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## Bike Path Work in Progress

**BY LESLIE BROWN**  
MONTAGUE CITY - Twenty years after an advocacy group of local officials, planners, business owners and biking enthusiasts - the Franklin County Bikeway Committee - dreamed up a network of trails to link scenic vistas and commuting destinations, our local section of the county bikeway is at last emerging from the railroad bed and the utility right of way in Montague. Sections open to public use by cyclists, roller bladers and pedestrians run from Unity Park to the fish ladder and along the canal from the entrance to the Patch to the end of Depot Road. Arguably the most scenic sections of the bikeway, these paths offer quiet space and time as well as views of visiting Canada geese, mute swans, mallards and our resident

eagles. Phase One of the planned bikeway is the Canalside Trail, a three mile off-road path which will eventually connect downtown Turners Falls to McClelland Farm Road in East Deerfield. Parking for automobiles will be available both at Unity Park and at the McClelland Farm end. The ten-foot wide path will leave Montague as users cross the old railroad trestle over the confluence of the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers.

Ultimately, the county-wide bikeway will cover approximately 44 miles through eight communities: Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, Northfield and Sunderland. This scenic ride has been mapped to travel the banks of the Connecticut, Deerfield

see BIKE pg 12

## Free Speech Dispute Hearing

**BY JOHN HANOLD**  
MONTAGUE - On Monday, November 13th, the Montague select-board briefly revisited an issue that has recurred on their agenda since June, dealing with free speech in public spaces. After repeated conversations with town counsel, town administrator Frank Abbondanzio presented four alternative solutions to the question of use of town premises, such as Peskeomskut Park and the Montague Common, for displays, signs and other free speech and assembly activities. The alternatives range from a minimal change to current practice through detailed rules on size, duration, and number of signs, to posting a dis-

claimer for use of public space as Greenfield does, to requesting that all religious displays occur on private property, as is current practice in downtown Turners. Case history on municipal policies reflects a multitude of attempted solutions - and constitutional challenges - to addressing free speech and church-state separation issues. Since the topic was not on the posted agenda, and residents have asked for a chance to express their views before the select-board decides a course of action, the matter was tabled for a fourth time, until December 11th, when the full board is again available.

The issue of regulation see SPEECH pg 7

## “Many Do Not Return from that Meeting...”



Turners Falls High School junior Charles Peterson reads “In Flanders Field,” as (l-r) Don Girard, Patricia Pruitt, Pat Allen, Brian San Soucie, and other members of local veterans organizations look on at Saturday’s ceremony on Avenue A

**BY DAVID DETMOLD**  
TURNERS FALLS - The Veterans Day observance began with military precision at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Nearly two hundred people gathered in a broad circle on the sloping green lawn by the memorial stones of past wars and the flags signifying the American dead in the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you had been four minutes late to the ceremony, you would have missed entirely selectboard chair Patricia Pruitt giving the opening speech. Here it is, in full:

She said, “I’d like to thank Art Gilmore and the Veterans Memorial Committee for including me in this remembrance of those who have served in the extreme circumstances called War.

How constant that circumstance is in our lives! Within two days of my arrival onto this miracle planet, bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As my parents were sending me off to school, we were deep in the Korean War. As I became an adult, the list of war engagements became lengthy indeed, even if we focus on those including Americans. Worldwide, the numerousness of violent aggressors staggers one’s hopes for peace, nearly forcing it to its knees.

How much more powerful war must appear to those men and women who must carry out its terrible duties. The soldier meets death at every turn. Many do not return from that meeting, as we are here to remember. Many others return

physically harmed. It is no exaggeration to say all soldiers return changed in some way by their experiences.

Verterans Day before 1954 was Armistice Day, marking the cessation of warfare ending World War I. In the old days of old battles, an armistice was called to allow the wounded and dead to be removed from the field. I think the shift to Veterans Day marks a shift to direct focus on those who have served and sacrificed for our country, but also perhaps subtly marks a shift away from the hope expressed by Woodrow Wilson, when he called WWI the ‘war to end all wars.’

We at home must remember

see VETS pg 10

## RiverCulture

# Public Art Makes a Splash

**BY DAVID DETMOLD**  
TURNERS FALLS - When she gets nervous, RiverCulture coordinator Lisa Davol likes to read home decorating magazines. Standing in the Food City checkout line on the eve of the public art celebration in Turners Falls on November 11th, Davol cast a covetous eye at the *Ladies Home Journal* as she clutched six boxes of brownie mix.

The day before she had seen Gary Orlinski, one of the artists whose work was due to be celebrated on Saturday, down on hands and knees by the fish ladder, bailing

see ART pg 11



“Atlantic Salmon Mosaic” by Cynthia Fisher, in Peskeomskut Park

DETMOLD PHOTO

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
A Handsome Mug



**Peter**

Peter is a three-year-old male domestic long hair cat in need of a good home. He's a big gray and white cat with one crunched up ear from a long ago injury (it doesn't pain him). This friendly guy showed up at a senior housing complex looking for a meal and a warm lap and I'm sure they loved him. He'll make someone an awesome companion! For more info on adopting Peter, please contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society in Leverett at 548-9898 or via email at [info@dakinshelter.org](mailto:info@dakinshelter.org).

**CORRECTION**

Due to a layout error, last week's (Nov. 9th) article on the Howes Brothers Photographic Archive was missing the last few words stating that the photographs are also available for viewing at the UMass Library.

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**CARNEGIE LIBRARY NEWS**

**Pilgrim Party**

BY LINDA HICKMAN

**TURNERS FALLS** - Laurie Davidson and Alexander, Solena and Gray Davidson Carroll of Montague Center made Pilgrim hats and pouches and enjoyed snacks at the Pilgrim Party at the Carnegie Library on Saturday, November 4th.



PHOTO BY LINDA HICKMAN

**Carnegie Thanksgiving Hours and Puppet Show**

BY LINDA HICKMAN

**TURNERS FALLS** - The Carnegie Library will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. It will be open on Saturday, November 26th. The Carnegie Library's regular hours are Monday - Wednesday, 1 - 8 p.m., Thursday 1 - 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 1 - 5 p.m.

**PUPPET SHOW**

The No String Marionette Company will present

*Wasabi - A Dragon's Tale* on Saturday, November 18th at 2 p.m., at the Carnegie Library. This lively retelling of *The Paper Bag Princess* is an amazing puppet show suitable for all ages. This program is part of the Family Literacy Project of Montague Catholic Social Ministries, funded by the Community Development Block Grant for the Town of Montague. For more information, call 413-863-3214.

**Bazaar & Raffle**

BY ALLAN D. ADIE

The Gill Montague Senior Center will hold its Annual Bazaar and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 25th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is through the proceeds of this Bazaar and Raffle that we can purchase items that make attendance at the Senior Center a happy event. We do not forget those seniors who cannot attend, as we will contribute \$300 to the Meals on Wheels from the proceeds. Tickets are available at the center or from any senior who attends. At the Bazaar one can purchase homemade baked food, crafts and other items for one's own use or as a gift; a Chinese Auction, hard and soft cover books for 25 cents. Christmas and greeting cards at a bargain price. A special raffle of an afghan will be held. Doughnuts and coffee will be available. The grand prize will be a \$100 savings bond donated by Greenfield Savings Bank. Second prize, a \$50.00 gas card donated by Freedom Credit Union. Third prize, an Overnight stay at Foxwoods. Profits from this Christmas Bazaar help seniors.

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES November 20th - 24th**

**MONTAGUE Senior Center**, 62 Fifth St., Turners Falls, is open Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. Make meal reservations a day in advance by 11 a.m. Messages can be left on the machine when the center is closed (863-9357). Mealsite manager is Chris Richer. The center offers a hot noon meal weekdays to any senior. Transportation to the center can be provided. Special trip coordinator is Jean Chase. Make trip reservations by calling 772-6356. Payment and menu choice is due three weeks prior to trip.

**Monday, 20th**

10:15 a.m. Aerobics  
11:00 a.m. PACE Aerobics  
1:00 p.m. Canasta

**Tuesday, 21st**

9:30 a.m. T'ai Chi

**Wednesday, 22nd**

10:15 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
12:45 p.m. Bingo

**Thursday, 23rd**

Closed for Thanksgiving  
**Friday, 24th**

10:15 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
11 a.m. PACE Aerobics

**"Safety Begins at Home"** The VNA & Hospice of Cooley Dickinson's Health Watch program offers this free and informative presentation on Thursday, November 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Montague Senior Center 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls. Half of all falls in the home can be avoided!! This presentation, complete with a self-evaluation hand-out, covers the many environmental hazards, room by room, and how you can correct them. Call 863-9357 to register. Program will be canceled without a minimum of 5 registrants.

**ERVING Senior Center**, 18 Pleasant St., Erving (Old Center School, 1st Floor), is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities and congregate

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DETMOULD PHOTO  
*A family of mice makes a home in this Greenfield Road mailbox.*

**ERVING LIBRARY NEWS**

**Holiday Greetings Workshop**

The Erving Public Library will host a Holiday Greetings Workshop on Saturday, December 9th from 10-11 a.m. Participants will learn the basics of rubber stamping while creating a greeting card, a gift card holder and a gift tag. Angela Riddell will be the instructor.

This workshop is appropriate for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a \$5 material fee and pre-registration with payment is required.

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meals. For information and reservations call Polly Kiely, Senior Center director at 413 423-3308. Lunch daily at 11:30 a.m. with reservations a day in advance by 11:00 a.m. Transportation can be provided for meals, Thursday shopping, or medical necessity by calling Dana Moore at 978 544-3898.

**Monday, 20th**

9:30 a.m. Exercise  
9:45 a.m. Library  
12 Noon Pitch

**Tuesday, 21st**

9 a.m. Aerobics  
12:30 p.m. Painting

**Wednesday, 22nd**

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing  
12 Noon Bingo

**Thursday, 23rd**

Closed for Thanksgiving

**WENDELL Senior Center**, located in the town offices on Wendell Depot Rd. Call Kathy Swaim at 978 544-2020 for info, schedule of events or to coordinate transportation.

**NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**Gill Holds Tax Classification Hearing**

On Monday, November 13th, the Gill board of assessors met with the Gill selectboard to review the assessed values of residential, commercial and industrial property in town and to vote to keep a single tax rate for all classes of property in Gill. The rate of taxation per thousand will be established once the state Department of Revenue certifies the town's recapitulation of data, by the end of the month, according to town accountant Joyce Mukah, who took time away from her birthday dinner plans to present the figures. The assessors found residential values on 658 lots in town totalling \$99,865,548, with commercial property totalling \$8,994,086, and industrial totalling \$8,370,800 for Fiscal '07. These values reflect a 9% to 10% rise over last year's values, according to assessor Greg Sneddeker.

Once the tax rate is set, tax bills should be in the mail by early December.

The assessors will place a warrant article on a December special town meeting for an additional \$6,000 from free cash to complete the recollection of data undertaken with a \$60,000 appropriation from annual town meeting in June. The additional funds are needed for data entry, consulting services, and mailing expenses, and will go towards covering next year's triennial revaluation as well.

In other news, the town is moving closer to installing computer equipment in town hall to allow for a community bulletin board for cable subscribers. The town has the modulator and computer needed, and is awaiting bids from an electrician to perform needed electrical upgrades. The bulletin board will be up and

running by February, hopefully.

The board approved a short term bond at 3.98% from BankNorth for \$245,000, for the purchase of the Mariamante property. An RFP for developing the parcel is being prepared.

Town moderator Ray Steele is seeking volunteers to serve on the town agricultural commission. Only one person has stepped forward to serve on the commission since town meeting established it in June.

The ZBA is looking for a fifth permanent member. Ann Banash agreed to fill the role on a temporary basis, and was appointed to do so.

The board sent thank you letters to Sam and Lillian Couture for caring for the flower planter at the Main Road/Route 2 intersection, and to Bruce Yuki for the flowers at the Riverside building and at town hall.

**Joyce Phillips Elected MASC Life Member**



*Joyce A. Phillips accepts her award.*  
**MONTAGUE** - Joyce Phillips, former member of the Gill-Montague school committee was elected a Life Member of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC)

at the organization's annual meeting on Nov. 8th. Phillips, who served for the past 12 years, is the first Life Member to be honored from Franklin County since the award was established in 1945.

Besides her tenure on the Great Falls Middle School/Turners Falls High School building committee which saw a state-of-the-art facility through to completion, Phillips recently worked to rejuvenate the Gill-Montague Education Fund, which has awarded over \$30,000 in enrichment mini-grants to the district schools.

Phillips was active in MASC

Professional Development Workshops and instrumental in the development of the superintendent's evaluation. She developed the first Gill-Montague Orientation Manual for School Committee members based on Board Governance and Operations and produced a School Committee Reference Manual.

Annually, Phillips attended Open House at each of the district schools. She also trained and served on 'Interest-Based Bargaining,' a process that set a collaborative tone and brought a focus to the purpose and value of negotiations.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GILL POLICE LOG**

**Hit and Runs and Psych Evaluations**

**Thursday 11-9**

6:10 p.m. Report of distraught female at the Gill Mobil station. Officer sent to investigate.

6:53 p.m. Above subject taken for psychological evaluation to Franklin Medical.

**Friday 11-10**

3:15 p.m. Report of a hit and run accident at Main Road business. Under investigation.

6:55 p.m. Report of a disturbance at South Cross Road residence, officer responded.

**Saturday 11-11**

5:10 p.m. Report of a car vs. deer accident on Main Road, assisted with same.

11:59 p.m. Received information regarding stolen construction equipment from Main Road construction project. Property located.

**Sunday 11-12**

10:20 a.m. Report of hit and

run vehicle accident on West Gill Road. State police to investigate incident.

11:55 a.m. Assisted Erving police with psychological evaluation on Old State Road; subject transported to Franklin Medical.

5:48 p.m. Assisted Bernardston police with psychological evaluation on Church Street; subject transported to Franklin Medical.

**Monday 11-13**

10:25 p.m. Criminal complaint issued to [redacted] operating a vehicle on Route 10 with revoked registration and no insurance.

11:19 p.m. Assisted Northfield police with psychological evaluation. Subject transported to Franklin Medical.

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## Election Gloating

As the mild euphoria of last week's election lingers - that is, until the Democrats take control of Congress along with the Republican legacy of an \$8.6 trillion deficit and a political tar baby of a war clocking in at \$6,000 a second - until, that is, they actually try to accomplish anything under these circumstances, perhaps there is still time for a little good humored gloating. Herewith, a leading light of the liberals offers his post-election thoughts.

**TO MY CONSERVATIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS: BY MICHAEL MOORE - I NEW YORK CITY -** I know you are dismayed and disheartened at the results of last week's election. You're worried the country is heading toward a very bad place. Your 12-year Republican Revolution has ended with so much yet to do, so many promises left unfulfilled. You are in a funk, and I understand.

Well, cheer up, my friends! Do not despair. I have good news for you. I, and the millions of others who are now in charge with our Democratic Congress, have a pledge we would like to make to you, a list of promises that we offer you, because we value you as our fellow Americans. You deserve to know what we plan to do with our newfound power, and, to be specific, what we will do to you and for you.

Here is our *Liberal's Pledge to Disheartened Conservatives*:

1. We will always respect you for your conservative beliefs. We will never, ever, call you "unpatriotic" simply because you disagree with us. In fact, we encourage you to dissent and disagree with us.

2. We will let you marry whomever you want, even when some of us consider your behavior to be "different" or "immoral." Whom you marry is

none of our business. Love and be in love - it's a wonderful gift.

3. We will not spend your grandchildren's money on our personal whims or to enrich our friends. It's your checkbook, too, and we will balance it for you.

4. When we soon bring our sons and daughters home from Iraq, we will bring your sons and daughters home, too. They deserve to live. We promise never to send your kids off to war based on either a mistake or a lie.

5. When we make America the last Western democracy to have universal health coverage, and all Americans are able to get help when they fall ill, we promise that you, too, will be able to see a doctor, regardless of your ability to pay. And when stem cell research delivers treatments and cures for diseases that affect you and your loved ones, we'll make sure those advances are available to you and your family, too.

6. Even though you have opposed environmental regulation, when we clean up our air and water, we, the Democratic majority, will let you, too, breathe the cleaner air and drink the purer water.

7. Should a mass murderer ever kill 3,000 people on our soil, we will devote every single resource to tracking him down and bringing him to justice. Immediately. We will protect you.

8. We will never stick our nose in your bedroom or your womb. What you do there as consenting adults is your business. We will continue to count your age from the moment you were born, not the moment you were conceived.

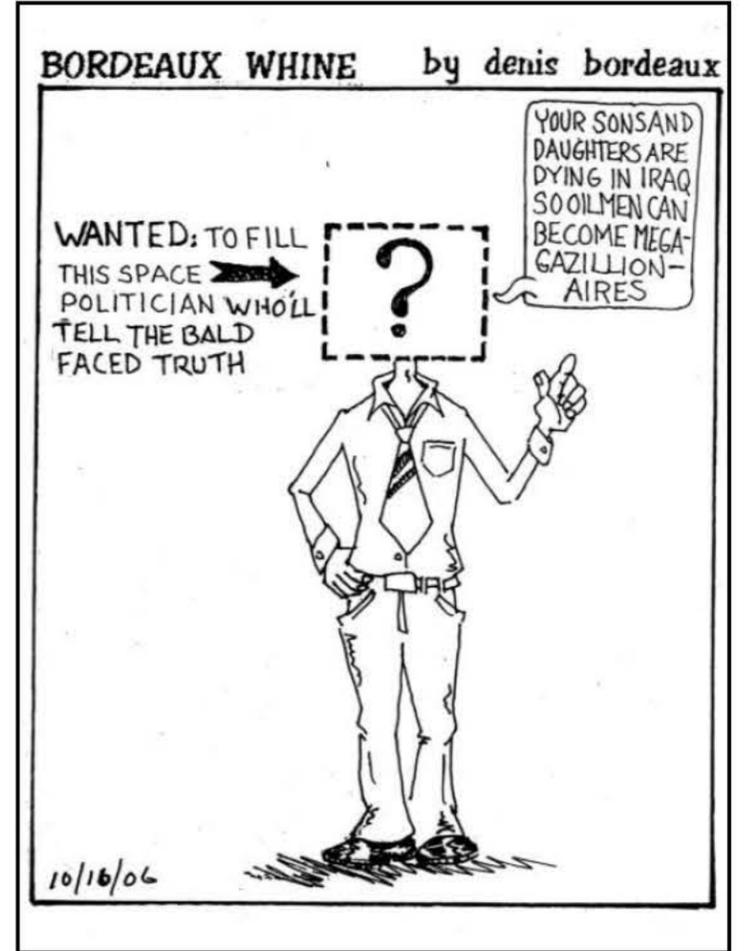
9. We will not take away your hunting guns. If you need an automatic weapon or a handgun to kill a bird or a deer, then you really aren't much of a hunter and you should, perhaps,

pick up another sport. We will make our streets and schools as free as we can from these weapons and we will protect your children just as we would protect ours.

10. When we raise the minimum wage, we will pay you - and your employees - that new wage, too. When women are finally paid what men make, we will pay conservative women that wage, too.

11. We will respect your religious beliefs, even when you don't put those beliefs into practice. In fact, we will actively seek to promote your most radical religious beliefs ("Blessed are the poor," "Blessed are the peacemakers," "Love your enemies," "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God," and "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"). We will let people in other countries know that God doesn't just bless America; he blesses everyone. We will discourage religious intolerance and fanaticism - starting with the fanaticism here at home, thus setting a good example for the rest of the world.

12. We will not tolerate politicians who are corrupt and who are bought and paid for by the rich. We will go after any



elected leader who puts him or herself ahead of the people. And we promise you we will go after the corrupt politicians on our side *first*. If we fail to do this, we need you to call us on it. Simply because we are in power does not give us the right to turn our heads the other way when our party goes astray. Please perform this important duty as the loyal opposition.

We promise all of the above

to you because this is your country, too. You are every bit as American as we are. We are all in this together. We sink or swim as one. Thank you for your years of service to this country and for giving us the opportunity to see if we can make things a bit better for our 300 million fellow Americans - and for the rest of the world.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# Treasure the Right of Citizenship

Citizenship is a treasured right. Once earned, it must be honored and supported. We must think and we must vote. You and I must assure that those who make our laws and spend our money do so in the public interest. As citizens, we must respect that this country's constitution was founded by very smart men who had

experienced government 'for the few, by the few.' It was not an easy task to set up this government 'of the majority, by the majority,' that does not neglect toleration, that holds to basic rules of humanity, which were not written for times of calm, and that expects responsibility and good sense from a literate citi-

zenry. Our government requires our knowledge of real facts, our thoughtful consideration of the many sides of the issues, our support of able people who can best do the job. And dissent is important too...

- Fran Hemond  
Montague Center

## Veterans Day Thanks

- Art Gilmore, chairman  
Soldiers Memorial  
Trustees

Our sincere thanks to the following for their participation in the Veterans Day Ceremony, held in the village of Turners Falls on Saturday, November 11th: Jonathan Rawles, Sheffield Grade 5 student; Nan Sadoski, music director, and the Sheffield Grade 5 chorus; Charles Peterson, Turners Falls high school student; Steve Damon, member of Bugles Across America; Terry Miner and Michael Blanchard, Montague Elks; Brian San Soucie, American Legion; John Murphy, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Patricia Pruitt and Pat Allen, Montague selectboard.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Soldiers Memorial will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall on December 6th. The public is invited to attend.

We welcome your letters.  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 9/11 Conspiracy Theorist Donates DVDs to Carnegie Library

Recently, I donated a DVD film to the Turners Falls library called *Confronting the Evidence: A Call to Reopen 9/11 Investigation*. I am a founder of a grassroots organization in western Massachusetts investigating the events of September 11th, 2001. On this December 16th, we plan to join other individuals and groups in Boston on the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party to protest the abuses of a new King George by mock destruction of the "9/11 Commission Report." These are the times where once again our citizenry must respond to uphold principles of the US Constitution.

Another film I am donating to libraries is called: *9/11 Press for Truth*. This documentary spans five years with family members seeking to find answers. Adapting Paul Thompson's definitive *Complete 9/11 Timeline*, the film brings to view rare overlooked news clips, buried stories, and government press

conferences, revealing a pattern of official lies, deception and spin.

The next film I plan to donate to libraries is a new film by Mike Berger, called: *Improbable Collapse: the Demolition of our Republic*. This film reviews evidence for WTC demolitions on 9/11 from a scientific perspective. Most people do not know that a third building, WTC-7 collapsed at 5:20 p.m. that same evening. It collapsed at nearly free-fall speeds, imploding in the exact manner of a professionally engineered demolition.

Historically, fire has never brought down a steel-structured building. Film viewers are presented with visual evidence, which has been censored by major media outlets. Not only can you watch WTC-7 collapse, but you can also listen to Steven Jones PhD (physicist) explain his research showing hard evidence that explosives were used to cut the steel frame of demolished

WTC buildings.

Ray McGovern, who was responsible for Presidents Daily Brief (PDB) for Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush, a 27-year CIA veteran, and Former U.S. Army Intelligence Officer, said: "The 9/11 Report is a joke. The question is: What's being covered up? Is it gross malfeasance, or gross negligence?"

On December 14th at 7 p.m. at the Media Education Foundation in Northampton, the Western Mass 9/11 Truth Alliance will be providing free screening of *Improbable Collapse*, with a discussion following the film. Perhaps due to efforts of independent media, scientists, and grassroots activists, we will reclaim key principles of the US Constitution for life, liberty, and justice for all.

- Jonathan Mark Wendell Depot

## Double Standard on Gay Marriage

I sent an email to Stan Rosenberg asking why he voted 'Yes' to recess the legislature on November 9th and not allow me my vote on the subject of gay marriage. His reply was that he thought the Supreme Judicial Court was right, and he didn't want discrimination in our constitution. Well! Discrimination and double standard are a lot alike.

Did we discriminate against single women when we adopted Mother's Day? If Joe can marry Joe, why can't I marry my brother Joe?

When I go to school in my mother's car, I must wear a seat belt, but my brother rides a bus; he doesn't. There are no baby seats in taxis.

We send 18-year-old boys to fight in a war, yet they can't have a beer until they're

21.

I can go to a bar and play Keno, yet the bartender can't run a football pool.

Prostitution is illegal, yet the IRS looks the other way as long as the taxes are paid.

The gay alliance donated a million dollars to President Clinton to get him elected. Those million dollars should have been used to fight AIDS.

Stan, when we ask that marriage be between a man and a woman, are we wrong? Read *Genesis 19*.

You are discriminating by passing laws preventing unnatural acts. You are letting man's law override God's law and that's not good. Some day you will have to be accountable for your stewardship.

- Theodore Graveline Gill

## Vandalism Decried

Scot Pio, Ludlow Construction superintendent for the sewer work on Avenue A, said he was dismayed that vandals twice have smashed windshields on his equipment. "Tell me," Pio said, "how can we work in big cities everywhere and not have our trucks and equipment vandalized, when in this little town vandals cause \$4,000 worth of damage just for windshields?" Pio was not counting lost time when the trucks and equipment were out of use.

Sara Campbell, a consulting engi-



Smashed windshield

neer overseeing the job for Camp Dresser & McGee said Ludlow Construction is making her job easy, because they do things right. Highway superintendent Tom Bergeron also has high praise for their work.

It is a black mark on Turners Falls to have a disgraceful thing like vandalism of equipment take place. The perpetrators should be ashamed of themselves for committing such despicable acts.

- Joseph A. Parzych Turners Falls

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

#### Assault and Battery on N Street; also Canal Street

##### Wednesday 11-8

10:15 p.m. [redacted] was arrested at the Exxon on 3rd Street on a straight warrant.

##### Thursday 11-9

7:41 p.m. Walk-in to station reported a weapons violation at an N Street address.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and threatening to commit a crime.

##### Saturday 11-11

1:56 a.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Canal Street address.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. [redacted] was arrested on a default warrant.

##### Monday 11-13

6:05 p.m. Report of an animal complaint at a Millers Falls Road address. Caller states her mini daschund ran off. Report taken.

##### Tuesday 11-14

11:35 a.m. Report of a motor vehicle accident at the corner of 3rd and L Streets. Two motor vehicles involved, no injuries reported

##### 11:44 p.m.

[redacted] was arrested on Griswold Street on a straight warrant.

##### Wednesday 11-15

8:55 a.m. Report of a breaking and entering behind Williams Garage on 2nd Street. A barn had been entered, but nothing stolen. Report taken.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Election Day in Montague

**BY FRAN HEMOND** - To paraphrase Montague's longtime town clerk John Zywna, Election Day is 'Your chance to choose who spends your money.' Here in Montague we were fortunate that John returned to manage the recent election when the newly elected clerk was out on medical leave. On Election Day, every town must follow the prescribed state mandates, the citizen rolls must be accurate, the ballots correct and easy to understand, the polling places in good order and well staffed. In Massachusetts, polling places are open thirteen hours on statewide election days, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is the citizens' responsibility to be registered at least 30 days before an election so the voter lists can be properly updated.

When voters move, either to a new town or a new street in Montague, they must be sure the town clerks are notified, and they must register at their new address.

We have six precincts in Montague, and the voter is assigned to a precinct and votes at that location. Precinct 1 votes at Montague Center library, with Juanita Caldwell as warden. Precinct 2 votes at Highland School apartments in Millers Falls; Alice Fowler, warden. Lake Pleasant voters go there as well as folks from Millers. Precinct 3, the east side of the Hill, votes at the Hillcrest School, Carol Thomas, warden. Precinct 4, the west side of the Hill, also votes at Hillcrest; Cecille Chartier is the warden for this

precinct. Precinct 5, downtown Turners Falls, votes at the Senior Center on 5th Street; Jean Hebden, warden. Precinct 6, Montague City and the Patch, votes at the Masonic Lodge; Joanne Mayrand, warden.

Precincts in Montague must conform to state law. Because we have a representative town meeting, the population each precinct represents cannot vary beyond a

Massachusetts include disability, being out-of-town for the day, and religious belief, if the election falls on a religious holiday.

For candidates, party designation and primaries are dependent on state law, to which the seekers of nomination must adhere. The rules are specific; the time element is critical, and although election is possible by write-in vote, as the incumbent candidate



*This barn on South Ferry Road seems to mirror the electorate in last week's election: Leaning to the Left.*

tight limit. John understands the percentages and fractions that pertain, using the federal census as a base. The census is taken every ten years. The boundaries of the precincts must be permanent places, as roads, rivers, power lines, railroads. When the census shifts, the town clerk must adjust the precinct boundaries to accommodate the change in population. It can be a chore to meet the letter of the law on this.

There are 351 town clerks in Massachusetts who keep records, handle marriage, birth and death certificates of residents, run the elections, which includes certifying residents' signatures on nomination papers, handling absentee ballots which must be applied for 30 days in advance. Reasons for requesting absentee ballots in

for Register of Deeds proved once again it is difficult.

Interestingly, the term Independent no longer applies to those who choose not to register under a political party in Massachusetts. The term was confused by a group that used the term for a legally established party called 'Independent,' which no longer exists. Now 'Unenrolled,' a very specific term, is used instead.

John Zywna, our recently retired town clerk, ran voter friendly elections for 15 years from an office that knows about the town and is happy to serve its citizens. He ran many primaries and state and federal elections, and is one of the experts in the field.

Thank you, John.

## NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

# Auto Salvage Hearing Takes Unexpected Turn

**BY JOSH HEINEMANN**

**WENDELL** - At ten o'clock on a warm Saturday morning, November 11th, two Wendell selectboard members, five neighbors, their dogs and grandchildren attended the continuing Class III automobile salvage license hearing for Robin Pierce's Stone Road property. The hearing was adjourned on November 1st so the selectboard could view the site and discuss whether the fence surrounding and hiding the unregistered cars behind the shop would be required to be 25 feet inside the property line, or if it could be just inside the property line where a wire fence stands now.

When Pierce came down from his house to the yard with Lou and Ryan Porter, who hope to buy the property, a new complication arose. Pierce's tax bill calls the property "multi use - commercial," and that designation changes the kind of loan the Porters can get. Instead of a 30-year mortgage the bank insists on a 15-year commercial loan, which calls for a much larger down payment, higher interest, and triple the monthly payment. Under those conditions they could not operate as they had hoped, would have to hire extra workers, extra ramp trucks and keep the 50 unregistered car limit that Pierce's license currently allows, instead of dropping the limit to 25, as the board had discussed. The Porters do not want to operate at that level of activity.

Abutter Jen Gross, member of the planning board, said Wendell does not have a commercial zone. Selectboard chair Ted Lewis and board member Christine Heard concurred. All of Wendell is zoned residential - agricultural. Heard asked

Pierce if he had addressed the issue with the assessors or the tax collector. He had not. Lewis said Pierce should straighten out his tax bill before selling the property.

Lou Porter said he and his brother were at a complete stall. He said the hearing should be closed, not continued again so they could approach the bank with new documents that would allow them to get a residential mortgage, which is what they had based their business plan around.

Still, everyone stayed and discussed the license conditions that had prompted the hearing to move to the site. No one objected to the fence in back of the shop being close to the property line instead of 25 feet inside. Heard mentioned the restriction on unregistered cars within 200 feet of the property's front border, and neighbor Chris Ewell paced off 200 feet from the road. Admitting the measurement was not precise, the Porters felt that line would allow them the room they needed.

Gross was concerned about the wet area between the front storage and the west property line and the possibility of leaking fluids. She owns the abutting property, and its well is close to the wet area.

Pierce said the well is higher than the wet area. He said that cars in that area might be unregistered, but they would be repaired and made ready for sale without any leaks, just like a registered car parked in the same place.

The hearing was closed, and later in the day Pierce went to the assessor's office to try to get his tax bill changed, but it was Saturday afternoon and no one was in.

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tions regarding the use of public property came up on June 9th, when Montague Center resident Eric Chester asked permission to put up a sign calling for "U.S. Out of Iraq" on the Montague Common. Chester pointed out the board had routinely approved the installation of a crèche scene, erected annually on the Common by the Firemen's Relief Association, and said Supreme Court rulings held that use of public space needs to be "content neutral." At the time of his original request, the board asked for time to research the matter, and repeated that tack in September, when Chester returned to the board to press his case.

In June, selectboard chair Pruitt sagely remarked Chester's sign would still be relevant by the time the board finally ruled on the matter.

On Monday, board member Allen's reaction was, "I thought we were going to settle this in August, and here we are again."

**In Other News**

The approach of the holiday season brought an unusual liquor license request from the Second Street Sports Bar for November 20th.

Bar owner Lew Collins told the board the night before Thanksgiving is one of the busiest nights of the year for his linked facilities, the Sports Bar and the Fatboyz Nightclub, and he expects to reach his permitted customer capacity for much of the evening. His security staff will actively monitor the overall numbers, but to enable patrons to carry a drink from one front door to the other without violating liquor regulations he would like

to erect a partitioned transit area on Avenue A in between the smoking areas outside the bars. He explained, "The only change to normal operations is being able to carry drinks from side to side." This requires permission both for Use of Public Property and a one-day Outdoor Liquor License.

This novel approach generated considerable discussion, alternating between commendation for Collins' handling of similar events in the three years previous and concern for possible noise and abuse of the outdoor area. Collins satisfied the board his security staff would ensure that people who were neither smoking nor actively in transit would be urged to go inside, get in line if capacity had been reached, or come back later. The record of past success turned the issue in his favor, with board member Allen Ross observing, "If we approve this, it's a clear trial of a new idea." Collins was also instructed to alert the building's landlord and tenants of the event.

Police chief Ray Zukowski briefly updated the board on the ongoing negotiations about consolidating dispatch functions with Greenfield. Chiefs Zukowski and David Guilbault of Greenfield agree the outlook is promising for shared technology, but the affected staffs have raised a number of questions that need to be answered satisfactorily. Consequently, the pace for combining the dispatch centers may be slow. Zukowski noted the current feasibility study for a new public safety facility may lead to new arrangements. In the meantime he received board approval to hire more part-time dispatchers to eliminate overtime for his current staff. As he put it, "They are working the time, but

they feel it's 'getting old'."

The board also approved a recommendation from DPW superintendent Tom Bergeron to hire Keith Rose at \$13.55 as a recycling truck driver/laborer.

**G-M Bridge on Schedule**

The town is still trying to arrange a meeting with Gary Kosuda, owner of the Railroad Salvage building, prior to a late November court date, concerning his failure to either demolish or stabilize the deteriorating structure, which is unlikely to survive the winter without extensive attention. On a more optimistic note, it appears the Gill-Montague Bridge is still on schedule for renovation in Fiscal '08. The design phase is undergoing a value-engineering examination to see whether the estimated \$34.5 million price tag can be reduced.

Abbondanzio and building inspector David Jensen continue to talk with a developer who may be interested in the former Strathmore Paper Mill for use in cinematography, perhaps as part of a state initiative to promote movie-making in Massachusetts. The developer has inquired about tax credits and similar incentives, including upgrade of existing pedestrian access. In another long stalled project, MassHighway is scheduling the start of work on the Greenfield Road pedestrian bridge and improvements to Hatchery Road.

The state Fisheries & Wildlife department manages a large part of the Montague Plains, but the town owns 8.4 acres in the middle, so Anne-Marie Kitteridge of the department has asked to include Montague's parcel in her management efforts. The project is called "Fuel Load Reduction," but translates into "Brush-cutting

or Controlled Burning." Kitteridge prefers cutting and removal to burning or on-site chipping, and assures the town that cutting near Old Northfield Road will not be visible from Lake Pleasant Road or other paved roads. She said the Water District supports her plans. The board was impressed by her willingness to post the cutting operations and attend any meetings on the matter.



**MCTV TO HOLD PEG ACCESS CHANNELS OPEN FORUM**

MCTV will host an open forum at the Town Hall selectboard room on Tuesday, November 28th, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the current and possible future uses of Montague's two PEG Access channels: 15 and 17.

For more information please visit [www.MontagueTV.org](http://www.MontagueTV.org)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ERVING POLICE LOG**

**Rottweiler on the Loose**

**Wednesday 11-8**

10:25 a.m. Report of a loose dog on Central Street eating trash. Located a large male Rottweiler. Made contact with owner and advised her of situation and of town leash law.

**Thursday 11-9**

2:50 p.m. Medical emergency at a High Street address. Child ingested poison. Orange ambulance transported to Athol Hospital.

**Saturday 11-11**

4:53 p.m. After a motor vehicle stop on Route 2, [redacted] was arrested on a warrant. 11:30 p.m. Assisted EMT's

with a man having a seizure in the parking lot of the Erving Papermill. Subject was a prisoner of Orange Police. BHA transported.

**Sunday 11-12**

6:57 p.m. Responded to a Highland Avenue address, unknown alarm sounding in the basement. Alarm coming from the sump pump. Advised owner to call supplier of pump.

**Tuesday 11-14**

6:05 a.m. Report of a motor vehicle accident on Northfield Road. Car slid off the roadway and struck a tree. No personal injuries report. Subject cited for marked lanes violation.

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# Et Tu, Titus?

BY ALI URBAN - Students slowed on their way down the hall. They wondered why there was a man dressed in full armor fixing his sandal outside the Latin class. It's not

every day a Roman foot soldier walks the halls of Turners Falls High School. But that's just what happened on November 9th when Andrew Volpe, a Roman Legionary re-

enactor, gave presentations for the Latin and humanities classes at TFHS.

Volpe explained how his character, Titus, a paid infantryman from circa 60 to 80 A.D., would live and fight. His armor, a series of steel plates, was designed to deflect the heavy blows of an opponent's sword, or *gladius*.

"The Celts attack head on with swords," Volpe explained, pointing to his reinforced shoulder plates. "It's important to have a lot of frontal and shoulder protection and cover the most vulnerable areas."

He talked about the importance of flexible armor. "It's difficult to maintain with all of the buckles, hinges, straps and ties," he said. The design was uniquely Roman. He also carried his *scutum*, or shield, and wore a decorated belt, a symbol of his rank. "This is the part of our armor we can decorate," he said shaking his belt forcefully.

"A Roman soldier is an aggressive, offensive weapon. He wants his enemy to know he is coming and he is trouble," he added.

As a member of the Third Legion, Titus would have volunteered to serve for 25 years. The job was appealing because it provided steady pay, equipment and training. "Camaraderie is very important," Volpe said, dressed in his full armor of a steel vest over a lightweight tunic, brown leather sandals and brass helmet. Eight men would live in small leather tents. "We fight for each other," he said. "We all pull together to fight for a common goal."

With the help of a student volunteer, Volpe demonstrated how his brass helmet, padded inside with a "not-historically-accurate" black winter hat, was designed to deflect blows.

## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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PHOTO BY ALI URBAN

*Damsel in distress Michelle Dame volunteers to help Roman Legionary reenactor Andrew Volpe demonstrate the use of Roman military weapons as stunned classmates watch from the sidelines.*

He also broke into a mock sword fight with Latin teacher Jeff Lord, showing students the effectiveness of his layered plywood shield.

Another weapon Titus would have used was a javelin-like *pilum*. This "disposable weapon" would be lodged in an enemy's shield, making it harder for him to defend himself.

Volpe told students that his armor weighed 20 pounds, and when he added the weight of his shield, travel pack, swords, daggers and javelin, the weight exceeded 100 pounds.

An average-sized legion consisted of about 5,500 men, and at the peak of the Roman Empire, there were 28 legions. Non-Romans could also join the army. After 25 years of service they would earn their citizenship.

"Romans considered themselves the best of the best," Volpe said.

Volpe has been acting as a Roman Legionary for more than four years. He developed his "Roman Dude" presentation for the Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester.

The TFHS presentation was funded through a grant from the Gill-Montague Education Fund to supplement and enhance the curriculum in the district's schools.

Latin II student and Gill-Montague Education Fund board member, senior Lauren Tela called the Roman Dude's presentation informative and entertaining. "It was interesting to connect what we talked about in class to the presentation," she said. "It put everything into perspective."

*High School Highlights is a bi-weekly column by Turners Falls High School junior Ali Urban that focuses on subjects relating to and of interest to high school students and the general community.*

## MCTV Schedule

Channel 17: Friday, November 17th through Thursday, November 23rd

Friday, November 17

9:00 am Classic Arts Showcase  
10:00 am Montague Update-Art Gilmore  
11:00 am Montague Selectboard 11/13  
1:00 pm Family Friends  
6:00 pm NASA Destination Tomorrow #18  
6:30 pm GMRSD Meeting 11/14  
9:30 pm This is Montague-Millers Falls Rod & Gun  
10:30 pm Living in the Shadow of Vermont Yankee

Saturday, November 18

9:00 am NASA Destination Tomorrow #18  
9:30 am GMRSD Meeting 11/14  
12:30 pm This is Montague-Millers Falls Rod & Gun  
1:30 pm Living in the Shadow of Vermont Yankee  
6:00 pm Veterans Day Memorial Service  
6:30 pm NASA: Return to Flight  
7:30 pm The Well Being: Managing Chronic Pain  
8:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/8  
10:30 pm Prevailing Winds in Denmark

Sunday, November 19

10:00 am Veterans Day Memorial Service  
10:30 am NASA: Return to Flight  
11:30 am The Well Being: Managing Chronic Pain  
12:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/8  
2:30 pm Prevailing Winds in Denmark  
6:00 pm Montague Update-Andrew Varnon  
7:00 pm Franklin County Democrat #26  
7:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/9  
10:30 pm 215th Mass. Army Band

Monday, November 20

9:00 am Montague Update-Andrew Varnon  
10:00 am Franklin County Democrat #26  
10:30 am Montague Police Building Study 11/9  
1:30 pm 215th Mass. Army Band  
6:00 pm Family Friends  
6:30 pm Veterans Day Memorial Service

7:00 pm Selectboard Meeting LIVE  
10:00 pm Steve Alves Western Mass. Film Collection  
11:00 pm Source to Sea River Clean-up

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am Family Friends  
9:30 am Veterans Day Memorial Service  
10:00 am Steve Alves Western Mass. Film Collection  
11:00 am. Source to Sea River Clean-up  
6:00 pm This is Montague-Millers Falls Rod & Gun  
7:00 pm GMRSD Meeting 11/14  
10:00 pm Montague Update-Andrew Varnon  
11:00 pm Living in the Shadow of Vermont Yankee

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am This is Montague-Millers Falls Rod & Gun  
10:00 am GMRSD Meeting 11/14  
1:00 pm. Montague Update-Andrew Varnon  
2:00 pm Living in the Shadow of Vermont Yankee  
6:30 pm NASA Destination Tomorrow #18  
7:00 pm GED Connection #15  
7:30 pm The Well Being: Managing Chronic Pain  
8:30 pm School Forum-Gill 10/26

Thursday, November 23

9:00 am NASA Destination Tomorrow #18  
9:30 am GED Connection #15  
10:00am The Well Being: Managing Chronic Pain  
11:00 am School Forum: Gill 10/26  
5:00 pm Steve Alves Western Mass. Film Collection  
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**NOTES FROM THE GILL-MONTAGUE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**School Closing on the Agenda**

The school committee will devote the lion's share of the agenda for their next meeting, November 28th, to deciding whether to close one or more of Montague's elementary schools, and how to reconfigure the elementary schools that remain open. The meeting will get underway with routine business at 6 p.m.; at 7 o'clock the agenda will shift to the school closing debate for the remainder of the evening. Glen Couture from the state Department of Education will be invited to facilitate the second half of the meeting.

To close a school, the committee will need to muster eight out of nine votes. "We made it difficult to close a school," said Martha Edwards, who served on the last Montague school committee before the district regionalized with Gill 25 years ago. Edwards spoke in favor of closing Hillcrest School, leaving Montague Center and Sheffield open.

"If Hillcrest is closed, Montague students could have a choice to attend the larger or smaller school. Certain children thrive in each environment. Educationally we would have the ability to place children where they can learn best, and meet every child's needs," Edwards said.

The committee gave few hints of how they were leaning. Mike Langknecht asked whether the committee would need to

find 8 votes to reconfigure a school, or only if they choose to close a school. He used the hypothetical example of designating Hillcrest to be the district's pre-K center, which would presumably lead to closing down most of the classrooms in that school, since there are only 45 pre-K students currently enrolled in the program, out of the 171 students who go to school there now. Superintendent Sue Gee said she thought 8 votes would only be needed to close a school, not to 'reconfigure' a school in this way, but said she would try to have the school's legal counsel present on the 28th to help with such questions.

Valeria Smith, a representative from Gill said, "It's getting to be crunch time." She posed a question about the percentage of special education students in the various elementary schools. She felt the test results showing strong academic performance at the smaller schools - Gill and Montague Center - were skewed by the low numbers of special needs students in those schools.

This comment echoed a similar statement made by Sheffield School principal Chip Wood at a public hearing at the Sheffield School on November 1st, where he said, "Approximately half of the K-3 elementary population attends our two smallest schools,

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**Turners Falls High School 1st Quarter Honor Roll**

**GRADE 9**

**First Honors**

- Jill Bernard
- Hannah Brown
- Nataliya Buhakova
- Daniel Cruz
- Danielle Dolhenty
- Matthew Garber
- Ashley Gibson
- Cassandra Kazar
- Jacob Lewis
- Jeremy Nicol
- Olivia Nicotra
- Carlyn Perry
- Sergiu Placinta
- Cayla Pollard
- Kathleen Rinaldi
- Dustin Rivard
- Tam Roberts
- Ashley Sears
- Christopher Shattuck
- Melani Sicard
- Sarah Underwood

**Second Honors**

- Juliana Aprileo
- Ashley Bailey
- Eric Bastarache
- Lucas Foley
- Oengus Gallagher
- Megan Grimard
- Jacob Lapean
- Elena Rushford
- Justin Sessions
- Alex Westfall

**Third Honors**

- Julie Auger
- Chelsea Bailey
- Kayla Breor
- Emma Butynski
- Jaryd Buzzell
- Brandon Deputy
- Mackae Freeland
- Abeni Hession-Davies
- Samantha Horan

- Malerie Kidder
- Michael Longto
- Justin Pacheco
- Cassandra Rounds
- Yaritza Torres
- Heather Willor
- Matthew Wozniak

**GRADE 10**

**First Honors**

- Amy Baxter
- Samuel Colton
- Theodore Dunbar
- Anne-Marie Grant
- Jodi Hallett
- Amber Henry
- Atma Khalsa
- Sara Pease
- Nicholas Skarzynski

**Second Honors**

- Emma Banning
- Benjamin Foster
- David Bennett
- Joshua Gammon
- Lacy Cardaropoli
- Christopher Humphrey
- Nicholas Clark
- Kelsey Kane
- Adam Felton
- Kimberly Nelson
- Jeremiah Wawrzyniak

**Third Honors**

- Joseph Auger
- Tyler Hagmaier
- Benjamin Banash
- Erin Kelley
- Leah Booker
- Susanna Khasonova
- Ashley Costa
- Charlotte Parody
- Christian Drew
- Joseph Rinaldi III
- Eric Dumas
- Erika Romashka

- Thomas Field
- Thomas Willard
- Nadezhda Filobokova
- Lindsey Wilson

- Tyanna Normandin
- Justin Slicer
- Alexander Stevens

**GRADE 12**

**First Honors**

- Laura Babij
- Julianne Rosewarne
- Katelin Bailey
- Christopher Seymour
- Krista Bascom
- William Shattuck IV
- Nicole Couture
- Aimee Shattuck
- Michelle Dame
- Valeriya Shumilova
- Alysia Galbraith
- Lauren Tela
- Richard Gallagher
- Haley Trenholm
- Benjamin Garber
- Samantha Willard
- Elizabeth Giknis
- Lauryn Zellmann
- Jenna Lapachinski

**Second Honors**

- Shanna Clark
- James Deputy
- Julianna Felton
- Daniel Leveille
- Raymond Perkins
- Christopher Sicard

**Third Honors**

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those who serve. It is our constancy of memory that dignifies their losses. We have a duty as well to keep strong our belief that peace is a better fate for us all."

At that, Charles Peterson, a junior at Turners Falls High, stood at the podium to recite *In Flanders Fields*. The poem was written, and then tossed away, by a Canadian field surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, after assisting in the burial of a friend at the battle of Ypres in the spring of 1915. He took twenty minutes away from the gruesome triage in the dressing station, sat on the back of an ambulance overlooking the *Canal de l'Yser* where wild poppies were blowing in the wind, and penned the famous lines.

Peterson stood ramrod straight as he recited:

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

The Second Battle of Ypres, where McCrae labored to repair



The Sheffield Grade 5 chorus sings "America the Beautiful" under the direction of Nan Sadoski.

wounded and dying soldiers for 17 days, was notable for the surprise use of poison gas by the Germans. They employed chlorine gas, heavier than air, which descended into the trenches and asphyxiated 6,000 French troops in ten minutes flat. Roundly denounced as barbaric, the innovation was soon copied by the Allies. Over 100,000 men died during those few weeks, for a negligible gain of ground by the Germans, who later gave up the attempt to take the Belgian town, preferring to reduce it to rubble by bombardment, which they did.

After its author discarded the poem, a fellow officer retrieved *In Flanders Fields* and sent it to the London papers; *Punch* published it in December, 1915.

Art Gilmore, chair of the Trustees of the Soldiers Memorial, welcomed music teacher Nan Sadoski and the grade 5 chorus from Sheffield. He called the choral students "the future taxpayers of Montague," and invited them to sing *America the Beautiful*, which they did, very sweetly, reminding the crowd how difficult it is to hit the high notes in that song. Earlier, choral member Jonathan Rawles vol-

unteered for yeoman's duty, leading the crowd in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to get the ceremony underway.

Steve Damon, of Gill, a member of Bugles Across America, played Taps, as heads were bared.

Mike Blanchard, Exalted Ruler of the Montague Elks, recited a prayer as Pam Lester tolled 11 chimes on a thumb piano. "It is the hour of recollection," Blanchard intoned. "The hour of eleven has a tender significance. The great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs... Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken."

Art Gilmore, chair of the Trustees of the Soldiers Memorial, introduced Pat Allen, member of the Montague select-board, to let people know about the progress of the fundraising efforts for the new Veterans Memorial. Allen credited the St. Stanislaus Society for a total contribution of \$6,000 toward the new memorial, and Kathleen Belanger, of South Deerfield for spearheading recent efforts to raise several thousand more for the Montague monument in her hometown.

Mrs. Belanger's son, Sergeant Gregory Belanger, died when his Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad on August 27th, 2003. Belanger, who loved to cook, had joined the Army Reserve while pursuing a degree in culinary science. He was serving as a cook in Iraq when he died.

Allen said more than \$60,000 has been raised towards the eventual goal of \$85,000 or \$90,000 needed for the refurbished memorial, which will feature stones honoring Montague's men who served in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, as well as more recent conflicts. She presented a check for \$3,000 to Gilmore on behalf of the town's 250th Anniversary committee.

"Almost every male in Montague served in the Revolutionary War," said

Gilmore. Since their names will be too numerous to carve in granite, the stone marking that war will simply pay a tribute to all who served from Montague in the war to free the colonies. Similarly with the Civil War stone. The World War I monument, which used to sit across from town hall, has been in storage at the former Great Falls Discovery Center office (the old Cumberland Farms) for several years, gathering dust. That stone and the stones marking the casualties of local soldiers in World War II and the Korean War will be cleaned and restored in the new monument.

(To send a check to help the Trustees reach their goal, make it out to the Soldiers Memorial and mail it to Town of Montague, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376.)

Terry Miner of the Elks gave a closing prayer. "Heavenly father, we thank you for the selfless service of those who gave their lives to defend our freedom... Hold in the palm of your hand those who continue to fight today for the preservation of our liberty."

As the crowd dispersed, friends talked quietly; couples hugged each other; some wept openly. The hundreds of flags fluttered in the breeze. Dry leaves blew down the street. The entire service ended before the hour of eleven had even struck.



Art Gilmore

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Gill and Montague Center, with student academic needs that do not qualify for Title I services in Reading and Math because of adequate academic performance, and a family income level based on free and reduced lunch counts that falls below 30%. These schools also have a very low special needs student population. Our two largest elementary schools have free and reduced lunch counts between 50% and 60%, and special needs populations near 20%. My belief is these social class and resource issues should be taken into consideration when making a final determination [on elementary school configuration]. A re-assignment of students and personnel should be given serious discussion. A more even spread of student need and personnel resources will increase every student's opportunity for having individual academic needs met, no matter what gift or need, no exceptions, no excuses. We are charged to be a regional school district with equal opportunity and equity for all."

Superintendent Gee said Special Needs children who would otherwise be educated at Montague Center School were now being educated at Sheffield, due to the availability of resources there to meet their needs.

School committee chair Mary Kociela said she wants the committee to come to a final decision on the matter of elementary school closing and configuration by the December 12th meeting.

In other news, the school committee heard a report from student council representatives, who said the town of Montague was no longer picking up recycled paper from the High School. DPW superintendent Tom Bergeron said staffing and funding cuts to his department make it impossible to continue providing the service for the schools. "Either the town or the schools need to pay for it," said Bergeron. "It fills our truck to capacity; if they bring it to the dumpsters at the transfer station, they fill to capacity." Bergeron said the town picked up the paper last year to help out with the student-initiated recycling program.

School facilities manager Tom Thornton estimated the high school generated 12 bins of recycled paper a week. He said he would present a proposal to the school committee detailing the cost of paying for their own dumpster to collect recycled paper.



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Gary Orlinski stands by his sculpture "Rock, Paper, Knife"

water with a bucket from the trench where his sculpture was supposed to stand. Only a short way up the bike path, the abstract brick and steel sculpture *Powertown* had almost been relocated because the highway department hit solid ledge while excavating the postholes. The bushes that were supposed to form the backdrop for Cynthia Fisher's *Atlantic Salmon Mosaic*

on the cornice. The bricks had tumbled off as the sculpture, weighing more than a ton, made its way down Unity Street strapped to the back of a boom truck donated for the occasion by Shana-han Construction Supply. Cahill spent the next several hours feverishly reassembling his work, a last minute technique he dubbed "Porky Pig brick laying." But the result was all a downtown art coordinator could have hoped for: a massy chimney-like edifice that manages to almost blend into the stately backdrop of the Colle Opera House, yet on close observation springs to life with fine detail: individually cut slate stacked in a crinkled ruff around the windows where RiverCulture announcements will soon be posted, and where a public bulletin board will hang. Stacked thus on its side, the edges of the slate evoked the feel of crepe paper.

This odd synesthesia found a stately echo in Orlinski's oblong opus, *Rock, Paper, Knife*, which had finally managed to find its footing amid the marshland by the fish ladder. In the clear sun of an unseasonably (by pre-21st standards) warm November afternoon, Orlinski's piece combined materials native to the site, including rocks whose curves and layers reveal their riverine origin, bits of brick from the ruins of the John Russell Cutlery, and an enlarged black and white photo of cutlery workers who once made this bend in the river famous for their Green River and Barlow knives.

In a window midway up the sculpture's frame, horizontal and vertical piles of two-inch strips of paper are stacked in a checkered square. The side view of the deckle-edged, heavy watercolor paper, donated for the installation by Southworth Paper, the last remaining paper mill on the power canal, conveys a dense scalloped texture to the display, reminding the viewer of Cahill's edgewise slate on the Avenue.

Upstream, hard by the old Red Bridge abutment, James Rourke's *Powertown* seems already a well-established landmark. "I watched him build it," said Dorothy Wood, walking on the bike path with her daughter Sandra. "I walk here every afternoon," the Chestnut Street resident said. "It's interesting. I assume it represents industry."

Contradicting some of the basic premises of physics, the sculpture resembles a brick waterwheel on the bottom half, topped with green steel girder work to form a rough circle. The girders echo the modern bridge, clearly visible in the background. The axle of the 'waterwheel' is supported on stands made of black locust, which also hold the bulletin boards that are a component of each of the public sculptures commissioned by the RiverCulture program.

Rourke said his piece was called into being by the conditions of the site; "the vast expanse of space, the power and presence of the river, the strong horizontal of the bridge. I tried to pay attention to the visual landscape and incorporate it into the sculpture."

Unlike the other three pieces, which were largely produced in the privacy of the artists' studios, (except for an occasional brick or bucket of water), Rourke's work took shape under the critical eye of the public over the last several weeks. Some of them talked to him about the history of the town, and he began to feel his sculpture was even more grounded in the past of Turners as he listened to them talk.

"I was intrigued by the history and development of the water wheel to power belt driven machinery." He talked about the uses of the river for log drives, ice harvesting, and hydropower.

Marie Putala was effusive. A neighbor of the Wood's, Putala said, "I think it's just wonderful. It excites me to see new additions to the town. It brings back our true town. My dad would be so proud if he could see this."

Putala's father, Emil Gravelee, worked at the Strathmore and Millers Falls paper mills for 45 years. Their family hails from Presque Isle, originally.

On the Avenue, Cahill told the crowd, "Driving over that bridge is one of the best vistas I've ever seen in my life. It's an honor to put a piece of work in this town."

"Turners is becoming even more visually interesting," remarked one observer.

Over at Peskeomskut Park, Fisher's piece met with similar enthusiasm: "Oh, wow! That's cool!" as admirers crowded close to her shimmering mosaic salmon. Fisher explained her technique. Tiny tiles, some cut in slivers, some in squares, in blues and greens and whites, form a speckled surface not unlike the glinting scales of a leaping salmon. Some tiles are cut from mirrored glass, tossing back the light in the same way sunlight gleams off a fish's scales.

Fisher, a mosaic artist from Buckland, said she decided to focus on one aspect of the natural environment in her offering for the RiverCulture program. "The Atlantic Salmon used to be very common in all of the rivers of New England prior to the 1800s." But with the coming of industrialization and the damming of the rivers, Fisher said salmon became extinct on

large reaches of their original habitat, such as the Connecticut. Now, with millions of federal dollars subsidizing a program to reintroduce the fish, and fish ladders making their trip upstream to spawn possible, a few Atlantic Salmon are making the annual migration past Turners once again.

Jay di Pucchio considers Fisher's piece an apt symbol for the town itself. "For so many years it felt like we were swimming upstream in Turners Falls," said the Central Street resident. "The salmon has finally arrived."

Back at the Great Hall of the Discovery Center, as the tour wound down and participants snacked on chips and dips and crudites provided by Squash Trucking and the Wagon Wheel and hot cider from Clarkdale - not to mention the dwindling platter of brownies - RiverCulture steering committee member Chris Janke was looking beyond the day's highlights.

"Public art. I dig it. I wish I knew there would be art to replace it in three years." According to the terms of the Mass Cultural Council's Adams grant that provided seed funding for the first year of RiverCulture programming in Turners Falls, the public art pieces can only stay up for three years before being removed. The grant specifically proscribed funding

arts in Turners. It has added a little bit of art to the community. But it's gotten the word out about the art that is already happening here."

Evidence of that has been apparent not only in the turnout at gallery tours and theater openings and similar events, but also in the wide array of people who showed up to enjoy the art on Saturday. Art lovers from hill-towns like Ashfield, Buckland and Colrain were represented, as were folks from the Hill section of Turners Falls.

Jan Atamian, from Lake Pleasant, thought the new art works in downtown, with their themes of natural and industrial history, would make ideal stops for school tours that visit the river and the fish ladder.

Steve Kelley, who teaches math and applied science at the Tech School, talked about Rourke's piece on 1st Street. "All of the teachers drive by and say, 'When's it going to be ready?' A number of older gents would sit down by the river and watch him work. They are not normally people who would be interested in the arts, but they've been watching him day by day. They put their chairs next to him and watch him work."

Davol, back at her office at work preparing next year's Mass Cultural Council grant, laughed about the near calamity that seemed to befall the public art-



A swampy scene on Thursday, two days before the celebration at the site of Orlinski's sculpture. A sump pump ran all day long, removing water from the trench.

had been uprooted during the course of renovating Peskeomskut Park. And there was no sign of Stephen Cahill's monolithic brick and slate *Doosel*, slated to rise on the corner of 3rd and Avenue A in little more than twelve hours.

The glossy interiors of *House Beautiful* beckoned, but Davol resisted temptation. She went home and baked six dozen brownies and waited for what the dawn might bring.

Around eight a.m., as the culmination of six months of planning was about to get underway, Cahill's sculpture finally appeared in front of the Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, minus a good number of bricks



Stephen Cahill feverishly reassembles the brickwork cornice of his installation "Doosel" on Saturday morning.

for 'permanent infrastructure.' After their term of residency is up at the four prominent settings, the pieces could possibly be stored somewhere for a time and then re-exhibited elsewhere, Janke thought.

"To me, the question remains, what happens in year Two or Three? The work Lisa Davol has done is foundational. We're working on getting another grant. But we need to think about transitioning from reliance on grants to being funded some other way."

Janke said the positives from the RiverCulture program were already apparent. "It has increased the profile of the

works only days before. "It's all part of the creative process."

But by Tuesday she broke down and bought an overstock flokati rug for the living room. The cats all loved it.



James Rourke's daughter Chloe explores Power Town

# Turners Losing Streak Continues

BY LEE CARIGNAN

**BUCKLAND** - The Mohawk Warriors defeated the Turners Falls Indians 20 - 11 in Intercounty League football action Friday night, November 10th. Once again Turners played well for most of the game, leading 9-0 late in the first half, and holding onto a 9-8 lead after three quarters. But a fourth-quarter comeback by the Warriors drops Turners' record to 1-8 on the season. With the victory, Mohawk improves their record to 6-3.

Turners scored first with their special teams unit, with a punt, on their opening series. Mohawk return man Justin Malone fumbled the Jake Field punt in his own end zone. The

Warriors managed to come up with the ball, but Turners held them in the end zone for the two-point safety.

Both teams played well on defense, making it hard for each to get anything going offensively. But Turners managed to hit with a trick play midway through the second quarter. Quarterback Adam Bastarache threw a lateral to wide out Jake Field, who in return found his brother Tom wide open, hitting him with a 62-yard touchdown pass. Sunny Lucas' extra point gave the Indians a 9-0 lead.

Mohawk answered with a trick play of their own on their next series. Quarterback Justin Malone completed a screen pass to tight end Ben Lapean, who



pitched it to Brandon Fox. Fox found an opening down the field and ran it in from 35 yards out for the touchdown. Mohawk was successful on the two-point conversion with a completion from Malone to Kyle Hartnett to make the score 9-8 at halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Warriors got a boost when running back Daniel Gerry entered the game. Gerry

was a game-time scratch because of a leg injury. But the courageous running back decided to give it a go in the second half. Gerry's return sparked the Mohawk offense, helping them drive the ball down the field. Gerry finished off the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to put Mohawk up 14-9.

Justin Malone broke the game open after a Turners fumble, with a 28-yard touchdown run to give Mohawk a 20-9 lead with three minutes to go. Turners added another safety to make the final score 20-11.

Bastarache finished the night with 6 completions on 15 attempts for 60 yards. He also rushed for 45 yards. Rau had 64

yards on 13 carries. Tom Field led Turners with 3 receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. Dorman had 1 reception for 27 yards.

It was another disappointing loss for Turners, who have played competitively with every team in their division this season. They are far and away a better team than their 1-8 record indicates. Next week Turners will have another shot as they finish out the season with their annual Thanksgiving Day game with the Green Wave in Greenfield. Greenfield is doing worse than Turners, at 0-10 on the season. They lost last week to West Springfield 13-12. Mohawk will play their turkey day game at Franklin Tech.




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## BIKE

continued from pg 1 and Green Rivers.

Construction of the Montague stretch of the bikeway was broken into two sections. 'Segment B' which runs from Unity Park to Montague City Road off Depot Street is nearly complete. 'Segment A' from Montague City Road to Deerfield has proven more challenging.

This past summer, work crews pulled the rails and ties left behind by the railroad and cut down trees and shrubs, creating a ten-foot dirt passage from the bridge over the river to Masonic Street. The trestle and a smaller stone arch over one of the original river canals have long been in disrepair, their gaping wooden floors patched with plywood panels for the snowmobiles that roar along this pathway every winter, making their intrepid crossings.

The railroad trestle is being hugely shored up now, both underneath and above the original steel deck. A sturdy wooden railing will protect users from the acrophobe's nightmare of the wide empty



The old railroad trestle across the confluence of the Deerfield and Connecticut rivers has a new deck and railing.

spaces of the original trestle frame. New materials are brought in daily by the construction crew. While the bridge looks ready to the uninitiated eye, both the trestle and the smaller canal bridge remain blocked to public use by large concrete barriers.

While the original planners

of the county bikeway were driven by the energy crisis of the 1970s, current usage is predominately recreational and pedestrian. Habitual users of the Canalside Trail meet other walkers, occasional roller-bladers and, very rarely, cyclists. Perhaps when the eight towns are connected by bicycle-friendly byways,

we'll have to make way for the two-wheelers. In the meantime, the Montague stretches of the county bikeway make for safe, comfortable perambulation through lovely natural surroundings at whatever pace you choose.



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# Sleeping Without Breathing Harmful to Your Health

**BY JENNY CHAPIN**  
**MONTAGUE CENTER** - If you snore loudly, wake up feeling tired after a full night's sleep, or are sleepy during the day, you may have sleep apnea. Apnea means without breath; in this disorder, breathing repeatedly stops and starts during sleep. The typical person with sleep apnea is an overweight, middle-aged man who has allergies, but apnea can occur at any age, and in women as well as men.

that their sleep was interrupted; in fact, many people with this type of sleep apnea think they sleep well all night.

The most common signs and symptoms of



OSA include: excessive daytime sleepiness; always feeling tired; loud, irregular snoring, then quiet periods of at least 10 seconds when breathing stops; abrupt awakenings accompanied by shortness of breath; waking with a dry mouth, cough, or sore throat; morning headaches; moodiness, irritability; inability to concentrate or remember. Apnea sufferers are often diagnosed as depressed, when really they are simply exhausted and cannot function properly.

Certain factors pose increased risk. Excess weight, in the form of fat deposits around your upper airway, may obstruct your breathing. Enlarged tonsils or adenoids can narrow the airway. Alcohol, sedatives and tranquilizers relax the muscles in your throat; smoking increases the amount of inflammation and fluid retention in the upper airway (quitting smoking drops the risk). High blood pressure, a family history of sleep apnea, being older than 65, and being male are factors.

Several mask and ventilator devices are available, as well as dental appliances worn in your

mouth. A Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) is a nasal mask which forces air through the upper airway with enough pressure to prevent the upper airway tissues from collapsing during sleep.

There are some pharmaceutical drugs used to treat apnea, but the side effects are unpleasant, so it's well worth trying

lifestyle changes first.

Lose weight - eat less, exercise more. Minimize use of alcohol, antihistamines, or tranquilizers. Eliminate mucus-producing foods (dairy and bananas) for two weeks, then reintroduce them and notice any difference. Get treatment for allergies, colds, or sinus problems. In bed, put pillows behind you so you lie on your side, or use foam wedges (from a medical supply store) so you're sitting up more than lying flat.

When blood oxygen levels are lowered, from not breathing as fully as possible, the heart has to pump harder. This raises the blood pressure, reduces the flow of oxygen to the brain, and may cause enlargement of the heart, with higher risks of heart attack and stroke.

If you have sleep apnea, you will feel far-reaching effects from taking steps to improve your health and get a good night's rest.

*Jenny Chapin is an acupuncturist, bodyworker, and yoga teacher in Greenfield. Suggest a topic for her column at [jgchapin@crocker.com](mailto:jgchapin@crocker.com).*

**BY FRED CICETTI**  
**LEONIA, NJ** - *Q. My wife has complained of being short of breath while shopping in the mall. She says it's just a sign of age, but I'm concerned about her.*

The likelihood of suffering shortness of breath or "dyspnea" (disp-nee-ah) becomes greater the older we get. As we age, our air passages get smaller, chest muscles weaken, and our lungs become less flexible. These changes reduce our air flow.

Dyspnea should happen rarely to healthy people. It can be brought on by exhaustive exertion, high altitude, extreme temperatures. Otherwise, shortness of breath is commonly a sign of a medical problem. So your wife should get this symptom checked by a doctor immediately.

Dyspnea is associated with the major breathing disorders that can develop in seniors. These disorders are chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, obstructive sleep apnea, pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary thromboembolism and aspiration.

COPD involves difficulty in exhaling. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are COPDs. Emphysema makes the small air spaces in the lungs collapse. Bronchitis is inflammation of the airways.

Most asthma is caused by allergies to airborne particles such as dust and mold. The airways become inflamed, which causes them to spasm.

Unlike COPD, asthma is reversible.

Diagnosing conditions in seniors can be challenging, because asthma in

older people is often difficult to distinguish from emphysema and chronic bronchitis. In addition, many seniors have both emphysema and chronic

tem to handle it, you can get a serious lung infection.

Symptom of shortness of breath can be caused by a variety of abnormalities in organs other than the lungs.

When the heart fails, it loses its ability pump blood. This elevates pressure in the blood vessels around the lung. Sometimes fluid collects in the lungs and interferes with breathing, causing shortness of breath, especially when a person is lying down.

A low red-blood-cell count causes dyspnea because the red cells carry oxygen. When their number is extremely low, your body doesn't get enough oxygen.

In addition, a high thyroid level, shock, systemic infection, kidney or chronic liver problems, stroke, nerve and muscle disorders, and anxiety can bring on dyspnea.

The following are some symptoms that indicate a medical condition: shortness of breath at rest, with exercise, when lying down or upon exposure to allergens. In addition, you may have a problem if shortness of breath is accompanied by: chest pain or discomfort, arm pain, jaw pain, neck pain, swelling in the ankles and feet, fluid weight gain or unintentional weight loss with reduced appetite, unusual fatigue, sweating, yellow or green phlegm, blood in spit, fever, wheezing, persistent cough, blue lips or fingertips, fainting.

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bronchitis.

Obstructive sleep apnea is common in older adults. People with sleep apnea stop breathing for as long as 30 seconds at a time. These interruptions can happen hundreds of times a night. Obstructive sleep apnea occurs when the muscles in the back of your throat relax, narrowing your airway and cutting off your breathing.

In pulmonary fibrosis, the lung's air sacs become filled with scar tissue. The damage is permanent. Pulmonary fibrosis usually begins in your 40s or 50s, but can develop at any age.

Pulmonary thromboembolism is a life-endangering blockage of a blood vessel by a blood clot that travels - often from the legs - to the lung and damages tissue. Pulmonary thromboembolism is most common after age 65.

When something from your mouth goes down 'the wrong pipe,' you have aspiration. Aspiration is inhaling food particles, liquids or bacteria.

If the amount of aspirated material exceeds the ability of the immune sys-

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**  
Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, *Heroes*, classic rock, come to dance! 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
*Fete Noel* featuring crafts, raffles, gift items, homemade food and candy, bargain nook, luncheon at Montague Congregational Church, Montague Center. 9 to 2 p.m.

Comedy at the Shea. Featuring Tony V., Greg Rodrigues, Myq Kaplan & Jennifer Myszkowski. Proceeds benefit Turners Falls RiverCulture Project. [www.SheaComedy.com](http://www.SheaComedy.com) Tickets \$15 in advance (\$17 at the door), [www.sheacomedy.com](http://www.sheacomedy.com), or at World Eye Bookshop & Mesa Verde, Greenfield and Books & More, Turners Falls. Show is appropriate for 17 and older.

Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, Strange Brew, classic and updated rock & roll. 9:30 p.m. Come to dance!

Echo Lake Coffee House presents the "Stand-Up Chameleon", Jackson Gillman. Storytelling, vaudeville, mime, or just plain fun! At the Leverett Library, family concert 2 p.m. (donations accepted) and evening concert at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$12/\$10 seniors.

Coffee & Soul Concert: Featuring Bill Morrissey Special guest Jennie McAvoy. Performance at All Souls Church, Greenfield. Doors open 7 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m. 773-5018.

Montague Bookmill concert: Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson Andrew Smith opens. \$10. 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Massachusetts State High School Cross Country Championships. High school runners from across the state compete for individual & team honors. At Northfield Mountain Recreation Area, Route 63 in Northfield. Begins at 11 a.m.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH**  
Pothole Pictures 2 Shows! - *Inside Bernie's Booth* & *42nd Street* Shown at Memorial Hall



Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson "retro folk" perform at The Montague Bookmill, Saturday, November 18th at 7 p.m.

Theater, Shelburne Falls. Music before the movies 7 p.m. Movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
At the Montague Grange: Potluck Supper 5:30 p.m. All are welcome! Stay for the Community Dance 7 p.m. Contra dances; possibly a square dance or circle dance; waltzes; and more. Live music by the Montague Center All-Comers Band (open to all). "Open mic" for callers, hosted by David Kaynor, Tim Van Egmond, and Lisa Sieverts.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**  
Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, *Free Radicals* rock & roll. 9:30 p.m. Come to dance!

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**BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17TH**  
View the Junior Duck Stamp artwork from Massachusetts students grades K - 12. The first place design from the national contest is used to create a Junior Duck Stamp for the following year. Proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamp support conservation education, and provide awards and scholarships for students, teachers, and schools.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**  
Turkey Talk. Hands-on activity that celebrates the traditions of Thanksgiving by making your very own turkey! Geared towards ages 3 to 5. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
Bird Walk along Power Canal Limited field guides & binoculars. 2 - 3 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**  
Connecting Creatures Explore an in-depth journey through the Connecticut River Watershed and connect certain species to their habitat through our scavenger hunt activities. Program will be led by Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge staff. Program is free and universally accessible

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**  
Friends Coffehouse in the Great Hall. Barry White Crow Higgins \$5-\$10/family, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**  
Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, *The Drunk Stuntment*, the ultimate rocken party band! 9:30 p.m. Come to dance!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**  
Family Dance at the Montague Grange with caller Jeff Petrovich. Family-style Contra Dancing with easy instruction geared for little feet. 4-5:30 p.m. \$7-\$12 per family, includes a light snack

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**  
Documentary Film Series on "Active Nonviolence" at the Arms Library, Shelburne Falls. thru November. Nov. 29 *Sir! No Sir!* A powerful, recently released documentary that provides an

eye-opening chronicle of what became massive resistance to the Vietnam War from within the U.S. military. Soldiers by the tens of thousands who thought they were serving their country decided the war was wrong and stopped following orders. Many parallels with Iraq War. 85 min. This is the last in an eight-week series of films. 7 p.m. Free

Friends of Great Falls Discovery Center Coffee-house in the historic Great Hall. Barry White Crow Higgins \$5-\$10/family, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**ONGOING**  
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# Turkey Shoot

at the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club

**STAFF REPORTS**

**TURNERS FALLS** - Fretful turkeys needn't worry as they ramble near the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, although the sharp crack of gunfire is commonly heard here in Autumn.

The turkey shoots happening at the club -- every Sunday from the second in September through just before Thanksgiving - require only BB's and an "X" marked paper target.

This year, only one turkey shoot has been canceled due to inclement weather, and the public is welcome to attend the annual club fund-raising events.

Michael Muller of Montague Center attended a shoot recently and found the environment welcoming to newcomers.

"(It was fun) being there with a bunch of really nice people who were very respectful of the fact I'd never fired a gun or been to a shoot before," said Muller, adding that the ages of people participating on this Sunday ranged from 10-year-old twins to people in their '70s.

There are 20 shooters per contest; each pays \$1.50 for a round of bird shot (which is essentially a packet of small BBs), Muller explained, and whoever gets a BB closest to the crosshairs of the "X" wins a frozen turkey.

Some people donate their turkeys to a local charity or a family in need, he said. They're not there for the turkey, but to support the club and be with friends.

Want to learn more? The Turkey Shoot Muller attended will be shown on MCTV starting this Friday at 9:30 p.m. - Channel 17!



DAVID PIELOCK PHOTO

Shooters on the firing line as the range officer gave the command to "Load 'em up!"

## Montague Center Woman Aids Tibetan Refugees

**BY PAM & JOHN HANOLD**  
**MONTAGUE CENTER**

Never underestimate the power of a twelve-year-old's imagination! At that age Judy Marz was fascinated by a National Geographic article on the Himalayas. She vowed to visit and see them for herself someday, but the idea nevertheless got lost, as early enthusiasms often do, as she grew up and pursued a career in art. Finally, some twenty-three years later, connections through friends brought Judy's attention to the Bon spiritual tradition in Tibet, rekindling her interest in finally visiting the magical mountains of her childhood.

Marz, now living in Montague, decided to save her money over the next five years, and visit the Himalayas by her fortieth year. It took until her 41st year, but in 1988 she traveled to visit the exiled Bon community in Dolangi in northern India, near the Tibetan border. Having raised \$900, Judy arrived during the rainy season, relying on guides to communicate with local people and find her way to the community of exiles high in the hills during her visit to the "remembered" mountains.

The Bon tradition, the indigenous religion of Tibet, was recent-

ly recognized by the Dalai Lama as one of the main spiritual traditions of Tibet, with a central role in Tibetan history and current affairs. For thousands of years the monastery has taken in orphans. The continuation of this tradition is particularly important, given the challenges for today's exiled community. As an officially recognized exile, the monastery's abbot received a monthly allotment of 100 pounds of rice, which comprised the only food for the exiled monastery.

Knowing that many orphans lived in the monastery, and shared this meager food, Marz spent some of her funds in a local town and arrived with boxes of fruit, candy and toys. The abbot was impressed by this expression of compassion, and welcomed her into the community. During her tour Marz saw the orphans were in desperate condition, malnourished with no medical care and an inadequate supply of blankets in the muddy season. He learned she was an artist, and asked her to make drawings of the kinds of buildings they might need for both the children's welfare and housing for the spiritual community.

This visit, intended to be a one-time visit to fulfill a childhood

dream, had blossomed into a new appreciation for, and connection with, the struggling Bon community. At her departure the abbot half-asked, half-told her to take her drawings back to the US to raise funds for the buildings she'd sketched, and thus began a continuing relationship. Some seven trips later, Marz has been instrumental in establishing a foundation and other outreach efforts, and has raised money to build those buildings and others, and to provide shelter, medicine, food and schooling for 175 resident orphans and schooling for 300 poor exile children in the town.

Our community of Montague has the opportunity to see the fruits of Marz's labors at the Montague Grange on Sunday, December 3rd, where we can learn more about this ancient but still enduring spiritual tradition. Visitors can see Tibetan rugs and other sacred objects made in the refugee community, which are on sale to benefit the Bon Tibetan community. It's a chance to acquire something beautiful for your home and to learn more about this struggling community. Stay tuned for more next week about the rugs themselves!

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