



THE CANNONS FELL SILENT
In the Eleventh Hour / page 11



LANDSCAPE OF LIGHT
at the Railway Museum / page 16

LAKE PLEASANT MILLERS FALLS MONTAGUE CENTER MONTAGUE CITY TURNERS FALLS

The Montague Reporter

YEAR 5 - NO. 6

also serving Gill, Erving and Wendell

50¢

REPORTER@MONTAGUEMA.NET

THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGES

NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Making Good Dirt



Richard Small runs the stone crusher at the Bernardston Auto Wrecking facility, processing material from the Main Road construction project.

BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH GILL - The Main Road reconstruction project proceeded at a turtle's pace until early this fall, when work got underway in earnest. The lowly wood turtle - a 'species of special concern' in Massachusetts, held the job up until proper accommodations were designed for a suitable underground turtle crossing. The solution came in the form of specially designed culvert, to encourage the turtles to cross beneath the road, rather than try to race the cars topside.

With that settled, F & J Inc. of Ludlow have torn up the Main Road of Gill from the vicinity of Upingil Farm to the Robert Wallner property. They are digging the roadway a couple of feet deep and trucking the material to the gravel pit of Bernardston Auto Wrecking, where F & J has a 20" x 30" portable jaw crusher plant crunching up the blacktop, gravel, and underlying bed of fieldstone boulders. On the return trip, the trucks haul processed gravel back to the job.

The boulders were placed there when the road was originally built in a Yankee version of

Roman roads. Romans apparently were not as tight-fisted as old Yankees. Roman roads were sometimes built five feet, or more, thick, depending on the locality. They typically started with a layer of large boulders, as was done on Main Road, for stability and drainage. They then added progressively smaller stones in layers, with a final layer of gravel, or sand, topped sometimes with concrete and paving stones.

Roman cement was not Portland cement, which was invented centuries later. Portland cement hardens in a chemical reaction with water and creates harder and more durable concrete. The Romans paved some roads with a coarse layer of concrete followed by a layer of fine textured concrete with paving stones embedded. Some Roman roads are still in use in Europe after 2,000 years, without ever having been reconstructed, much less reconstructed over and over again, like our roads are. Existing Roman roads are bumpy because the softer concrete, sur-

see DIRT pg 10

Hillcrest Forum Focuses on District Unity

BY DAVID DETMOLD TURNERS FALLS - On Thursday, November 2nd, at Hillcrest School, the series of statistic-laden, emotionally fraught public hearings on the fate of Montague's elementary schools came to a close. More than 60 parents and teachers were in attendance for the fifth and final hearing. The school committee sat on the stage behind a line of folding tables. The audience filled the back of the multi-purpose room, leaving the first three rows of folding chairs empty, as if they

"As a district, we have to be able to figure out how we can provide an equitable education to all of our students, and not look at how we can protect our narrow interests."

- Diane Ellis, parent
Turners Falls

were reluctant to get too close to the school administration.

As the meeting got underway, Superintendent Sue Gee stood at the podium at the front of the room, explaining the costs and savings associated with closing one or another of the district schools. She took a seat by herself as parents began talking, many reading from lengthy prepared statements, others speaking extemporaneously, from the heart.

Connie Rahaim said she had

see FORUM pg 9

Turners Falls Public Art Celebration

BY LISA DAVOL GREAT FALLS - On Saturday, November 11th, from 3-6 p.m., the Turners Falls RiverCulture Project will hold a celebration to unveil four public art pieces that will double as informational kiosks in downtown Turners Falls. These functional works of art will open an artistic and historical dialogue and serve as a way to find out about the town's cultural, historical and recreational resources. The public art celebration will begin with the unveiling of the four pieces, which will be on view for three years throughout the down-



James Rourke by his installation "Powertown" on 1st Street

town. At 3 p.m. participants of the works, then return to the will meet the artists, take a tour

see ART pg 16

Grease Car Conversions Come to Greenfield

BY KATHLEEN LITCHFIELD Daryl Beck used to be a backyard car mechanic. Now he's running his own business on the corner of High and Silver Streets, converting three or four diesel engines a week to run on vegetable oil grease as an alternative fuel.

By adding a separate fuel tank, an additional fuel filter and a few switching valves, any diesel engine can be converted to run on grease, Beck said.

"It's ridiculously simple - and the benefits are exponential." Beck is the owner of



Daryl Beck of Evergreen Motors in Greenfield.

Evergreen Motors, in the old see EVERGREEN pg 10

PET OF THE WEEK

What a Face!



Mischief

Mischief is a two-year-old female black and white medium-hair cat in need of a home. Mischief is a character all right. Look at her, what a face! She'll go flying after a ball and when you pick her up you won't believe how a featherweight looking cat can pack so many pounds. Mischief said goodbye to her last baby a few weeks ago and on top of that her caretaker passed away, so we think she'll be happy to find herself a place and person to call home. For more info on adopting Mischief, please contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society in Leverett at 548-9898 or via email at info@dakinshelter.org.

**ERVING
CORRESPONDENT
SOUGHT**

• Cover local news
• Get involved in your community!
Call 863-8666
Stipend available.

LIVE IN
EST. 1754
MONTAGUE?
www.MontagueMA.net
local gossip, news & business listings

The Montague Reporter
Published weekly on Thursday. (Every other week in July and August. Wednesday paper fourth week of November. No paper last week of December.)
PHONE (413) 863-8666
FAX (413) 863-3050
reporter@montaguema.net
Postmaster: Send address changes to
The Montague Reporter
24 3rd Street
Turners Falls, MA 01376
Advertising and copy deadline is Tuesday at NOON.
This newspaper shall not be liable for errors in advertisements, but will print without charge that part of the advertisement in which an error occurred. The publishers reserve the right to refuse advertising for any reason and to alter copy or graphics to conform to standards of the newspaper
Subscription Rates:
\$20 for 6 months

MONTAGUE LIBRARY NEWS

Bookmobile Visits Libraries

BY LINDA HICKMAN

The Bookmobile visited both the Millers Falls and Montague Center Libraries recently. The bookmobile is a vital resource that serves only towns of under 10,000 population in western Massachusetts. It rotates books, movies and books on tape and CD to small libraries throughout the region. The Bookmobile comes from and is funded by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

The visit to the Montague Center Library took place on Friday, October 27th. Several of the library staff selected many books, videos and DVDs off the truck, and they will be available for borrowing until the next visit in 11 weeks.

The books for adults include general fiction, mysteries, science fiction and fantasy. For children and teens, there are picture books, easy readers, high interest non-fiction, novels and paperback fiction. Many videos and some DVDs were selected,

including action films, classics, family fare and children's titles.

The visit to the Millers Falls Library was on Wednesday, October 25th. Similar items were chosen, along with collections of large-print mysteries and romances. They too will be available for the next 11 weeks.

If library patrons cannot find what they are looking for at the Montague Public Libraries, they are encouraged to place orders for books, videos, DVDs, books on tape and CD, and music tapes and CDs at their local library or on-line at www.cwmars.org. Delivery vans from WMRLS transport library materials to and from libraries across western Massachusetts daily.

The Millers Falls Library, 23 Bridge St., 659-3801, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. The Montague Center Library, 367-2852, is open Mondays and Wednesdays, at the same hours: 2-5 and 6-8 p.m.

**Library Friends
Annual Meeting**

The Friends of the Montague Public Libraries will hold their annual meeting on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library. The Friends will elect officers and plan for the next book sale. The book room is very full! Anyone interested in joining the Friends is welcome to attend.

FETE NOEL

Montague Congo Church
Saturday, Nov. 18th
9 AM - 2 PM
Christmas Fair Featuring
Crafts • Raffles • Gift
Items • Homemade Food
& Candy • Bargain Nook
*Morning Coffee, Luncheon,
Corn Chowder, Sandwiches*

Annual Flu Clinic Rescheduled

With the flu season near at hand, the annual flu clinic for Montague and Gill seniors has been rescheduled for Thursday December 7th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The clinic will be held

downstairs at the Congregational church in Turners Falls. Use the T Street entrance. This clinic is free to seniors in Montague and Gill, with Medicare. Bring Medicare and

insurance cards to clinic. A \$5 donation is requested from other seniors living or working in Montague and Gill. Non residents are asked for \$10 donation.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES November 13th - 17th

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, 13th

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

Tuesday, 14th

9:30 a.m. T'ai Chi

Wednesday, 15th

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

Thursday, 16th

1 p.m. Pitch
Friday, 17th
10:15 a.m. Senior Aerobics
11 a.m. PACE Aerobics

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 25th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Donations and workers are needed for this annual event. Call 863-9357 to volunteer. People are needed to sell raffle tickets, donate handmade gift items, provide items under \$50 for the multi-affle, to make homemade foods and for set-up and clean-up. Food donations must be at the Senior Center on Friday, Nov. 24th. Other items may be left at the center any Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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 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, 13th

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

Tuesday, 14th

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

Wednesday, 15th

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

Thursday, 16th

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

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.

FACES & PLACES



PHOTO: SHAYNA LANGKNECHT

Shayna Langknecht is a junior at Turners Falls High School. She took this photograph of Autumn in Montague from the Poet's Seat Tower in Greenfield. To see the photo in full color, go to www.montaguema.net/montague_reporter

Holiday Wreath Making

Seniors: make your own Christmas Wreath! Suzanne Kretzinger from Hunting Hills Nursery in Montague Center will give a workshop on making Christmas wreaths. This class will be held at the Gill/Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street in Turners Falls on Friday, December 1st at 1 p.m. Participants may bring favorite decorations to add to their wreath. Those that have wire cutters or clippers should bring them. Deadline for sign-up is Wednesday, 10/29. Call the Senior Center at 863-9357 to register. Minimum of 5 registrants needed.

NANCY L. DOLE BOOKS & EPHEMERA

Buying and selling used books
32 BRIDGE STREET, 2ND FLOOR
SHELburnE FALLS, MA
413-625-9850
ndole@crocker.com closed Mondays

Great Falls Middle School
Students of the Week:
Grade 7
Jeremy Mankowsky
Grade 8
David Garcia
Joseph LaFleur

We've Got You Covered!
SATURDAY SPECIAL
FREE!
REGULAR PICTURE
GLASS
for Custom Picture Framing
Orders
COUTURE BROS.
Since 1910
187 Avenue A, Turners Falls • 863-4346

WE HEAT FRANKLIN COUNTY
• **System 2000 (Energy Kinetics)**
• **Thermo Pride**
• **Weil-McLain**
• **Other Major Brands**
• **Expert Burner Service**

(413) 773-3622

Howes Brothers Photographic Archive

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Possibly one of the largest and most aesthetic collections of turn-of-the-century glass dry-plate negatives from a single photographic concern in the United States exists today in the Ashfield Historical Society. Ashfield natives Alvah, George, and Walter Howes worked as itinerant photographers from 1882-1907. The

Wendell couple Laurel and Bill Facey searched through the Howes Brothers' archives in Ashfield and found the image below, taken of their farm on Davis Road in Wendell before the farmhouse burned around 1920. They recognized the barn in the rear of the photo, which survived the fire and still stands.

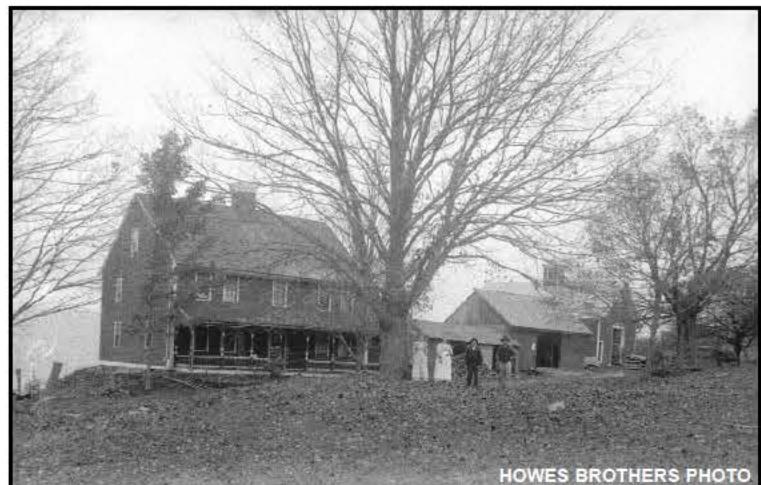
Bill Facey said he "pur-

chased this place roughly 39 years ago and since then I had heard how there used to be a large house here that may have been used as a stage stop. Apparently that house and attached barns burned some 85 years ago, leaving just the cow barn. A much smaller house was built in its place. Doing excavations for additions to the smaller house, I found much evidence of old foundations, chimneys, articles such as dishes and parts of cast iron stoves. That, along with the stories Adam Drozdowski tells of the house that burned when he was a child (he was about five years old at the time) sparked my curiosity to know what the original house and buildings looked like."

Laurel said, "Unfortunately, one cannot go back in time, but it sometimes feels as though an understanding of the way people lived can be garnered by knowing the small details of everyday living. That is why we have museums, I suppose."

To view these priceless photographs, try contacting the

Ashfield Museum at 413-628-4541. The staff is helpful and eager to know the names and addresses of the many homes and people pictured on the glass plates, whose identities have been lost in time. The Ashfield Museum is staffed by volunteers, and typically open only in the summer months, but the Howes Brothers' photographs are also available for study at



The above photo of the house that stood at Laurel and Bill Facey's place in Wendell was taken by the Howes brothers around 1900.

brothers traveled through the Berkshire Hills, the Connecticut Valley of Western Massachusetts, the Connecticut River Valley from the Vermont border south to Hartford, and occasionally as far as Waltham, Massachusetts; Manchester, New Hampshire; Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and Eastern New York.

Their 23,000 surviving glass negatives document "social and economic conditions in Western New England during the late nineteenth century." The collection is also significant for the record it provides of the country's industrial and social landscape at that time. Entire families of various economic classes posed in front of their homes, often displaying their prized possessions and their pets. Merchants stood in front of their shops and groups of schoolchildren posed by their schools. The photographs feature consistently superior photographic technique.

Laurel Facey said, "We heard about the Northfield Historical Society hosting Dr. Norman Pike, who was giving a talk on the Howes Brothers' project of photographing as many homes in the

History of Moore's Corner. The Leverett Historical Society sponsors a presentation on the history of Moore's Corner, from the 1790s to 1970s, by local historian Dan Bennett, on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:30 p.m. The talk will be held at the historic Moore's Corner Meetinghouse, located on North Leverett Road, three miles east of Route 63. The meetinghouse is located diagonally across the road from the Village Coop. Come learn about this area of the Valley, where Leverett, Shutesbury, and Wendell come together.

History of Moore's Corner

The Leverett Historical Society sponsors a presentation on the history of Moore's Corner, from the 1790s to 1970s, by local historian Dan Bennett, on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:30 p.m. The talk will be held at the historic Moore's Corner Meetinghouse, located on North Leverett Road, three miles east of Route 63. The meetinghouse is located diagonally across the road from the Village Coop. Come learn about this area of the Valley, where Leverett, Shutesbury, and Wendell come together.

Feel Like a Brand New Person!



With a Haircut at Ed's Barber Shop
115 Avenue A • 863-2085
Ed, Denise & KarriAnn
"51 Years on the Ave"

www.turnersfallsriverculture.org
Arts, Culture, Recreation in Turners Falls
Log on and find out what you are missing.

Café Koko
Beer & Wine
Ice Cream
Coffee & Tea
204 MAIN ST GREENFIELD
Soups
Salads
Sandwiches
413.774.2771
Wireless High-Speed Internet now available!
Open Sun-Wed: 7a.m.-9p.m. & Thu-Sat: 7a.m.-11p.m.

TIRED OF LATE FEES?
Ask us about our Movie Lover's Membership
No Due Dates • No Late Fees
VIDEO TO GO
The Valley's Best Selection of Classic, Foreign, Independent & Hard to Find Films - Over 30,000 Titles
SEE JUST HOW DIFFERENT A VIDEO STORE CAN BE
50 Federal St., Greenfield 773-1701

Your clear choice for QUALITY VINYL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS SUNRISE
(413)498-4318
Fully Insured
Free Estimates
Honest Work
Honest Prices!
Mass. Contractor Reg.#107141
Mass. License #059565
JOE GRAVELINE

Specializing in unique hair designs
Bella THE SALON
312 MONTAGUE CITY ROAD 774-4003
Stylists seeking booth space encouraged to call!

REYNOLDS PROPERTIES
256 North Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA 01002
Lynn Reynolds
ABR GRI CRS
"Aiming for Astonishing Service"
413-367-2425 lynreynolds@verizon.net

Dillon CHEVROLET
54 MAIN STREET GREENFIELD, MA 01301
BRIAN SADLOWSKI
Sales & Lease Consultant
(413) 773-3678
Fax (413) 774-5746

B. RUBIN & SONS INC.
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIRS
Shocks • Tires • Batteries • Starters
Struts • Tune-ups • Brakes • Oil Change
194 MILLERS FALLS RD. • 413-863-2236
10% SENIOR DISCOUNT FREE ESTIMATES
MASS INSPECTION STATION: NO. 13051

AJ's CYCLE
274 Rt. 2, Gill
● parts & accessories
● helmets
● books
● apparel
MOTO GUZZI now available
BREVA 1100
GRISO 1100
BMW
(413) 863-9543
Allan • David • Melanie
email: AJCYC@CROCKER.COM
WWW.AJCYCLE.COM

The Smokin' Hippo
A Family Restaurant and Barbecue
20 French King Highway
Erving, Ma 01344-4444
Phone: (413) 423-3220
Barbecue and Full Traditional Menu
Full Liquor License
Hours: Tue/Wed/Thu: 11am-9pm Fri/Sat: 11am-10pm Sun: Noon-8pm
Local Photographs and Hippo Paintings also available

The Montague Reporter

24 3rd Street, Turners Falls, Mass. 01376

Editor

David Detmold

Assistant Editor

Kathleen Litchfield

Editorial Assistants

Nina Bander
Hugh Corr

Circulation

Jean Hebdon
Julia Bowden Smith
Philippe Deguise

Layout & Design

Lisa Davol
Boysen Hodgson
Kaitren Hoyden
Karen Wilkinson
Suzette Snow Cobb

"The Voice of the Villages"

Founded by
Arthur Evans Harry Brandt David Detmold
August, 2002

Photography

Lisa Davol
Joe Parzych
Anel Jones
et al.

Technical Administrators

Michael Muller
Michael Farnick

Plan for District Growth

This month the Gill-Montague school committee should come to a firm decision on school closing, and then move on. The public hearings the committee has held over the last three weeks have served to focus attention on the district's projected \$800,000 budget gap for next fiscal year, and on the passion of parents for their community elementary schools. The committee is faced with a Choice of Solomon in reconciling these two apparently conflicting realities.

By all accounts, uncertainty about the future of the district's elementary schools has contributed to a loss of students to School Choice. Declining district enrollment is likely to result in cuts in state aid to our schools. Any hesitancy by the school committee to act on the issue of school closing may exacerbate the problem, leading to a downward spiral in the fortunes of our schools, our property values and the future of our towns.

So it is an important decision, and the school committee would be wise to weigh a number of factors as they make up their minds. Among them: how much money will be saved by closing a school, and to what degree these projected savings will be offset - or reversed - by a further erosion

of student enrollment to School Choice, private schools and home schooling. What is the likelihood of a state-funded building project on a reasonable timeline at any of the elementary schools the committee opts to keep open, and, if state funds for renovations are not in the offing, how likely is it that the town will be able to provide funds for needed capital improvements in the short or long term? Finally, what kind of district will result if a school is closed? One that is unified and forward looking, with a plan for growth, or a district that is divided, torn by strife, and shrinking?

Closing an elementary school in Montague may very well lead to a loss of students and a decline in state aid equal to or exceeding projected savings. That would be a recipe for a shrinking district, and a higher burden for taxpayers in town. Should this occur, the end result would be a fresh round of finger pointing and blame as the next year's budget comes into clearer focus.

Here are three suggestions for the school committee.

First, affirm a commitment to keeping all the district's elementary schools open, and establish a clear plan with town officials to meet their capital improvement needs in the years to come. This should be at least a five-year plan, to allow time to explore state funding for a major renovation, if needed, and to give parents confidence their children can be enrolled in kindergarten in a school that will still be there when their children graduate.

Then, the committee should vote to open the district agreement to allow for intra-district choice and to allow for 6th

graders to attend the renovated Great Falls Middle School, where modern facilities and technology are underutilized, and four classrooms are empty. All district sixth graders will thrive in this age-appropriate school community. And, in an era of school choice, intra-district choice between Gill and Montague only makes sense, to allow for equalization of classroom size and opportunity for all students in the district. Gill, short at least one teacher, with class sizes in some grades of less than a dozen students, has something to gain from intra-district choice, should their town meeting approve the concept.

Third, the school committee

should turn their attention to marketing the strengths of the district schools - and they are many - to parents throughout the region. They should particularly focus on parents in our own towns who have, for whatever reasons, withdrawn their children from our public schools during a time of budgetary decline and threatened school closing. While it promotes the district's strengths - small community elementary schools among them - the school committee needs to make sensible cuts in its \$16 million budget that attempt to bridge the gap in town and school finances. The superintendent recommends streamlining special education services and bringing out-of-district

SPED placements back to the district. With a new administration in Boston, a renewed push for fully funded regional transportation costs may finally prove successful. These seem sensible places to begin. Surely other areas of cost savings or revenue enhancement can be found that do not lead to a shrinking of opportunity for our students or a closing of doors to district growth.

The state and the town have worked together in recent years to set the stage for economic development in Montague. To fully realize our potential, we need to maintain a strong and vibrant school system as a prime component of that growth.



NINA BANDER ILLUSTRATION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relay for Life Reaps Awards, Raises Funds for Cancer Survivors

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Franklin County received two awards this past weekend. We came in Number 10 in the New England region out of 180 Relays, and we were Number 9 in the entire nation per capita out of several thousand Relays. Altogether the Franklin County Relay raised \$331,000 this year, with 98 teams and 1500 participants.

We are extremely proud of these accomplishments and wish to announce them to

everyone in the county. You were all critical to our success.

Planning is underway for the 2007 relay and we are looking for community support again. The Relay will be held at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on June 8-9, 2007.

People or businesses interested in forming a team can contact Team Recruitment Chair Kathleen Carr at logpalace@msn.com

People interested in joining the committee or becoming sponsors or finding out more

information can contact Michael Nelson, Event Chair at michaelnelsonmba@hotmail.com or at 522-0712.

Survivors of cancer, including people currently battling the disease, should also contact Michael Nelson. I encourage survivors to contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or at cancer.org for extremely helpful programs and services.

- Michael Nelson,
Montague

Gem and Mineral Show November 11th

GREENFIELD - Gems, minerals, rocks, and fossils from around the world, plus local art and jewelry, will be highlighted at 10th annual Pioneer Valley Institute Gem and Mineral show and sale at Greenfield High School on Saturday, November 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show will feature thousands of crystals, fossils, and mineral specimens from around the area and the world, as well as hand-made jewelry

and gifts made by area artists. There will also be talks and video presentations on local geology. There will also be experts on hand to identify unknown specimens that you may have. Free grab bags will be provided at the door for children under 12 while supplies last.

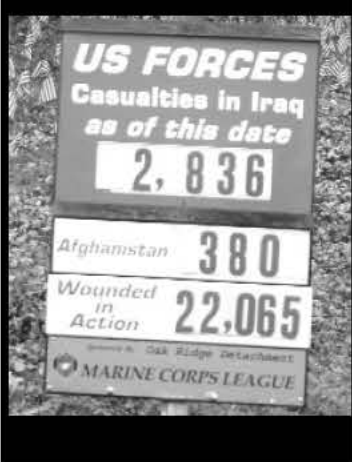
This is a great opportunity to learn about the unique geology of the Connecticut River Valley and see and purchase specimens from around the

world. Bring the kids to a fun and educational event and do some early holiday shopping. Admission price is \$2 for adults, \$1 for teens, and free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Food and refreshments will be available.

The Gem and Mineral show is sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Institute at Greenfield Community College.

For more information, call 413 775-1671 or email herbertc@gcc.mass.edu.

American Dead in Iraq as of 11/8/06



We welcome your letters.

The Montague Reporter
24 3rd St Turners Falls, MA
01376 PHONE (413) 863-8666
FAX (413) 863-3050
reporter@montaguema.net

SIGN ME UP!

Now only \$20 for 26 issues!

The Montague Reporter

24 3rd Street, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

GUEST EDITORIAL

Keep Montague Center School Open

BY CASEY HUBERT
MONTAGUE CENTER - When I was a little girl, I attended Montague Center School. I always said when I had children I wanted them to have the opportunity to attend such a wonderful school. Now, I have heard rumors the only way to keep Montague Center open is by cutting teachers. Cutting teachers is not the answer! They are the doors to our children's future. The teachers at Montague Center are great, and caring with each child. The way they work with

our children to make sure they learn what they need to know, and more, makes me smile every time I think of them. If they close Montague Center our children will be sent to a larger school in the district. We all know what happens to children in larger schools. A lot of parents have said if they close the door to Montague Center, they will choose their children out of the district. The classes will be larger at these other schools, and each individual student will not have as much one on one time, which is

something children need when learning. Any day Colleen Kelly from the Hitchcock Center for the Environment comes to Montague Center, my daughter Calley has all sorts of things she wants to tell me about. It's great that my seven-year-old child is excited to learn about science. I asked my daughter, "What do you think of your school?" She replied, "I love it," in a sad voice, because she understands it may close. Then I asked, "What do you love most about

it?" She said, "I can't decide; I like everything." This school is deep in all of our hearts. I feel comfortable there, I feel like a part of something bigger. To lose that would be a shame. I'd like to say thank you to all who helped create the Montague Center family, to all those who helped keep it so great and family-oriented, and to all those who stand up for Montague Center. At Montague Center, most children enjoy learning. It is a school where love and caring

go hand in hand with education. Is that not reason enough to keep it open? The fact that the school committee is even considering closing a tremendously loved school is devastating to all of Gill-Montague. Thank you all for reading this. I hope it has made an impact on you. If someday you find yourself thinking about our little school, and the fact that it may close, remember that Montague Center is in the hearts of all those who attend, and their parents. Keep Montague Center open.

NAIS a Disaster for Small Farms

BY JIM DUNN
WENDELL - I went to a meeting for farmers in Whately last month addressing the program being implemented by the Bush administration that would register all farms and farm animals, including horses, throughout the United States. The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) has been created and designed by a committee comprised of Monsanto and big agricultural corporations. The ostensible purpose of the program is to control outbreaks of animal-to-people diseases like mad cow and avian flu. The first of the program's three phases has already begun: the registration of all premises that house domestic animals, excepting dogs and cats. Each farm is to get a unique 15-digit number that will be uploaded to a federal database. Massachusetts has already turned over information on more than a thousand farms to

the Feds. They have stopped further transfer of information, following Vermont's lead in demanding written guarantees that the information be subject to federal privacy restrictions. The Feds will not put that promise in writing. NAIS's second stage will be the electronic tagging of all animals (including chickens), and the third stage will be a computerized network to identify off-property movement of these animals. In other words, if you bring a chicken to a 4-H show, you will have to notify the government. Farmers will have to buy the tagging equipment. Third parties, like vets and animal inspectors will be federally mandated to report any animals that are not tagged. The advocates of this program say it will allow the government to identify where an animal has been throughout its life, so that any disease vector will be traced back to its source. What became evident at last month's meeting was

that this proposed system would address only symptoms, leaving the causes of those epidemic threats in place. It papers over the need for radical change toward decentralization in our food system, and the effect of any outbreak will be disastrous for small farms. The details of these problems are addressed in a number of pamphlets and information sheets handed out at the meeting, which was sponsored by the Greenfield Farmers Cooperative Exchange and NOFA. A broad-based coalition of growers and consumers is organizing to stop this program from becoming law, by educating lawmakers and the public. In line with this, meetings are being scheduled in communities throughout Western Massachusetts. Anyone interested may contact Ben Grosscup of NOFA for more information, at 413 658-5374 or email: ben.grosscup@nofamass.org.

CONGRATULATIONS
TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2002
 NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES
 Just a few of many TFHS Achievers...

MIKAYLA TRUCKEY, Bryant University,
 B.S. Business Administration: Management/CIS
 Data Management Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers

SUSAN PALUMBO, Assumption College
 B.S. Biology; Chemistry Minor
 completed the Boston Marathon, 2003

ADRIENNE MORETTI, University of Vermont
 B.S. Environmental Science
 Hydrologist, National Forest Service

MEAGAN MATUSZ, Brown University
 B.S. Neuroscience
 moving on to medical or law school

DANIELLE HODSDON, Russell Sage College
 B.A. Creative Arts Therapy
 now with the YMCA, Troy NY

SORREL HATCH, Cornell University
 B.S. Entomology
 celebrating by completing the Appalachian Trail

Turners Falls High School
STILL GOING STRONG

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
SUPPORT TRUE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Do you know some TFHS Class of 2002 recent college graduates you'd like to congratulate in the Montague Reporter? Contact www.yourpublicschools@yahoo.com for special rates.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER WEEK (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666

Mary Lou Emond
 CRS, GRI, CBR

COHN & COMPANY
 Real Estate Agency

117 Main Street • PO Box 638
 Greenfield, MA 01302-0638

413-773-1149 x142 • HOME: 413-863-4568
 EMAIL: MARYLOU@COHNANDCOMPANY.COM

Negus & Taylor, Inc.
Monuments

People often come to see us because their parents and their grandparents did. We're proud to have that kind of loyalty, and we work hard to keep it.

- Gary and Nancy Melen

Where your purchase of a memorial is truly a testament of love

MAIN OFFICE 773-9552
 10 Mill Street, Greenfield, MA

"The perfect remembrance"

PLOW FRAU
BOW-SHOW
 SITA LANG
(413) 834-7569

CLEAN-OUTS AND HAULING & Snow plowing!

We help you sort through or haul away unwanted stuff in your attic, basement, garage, barn, yard, or entire estate. Removal of just about anything! **FREE estimates.**

Reusable goods are donated to those in need.

RIVERSIDE RADIATOR

Plastic - Aluminum - Copper - Brass
RADIATORS for CARS - TRUCKS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT
 Foreign and Domestic

Cooling System Specialist Rte. 2, Gill
 863-4049 1-800-439-4049
8-5 Mon-Fri (closed Sat.)

Acupressure Massage & Hypnotherapy

Janet Masucci
 413-863-8694

Nationally Certified in Therapeutic Massage Since 1993
 64 French King Highway, Gill, MA 01376

BAKER
Office Supply

10% Percent Fridays • 5-8 p.m.
 Take an additional 10% off your entire purchase!

www.bakerofficesupply.com
 310 Main Street • Greenfield
774-2345 **Call Bonnie today!**

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Committee to Examine Move to Single Tax Rate

BY DAVID DETMOLD

The Montague selectboard approved a split tax rate, and adopted a 6.6% increase in the rate for commercial property and an 8.6% increase in the rate for residential property for Fiscal '07. But the board of assessors signaled their interest in gradually reducing or phasing out the split rate in Montague.

On Monday, November 6th, the board approved a shift of 8.1522% of the total amount of town spending from taxation from residential to commercial property.

Paul Emery, chair of the board of assessors, said, "We're looking at a gradual decline in commercial values. We've got to get (the commercial rate) down, but we've got to do it gradual."

Director of assessing JoAnn Greenleaf said Montague and Erving are the only towns in Franklin County that maintain split tax rates. But she said, "If the town does go to a single tax rate, the burden will shift to residential owners."

The assessors distributed a chart showing how values for residential property in Montague have nearly doubled in the last nine years, from around

\$270,000,000 in 1999 to around \$570,000,000 in 2007. The value of commercial property in town has stagnated in the same time period, remaining at about \$120,000,000.

Greenleaf said a switch to a single tax rate would make Montague comparatively more attractive to business, in relation to nearby centers like Greenfield and Deerfield. But, Greenleaf said, "the town may determine it's not in their best interest to go with a single tax rate."

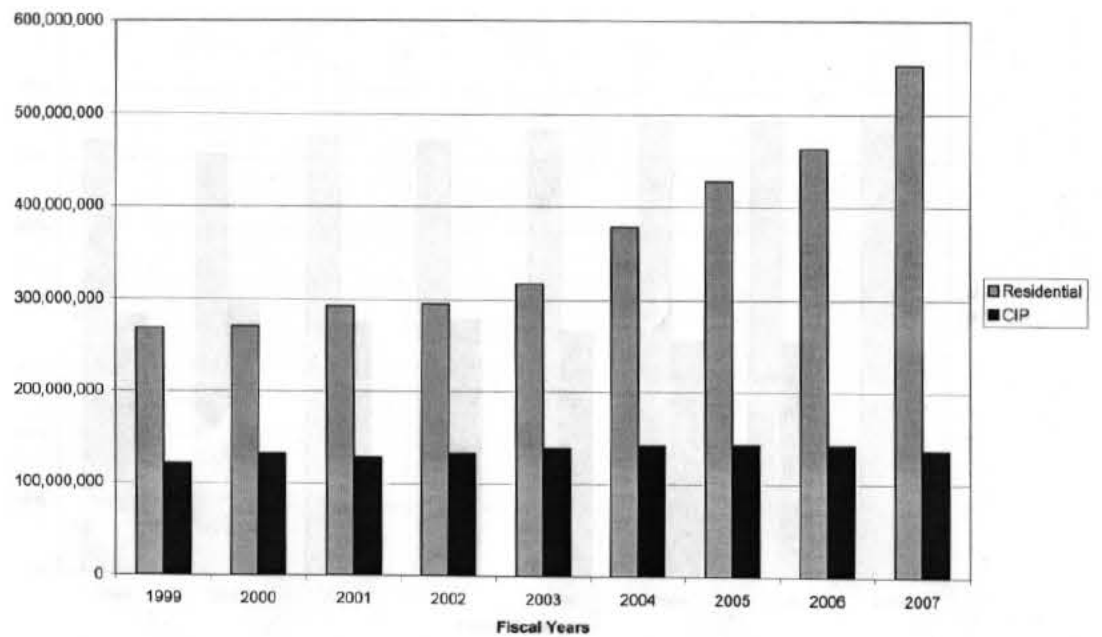
Assessor Betty Waidlich said, "We'd like to see what the ramifications of a single tax rate are." She proposed the town set up a committee to look into the matter. The board said they would consult with the town moderator about forming such a committee.

"Any change to a single tax rate has to be done gradually and incrementally or there'll be an insurrection," said Emery.

"Getting there might raise homeowners' taxes," said board member Allen Ross, "but if we have more industry it in effect decreases homeowner's taxes."

The board set the new tax rates for '07 at \$13.25 per thousand for residential and \$20.59 for commercial, industrial, and personal property. Last year's rates were \$14.55 for residential and \$23.22 for commercial. Those rates were set before the recent revaluation raised property values an average of 17% for single family homes, 18% for mobile homes, 26% for two- and three-family homes, up to 41% for apartment buildings and 42% for vacant land.

Montague Residential vs Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property Values



GRAPH COURTESY OF THE MONTAGUE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In other business, the Montague Elks presented a check to police chief Ray Zukowski for \$1729 for the purchase of night vision goggles and a ballistic shield. Specialized equipment like this "gives us the upper hand" in situations like narcotics raids, or outdoor searches at night, said detective Lee Laster. Michael Crochier and Donald Traceski made the donation for the Elks.

The designer selection committee for a new police station

or safety complex will meet with four architects this week to pick a finalist to design the new station. Zukowski said the project should be ready for approval at the next annual town meeting.

Town administrator Frank Abbondanzio said the town had received an A- rating from Standard & Poors, in preparation for going out to bid for a \$1,298,000 general obligation bond for the town. The bond represents a consolidation of a

number of short term obligations town meeting had authorized in recent years, including aspects of the Combined Sewer Overflow project, the \$250,000 for next year's sidewalk repairs, and the town's share of accessibility improvements at town hall. Abbondanzio said the town received a 4% interest rate for the bond, a favorable rate. He credited moves the town has made to increase its stabilization fund as a factor in improving its bond rating.

12th Erving Elementary PTA Craft Fair

November 11th, 2006
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Route 63, Erving
Free Admission & Door Prize
30+ Crafters

Diemand Farm Mormon Hollow Rd. Wendell

It's time to order your

Fresh Thanksgiving Turkey and don't forget to visit our store!

Featuring our homemade Turkey Pot Pies, Frozen Chicken, Turkey Dinners, Eggs, Pesto, Ground Turkey, Quiche, Turkey Chili, Baked Goods and Lots More!

Store Hours: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
7 days a week!
1-978-544-3806



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Car vs. Deer Accident on Route 2

Thursday 11-2

11:30 a.m. Assisted DPW with filling potholes on East and West Main Street.

Friday 11-3

8:47 a.m. Responded to Gill police for alarm sounding at Schuetzen Verein. Observed rear door kicked in. Assisted Gill and Montague K-9 with search of area. Located three juveniles walking on Route 2 that were involved. One was arrested by Gill police for breaking and entering.

11:52 p.m. Caller reports a bus on Maple Avenue damaging a lawn. Caller states information was collected from bus operator and will be given to homeowner.

Sunday 11-5

9:35 p.m. Moved two kids along at Boxcar parking lot.

Monday 11-6

12:15 p.m. Alarm at Smokin' Hippo on French King Highway sounding. Found front door open. No

sign of forced entry. Checked building with owner.

6:18 p.m. Motor vehicle vs. deer accident on Route 2 between mile marker 61 and 61.1. Minor damage to motor vehicle. No personal injuries. No report on deer.

Tuesday 11-7

1:30 p.m. Reported disturbance at a North Street address. Subjects drinking alcoholic beverages and operating machinery. Spoke with subjects involved.

Andmar Industries, LLC
Quality Pre-owned Auto, Truck,
& Motorcycle Parts

Mormon Hollow Auto

178 Mormon Hollow Road
Wendell, MA 01379
(978) 544-7206
mormonhollow@earthlink.net

Original designs
in clay
by Artist
Jaye Pope

GOOD DIRT
POTTERY

OPEN STUDIO
Dec. 9th and 16th

PO Box D-5
Montague MA 01351
Gooddirt@Montaguema.net
413-367-0155
www.gooddirtpottery.com

Clay is Good Dirt

Montague Webworks

Easy to use Community & Business Websites

- Multiple designs, or custom made
- Built-in page editor, do it yourself!
- Messages, calendars, downloads
- Private customer areas w/ login
- Multiple "group" areas for users
- Fast setup, in-town support
- Call today and get a quote

863-0030, 24 3rd St. Turners
michael@mullertech.com
www.MySiteServer.com



65 CANAL STREET • TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376

Canal Star Studios

Clay/Stone Sculpture • Pottery
Fine Art Drawings and Paintings

TELEPHONE 413.863.9299
FAX 413.863.9099

BY CHANCE OR
APPOINTMENT.

EMAIL: JACK@SEEJACKWORK.COM

COUTURE BROS.
Since 1910

Professional Painting & Decorating
Contractor - Retailer

CALIFORNIA BRAND PAINTS - INDUSTRIAL COATINGS
PAINTS - STAINS - SUNDRIES - WALLPAPER - BRUSHES & ROLLERS
COMPUTER COLOR MATCHING - SANDBLASTING MEDIA - GLASS
ARTIST SUPPLIES - CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING/MATTING & MORE
187 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA • 413-863-4346

Celebrating our 96th Anniversary!

Geri Johnson

CRB, CRS, GRI

Geri Johnson & Associates
REALTORS

Seniors
Real Estate
Support

66 French King Highway
Gill, MA 01376
(413) 863-9736
Fax (413) 863-9739



NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

Stone Road Auto Salvage Hearing; Insurance Problem for Town Building Project

BY JOSH HEINEMANN - A Class III auto salvage license hearing opened for Lou and Ryan Porter from Hope Valley, RI, on November 1st. The Porters want to continue operating an auto salvage business using the license Robin Pierce now holds for his Stone Road property. Abutters Chris and David Ewell, and Jen Gross were in attendance. The Porter brothers have seen the conditions on Pierce's license and say they are able to work with them. At the hearing, abutters spoke for other conditions, and voiced their concerns.

Lou Porter said the brothers plan to buy cars at auction, and keep them on their properties in Rhode Island, and use Pierce's property for overflow, fifteen cars or fewer, as well as a winter workshop.

David Ewell suggested that if the brothers want to keep fifteen or fewer cars, the license restriction limiting Pierce to 50 cars could be dropped to 25 for the new owners.

The Porters said they plan to pave the car storage area and add direct drainage so fluid leaks can be captured and treated properly. They accepted the idea of a fence around the piece of the property where cars will be stored, and said they would also fence between their approach to the house and the cars because they don't want to look at them when not working with them. But if the fencing on the west and the south sides of the property is kept 25 feet back from the property line, that would make their storage area too small to be of use. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the south side abutter, and did not send a representative to the hearing. A second property owned by Pierce is the abutter on the west side, and Gross suggested that piece might come up for sale. From the drawing on the table, a sketch not necessarily to scale, it was hard to tell how the west slope and a 25-foot buffer between the property line and the proposed fence would affect the useable car storage area.

After some discussion of the fence issue, Heard suggested the hearing be continued to a time when interested parties could meet on the site. The property purchase closing was scheduled for November 6th, but Lou Porter said that could

be delayed. The hearing was continued to Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Lewis said he did not want any unregistered cars in front of the property, consistent with the conditions for other yards in town.

Lake Grove School neighbors Marty Arsenault and Richard Mackey attended the selectboard meeting to familiarize the board about recent complaints for abutters of the school. Arsenault and Mackey related several incidents, and said they had difficulty getting their complaints addressed by the school administration.

Mackey complained that the school's new director had closed the staff break room, so staff members now drive their cars to the front of his property to smoke. They stand there, said Mackey, smoking, playing their car stereos loudly, and using loud, foul language. The accumulation of cigarette butts in front of his house is telling. Mackey said, "If I smoked and swore in front of their buildings, I would be hauled off."

Arsenault reported several loud campouts close to her house with flashlight beams moving in all directions. After 9:30 p.m. she asked the people involved to quiet themselves, and they did. Then, on October 16th, six men followed a seventh who was backing down their driveway with his hands up, and continued backing down the woods trail until he backed into her husband Dave who was coming up the trail with a bucket of cordwood. He could have been hurt, and the Arsenaults would have been liable. Dave asked for an apology, and was told the school had no obligation.

The school claims it is not required to report missing students who are from out of Massachusetts, so the AWOL record at the Department of Education looks much better than it really is.

Selectboard chair Ted Lewis repeated his statement from previous meetings that the school had worked well with the town for years, but recalling the discussion at a selectboard meeting in spring and this evening's update, it seemed to him the cooperation is breaking down. He asked town coordinator Nancy Aldrich to draft a letter to the school administration

asking them to meet with the selectboard.

Mackey handed Aldrich a copy of a letter that detailed the incidents and the responses of the school, which he had forwarded to the state Department of Education.

Aldrich said that Ruth O'Mara could not attend the meeting, but had forwarded a request to use the town hall on the evenings of November 13th, November 20th, and December 4th for a family-oriented pottery class. This would be the third year she has offered the class. O'Mara has a grant, but the grant amount is half what it has been in the past and may not even cover materials, so she makes no money. Wendell residents will not have to pay for the class, and O'Mara was hoping not to have to pay to rent the town hall.

Selectboard member Christine Heard said she would hate to say no or to insist on a fee, but the town hall needs a lot of work, and opening it costs the town money. Lewis said that even when the town charges rental, the cost is cheaper than similar rentals. The two selectboard members agreed to allow O'Mara to use the hall, but said she should ask for donations to cover some of the expense of maintaining the town hall.

Aldrich reported the town received a \$20,000 Pelham

Hills grant that requires a 15% match with town funds for a forestry planning study. She said planning board chair Deirdre Cabral asked for a \$3,000 article on the town meeting warrant so the town can use that money.

Tax collector Penny Delorey completed a rigorous four-day course given by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association and received state certification. This will allow Delorey to request a pay increase at the next town meeting.

The town received bad news on municipal building projects when Handford Construction's insurance company apparently reversed a prior agreement to pay for \$24,000 in tornado damage to the town buildings under construction in the town center. Aldrich said, "I don't know what we can do short of court action." A Handford representative suggested a meeting of project managers. Lewis said the town's insurance company had delivered the money it had agreed to pay, but added the projects are running into contingency money. The deck in the front part of the new library is framed, and a crane lifted roof trusses into place for the town office building on November 6th.

Berkshire Connect and Pioneer Valley Connect announced a \$300,000 priority

award for studying wireless alternatives for high speed internet connections in town.

The planning board informed the selectboard they had granted Mark Stewart a permit for earth removal on his Plain Road property, with the conditions that runoff be kept from roads with negative berms, and that hours be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Heard asked if anything had been done about junk vehicles on the property. Lewis said Stewart had promised to remove them and "we should follow up on that. There are a lot of them (junk cars) around town." Aldrich offered to discuss the problem of junk vehicles with planning board chair Cabral.

Lewis said he has been acting as assistant dog officer for years, but the time has come for the town to find someone else for the post. He will mention that to Maggie Houghton, the dog officer.

Aldrich said the new tax bills are not ready yet, and cannot be issued until four months after the last bills came out, which would mean they could not be issued until December. Heard asked Aldrich to invite the assessors to talk at the next selectboard meeting, and perhaps explain the tax bill sent to the town for (town-owned) Fiske Pond.

Wendell Surplus Auction

BY JOSH HEINEMANN - The town of Wendell held an auction of surplus town materials starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th, presided over by auctioneer and selectboard chair Ted Lewis. Selectboard member Dan Keller recorded sales and accepted payments. Twenty people attended on the cold clear morning outside the town garage. Two homemade trailers (one with a broken tongue), a bathroom tissue holder, a wall-mounted gas furnace and an oil tank generated no bids; the lowest bid accepted was \$1 for a swiveling office chair. The three-ton Eager Beaver roller sold for the minimum bid of \$500, and the 1975 Ford ramp truck sold for \$700 on



Steve Webb carrying a vice away from the Wendell surplus auction.

the sixth spirited bid. Two generous cords of random length unsplit hardwood sold for \$175. The auction brought

Wendell over \$2,000. By 9:30 it was all over and people were leaving with their new acquisitions.

No hormones or antibiotics

Ground - \$5.00 lb.
Steaks - \$10.00 lb.

Songline Emu Farm
66 French King Hwy, Gill

www.allaboutemu.com

Delicious
Heart
Healthy
Emu

Thurs. Fri. Sat.
12n - 6pm
413 863-2700

DON SKOLE
PRESIDENT

Skole Insurance Agency

AUTO • HOME • COMMERCIAL • MOTOR CLUB
LIFE AND HEALTH PLANS

91 MAIN STREET
GREENFIELD, MA 01301
(413) 773-7349
FAX 774-6938

(508) 544-5431

Simply Computing

computer set-up
training
QuickBooks

Debbe Dugan
774-5451

Your Pace at Your Place



NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

Usher Mill Roof Collapse

BY DAVID DETMOLD - The roof on Building #1 of the Usher Mill, on Arch Street, has collapsed, and town fire and police departments have cordoned off the street near the building as a precaution against the exterior walls crumbling.

Dubay said three quarters of the roof in Building #1, the section of the mill closest to the railroad underpass on Arch Street, gave way in the last two weeks.

Town administrative coordinator Tom Sharp and Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program building inspector Jim Cerrone inspected the exterior of the building on Wednesday. Cerrone will prepare a report for

the selectboard on the building's status.

At the end of Arch Street, one family lives on the other side of the bridge across the Millers Falls, on River Road in Wendell: the Kowackis. For now, traffic across the river, and to the town's pump station at the end of Arch Street, is being detoured across the parking lot and lawn to the east of the damaged building.

The Usher Mill was built in 1912 as a wooden furniture factory. It was more recently used as a warehouse by the Erving Paper Mill, and has been abandoned for about fifteen years. Some of its buildings are still in fair shape, Dubay said.

The Mill is owned by numerous members of the Hausen family. Approximately \$200,000 in back taxes are owed on the property, Sharp said. The Hausens have offered to turn the property over to a buyer for \$1, in exchange for settling the outstanding tax bill.

Dubay said if he succeeds in purchasing the property, he

would seek a Tax Incentive Program (TIP) agreement for to enable him to redevelop the property. As a selectman, he said he could not legally represent himself before town meeting on such a proposal, but would need to have an associate make the presentation. Dubay said he had been talking with the Franklin County Housing Authority about the possibility of creating senior housing at Building #6, the part of the mill complex closest to the river, and furthest from the railroad tracks.

In Other News

The Erving senior housing committee, with Joan Bernstein, assistant executive director of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority met with the selectboard on October 30th. The committee updated the board on plans to develop a senior housing complex on town owned land to the north of the Erving Elementary School, on Route 63. The committee would also like to consider the possibility



The roof of Building #1 (foreground) at the Usher Mill on Arch Street in Erving Center has collapsed.

of building a new senior center, on the same site. Bernstein said her organization would bring an architect to the site to begin the process of drawing up plans, and exploring funding sources for the project.

The board approved a \$3,000 matching grant for a Department of Conservation and Recreation grant for wildland firefighting equipment for

the Erving fire department.

On November 6th, the board and the finance committee met jointly with Terry Williams, of the Springfield office of the Department of Revenue, for an hour and a half workshop on municipal budget making. Erving Elementary School principal Charlene Galenski, and Charlie Paulin, Union #28 business manager were also present.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GILL POLICE LOG

Juveniles Breaking & Entering; Milk Truck on Fire

WEDNESDAY 11-01 6:56 p.m. Medical assistance requested at a West Gill Road residence. Same was transported to FMC.

7:27 p.m. Warrant arrest, [redacted] was arrested for a default warrant.

THURSDAY 11-02 8:02 a.m. Power outage reported on Center road. Officer sent to check it out.

5:58 p.m. Report of loud noise from a West Gill Road residence. Officer sent and parties were spoken to.

8:15 p.m. Officer observed a minor motor vehicle crash while on patrol. Officer pursued the vehicle into Turners Falls and effected an arrest of [redacted] for OUI, 2nd offense, leaving the scene of property damage, failure to stop for police, operating after license was revoked, marked lanes, open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, stop

sign violation, improper turn, possession of class D drug, negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

FRIDAY 11-03 8:47 a.m. Report of an alarm sounding at a facility on Barton Cove Road.

8:55 a.m. Above location observed to have been recently broken into, called for assistance from area departments and Montague K-9 unit to search the area.

9:32 a.m. Arrested a juvenile for above incident in the vicinity, charged with breaking and entering, malicious destruction of property and trespassing. Further investigation resulted in two other trespassing charges taken out against two other juveniles involved in the incident.

1:00 p.m. Responded with fire department to smoke in the area on French King Highway

SATURDAY 11-04 12:41 a.m. Officer on patrol

observed three suspicious subjects on French King Highway near the Mobil station. Alcohol was seized from the subjects; case under investigation.

2:45 a.m. Officer sent to the construction area on Main Road, for numerous acts of vandalism caused to property and construction equipment.

MONDAY 11-06 12:55 p.m. Report of a milk truck on fire on Main Road, responded with Gill Fire Department.

6:55 p.m. Assisted disabled vehicle in traffic at the Gill lights

TUESDAY 11-07 6:15 a.m. Noise complaint received from Center Road resident.

4:20 p.m. Report of past suspicious subjects going business to business on French King Highway, under investigation.

Call for Artists

The Brick House Community Resource Center is calling local artists, craftspeople, and musicians! The third annual Brick House Gallery, a consignment art sale of quality art and crafts and CDs from local artisans musicians, will be held at The Brick House on Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2nd & 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Part of the Arts & Icicles Turners Falls Open Studio and Downtown Walking Tour, this venue offers exposure to local artisans and affordable art for visitors. The Brick House will retain 35% of sales and artists will receive 65%. The sale will be overseen by The Brick House and the Third Street Village Arts Advisory Group. Participating artists are asked to drop off their marked inventory on either Thurs, Nov. 30th or Fri., Dec. 1st, or by appointment. Call Karen @ Brick House at 413-863-9576.

MCTV Schedule

Channel 17: Friday, November 10th through Monday, November 13th

Friday, November 10th 9:00 am Montague Halloween Parade 9:30 am Montague Update-Tech. School Benefit 10:00 am Montague Selectboard 11/6 12:00 pm Family Friends 5:00 pm Montague Update-Tech. School Benefit 6:00 pm NASA Destination Tomorrow #15 6:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/8 9:00 pm Surviving the Vernon Reactor #2 10:00 pm Peskeomskut Park

Sunday, November 12th 10:00 am Ovarian Cancer: The facts that can save your life 10:30 am NASA: The Case of the Technical Knockout 11:30 am The Well Being: Listening to Your Body 12:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/9 6:00 pm Montague Update-Art Gilmore 7:00 pm Franklin County Democrat #26 7:30 pm Halloween Day Parade 8:00 pm There and Back with Karen Adams 9:00 pm 215th Army Band

Saturday, November 11th 9:00 am NASA Destination Tomorrow #15 9:30 am Montague Police Building Study 11/8 12:00 am Surviving the Vernon Reactor #2 1:00 pm Peskeomskut Park 6:00 pm Ovarian Cancer: The facts that can save your life 6:30 pm NASA: The Case of the Technical Knockout 7:30 pm The Well Being: Listening to Your Body 8:30 pm Montague Police Building Study 11/9

Monday, November 13th 9:00 am Montague Update-Art Gilmore 10:00 am Franklin County Democrat #26 10:30 am Halloween Day Parade 11:00 am There and Back with Karen Adams 12:00 pm 215th Army Band 6:00 pm Veterans Day Memorial Service 7:00 pm Selectboard Meeting LIVE 10:00 pm Peskeomskut Park Renovations 10:30 Family Friends

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER WEEK (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666

Rau's Auto COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR (413) 367-2475 531 Turners Falls Rd. Montague 24 hour emergency towing Best service licensed Mechanics

BOOKS & MORE A wide selection of new books in all categories! Cards & Handmade Local Crafts & Jewelry COMING SOON: USED BOOKS! Teachers: 15% off educational materials 10% off all other books Hours: Tues - Sat 10 - 5 863-9417 74 AVENUE A • TURNERS FALLS

THE COUNTRY JEWELER Traditional and Contemporary Jewelry Diamonds Watches Anniversary Bands Custom repair work done on premises Old-fashioned service! Call Larry: 772-0859 Mon.-Fri., 9:30-5:30 Sat. 9:00-5:00 www.countryjewelcr.com

FORUM

continued from pg 1

three children in the G-M schools, and for them the transition between the primary grades and Sheffield had been an easy one, assisted by 'Step Up' Day, where students from Hillcrest are introduced to the teachers and classrooms in the neighboring school. She urged the committee to retain the campus model, and keep Hillcrest and Sheffield open with a similar grade configuration to the present.

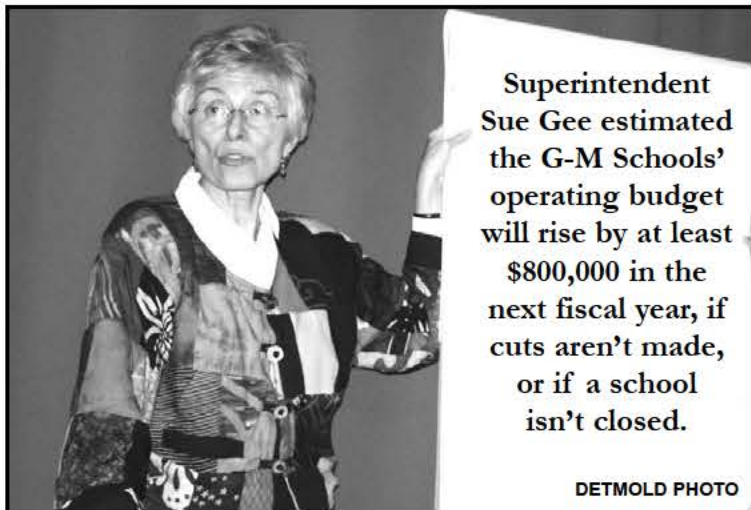
Jane Foster of K Street said she had a son in Hillcrest and a daughter who had attended the Greenfield Center School, who now attended the Great Falls Middle School. Referring to Hillcrest, Foster said, "I wanted to let you know how much this school has meant to us as a family. The teachers are incredible. They put a lot of effort and care into the classes, and it shows."

A parent named Denise asked how the students would be supported through the transition period, if a school were to close. "The students will not just be losing one classmate, they may all get shuffled around. There are going to be a lot of children quite upset. We're talking about the budget and we're losing sight of the little kids and how this might affect them." She added, "I support Hillcrest 100%. I hope this school stays open."

Superintendent Gee assured her that a transition team of parents, teachers, and administrators would be formed to make sure the children make the transition to their new school well, in the eventuality a school is closed, or if sixth graders are moved to the Great Falls Middle School, where four classrooms remain empty.

A parent named Laurie attacked the superintendent for continuing to accept annual raises during times of budget cuts. "Every time you get a raise, we lose a paraprofessional, or a cafeteria worker," she said. Gee coolly replied that all faculty members in the district receive annual raises, and added, "The district needs a superintendent."

Diane Ellis, of Stevens Street,



stood up next and delivered an off-the-cuff speech calling for unity in the district. Her remarks seemed to strike a chord with the audience, judging by the applause that followed.

"I'm a parent of students at Hillcrest and Sheffield School. Closing a school is an emotional experience for a community: the Mohawk district is wrestling with it. This is not unique to our community. Emotions run high when it comes to closing a community school."

She continued, "I am very, very satisfied with the experience my children have had here and at Sheffield. I can walk to the school. But if this district is facing an \$800,000 deficit, it's not based on a superintendent's salary, or cost of living increases. It's based on fixed expenses that this district as a whole assumes, and the cost of mandates to provide special education services."

"As a district, we have to be able to figure out how we can provide an equitable education to all of our students, and not look at how we can protect our narrow interests."

Ellis said, "I would love to go on record saying, 'I want to keep Hillcrest open.' But my interest as a parent is in all of the children in the district, and how we can be equitable. If we have a budget gap, somebody's going to lose. So my interest is in looking at these options in a way that's going to save money, that's going to align curriculum with district goals so that our children can excel and do well on the MCAS and on other measures of student achievement."

"Let's move away from the

argument, 'Let's protect my backyard; let's protect my neighborhood school.' Because it is ideal to have community schools, but I don't know that that necessarily creates equity for all children in the district."

Ellis defined 'equity' in terms of class size, programming, and cultural opportunity for all students in the district.

Recently retired teacher Carol Holubecki spoke of the possible upside of closing schools, and compared the process with the formation of Our Lady of Peace parish this year. "It's not the building that fosters education; it's the teachers in the building." Holubecki said she was co-chair of the parish council that decided to close all three churches (St. Mary's, St. Anne's, and Sacred Heart) and rename St. Mary's as Our Lady of Peace, when the three merged into one new church. "We have a greater sense of community than we had before," she said. "Old traditions mix with new traditions, and more people are working together as one instead of three."

Holubecki spoke in favor of maintaining, and perhaps renaming, the elementary schools on the Turners campus.

Kelly Gobeil, who attended Montague Center as a child and now has children in Hillcrest, said, "I have wonderful memories of Montague Center. My kids started at pre-K here, and I learned that Hillcrest is just as wonderful a place to go. The reservations I had are gone."

She said, "People are constantly talking about losing their community. Well, last I checked we

are all one community. We're not from Turners Falls or Montague Center, we're all from Montague."

She continued, "Our town has been segregated over this issue for years. Children from our villages won't get to know each other until 7th grade." She concluded, "I hope no matter whatever the future holds, we all learn to work together."

Carolyn Goodnough, a pre-K teacher at Hillcrest, spoke in favor of keeping the Hillcrest School open, saying the fenced in playground made it easy to keep track of the young ones. She said there would soon be 45 kids in the pre-K program, "which is a credit to our community."

Joyce Phillips read a speech that reprised themes she has emphasized in orations to the school committee in recent months. Among other points, she noted, "All options lead to a (school) building project, renovation or addition." She also said, "I support the choice of the campus model," saying it would

"decrease the competition between schools in our town. It will demonstrate a strong sense of community and a commitment to today's students, with a vision for the future."

Chris Jutres, for many years principal of Hillcrest School, now serving half time as the principal of Montague Center as well, said closing Montague Center School would "end teacher isolation," and "allow for common teaching aligned with a common framework." She described herself as, "a long-time fan of the campus model: two schools with one goal, the quality education of our students."

Comments on the possibility of closing a district school, or reconfiguring the grade spans at the district schools, may be sent to: sgee@gmrtd.org. Now that the forums are complete, the school committee plans to take up the topic of school closing at their November 14th meeting, at the Turners Falls High School, at the television studio, beginning at 7 p.m.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG
Assault on Avenue A

Friday 11-3

12:08 p.m. Report of a larceny on 6th Street by St Anne's Church. Officer hailed to report a backpack had been stolen from a car some weeks ago. Under investigation.

7:17 p.m. Off-duty Greenfield police officer called to report a fight in progress at the corner of 2nd Street and Avenue A. Peace restored; everyone sent on their way.

Saturday 11-4

1:37 a.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a 5th Street address.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery, malicious destruction of property over \$250, disturbing the peace, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

10:53 a.m. Report of an assault at an Avenue A address.

[redacted] arrested and

charged with assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Sunday 11-5

6:57 a.m. Walk-in to station reported harassment at a G Street address. States he is being harassed by his girlfriend's ex-boy friend. Both parties were told to "Knock it off."

11:39 p.m. Report of vandalism at the construction site on Avenue A. A bucket loader had a window smashed. Report taken.

Monday 11-6

10:50 p.m. Report of a larceny at a Rastallis Street address. A bike was stolen. Report taken.

Tuesday 11-7

3:54 p.m. Report of a fight at a Unity Street address.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Locally owned since 1941

Foster's SUPER MARKET
GREENFIELD, MA

Full Service Market
Fresh Fish from the Boston Market

70 Allen Street Greenfield, MA Beer & Wine 413-773-1100 FAX 413-773-1105

COUNTRY OIL
SINCE 1986
HEATING-COOLING-PLUMBING

540 Northfield Rd., Bernardston 1-800-327-9992 www.countryoil.com 413-648-9912 #M10588 (MA)

Annual Heating System Cleaning
Plumbing Repairs
LICENSED TECHNICIANS

Specializing in
• Civilian Firearms
• Training for Home Defense

Tel: 775-3264
Fax: 863-0095

Lee Laster • Alan Lambert
Certified Instructors

www.upperhandonline.com

SINCE 1888

A.H. Rist
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

159 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

email: stephan@ahrist.com
web: www.ahrist.com

Stephan Smith
Agent/Broker 863-4373

Renaissance Excavating

COMPLETE SITE WORK

• SEPTIC & DRAINAGE SYSTEMS • SAND, GRAVEL & LOAM
MAIN ROAD, GILL

DOUGLAS EDSON (413) 863-4462

LAPINE MULTIMEDIA

MOVIES, SLIDES, VIDEOS & MORE!
CONVERTED TO DVD, VHS & OTHER FORMATS!

Bill & Kathy White
413-773-7747

DIRT continued from pg 1

rounding the paving stones, wore away. But what do you expect after 2,000 years?

Roman roads were typically crowned, dropping off 12 inches on either side of a 15-foot wide road. Roads in Massachusetts were crowned, considerably, in earlier years. Rain ran off the road nicely, but so did automobiles, especially in winter. Today, roads have relatively little crown.

It will be interesting to see whether removing the solid base of boulders on Main Road will affect the new highway. Removing them does serve a useful purpose. Crushed rock from the boul-

ders provides additional aggregate and rock dust fines to turn out desirable processed gravel. In the succinct words of F & J's crusher operator Richard Small, "It's making good dirt."

Fred DaCruz, the 'F' of F & J, said the job was going well. "This is a clean job," DaCruz said. "There's not a lot that can go wrong, and the town has been really good to work with. Closing the road to traffic helps a lot."

Despite getting flooded recently in one area because of heavy rain, DaCruz expects to be able to get a base coat of asphalt down before snow flies. He is shooting for November 15th for a paving date. Drying up a muddy spot

where the road flooded will not be a problem, according to DaCruz.

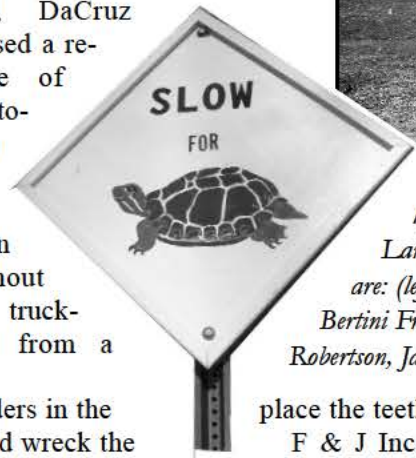
This is a "road reclaiming" job. Had there not been the layer of boulders under the gravel bed, DaCruz could have used a reclaimer, one of those huge rototillers from hell that churn up a roadbed in place, without the need for trucking to and from a crusher.

"The boulders in the roadbed would wreck the cutters on a re-claimer in short order," DaCruz said. "You'd have too much down

time and it would cost a fortune to re-



Tony Mathews made the Slow for Turtle sign pictured left, on Main Road; Gill School students in Mrs. Larson's art class painted it. Pictured above, the students are: (left to right) Spencer Hubert, Shelbi Williams, Elliot Bertini Franseen, Mrs. Kosterman (rear of group), Stephanie Robertson, James Elliott and Malcolm Crosby.



place the teeth." F & J Inc. is located in Ludlow, MA, home of 35 or more contractors. The majority of them are Portuguese-

owned. It has been said that when a Portuguese meets another Portuguese, they start a construction company.



EVERGREEN continued from pg 1

Portland Glass building.

Stewart's

Nursery and Garden Center
135 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls

45 Years Growing Experience

200 Acres of Nursery Plants
Garden Center & Gifts

- ALL Perennials 1/2 Price
- All Heaths & Heathers 1/2 Price
- All Potting Soil 1/2 Price

Cash & Carry ONLY
Prices are good Saturday & Sunday Only

Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm
Saturday 7am - 5:30pm
Sunday 9am-5pm

Tel: (413) 863-2510
Fax: (413) 863-3079

"You can run on vegetable oil all year long, you can use biodiesel or (petroleum) diesel in the main tank, and you're using a renewable resource to fuel your car," said Beck. "Plus, the carbon cycle becomes a closed loop, releasing less carbon into the environment. Most of it goes back into production

of the plants."

Supporting the local economy is added benefit, Beck said.

"Every restaurant has a deep fryer and they're supporting local customers' fueling needs by providing the waste oil. They have to get rid of anyways, and they usually pay to get rid of it," he said.

Originally from Harvard, Beck has lived in Greenfield since 1991. Word that he had experience converting diesel engines to run on an alternative fuel spread quickly when he was repairing friends' cars to make ends meet. Opening his own business was the next logical step.

"A lot of my customers at that time were into biodiesel, and a lot of the older diesels needed maintenance. I lost all of my gas customers . . . and installed someone's grease kit for them. The next thing I knew I had customers calling me," he explained.

Beck opened Evergreen Motors on Aug. 1st of this year, and he said business has been growing ever since. He converts the engines of Volkswagens and Mercedes as well as old diesels, new diesels, trucks, cars and vans, including Jeep Liberties.

Converting a diesel engine to run on vegetable oil costs anywhere from \$850 to \$3,000 for the labor, plus an initial \$850 to \$2,000 for the conversion kit. A 1982 Mercedes 300TD would cost \$950 in labor plus \$795 for the kit, he quoted.

Driving a "grease car" can make people better drivers, Beck said, as they pay more attention to what their car does on the road. Basically, a driver

starts the car on diesel or biodiesel from the main tank, and when the operating temperature heats up after driving for a short time, the driver flips a switch to allow the car to draw vegetable oil fuel from the second tank. When the driver approaches within one mile of their final destination, they "purge" the system by switching back to the primary diesel fuel for 10-30 seconds before stopping the car.

"If someone's driving less than 10 miles in one direction, it doesn't really make sense to convert to vegetable oil," he said. "But if you drive long distances, it will start paying for itself very quickly."

In addition to offering engine conversions, Beck offers a coolant flushing service, (which he recommends doing every year to two years) and he sells used vegetable oil at \$1.90/gallon to local customers running on the alternative fuel.

His is not a full service repair shop, but Beck is happy to refer diesel engine users to appropriate service facilities for their needs.

"I like being a resource for people," he said.

For more information, call Evergreen Motors at 413-772-3131.



Get Ready for Winter!

STIHL POWER

#1 SELLING BRAND WORLDWIDE

CHAINSAW QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST

STIHL

- SERVICE
- SALES
- SAFETY

SIRUM EQUIPMENT
310 Federal St • Montague, MA

413-367-2481

INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES
USABLE METALS

LAMP REPAIRS
LAMP PARTS

Just Things

*We Buy Anything From a Pin
To An Elephant*

ARTHUR COHEN
413-498-5043

9 MT. HERMON RD.
NORTHFIELD, MA 01360

THE TEXTILE CO. INC.

Retail Fabric Store

- Cotton • Silks • Polyesters • Vinyls • Upholstery Material
- Quilting Supplies • Patterns • Calicos • Notions

CASH & CHECKS ONLY

Mon.-Sat. 9-5:20, Fri. til 8:20 • Closed Mon. - June, July, August

Power Square
Greenfield (413) 773-7516

INTERSTATE AUTO

Bill Cowan Jr., Shop Manager

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

- All Makes & Models
- Neighborhood Shop
- Neighborhood Prices

863-0003

147 Second Street • Turners Falls

Cup O' Joe

Espresso • Cappuccino • Lattes

- Great Casual Atmosphere
- Great coffee, pastries, and breakfast served all day.
- Deli sandwiches and wraps are available for lunch.

New Hours,
Wireless
Internet

M-F 6-2
Sat. 7-2
Sun. 8-2

111 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376 / (413) 863-2800 / Zach Fellows - Owner

Patrick Smith
HIC #134741
Insured

Turners Falls, MA
Patrick@Mtdata.com

EASTERN WEATHERIZATION

Specializing in Cellulose Insulation
Infrared Quality Assurance Guaranteed

Toll Free 866-262-5361

413-863-9409
FAX 413-863-3530

LIEBENOW AUTO BODY

"WE DO THE COMPLETE JOB"

- Insurance Collision Repairs
- We Accept All Insurance Companies
- Auto Glass Replacements
- Shop Rental Car
- Frame & Unibody Straightening

LOCAL PICK-UP & DELIVERY

Mass Repair Shop #1839
774-4420
163 WELLS STREET
GREENFIELD

Quality Work on All Makes & Models
Towing & Rental Cars Arranged

THE VILLAGE SKETCHBOOK

The Eleventh Hour

BY DAVID BRULE

MILLERS FALLS - The Eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. They had a sense of the dramatic in those days. The Great War, the War to End All Wars was over on Nov 11th, 1918. The cannons finally fell silent, the slaughter of the flower of European youth ended.

The towns around here joined the war belatedly, like the rest of the country, and the impact didn't seem that great. In fact you have to look pretty hard, up in Highland Cemetery, to find graves that indicate WWI service.

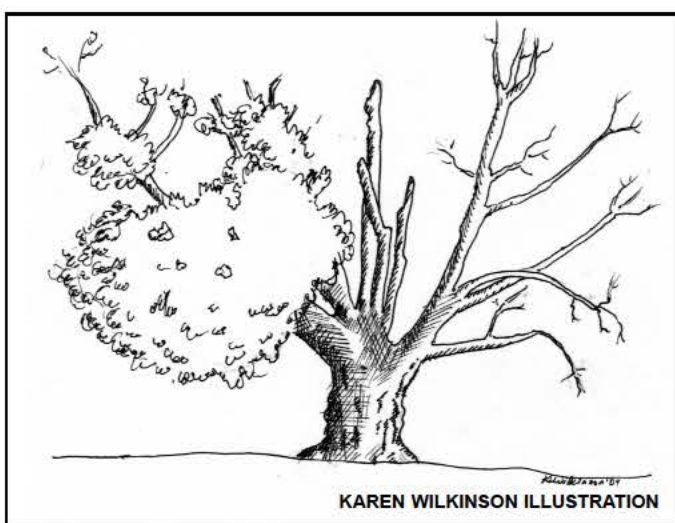
I can't say that the war affected this house down on the Flat very much either. Doug Smith, drafted by the Red Sox in 1912, did get drafted by the Army in 1917, but he spent the war drilling, marching, and playing baseball for Camp Upton in New York. One great-grandfather, James Heffernan, recently emigrated from Killorglin in Ireland, joined the Army by lying about his age - he was actually older than he claimed, but it did provide a steady job and square meals, for what they were worth. Many of his countrymen however, were not so lucky.

In Ireland, and throughout the working class British Isles, tens of thousands of young men joined the British Army for the same reasons, figuring it would be easy money and a walk in the park. Many of them became part of what was known as the "Great Falling of 1916," 90 years ago this past July. At the Battle of the Somme more than 60,000 young men died on the Allied side alone, most of them in one day of futile fighting. Officers sent these men over the top in wave after wave to be mowed down by German machine guns, and gained hardly a few yards when the day was over.

Years ago, I had the chance to talk with two men who were there on that day, now more than ninety years in the past. . . .

I was teaching English in a Berber village at the time, and one day one of my students came to tell me his father wanted to meet me. I actually had the time to walk out to his village, and knowing it would be an insult to Moroccan hospitality to turn down the invitation, we started out along the dusty road through the Middle Atlas foothills. After an hour and a half of steady walking, we reached the village, made up of earthen houses, the color of the hills, set in the draw of a dry stream. The house of my student's father was below ground, strangely enough, but it was definitely cooler down there than the baking temperatures above. Down the ladder we went, to a dark room where an elderly man sat cross-legged on a thick rug decorated with the designs typically found in this region. He spoke clearly and carefully in French, tossing in Arabic from time to time, and once we had completed the required inquiries about the health of all the members of the family, thanking Allah for the good health of each, we talked politics and history.

On the wall hung a framed photograph of a man in a WWI French Army uniform. The sweeping black moustache and turban tipped me off that the young man in the portrait, and the old man pouring my tea were one and the same. The mint tea arched from the silver teapot into glasses set on the low table. The pot was held high over the glasses and was poured Arab



The old maple at the Farren

style, precisely and noisily. His moustache was now white, as was his beard, but his eyes burned the same as those in the portrait. As a young man growing up in the French Protectorate of Morocco, he was drafted in 1914. He had fought at the Somme and at Verdun, and had survived to be pouring me tea in this lost corner of North Africa. He described what it was like to survive during those times, but coming from a harsh existence on the edge of the Sahara, he had an easier time than most, except for the cold.

When we had finished our tea and conversation, I indicated I needed to start back, climbed up the ladder and headed out along the dark road, lit only by the stars. Some of his words were burned into my mind as I thought about what I had heard, on the long walk back.

"We Moroccans fought hard in those battles; we are famous warriors and strike terror in the hearts of our enemies. When the Germans knew they were fighting against us, they would flee before us. They knew we fight well with our knives, and we never, never took any prisoners..."

Another glimpse into that long ago war came on a quiet Sunday afternoon in a calm suburb of Paris. We were in the

kitchen after Sunday dinner listening to Georges Bourgeois recount in bits of phrases and halting sentences what it was like to have been there. He was a young man in Paris when the war broke out in August of 1914. His father made him join the army right away, assuming he would

move up the ranks before the war got too nasty. His father was right. During a long initial period, which the French called *la drôle de guerre* - the strange war - both sides entrenched themselves and there was very little fighting. This was the time of the war when Germans, French, and English took time out from sniping at each other on Christmas Eve to sing carols and play a game of soccer in the No Man's Land between them. *Silent Night, Stille Nacht, Sainte Nuit*, all blended briefly on the battlefield.

It is a well-known fact that the footsoldiers on both sides had more in common with each other than they did with their own officers. The old social system was about to be swept away after this war; this was the last gasp of the old aristocracy. Officers on all sides, often drawn from families of the nobility, had few qualms about sending the peasantry and working class conscripts off as cannon fodder.

Young Georges did rise up through the ranks, although at one point one of his responsibilities was as a running courier, going from trench to trench with messages for the officers. He did live to tell us about Verdun and the Somme and what he saw there: Breton, Normand,

Touraine peasants and farmers surviving in calf-deep freezing water in the trenches, the gas attacks, the rats, being sent wave after wave over the top to slaughter, and about a man called the *nettoyeur des tranchées*, - the cleaner of the trenches - oftentimes a butcher in civilian life, who was one of the last through the trenches after a battle to finish off his French comrades who were mortally wounded and suffering. This man delivered the *coup de grâce* with the knife of his trade.

The Great Falling it was, with millions of British, Germans and French dying in geopolitical stalemate. The peace that ensued was just a parenthesis in a long war, for it started up all over again within a generation.

It is said in these parts that the Irish-American poet Joyce Kilmer, author of the poem that begins "*I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree...*" wrote about the old maple growing at the Farren Hospital. The legend has it that in 1917 he was recuperating there from wounds received in France, as a guest of the Farren family, who were old friends of his. After his sojourn at the Farren, he went back to the war and was killed in the trenches, another one of that Lost Generation.

The old maple came down just a few years ago, a metaphor for the last survivors of that war. There are now fewer than a dozen veterans left from all sides, members of that Last Man Club of the WWI battalions, out of the countless millions who were caught up in the entangling politics of 1914. On November 11th, as we remember the fallen, we also need to remember that if we don't learn the lessons of history, we are doomed to repeat history again and again and again.

HOME BUYERS WANTED

You Can Buy a House with **no money down!**
Call Tim for your free Pre-Application analysis.

Call **1-413-773-8984**
Tim Prevost Loan Officer

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE



Only homeowners are eligible. All loans are subject to credit approval & property review. Programs subject to change without notice.

Windy Hollow
Veterinary Clinic

Amy Plavin, DVM, CVSMT

68 Sunderland Road
Montague Center

413-367-0062 • www.windyhollowvet.com

Providing an integrative approach to veterinary medicine,
including acupuncture, chiropractic, chinese
and western herbal therapies.

RISTORANTE
Di Paolo

REAL ESTATE
**BENCHMARK
& PRATT**

YETTER BUSINESS CENTER
525 Bernardston Road
Greenfield, MA 01301

(413) 774-1221
bernie@benchmark-pratt.com



Bernie Monkiewicz
Realtor

413-256-6217
fine instruments
bought and sold
repaired and restored

Fretted Instrument Workshop
49 So. Pleasant St., Amherst, Mass. 01002

RISTORANTE
Di Paolo

FINE ITALIAN DINING

Denise DiPaolo, Owner
Hilton Dottin, Chef

TEL 413-863-4441
FAX 413-863-4421

Open 5-9 Sun - Thurs
5 - 10 Fri and Sat
Closed Tues

166 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Reservations Accepted

WWW.RISTORANTEDIPAULO.COM

Frontier Plows Through Turners Defense

BY LEE CARIGNAN

TURNERS FALLS - The Frontier Red Hawks defeated the Turners Falls Indians 28 - 14 in Intercounty League football action last Friday night. Turners played well during the first half, dominating the second quarter. But a second-half opening kickoff return for a touchdown by the Hawks changed the momentum of the game, sparking a comeback Turners could not recover from.

The loss drops Turners record to 1-7 on the season.

It was the second week in a row Turners has had to face an explosive running back. Last week it was Athol's Mike Chamberlain. This week, Turners had the tough task of defending Steve Scribiski. The running back broke the thousand-yard mark for the season in the fourth quarter, and finished the night with 203 yards and three touchdowns. Now the two star running backs will face off against each other in next week's division championship when Frontier (6-2) and Athol (7-1) face off in the much-touted Intercounty League game.

Frontier got off to a fast start on their opening drive, moving the ball down the field with solid running by Shawn Kelly, Chris Thorp, and Steve Scribiski. Frontier quarterback Matt Warnick also had a nice 15-yard completion to keep the drive going. Scribiski finished off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to give Frontier a 7-0 lead.

Turners got things going late in the first quarter after a Frontier fumble at their 36-yard line. The Indians quickly took advantage of



the turnover, driving the ball down the field with nice runs by Adam Bastarache, and Zack Little. On a key third down, Bastarache hit Greg Dorman in the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown. Dorman made a great catch, managing to keep both feet in bounds. Lucas made the extra point to tie the game 7-7.

Turners picked up another break midway through the second quarter when Frontier committed their second turnover of the night, fumbling at the Turners 30-yard line. The Indians responded with their biggest drive of the night, going 70 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Bastarache had some nice runs of 17 yards on a key fourth down, and 10 yards for the touchdown. He also made a key 9-yard completion to Jake Field. Turners also caught a break when Frontier had too many players on the field during another fourth down, which kept the drive alive. The score gave Turners a 14-7 halftime lead.

With the playoffs on the line, Frontier came out in the second half with renewed energy. Whatever the coaches said in the locker room got their attention. The Red Hawks looked like a totally different team in the second half.

Frontier's Sean Kelley got things going when he took

the opening kickoff of the third quarter the distance, exploding down the right sideline past Turners' defenders for 93 yards to tie the ballgame 14-14.

The quick touchdown changed the momentum of the game. Frontier defense started to overwhelm Turners. On offense, running back Steve Scribiski seemed to come to life in the second half, dominating the game with big plays.

Frontier held Turners to a 3-and-out and got the ball back close to midfield. The Red Hawks, faced with a third down situation with seven yards to go, ran a draw play to Scribiski for 12 yards for a key first down. Two plays later, Scribiski ran for 45 yards up the left sideline for a touchdown to put Frontier up 21-14.

Turners quarterback Adam Bastarache was intercepted on Turners' next possession, giving Frontier good field position at the Turners 40-yard line. Scribiski got his third score of the night on a 20-yard touchdown run to put Frontier up 28-14. Turners offense could not get anything going in the fourth quarter. On Turners' last possession, Todd Patterson intercepted Bastarache to end any hopes of a comeback. Scribiski and the Red Hawks ran out the rest of the clock to give Turners their seventh loss of the season.

Adam Bastarache finished the night with 5 completions on 14 attempts for 62 yards, and one touchdown pass. He also rushed for 49 yards and had a rushing touchdown. Zack Little had 31 yards on 3 carries. Jake Field led Turners with 4 receptions for

43 yards. Greg Dorman had 1 reception for 19 yards and a touchdown.

Next week Turners plays at Mohawk on Friday night. Turners will have a tough

challenge ahead of them. Mohawk is in third place with a 5-3 record. Last week Mohawk had a big 26-18 win against Mahar.

THE GILL GOURMET

Healthy Lazy Golumpki

BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH

There are many variations of this dish. Golumpki is essentially cabbage rolls without the rolls. I hear at some delis they are vegetarian and use noodles rather than rice. I have never seen noodles used in cabbage rolls. And I would like to repeat there is nothing better for perking up a vegetarian dish than a little meat. In this recipe I use ground turkey, prepared to taste better than ground beef:

1 cup of brown rice cooked according to the directions on the package.

1 dollop of extra virgin olive oil

1/3 cup of diced purple onion

1 cup of crumbled ground turkey, or crumbled turkey kielbasa, or a combination of the two

1 can of diced canned tomatoes, preferably with sweet onion

Ground pepper to taste
3 cups of coarsely chopped cabbage

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook brown rice according to directions on the package. While rice is cooking, sauté the diced onion and ground turkey in olive oil in a deep frying pan. Stir occasionally. Sprinkle with beef bullion

and cook until meat begins to brown and onion is transparent. Sprinkle with fresh ground pepper, preferably from a pepper mill. Add tomatoes and cabbage.

Cook on top of the stove until rice is done. Add rice to mixture. Stir well while adding a cup of water. Pour into a two-quart casserole sprayed with oil.

Cover and bake about ¾ to 1 hour, or until cabbage is cooked. I am not going to give an exact cooking time because of a recent experience.

I met one of those good looking pharmaceutical company representatives who come around to doctors offices with free samples and charming smiles, making the doctors suck in their paunch, get all bushy tailed and walk around on tippie-toes. I thought she might offer me some Geritol, but she gave me a free cookbook, instead - *Healthy Meals in 30 Minutes or Less*. The first recipe I found said to marinate the mixture for two hours, the next one said to refrigerate for two hours, but after a couple of quickie recipes, I found one that called for marinating for from two hours to two days! Seems a little stretch of 30 minutes. The cookbook was worth every penny.

Quality products to heat your home: wood or gas...
stoves, fireplaces & inserts

SCSC

Shanahan Construction Supply Co.

COMPLETE MASONRY SUPPLIES

Masonry Supplies
Brick / Block / Pavers
Wall Stone
298 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Culvert / Sewer Pipe
Precast Concrete
Retaining Wall Block
Phone: 413-863-4322

CopyCat PRINT SHOP

- full color offset printing
- digital copies
- oversize copies
- files accepted via email

We Specialize In Impossible Deadlines!

20 Years of Making Copies and Still the Original!

up-to-the-minute technology • old-fashioned personal service

180 Main Street, Greenfield • 413-774-3500 • greenfield@copycatprintshop.com

Sokolosky Realty

56 4TH STREET • TURNERS FALLS, MASS. 01376

OFFICE (413) 863-4393
HOME (413) 367-9970
FAX (413) 863-4949

Jean Donovan, CRS, ABR
BROKER

Overwhelmed by stuff? Try Franklin County's Newest

IN-TOWN SELF STORAGE

UPPER END OF WELLS STREET, GREENFIELD

774-7775

Easy in-town location
Secure 24-hour access

**VARIETY OF SIZES
PLENTY AVAILABLE**

OFFICE AT 50 CHAPMAN STREET, GREENFIELD, MA

Contractors, Flea Marketers, Tradeshow Vendors
and Artists encouraged to inquire

JONES TOWN & COUNTRY

Unlocking the door to your dream of home ownership!

Mariaelena Garcia
REALTOR®

200 Triangle Street
Amherst, MA 01002-2193
(413) 549-3700 Ext 144

mgarcia@jones-tc.com
Member National Association of
Hispanic Real Estate Professionals

TOGNARELLI HEATING & COOLING

- Specializing in Repairing & Installation
- Gas & Oil Systems • Radiant Heat, Gas Piping
- The Gas Experts

bryant
Heating & Cooling Systems

SPACEPAK
Central Air - Anywhere

413-863-2295

123 Avenue A, Turners Falls

FINDING BALANCE

Snoring No Laughing Matter

BY JENNY CHAPIN

MONTAGUE CENTER - "Laugh and the world laughs with you; snore and you sleep alone." While that might seem like a humorous observation, a 2001 study done by the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons on 4900 couples found that 80% ended up sleeping in separate beds because one of them snored. While half of us snore at least occasionally, regular snoring can cause great distress for the bed partners of snorers. Interrupted sleep creates fatigue and irritability, which leads to poor performance at work, bad tempers at home, another night of bad sleep - a downward cycle which can erode even the best of relationships.

If you're a quiet sleeper, air passes from your nose and throat to your lungs silently and unhindered. Snoring occurs when

there is an obstruction to the free flow of air through the mouth and nose, especially through the collapsible part of the airway where the tongue and upper throat meet the soft palate and uvula. The walls of the throat vibrate during breathing; when the vibration bumps these structures into each other, you get snoring.

Obstruction may be due to a blocked nose (e.g. from allergies, sinus infection, deviated septum, or nasal polyps), or to the base of the tongue restricting the breath. Poor muscle tone in the throat and tongue can cause the tongue to fall backward into the airway or the throat muscles to draw in from the sides into the airway; this muscle relaxation can result from sleep, alcohol, some sleeping pills, or just normal aging. Bulky throat tissue from being overweight, or in children with large tonsils and



adenoids is also an issue. Having a long soft palate or a long uvula (the dangling tissue in back of the mouth) can narrow the opening from the nose to the throat.

Some factors that can increase snoring are: sleeping on your back, increased body weight, alcohol consumption, tobacco consumption, eating heavy meals late in the evening, and sleeping tablets or mood-altering drugs.

There are more than 300 devices on the market to help prevent snoring, such as pillows that keep a person lying on their side, straps to shut the jaw, and devices that pull the lower jaw forward. There are half a dozen surgical procedures available to

correct underlying anatomical problems that obstruct the airway.

Before taking drastic measures, try the following measures. Establish regular sleeping patterns and avoid getting overtired. Sleep on your side. Tilt the head of your bed up four inches. Eat a well-balanced diet designed to keep your weight within a healthy range for your height, age, and body type. If you're overweight, begin an exercise program to tone muscles and lose body fat. Avoid heavy meals within three hours of going to bed, alcoholic drinks three hours before bedtime, and sedatives and antihistamines before bedtime. Dairy foods (milk, butter, cheese, cream and ice cream are the worst offenders) increase the production of mucous, which can lead to more severe snoring. Limit or eliminate these foods two hours prior

to bedtime.

Breathing through your mouth at night, rather than your nose, dries out your mouth and contributes to a sore or dry throat, both of which can result in loud snoring. A throat spray with natural oils that lubricates the back of your throat will dampen or even eliminate the sound of the vibrations.

Snoring is often a symptom of sleep apnea, a potentially life-threatening sleep disorder (and subject of next week's article). There's some evidence that snoring is not only a symptom of apnea, but can eventually cause it.

Snoring means obstructed breathing, and it's not funny, for your health or your relationship.

Jenny Chapin is an acupuncturist, bodyworker, and yoga teacher in Greenfield. Suggest a topic or question for her column at jgchapin@crocker.com.

THE HEALTHY GEEZER

Let the Buyer Beware on Herbal Medicine

BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ -

Q. I'm a geezer and I believe in herbal products because they're natural, and I think you should tell your readers how wonderful they are.

I get a kick out of people who are big on 'natural' and 'organic.'

Poison ivy is natural and organic. So is cobra venom.

You have to be very careful when you use herbal health products and dietary supplements, especially if you are a senior. Always consult a doctor before taking any of these products, which I like to label 'alternatives'.

These products may not be safe if you have cancer, an enlarged prostate gland, high blood pressure, diabetes, glau-

coma, heart disease, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, psychiatric issues, or problems with clotting blood, your immune system, liver or thyroid.

You should be especially cautious about these products if you are taking drugs that treat any of these health problems.

Alternatives can interfere with the way your body should process medicine. For example, you may not absorb enough of the medicine that you need.

These products can cause difficulties during surgery, including bleeding and problems with anesthesia. You should stop using herbal products at least two weeks before surgery.

In the United States, alternatives are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration



ILLUSTRATION: JESSICA HARMON

as foods. Therefore, they are not held to the same standards as medicines whose manufacturers must prove they are safe and effective.

The active ingredients in many of these products are unknown. In fact, because alternatives are not held to tough standards, you may even con-

sume more or less of the supplement than what the label tells you you're taking.

Well, you ask, these products must be standardized in some way, right?

The fact is, in the United States there is no legal definition of 'standardized' for supplements.

There are hundreds of alternatives on the shelves that claim they will help you feel better in a variety of ways. However, the advertising claims usually aren't backed by reliable information.

Some of the most popular alternatives include chondroitin, echinacea, ephedra, garlic, ginkgo biloba, ginseng, glucosamine, kava, melatonin, black cohosh, saw palmetto and St. John's wort.

These alternatives may have

additional effects that the manufacturers don't always tell you about. Here are some side effects you should know about:

- If you are sensitive to aspirin, don't take black cohosh because it contains salicylates. Black cohosh is used for menopausal symptoms.

Aspirin or acetylsalicylic acid is a drug in the family of salicylates.

- If you have a shellfish allergy, you may also be allergic to glucosamine. Glucosamine is taken for arthritis.

- Don't drink alcohol if you take kava products. Kava can increase the effects of alcohol. Kava is used to calm your nerves.

If you have a question, please write to fredcicetti@gmail.com.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER WEEK (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666

Renaissance Builders
Stephen Greenwald
 PO Box 272
 Turners Falls, MA 01376
 413/863-8316
 Fax 413/863-9712
www.renbuild.net

Pam Veith Real Estate

 75 Main Street
 Northfield, MA 01360
 Office: 413-498-0207
 Ofc. Fax: 413-498-0208
 Home Phone: 413-863-9166
 Home Fax: 413-863-0218
 Email: bedson1@comcast.net
 Barbara A. Edson-Greenwald
 ABR, CRS, e-PRO, GRI, SRES, CBR
 REALTOR®
"My Office is Always Open to You!"

FOUR DIRECTIONS HEALING ARTS

 Acupuncture
 Massage, Reiki
 Flower Essence Therapy
112 Avenue A, Turners Falls
 863-8033 • karen@4directionshealingarts.com

About-Face Computer Solutions
 Veronica Phaneuf
 (413) 367-0025
about-face@verizon.net
 ✓ PC Sales & Service
 ✓ MAC Software Support
 ✓ Network Support and Installation
 ✓ Quickbooks Training and Support

Northfield Barber Shop

 Mon: Noon-5, Tue-Fri: 8-5, Sat 8-Noon
74C Main Street • Northfield
413-498-5166

Growth & Transformation Through Healing

Joanne O'Neil, M.A.
 Psychotherapist & Herbalist * Moonrise Medicinals Herbal Teas
 P.O. Box 73, Montague, MA 01351 • 413.367.9514
Joanne@moonrisemedicinals.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



JACK COUGHLIN ILLUSTRATION

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH TO 11TH

The Dance Companies of NMH Dance present *Dancing Out Loud*, a modern dance piece by students, faculty and alumni. One piece, *Fedora*, features the music of electric cellist Gideon Freudmann. Performances: Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., Grandin Auditorium. Tickets \$2 for students and \$5 general audience. Limited seating, reservations, 413-498-3017.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, *Love Bomb*, rock. Dance! 9:30 p.m.

Fall Fairy Fun: Work on winterizing those fairy houses including practicing to make a survival shelter good for fairies that end up spending a night out in the woods. Suitable for ages 5 and older. Northfield Mountain Recreation 1 to 3 p.m. 800-859-2960

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

Join Turners Falls RiverCulture in celebrating the long awaited unveiling of four outdoor public art pieces to be on view for three years throughout the downtown. Meet the artists, take a tour of the works, then come back to the beautiful Great Hall of the Discovery Center for food, music and schmoozing. 3-6 pm, Free

Rt. 63 Road House, Millers Falls, *Torn It Loose*, rock, come to dance! 9:30pm

"Members Appreciation Day" at the Village Co-op in Leverett. Noon to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome! Enjoy food samples, money saving specials and a West County Cider tasting noon to 2:30 p.m. Enter in drawing for a beautiful watercolor print by Lauren Shea when you add a "Check Out Hunger" donation to the Food Bank Farm. The Village Co-op, 180 Rattlesnake Gutter Rd., Leverett, Info. call 367-9794

Murder Mystery Dinner at The Montague Elks Lodge #2521, 1 Elks Avenue, Turners Falls. The Comical Mystery troupe performs *Holiday Mystery Party*, a benefit for the capital campaign for the new lodge. Dinner of spaghetti and meatballs



Charles Neville, born in New Orleans in 1938, has been playing the saxophone since the age of 12. Neville has made the foothills of Western Mass. his home when not on tour. He is always happy to spread his love and passion for music among his neighbors. Benefits the Wendell Full Moon Coffee House Saturday, November 11th at 7 p.m.

\$15. Please contact Betsy Sicard, the chairperson for tickets at (413) 423-3455. 6 p.m.

Wendell Full Moon Coffee House, 8 p.m. Charles Neville Jazz Quartet (Legendary Saxophonist of the Neville Brothers) Wendell Town Hall, doors open 7 p.m. Open Mic 7:30 p.m. \$6-\$12.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH Scandinavian Dance at The Montague Grange, Montague Center. Music will be played for couples dancing by Marilyn Butler, Andrea Larson, Amy Parker and friends. Plus dances of Föllinge, Sweden will be taught by Joan and Jim Savitt. 3 to 6 p.m. No partner necessary. \$10 Donation. For more info call Alice at 774-7771 or www.guidingstargrange.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Equity Trust presents: Soup and Seeds: Reshaping Our Economic Relationship to Land & Food. Presentations from Jaunita Nelson and Jean Paul Courtens, biodynamic farmer. At First Churches, Northampton. Soup and bread served. 5:30 p.m. Free, all welcome. Info. 863-9038 or www.equitytrust.org

Documentary Film Series on "Active Nonviolence" at the Arms Library, Shelburne Falls, thru November. **Nov. 15** *An Army of Peace: Quest for a Nonviolent Cambodia*. This is the seventh in an eight-week series of films. 7 p.m. Free

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

The Northfield Mount Hermon School music program presents the sixth annual Pops Concert featuring the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra. Students perform music by Mozart, Beethoven, Dvorak, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, George Gershwin and Dave Brubeck. Dinner will be available for \$8. 5:15 pm in Alumni Hall, the school's dining hall. The concert is open to the public and free.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
Comedy at the Shea. Featuring Tony V., Greg Rodrigues, Myq Kaplan & Jennifer Myszkowski. Proceeds benefit Turners Falls RiverCulture Project. www.SheaComedy.com Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$17 at the door), on-line at www.sheacomedy.com, or at World Eye Bookshop & Mesa Verde, Greenfield and Books & More, Turners Falls.

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.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH

Pothole Pictures 2 Shows! - *Inside Bernie's Booth & 42nd Street* Shown at Memorial Hall Theater, Shelburne Falls. Music before the movies 7 p.m.). Movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Clay Class for Wendell residents! Artist & educator, Ruth O'Mara is offering a family clay class to Wendell residents at the Wendell Town Hall. Creating tiles & stamps & more! Beginners welcome.

at the
MONTAGUE BOOKMILL

THE LADY KILLIGREW CAFE

442 GREENFIELD RD.

OPEN Wed. - Sun. 10 AM - LATE
www.theladykilligrew.com

Upcoming at the Discovery Center

Open Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open for Groups by Special Arrangement, Tuesday-Thursday

SATURDAYS IN NOVEMBER
Animal Preparedness Winter Survival Series. Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife staff focus on animal adaptations and behavior that allow them to survive through harsh New England Winters. **11/11** Reptiles: Turtles & Snakes. **11/18** Amphibians: Frogs, Toads & Salamanders. **11/25** Birds: Migratory & Non-migratory. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
3 - 6 p.m. RiverCulture Kiosk Tour w/ Local Artists. Reception in Great Hall.

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.

Great Falls Discovery Center www.greatfallsma.org
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls (413) 863.3221

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Mondays, Nov. 13th, 20th, & Dec. 4th, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Register by **Nov. 11th**, call 978-544-7857.

THROUGH DECEMBER 3RD
The Green Trees Gallery featuring work by artist Jennifer Dorgan. Paintings range from traditional to impressionistic to fanciful. Her subjects are derived from the natural world beautifully rendered in acrylics. Gallery hours: Thurs- Sun, 11 - 5 p.m. 105 Main St, Northfield, 498-0283.

ONGOING

Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, Turners Falls. Photographer/digital print artist John Paul Caponigro through December 17th. www.johnpaulcaponigro.com

HOT SPOT TEEN CENTER

MONDAYS - Drop-in, 3-6 p.m.
TUES & WEDS - Ongoing Music Project, 3 - 6 p.m.
THURS - Drop-in, 3 - 6 p.m. & Movie Night, 6 - 8 p.m.

*Free (except some trips), open to local teens. Some require permission slips.
Info: Jared at 863-9559.*

Hot Spot Teen Center is in
The Brick House
24 Third Street, Turners Falls, 01376.

Draft Beer **Great Food**

Open Wed-Sun at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY 11/10
9-11 p.m.
Free Range Classic Rock

SATURDAY 11/11
9-11 p.m.
Richard Chase Group
Rock
No Cover Either Night!

978-544-BREW
57A Lockes Village Road
Next to the Wendell Country Store

GREENFIELD GARDEN CINEMAS

Main St. Greenfield, MA
413-774-4881

www.gardencinemas.net
Showtimes for Fri, Nov. 10th - Thu, Nov. 16th
Holiday Gift Books Only \$25 On Sale Now!

1. **FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS** PG13
DAILY 6:30 9:30
2. **MAN OF THE YEAR** PG13
DAILY 6:30 9:30 DTS sound
3. **THE DEPARTED** R
DAILY 6:30 9:30
4. **SAW 3** R
DAILY 6:45 9:15
5. **SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE** G
DAILY 6:45 9:15
6. **FLUSHED AWAY** PG DTS sound
DAILY 7:00 9:10
7. **BORAT** R DTS sound
DAILY 7:00 9:10

MATINEE FRI, SAT, SUN, 12:00 3:00

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER WEEK (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666

A Custom Touch
Interior! Exterior Painting & Home Repairs

Anthony C. Tucker: 863-4833
70 Oakman Street, Turners Falls

Brian R. San Soucie
Locksmith - CRL

Serving the Area for over 25 years Certified • Bonded • Insured

We Install all Types of Locks & Entry Devices for Businesses and Homes

- Dead Bolts
- Household Lock Sets
- We Master Key & Re-Key
- Safe Combinations Changed

28 Montague Street
Turners Falls, MA 01376
Beeper 290-1162
863-2471
Fax 863-8022

Barlow Landscaping, Excavating & Paving, Inc.
Bryan Barlow, CEO

Demolition
Seal Coating
Treework
Construction Services
Septic Systems
Paving
Snow Plowing, Sanding

P.O. Box 386
Turners Falls, MA 01376
413-772-2155
Emergency Mailbox
413-775-3376

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

The Railway Station that Became a Museum

BY FLORE

BRATTLEBORO - Back in those days, before automobiles took to the roads, taking the train was a treat for all! You went to meet travelers; inquired how the trip went. There was much to tell!

with this quaint little 'abandoned' station. They knew the building would deteriorate quickly, if nothing was done.

Strangely enough, this group of entrepreneurs called themselves 'Angels' - as indeed they were! Headed by

of colors, he brings his audacious landscapes to canvas; they breathe beyond their frames.

Three other talented artists share the gallery's space:

Faith Ringold's exhibit is entitled, "Stories in Quilts and Colors." Ringold's unusual quilts are painted statements, telling of her African-American heritage.

The photographer Justine Kurland in "Figures in a Landscape" displays a group of young girls playing in the lush terrain of New Zealand, connecting their forms to the land.

"Secrets" by Gloria Garfinkel are paintings visitors can play and interact with.

You know about those little doors that open, letting visitors discover all sorts of dreams. They are everyday treasures, which confide stories.

The video installation of Robert Fritz on three screens depicts youth in the movements of a dancer. Then the same person faces the camera, as Time adds its wrinkles onto her.

Don't miss the chance to make your arrival at this unusual site! Do you realize that Brattleboro is half an hour from our villages? It is worth the trip, as you travel the dreamland of Vermont!

The Brattleboro Museum of Contemporary Art is open every day except Tuesday, from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. For more information, email: info@brattleboromuseum.org or call 802-257-0124.

George Goldfrank, they prevented the demolishing of the station, and the town purchased the building.

With careful renovation, utilizing the original layout of Union Station, the building officially reopened in 1972 as... guess what? A museum!

The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center was miraculously born. It has since opened its doors to renowned contemporary living artists. The present building contains six spacious, luminous galleries.

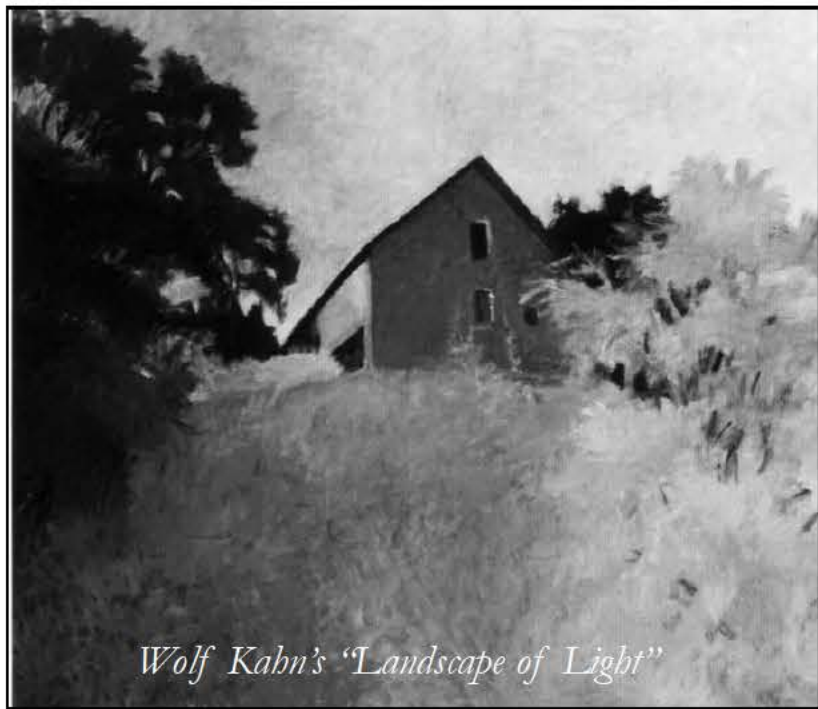
At present, if you go there you will discover, "Landscape of Light," the incredible work of Wolf Kahn, illuminating the walls. Known as the magician

for a map, RiverCulture project information and a space for community postings.

The four pieces were selected by a committee including Frank Abbondanzio, Lisa Davol, Dave Jensen, Chris Janke, Jack Nelson, Bill Gabriel, of Northeast Utilities; Hezzie Phillips, Director of the Contemporary Artists Center in North Adams; James Florschutz, sculptor from Newfane, VT; and Joseph Krupczynski, chair of the Northampton public art committee and architecture and

design professor at UMass. The four pieces chosen are: *Powertown*, by James Rourke - at the end of 1st Street by the bike path parking area; *Rock, Paper, Knife*, by Gary Orlinsky - 1st Street by the bike path and Fish Ladder; *Doosel*, by Stephen Cahill - Avenue A and 3rd Street in front of Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography and *Atlantic Salmon Mosaic*, by Cynthia Fisher at Peskeomskut Park, Avenue A and 6th Street.

Visit www.turnersfall-sriversculture.org for info.



Wolf Kahn's "Landscape of Light"

The time? It was at the turn of 1915, when Brattleboro Union Station was puffing away with powerful engines pulling colorful wagons. The station actively served the neighboring area, I am told, during five lively decades.

But railroad traffic gradually declined, though it served the city valiantly and punctually. By the late 60s, its regular passenger service had stopped completely.

Wagons and cabooses were no longer seen arriving in a thunderous roar, to the delight of those waiting on the platform.

Some concerned citizens were wondering what to do

ART

continued from pg 1

of the works, then return to the e Discovery Center for food donated by Wagon Wheel and Squash Trucking and music by Mark Gianfriedo Trio.

The four artists chosen for these commissions are Stephen Cahill of Turners Falls, Cynthia Fisher of Buckland, Gary Orlinsky of Leverett and James Rourke of Northfield. Each proposed a piece centered on a theme relevant to Turners Falls, and will include display space

Montague Parks & Recreation **WINTER PROGRAMS 2007**
56 First St., Turners Falls, MA 01376 / Phone: (413) 863-3216

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM
All practices and home games are held at Sheffield Elementary School Gymnasium. Practice begins early December.
REGISTRATION BEGINS:
Montague Residents - Monday, October 30
Non-residents - Monday, November 20

Instructional Basketball - Grades K - 2: \$30*/\$35**
Boys & Girls 3/4 Junior Travel Teams - Grades 3 & 4: \$45*/\$50**
Boys & Girls 5/6 Senior Travel Teams - Grades 5 & 6: \$55*/\$60**
*Fee for Montague residents. **Fee for non-residents.

JUNIOR & SENIOR LEAGUE TEAMS
Multiple teams may be created if there are enough registrants, AND, if we are able to secure coaches. If there are not enough players for separate teams (Junior or Senior), a co-ed team MAY be established.

Girls in Grades 3 - 6: Tuesday, November 14; 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Basketball Orientation Night Sheffield Gymnasium
Come see what we're all about. Dress in active wear for shooting and dribbling activities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST
Boys & Girls ages 10 - 14. Participation is FREE. Saturday, January 13 @ 1:00pm
Sheffield Elementary School Gym

TOY ANIMAL STUFFING WORKSHOP
Youths ages 2 and Up. Fee information provided during pre-registration. A traveling, make-your-own, stuffed animal workshop is coming to town!

INTRO TO TAE KWON DO FOR YOUTH
Ages 7 & Up. Montague Residents = \$45, Non-Residents = \$50. January 22 - March 19 (No class Feb. 19)

SWIMMING LESSONS
All Lessons held Saturday mornings. Montague Residents = \$40.00, Non Residents = \$45.00. Session II - January 6 - February 17
Session III - March 3 - April 14 (*Tentative starting date)

American Red Cross BABYSITTING COURSE
Montague Resident = \$50, Non-resident = \$55. Youths ages 11 - 15.

ADULT PROGRAMS

YOGA for Adults
Montague Resident = \$45, Non-resident = \$50. January 10 - March 21 (No class Feb. 21)

JAZZ DANCING
Montague Resident = \$45, Non-resident = \$50. January 10 - March 21 (No class Feb. 21)

FAMILY PROGRAMS

MEN'S BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY
Children must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.
Men's Bball vs. TEMPLE, Saturday, January 13, 7:00 pm
Tickets are for reserved seating. \$13* per ticket / \$15** per ticket
Non-residents may register beginning Monday, December 18

Hockey vs. PROVIDENCE, Saturday, February 10, 7:00 pm
Tickets are general admission. \$14* per Ticket / \$16** per Ticket
Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, January 16

*Fee for Montague residents. **Fee for non-residents.
Fees for both events include ticket and transportation ONLY.
The bus leaves for both games from Unity Park promptly at 5:00pm

OPEN GYM
Sheffield Elementary School Gymnasium. Thursday, January 4 - Friday, March 23
Family Session - ages 12 & Under (Parental/guardian supervision required)
Youth Session - ages 13 - 17
Adult Session - 18 years & up
Fees: Daily Admission: Youth - \$.50 / Adult (18+) - \$1.00
Season Memberships: Youth = \$8.00 / Adult = \$12.00
Family = \$20.00 (Includes 1 adult, 2 children)

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER WEEK (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666

LaBelle & Leitner
Auto Sales

AUDI • VW • VOLVO • BMW
Large selection of diesel and all-wheel drive vehicles
Locally Owned for 27 Years

413-774-5517
335 High St., Greenfield
LALautosales.com

"Your #1 Source For Subarus!"
Serving the community since 1978

Flint's GARAGE
SALES

"One of the Largest Selections of Pre-Loved Subaru's in New England"
• 1995's up to 2006's
• On-Site Financing Available

www.flintsgaragesales.com

990 South Main Street • Athol, MA
978-249-9038

Chinatown
CHINESE RESTAURANT

FREE DELIVERY!
(Min. \$15.00)

663-8988 • 51 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS