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School Committee Approves Feasibility Study For A New Regional District



Ray Johnson of the New England Laborers' Training Trust Fund discusses his union's apprenticeship program with Turners Falls High School students during Franklin County Trades Day on Monday. Trades Day, held at TFHS, is a regional event organized by the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and open to all juniors and seniors in the county.

By MIKE JACKSON

GILL-MONTAGUE – “We need to reach a budget that is sustainable, and I think we have to start thinking out of the box,” Gill-Montague school committee chair Timmie Smith told her colleagues Tuesday night at a specially scheduled meeting.

A narrow window has opened for the district to apply for grant money from the state Department of Revenue to study topics related to “efficiency” and “regionalization,” and following recent conversations with officials from the district’s towns as well as administrators from the nearby Pioneer Valley Regional and Franklin County Technical schools, some out-of-the-box ideas have suddenly been thrust into discussion.

“The grant is just to get money to study the concepts,” Gill member Jane Oakes emphasized,

as superintendent Michael Sullivan presented the committee with three different “scenarios,” asking them to indicate which one or two, if any, he should write a grant application to study. The applications would be due next Thursday, so they were asked to think fast.

In the simplest scenario, the Turners Falls High School and Franklin County Tech, which already share some athletic teams, would further pursue sharing of resources, while remaining separately governed entities. The FCTS district is made up of 19 member towns, with each town contributing a member to its school committee.

Under an intermediate scenario, the same collaboration would be pursued with the vocational school, while Gill-Montague would also pursue a merger

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Historic TFHS Volleyball Season Ends In Semifinals

By MATT ROBINSON

This week, the Turners Falls High School volleyball team completed one of their best seasons ever, winning two playoff games before being eliminated in the semifinals. The first game went pretty smoothly, but in the next, Powertown was forced to win the last two matches or be eliminated. Then, on Wednesday, they traveled to South Deerfield to face the reigning Western Mass Champs.

Also this week: a review of Franklin Tech’s golf team; the Turners Falls football team, who scored four touchdowns on their way to a winning record; and the voice of Turners Falls football went silent.



Turners' Dabney Rollins battles the Easthampton Eagles' Devney Horne at the net. The team's tie-breaking fifth-set victory over the Eagles advanced them to the Div III semifinals. At left, Turners setter Sienna Dillensneider.

Volleyball
TFHS 3 – Southwick 0
TFHS 3 -- Easthampton 2
Frontier 3 – TFHS 0

On November 2, the Turners Falls volleyball team swept the Southwick Tolland Green Rams, 3 matches to 0. Before the game began, freshman Mercedes Morales revved the crowd up with a wonderful rendition of the national anthem.

In the postseason, the MIAA employs flagmen in the back-

courts. This limits second guessing from the fans and players, but it didn’t dampen their spirit. The sparse Southwick fans held their own with the True Blue Faithful, though as the matches progressed, the Powertown fans grew respectfully quieter.

Turners came back from a 1-2 deficit in the first match to win 25-3. Only four Blue Ladies came to the line. Sienna Dillensneider, see TFHS SPORTS page A8

Towns Confront New Cannabis Law

By JEFF SINGLETON

FRANKLIN COUNTY – Later this month, Montague’s planning board will hold a public hearing on a potential zoning bylaw that would place a townwide moratorium on issuing permits to sell recreational marijuana. The hearing will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. at the Montague town hall.

Under new Massachusetts law, approved by voters in a 2016 referendum and amended twice by the state legislature, aspiring marijuana sellers could apply to the state for licenses beginning April 1, 2018. The newly created state Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) must approve or deny applications within 90 days, but these licenses must be consistent with local regulations, including zoning regulations. Montague’s proposed bylaw would delay issuing any licenses until December 31, 2018.

The rationale for the moratorium – versions of which have been approved by other cities and towns



– is that there is not enough time to address the “novel legal, planning, and public safety issues” raised by the sale of cannabis.

Furthermore, so the argument for the moratorium goes, new regulations being considered by the state control commission could impact the local planning process. The CCC is charged with adopting the new regulations and protocols by March 15, which would not leave local communities enough time to approve their new bylaws by April 1.

Local moratoriums have been suggested by Montague’s legal counsel, Kopelman and Paige (K&P), which claims to represent over one-third of the cities and towns in the state. Last August K&P issued an eleven-page memo titled “A Guide to the Revised Law Legalizing the Recreational Use of Marijuana,” which included a sample moratorium bylaw.

In early September, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) held a workshop on the

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After the Hurricane:



Joshua, in his Spanish class at Franklin County Tech School.

Article by VICTORIA MAILLO
Translated by KEVIN CARDONA-CRUZ

NORTHFIELD – Fourteen-year-old Joshua Rivera Ortiz lived in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. He was in his first year at a vocational school in which he was exploring the different shops: barbershop, cosmetology, first aid, and electrical. Welding was the shop that interested him the most.

Joshua lived there with his mother and his brother Jeremy. In his free time he had fun with his friends from his neighborhood playing baseball and soccer.

On Friday, September 15, one of his school teachers told him that Hurricane Maria was coming, and that

A True Story Told by Joshua

We felt it was important to offer an English translation of one of the pieces in this month’s Spanish page. – Eds.

it could hit the island. That same night, the hurricane came, and it devastated the island. Joshua’s house had secured windows that almost seemed like they could get ripped out of the house walls. Through small openings in the windows Joshua and his brother spent the night observing the situation. According to them, up until five in the morning everything seemed calm, even with strong gusts of wind.

At six in the morning they saw that the neighborhood houses had lost their windows, and the doors and some roofs had been blown away. The neighborhood was destroyed, nothing was left standing. The streets were full of mud. His grandfather’s house, just on the other side of the street, had a palm tree fall on part of the house. Some things, even though they were built out of cement, had crumbled.

Light posts and their cables were on the ground. The transformers were losing oil, which can threaten anyone’s health. What was not destroyed by the wind was destroyed by water. His house was standing, even though it was flooded up to a meter.

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Rally Decries ICE Raid

By MARK HUDYMA

GREENFIELD – About 70 people traveled to the Franklin County Jail on Tuesday evening to express support for three farmworkers detained hours earlier by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hatfield.

“This is a response – a message that the community supports immigrant rights,” said Diana Sierra, an organizer with the Pioneer Valley Workers Center (PVWC), the organization that called the rally.

“They will be processed in Hartford tomorrow. It’s a waiting game.”

Sierra said her organization coordinates with the Immigrant Protection Program to provide legal support for people without means detained by ICE.

“Somebody saw an unmarked van pulled over off the side of the road, right off Exit 21 in Hatfield, and they saw five ICE vans,” PVWC organizer Gabriella della Croce told the crowd. The federal agents arrested three passengers, she said, all

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An Old Road, Restored?

By JOE KOPERA

MONTAGUE CENTER – On a cold and windy late autumn weekday morning, about two dozen local officials and a handful of cyclists gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new bicycle and pedestrian bridge connecting Old Greenfield and Greenfield roads near their in-

tersection with Hatchery Road.

Standing at a podium erected by MassDOT at the north end of the bridge, Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) director Linda Dunlavy kicked off Tuesday’s ceremony and introduced a number of speakers, noting that this bridge is in the middle of the most highly used section of the

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State representative Steve Kulik, Greenfield Bicycle Coalition member Alden Booth, state officials with scissors, and Montague selectboard member Chris Boutwell.

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Mary Cichanowicz has “been there, done that” in the food service industry since she was 18. The Millers Falls resident now tends the lunch counter at Freight House Antiques in Erving, where home-baked goodness tempts customers seven days a week.

Paradise, and Potatoes

The United States’ Commerce Secretary, Wilbur Ross Jr., has had a tough week, having been embroiled in two major news stories, neither of which is the sort of major news story a *great* country would necessarily want its Commerce Secretary to be embroiled in.

The first is fairly simple. Ross had told *Forbes* in 2016 that he owned \$3.7 billion, and told them more recently it was \$2.7 billion, but the magazine noticed that the disclosure forms he filed before his nomination only accounted for \$700 million. When they asked him why, he explained that he had stashed \$2 billion in family trusts after the election, but “after a month of digging” for evidence of these missing billions, they have concluded that he had simply “lied to us.”

Okay, \$2 billion: the guy’s another high-rolling liar and a scam artist; par for the course; there’s a lot of other stuff going on; we’ll all forget about this within two weeks.

But the second story is a little trickier. Ethics watchdogs have been murmuring all year – wherever ethics watchdogs are left to lie out in the sun and pant and rot alive these days – about Ross’s stakes in two transoceanic shipping companies, Diamond S Shipping and Navigator Holdings.

Diamond S is based in Connecticut, is incorporated in the Marshall Islands, and owns 33 oil tankers that sail under Chinese and Maltese flags. Some of its ships delivered to Iranian ports during US sanctions, and its SEC filings indicate it delivers to other embargoed nations including Syria, Cuba and Sudan.

Navigator owns 38 liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers, “the world’s largest fleet,” and ships industrial chemicals as well. Ross is deeply entangled in Navigator, not only through a web of his investment companies, but also through personnel; for example, a member of Navigator’s board became Ross’s chief of staff at Commerce this summer, and was replaced by a member of his investment company, WL Ross.

But that’s only the background. This week a German newspaper published on a set of leaks from the Bermuda law firm Appleby, which represents *fifty* partnerships and companies associated with Ross. (This wasn’t the only juicy story in the batch, which is known as the Paradise Papers.)

The core of Appleby’s business is to shelter the money held by a global caste of super-rich

oligarchs such as Ross from taxation in any the countries where it is made. Ross’ holdings in Navigator, which he had partially divested from before his nomination, turn out to have been continued through a nested set of obscurely named Cayman Island shell companies.

Much of the fallout of the leak, as it pertains to our Commerce Secretary, has focused on this or that tie exposed to politically connected Russians; for example, one of Navigator’s top clients is an energy company owned by close friends and family members of the Russian president.

Though Ross has made noises since January about recusing himself from decisions involving transoceanic shipping, some combination of factors – perhaps the spotlight on his using as a tax haven a company that has helped Russian business skirt US sanctions – has prompted him finally to move to divest from these holdings.

But there’s a bigger story than Ross in all of this.

Among its extensive Paradise Papers reporting, the *Guardian (UK)* published an analysis by economist Gabriel Zucman estimating that multinational capital uses tax havens to avoid over \$700 billion in taxation, globally – and that “[t]he equivalent of 10% of global GDP is held offshore by rich individuals in the form of bank deposits, equities, bonds and mutual fund shares, most of the time in the name of faceless shell corporations, foundations and trusts.”

That figure is growing, and as there’s no global government, it seems likely that the inducement to capital flight will worsen dramatically in coming years, hobbling nation-states’ power to tax, and shifting the burden of public goods further onto those of us in each country who work more than we own.

Borders are a joke to business. They mean little more than different sets of rules to game, different wages and standards of living to play off each other for profit. The wealthy, and their money, glide daily across these arbitrary lines.

But if you’re picking potatoes in Hatfield and you happen to have been born on the wrong side of one of those lines, you will spend your days and nights living in fear that you’ll be pulled over, held prisoner, separated from your family, and sent back to where *these same people* say you belong...

The two faces of this system have never been more stark.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By KARL MEYER

FRANKLIN COUNTY – It’s been decades since migratory fish on New England’s Great River got a break – bleak since deregulation came to federally-licensed electricity plants on the Connecticut beginning in 1998.

Deregulation turned a regional market into a venture capital free-for-all, opening the door to speculators and foreign interests controlling public resources. In less than 20 years, the Vernon hydro station changed hands three times.

The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant next door is currently courting a third owner. Downstream, the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Station and Turners Falls hydro complex flipped four times between investors. Further south, the Holyoke hydro station sold only once, in 2002.

None of this proved healthy for an ecosystem.

The post-deregulation decade saw a steep slide in American shad passing Holyoke Dam. After two decades of averages well above 300,000 fish, yearly numbers plunged to near half that – a far cry from the 720,000 passed in 1992.

Things were even more desperate at Turners Falls Dam. There, impacted by the massive water appetite and violent, peaking flows sent downstream by the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Station, passage dropped below 1% some years. For a decade, just 3 or 4 migrating shad in 100 were tallied emerging alive upstream.

Today’s numbers languish near 1980s levels.

The federal license signed by Holyoke Gas & Electric in 2002 required they complete lift improvements at Holyoke by 2008 to pass endangered shortnose sturgeon upriver. Sturgeon were literally unable to spawn – blocked at that dam from reaching their only documented natural spawning site, a fail-safe refuge known as the Rock Dam Pool at Turners Falls.

Year-in, year-out, that mandate went unenforced. It was finally met last year.

In 2004 federal fish biologist Dr.

Meyer: Sold Short on the Great River

Boyd Kynard handed results of 15 years of Connecticut River shortnose sturgeon research to the National Marine Fisheries Service. He and colleagues had documented that that Rock Dam spawning site for the only federally-endangered migratory fish on the river was being decimated by industrial practices.

Yearly gatherings failed for the few dozen spawning-ready sturgeon surviving upstream of Holyoke—as they attempted to continue a tenuous 200 million year-old genetic line. But NMFS didn’t come to their aid; no watchdog intervened.

Ultimately, decades of research by Kynard and company was compiled into *Life History and Behavior of Connecticut River Shortnose and other Sturgeons*, published by the World Sturgeon Conservation Society.

After experts at the Europe-based WSCS published the book in early 2012, the US Geological Service (where Kynard retired as a federal fish scientist) began making belated objections, halting all publication for a time. Their objections caused a *de facto* embargo of its sale in the US through that spring.

USGS cited editorial and style concerns in “recalling” three chapters on sturgeon biology and spawning – including the data and text showing industrial flows caused spawning failure at Turners Falls. Nearly a dozen state, federal, and university contributors to the book cried foul, citing censorship and the public’s right to government information.

In June, concurrent with press inquiries and a letter from Congressman John Olver questioning the withholding of public science, USGS suddenly withdrew all its objections – days before an article highlighting the issues appeared in *The Daily Hampshire Gazette*.

Federal agencies now had the facts. Yet, despite the Endangered Species Act, none took action.

In spring of 2014 a popular beer, *Shortnose Stout*, debuted in the region. Its label displayed Kynard’s website and highlighted spawning conditions at Turners Falls. The Connecticut River Watershed Council soon stepped up to collect

donated profits from its sale, yet the sturgeon were left hanging once again. Today conditions at Rock Dam remain as ruinous as when the first 2004 findings were released.

In 2015 the controversial chapters from Kynard’s book got entered into the public record in the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s relicensing process for Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls. With that science on the record, things changed at federal proceedings. Sturgeon spawning became a key factor in flow discussions for future FERC licenses there mandating river conditions.

This June, new restoration targets to meet failed 50 year-old federal Anadromous Fish Conservation Act requirements were released by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. With passage failed for half a century at Turners Falls, new shad targets mandate 397,000 fish passing annually. New owner Canada Public Pension Investments will be on the hook to build lifts and safeguard sturgeon spawning.

In August a fisherman near Vernon landed an endangered shortnose sturgeon – a fish thought not to exist above Turners Falls. He took a photo and released the fish, sending the picture to officials who confirmed it; then forwarded it to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

There is reason to believe that landing may not be an isolated occurrence. NMFS is taking the confirmed capture seriously. Is a remnant shortnose population clinging to life in Vermont and New Hampshire waters? Did someone release them there?

Either way, federal law requires owners at Vernon Dam, VT Yankee and Northfield Mountain to protect the migratory fish of the United States as a public trust. After decades of speculation, it’s high time our fish had their day.

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This Saturday, November 11, is **Veterans Day**. Some local towns are holding their celebrations and parades on Friday. Call your town hall or visit their website to get times and location. If you can not find information there, then maybe check with your local police department.

Better yet, call a veteran – they are sure to know!

The Farren Festival, held every year at the Farren Care Center, 340 Montague City Road in Turners Falls, takes place on Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature eight areas with around 30 vendors, a bake sale, tag sale, tool sale, and mini-affle.

There will also be a free door prize drawing for those who visit all of the vendors, valued at over \$100. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

A portion of the proceeds go to the residents at Farren Care Center.

The public is invited to a concert called “One Light, Many Candles” this Sunday, November 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 16 Court Square in Greenfield.

This is a multi-faith program in word and song, presented by Reverend Betty Stookey and Noel Paul Stookey. Betty spent eight years as chaplain at Northfield Mount Hermon, and Noel is the singer/songwriter best known as “Paul” in the activist folk trio Peter, Paul

and Mary.

Together, they will share what has touched and upheld them through music, faith and love. Join them to celebrate unity in diversity, and to celebrate 200 years of the Second Congregational Church.

Next Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy the **Gill/Montague Senior Center Christmas Bazaar**. There will be raffles, foods, crafts, and gifts.

The senior center is located at 62 Fifth Street in Turners Falls.

The **Little Drummer Craft Fair**, held each year at Franklin County Technical School, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls, will also take place Saturday, November 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This juried craft fair, supporting FCTS students, features artists and crafts people from throughout the Pioneer Valley and beyond, presenting their unique handcrafted products.

The fair is held indoors, with plenty of free parking. Admission is free, and the school is completely ADA-accessible.

There will also be extensive raffle tables, and refreshments, including luncheon items. Baked goods will be available for sale throughout the day, courtesy of the student chefs and bakers of the FCTS culinary department. Look for their signature Little Drummer Autumn Bisque!

The **Turners Falls High School nickname/ logo taskforce** invites community members, alumni, students, or any other interested parties to submit suggestions for a new high

school nickname and logo.

All proposals should conform to the previously established criteria, which can be found on the district website at www.gmrtd.org.

Please forward them to: P.O. Box 514, Turners Falls, MA 01376, or email them to submissions@tfhslo-go.com. Additional locations for submission will be announced soon.

The Annual **TFHS Alumni Association All Class Reunion** is at the Extra Point Nightclub at BTU on Friday, November 24, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. There will be music, a no-host bar, munchies, raffles, year-books, and other TFHS items to take you down memory lane for lots of reminiscing and tons of fun.

Remember, this is a free event, and all are welcome to stop by anytime during the evening.

RiverCulture is compiling a **holiday calendar** for community events happening in Montague between November 18 and December 24. The calendar will be copied and inserted into next week's *Montague Reporter* for people to keep and refer to throughout the season.

Let RiverCulture know what you are doing this season, whether it's a church bazaar, craft show, musical performance, gift drive, food drive, or fundraiser! If you have a Facebook event, you can send it to RiverCulture via direct message; otherwise, email details to riverculture@montague-ma.gov. The deadline is this coming Monday, November 13.

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Many people qualify for insurance at other times – e.g., if you qualify for Medicaid (MassHealth), you may enroll at any time during the year.

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new law featuring Margaret Hurley, chief of the municipal law division of the state attorney general's office. Hurley did not directly advocate moratoriums, but emphasized the difficulties to local zoning bylaw development created by the state law's restricted timeline.

Local officials have been somewhat defensive about the perception that they are trying to place roadblocks in the way of implementing a law approved by a significant majority of voters. “We are not trying to thwart the will of the people,” Montague town administrator Steve Ellis told the selectboard in September. “But the guidance we're receiving right now is, it's messy. No one knows what's going on... And if we're completely unprepared, then we just don't know what the consequences of that will be.”

Selectboard chair Rich Kuklewicz, along with his fellow board members, voted to send the proposed bylaw on to the planning board, and from there to town meeting. “As long as it goes before town meeting, then that's a greater body of the community,” he said. “And by no means would my voting for or against this say I oppose, or support, a facility in town.”

“You will hear arguments on both sides of the issue,” said Montague town planner Walter Ramsey,

referring to the upcoming hearing on the moratorium.

Many Towns Unworried

Ray Purington, Gill's administrative assistant, said there had been “informal” discussions of the state law in his town, but that so far, the issue was not on the agenda of either the planning board or the selectboard.

“I have not had droves of people approaching me about the issue,” Purington told the *Reporter*.

There were similar reactions from officials in Erving, Wendell, and Leverett.

Jacquelyn Boyden, the chair of the Erving planning board, said her committee had “no interest” in implementing a moratorium.

Nancy Aldrich, Wendell's town coordinator, said that one member of the town selectboard had attended the FRCOG workshop in September, and “came away with more questions than answers.”

“We will probably wait until the first of the year to discuss the issue,” Aldrich said, “and the planning board will spearhead the effort.”

One For Every Five

But the K&P memorandum, as well as the summary of the September workshop released by FRCOG, suggests that there are numerous uncertainties and question marks that have to be considered by cities

and towns.

For example, local communities will be allowed to place a 3% excise tax on the sale of cannabis, increased by the legislature from 2% under the 2016 ballot question. (The legislature also increased the state sales tax on recreational marijuana from 3.7% to up to 10.75%.)

A sales tax proposal must be approved by the local legislative body, such as a town meeting. The tax would need to be part of the “Host Community Agreement” with licensed establishments required under the law.

If a city or town wishes to place a limit on the number of licenses granted within its borders, there is a cap or threshold in the revised law corresponding to 20% of the number of off-premise alcoholic beverage licenses issued. Thus, if a town has issued ten off-premise liquor licenses, it may limit the number of marijuana establishments to two.

Any cap set below this level – such as a total ban on the sale of recreational cannabis – would require the approval of a majority of voters in any towns that approved the 2016 referendum question. This rule would apply to every town in Franklin County.

There are also new rules that apply to the growing of cannabis in parts of towns zoned for agriculture, and to the establishment of so-

called “marijuana cafes” for public consumption.

The implementation of the new state law may also present public health and public safety challenges. According to the FRCOG memo, “edible [marijuana products] are not to be considered food... but local Boards of Health may be able to regulate and inspect... This should become clearer when CCC regulations are issued.”

Furthermore, according to the FRCOG memo, “Public consumption is not legal. Towns have the ability to regulate or prohibit smoking (including marijuana) in public and on public lands.”

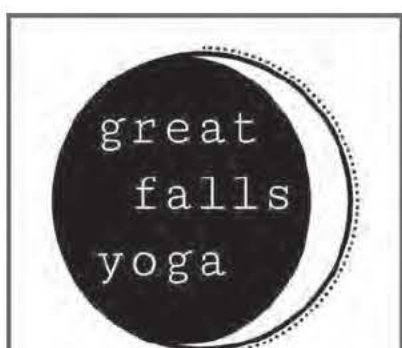
These uncertainties reflect the transition from a product which created a large underground economy to one which is now legal, but heavily regulated by state and local government. The best comparison may be with the end of national prohibition of alcohol in December 1933.

“There will be a couple of years of anxiety and activity, then it will settle down,” Gill's Ray Purington told the *Reporter*.

He compared the policy change to the proliferation of cell towers in the 1990s, and large-scale solar arrays in the past decade: “Many people were afraid of it. Now, almost everyone wants it.”



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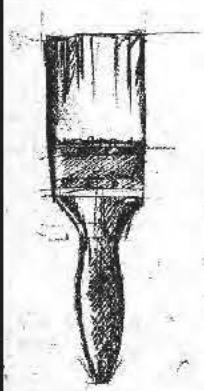


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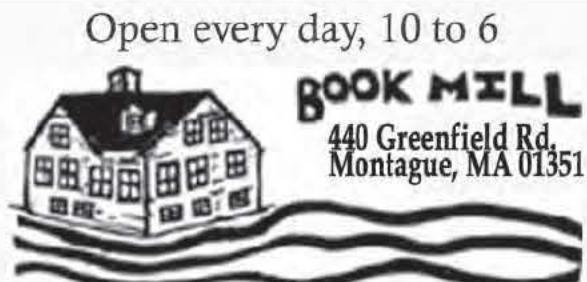


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men from Springfield.

The other six returned to the farm, where the advocates met with them. "They were terrified," della Croce said. "Many were crying. It does not have to happen this way."

The PVWC called for participants in its Solidarity in the Streets campaign to converge at the Greenfield facility, which includes an 83-bed immigration detention center. "ICE gets their funding by keeping 174,000 beds full at all times," Sierra said. "This detention center has been full the last few weeks."

Though it was cold and drizzling, 70 or so community members responded, in under two hours' notice. The rally was held at the jail's gate, and lasted about an hour. Attendees held lit candles, and a sign that said "No Deportation."

According to the PVWC, on

Monday, ICE also detained Anival Gomez, an activist with the Springfield Workers Committee, in another workplace raid.

"There is a word for this. It's called being disappeared," Sierra said.

"Why didn't they take everyone in the van?" della Croce asked, adding that the PVWC had been hearing rumors of intentional collusion, including an unverified report of a meeting between a number of area farm owners and ICE agents.

"They want a cheap and easily exploitable labor force...."

"They're not going to deport 11 million undocumented immigrants, because the US economy is dependent on that labor. But they will deport enough people to instill terror, and we as a community need to stand together and not allow that."



HUDYMA PHOTO

Bearing signs and candles, around 70 people converged Tuesday evening in front of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, a.k.a. the county jail, where 83 beds are rented out to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

"Bedroom Communities Don't Make Any Money"

By KATIE NOLAN

Last week's headline – "Downtown Lot Talks Plod On" – indeed!

New information emerged in the Erving selectboard's ongoing discussion of potentially purchasing a small lot at 10 West Main Street for possible use as a public water supply, or for parking. James Paulin of Moore Street told the November 6 meeting that he was interested in purchasing the property and possibly the abutting municipal parking lot.

In addition, while searching for the location of the well on the parcel, the highway department found a 20,000-gallon underground cistern.

"I do have an interest in the property, Paulin told the board. "I need to know what direction the town is going in." He said the discovery of the cistern gave him pause, because the town might have an easement to access it. However, assistant assessor and planning board member Jacqueline Boyden said she had searched town records and found no documentation for an easement.

"The town won't use any leverage or weight to stymie you," selectboard member Scott Bastarache told Paulin. "It's an open market, if you have an intended use for it."

Selectman William Bembury said, "Congratulations, and move forward. I think [the town] should purchase the property, but town government doesn't move as fast as you can."

Selectboard chair Jacob Smith cautioned that "We can't commit to selling other parcels."

Administrative coordinator Bryan Smith said he had contacted the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection about use of the well on the property for a public water supply, and they replied with questions, especially about the property's history. He and several others speculated the cistern might

have held water for fire suppression for a factory formerly located on an abutting parcel.

Town-Owned Properties

The board reviewed a color-coded map of town-owned parcels and their uses and zoning produced by Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

Board members noticed that some of the codes on the map differed from updated ones used by the town in its list of town-owned properties. In addition, all parks were coded as "conservation land," although many are not restricted to conservation uses.

Jeff Dubay told the board that "conserving that land is the best use" for some of the parcels. He said that, if certain large parcels were developed, there would be "a hit on town resources," with increased population and increased demand for town services. "Bedroom communities don't make any money," he said.

Bastarache replied that people in Erving sometimes ask what the town would do "if Northfield Mountain goes away," and said there was "a need to diversify the tax base to shoulder the burden outside of one source... so there's a balance there, years from now, if energy goes another way."

Jacob Smith agreed that additional development could provide a "larger base to share the additional burden if the Mountain Project goes."

Jeanie Schermesser said she felt the planning board should be working on a "controlled growth" strategy. Boyden replied that the 2005 zoning bylaw addressed development with a phased growth bylaw and a "rural residential" designation requiring a 2-acre lot and 225 feet of road frontage.

Bastarache said that the purpose of the inventory of town-owned land was "purely informative," to "open our eyes to what we own, what is the

intended purpose [of the parcels] and what are the restrictions."

"We own a lot more land than I expected," commented Jacob Smith, adding that the board is "not going to make any decisions, in weeks or days" about the parcels.

Bryan Smith said the map would be revised and printed in a wall-sized format, and Boyden said that she would be able to calculate the lost tax value of the town-owned parcels.

Town-Owned Seal

The town seal, in varying forms, is used on town letterhead and official documents, on the town flag, and in decals on town trucks. According to Massachusetts General Law, each town is required to have a seal, adopted by town meeting and kept by the town clerk. Town seals in use before 1899 could be adopted and used for official documents, or new seals could be adopted.

No one at the meeting knew the history of how Erving's seal was adopted or when different versions were developed.

Bastarache said, "Mass General Law speaks to letterhead and official documentation, but if we have an official town seal, it should be utilized for all purposes." Jacob Smith agreed.

The board asked Bryan Smith to research the matter.

Community Compact

Erving completed the "capital planning" initiative under the state's Community Compact program, which provides grants and technical assistance to cities and towns. The board decided to pursue two additional initiatives: to develop a bridge and culvert maintenance program; and to implement the Complete Streets program.

According to MassDOT, "a Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options

for all travel modes - walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities."

Boyden said that the bridge and culvert initiative should include an inventory of bridges. "We really don't know which bridges we own," she said.

Schermesser asked, "What if a bridge is owned by two communities?" Boyden replied that when a bridge joins two towns, they usually sign a maintenance agreement, and suggested that a neighboring town might also choose the bridge/culvert initiative and cooperate with Erving in its maintenance.

Other Business

The board approved purchasing a new server for the police department, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000, and decided that police department records retention policies should be reviewed, possibly reducing the length of time some records are stored.

The board considered purchasing a database for the town hall, at a cost of \$7,300. Modules would support work of the town clerk, selectboard, board of health, and cemetery commission, and the database would help with response to requests for public records.

The board discussed the pros and cons of a web-based database versus one located on the town hall server, and asked Bryan Smith to research maintenance costs and fees, user permits, and concurrent user limits for the database.

Linda Downs-Bembury was appointed to the capital planning committee.

Business licenses were granted to Dylan Mankowsky of Mountain Road for a mobile welding service, and to Malgorzata Lach of North Street for Margaret's Guitar Studio and for Lach Transport.

The next selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 20.

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with Pioneer Valley, which is currently comprised of Leyden, Bernardston, Northfield, and Warwick. One way this “T-shaped” district might work would be by making Pioneer, in Northfield, a unified middle school, and Turners Falls a unified high school.

The third, maximal scenario would merge all three districts into a pre-K through 8 district – comprised of seven elementary schools, feeding into a middle school at Pioneer – and a separate regional high school district with “two campuses” at the current TFHS and FCTS buildings.

Sullivan said the FCTS board would be discussing the ideas Wednesday night, and Pioneer’s on Thursday. Pioneer’s member towns have given its school committee the go-ahead to pursue sharing a superintendent with another district as a way to rein in costs.

“This started with [FCTS superintendent] Rick Martin and I talking about working together closely,” he said. “[But] the governance of that really starts to get complicated. Hearing that Pioneer was interested in some alternatives seemed like a real opportunity to make this work with Tech.”

Together, the districts might apply for money – up to \$200,000 – to study the feasibility of two of the scenarios.

Oakes said that the state Department of Elementary and Secondary

Education feels that “there’s too many small districts in western Mass,” an opinion she said was shared by the department’s acting commissioner Jeff Wulfson last week at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees conference.

“Montague’s been very open, and Gill, to help us over a bump or something,” Smith said, “but it’s a long path – we keep going up, and needing more and more.”

Montague members Mike Langknecht and Cassie Damkoehler expressed the most skepticism toward the idea of regionalization.

“I’d rather this came up at the end of a discussion, as opposed to the beginning,” Langknecht said. “I would be reluctant to allow anybody here at this table to spend too much time on it, because we have a lot of things we need to spend time on, for our own district.”

“I like the idea of sharing services... with Tech,” Damkoehler said. “We’re so close, and it seems like with more numbers we can offer higher-level academics, but also offer that vocational aspect.” But, she said, regionalization with Pioneer “seems like overload to me.”

But other members stressed that the study would be using state money to put more facts at the district’s disposal, while not committing it to any course of action. “This is merely exploratory,” Christina Postera argued. “I think it’d be a missed opportunity not to apply for funding to do

that exploration. Our superintendent works an enormous amount already, and this would help offset some of those costs... Ideas are merely ideas, until they are researched.”

“We talk about not having a high enough population to take higher-level classes. We talk about the populations not being great enough to fill our bands, or fill our sports teams,” Postera continued. “Geographically speaking, it wouldn’t put us all out that much.”

“I don’t think this is going to contribute to sustainability,” Langknecht warned.

A straw poll of the committee found that five of the eight members present – Shawn Hubert being absent – favored the hybrid “shared services and regionalization” scenario as the most interesting one to study, with the other three indicating it as their second choice.

Their remaining preferences were slightly more in favor of the full regionalization scenario than just the resource-sharing with FCTS.

By a unanimous vote, the committee authorized Sullivan to apply for the grant for those purposes, provided their counterparts in the other two districts also green-light the idea.

The school committee’s next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14 at the high school, and they expect to review and officially approve the grant applications then.



NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Bonnett Appointed As Acting Police Chief, “Until Further Notice”

By JEFF SINGLETON

The Montague selectboard officially voted to appoint Christopher Bonnett as acting police chief, pending an “internal investigation” involving current Chief Chip Dodge. Dodge was placed on administrative leave last Monday.

The motion unanimously approved by the selectboard had Bonnett’s appointment commencing on October 31 at “Grade J, Step 1” \$1,690.25 per week/ 40 hour week “temporary until further notice.”

Later in the meeting the board invited Bonnett to the front table to, in selectboard member Chris Boutwell’s words, “get a shot of you on TV.”

“We appreciate your willingness to step up and take this responsibility in this difficult time,” said chair Rich Kuklewicz. He asked Bonnett “if there’s anything you need from us,” to which a very somber-looking acting chief responded, “We’re OK.”

Bonnett began work with Montague in 1998 as a dispatcher. He became an officer in 2003, was elevated to sergeant in 2007, and appointed to the new position of lieutenant in 2016. Bonnett has also worked for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department and the state Department of Youth Services.

The selectboard then voted to give the chair and town administrator the authority to sign a contract for professional services to conduct the “internal investigation.” Kuklewicz said that he and Ellis, working with the town’s legal firm Kopelman and Paige, had narrowed the selection down to two firms, “and we just couldn’t get things together today to finish the contract.”

The administrative leave and in-

vestigation comes in the wake of a state investigation of the police chief’s handling of drugs from a prescription drop box; the chief’s public admission that he is in recovery from an opioid addiction; and a letter indicating a lack of confidence signed by all officers on his staff. The state investigation did not produce any charges.

For the second week in a row, the board’s motion did not state the subject of the investigation or its scope, but Kuklewicz said “we don’t anticipate this costing more than \$10,000.”

Brownfields Grant

Town planner Walter Ramsey came before the board to request that the board execute an application for a Brownfields grant for hazardous materials removal at the Strathmore Mill complex. There will actually be two applications, according to Ramsey: one for Building 11, which is slated for development in the near future, and the other for the remaining buildings in the complex. Each application will be “capped at \$200,000,” he said. The town will need to provide matching funds totaling \$80,000, which will come from an appropriation approved by a recent town meeting.

Ramsey said the town had “narrowly missed” funding the previous year and had received good input on how to meet the award criteria. He also said the fire at the Railroad Salvage Building and the closing of the Southworth Paper Mill, both in the vicinity of the Strathmore, could improve the chances of obtaining federal cleanup funds.

The town is seriously considering selective demolition of buildings in the complex but, according

to Ramsey, the hazardous materials mitigation will be required in any case. The board executed two cover letters for the applications, which are due on November 16. Ramsey said the project must be completed by November 1, 2020.

Open Meetings

The board voted to reverse a recent decision to require posting of its weekly agenda on the Wednesday before its Monday meeting rather than Thursday. The Wednesday deadline had been voted as an “experiment” based on complaints that the Thursday postings did not give residents the ability to review and respond to agenda items. Montague town hall is closed on Fridays.

Executive secretary Wendy Bogusz said that departments had difficulty getting supporting documents for agenda items to her by the Wednesday deadline. “I’ve heard from Bruce Hunter [of the Franklin Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority] that it is rushed for them, because you just get done with one [Monday] meeting and you have to get ready for another,” she said. Hunter appears at nearly every meeting with multiple agenda items.

“I would defer to our staff,” said selectboard member Michael Nelson. “It doesn’t matter to me whether it comes on Wednesday or Thursday, [but] if it’s not working for them, it’s not working for them.” Rich Kuklewicz noted that citizens still had “all day on Monday” to reach out to the board with questions or comments.

Other Business

Bruce Hunter of the Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority came before the board seeking approval for a

TOWN OF MONTAGUE

Notice of Informational Meeting Spinner Park Improvements

The Town of Montague will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Montague Senior Center at Fifth Street, Turners Falls, MA.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and solicit public comment to the **Spinner Park Improvement Project** which is a component of the Town of Montague’s FY 2016 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant award from the Department of Housing and Community Development. A landscape architect from Berkshire Design Group will make a presentation of the Spinner Park Proposed Conceptual Improvement Plans and take comments

The Town wishes to encourage local citizens to attend the meeting where any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity.

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TOWN OF MONTAGUE

FY18 Community Development Block Grant Request for Proposals for Social Service Programs

The Town of Montague requests proposals for public social service programs that will meet the needs of Montague residents for inclusion in its FY2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. All proposed programs must address needs identified by the Town of Montague’s Community Development Strategy (2015-2018) and the MA Department of Community Development.

The Town of Montague will accept and open all proposals received at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, in Turners Falls, MA by 3 p.m., November 28, 2017. Postmarks will not be considered. Proposals submitted by fax or email will not be considered. Five (5) copies of the proposal are required. The envelope containing the proposal shall be marked “MONTAGUE FY2018 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL.”

For a copy of the RFP, please contact Bruce Hunter, HRA, by phone at (413) 863-9781 x133 or email: bhunter@fcrhrra.org. For additional information, please contact Walter Ramsey, Town Planner, at (413) 863-3200 x112.

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Thursday, November 16
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\$57,400 contract for the design of Rutters Park in Lake Pleasant. He also sought approval of contracts for four social services programs.

The selectboard approved both, which will be funded by the 2017 federal Community Development Block Grant.

The board voted on updates to the town’s Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) policies, executed a memorandum of understanding with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for technical assistance for disaster planning, and approved participation in the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services District through 2021.

Rich Kuklewicz announced that the Gill-Montague Regional School District would be on next week’s agenda to discuss its large state funding cuts caused by past overpayments of Medicaid reimbursements.

The next meeting will be on November 13 at 7 p.m.



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Una entrevista a Lucio Pérez: La lucha para permanecer con su familia.



Lucio, en la iglesia que le está dando refugio.

Por VICTORIA MAÍLLO

AMHERST – Desde el 18 de octubre, Lucio Pérez se encuentra refugiado en la First Congregational Church de Amherst. Me entrevisté con Lucio hace algunas semanas y la primera pregunta fue acerca de qué le hizo dejar su país. Él me contestó que no estaría aquí si la situación en su país no fuera la que es. Nadie que no haya estado en esa situación puede saber lo que alguien tiene que pasar para dejar su casa, su familia, sus costumbres y su lengua para ir a buscar algo mejor para su familia. Lucio me dice que cada día pide a Dios que le dé fuerzas para poder resistirlo. En la iglesia siempre hay gente acompañándole, que le ayudan si necesitan cualquier cosa. Lucio tiene cuatro hijos, tres de los cuales han nacido en los Estados Unidos.

Lucio llegó a los Estados Unidos en 1999. Durante su estancia en Estados Unidos murió su padre y no pudo volver a su país para los funerales. Lucio nació en Tacana- San marcos, una zona rural de Guatemala, un lugar con mucha violencia y pocas oportunidades. A las siete de la tarde era imposible salir a la calle por causa de la violencia. Era un lugar donde había pandillas que robaban y asaltaban a la gente, y donde la vida no valía nada.

Decidió venirse a los Estados Unidos el día que un grupo de delincuentes lo golpeó para robarle y casi lo dan por muerto debido a los golpes en la cabeza. Su familia estaba muy preocupada, ya que casi no disponían del dinero para pagar por los medicamentos. Cuando se recuperó y después de haberlo pensado mucho, decidió pedir dinero prestado a su padre y emprender el viaje. Había escuchado de su hermana que vivía en Delaware que las condiciones en el norte eran diferentes.

Lucio consiguió el dinero y con este pagó a coyotes que le ayudaron a cruzar la frontera a cambio de unos 70.000 quetzales para ayudar a pasar a México. Hizo parte del viaje en carro y la última parte, al pasar el borde en Nogales, andando.

El viaje no fue fácil, le robaron, fue abandonado por los coyotes en un túnel inundado, pero logró llegar a Delaware.

Más tarde su mujer pasó la frontera con un tío. Si el camino es difícil para un hombre, puedes imaginar cómo es para una mujer. Su primer hijo había nacido en Guatemala, y allí se quedó con los abuelos. Su hijo pasó su infancia pensando que lo habían abandonado, aunque Lucio siempre ha tratado de explicarle que lo hizo todo para que él tuviera una vida mejor.

Las alternativas de Lucio son difi-

ciles, pero él confía en su fe y tiene esperanza. Debía haber sido deportado el 19 de octubre, y ya había comprado el billete como el ICE le había ordenado, pese a no haber recibido ninguna respuesta sobre su apelación y el estado de su situación.

Días antes de ese día se enteró de que su hija llevaba noches sin dormir llorando pensando que su padre se tenía que ir a Guatemala. Se hizo el fuerte y tratando de no llorar, para no mostrar eso a sus hijos, decidió hacer lo posible para no dejar a su familia. Durante este tiempo su familia ha sufrido la angustia de la situación e incluso las calificaciones de la escuela de sus hijos han bajado debido al estrés por la preocupación sobre el estado de su padre.

La historia de Lucio es conocida porque ha salido en los periódicos. En 2009, un sábado caluroso de verano, su patrón le dijo que fuera a regar por dos horas, así que aprovecharon el día para ir con toda la familia. Pararon en una plaza a comprar unas bebidas, y al no haber espacio para aparcar, Lucio puso la luz de emergencia. Estaba pidiendo las bebidas cuando vio que su esposa entró en el establecimiento para ir al baño, sus hijos se habían quedado solos en el auto y en ese momento un oficial se acercó al coche para ver qué pasaba. En solamente un minuto todo cambió para su familia. El policía le dijo que debía llevarlos detenidos por abandono de familia y que podrían salir con una fianza de mil dólares.

Los llevaron a todos, incluidos los niños, a un lugar de detención donde fueron encerrados. Un poco más tarde, le dijeron a Lucio que alguien quería hablar con él por teléfono. Al otro lado de la línea, un hombre le hizo unas preguntas sobre cómo había entrado al país. En ese momento, Lucio sin saberlo estaba hablando con un oficial de inmigración. Lucio respondió cándidamente con la verdad y fue detenido. Le encerraron en una celda y Lucio se puso a rezar pidiéndole a Dios que le ayudara. Allí estuvo incomunicado, y ni siquiera

tuvo un abogado de oficio.

De ahí, lo llevaron a Hartford donde permaneció por una noche esperando la deportación. A las tres de la mañana lo levantaron y lo metieron en otra celda hasta las cinco de la mañana en que lo llevaron a ser entrevistado por un oficial de ICE. Hicieron un seguimiento y vieron que no había tenido ningún problema con la justicia y podía salir con una fianza.

Le dejaron en un cuarto, donde el oficial le llevó una hamburguesa para comer y le permitió llamar a su esposa. Le dijeron que podría permanecer en el país y le pusieron un grillete en el tobillo para controlar donde iba. En ningún momento tuvo posibilidad de hablar con un abogado. Cada semana debía ir a firmar y también los oficiales de inmigración iban a su casa para comprobar su estado.

En 2009 le recomendaron una abogada que no le dio las instrucciones necesarias para poder defenderse. Lucio no presentó recibos de que había estado en el país durante diez años.

Y en 2010 debido a eso tuvo una orden de deportación, así que la abogada le dijo que si quería podía apelar. En ese momento su abogada desapareció y no pudo contactar con ella.

Un día, le llamaron de la oficina de inmigración para decirle que su apelación había sido cancelada. Estaba manejando solo en el coche y el cielo se le vino encima. Las autoridades le volvieron a poner el grillete que le habían quitado por unos meses para poder seguir comprobando cada uno de sus movimientos.

Lucio contrató otro abogado, un mejicano al que pagó más de 10.000 dólares y le dijo que no le prometía nada. Al no conocer el sistema, Lucio no sabía qué hacer, el abogado le dijo que iba a intentar reabrir el caso y conseguir que su caso fuera declarado nulo.

En estos momentos, Lucio tiene un nuevo abogado y está esperando que reabran su caso. Si quieren colaborar con Lucio de alguna manera, póngase en contacto con **Pioneer Valley Workers Center** en Northampton.

Después del huracán: Una historia real contada por Joshua.

Por VICTORIA MAÍLLO



Joshua posando en la clase de español de FCTS.

NORTHFIELD – Joshua Rivera Ortiz tiene 14 años y vivía en Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. Estaba en su primer año en una escuela vocacional donde empezaba a visitar los diferentes talleres: barbería, cosmetología, primeros auxilios y electricidad. Le gustaba especialmente el taller de soldadura.

Joshua vivía allí con su madre y su hermano Jeremy. En su tiempo libre se divertía con sus amigos del barrio jugando a la pelota (béisbol) y al fútbol.

El viernes 15 de septiembre un profesor de la escuela les dijo que se acercaba el huracán María y que posiblemente fuera a afectar a la isla. Esa misma noche el huracán llegó y devastó la isla.

La casa de Joshua tenía ventanas de seguridad, pero el viento era tan fuerte que parecía entrar por ellas. Joshua y su hermano se apostaron detrás de ellas y a través de las pequeñas aberturas pasaron la noche observando la situación. Según su relato hasta las cinco de la mañana todo parecía tranquilo a pesar de las fuertes ráfagas de viento.

A las seis de la mañana vieron que las casas del vecindario habían perdido las ventanas, las puertas y algunos tejados habían volado. El barrio estaba destrozado, nada estaba en pie. Las calles estaban llenas de fango. En la casa de su abuelo, justamente al otro lado de la calle, una palmera cayó encima de parte de la casa. Algunas casas, incluso las construidas de cemento, se habían derrumbado.

Los postes de luz estaban en el piso, y los cables en el suelo. Los transformadores perdían aceite, derramándose por el suelo y era muy peligroso para la salud. Lo que no había destrozado el viento, lo destrozó el agua. Su casa permaneció en pie aunque estaba inundada con agua hasta un metro de altura. Joshua perdió gran parte de los objetos de su habitación: su material escolar, libros, e incluso una computadora.

No había luz, las bombas de agua no funcionaban, y las comunicaciones se habían hecho imposibles. Las escuelas se convirtieron en refugios ante la falta de lugares para atender las necesidades más prioritarias. La Cruz Roja repartió algunas cajas de agua, que eran insuficientes, y Joshua tuvo que hacer una cola de cinco horas para conseguir agua y comida

en el supermercado. Su escuela estaba en parte siendo utilizada como refugio, y en parte había quedado destrozada por el agua, así que no tenía clases.

Joshua me ha hablado de la solidaridad de los vecinos ayudándose unos a otros a limpiar sus casas, y de su resistencia ante la adversidad, como cuando los vecinos por las noches, ante la falta de energía eléctrica, se juntan en un lugar a jugar al dominó y a hacer planes para el día siguiente.

Su tía Sandra vive en Northfield y pudo comunicarse con la madre de Joshua. Así fue como de un día para otro Joshua se enteró de que se iba a Massachusetts con su hermano. Nunca antes había salido de la isla, ni había montado en avión.

Se despidió llorando de sus amigos y familiares, y aunque tenía miedo ante lo desconocido, estaba feliz de iniciar una aventura.

El viaje en coche hasta el aeropuerto de San Juan no fue fácil. La carretera estaba llena de escombros y ramas de árboles caídos. Joshua y su hermano observaban por la ventanilla la destrucción creada por María: casas sin tejado, postes de luz en el suelo y carros hundidos en el fango.

Al llegar a NYC, Joshua se quedó fascinado con las luces y el ambiente. Eso sí, le pareció que hacía mucho frío.

Ahora vive en Northfield con su tía Sandra. Le parece un lugar muy bonito, con gente amigable, que intenta hablar español con él. Extraña algunas cosas de su Puerto Rico natal como salir por el barrio a jugar al baloncesto con sus amigos. Y aunque echa de menos a sus amigos, le gusta mucho su nueva escuela: Franklin County Technical School. Allí ya ha hecho amigos y todos quieren ayudarle y me dice, casi en secreto, que ya se ha acostumbrado a su nueva vida en los Estados Unidos.

OPINIÓN

El sainete español y catalán.

Por VICTORIA MAÍLLO

¿Adiós, España?

Hace un mes que el sainete saltó a los medios, en concreto el 1 de octubre, y desde entonces me han hecho miles de preguntas acerca de qué está pasando en España.

Va a ser difícil explicar en unas líneas un tema tan complejo como este en que se mezclan diferentes conceptos sociales, políticos, culturales y económicos, así que voy a dar mi opinión acerca del sainete, mitad drama, mitad comedia en que se ha convertido la política española y catalana en estos meses.

Los actores principales son el Partido Popular (Mariano Rajoy, Aznar), partido que gobierna en mayoría en el Parlamento español, y su antagonista, el antiguamente conocido como Convergencia i Unió (Artur Mas, Jordi Pujol) y ahora conocido como Partit Demòcrata Català encabezado por Carles Puigdemont como President de la Generalitat. Y no podemos olvidarnos de unos secundarios de lujo como los diferentes partidos independentistas convencidos

como ERC y la CUP.

En mi humilde opinión no seríamos ahora espectadores de este sainete de teatrillo de pueblo si esta tragicomedia no hubiera sido diseñada por los miembros de los partidos políticos que son actores principales de esta función.

No puede ser casualidad que Artur Mas, que hasta entonces había sido miembro del partido en el que militaba la burguesía catalana y gran parte de los grandes empresarios de Cataluña. Este partido había gobernado siempre con la ayuda tacita del PP y viceversa, y en el momento que de repente empiezan a aparecer causas contra su partido por casos de corrupción y enriquecimiento ilícito, el más grave de todos ellos es el conocido caso de Jordi Pujol, expresidente de la Genralitat y al frente de Convergencia i Unió durante todos sus años en política, Mas decide cambiar el rumbo de su partido y romper con todo lo anterior convirtiéndose en un partido independentista radical.

Por otro lado el caso Gürtel y otros anexos destapaban cada vez más casos de corrupción en el Partido Popular, y algunas voces apuntan a que los hilos llegan hasta el mismísimo Mariano Rajoy. El 24 de octubre de 2017, en

plena representación del sainete, la Fiscal Anticorrupción proclamó que la existencia de una caja b en la financiación y enriquecimiento ilícito del PP había quedado debidamente demostrada. Una noticia que los periódicos españoles y por supuesto los extranjeros pasaron casi de puntillas ante la representación con fanfarrias y banderas del sainete.

Y mientras tanto la representación en diferentes actos seguía su curso, ahora yo doy esta declaración, ahora te envío a las fuerzas de seguridad, pues yo convoco un referéndum con urnas de cartón, y así como si fuera un patio de colegio.

Lo malo es que detrás de ello están ciudadanos que han sido adoctrinados por uno y otro bando, y que han salido con las diferentes banderas a la calle (cuando las banderas no se ven en España más que en partidos de la selección de fútbol), se han enfrentado familias, y estos mismo ciudadanos seguirán votando a estos políticos que han empobrecido su nación a cuenta de haberse enriquecido ellos.

Y ahora el sainete continúa con el acto final, yo te encarceló, tú me conviertes en héroe, y mientras a río revuelto, ganancia de pescadores.

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HURRICANE from page A1

Joshua lost a great part of his belongings in his room, his school materials, books, and even a computer.

There was no power, no water flowing to the houses, and communicating with anyone was impossible. Schools were turned into shelters, because of the lack of places that provided first aid.

The Red Cross distributed bottled water, which was not enough, and Joshua had to wait in line for five hours to get water and food from the supermarket. Part of his school was being used as a shelter, and the other part had been destroyed by the water, so he could not attend school.

Joshua told me about his neighbors' kindness by helping each other clean their houses, and their resilience against adversity – like when his neighbors at night, because they

had no power, would gather somewhere to play dominoes and to make plans for the next day.

Joshua's aunt Sandra lives in Northfield, and was able to contact his mother. And just as one day turns into the other, he got the news that he was going to Massachusetts with his brother.

Joshua had never been outside of the island, and he had never been on a plane before. He said goodbye to his friends and family crying for them, and even if he was afraid of the unknown, he was excited for a new adventure.

The car ride to the airport in San Juan was not easy. The roads were full of debris and branches of fallen trees. Joshua and his brother look at the destruction caused by Maria: houses without roofs, light posts on the ground, and cars sink-

ing in the mud.

When he arrived in NYC, Joshua was fascinated by the lights and the atmosphere. But he did feel that it was really cold.

Now he lives with his aunt in Northfield. He thinks it is beautiful, and has kind people, who try to speak Spanish with him.

He says he does miss some things from Puerto Rico, like going out in the neighborhood and playing basketball with his friends. Even though he misses his friends, he really likes his new school, Franklin County Technical School, where he has made many friends, and they all want to help him out.

And he told me, almost as if it was a secret, that he has gotten used to his new life in the United States.



NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

Dogs, Trash, Routers and Setbacks

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Three people were scheduled to attend the Wendell selectboard's November 1 meeting, but only two came. The one who did not was scheduled for a dog hearing – a second dog hearing, about the same dog, running unleashed again, after one hearing and a warning.

Town coordinator Nancy Aldrich said she got a telephone call informing her that both the dog and the owner had moved from town. Aldrich did not expect the dog owner to attend, and that expectation held true.

The town's IT specialist, Peter Golrick, told board members that personal affairs have delayed his work. So far, he has talked to town officials about their computer use and needs, and now he is set to begin the next phase. He hopes to meet the town technology committee members, and with them, establish a secure and automatic backup for work done on town department computers.

The office building's WiFi signal comes from a router at the north side of the building, and the signal is weak in the selectboard office at the building's south side. The town coordinator's internet connection is wired.

Golrick plans to establish a secure clerks' network in the selectboard's office with a second router in the building's south side. Any clerk from a town board will be able to use the laptop from a meeting and be connected to the town's website, while complying with the state's public records law.

Town officials have been using personal email, and to comply with the records law they should be using a separate town system for town business, making those emails available without showing their personal emails. For that, Golrick could use an outside server, but he prefers to establish a town server. Software

and hardware for that would cost \$1,200, which can be covered by the town's IT account. Between himself and Wendell citizen Robert Heller, he hopes that someone is always available to correct any problem with the system.

The third scheduled visitor, Jan Ameen from the Franklin County Solid Waste District, had a list of messages. She has asked to be invited to county towns, partly to tell selectboards what the waste district is doing, and what else it can offer towns.

The district does annual inspections of town recycling facilities, and has found that Wendell's WRATS is well run. Wendell has been paid \$735 for the recycled materials the town has sent to the Springfield materials recovery facility. The free store, food waste recycling, pellet bag collection and recycling, and other features of the WRATS combine to give Wendell "points," which have earned Wendell \$4,900 in available grant money, which can be used for transfer station improvement, but not for trash management.

The solid waste district, Ameen said, "is happy to solve problems," such as balancing payments and costs, and setting user fees to match expenses.

Compacted trash is now sent to a landfill in Chicopee, but that is expected to be closed in 2018. After that it may be sent to Southbridge, but that landfill is expected to close fairly soon as well. There are landfills in New York state. Agawam has an incinerator, but incinerators have issues as well. There are no good choices. Ameen said that Sweden and Norway are importing trash. The DEP defines trash as a "renewable resource."

The WRATS sits in front of Wendell's former landfill, which is uncapped, and now has a new cover of concrete debris. Every two years Ameen sends a report to the

DEP, but she is not sure if anyone there reads it.

The scheduled dog hearing did not happen. Dog officer Maggie Houghton came in case the dog owner did show up and she said the dog in question was a good dog, just unleashed.

Selectboard members' efforts to call dog owners about their unlicensed dogs were mixed. Dan Keller said he left messages and no one has called him back so far. Chair Christine Heard said that those she spoke with are trying. Jeoffrey Pooser was not at the meeting, but Heard relayed that he found most of the people he spoke with were cooperative, and had already licensed their dogs or were planning to do it.

Houghton suggested that people might have licensed their dogs with the town clerk, or be about to license their dogs, and that information has not reached the selectboard yet. She knew of three or four who had done that. Before their next meeting the selectboard will check which owners have complied with the law before considering their next steps.

The town surveyor has found that the community solar array being considered for town-owned land attached to the house at 97 Wendell Depot Road can comply with required wetland setbacks, but if the lots are separated, its setback from the house lot would be too small.

Con com chair Robin Heubel calculated (roughly) that if this solar project makes the same payments per kilowatt as the other Wendell Depot Road solar project, the town would make more money from solar energy than it would from property taxes on the house and lot.

Mahar High School and Middle School invited the Wendell selectboard to their Veterans Day observances on Thursday, November 9. Keller said that he normally goes with former selectboard member Ted Lewis.

BRIDGE from page A1

Franklin County Bikeway.

She gave a brief history of how the current bridge came to be, noting that the damage to the site originally inflicted by the railroad, combined with the local soil conditions, made it impossible to reconstruct a bridge that was capable of handling automobile traffic, and that a bicycle and pedestrian bridge ended up being a terrific compromise.

This was echoed by Representative Steve Kulik and officials from MassDOT. Kulik spoke of how working with the railroad, an entity with enormous power and little accountability, over the past two decades was more complicated than anything he has worked with in state government. He thanked FRCOG, MassDOT, the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, and town of Montague for their hard work in making the bridge a reality, and especially thanked local residents for their input and continued pressure about the absence of a bridge at that location for almost 18 years.

A MassDOT official spoke about how the immediate area of Greenfield and Hatchery roads represented a \$10 million investment in local infrastructure, with the bridge alone being \$3.1 million. He said he considered it a great investment, describing the challenges posed by the location's soil and railroad history which had ended up requiring an expensive and innovative lightweight bridge incorporating large blocks of polystyrene foam in its abutments.

Town administrator Steve Ellis prepared the crowd for a bigger opening event, possibly in the spring. He noted the importance of the bridge as helping to transform

Montague into a destination where people will want to linger, and not just travel through. He noted that several cyclists use the bridge daily to commute from Montague Center and beyond to downtown Greenfield and Turners Falls for work.

Alden Booth, of the Greenfield Bicycle Coalition, interjected that the bridge was a prime example of great bicycle infrastructure, connecting two safe, low-traffic roads which help to protect cyclists from the dangerous high-speed traffic on Turners Falls Road:

"This area is noted for having some of the best cycling in the country, with regards to communities, [roads], and infrastructure," Booth said. "Local citizens and government 'get' the fact that people use bicycles for daily transportation, and how adventure economics helps the area."

Peter Hudyma, who has lived on Greenfield Road since 1980, uses the bridge quite a bit to take trips to the Bookmill and to Sunderland. "It makes it easier on my older bones, not having to cross the railroad tracks and climb up and down the muddy bank," Hudyma said, noting that after the original bridge was taken down, cyclists still crossed the tracks frequently, sometimes having to climb through parked freight cars that were in the way.

Beth Giannini, transportation planner for FRCOG, said she was extremely excited about the bridge. "[It makes] a link along bike route that is one of the loveliest in Franklin County," she said, allowing access to Montague Center from the rail trail in Turners Falls, and fitting in with the agency's broader transportation plan for region.



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Chloe Ellis, Taylor Murphy, and Emma Miner took turns serving, and then the teams switched sides.

I felt a wave of pity when the Lady Rams tried to keep battling in the second match, and I'm glad Coach Kelly Liimatainen began substituting liberally. The Rams hung tough early, keeping the margin to 11-9, but then Blue went on a devastating run and went up to 20-10. Blue maintained the double digit lead and held on to win by a final of 25-14. In this match, many of Turners' points were scored on kill shots. Several of the Blue Ladies recorded kills including Sarah Waldron, Hailey Bogusz, and Dabney Rollins.

In the third match, Southwick fought back from a deficit of 22-12 to pull within 2 points, 24-22, but that was all she wrote for the Lady Rams. After a short volley, one of the Rams hit the ball a little too hard. Turners' back court let it go by, it went long, and Turners advanced in the playoffs.

Then on Monday, November 6, Easthampton came to town.

In the first match, Turners kept a 2- or 3-point lead until the score was 17 all. Easthampton scored the next point – and then the next seven straight, taking the opener 25-17.

Two months ago, Turners had defeated these Eagles 3-1 in the first game of the season. This initial win set the tone for the 2017 season and was the first of ten straight wins. But dropping the opening match against a great team like Easthampton was bad news for Powertown.

In the second match of Monday's game, Turners came out of the gates fast and took an early lead 14-6. Blue stayed out in front until the score was 21-13. That's when Easthampton made a run and tied it up. The teams traded points, and with the score tied at 23, an intended spike went long for Blue and Easthampton took the lead 24-23.

On match point, Easthampton hit the ball long and Turners got one more chance. Miner came to the line, and two aces later, Turners won the match 26-24.

The pivotal third match was important for both teams. But Easthampton pulled out all the stops, skyrocketing to a 19-10 lead and taking the rubber match 25-15.

The loss pushed Blue to verge of elimination, and they took no chances in the fourth match. They pulled out to an 18-7 lead and never looked back, coasting to a 12 point victory, 25-13.

The last match of the night would be the last of the season for one team. To add to the pressure, the winner only needed 15 points, so every play was important.

The fans had been loud all night, especially in the Eagles' bleachers. Their entire section cheered in unison while clapping and stomping. But before this fifth and deciding match, the noise was deafening. As the girls were huddled with their coaches, the East fans began chanting, "Let's go Ea-gles!" while Turners' fans matched it with "Let's go T. F.!" When the girls took the court, both groups were chanting at the same time.

It looked bad for Blue when Easthampton scored the all-important first point, and worse when Turners fell behind 4-1.

One of the Turners Falls volleyball team's three regular-season losses came during a five-match game against Lenox. In that game, Blue lost the final match 15-10. So, knowing full well that it was win or go home, they battled back – and led 8-5 when the teams switched sides.

When Turners expanded that lead to 13-5, the Hampton fans got a little quieter. But after Turners eliminated Easthampton 15-7, they got louder again. This time they chanted, "Thank you sen-iors. Thank you sen-iors!"

Whew. The win gave Turners the chance to revenge their 2008 loss against the Frontier Red Hawks.

Two days later, the Blue Ladies tried to upset the reigning D3 West Champs. Turners started out strong, with a 10-5 lead during the opening match, but Frontier came back to tie it at 13, and took the first, 25-18.

The Hawks carried that momen-

tum into the second match, taking the first 6 points and then going on to win 25 to 8.

The final match involved many long volleys, and it was clear neither team wanted to lose, but the final score – just before press time for this article – was 25 to 10.

"They hung in, in the first match," coach Liimatainen told me, "but then they started making mistakes."

"I'm really proud of my team this year," she added. The loss put Turners' final record at 18-4, the best season the team has seen in nearly 40 years.

Golf

Last week I wrote that the Franklin Tech Golf Team finished third in Western Mass, and went on to play in the state tournament. However, I neglected to mention all of Tech's golfers. Although they fielded six golfers in those contests, only the top four accounted for the team score. So in the Western Mass finals, Michael Patnode (86), Michael McGoldrick (88), Hunter Sessions (94) and Travis Cutting (98) accounted for Tech's points, while Nathan Pelletier 99 was only a stroke behind.

In the State tournament, the Franks shot a 358, combining the scores of McGoldrick (86), Patnode (89), Sessions (91) and Pelletier (92). Cutting (94) and Jordan DiGeorge (125) also swung for Tech.

The Franklin Tech Golf Team finished their season with a perfect 16-0 regular season record.

Football

On Friday, November 3 the Turners Falls football team defeated the Mohawk Warriors 27-14. The victory gives the team a 5-4 record heading into a November 10 showdown with Pioneer.

Something was different in Friday's game. **Bill Roberts**, who has been the announcer at Turners Falls football games forever, was absent. In Mr. Roberts' place, Bob Brown called the game.

Last week Powertown knocked Easthampton out of playoff contention, beating them 27-14. This week

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they beat Mohawk by an identical score, and in the process rose above .500 for the first time this season.

Turners scored on their opening drive in Friday's game. Marching from their own 31, Powertown used a mix of runs and passes to move the ball to the Warriors' 5-yard line, where John Torres scored the squad's first TD of the evening. The kick was blocked, and at 5:49, Turners led 6-0.

Mohawk answered at 5:03 of the second quarter, and after getting the 2-PAT, they took an 8-6 lead. But the Warriors' lead would last 4 minutes and 5 seconds.

With 57.7 left in the half, Andy Craver ran the ball into the end zone, Kyle Dodge ran a keeper for the 2-PAT and at the whistle, Turners had taken back the lead, 14-8.

Turners padded their edge when Craver caught a Dodge pass with 1:57 left in the third quarter. Tyler Lavin kicked the extra point, and Turners found themselves on top 21-8.

Eighty seconds later, Mohawk scored a quick TD to pull within 7 points, but Blue prevented the PAT,

and Turners led 21-14 going into the final quarter.

Turners' final scoring drive began on their own 7-yard line, and a penalty pushed them back to the 3. From there, they moved 97 yards capped off by a Dodge-Craver 39-yard passing play. The kick hit the goalpost, putting the final score at 27-14.

Under center, Dodge went 8 for 11, for 197 yards and 3 touchdowns. Five different Powertown receivers caught his passes: Ryan Campbell (three, for 51 yards), Craver (two, for 78), and one each for Jaden Whiting, Jon Fritz, and John Driscoll.

On the ground, Torres was the workhorse with 83 yards on 22 carries. Campbell (46 yards), J. Driscoll (27), Craver (9), and Whiting (7) also ran the ball for Turners.

On the defensive side of the ball, J Driscoll led with 14 tackles. Other Turners players with multiple tackles included Lavin (nine), Torres (seven), Hadyn Patenaude (six), Liam Driscoll (five), Craver (four), Jake Wilson and Dominic Carne (three), and Jack Putala, Whiting, and Dodge, with two each.



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A Talk with Ted Neeley, Star of “Jesus Christ Superstar”

By GEORGE BRACE

GREENFIELD – On Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, Ted Neeley and Bob Bingham, who played Jesus and Caiaphas in the “Jesus Christ Superstar” movie, will host a sing-along screening of a digitally remastered copy of the film at the Hawks & Reed Performing Arts Center in Greenfield. On Friday night they will be joined by Kurt Yaghjian, who played Annas.

There will also be a costume contest, judged by the stars, and people are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite character or in ‘70s hippie and/or apostle garb.

After the screenings the actors will host meet-and-greets and will be happy to chat with folks, take pictures, and sign memorabilia. There will also be a sneak peak of a forthcoming documentary about the making of the film.

The now-classic rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice is based on the Gospels and tells the stories of Jesus and his contemporaries before the resurrection. While faithful to the bible stories, the musical focuses on an interpretation of the psychology and interpersonal relationships of the well-known figures present during the last week of Jesus’ life.

Mr. Neeley has been performing the role of Jesus on stage worldwide to packed audiences since the movie’s release in 1973, most recently finishing up a three-year run in Europe. The current film tour, however, is the first time he has officially hosted a sing-along. A boundlessly positive, friendly, and thoughtful person, Mr. Neeley has a unique perspective on the musical and is enthusiastic about sharing it.

The Ted Talk

We began by asking him about a review of his performance in a 10,000-seat venue in Rotterdam, Holland earlier this year. The reviewer simply said, “Neeley always brings it.”

TN: *[Laughing.]* Yeah, I have this bag of potatoes I carry around. But really, it’s just amazing. It never gets old. Every time we do it, I feel it’s like the first time all over again, and that’s because of the magnificent music, the lyrics – the whole concept.

And people everywhere tell me this film helped them discover their religious beliefs, that they’ve used it in their church and their homes. And I am so honored just to still be a part of it. It’s just incredible, you know?

MR: *Forty-four years is a long time. Do you do anything special to get pumped up for a performance?*

TN: All I do, honestly, is put on that robe and walk on stage. And let me tell you this, because it’s a thrill for me every night, it’s what pumps it up to that place where I don’t have to do anything but just be there. *[Laughing.]*

We always get together backstage half an hour before the show... and we can hear the hum of the audience coming in.... As it gets closer and closer to curtain call it gets louder and louder, until they announce “It’s 5 minutes until curtain” and start bringing down the lights. And then the voices get softer and softer, until a minute before the first downbeat when it’s dead silence, just absolute silence, and then before the curtain opens the guitar comes in *[Ted vocalizes the guitar intro with gusto]*, and the minute that happens, the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ted Neeley

whole audience responds.

It’s a rush of positive energy that just hits that curtain and knocks it open! And by the time that overture is finished with all that magical dancing and the band just kicking hard out there... The theme music starts, and I come up out of the floor, and it’s just breathtaking. And the audience throws that energy to us and we do our best to throw the energy back, and there’s this magnificent circle of human spiritual energy which is always in the air.

MR: *Pope Francis is a fan?*

TN: I have been performing in Italy over the past three years and I was lucky enough to get to meet the Pope. I had heard he was a human being first and so forth, and was so excited and honored to meet him. He said to me, “Ted, you’re doing a good job. Please keep doing what you’re doing because we have people talk to us all the time about JCS. You’re helping us carry the message.”

I thanked him and said, “I love you for what you’re saying, sir, but I am a rock’n’roll drummer from Texas who screams high notes

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The “Hosanna” scene from the 1973 film version of “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

Our Local Farm History: Challenging the “Decline” Narrative

WENDELL – Local author and historian Cathy Stanton will give a presentation on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. at the Wendell Free Library. Her talk will be based on her recent book entitled *A Quabbin Farm Album*.

Stanton’s work challenges the common story that farming declined or even disappeared in New England’s hill towns because of poor soil and bad management. *A Quabbin Farm Album* tells a more complicated story of continual adaptation and reinvention as the region’s economy became more oriented toward manufacturing

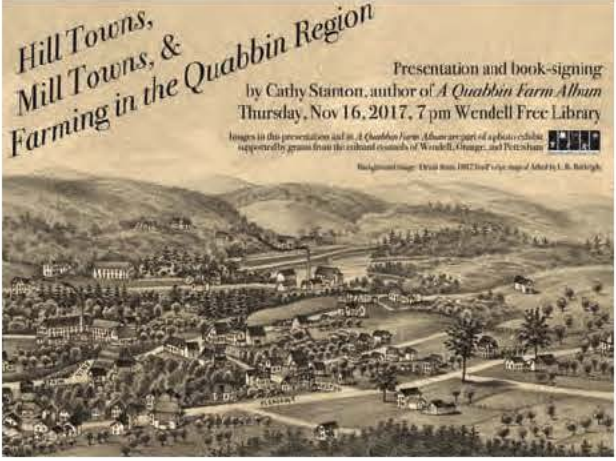
in the 19th and 20th centuries, and then struggled to recover from the still-ongoing loss of industry.

Stanton is a long-time area resident who currently lives in Wendell. She teaches anthropology at Tufts University and has written widely about the uses of history in present-day life. With Michelle Moon, she is co-author of another recent book, *Public History and the Food Movement: Adding the Missing Ingredient*.

A Quabbin Farm Album is published by Haley’s in Athol. The book is based on a 2015 project called Farm Values: Civic Agriculture at the Crossroads, which explored the histories of six area farms in six central Massachusetts towns. The book is available in area stores or online at quabbinfarmalbum.com. Stanton will sign copies after her November 16 presentation in Wendell.

A Quabbin Farm Album features images by Northampton photographer Oliver Scott Snure, whose work will be displayed digitally during the presentation and at a future exhibit in the Wendell Free Library gallery. The photo exhibit is sponsored in part by grants from the cultural councils of Wendell, Orange, and Petersham, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, see cathystanton.net.



Glass Art to Amaze You

By NINA ROSSI

LEVERETT – If glass art is considered “eye candy,” then the “oh beautiful glass!” exhibit at the Leverett Crafts & Arts gallery has got to be the most lovely box of ocular bonbons ever presented in one place locally. As the world outside turns dark and dreary, do yourself a great favor and sample this show on one of the remaining weekends of November before it disappears at the end of the month.

These eighteen glass artists handle their material with a great variety of techniques, and their idea and approach are very diverse, making this an exciting show to visit. Colleen Grebus’ statement explaining the appeal of glass puts it well:

“Capturing the light and transforming it is everything. The amazing qualities of glass – the way it reflects light while also transmitting it, refracting it and shifting colors have led me through my exploration of different glass medium. I work in glass because it touches all the senses. To me, it is sensual and alive. The feel, the form, the color touch my soul. Glass is solid but fragile, dense but fluid. It is unlike

any other art medium.”

The show is curated by Montague glass artist Sally Prasch. Prasch “called a bunch of her friends and asked them to show their work in the middle of nowhere,” according to Susan Mulholland, who showed me around the Barnes Gallery on Monday. Susan is a silk-screen printer, oil painter, and dyer who has maintained a studio at LCA for over 20 years. Prasch is not a member of LCA, but lives near gallery director Walter Burnham, and proposed the exhibit to him.

Prasch’s background is in fine art as well as scientific glass blowing. She teaches widely, including at the famous Nijima School in Japan, Penland School of Crafts, and Pilchuck Glass School. She has also taught scientific glass blowing and the properties of glass to chemistry and physics graduate students at UMass and elsewhere.

Her technical skills and artistic sensibilities elevate her work to what looked to me to be museum-quality items of wonder: witness two vessels constructed in collaboration with George Kennard. Kennard, who teaches glass blowing at

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MITCH MULHOLLAND PHOTO

Sally Prasch, glass artist and curator of the “oh beautiful glass!” exhibit at LCA, stands next to one of her pieces in the exhibit.



WEST ALONG THE RIVER NOVEMBER MOODS

By DAVID BRULE

ERVINGSIDE – Suddenly it’s November. With a flip of the calendar, the month has changed indoors, and here in the outside world, something different is going on too.

Nature has seemed to begin withdrawing into herself, skies are sullen, birds are furtive. But there’s still a red rosebud giving lie to the somber mood. The last rose of the summer, holding out against the grayness of our days is all the more beautiful against the blanched-out leaves and stems of her summer flower companions.

Here in New England, we know what this season is about. We’ll be living in this dormant landscape for the next six months, or at least until snow covers all.

*My November Guest... thinks these dark days of autumn rain
Are beautiful as days can be;
She loves the bare, the withered tree;
She walks the sodden pasture lane.*

A mile away, the sullen Connecticut flows deeply and quietly, irresistibly down its ancient valley. Water is gray, sky gray, vague swirls in the current at the bend, last leaves sailing on the ruffled surface.

Beyond the bare trees here, our west-flowing river still rushes to join the Connecticut, but its hurtling waters have slowed. The sound of water against river stone still reaches

us into the kitchen and upstairs bedrooms, but now diminished.

Out here, the brilliant flames of October have burned out. No bird sings but for discreet lisps and discussions among themselves in muted tones. They are now more than ever intent on finding food.

*She’s glad the birds are gone away,
She’s glad her simple worsted gray
Is silver now with clinging mist.*

In fact our summer birds have gone away. The oriole, the tanager, and the melodious thrush far off to the south by now, enjoying the lush green of tropical treetops somewhere in Guatemala. But others remain with us, and still others come down from the north to spend the winter here.

A massive Northern Raven has taken to flying low over the yard every morning in the frosty air, on his daily path to the marsh across the

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Golden Crowned Kinglet

Pet of the Week

True to her name, Junipurr keeps her motor running for everyone who visits her in the adoption center. She is friendly and confident with both humans and other cats and could probably adjust to canine company with a slow introduction.

We don't know much about Junipurr's life before arriving at Dakin, but she has already won over many

hearts with her striking looks and sweet nature.

If you need a little more purr in your life, Junipurr might be the cat for you. Come meet her soon and prepare to be charmed!

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



“JUNIPURR”

Senior Center Activities NOVEMBER 13 to 17

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: 11/13
8 a.m. Foot Clinic Appts.
1 p.m. Knitting Circle
Tuesday: 11/14
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. A Matter of Balance
Wednesday: 11/15
9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach
12:30 p.m. Bingo
Thursday: 11/16
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. Cards & Games
Friday: 11/17 NO Writing Group

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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.

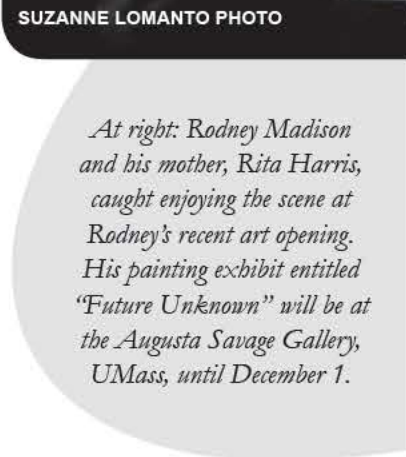
Monday: 11/13
9:30 a.m. Healthy Bones Balance
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi
Tuesday: 11/14
8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
9:30 a.m. COA Meeting
10 a.m. Stretching & Balance
Wednesday: 11/15
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga
12:15 p.m. Bingo, Snacks, Laughs
Thursday: 11/16
8:45 a.m. Aerobics
10 a.m. Healthy Bones
12:30 p.m. Holiday Crafters
Friday: 11/17
9 a.m. Quilting Workshop
9:30 a.m. Fun Bowling
11:15 Music, Magic, Movement

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.

FACES & PLACES



At left: Mark Lattanzi, Lisa Davol, and Monte Belmonte enjoy tastings at the Cider Salon at Unity Park during Cider Days. Now in its 23rd year, it is the largest cider event in the country.



At right: Rodney Madison and his mother, Rita Harris, caught enjoying the scene at Rodney's recent art opening. His painting exhibit entitled "Future Unknown" will be at the Augusta Savage Gallery, UMass, until December 1.



We always welcome pictures from readers! Send them to editor@montaguereporter.org.

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[laughing]. I am no Jesus, but I'm a lucky man and I couldn't be happier." Everybody laughed.

MR: Atheists?
TN: I can't tell you how many atheists have come to me over the years – freedom of faith, freedom of choice and religion. I think that's magnificent, and especially in a country like America, where there are so many varied versions of specific religious beliefs.

I don't think anybody should be forced to have a certain faith. The reason it's been so continuously successful, no matter who you are or what you do or do not believe, [is that] it doesn't tell you "this is right" or "this is wrong." It celebrates humanity through music. All sides. It doesn't say anybody's good or anybody's bad. It lays it out there for you, and you make your own decision. And the way the music is put together, it's a celebration whether you believe or you don't believe.

MR: What about the relevance of JCS today?
TN: We're in an era of confusion right now unlike anything I've ever seen in my life. And like I said, I'm 33 [laughing] – I've seen a few things.

What I think this piece has is the ability to speak to people for their own spiritual beliefs, and I don't mean spiritual religious, I'm talking about we're all human and we all have human spirit. And because of the way Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, both of whom are agnostic bordering on atheist, wrote this concept, [it] openly gives you that honest moment where you can question whether it's the real deal or not. You see? And you can celebrate it, or you can feel against it, you can say anything you want, and you'll find something still in this music that embraces your own personal beliefs.

What I'm saying is, there's something in the way that Tim and Andrew wrote this thing that I think touches the spiritual feelings of anybody, whether you're faithful

or don't believe in any of that. So it's a freedom, it's a sense of freeing everybody who comes to see it to embrace whatever they believe without feeling negative about it.

I can say honestly, and it's from my experience of doing it live all these years, it is even more powerful now than when we first did it. Because specifically in America due to the issues we're dealing with, people are looking for hope, some sign of hope, and they find it in this. Because it takes them completely away from that crap for a couple of hours. And it's celebratory, even though it deals with death, and bigotry, and other hard subjects.

MR: Given the power of the role, how do people perceive you?
TN: I've been doing this role for longer than most people have been alive: wearing the same costume, singing the same songs, and I honor it every day of my life. But I'm just up there pretending to be this person. I love people for seeing that maybe there's a spiritual connection, but believe me, I can't tell you what's right or wrong.

It's an unusual thing for whoever pretends the role of Jesus of Nazareth, no matter who's doing it. People are going to feel a connection, because it presents Jesus as a man. It's not talking about God or the son of God: it's about the people who walked the streets before crucifixion, before resurrection, when everybody knew this soft spoken, unbelievably honest, peaceful human being who was so different from everyone else.

And you look at that person through the eyes of his contemporaries: Judas, Mary, Pilate. Herod, Caiaphas, the apostles... you see a man going through the same changes that we all go through everyday.

So, it's not poking you in the face with religion. It's human spirituality.

I always meet with people after the show. In Rome, the show ends late and sometimes I'm there until sunrise. So many look at and feel the performance as a prayer meeting or a revival and as an experience that makes their lives better, so

what am I going to say? "Eh...get out of here, I gotta go have a beer" [laughing] I'm not going to do that. [More laughter.]

There are ministers everywhere I go who thank me for helping them deliver their sermons every Sunday. And I have to say, thank you for your kindness, but was I there? [Laughing.] I don't mean to make fun of it, that's not where I'm coming from at all. I am honoring it, absolutely honoring it.

People ask me questions as if I am an authority. Thank goodness I have the out to say, "I'm just a rock'n'roll drummer from Texas" [laughing]. I will speak to anybody, but I'm not about to start telling people what they're supposed to do. I'm just going to say thank you very much, and I'm so happy you had a good time. Come back and see us sometime.


MR: As for the screening, there will be captions, but what about those of us who can't sing a note?
TN: The whole idea is for people to feel free to do whatever they wish. If you can't sing at all it just doesn't matter. If you want to hum along, or just sit there – whatever. You'll have a good time.

It's also a costume contest, but you don't have to wear one. On the other hand, if you want to get up and dance in the aisles, or people want to choreograph stuff, that's all good, too!

Doors open at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 with a show time of 7 p.m. Ted, Bob, and, on Friday, Kurt will host meet-and-greets after the screenings. Everyone will get a chance to chat with them, get pictures taken, and items signed. (The cast will also host VIP receptions; tickets for those available separately at tedneeley.com.)

The actors will award special prizes for audience members winning "best costume" at the screenings. Tickets are available online at hawksandreed.com, and at the door – advance purchase is recommended.

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Rare Turners Pic Featured In Local Train Calendar!

By MIKE JACKSON

TURNERS FALLS – Greenfield historian Peter Miller stopped by the Reporter office this week to show off his recent find: a 1929 aerial photo of the railway operations at what is, today, the parking lot and bike path near First and L Streets in Turners.

We find it fair to endorse the handsome calendar it appears in, “Historic

Railroad Scenes: Franklin County,” available for \$12 at Sawyer News in Shelburne Falls, Hagers’ farmstand on Route 2 in Shelburne, the Historic Deerfield Museum Store, and at Baker Office Supply, Wilson’s, and World Eye in Greenfield.

Kudos to Peter, and to Allen Dreyer of Shelburne, who produced the calendar. See www.vhist.com/calendars/railfranklin for more info!



This aerial photograph of the Turners Falls turntable and engine house at Unity Park was taken July 1, 1929. It appears as the August 2018 issue of the “Historic Railroad Scenes: Franklin County” calendar, available for sale now.

CONCERT REVIEW

Benefit for the Sacred Stone Sites of New England

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

TURNERS FALLS – There are what is called “living prayers of stone,” created by the Native people of the area. But some of the ones around here are getting destroyed by gas pipeline projects. One of them being in Otis State Forest in Sandisfield, MA. A federal agency was supposed to enforce a Preservation Act to help with keeping these stones intact, but that’s not really working.

So the Narrangansett Indian Tribal Historical Preservation Office is asking for funds to help with taking the issue to court. Some of that fundraising was done at a benefit concert at the Shea Theater that I went to review on October 29. Various performers were a part of the concert.

Joe Graveline and Nina Gross were a duo that was on stage at the start of the concert. They played folk music, I believe, and Nina was on a fiddle. Joe sang beautifully while playing a guitar. I rather enjoyed his voice. I believe I could have listened to that for quite some time. That’s how enjoyable I found it. Joe Pod and Kathy Sylvester were the next duo on stage. Kathy sang all right, but I still liked Joe Graveline’s singing better. She played the guitar along side Pod’s guitar playing as well. I also liked that better than her singing. The duo playing of guitars was on key with each other, and didn’t sound out of sync to me.

Orlen and Gabriel were the third duo of the night. They performed folk music as well. Both of them sang together. I didn’t really find that singing to be enjoyable. It wasn’t horrible singing, I just didn’t enjoy it. They mentioned that a song they sang was by songwriter Irving Berlin. They weren’t exactly my favorite duo of the night. Their music at one point sounded like old-time country music, which I don’t like.

Kate O’Connor and Rico Spence were a little different than the other duos that performed that night. Rico was an electric guitar player. The sound from his guitar sounded like jazz music. Kate played a keyboard. Her singing voice wasn’t great sounding to me, but the duo brought some unique-sounding music to the stage.

Kate sang a song about what to do with natural resources, at one point. Their music just had a unique appeal to it. That probably draws people to see them, like those who came to the Shea that night.

I liked Joe and Nina the best out of the night. O’Connor and Rico were second best for me, when it came to the duo I liked next, partly due to their unique sound.

If even a few people enjoyed the concert the way I did, then I hope those individuals gave more than enough money, to make it so they can fight this in court well.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Costume Goes Overboard; A Safe Plane Crash; Blowing A Whistle (Ongoing Issue); Raccoons

Monday, 10/30

7:52 a.m. Caller from Federal Street reports that during last night’s storm, his carport blew into the air and landed on his neighbor’s roof.

2:07 p.m. Two-car accident with fluids at Lake Pleasant Road and Federal Street.

3:06 p.m. Bus company requesting assistance; they are dropping off students on Lake Pleasant Road and are unable to get through. On one end lines are down, and on the other end the crossing arms are down on the tracks (possibly due to power outage in area). Spoke with Pan Am Railways, who requested that the crossing arms be left as is; they will send a worker to the area. Units advised. Officers assisted bus driver.

Tuesday, 10/31

12:32 a.m. Caller from Fourth Street reporting that his upstairs neighbor was pouring some sort of liquid onto his porch. All units clear. Spoke with caller and other party. Unknown what liquid is or how it got there. Other party will be staying in for the night.

1:09 a.m. 911 call reporting disturbance in apartment next door; caller can hear yelling and a female telling people to get out of her apartment. All quiet upon arrival. Female stated that it was a disagreement about an appointment. Advised of noise complaint.

9:41 a.m. Caller reports that someone has dumped a large amount of household trash on the end of Depot Street. DPW notified.

5:38 p.m. Caller observed a piece of a sign post sticking up in the parking lot in front of Family Dollar; inquiring if a cone could be placed over it. Advised caller that due to this being on private property, the property owner or designee would have to address the issue.

7:19 p.m. Report of a male party in a mask and a three piece suit chasing people with a chainsaw on Main Street. Officers spoke with people in the area. Unable to locate. Will continue to be on lookout.

Wednesday, 11/1

3:10 p.m. Caller reporting that last night there was a man chasing people with a chainsaw in Montague Center. Advised caller to call immediately when incidents like this are in progress.

3:48 p.m. [REDACTED] was arrested on two straight warrants.

3:53 p.m. Another caller reporting that last night

there was a man chasing people with a chainsaw in Montague Center. Advised caller to call immediately when incidents like this are in progress.

4:01 p.m. Report of breaking and entering on Griswold Street; caller reports three broken windows. Investigated.

5:41 p.m. Caller complaining of a raccoon that has its head in a hole; concerned based on that observation that it might be rabid. Raccoon is approximately 50 yards into the woods. Advised caller that if raccoon comes out of the woods into her yard and appears sick, an officer will check on it, but that an officer would not be going into the woods to locate it. Referred to environmental police.

8:10 p.m. Report of hit and run accident on Griswold Street. Minimal damage. Investigated.

Thursday, 11/2

7:38 a.m. Caller requesting assistance freeing a raccoon that is tangled in a section of electric fence that is not electrified. Message left for animal control officer; caller also provided with number for environmental police.

8:21 a.m. Caller requesting ACO assistance removing a skunk caught in a trap. ACO advised and responding.

1:08 p.m. Caller from Cumberland Farms requesting assistance removing a raccoon from a dumpster. Employees have attempted to lure it out without success. ACO responded; raccoon has been removed.

2:28 p.m. Caller reporting that a plane went off the runway at the airport and is on its roof. Pilot was exiting plane while caller was on the line; no apparent injuries. Conferenced caller with MedCare. TFFD and all MPD units responding. Pilot uninjured and out of cockpit. MASSDOT and FAA notified; airport manager advised and en route.

Friday, 11/3

2:12 a.m. Caller from Fourth Street reports that involved male is being loud going up and down the stairs. Party is doing his laundry in the basement, which is why he keeps going up and down.

3:01 a.m. Report of burst or leaking pipe at a Federal Street residence; caller has a lot of water in her basement. MCFD able to stop water; caller will contact a plumber.

7:25 a.m. Two calls reporting that a female party is causing a disturbance on Second Street. First caller advises female is outside walking around the property blowing a whistle (ongoing issue), and one of the neighbors is outside yelling at her to stop. Second caller advises that female was trespassing on his property (ongoing issue). Female had gone back inside her apartment upon officers’ arrival. Officers tried knocking at door; no answer. Located active trespass order on file against this female for one Second Street address. Second caller advised of options and will be seeking a trespass order.

7:32 a.m. Caller from Dell Street requesting to speak with ACO re: a raccoon in a trap on his property. ACO en route.

10:20 a.m. ACO picked up two porcupines from a residence on Federal Street.

8:54 p.m. Report of suspicious person near caller’s vehicle in parking lot of Highland School Apartments. Caller’s trunk was open, which is not how he left it. Caller’s trunk secured. Area checked; unable to locate.

Saturday, 11/4

2:12 a.m. Caller from Fourth Street reports that the upstairs neighbor is banging, stomping around, and generally being very loud. All quiet upon officer’s arrival.

7:34 a.m. Report of water problem at Strathmore Mill; while crossing Gill-Montague Bridge, caller

observed a large amount of water spraying up from the roof. TFFD and building inspector advised and en route. Issue is with Eagle Creek, not Strathmore. Building secured.

12:17 p.m. Caller from Fifth Street states that a truck pulled up in front of her house, took a love seat out, and left it on her front lawn. Officer made contact with male party who stated he was dropping it off for a friend; he will be meeting the officer back at the residence to come up with a solution.

4:36 p.m. Caller from Dell Street states that there is a severely injured bird on her property. Officer advises that bird has a damaged wing and is bleeding from its eyes. Attempted to call bird of prey specialist; no answer. Officer advises they will have to dispatch the bird for its own well-being; appears too injured to defend itself.

11:13 p.m. 911 caller reporting big drug deal going down at Cumberland Farms; states that one party there does not have a license and that one of the involved vehicles has weapons in it. Upon further questioning, caller became agitated and refused to identify himself. Officers clear. No suspicious activity; no issues reported by store employees.

Sunday, 11/5

11:11 a.m. Caller from Old Stage Road states that they just got home and found that someone had shot a hole in one of their garage windows. Report taken.

3:22 p.m. Report of a man in a [redacted] picking up rocks from the Saw Mill River and putting them into his vehicle. Caller advised the vehicle is covered in [redacted] decals.

3:30 p.m. TFFD received report of alarm sounding across from the Rendezvous. Water was coming from one apartment and causing considerable flooding in another apartment. TFFD contacted building maintenance.

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LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was November 8, 2007: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.

Montague Gets a New Police Station

Chief Raymond Zukowski, hosting an election night party for supporters and friends at the Schuetzen Verein, did not stray far from the phone during the hour after the polls closed Tuesday night. Positioned next to a large white board, he eagerly awaited each call from the town clerk's office, where building committee member Jay DiPucchio was positioned with a pen and clipboard to take down totals.

In the final results, Precinct 1 (Montague Center) chalked up the narrowest margin of the evening, voting 198 in favor to 144 against. By a total vote of 1193 Yes to 607 No, the citizens of Montague had approved spending \$5.6 million dollars to build a 12,000-square-foot modern police facility next to the Turners Falls fire station on Turnpike Road.

The central location will give police officers fast access to all five villages. Zukowski has pledged to

keep an active presence in downtown Turners Falls.

Greenfield Man Charged In Bike Path Assault

A 20-year-old Greenfield man was picked up at his place of work on Sunday, November 4 by Greenfield police, acting on a probable cause warrant from the Montague police department for a sexual assault alleged to have occurred on the Canalside Bike Path, near Depot Street, on Saturday November 3 between 9 and 9:30 p.m. The man was charged with rape of a child under 16 with force, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 and older, and assault and battery.

Sergeant Chip Dodge said the 15-year-old female victim walked into the Montague police station with her mother and a 17-year-old friend on Saturday at 10:05 to report that he had assaulted her on the bike path.

The two girls were meeting with the man on the bike path when he assaulted the 15-year-old. Dodge said the 17-year-old had intervened, separating him from the victim, at which point he rode off on his bike.

On Monday, the man pled not

guilty to all charges in Greenfield District Court. He was held on \$10,000 bond.

Dodge said, "This wasn't a situation where someone jumped out of the bushes. This was basically a scheduled meeting gone bad. We do patrol the bike path as often as we can. With the amount of foot traffic there, people should feel safe."

Wendell Land Preserved

Local artist Kate Neilson recently realized a dream when she donated a conservation restriction on 48 acres of her property near the center of Wendell.

"All life has inherent value," she said, "and I am very glad to help ensure that in one little corner of Massachusetts the flora and fauna, including the foxes and deer, the beech and hemlock, which I have lived among for the last 22 years will have a chance to live their own lives in relative peace."

Preparing to move to New York, she has donated the conservation restriction, which prevents future development on the land, to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.

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river. His low guttural *cro-ach, cro-ach* reaches our ears, even the dog looks up to watch him pass over.

I mutter "Nevermore" into my coffee, faintly smiling at the allusion. The ravens have become quite common in these parts over the past ten years. We recently watched one of their kind, a single individual, pester a pair of red-tailed hawks. He was twisting and power-diving among the two, pestering them, the acrobatics looking for all the world very much like a WWI battle between biplanes.

Every morning a band of golden-crowned kinglets has been working the bare maples on the edge of the woods. Compared to the ravens, these kinglets are among the smallest of all the birds, weighing barely five ounces.

As small as hummingbirds, they are vulnerable to cold, but will spend even the fiercest winters with us. From dawn to dusk they need to forage and feed constantly all day long, inspecting every nook and crevice of our woods, thus cleaning out huge populations of tiny insects, keeping our trees healthy.

The laws of physics and nature require the smallest creatures to consume huge amounts of food, since heat flows from their tiny bodies at such a rate. A massive bird such as the raven, with its large body surface area (and black color) loses body heat at a much slower rate, and can store calories longer.

The tiny kinglets are great companions to come upon during a walk along the old pasture path, they keep in constant touch with each other, and their cheery voices ring out in what would otherwise feel like an empty woodland.

There is some compensation for we humans who linger here in the north, rather than heading for the retirement communities and trailer parks of St. Pete or Tampa. We have late fall colors: our yards can become a wild palette flaring up on a dull dark November day such as this. Here, the hard, golden crabby apples from an ancient broken-down tree hang low on branches that droop to the ground, where a carpet of yellow drops lay random on the lawn.

Then there's the row of burning bush, planted by grandmother before anyone knew what *invasive* meant. These shrubs file down the edge of the lawn still part flame and part

summer green. They reach the raspberry patch where a random wild sumac has taken root. Sumac leaves are now turning a pale reddish-orange, its orderly pointed leaves drape downward on each branch.

In November, days and nights can be crisp with bright frost, or gray and dull under low skies. Oak leaves are now bronzed and hanging on, while the oak trees' close maple neighbors are already stripped bare. Now the familiar lofty heights of our white pine grove have emerged again down along the river shore, a carpet of soft golden pine needles at their feet. The maples and black locust that screened them from our sight all spring and summer are shorn.

*The desolate deserted trees,
The faded earth, the heavy sky,
The beauties she so truly sees,
She thinks I have no eye for these*

On a November evening such as this, the sky turns a faint orange, then rose to purple. Bare branches are silhouetted against the pale skies of the southwest. We'd better get used to this. That'll be our skyline for the next six months.

The evening train rolls through Lake Pleasant, sounding far away and lonesome above the river and the pines.

Cardinals, the last to call in the gathering dusk, head for the night's sleep. The katydids that have been repeating their name over and over ever since early August have finally fallen silent. The faint conversation of flying squirrels picks up in the dark in the emptiness left by the chanting insects.

Many of us, who spend life out of doors, welcome the change in seasons. Gray cloaks now instead of summer heat and autumn's brilliant color riot. Things get simpler again. And that's fine with me. So what if there's a tinge of quiet melancholy? This too will pass, like the passing year, and looking to the bright side, many of us will be glad to see this year end.

*Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so.
And they are better for her praise.*

"My November Guest"
by Robert Frost



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By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

A New Interceptor – Two Unattended Deaths

Sunday, 10/1
5:53 p.m. Officer Billings spoke with an individual about possible threats being made, and investigated the same.

Wednesday, 10/4
2:30 p.m. The new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV was picked up, and is now in service.

Thursday, 10/12
3:35 p.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a motor vehicle on Long Plain Road, and issued a criminal summons to the operator for operating after license suspension. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Friday, 10/13
3 p.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a motor vehicle on Shutesbury Road and issued a criminal summons to the operator for uninsured motor vehicle, as well as an unregistered motor vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Saturday, 10/14
7:20 a.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a motor vehicle on Long Plain Road and issued a criminal summons to the operator for attaching plates, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle as well as the operator was unlicensed. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Tuesday, 10/17
5:30 p.m. Officer Sawicki stopped a motor vehicle on Long Plain Road and issued a criminal summons to the operator for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. A licensed operator took custody of the vehicle.

9:33 p.m. Officer Sawicki was dispatched to a Jackson Hill Road address for an unattended death – a possible heroin overdose. Chief Minckler responded as well, as did officers from Shutesbury, Sunderland, and the state police. Leverett Fire also assisted with the call. The medical examiner's office is investigating the cause of death.

Wednesday, 10/18
1:48 p.m. Officer Sawicki responded to the Peace Pagoda on Cave Hill Road for a suspicious person. The person and vehicle were gone upon the officer's arrival.

Sunday, 10/22
2:11 p.m. Officer Gralenski stopped a vehicle on Bull Hill Road and arrested the operator for an outstanding court warrant. The subject was also charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. A licensed operator took custody of the vehicle.

Friday, 10/27
8 p.m. Officer Bancroft assisted Shutesbury Police with a traffic stop on Leverett Road in Shutesbury.

Tuesday, 10/31
1:10 p.m. Chief Minckler and Fire Chief Ingram were dispatched to a North Leverett Road address for an unattended death.

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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 mcb Brass@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

Millers Falls Branch Library, Montague: *Music and Movement with Tom Carroll & Laurie Davidson*. Children and their caregivers. 10 to 10:45 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:

Augusta Savage Gallery, UMass: *Future, Unknown*. The brave paintings of Rodney Madison, veteran educator and self-taught artist located in Millers Falls.



Described by John Sinkevics of Local Spins as "genre-melding indie-folk," The Accidentals (Sav Buist, Katie Larson, and Michael Dause) exhibit "a musical and lyrical sophistication that outstrips most mainstream bands." They were Billboard's Breakout Band at SXSW 2015, Huffington Post's Sweet Sixteen of 2016, and Yahoo Music's Top Ten Bands to Watch 2017. At Hawks & Reed Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m.

Greenfield Gallery, Greenfield: *Paintings by Paul Hoffman*. Whimsical worlds, intricate geometries. Through December.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Paintings by Charlie Shaw*. Through November 12.

Leverett Crafts and Arts, Leverett: *"Oh Beautiful Glass."* An eclectic and exciting group show. William Rathbun exhibits in hallway gallery as well. (See article, page B1.) Through November.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Live Studio*. Artist/owner Nina Rossi creates her own makerspace in the tiny gallery: paint, wire, fabric, wood; assorted fine art and craft as well. Through Thanksgiving.

Salmon Falls Gallery, Shelburne Falls: *Andrew Quient: An Intersection of Pottery & Architecture*: Ceramics & Drawing. Inspired by history, drawings on ceramic vessels. Through December 9.

Shelburne Arts Coop, Shelburne Falls: *"Fiber Optic"* showcases workday artists of the Shelburne Arts Co-op in many fiber media including quilting, weaving, knitting, silk painting, fabric dyeing, needle felting, wet felting, paper collage, mixed media and up-cycling. Includes both wearable and decorative pieces in a variety of traditional and avant-garde styles. Through November 27.

Smith College Lyman Plant House, Northampton. *Annual*

Fall Chrysanthemum Show fills the plant house with a riot of color. November 4 through 19.

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 all over the world. Through November 12.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *New England Neck Wrecker*, a heavy metal festival. 2 p.m. to midnight. Promotorhead presents an all-day heavy metal festival. Heavy metal, thrash, punk, hardcore, grindcore, and more from all over the region and the country! The lineup includes *Lich King* (Massachusetts thrash metal), *S.N.A.F.U.* (hardcore thrash punk from metro Detroit), *Goblet* ("Western Mass bastard thrash"), and more. \$

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Montague Common Hall Open Mic Night #18*. Featuring Carolyn Wampole! Big-town performance art in a tiny village. Open mic in a beautiful space and friendly environment. 7 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Mark Mulcahey*, with *Lou Barlow* of Sebadoh. Mark Mulcahy is the former singer of the well regarded and influential Miracle Legion. He also formed the band Polaris and wrote the music for the Nickelodeon show "The Adventures of Pete & Pete". His first solo tour in three years. 7:30 p.m. \$

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The B3s*, '60s & '70s classic pop and jazz. Pub will be open from 6:30 p.m. with music at 8 p.m. Full bar and pizza by the slice.

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne: *Larz Young*. Folk style originals and covers. 7:30 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: Hip Hop pioneer *KRS-One*. 9 p.m. \$

The Root Cellar, Greenfield: *Miss Fairchild R&B Revue*. 9:30 p.m. \$

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Puerto Rico Se Levanta: Artists United For Puerto Rico*, a festival of music, dance, art, poetry and coming together as a community to raise money for the Puerto Rican relief effort in the wake of Hurricane Maria. All money will go towards the Puerto Rican relief effort. 2 p.m. \$

Polish American Club, South Deerfield: *FESTIBAL - DANSE CAFÉ*. French & Breton Music & Dance Party. Come listen, play dance, enjoy. Live music. Dances are easy, friendly, forgiving, and fun - circles, lines, and couple dances. Hors d'oeuvres potluck. Free will donation. 4 p.m.

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne: *Orlen & Gabriel with Dennis Avery*. Folk style with dobro player. 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *The Accidentals and Jake Allen*, "genre-melding indie-folk." 8 p.m. \$

EVENTS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Start Making Sense*: Talking Heads tribute. 8:30 p.m. \$

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne Falls: *Jim Eagan*. Finger picking guitar player, folk covers and originals. 7 p.m.

The Root Cellar, Greenfield: *Jon Collin, Frozen Corn, Matt "MV" Valentine, and Willie Lane*. 9 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Underdogs Lounge, Shelburne: *Patti T Blues Band*. Patti T on vocals and guitar, Rick King on lead guitar. 7:30 p.m.

Great Falls Coffeehouse Series, Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *The Hampton Trio*, 7 p.m. Donations to support Friends Program at the Center.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *John Hodgman, Vacationland*. "True Stories from Painful Beaches" follows John's journeys as a very citified only child nerd, navigating three distinct wildernesses where he does not belong. One, rural Western Massachusetts where he spent much of his youth; two, coastal Maine, home to the most painful beaches on earth (a place that John is certain will someday kill him) and lastly, the metaphoric wildernesses of middle-age. 8 p.m. \$

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"My Golden Egg," a collaboration between George Kennard and Sally Prasch.

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the Corning Museum of Glass, loves to create vessels by joining two glass bubbles. Seen in this exhibit are two pieces, "My Golden Egg" and Grass. My Golden Egg features a swan swimming within the interior bubble. A golden egg is suspended by a fine chain of glass links that suspend from a glass stopper topped by a smaller swan figure. The outer vessel presents the look of water, into which the hollow interior bubble carves out a space for Prasch's sculptures to exist.

The "Grass" vessel is long and narrow, like the leaves of grass Kennard has created within the outer walls. The tall interior hollow is where a green caterpillar dangles on the merest thread of glass, just a glimmer of light suspending the worm from a stopper.

There are similar Wow's everywhere in this extensive show. The upper walls are decorated with many colorful plates and bowls made with recycled glass by Louise Erskine of Paxton, MA. Two pillars in the gallery hold larger decorative glass assemblage by this artist, incorporating textural fields of flame-worked and fused glass bits that burst joyfully with color in a fun, crazy-quilt kind of style.

Also in the spirit of whimsy are works by Ann Conlin, who hails from Tewksbury, MA. Her shiny red fire hydrant is decorated with two pups illustrating "puppy love" with hearts parading in the air between them; this piece is sure to elicit the "happy resonance" her artist statement says she is hoping for.

A quiet and contemplative note is presented in the river stone sculptures of Josh Bernbaum. Marvel at how the



At left: Fascinating vessels constructed by Wayne Strattman, which respond when you touch them. At right: A riot of colorful glass: Louise Erskine's work.

heck he might have encased collections of river stones within sealed glass bubbles that are themselves the colors and shapes of worn stones, but with precisely controlled surfaces that contrast with the natural rocks within.

Work by Wesley Fleming and Wayne Strattman exhibit a scientific bent. Strattman has made several vessels that respond to the touch with a reflexive burst of neon lightning, a synaptic sparking that the artist relates to what transpires in our brain, the "connection of the abstract space of cognition and concept formation to the subsequent communication of these ideas both within the self and to others." Fleming has made detailed replica of colorful (imaginary?) wasps presented as specimens pinned in a box entitled "Framed Collection of the Court of the Spectral Queen."

Pat Bennett teaches welding and lamp working at the Snow Farm studios in Williamsburg, as well as fabrication at Hampshire College. Her sculptures on the wall combine recy-

cled wood and metal with incredibly detailed glass figures that have a white frosted appearance. In one untitled piece, a female head is surrounded by dozens of little glass hands reaching outwards. Olivia Bugbee also creates small portraits in glass.

There are numerous other items of glass art here that I haven't the space to write about, including wearable jewelry, goblets, lamps, vases, artisan made gemstones, flora, fauna, and sea creatures, and sculpture. Not to be missed in the large hallway beyond the gallery is a show of wall art by William Rathbun, combining cardboard, paint, paper, and in some cases neon lights. A delightfully cheerful spirit pervades both shows.

Experience "oh beautiful glass!" on Saturdays and Sundays in November from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Barnes Gallery, Leverett Crafts & Arts, 13 Montague Road in Leverett. More information is available at barnesgallery.org.



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