meeting, a group of citizens had asked the board to upgrade traffic safety features in Erving Center.

Wastewater Agreement

The town and Erving Industries have been working on a "third party wastewater agreement" gov-

erning fees for outside septage accepted at the POTW #2 wastewater treatment plant.

POTW#2 is owned by the town, but operated by ERSECO, an Erving Industries subsidiary, under an agreement with a renewable term of ten years. POTW#2 primarily treats wastes from Erving Paper Mill, but also treats waste from some Erving residences. In addition, the plant treats waste from third parties — "outside septage" — for a fee.

Under a three-year contract currently being re-negotiated, Erving Industries pays a share of its revenue from this outside septage treatment to the town. The town has proposed that POTW#2 process sludge from POTW#1, its Erving-side plant, for free.

At the July 26 selectboard meeting, Erving Industries offered to accept the POTW#1 material if it met certain criteria, including that it must contain no more than 2% solids.

POTW#1 operator Peter Sanders said that the sludge is tested using a standard test before it is trucked from POTW#1, and that it meets the 2% criterion. However, he worried that the sludge may test at over 2% at POTW#2, where a different standard test is used.

Selectboard members wanted the 2% criterion clarified before finalizing the agreement, and they asked Sanders to check into the details of the two testing methods and find the allowable deviation for each test. The

board is asking for a $\pm 0.5\%$ margin to allow for variance in results from the differing methodologies.

Election Recall Bylaw

The November 3, 2014 Erving special town meeting passed a bylaw specifying how an elected official could be recalled. Two weeks later, the town asked state senator Stan Rosenberg to introduce special legislation allowing the town to adopt the bylaw. Bylaws regarding election procedures must be approved by the legislature before they become effective.

At Monday's selectboard meeting, administrative coordinator Smith told the board that the legislation had been introduced into the state senate, and had had two committee hearings, but no further action. The bill was not considered in any house of representatives committee, and died with the end of the last legislative session.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Local Services website, "For the Massachusetts Legislature, the sheer volume of special acts overwhelms the docket of each chamber and diverts time and attention from issues of global importance to the Commonwealth. According to the Massachusetts General Court website, during each annual session since 2001, approximately 70 percent of all legislation approved, or 230 new laws on average, have been special acts."

The board asked Smith to send the bylaw back to senator Rosenberg's office, to be submitted again as a special act of the legislature.

Selectboard member William Bembury asked, "Is it a two-year process all over again?"

Administrative coordinator Smith said, "You have to keep after them..."

Selectboard chair Jacob Smith asked Bryan Smith to "proactively monitor and chase it."

Other Business

The board signed a letter of commitment to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to pursue a grant to update the hazardous waste mitigation plan. Bryan Smith told the board that the town would not be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency aid without an updated plan.

The cost of updating the plan is estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,500. With the grant, Erving would be responsible for 25% of the cost.

The board also accepted a proposal from Tighe & Bond to conduct the state-required monitoring at the former Maple Avenue landfill, at a cost of \$12,000.

Bembury asked, "When will the monitoring end?"

Sanders suggested it might continue "forever and ever."

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NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Drug Box Returns To Police Station

By JEFF SINGLETON

Montague police chief Chip Dodge announced at Monday’s Montague selectboard meeting that the used prescription drug “med box,” or drop box, will return to the front lobby of the Montague police station.

The box was removed in July 2016, per order of the Northwest District Attorney’s office, in response to an investigation by the state attorney general. At that time, the district attorney also suspended Montague from a regional anti-crime taskforce.

Dodge told the selectboard that his department had updated its drop box handling policy to be consistent with that of the district attorney’s office.

“Working with the DA’s office, they had updated their policy since it had originally been installed, and then we updated our policy, and then we worked on a policy together, so this is sort of like the final version of their policy with our policy,” Dodge explained. “It’s a policy that’s been agreed upon by them, [and] it’s a policy we can follow, and we agreed upon the terms. That’s why we reinstalled the box.”

The policy reviewed by the selectboard contains a total of 17 steps for emptying the box and disposing of medications. This process will be implemented by a “primary officer,” appointed by the chief, and an “assistant” who must be present during the procedure. The protocols state that “the plastic bag that lines the [drop] box will be tied (i.e. closed with a knot) without either officer touching any of the medications.” The bag will then be placed in the department’s secure evidence room, pending transport to the Greenfield police department, where it will be collected by someone from county sheriff’s office.

The board voted to allow Dodge to sign a document providing for the return of the drop box, and voted to endorse the new policy.

The board did not discuss either the status of the state investigation, or Montague’s participation in the regional police taskforce.

Town administrator Steve Ellis told this newspaper that the town has not received an official communication from the attorney general’s office about the status of its investigation, but said it was his understanding that the investigation had been dropped. “We presume that this occurred,” he said, “because there was no evidence of wrongdoing.” Ellis also stated that he had received no information concerning Montague’s status in the taskforce.

Mary Carey, communications director for the Northwest District Attorney’s office, stated she believed the investigation by the attorney general had been completed, but that her office had not received official confirmation from the state. She also said she believed Montague had not rejoined the regional taskforce.

Emily Snyder of the state attorney general’s office said that it was not her office’s policy to comment on investigations, but that there had previously been an investigation of Montague, which had recently

been terminated.

ICE Aid Rule Rejected

In unrelated news, the attorney general’s office has returned a motion passed by Montague’s May 6 annual town meeting without taking action. The motion, which passed by a vote of 43 to 22, would have restricted the ability of local law enforcement officials to detain an individual in response to a request from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program.

Similar policies have been adopted by other communities in the state. The state Supreme Judicial Court has declared federal demands for local enforcement unconstitutional, but ICE has recently targeted immigrants in local communities that resist federal policy.

Montague’s town counsel, the firm of Koppelman and Page, had advised that the town meeting motion constituted a bylaw change, and required approval by the attorney general.

The attorney general, on the other hand, ruled “there is nothing in the plain language of the [town meeting] motion... that expresses or implies that it proposed the adoption of a bylaw. Therefore, we conclude that the vote under Article 47 does not come within the scope of the Attorney General’s limited review authority under [Massachusetts General Law] Chapter 40 Section 32.”

Town clerk Deb Bourbeau indicated that the selectboard could adopt the town meeting motion as town policy without creating a new bylaw, but this option was not discussed at Monday’s meeting.

Hauling Woes

The board heard a report from department of public works director Tom Bergeron about the proposed transition to a five-day week for trash pick-up and recycling.

Bergeron reported that Allied Waste, the private company which performs the service and had requested the change from four to five days, was having difficulty finding a driver who could work the long hours required. The company is now proposing to remain at the current four days, but alter the schedule.

“What the community really cares about is consistency and reliability,” said Ellis. “Especially those who might need assistance to get materials out to the road.”

The board did not take a vote on the issue, but did vote on a long list of surplus vehicles and equipment that Bergeron wishes to sell.

Dry Hill Saga

Judith Lorei of the cemetery commission came before the board to discuss plans to revitalize, and provide access to, Dry Hill Cemetery. She was accompanied by Al Cummings of the Soldiers Memorial committee.

The town has negotiated an agreement with the Eversource electric company to use an Eversource road to access the cemetery. Lorei said there would be designated dates during the summer when residents could visit relatives at the site, and Cummings noted that the veterans committee could

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Michael Boulanger, ‘60, may not have been a very good student when at Turners, but joined the US Marines and eventually tugged on the right collar, re-enlisting in military flight school, serving as a fighter pilot, a police officer – and ultimately as mayor of Westfield, Massachusetts.

David Beaubien, ‘52, another illustrious son of Millers Falls, graduated from Turners Falls High School as president of his class, and learned electrical engineering at UMass. He formed Cambridge Systems, manufacturer of meteorological instruments, and then Yankee Environmental Systems in Turners Falls, and became trustee and director to many public and private firms.

Last but not least, Michele Bourdeau, the daughter of Robert Bourdeau, ‘39, spoke of her father, who was raised on Third Street and hiked “up the hill” to Turners Falls High School each day.

She reflected on her father’s contributions to NASA, the study

of the ionosphere, and his 1969 NASA Medal for Distinguished Service. “Reach for the stars,” he would say.

Though we all may sometimes take for granted the toils and

achievements of our mothers and fathers, this was a moment to remember the importance of a good education, as well as the greatness of those who came before us and our hometown.



From left to right, Turners Falls High School principal Annie Leonard; Alumni Hall of Fame committee chair Larry Cadran; Dr. Raymond Welsh ‘63; Ken Cadran ‘51; Ken Caouette ‘51; Michele Bourdeau, daughter of Robert Bourdeau ‘39; and Michael Boulanger ‘60.

Reportback: Millers Falls Community Improvement Association

By MICHAEL NAUGHTON

MILLERS FALLS – Seven people attended the most recent meeting of the Millers Falls Improvement Association, held on Thursday, September 21. The main topic was the results of the recent survey on how best to spend the \$1,500 appropriated at the May town meeting.

32 surveys were collected, and they showed the strongest support for an annual event and/or a public art project. Next in line were outdoor movie and youth program, while a public message board and t-shirts got the least votes. One respondent sent a long note advocating for a riverside trail, running from the Highland Cemetery down along the banks of the Millers River to the railroad trestle where the Doug Smith mural was placed.

The riverside trail idea was very well received, but the general feeling was that it would take more resources than this group has available. However, town officials may already be pursuing this idea, so it was agreed to contact them and offer whatever assistance we can.

As for the other suggestions, discussion brought out the fact that they are a little too broad to provide a clear mandate at this point. More

feedback is needed, but the survey results did point to some general directions to pursue.

The “annual event” choice was hampered by what in retrospect was recognized as a survey flaw: it appeared as a choice on the survey, but so did choices for events focused on specific holidays (Memorial Day, Veterans Day). The meeting decided to count all those responses together, resulting in its getting the most votes. Similarly, “public art” is a pretty broad category, since it might mean anything from a permanent work – a mural, a sculpture – to a more temporary installation, or even a one-time performance.

One suggestion people liked was to paint a mural on the wall of the Millers Falls Library that would be seen by people coming to the village from the Erving side. Members of the group will contact library officials to see if that might be possible.

Another suggestion was to partner with RiverCulture, which has recently expanded its focus beyond Turners Falls to include the other villages of Montague. It is working with some artists who have recently formed the Millers Falls Artists Collective to create a holiday display in the windows of the Ward Block, and the meeting felt

it would be appropriate to offer assistance with that effort. Other suggestions included holiday lighting, and perhaps even organizing a holiday lighting contest.

Finally, in a bit of housekeeping, the group decided to change its name from the “Millers Falls Improvement Association” to the “Millers Falls Community Improvement Association.” It was hoped that this would emphasize that this is a community group, and that all members of the community of Millers Falls are invited and encouraged to participate in whatever way they find most comfortable.

The meeting was originally planned to be held in St. John’s Church, but insufficient lighting in that building prompted the group to move next door. There was some discussion of future meeting sites, now that winter is coming on; it was suggested that we try to arrange more public sites, perhaps rotating among them.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, but the time and the place have not yet been determined. For more information, visit us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/millersfalls, or email millersfalls.improvement@gmail.com.

now place flags on graves prior to holidays, “which we have not been able to do in the past.”

Lorei stated that “at this point, there is no grass to mow [in the cemetery]. It is all bushes and small trees – it’s really a mess.”

Bergeron said he would be going up to the area the following Wednesday to improve the “third leg” of the access road, and that his department would seek the approval of the neighboring landowner, James Senn, to move equipment across his property.

The board did not take a vote on the issue.

Other Business

The meeting included a lengthy discussion of the town’s need to update its policies to comply with

the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA activist Betty Tegel applauded Ellis for taking the initiative in updating the so-called “transition plan.”

Ellis raised the possibility of applying for a state grant to work on the plan, and also another one to fund a particular ADA project.

The board responded to a request from local resident Jeanne Gorruck by moving the deadline for filing agenda items from Thursday to Wednesday, for a “trial period” that will last until November 6.

Suzanne LoManto, director of the RiverCulture program, requested and received approval to place tables and chairs in front of the Shea Theater on October 14. This will be in conjunction with the Great Falls Word Festival (see story, A1).

Ellis gave an update on the process for choosing a firm to board up the Strathmore complex prior to the winter.

He also gave another update on the progress of the Kearsarge Energy’s plan to construct a solar array at the old landfill. The construction will take place mainly during the upcoming winter.

In response to skeptical comments from selectboard member Michael Nelson, Ellis stated that “they really need it done by the end of March... If we have a historic winter, we will see.”

At the end of the public meeting, the board went into a non-public executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy. Their next meeting will be held October 18 at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

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NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Babies, Liquor, and Erosion Discussed

By GEORGE BRACE

Gill's selectboard unanimously ratified the appointment of Chris Redmond as acting police chief Monday night, and took up the question of compensation in his new position.

Administrative assistant Ray Purington provided the applicable sections of Gill's personnel policies and procedures, which called for Redmond's pay to be raised one grade as acting chief. The board made this increase, retroactive to the date of his appointment.

The board also formally expressed gratitude and appreciation for Redmond's work in stepping into the new position, and confidence in his abilities and future.

Two other police-related matters were discussed: a contact from a selectboard member from an unnamed nearby town, inquiring about the possibility of establishing a shared police chief, and an offer from the mayor of Greenfield to partner "in the areas of training, community and response, patrol and communication."

The board decided, in both cases, that the ideas should be given further consideration, but that now was not a good time to make any commitments.

Board members Randy Crochier, Greg Snedeker and John Ward all agreed that Gill's police chief should also be part of any future discussions on these matters.

Fire Department

Fire chief Gene Beaubien and captain Jason Edson presented a request for approval to spend \$800 from their budget on a responder reply system, which works through smart phones and is currently being used in Greenfield, Erving, and other Franklin County towns.

The system will enable the department to track the whereabouts and status of responders through their phones, improving the department's ability to respond to emergencies, and freeing responders from the need to report on their status through texts and phone calls.

After some discussion, the request was unanimously approved.

The board also took up the question of signage for the Massachusetts Baby Safe Haven program at the public safety complex. The station is not manned 24 hours a day, and there are sometimes problems with its phone service.

The board and fire department agreed to continue to work on those issues, and will look into the availability of more signs than the two provided in order, to cover all the entrances.

They will also look into the possibility of getting a cell phone repeater device, to improve phone service in the event that someone needs to drop off a baby, but no department personnel are at the station, in which case they would need to call one of the numbers on the signs.

225th Celebration

Board member Randy Crochier reported the planning committee for the town's 225th anniversary next year has had some good talks, and has begun tossing around some ideas, including a contra dance or two.

Steve Damon has created a Facebook page, "Gill's 225th Anniver-

sary," where more information can be found and discussed.

Conservation commission chair Phil Gilfeather-Girton mentioned that work is moving forward on a student time capsule project for the anniversary. Purington inquired as to how many fidget spinners would fit in the capsule, and Randy Crochier suggested they auction off the privilege of making such donations to local parents.

Liquor and Mail

The board held a public hearing on Summit Stores LLC's application for an off-premises wine and malt beverages convenience store liquor license for 23 French King Highway, the gas station on the corner of Main Road, which is under reconstruction.

Tom Frawley, president and owner of Summit Stores LLC and president of Summit Distributing, the owner of the project, appeared with operations manager Mark Graham to make a presentation to the board.

Driscoll also requested that the nature studies area of the school grounds be posted with No Hunting signs.

After a lengthy question and answer period, with particular attention paid to traffic safety, plans for assuring adherence to regulations, and questions about the site plan, the license was unanimously approved.

After the approval, Ray Purington asked Frawley if he wanted to weigh in on the subject of the US Postal Service mailbox currently on the property, which will need to be relocated. Frawley asked if the town could wait until the company is able to evaluate possible locations for the mailbox on the property.

The board decided to temporarily move the box to the town hall, but said they would keep Frawley's offer in mind when the time comes to determine a permanent location.

Elementary School

Gill Elementary principal Conor Driscoll appeared before the board to request moving a bus stop from in front of the Spirit Shoppe on Main Road to Riverside municipal building on Meadow Street, citing safety issues due to traffic, among others.

The board approved the move, to begin the Tuesday following Columbus Day.

Driscoll also requested that the nature studies area of the school grounds be posted with No Hunting signs, as these areas are getting more use, and not currently posted.

Acting police chief Redmond was present, and noted that it is illegal for anyone but a law enforcement officer to have a gun on school grounds anyway, though all agreed it was a good idea to post the area.

Board member John Ward brought up the idea of contacting abutters to the school to see if they may want to post their properties as well – not asking them to do so, but bringing the subject to their attention. Crochier brought up the possibility of noting on the signs that firearms are prohibited on school property.

Snedeker added that this restriction is probably a stronger one than a "no hunting" posting, and there are cases where a hunter may not think he is violating the law – such as when following a wounded deer – but would in fact be if he brought a gun onto the property.

A motion to post the signs was unanimously approved. The conservation commission will also be consulted on posting areas in the vicinity under their jurisdiction.

Con Com Letter

Ward introduced a letter from the Gill conservation commission to Brian Harrington, the director of water resources for the Western Region office of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The letter, which was distributed to many interested parties, focused on the subject of Wetlands Protection Act compliance by the First-Light Hydro Generating Company and its successor. It outlined a number of concerns the conservation commission has on the subject, including erosion.

Ward sought approval by the board to reference the letter in the upcoming relicensing settlement negotiations with FirstLight in his capacity as a selectboard member, so as to help ensure that everyone who should be aware of the concerns is made aware of them, and that erosion mitigation would be on the agenda during the negotiations.

Permission was granted by consensus.

Other Business

The board signed a letter of intent and cost-sharing commitment to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, committing the town to providing a quarter (\$3,125) of the total cost (\$12,500) of the town's emergency planning project through non-federal funding such as Gill staff and volunteer time, and if needed, 2018 District Local Technical Assistance Funding.

Purington reported that the town will have a surplus of approximately \$2,500 from the recycling dividends program which it will be able to carry over for use in future projects.

Nancy Griswold has resigned from the Board of Assessors. The board expressed gratitude for her work, and said she will be missed.

The two remaining assessors, Bill Tomb and Pam Lester, have asked that her position be filled, and Purington suggested that anyone interested in filling the position should contact one of them or assessors' assistant Lynda Hodsdon Mayo. He will post a notice in the next town newsletter.

A trivia night to benefit the sixth grade will be held at the Thomas Memorial Club on Saturday, October 21. Entry is \$10.

Flu vaccination clinics will be held at Stoughton Place on Friday, October 13 from 9 to 11 a.m., and at the Gill Elementary School on Wednesday, October 18 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments will hold a 20th anniversary open house at the Olver Transit Center in Greenfield, otherwise known as the FRCOG building, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on October 13.

The Gill Cultural Council is seeking grant applications, with a deadline of Monday, October 16.



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LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was October 4, 2007: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.

Wendell Senior Center, Food Pantry Into Former Library

It could be a tight squeeze, but the senior center and the Good Neighbors food pantry are going to try to share quarters in the 735-square-foot building that formerly housed the Wendell Free Library.

The building sits on a tiny 75-by 100-foot lot on the corner of Montague Road and Lockes Village Road. It is nearly 90 years old, has no plumbing, and a narrow staircase leads down to the basement where low-hanging beams make headroom an issue.

Yet, according to Good Neighbors board member Kaymarion Raymond, the town saved \$100,000 by not building extra space for a senior center at the new town office building, just across the way on the north end of the common.

The plan is to use \$10,000 in funds set aside by the town to salvage the handsomely appointed old building – with its yellow pine interior, built-in shelving and fireplace – and renovate it to meet the needs of the town's seniors upstairs, and for storage and perhaps distribution of food pantry items in the basement.

Business Association Kick-Off a Huge Success

"It doesn't hurt that your initials are MBA," said Art Schwenger, executive director of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association, to about 110 people gathered Tuesday night at the Shea Theater for the MBA's kick-off meeting.

Schwenger and Rebecca Kurbler from the Greenfield Business Association fielded questions from the crowd about the benefits, and possibly pitfalls, of forming a local business alliance. But the real story was the hour-long schmooze-fest beforehand, and the excitement people in the room already felt about the Zeitgeist that is Montague business.

"It's been a case of 'build it and they will come'," said Robin Paris, local realtor and president of the Shea's board of directors. "People really have the energy to see business and the arts succeed."

As Paris spoke, a three-piece jazz unit played an instrumental "Girl from Ipanema" while guests dipped crackers into smoked salmon spread and sampled other delicacies from Ristorante DiPaolo on Avenue A.

Zoning Plaintiff, Town of Wendell Both Bewildered

The town of Wendell is waiting to hear what Brian Anderson, immediate neighbor of the new town office building on Morse Village Road, desires for compensation for problems he has experienced from the placement of the structure on its building lot. Selectboard member Dan Keller described the selectboard as "confused" at the "over three months" wait to hear from Anderson.

Meanwhile, Anderson is confused too, and hurt that, in his mind, the town has shown so little interest in negotiating. "I've always been open to negotiation," he said on Sunday, "and have reiterated that recently." As far as negotiations, he said there has been "basically none." He feels his efforts to protect his "legitimate interests," while making sense to his friends and neighbors, have made him a pariah among town officialdom.

Anderson lost the view from his house, and a sense of rural elbowroom, when the town last year erected the long, fairly high town office building 25 feet from his boundary line, and 25 feet from the road – both dimension approved by the town's zoning board of appeals. These setbacks are half of what is normally required.

Anderson says he was told to contact the town's insurance company, which Keller confirmed. The town's insurance is regarded as its "first line of defense" against such suits, and the town would enter into negotiations only if the insurance company offers a settlement that was too low.

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NOTES FROM THE LEVERETT SELECTBOARD

Tasers For PD, Scythes For Historical Commission

By MIKE JACKSON

As of this week, Leverett's police will have the go-ahead to non-coercively Tase people.

That's the news from the Leverett selectboard, which approved a number of policies related to police use of force, vehicle pursuits, "preliminary investigations" and "threshold inquiries," and electronic weaponry at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Back in 2005, the selectboard had ruled that it was "not in favor of the use of Taser weapons, and police are not to purchase Taser weapons without selectboard approval." This year, new police chief Scott Minckler asked them to rethink this, in the context of an overall renewal and revision of departmental policies.

Selectboard chair Peter d'Errico probed proposed language related to electronic weapons which specified that "deployment of the device in a punitive or coercive manner is forbidden."

"Anytime somebody's being arrested, handcuffed, taken into custody, whatever – that's 'coercion.' That's normal," d'Errico pointed out to Minckler.

"They're not going to look at a word like that and throw away everything they're trained on," Minckler replied, of officers who would be trained to Tase.

The board did not copy-edit that phrase, but they did alter other proposed language to ensure that police, and not "only" medical professionals, would be authorized to remove the barbed metal probes from a Tasing subject's skin.

Selectboard member Julie Shively asked Minckler to write a "community policing" policy when he had a chance. "Where are the 'crime-prone areas'?" she asked, in reference to another section. Minckler said patterns of crime, such as break-ins, "most likely will move around" Leverett.

Tom Hankinson made a motion that the board overturn the town's Taser ban. Shively seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The board then approved the overarching set of policies.

Minckler said that he had taken a pledge at a recent conference of police chiefs to take steps to improve his force's interactions "with persons affected by mental illness."

This will entail Minckler and his only full-time officer, Sean Sawicki, attending five-day trainings on crisis intervention sometime within the next three years.

Town administrator Margie McGinnis said that her counterpart in Shutesbury had reached out to inquire about the possibility of sharing a police chief between the two towns.

"If they want to talk to us, they'd better come to a meeting," d'Errico

said, and when it was mentioned that Shutesbury's selectboard holds meetings on the same every-other-Tuesday-at-6:30 schedule as Leverett's, d'Errico did not indicate he would go any farther than bumping Leverett's up a half hour.

"If it's like Amherst, and they want to just have long endless conversations, we're not up for that," he added.

"I think that we will have to pick a different time altogether, or they have to sacrifice one of their meetings to meet with us," said Shively.

Hankinson suggested Shutesbury could put their idea in writing.

Surplus Valued

At a previous meeting, it had been suggested that a collection of historical items – scythes, sharpening stones, railroad flares and lanterns, and old road signs – could be declared surplus and got rid of by silent auction during next week's Harvest Festival.

Susan Mareneck and Edie Field from the town's historical commission had viewed the items in storage at the public safety complex, and met with the selectboard to express their interest in the scythes and stones.

Mareneck said the scythes and their handles, called snathes, were manufactured in North Leverett. "They have a little SS on the handle," she said. "They represent the indus-

trial heritage of that whole Sawmill River Valley corridor."

The commissioners suggested that instead of an auction, which might end in "maybe someone from out of town being able to pay more than someone from in town," the tools could be kept by the town, and displayed at the Moores Corner schoolhouse museum.

The board liked this idea, and a discussion ensued about other nice places, such as the very town hall meeting room they were just then sitting in, that could be suitable for display of the road signs, as well.

This left the railroad flares and lanterns, and d'Errico said he felt it was too late to advertise them to collectors in time for the festival. In the end, the board did not decide to declare any of the items as surplus.

"This is called hoarding – municipal hoarding," d'Errico admitted.

Other Business

Charles Dauchy has left the board of health, and on Tuesday, members John Hillman, Michael Fair, and Fay Zipkowitz asked the selectboard to offer the seat, open until 2019, to Jill Roberts. This was unanimously approved.

Part-time police officer Donald Robinson has moved out of town, and therefore resigned from the department.

The state has awarded the town

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The board did not vote to release a backlog of executive session minutes, deciding to leave more time to review them.

Julie Shively was named as the town's representative to the community advisory committee the county Housing and Redevelopment Association said was necessary for the five-town community development block grant.

Upon reviewing items for the fall special town meeting agenda, the board decided not to call one.

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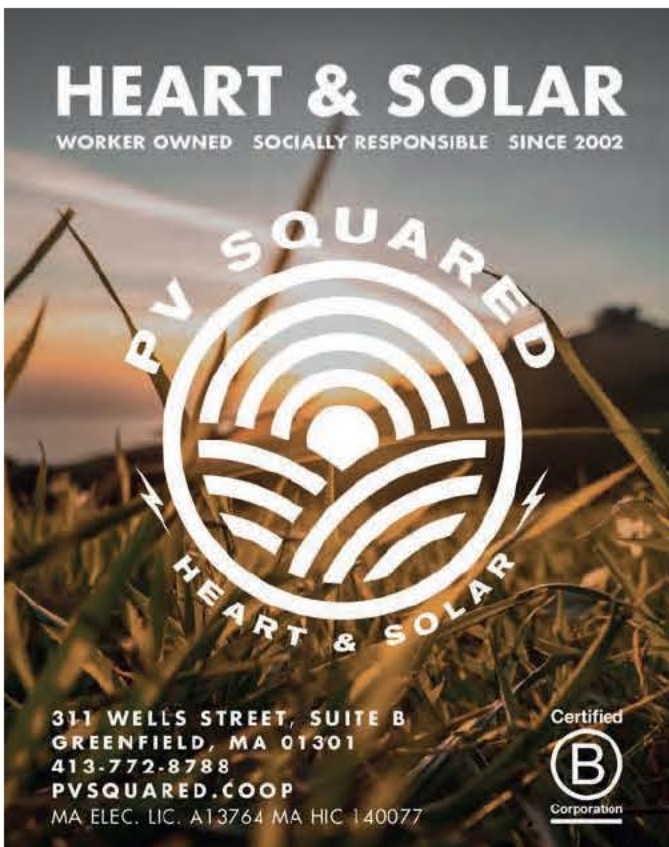
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Fraser learned to weave handmade caskets in Scotland.

By JOE KWIECINSKI

MONTAGUE CENTER – It's a mystical but practical path that Mary Fraser has journeyed upon en route to her calling. But it's certain that she has taken the road less traveled, for Fraser weaves coffins, urns, and baskets made of willow in the traditional Scottish and English way.

"My mission," said the devoted artisan, "is to provide caskets or coffins for a green burial and to support the green burial movement. A green burial uses no concrete vault and no embalming. There is simply the body and completely biodegradable materials. The client can be buried in a shroud or one of my willow caskets, or perhaps a pine box or a cardboard box."

All of her willow products are soaked, and she accomplishes each part of the painstaking weaving at her studio apartment. Coffins require three and a half days of twining and a half day of sewing liner.

The Montague resident is very conscious of environmentally sound burial practice. "Hundreds of thousand of tons of concrete," she said, "goes into the ground every year in conventional burials. There are also tons of embalming fluid entombed, too."

Her market is comprised of the local and greater New England community. She naturally supports the growing movement of green burial and traditional home funerals in North America.

"Rather than shipping my caskets far and wide," the 23-year-old said, "I hope to inspire weavers from throughout North America to cultivate this traditional craft within their own local communities."

Mary Fraser was originally a Canadian from southern Quebec. She grew up in Deerfield after living in Connecticut for some 3 years. Mary was home schooled. Her mother and father, both professional classical musicians, also helped her learn academics along with other dedicated folks.

No one-trick pony, Mary studied classical violin for 13 years, starting in Hartford at the age of 4. She switched to conventional music after high school. "I can't imagine not playing music," she said. "It's been quite rewarding for me. It's really lots of fun."

The violin is also a key to Mary's chosen profession. "I went on a solo wander around the United Kingdom for 4 months when I was 20, immersing myself in the Scottish muse. I wanted to absorb the old traditional music that is vibrantly alive there, discovering all the amazing things that traveling alone offers.

"I was in southern Wales at one point, staying with my dear friend Jackie. She told me of her friend who had been buried in a basket. I had never heard of such a thing before, and it certainly captured my curiosity."

Mary traveled up into the highlands of Scotland a month later. She stayed with another friend, Ruth, in the town of Forres located on the Findhorn river, near

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Sculptures to Make Life a Little More Interesting



WACKERNAGEL PHOTO

The Greenfield-based artist works largely with scavenged materials.

By PETE WACKERNAGEL

TURNERS FALLS – Friday the 13th comes only rarely, and only in extraordinary times does it fall in October, the last time being 2006.

This Friday the 13th marks the opening of Nik Perry's art show, *Living Room Museum*, at Loot: Found and Made. *Living Room Museum* sheds light on the interplay between the home, the museum, and the spaces between these poles of formality, such as the historic house museum, the cabinet of curiosities, or the fair.

Perry sees museums and his own work as sharing similar processes. "You take a moment in time out of the world, man-make it, and put it behind glass," he says. Perry's museum, however, is not based on characterizing de-contextualized real world objects, but instead, like the Creation Museum of Petersburg, Kentucky, on telling an alternative story.

"Earth was done," says Perry. "Everything we had on Earth was being reused by bacteria, and maybe aliens. It's a parallel narrative to how we experience Earth."

Living Room Museum is an electrical menagerie of entertainment machines. "It's like an arcade, or

the carnival," he explains. "Carnivals have always been aesthetically pleasing to me." He has built speakers out of scavenged electronics and cigar boxes, nightlights out of old electrical insulators, constructed novel electronic instruments, and a series of interactive dioramas that he refers to as "geodes," aptly named in that they are both shining cavities and tiny Earths.

As nearly every piece of *Living Room Museum* is electronic, much of the work in creating it was electrical. Perry learned how to wire electronics "just six months ago – it's a completely self-taught endeavor."

Perry says he has long had an interest in the creative use of electronics, "mostly from going to [music] shows in Providence, and seeing people make weird contraptions out of circuits." He is also inspired by working at PV Squared, a local solar company, "and learning about how electricity flows through things."

In *Living Room Museum*, electricity is often expressed as light. Perry exploits the revolution in size and affordability that LED lights have ushered in, as they allow any object to become a light fixture. "I realized that LED lights are an easy way to change the experience of

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MISS STEMPLE RECALLS THE PAST Part XXI (December 24, 1941)

In browsing the archives of the Turners Falls Herald (1940-1942) we were delighted to find the paper had tracked down Antonia J. Stemple, who had worked in various escalating capacities at the Turners Falls Reporter (1872-1922), and encouraged her to submit a regular column of her recollections.

We are reprinting that column, which ran irregularly in the Herald over an eight-month period under the title "Looking Backward," in our own pages.

— Montague Reporter eds.

In the beginning the majority of the Irish people of Turners Falls settled at the south end of the town along the river and canal. This narrow section was promptly christened "The Patch" or "The Sand Patch" if one wished to be especially derogatory.

It formed a distinct Irish colony. The pioneers there built themselves severely plain little cottages, and some over-size tenement houses. They had a few vegetable patches with an occasional small flower garden.

Everybody there knew everybody else and all about their antecedents. It was a light-hearted and happy community and its location was considered a fairish distance from the center of the town.

This section has not changed much, except for the better, through the years, though the residents are no longer exclusively of Irish descent and it has lost somewhat of its early unique character.



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One of at least three buildings occupied by the Turners Falls Reporter office, above the "N.B. Hall Dining Room," now the Between the Uprights sports bar.

The South End of today is a pleasant little spot and is well worth knowing though I am aware there are many residents of Turners Falls who have never visited it and so have not the faintest idea of what it is like, nor of how attractive in parts.

Irish Pioneers

The pioneer Irish as I have previously pointed out, were a very clannish folk and all the residents of the South End had a pronounced community and racial feeling and interest.

I well remember some of the old families. One early settler in particular was a prosperous and influential figure with a colorful and engaging personality. Although he had some of the common faults as-

sociated with his virtues he was a sort of guide, counselor and friend to everyone in the settlement.

He engaged in and developed various business enterprises and accumulated quite a tidy fortune. Not only did he have a laudable pride in South End and was much esteemed by his compatriots but he was vitally interested in the affairs of the town of Montague in general and in Turners Falls in particular.

Whenever I look backward and think of the "old timers" I invariably am impressed anew by their intense loyalty and devotion to "our town." Though they might criticize it vehemently at times they would not tolerate criticisms from others while they were nigh.

The residents of "The Patch"

see STEMPLE page B4



MARY AZARIAN WOODBLOCK PRINT

By LESLIE BROWN

MONTAGUE CITY – No one ever said gardening is easy.

It is laborious, requires regular attention, and does not carry guarantees – regardless of what the seed packets may say. It can also be a pleasure, a source of satisfaction and pride and, with luck, a fruitful endeavor.

At its best we find it to be a form of meditation: hands in the soil of mother earth, planting, weeding and then the glories of harvest.

A failed crop, disease or poor production can be very disappointing after the investment of money, and more so of precious time.

External factors like weather – too much heat or not enough; too much rain or not enough – impact the gardener's success. Invaders like disease or insects or varmints are a challenge.

For all these reasons, many choose to shun gardening or farm-

THE GARDENER'S COMPANION

Weeding Out

ing. It is not for the faint of heart.

This year's tomato crop came on well, with hardy vines, prolific growth, and good picking of early varieties. We enjoyed some wonderful tangy mid-season tomatoes, Jet Star and Celebrity. But the giant beefsteak tomatoes were slower, although they hung tantalizingly on the vine like huge green pumpkins, finally starting to take on yellowish colors.

Then we had an attack of Late Blight. Late Blight takes out vines and fruit rapidly. It is caused by a fungal pathogen that is airborne and encouraged by extended heat followed by humidity or excessive rain. This season was marked by this combination of high heat and then lots of rain. Tomatoes love heat and need regular watering, but these two elements in excess proved fatal.

When crops fail due to factors out of the gardener's control, there are options: you can weed that crop off your garden list or throw in the towel and leave that crop to the local farmer to provide.

But we are avid gardeners who also love tomatoes, so neither of these options appeal.

For some quirky reason we are see GARDENER'S page B5

Pet of the Week

Butterball is the coolest! He rolls when he sees you coming! Put your hand out and he will gladly put his head in your palm and curl up!

Butterball does love food and treats, hence his name! (Although he looks quite svelte.)

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



“BUTTERBALL”

Senior Center Activities OCTOBER 9 TO 15

GILL and MONTAGUE
The Gill Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at Noon.
Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11:00 A.M. All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted.
Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open.
Tues–Thurs Noon Lunch
M, W, F 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
Monday 10/9
1 p.m. Knitting Circle
Tuesday: 10/10
9:30 a.m. Tech Help Appts.
1 p.m. A Matter of Balance
Wednesday 10/11
9 a.m. Veterans’ Outreach
11:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
12:30 p.m. Bingo
Thursday: 10/12
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. Cards & Games
Friday: 10/13
Noon Pizza Party
1 p.m. Writing Group

LEVERETT
For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or coa@leverett.ma.us.
Flexibility and Balance Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$6 (first class free).
Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

ERVING
Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.
Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 2 days in advance. Call (413)-423-3649 for meal information and reservations.
For information, call Paula Betters, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity.
Call to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out about the next blood pressure clinic.
Monday 10/9 CLOSED
Tuesday: 10/10
8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
9:30 a.m. COA Meeting
10 a.m. Stretching & Balance
11:30 Homemade Lunch
Wednesday 10/11
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure
10 a.m. Chair Yoga
12:15 p.m. Bingo, Snacks, Laughs
Thursday: 10/12
8:15 a.m. Foot Clinic
8:45 a.m. Aerobics
10 a.m. Healthy Bones
Friday: 10/13
9 a.m. Quilting Workshop
11:15 a.m. Music/Magic/Mvmnt.
Noon – 2 Flu Clinic

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.

OCTOBER LIBRARY LISTING

Weather, etc., sometimes causes changes in library events; you may want to call ahead to confirm.

Montague Public Libraries

Turners Falls: Carnegie (413) 863-3214
Montague Center (413) 367-2852
Millers Falls (413) 659-3801

Erving Public Library (413) 423-3348
Gill: Slate Library (413) 863-2591
Leverett Public Library (413) 548-9220
Wendell Free Library (978) 544-3559
Northfield: Dickinson Library (413) 498-2455

ONGOING EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Craft Time w/Angela*. Children, all ages. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Leverett Library: *Spanish Conversation Group*, 4 to 5 p.m. *Qigong with Dvora Eisenstein*. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

3RD TUESDAYS

Dickinson Library: *Genealogy Group*. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Carnegie Library: *Story Time w/Karen*. Story, project, snacks. Young children w/caregivers. 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Wendell Free Library: *Sylvia’s Awesome Play Group*. A sand table and lots of activities for newborn to 5 years old and their guardians. 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Leverett Library: *Tales and Tunes Story Time w/Heleen Cardinaux*. Developed for newborn through preschool ages, but all families welcome. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Carnegie Library: *Homeschool Science*. Hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) with Angela or special guest. All age homeschoolers. Beginning October 18. 1:15 p.m.

EVERY THURSDAY

Millers Falls: *Music and Movement w/ Tom Carroll & Laurie Davidson*, for children. 10 a.m.

Dickinson Library: *Knit With Us*. All skill levels welcome; facilitated by Kathy O’Shea, graduate of WEBS expert knitting program. 6 to 8 p.m.

2ND THURSDAYS

Leverett Library: *Needlecraft*. Bring your own work or try out the monthly project, some supplies provided. 6:30 p.m.

Dickinson Library: *Readings: Non-fiction, Fiction & Poetry*. 7 p.m.

3RD THURSDAYS

Dickinson Library: Rep. Paul Mark: District Office Hours. 1 to 4 p.m.

4TH THURSDAYS

Dickinson Library: *I’d Rather Be Reading Group*. 7 p.m.

FINAL THURSDAY

Carnegie Library: *Genealogy Gathering*. 6 to 7:45 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

Dickinson Library: *Story Hour*. Stories, crafts, music and movement with Dana Lee. Preschoolers and their caregivers. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wendell Free Library: *Explore Yoga with Shay Cooper*. Mixed levels. 10 a.m. \$ or barter.

EVERY SATURDAY

Leverett Library: *Tai Chi*. 10 a.m.
Wendell Free Library: *AA Open Meeting*. 6 to 7 p.m.

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS

Dickinson Library: *Food Pantry*. 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY

Wendell Free Library: *Mostly Yoga*. Variety of instructors; see website. Starting time for October is 9 a.m. Donation. *AA Open Meeting*. 6 to 7 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Several local libraries have monthly or bimonthly art shows. In order to apply for a show at these venues, find application forms on library websites.

Dickinson Library: *Two Perspectives: Oil. Marie and Steve Welch*. Through mid-October.

Leverett Library: *Leverett Crafts and Arts 50th Anniversary Exhibit*. Through October.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Carnegie Library: *Adult Coloring*. 10 to 11 a.m.

Carnegie Library: *Genealogy Gathering*. 6 to 7:45 p.m.

Dickinson Library: *Environmental Awareness Group*, facilitated by Emily Koester. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Leverett Library: *Welcome Night*. New to town? Come and meet the librarians and trustees, have a tour, get a card, and eat some pizza! 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Leverett Library: *Library Book Group* will discuss *Austerlitz* by W. G. Sebald. Library has copies you can borrow. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Carnegie Library: *Book Sale*. Books, DVDs, audio books, and CDs for \$1 or less. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Leverett Library: *A Day with Superman and Supergirl Vision Workshop*. Passport to Chemistry Adventure scientists from Mount Holyoke College will lead caregiver/child teams through an exploration of color vision and ‘super vision’. Children need at least one stamp in their passports to attend. Pre-register. 4 p.m.

Leverett Library: *Knit for Charity*. Some supplies provided. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Dickinson Library: *Nick Fleck Reading Group*. Poetry from Norton’s Anthology. 7 to 8 p.m.

Leverett Library: *Ukelele Play-Along with Julie Stepanek*. 7 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Leverett Library: *Movie Night: The Big Sick*, directed by Michael Showalter. Cross-cultural romance and families; comedy. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Leverett Library: *Technology Workshop: Streaming TV and Movies* with Hank Allan. Five weeks of different computer topics. Sponsored by OTT Communications. 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Dickinson Library: *8th Annual Dog Show!* Compete for prizes in different fun categories (best tail-wagger, best trick, etc.). \$ for registration. Spectators free and encouraged to watch! 1 to 3 p.m. (raindate October 15).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Leverett Library: *Mindful Eating Workshop #3*. 2 to 4 p.m.

Erving Library: *Mindful Eating Workshop #2*. 4 to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Leverett Library: *Free Technology Workshop – Digital Photography with Hank Allan*. Five weeks of different computer topics. Sponsored by OTT Communications. 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Wendell Free Library: *Movie: Teen Wolf* with Michael J. Fox. Nerdy awkward teenager finds out he is also a werewolf. Part of the Science Fiction and Horror Movie series for 2017. 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Leverett Library: *Mindful Eating Workshop #4*. 2 to 4 p.m.

Erving Library, Erving: *Mindful Eating Workshop*: 5 week course with Michelle Miller. Session #3. 4 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Dickinson Library: *Russian Culture and Cuisine*. Russian professor and award-winning cookbook author Darra Goldstein, presents history and food from the 18th c. to the present. 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Carnegie Library: *Homeschool Science*. Hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) with Angela. All age homeschoolers. 1:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Dickinson Library: *I’d Rather Be Reading group*. This month it is *Jewel of the Seventh Sea* by Bram Stoker. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28


Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Halloween Party*. Crafts, “spooky” games and snacks. Costumes encouraged but not required. Children of all ages and their caregivers. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Leverett Library: *Free Technology Workshop with Hank Allan*. Five weeks of different computer topics. Sponsored by OTT Communications. 12:30 to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Erving Library: *Mindful Eating Workshop*: 5 week course with Michelle Miller. Session #4. 4 to 5 p.m.

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ELEVEN CDS FOR ELEVEN BUCKS

11. Yes, *Going For The One* (1977)

By IVAN USSACH

Of all the recording artists reviewed in this series, Yes is the one whose music I know the best, and love the most (apart from those stellar Supremes hits). Given their long and varied career sporting multiple lineups, it’s mainly the five records they made from 1971 to 1974 that I return to for pleasure and inspiration, beginning with *The Yes Album* and running through *Relayer*.

1972’s *Close to the Edge* remains an exhilarating musical peak, perhaps the epitome of long-form progressive rock: structurally complex, leavened with beauty and emotional intensity. Like many great artists, they were exploring fresh ground and building bridges, not walls.

Despite the time lag, *Going for the One*, released in 1977, was their next studio album after *Relayer*, and I could hear some similarities on the last track, “Awaken.” Clocking in at over 15 minutes, this song neatly reflects my feelings about the record: I dig half of it. There’s a great groove in 11/4 time, a throbbing church organ part, and some typically fiery guitar runs by Steve Howe; the rest sounds leaden, like filler.

The album starts strong with lead singer Jon Anderson’s “Going for the One,” written a few years earlier. It’s got an upbeat yet relaxed feel, and Howe plays steel guitar for the entire song. Anderson’s lyrics, characteristically, are nearly impenetrable and vaguely mystical, beginning with: “Get the idea / cross around the track / underneath the flank of a thoroughbred racing chaser.” A bit later he admits: “Now the verses I’ve sang / Don’t add much weight to the story in my head.”

The high point for me, and the music I remembered in my head when I thought of this record, is “Parallels,” written by bassist Christ Squire for



the sessions that produced his excellent 1975 solo album *Fish Out of Water*. A dense church organ sets up a funky bass line, followed by drums and swishing guitars, before the vocals enter over a powerful groove. It feels like a journey, and does not let you down before the end.

Squire’s lyrics are uplifting: “It’s really down to your heart / It’s the beginning of a new love in sight / You’ve got the way to make it all happen.” Later: “No explanations need to work it out / You know you’ve got the power.”

Overall the album doesn’t have a great flow, perhaps reflecting the mix of earlier and newer material. The big weak spot for me is the eight-minute “Turn of the Century,” which separates the above two songs in the middle of Side One. A pretty song with a Pygmalionesque theme, its slower, subdued tone and unwavering 4/4 meter feel tame and middle-of-the-road.

No question the popular music scene, reflecting the culture and the economy, had changed by 1977, growing even more commercialized. The punks were knocking at/down the door to strip rock of its perceived excesses.

Well: I’ve enjoyed traveling with you, from Detroit to Asia and Westphalia, from the ‘50s to the near-present, via the 18th and 19th centuries. Here’s to building bridges: Yes!

MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS

This Week on MCTV



By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

Happy October!
This week from MCTV, join Waffles the Clown at North Quabbin Cruise Night! Waffles, riding the “foot mobile” at a car show, brings us an important message about public transportation and the impact of cars on the environment. See this video by Janet Masucci at [MontagueTV.org](#).
Can you believe it? Franklin County Pumpkinfest is less than three weeks away! Get your costumes ready for this downtown Turners extravaganza.
Please note the Montague special town meeting will be airing live on MCTV, this Thursday at 6 p.m.

That’s Channel 17!
Interested in becoming a board member for Montague Community Cable, Inc. (MCCI)? Visit [MontagueTV.org](#) to learn more, and call (413) 863-9200 to set up an appointment with a current board member! The next MCCI meeting will take place in November.
Something going on you think others would like to see? Get in touch to learn how easy it is to use a camera and capture the moment.
Contact us at (413) 863-9200, [info@montaguetv@gmail.com](#), or stop by 34 Second Street in Turners between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. We’d love to work with you!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Scammers’ Wide Net Catches A Mark; Neighbors’ Party Not An Emergency; Ketchup Symbols; Looking For Lucy

Monday, 9/25
6:35 a.m. State probation electronic monitoring advised of probation warrant issued for male in Montague, who “cannot be verified to be alcohol free as ordered by the court...” Day shift will be advised.
11:16 a.m. 911 caller states that a speeding dark red SUV almost hit him and two other cyclists at Billings Road and Federal Street, headed toward Leverett.
3:03 p.m. Caller reporting two vehicles racing in the area of Lake Pleasant Road. Unfounded.
3:19 p.m. Caller from L Street states a group of people gathering in front of their residence seems suspicious. Unable to locate.
6:43 p.m. Walk-in complainant states his ex-wife picked his daughter up from school without his permission, and showed court paperwork indicating he had custody. Not concerned for child’s well-being, wanted it on record that the agreement was broken.

Wednesday, 9/27
8:13 a.m. Amherst resident somehow called 911 accidentally while trying to call the cable company. Advised PD about the call coming to Montague; they stated the caller might have called a trunk line number.
9:47 a.m. 911 call of breaking and entry on Fourth Street during the past hour. Entry made through a window; TV stolen.
11:46 a.m. Lockout request on O Street.
12:56 p.m. Caller from Keith Apartments reporting IRS scam call. Referred to US treasury.
3:49 p.m. Report of a tractor trailer unit sitting on the Turners Falls side of the General Pierce Bridge, holding up traffic. Eight minutes later, report that the truck is now in Greenfield, stuck under the overpass. GPD closed the road; state police truck team en route.
4:44 p.m. Caller found a high school student’s backpack at Turnpike and Montague City roads. Services rendered.
4:52 p.m. Report of a dark red Mazda that speeds and drives erratically in Millers Falls. Driver reported to have flipped caller off when she tried to speak with him about his driving habits.
7:51 p.m. Warrant arrest of [redacted] in area of Fifth and L streets. No bail.

Tuesday, 9/26
12 a.m. Greenfield PD requested attempted contact with a woman whose truck is in the lot of the 99 Restaurant in that town with a dog locked in side. GPD called back ten minutes later, having made contact with vehicle’s owner.
12:10 a.m. Written warning issued to motor vehicle operator on the east end of Fourth Street for no inspection.
9:21 a.m. Officer flagged down at Head Start on G Street for a motor vehicle lockout.
10:35 a.m. Residential burglar alarm on Dry Hill Road. Alarm company advised they had spoken with a keyholder; accidental alarm.
10:44 a.m. Caller requests officers monitor traffic on Sundays at Millers Falls Road and Franklin Commons, saying for the past two Sundays a group of motorcycles have been speeding in the area with loud exhausts.
12:23 p.m. Resident of Wentworth House reported unauthorized transactions on their debit card. [redacted] arrested and charged with credit card fraud, under \$250, and receiving stolen property.
4:26 p.m. Parties stated they were having a disagreement with a friend who claimed to be at the police station. Officers report vehicle scoping the west side of police station. All involved advised of options.
11:27 p.m. 911 caller on Morris Avenue reports a male is attempting to get into her home: she saw him on her front porch, and he went around the back. Services rendered.

Thursday, 9/28
1:18 a.m. Caller in vicinity of AH Rist Insurance reports he is being followed by [redacted] who refuses to leave him alone. Caller then states he was head butted by [redacted] and now has blood all over his clothing. Refused medical help, just wants it on the record.
8:18 a.m. Flat tire, Unity and Prospect streets. Rau’s has the hook.
8:35 a.m. L Street caller reports smell of burning plastic in the building. Referred to FD.
9:29 a.m. Sergeant flagged down by woman reporting a male party stripping metal by the high tension wires on Migratory Way. Made contact with party, who promised to clean everything after he was done.
11:08 a.m. Millers Falls Road caller would like someone to pick up an insulin needle in the grass by the laundry room door. Unable to locate.
11:18 a.m. Fire chief reporting “Eversource” scam call.
12:07 p.m. Reports of a car parked on Turners Falls-Gill bridge unattended. State police contacted. Vehicle was disabled; owner is approaching with gas.
12:45 p.m. Prospect Street caller reports a scam call from “Eversource.”
12:49 p.m. Sheffield Elementary principal reports scam “Eversource” call.
12:50 p.m. Thomas Memorial Golf Club reports “Eversource” scam call.
12:52 p.m. Connecticut River Internists request information on obtaining a no-trespass order on a patient kicked out of the practice due to behavior.
2:46 p.m. Owner of Black Cow Burger Bar stated she just paid \$500 via money order to a scam “Eversource” caller because she is on vacation and didn’t have her books for reference. Advised of options.
4:04 p.m. K-9 and additional MPD unit requested to assist with a search at Green River Honda in Gill. Services rendered.
4:51 p.m. Fourth Street caller states he saw a man driving a beat-up red pickup truck, drinking a beer. Unable to locate.
6:04 p.m. Caller states there are 7 to 10 young kids playing in an abandoned building on Canal Road. Unable to locate.
9:21 p.m. 911 call from an Avenue A business reporting people who had previously threatened her are hanging around her workplace. All parties moved along.
Friday, 9/29
12:41 a.m. Burglar alarm, Yankee Environmental Systems. Owner believes the source of activation was a bat flying in the building.
2:30 a.m. Randall Road caller states someone was banging on her window. Area checked.
1:32 p.m. Scheduled fire drill at Farren Care Center.
4:09 p.m. 911 caller reports cat with its head stuck in chain link fence on Central Street. Animal control unavailable; FD requested. Animal freed.
6:15 p.m. Caller states there are six kids in a yelling argument in the alley behind the Third Street skate shop.
9:14 p.m. Female caller reports shirtless male party, swinging shirt around and yelling at cars and people in middle of road. Last seen heading down Griswold Street toward Davis Street. Unable to locate.
11:19 p.m. 911 caller from Eleventh Street complains of loud music and swearing from house across the street. Advised to call non-emergency number. All quiet upon arrival.

Saturday, 9/30
12:05 a.m. Suspicious auto at Railroad Salvage building. Parties moved along.
1:21 a.m. Suspicious motor vehicle parked at bike crossing on Greenfield Road. Vehicle is unoccupied and secure.
8:41 a.m. Central Street caller states her son’s bike was stolen off their front porch.
11:41 a.m. Caller from Fifth Street states there is an injured cat in the neighborhood and the supposed owner doesn’t want to take care of it.
12:02 p.m. Anonymous caller from K Street reports a man screaming at a woman while throwing her belongings in the street. Quiet on arrival; argument was verbal.
5:58 p.m. Caller states her daughter was assaulted at Unity Park. Investigated.
8 p.m. 911 caller from Fourth Street reports a disturbance between a male and female; male has taken her phone. Peace restored.
Sunday, 10/1
4:36 a.m. Morris Avenue caller requests assistance with fox showing aggressive behavior toward her and her dog. Animal does not appear to be sick; advised of options.
9:48 a.m. Carroll’s Market owner reports illegal dumping outside his store.
5:33 p.m. Vehicle struck the railroad bridge at South Prospect and Highland streets in Millers Falls. Detective requested FD to evaluate driver’s shoulder pain; MedCare and FD advised.
5:50 p.m. Accident on Old Northfield Road; still under investigation.
9:15 p.m. Caller reports her rear windshield was smashed out in the public parking lot on Third Street.
10:30 p.m. Caller reports someone vandalized his vehicle last night in public lot on Third Street: food smeared on vehicle, and symbols written in ketchup. Advised of options.
11:17 p.m. Member accidentally set off burglar alarm at Millers Falls Rod & Gun.
11:36 p.m. 911 caller reports suspicious male walking on Montague City Road, calling out “Lucy.” Unable to locate.

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TV REVIEW: Star Trek: Discovery (CBS)

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

Over the history of Star Trek, many episodes have been connected to important social issues in some way that hasn't ever been done before. They will still keep that tradition with *Star Trek: Discovery*, which is the latest TV show in the franchise.

For the first time, there is an openly gay character on the show: Lt. Stamets, played by Anthony Rapp. Another thing is that on this show, the story is told from the perspective of Michael Burnham, the First Officer of *Discovery*. She has a connection to a rather well-known individual from the history of Star Trek.

Two other things that I would mention as being different than what has been done before are that we have seen a new alien species featured in the show, and that another species has been made to look different than its appearance in other shows.

Star Trek: Discovery is airing on CBS, like the original Star Trek TV series was at one point. In fact, this series is set roughly 10 years before the setting of that show.

With each TV series and movie, we are treated to different styles and colors of uniforms that the Federation officers wear. This time, they are mostly blue, with a little bit of gold in them.

I have seen, from some of the promos for the premiere, that the crew will get into an encounter with an alien species, and that will lead First Officer Burnham's life to be endangered. That leads us to be treated to a flashback to her interesting childhood. We get a little bit of a hint as to how she becomes connected to that well-known individual I mentioned.

The encounter leads the crew of the ship to engage that alien species in a standoff, but we don't just see all of this from the Federation's side; we also get to see things from the alien species' side of things. Because of this, we are treated to an appearance of this familiar individual from Star Trek's history in the present day.

The First Officer is advised to make a move that her captain won't make, and I won't say if she makes the move, but it's fair to say the episode ends with a cliffhanger.

I believe we will be seeing more of this alien species, and of First Officer Burnham's childhood, which was rather interesting to see. It wasn't exactly what you call a normal childhood for someone of her species, and it probably wasn't a boring one. I certainly found that part fun to watch.

The show has a good amount of action to it. The imagery used in the show, which I believe is



computer-generated, is very cool looking. I have no complaints about the quality of it.

If I had to say whether the show has gotten off to a good start, I would say yes. It should be enough to keep going for a whole season – not just because it's part of a very famous franchise, but because it's a good show, with a very original plot to it.

They haven't like come up with this show's idea from other pieces of work they have done – it's mostly a new way to go about things. I say it that way because *Star Trek: Enterprise*, one of the previous Star Trek series, was also a prequel.

Star Trek: Discovery could possibly do better than *Enterprise* did when it was on the air. It only ran for four seasons. I am picturing *Discovery* doing better than that.

Full Moon Coffeehouse Announces 33rd Season

WENDELL – The 2017-2018 season of the Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse, located in Wendell's historic Town Hall, is set to begin on October 14. Occurring on the Saturday closest to the full moon, the coffeehouse, organized by volunteers, is the longest running non-profit venue in New England. Every show is for the benefit of local environmental and service organizations.

Come listen to great music, dance, and eat freshly baked treats, all at an affordable price of \$6 to \$15, sliding scale. All are welcome.

An open mike is at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Please www.wendellfullmoon.org for more information and to sign up for the open mike. Here's the season's exciting lineup:

October 14: Mamma's Marmalade, foot stompin' modern bluegrass. (*Benefit for the 1794 Meetinghouse.*)

November 4: Shokazoba, Afrobeat/funky fusion jazz. (*Benefit for the Friends of the Orange Public Library.*)

December 2: Zag-Tunes, traditional Arabic and Jewish music with belly dancers. (*Benefit for the Friends of the Shutesbury Library.*)

January 13: Do It Now: spoken word by Paul Richmond, fused with the music of Tony Vacca, John Sheldon, and Jo Sallins. (*Benefit to cover Full Moon Coffeehouse expenses.*)

February 3: Tom Filiault, eclectic upbeat dance music. (*Benefit for Seeds of Solidarity.*)

March 3: Viva Quetzal, world/Andean/Latin. (*Benefit for the Community Network for Children.*)

March 31: Gaslight Tinkers, merging global rhythms and old time Celtic fiddle music. (*Benefit for the Friends of the Wendell Free Library.*)

April 28: Ras Spectiv, reggae and vintage Jamaican-style music. (*Benefit for the Orange Revitalization Partnership.*)

May 19: Carrie Ferguson, heartfelt catchy folk-pop tunes. (*Benefit for Deepaths Nature and Nurturing Center.*)

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not for a moment regarded themselves as living in an inferior part of town, although at first some of the citizens of other nationalities or of a different social strata tried to create that impression.

The name "The Patch" applied to this section or the term "Sand Patch" remained for two or three decades in good and regular standing. The first settlers never dreamed of resenting the name but after their children and grandchildren grew to maturity and more acute class consciousness, they rebelled, and started a successful movement to adopt instead the more euphonious and more descriptive "South End."

Today hardly anyone ever thinks in terms of the original appellation and the present generation of Turners

Falls-ites probably are not even aware that the pleasant strip of land along the river was ever known as anything but South End.

Enjoyed Reporter

The Irish people with their wit and keen sense of humor greatly appreciated and enjoyed the *Reporter* and its witty and brilliant editor. The like was mutual.

Mr. Bagnall had many personal friends among them. Naturally he had a host of enemies, too. But he enjoyed them as well.

In the warfare which occasionally cropped out with the Irish townspeople the clashes with the editor were seldom too personal and hardly ever downright malicious. Both sides to any such controversy enjoyed themselves immensely.

The *Reporter's* editor admired a good fighter and respected an antagonist worthy of his steel. When he deftly pricked the bubble of some Celt he aroused righteous and sometimes bitter indignation, of course, but in the end the disgruntled one usually recognized that he deserved what he got, lost his rancor and laughed at the way he had met his come-uppance.

And as Mr. Bagnall was prone to see the under-dog's side of any issue, he often helped the South Enders and others gain justice and recognition from various cliques and individuals who were only interested in grinding their own axes regardless of how others might suffer thereby.

At one time there were so many men of the same name living in South

End that to differentiate between them they had some personal characteristic added to their cognomens or were dubbed by their occupation or the place where they came from.

There was a heavy crop, for instance, of John Murphys, Sullivans, and the like.

Mr. Bagnall told me that at one time there were a half dozen or more Tim Sullivans living in the G street area and immediate vicinity. One was designated Sailor Tim because in youth he had followed the sea; there was a Long Tim, so-called because of his height.

I do not recall the other appellations, some of which were really picturesque while others were none too flattering. But they served their purpose and nobody found any fault, apparently.

Three Asteroids Gave Earth a Close Shave

By JAMES GILDEA

BERNARDSTON—Three near-Earth asteroids were discovered in recent weeks as they whizzed by. Though the trio posed no apparent threat, those visitors were only discovered for the first time as they swept by between our planet and the moon.

It's a little unsettling that the largest of the three was only noticed in our cosmic backyard for the first time on Monday, September 18, just four days after a rock the size of a shopping mall, also previously unknown, passed by Earth at a distance of only 120,000 miles.

Another asteroid, about half that size, passed by Wednesday morning, September 20, at 188,000 miles. The

third and smallest asteroid, about the size of a bus, swept by Earth at 1:30 p.m. on the same day at a distance of only 55,000 miles.

But the closest asteroid pass of the year – so far! – will come on October 12, when a house-sized asteroid will pass within 5,000 miles of Earth. It's a little scary; communication satellites orbit Earth at around 22,000 miles, and as it approaches the planet it will necessarily have to pass through a region populated with an assortment of space debris.

NASA doesn't believe it will impact Earth, but there's ample reason for concern. The asteroid that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia in 2013 had also been undetected, and its orbit unknown, until it entered Earth's atmosphere. That

blast had more than 20 times the force of the nuclear device dropped on Hiroshima.

Chelyabinsk was spared the worst when the asteroid exploded 25 to 30 kilometers (16 to 20 miles) above the ground. The asteroid that will pay us a visit October 12 is the same size.

Though asteroids have a nasty reputation – an asteroid impact killed off the dinosaurs, for example – evidence suggests that they may also have provided the spark of life 540 million years ago, when accelerated impacts released oxygen from Earth's mantle, thereby providing the energy necessary for life to dramatically expand.

That period is named the "Cambrian Explosion," when life suddenly flowered, and all of Earth's fauna

had their first breath of fresh air. At that time, when impacts on Earth suddenly increased four-fold, the compound "majorite" was released from the mantle.

Majorite, $Mg_3(MgSi)(SiO_4)_2$, is formed in the mantle under conditions of tremendous heat and pressure, but when magma erupts and it is brought to the surface (in the wake of impacts, for example), majorite breaks down and its oxygen (40 to 45%) is released.

Other, even larger, impacts produced similar effects. An impact at Sudbury, in Ontario, Canada, about 1.8 billion years ago also released a tremendous amount of mantle oxygen, giving rise to the name "The Great Oxygenation Event." The even earlier impact that created Vredefort

Crater in South Africa also earned the name Great Oxygenation Event.

Those events released oxygen into the stratosphere, giving rise for the first time to the ozone layer (O_3) that today protects us all from the sun's deadly UV radiation.

Prior to the Cambrian there was little, if any, free oxygen in Earth's atmosphere, and thus almost no UV protection. Life on Earth's surface was impossible. In the wake of the release of oxygen from these impacts, life took a great leap forward.

We are all beneficiaries of those ancient asteroid impacts. On October 12, when our newest visitor passes in review, instead of hiding in a cave, lift a glass to it. *L'Chaim* – To life!

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reminded of Trump’s **game show**, The Apprentice, and the relish with which he announced “You’re fired!” with great regularity. By the way, he has continued this habit of weeding out into his presidency. Since the inauguration, he has fired twelve men and women he appointed to serve in a variety of positions of advisory nature: press secretaries and aides, strategists, attorneys, directors of communications and ethics, two chiefs of staff, his FBI director, and most recently, the secretary of Health and Human Services.

These firings were for the individuals’ **noncompliance with presidential policies** or opposition thereof, and for what the Associated Press calls behavior which “overshadowed the administration’s **agenda**.”

This seems like messy leadership to us; it is difficult for the president to respond to national and international issues when he is so readily distracted by anyone who, friend or foe, takes issue with a statement or tweet and/or policy decisions. All this from a man who, we believe, once called the United States a great company.

But perhaps we are too harsh. His is a daunting job and one we would never in a million years aspire to.

It is enough to be the garden manager. We don’t **want to fire the tomatoes**. We want to nurture and tend them so they can best produce the fruit we desire.

To this end, we have been researching preventatives to the devastating problem of Late Blight.

We can’t **control the weather**, but we can plant in a new location and work to cleanse the soil where this year’s **tomatoes grew** by applying liberal amounts of hydrogen peroxide and covering the plot with black plastic to bake it. When we plant tomatoes next year, we will

space the cages further apart to increase air flow and increase the plant’s **opportunity to dry off** after a rain. We will be more careful to water early in the day. (We have already removed diseased plant and fruit material.)

Here also, are some organic ways some gardeners have used to reduce the likelihood that this fungus will grow on their plants:

After digging a good hole for the plants, add a mix of three cups of compost, one-half cup of powdered non-fat milk, and one tablespoon of baking soda.

Another gardener suggests dusting the soil around the tomato plants with powdered milk or side dressing them with crushed egg shells.

Finally, a third recommendation is to mix one part skim milk and nine parts of water, and then spray it on the tomato plants, to the point of run-off. This application is suggested early in the growing season.

We’re **not sure yet which of these** we may choose to try. We also want to note crop successes for this season: wonderful potatoes, delicious peas, bountiful sweet corn, huge numbers of cucumbers and a wild mix of flowers: Cosmos, Marigold, Four O’clock and Nasturtium.

We have also almost finished an addition to the garden shed. Originally planned to be a space for the two lawn mowers, it became so attractive that we resolved to rework the current space for tools and machines and turn this new charming space (three windows and a river view, no less) into a gardeners’ **retreat**. In the fashion of Thoreau, it contains a small table and two chairs. Maybe we’ll add a **fishing rod** or two.

No firings yet. Just a resolve to work at making it work again. Another season, another garden. It’s a **challenge with many**

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Findhorn Bay, home of the famed eco-village that was founded in the 1970’s. Ruth’s **housemate**, Amy, took the artisan-to-be to Karen Collins’ **workshop at Marcassie Farm**.

“When I walked into the room and saw a handmade casket, my whole body felt the reaction. It was my entire being saying, ‘I want to do that! I have to do that!’”

Another serendipitous aspect was the fact that she loved Karen’s style of teaching – “so clear, quiet, and blunt.”

Mary Fraser soon became Collins’ **second apprentice**. She boarded with Karen in exchange for “all the baskets I made” during the rigorous but enthralling practicum. Fraser went home to her family for two months to spend the Christmas holidays before returning once again to Scotland to complete her apprenticeship.

“I had an amazing time at Karen’s,” said the Montague resident. “Actually, my total of three months under her wing was the most fabulous three months of my life. I had found my passion. Truly wonderful people encompassed me. And I was living in the bonny (beautiful) land of my ancestors – the Fraser clan.”

Mary couldn’t believe how time flew by during her sessions with Karen. “It seemed as if a basket had materialized in my hands; my fingers were sore and dirty. But I had a truly full heart at the close of the day.”

Mary brought her Scottish adventure back to her home fires. “When a person passes,” she said, “it is the crossing of a threshold. Life and death are inextricably tied to each other. All that has ever been created must die, and for anything to change, part of it dies in order to do so.”

Mary’s **woven caskets cost \$2,800** with a deposit of \$500 to cover material costs. She has an inventory of caskets ready for sale. Each coffin comes with made-to-size, unbleached muslin lids and liners.

In addition, Mary teaches workshops. Her next seminar is in Montague on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15. The attendees will go home with two baskets following a pair of two six-hour sessions.

“When I tell people what I do for

a living,” said the young woman, “some are a little put off by it. But most folks are quite interested and ask me lots of questions. I simply provide the coffin. I don’t do burial or funeral ceremonies.”

What does she see in the future regarding how our dead will be interred?

“Well,” she said, “I think the field of green burial will grow. Our culture is pretty well turned off by conventional funeral and burial practices and they’re looking for something different – something more sustainable and environmentally sound.”

For more information, and/or to register for Mary Fraser’s workshop, please visit fraserbaskets.com. For green burial information: greenburial.org.



DANIEL WATERS PHOTO

One of Fraser’s biodegradable, hand-woven caskets.

This Saturday: Wendell Community Garden Plant Sale

Flowering perennials, groundcovers and herb plants will be available at the Wendell Community Garden plant sale on Saturday, October 7. The sale will be held during the Farmers Market, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the town common.

Some of the plants included in the sale are:

- Bugleweed (*Ajuga reptans*): Groundcover; blue flowers in late spring. Likes humusy soil; shade or part sun.
- Calamint: Non-invasive mint relative. Forms bush about knee-high; small white flowers in summer. Loved by pollinators. Nicely scented; leaves can be used in tea. Prefers full sun. Good filler plant
- Candytuft (*Iberis spervirens*): Excellent for front borders. White snowflake-like flowers early spring through early summer. Leaves evergreen with good snow cover in winter. Very reliable. Full sun to partial shade.

- Daylily (*Hemerocallis*) “Stella de Oro”: Rebloomer; blooms all summer if deadheaded. Yellow-gold flowers. Full sun to partial shade. Easy!
- Japanese anemone (*Anemone x hybrida*): Large plant when mature; four to five feet tall when in bloom. Long bloom time; spectacular pinkish-white flowers loved by bees in summer. Lovely cut flower.
- Rose campion (*Lychnis coronaria*): Cottage garden favorite; great for pops of bright color. Small magenta flowers on tall stems in late spring through summer. Likes full sun or a little shade; moist but well-drained soil. Reseeds, but easy to control.
- Salvia “May Night”: Deep purple flowers early to mid-summer. Will rebloom if cut back after flowering. Lovely with yellow and/or pink companions. Full sun for best flowering. Prefers well-drained soil. May reseed. Favorite of pollinators.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

Shotgun Search Leads To Chaotic Scene

Saturday, 9/2

10:15 a.m. Officer Sawicki responded to a Shutesbury Road address for a reported damaged mailbox.

10:35 a.m. Officer Sawicki responded to Teawaddle Hill Road for a well-being check.

Monday, 9/4

8:35 a.m. Officer Gralenski stopped a vehicle for speed on Long Plain Road. During the investigations, officer learned that the operator’s license was suspended. A criminal summons was issued to the operator.

2:35 p.m. Officer Gralenski responded to a one-car motor vehicle crash into a utility pole on Amherst Road. There were no injuries.

Friday, 9/8

10:17 a.m. Chief Minckler responded to a one-car motor vehicle crash on Long Plain Road. The vehicle stuck a deer. The deer was deceased, and there was minor damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries.

Monday, 9/11

7:23 p.m. Officer Sawicki

assisted Sunderland PD with a domestic disturbance.

Thursday, 9/14

2:40 p.m. Officer Sawicki responded to a Mill Yard Road address for a past breaking and entering into a building. Under investigation.

Friday, 9/15

9:15 a.m. Officer Sawicki responded to a Long Plain Road address for a reported domestic disturbance. Situation was resolved.

1:55 p.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a vehicle for defective brake lights on Shutesbury Road. Through the investigation, the operator was issued a criminal summons for operating with an open container of marijuana and operating to endanger.

Saturday, 9/16

11 a.m. Officer Robinson took a report of a larceny of a utility trailer from the area of the transfer station on Cemetery Road. Under investigation.

Thursday, 9/21

3:30 p.m. Officers Ban-

croft and Sawicki were patrolling Long Plain Road, looking for a vehicle and occupants who were observed to be possessing a shotgun at Barton’s Cove in Gill. Officer Bancroft observed the vehicle, and said vehicle stopped in a driveway on Long Plain Road. Both officers attempted to speak with the operator. The operator would not cooperate, and began a struggle with both officers. Officers gained control of the operator and took him into custody. One passenger was subsequently arrested, and another was issued a criminal summons. Both passengers were charged with numerous drug offenses. The operator was arrested and charged with operating with a suspended license, assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and drug charges. The shotgun was located in the vehicle. Gill PD took custody of the firearm and would be filing their own charges accordingly.

Sunday, 9/24

6:45 p.m. Officer Billings responded to Montague Road for a reported shots fired call. Officer located individuals target shooting in accordance with the law.

Friday, 9/29

6:50 a.m. Chief Minckler responded to a noise complaint on North Leverett Road. The location where the noise was coming from was advised to keep it down.

2:37 p.m. Chief Minckler and Officer Sawicki, along with Leverett FD, responded to the intersection of Long Plain and Depot roads for a four-car motor vehicle crash. Two occupants from one of the vehicles were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. No other individuals were injured.

9:05 p.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a motor vehicle on Long Plain Road for being unregistered. A criminal summons was issued because the vehicle was uninsured.

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ONGOING EVENTS:

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Underdog Lounge, Shelburne Falls: *Jazz Night*. 6 p.m.

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

FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY

Green Fields Market, Greenfield: *Co-op Straight-Ahead Jazz*. Balcony. Afternoons.

EVERY MONDAY

Greenfield Harmony Spring Session. No auditions. 6:45 p.m. Contact mcbass@vermontel.net for location and details.

2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Scotty K's Open Mic*. 8 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Leverett Library, Leverett: *Tales and Tunes Story Hour*. Ages 0 to 5 and caregivers. 10:30 a.m.

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS

The Perch (4th floor), Greenfield: *Creacion Latin Big Band & Late Night Open Mic Jam*. 20 piece ensemble play son, salsa, chacha and much more. 8 p.m. Open Mic starts at 9 p.m. Free.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Pioneer Tavern, Millers Falls: *Franklin County Pool League*. 6 to 11 p.m.

FIRST THURSDAYS

Underdog Lounge, Shelburne Falls: *Open Mic*. 7 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

Tilton Library, S. Deerfield: *Book Discussion*. 6:30 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EVERY THIRD FRIDAY

Free Arms Library, Shelburne Falls: *Open Prose and Poetry Reading*. Arrive early to sign up for 5 to 10 minute slots. 7 p.m.

Element Brewing Company, Millers Falls: *Brule's Irish Band*. 6 p.m.

EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY

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

EXHIBITS:

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls. Great Hall Art Display: *Migration Connecting through Art and Culture of the Americas* Guatemalan art display curated by local artists. October 11 through October 28.

Leverett Crafts and Arts, Leverett. *New Oil Paintings by Lori Lynn Hoffer* Resident artist Hoffer exhibits her recent work. Reception October 15, 4 p.m. Through October.

Baystate Medical Cafe, Greenfield. *Healing Journey*, paintings by *Fran Corriveau*. Through October.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Triple SSS: Sensual, Sexual, Smut Erotic Art* show, 25 local artists. Through October 21.

Sawmill River Arts, Montague. *Whimsical, Fanciful, Mystical and Magical*, group show. Through November 1.

Shelburne Arts Coop, Shelburne Falls: *"We Just Felt Like It."* Lynn Perry's landscapes, animal masks and figures, Flo Rosenstock's mushroom and fungus inspired sculptures, Sue McFarland's wall pieces with embedded natural materials, and Paul Cohen's kinetic levitating characters represent four distinctive ways of working with the medium of felt, utilizing both needle felting and wet felting techniques. Artist reception Saturday, October 14, 2 to 5 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Local Focus by Dave Rothstein*. This light-hearted series honors our local heroes – the Valley's talented farmers, chefs, bakers, brewers, vintners and frozen treat makers. Miniatures are paired with local specialties, distorting our perspectives of space and place, and engaging our childlike sense of wonder. Through October.

Wendell Free Library, Wendell. *In Response to Paper*. New art exhibit by Wendell artist Julia Rabin through November.

Deerfield Valley Art Association Center for the Arts, Northfield. *Art as Expression of Cultural Heritage* Art Inspired by

cultures of Argentina, Austria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, England, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Rhodesia (Zambia), South Africa, Ukraine and Venezuela. Through November 12.

EVENTS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mocha Mayas, Shelburne. *The Collected Poets Series* presents Lillian-Yvonne Bertram



"When Many Act as One," an installation of 100 felted Pinch Pots by Liz Canelli at the Salmon Falls Gallery in Shelburne during October. Liz takes traditional felting techniques and Japanese paper lantern design and applies it to illuminated felted pieces.

and Jennifer Militello. 7 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Mad Habits / Old Flame / The Greys / Flame 'n Peach & The Liberated Waffles*. 7:30 p.m. \$

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Greater Tuna*. Twenty different residents of tiny Tuna, Texas, come to life onstage in Silverthorne Theater's production of this popular comedy written by Texans Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jaston Williams. See review in this issue for more information. 7:30 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Greater Tuna*. See Thursday's description, 7:30 p.m. \$

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Moonlight Davis sings the music of Stevie Wonder*. 7:30 p.m. \$

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne. *The Blackbird Effect*. Pan Morigan on vocals and multi-instruments. John Caban on guitar, vocals, beats and sounds. Blues, jazz and originals. 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne Falls. *Ask Wanda*. Vocals, piano,

cello, guitars, bass and drums. Fantastic covers of great songs you love. 7:30 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls *Rhombal*. Features Stephan Crump, bass and compositions, Ellery Eskelin, tenor saxophone, Adam O'Farrill, trumpet and Kassa Overall, drums. 7:30 p.m. \$

Montague Bookmill, Montague. *Trevor Healy and the Footings*. Trevor Healy is a luthier and guitarist based in Easthampton,

MA. A life-long musician, he has also devoted his life to instrument making. 8 p.m. \$

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Intonation*. Bluesy/soulful rock. 8 p.m. \$

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Banjar*: Art of the 7-String Banjo with Michael Nix. 3 p.m. \$

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne Falls. *Jake Manzi*. Excellent singer/songwriter and guitar player. 6 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls. *Charles and Khalif Neville*. Live jazz featuring Grammy Award winning musician Charles Neville and his son. 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Pool Holograph, Mazozma, Fragile Rabbit, and New Mom*. All ages, substance free space. 8 p.m., \$

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Mark Nomad and "Harmonica"* Steve. 100 Years of Blues. 7:30 p.m. \$

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne. *Jim K*. Lead guitarist from Valley legends FAT, Jim Kaminski plays acoustic guitar and sings his original songs 7 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Greater Tuna*. See October 5 listing. 7:30 p.m. \$

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield. *Revelator Hill*. Master guitarist and vocalist Bobby Thompson with D.C. musicians doing deep blues with a rock edge. Wheelhouse event, 7:30 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls. *Bill Shontz ~ Sweet as Sugar Trio* Jazz to Folk, Rock n' Roll to good old-fashioned sing-alongs. Each month the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center host an evening coffeehouse with local talent. Refreshments available.

Suggested donations to support educational programming at the Center. Museum and store open during intermission. 7 p.m.

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne *Django Djazz*. In the style of Django Reinhardt - fiddle, two guitars and stand-up bass. 7:30 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne. *Ray Mason*. 8 p.m.

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Perry has wired electronics, including these speakers, as part of the exhibit.

PERRY from page B1 something,” he says.

Perry’s work is rooted in the role that the home plays in consumer capitalism – a unit of consumption that consumes cheaply produced goods and signs that enable the accumulation of profit. Consumer goods, says Perry, “don’t have much soul – mass-produced material is slick, but has built-in obsolescence.

There’s not a lot of non-branded nightlights. Wood, metal, and glass are my materials.”

While people are used to craft production of many goods, from houses to salad bowls, people expect electronics and functional houseware to be produced industrially. Perry proposes that today these devices can be effectively made as crafts: most of the pieces in the

show are being sold as functional objects. “They’re not exactly art,” he says. “They’re a product. I’m pushing handcrafted goods.”

The date of Friday the 13th is an important part of the show, as Halloween means a lot to Perry: “Halloween was my first creative endeavor in life. The time that led up to Halloween as a kid was the period I knew I could make anything happen.”

Although some of his show’s aesthetic themes, such as carnival, time travel, and adventure, have an aura of uncanniness, Perry believes that Samhain is more than an aesthetic oeuvre – it’s about creativity, do-it-yourself ingenuity, and the home.

“I want people to see that imagination exists,” he says, “and that you can make things you can have in your living room, or your hearth, that can make life a little more interesting.”

Loot: Found and Made is located at 62 Avenue A. The opening reception will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. on Friday, October 13, and the show will be on view until November 19.



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The artist at home, with some of his raw materials.

My New Team Logo Idea

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GILL-MONTAGUE – No matter what the new logo is for the high school, I believe “Powertown,” and of course our blue and white colors, should be retained.

With that in mind, I have submitted two designs for the selection process. The first, “Powertown Chargers,” is right on in several ways.

First is the obvious connection of the words “power” and “charge,” and it’s an inclusion of our local history.

Secondly, unlike the LA Chargers’ lightning bolt logo, this mascot is a war horse known as a charger. Chargers were the battle-field tanks of their day. Not only did they carry armored men with multiple weapons, but they also wore armor.

We see their like today in giant draft

horses such as Belgians, Percherons, and Clydesdales. We’ve all seen them perform at the fair, and they are a huge part of our agricultural history.

The third fact is that although we’re not horse country, we do have plenty of horses, and it’s an opportunity to have a living mascot. They’re powerful, noble, beautiful – and, let’s face it, everybody loves horses!

Lastly, there is its uniqueness. No high school in the area, except the Chicopee Comp Colts, has a horse as its mascot.



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