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Community Acupuncture Clinic Sets Up In Downtown Turners

By JOE KWIECINSKI

TURNERS FALLS – According to the American Psychological Association, the most common sources of stress in our culture are worry over the future of our soci-

ety (63% of Americans), money (62%), work (61%), and political climate (57%), as well as violence and crime (51%).

Luckily for residents of Franklin County, Abundant Splendor Community Acupuncture and Herb

Clinic will embark on its goal of helping to improve public health on Saturday, December 1, with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. The new treatment center is located at 69 Second Street in Turners Falls.

“We’re really excited about bringing these services to Franklin County,” says Dan Sachs of Gill. Sachs has practiced acupuncture for some 35 years. “We’re offering a high level of care in either a public or private setting, depending on the needs of our clients,” he says.

Sachs is joined at the clinic by Margaret Ryding of Conway, who brings a quarter of a century of experience in the field of acupuncture, and by Bonnie Bloom, who will provide consultations for clients in herbal medicine. Bloom has practiced plant medicine since 1996, and has served as staff herbalist for 14 years at Sojourns Community Health Clinic in Westminster, Vermont.

Abundant Splendor occupies the storefront on the right side of the Second Avenue building next to see **CLINIC** page A5



NINA ROSSI PHOTO

Acupuncture practitioner Dan Sachs (left) and herbalist Bonnie Bloom (right), along with Margaret Ryding (not pictured), invite the public to an open house at their new Second Street location on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1.

Montague Will Select New Chief Soon; Awaits Civil Service Rankings

By JEFF SINGLETON

MONTAGUE – The Montague selectboard could appoint a permanent police chief as early as its November 26 meeting, assuming that it receives a “ranked” list of candidates from the state Civil Service Commission in time to evaluate them.

The selectboard also might give itself a bit more time to make the decision – particularly if it receives the list on the day of its meeting – but there are strong indications that Montague will have a new chief by the end of the year.

Whatever the exact timing of the decision, the town may be entering the final act of a drama that has lasted for 2-1/2 years. The drama began when state police descended on Montague public safety complex

in the spring of 2016 to investigate then-chief Charles “Chip” Dodge’s handling of drugs in a prescription drug drop box.

A year and a half later, Dodge revealed publicly that he was in recovery from an opioid addiction, which he had not revealed to town officials until the state police investigation. Dodge resigned last March after a highly critical internal investigation, reaching a settlement that included an additional year’s paid leave.

He was replaced, on an interim basis, by Lieutenant Christopher Bonnett. But in July, Bonnett himself was placed on administrative leave after being arrested and charged with assault following an alleged domestic violence dispute. Bonnett, whose case is still pending,

see **CHIEF** page A6

Wampanoag Speaker Criticises Federal Decision At Discovery Center Event



GROSS PHOTO

Hartman Deetz addressed the recent Department of Interior move to revoke the designation holding Mashpee Wampanoag lands in trust.

By NINA GROSS

TURNERS FALLS – Hartman Deetz, Mashpee Wampanoag cultural educator and longtime political and environmental activist, was guest speaker at the Beaver Moon Gathering last Saturday, organized by the Nolumbeka Project. His talk, cosponsored by the Great Falls Discovery Center and the New England Peace Pagoda, was entitled “Stolen Identities: The

Mashpee Wampanoag, Defined Out of Rightful Inheritance.”

Mr. Deetz came to address the Department of Interior’s recent decision to revoke the tribe’s 2015 federal designation holding land in trust on behalf of the tribe. This was presented in the broader context of the ongoing legal struggles of Wampanoag and other First Nation peoples regarding status and rights of sovereignty over land that they

see **SPEAKER** page A6

LEVERETT SELECTBOARD

“We’ve Got To Set People Building”: Leverett Budget Up Against The Wall

By ROB SKELTON

Department heads, Finance, School, and Capital Planning committees convened at Tuesday’s Leverett selectboard meeting to troubleshoot next year’s budget and to arrive at “guidance” – the numbers needed to keep the town solvent.

Tom Powers of the fin com explained the levy limits dictated by Proposition 2.5, which caps spending at that percentage number, over which the town must schedule an override vote. The result of failure to budget within these limits invites state intervention.

“New growth” is the mantra and the only way Leverett can increase

its spending, with the exception of borrowed money, which the authors of 2.5 astutely realized had to be accounted separately, Powers explained.

Liabilities this year include another payback to Mike Kittredge, the Yankee Candle founder whose estate was apparently over-valued by assessors for many years, and whose second Land Court proceeding resulted in a clawback of tax monies, impacting the budget.

A lawsuit filed by retired art teacher Susan Boss for spousal health benefits denied her, found for the plaintiff to the tune of, over time, \$200,000. The town of Leverett plans to appeal, not for itself but

for the larger principle, to the tune of \$20,000 to get started.

A veteran who moved to town will cost Leverett \$7,000 annually, some of which can be clawed back from the government.

Powers said 1.5% guidance, in terms of budget growth, leaves the town \$130,000 short; 2% results in \$76,000 in the hole. 2.8% is the actual state levy limit, even with an override.

Powers concluded that 1.5% is not tenable, especially with cost-of-living adjustments currently set at 4% for municipal workers.

Selectman Tom Hankinson, for the second year running, threw a see **LEVERETT** page A7

DISPATCHES

Arrival in Berlin: A Look Back, and Ahead

By ANNA GYORGY

BERLIN – This is the first in a series of “dispatches” to this community during my time in Germany. The trip, supported by the Traprock Center for Peace & Justice, of which I am part, will continue through December, when I will write about the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference, COP 24. This large international meeting will take place from December 2 to 14 in Katowice, a major coal and industrial region of Poland, not too far from Berlin, where I will be watching.

The decision to travel to Germany just days after our midterm elections landed me in a weekend of remembrance of the past, mixed with anxiety for the future.

It was a lot, as I carried with me recent events in our country: pipe bombs (“real” or not) sent to Democratic politicians and Trump-identified “foes”; yet another mass shooting; yet another focused assassination in a house of worship, this one with a clear anti-Semitic motivation; the racist murder of two Black shoppers in Kentucky; fires raging over hundreds of miles in California.

Oh yes, and the elections, which brought high voter turnout and some important new faces and politics to the fore, while divisions remain deep.

So what was happening in Germany?

November 9, a Friday this year, has been an important double anniversary here since 1989, when after

months of peaceful mass protest in East Germany, the Berlin Wall was opened and 45 years of physical separation began to end.

But when I lived in Germany, November 9 was also see **DISPATCHES** page A4



PHOTO COURTESY ANNA GYORGY

Wendell’s Anna Gyorgy will be reporting from this year’s UN Climate Change Conference. She writes to us from this Berlin internet cafe, which is adorned with a poster calling for a demonstration to end the use of coal in Germany on December 1 at the government’s Berlin headquarters.

The Week In TFHS Sports: Fall Season Comes to an End

By MATT ROBINSON

Western Mass high school championships were won and lost this week, while the Turners Falls football team headed west and then bounced back. In the process, one of those Pioneer kids hit 2K.

Soccer

Westfield Tech 1 – Pioneer 0 (3OT)
Belchertown 1 – Frontier 0 (OT)

This week, I went to two postseason soccer games to see some Franklin Tech rivals who were still in the hunt for state titles. The first game was a matchup between Pioneer and Westfield Tech, and the second was between Belchertown and Frontier.

The Pioneer Panthers soccer team came into the postseason ranked #2

in D-IV West by the MIAA. After a bye in the first round of the playoffs, the Panthers beat Pioneer Christian by a convincing 4-0 score. Then on Thursday, November 8, they hosted Westfield Technical Academy in the semifinals at Holyoke High.

West Tech is the team that beat Franklin Tech 2-1 in the Voc Tournament on Halloween night. They came into Thursday’s game with a record of 18-1, and ranked third.

Coach Don Fraser did his best to keep his boys in this one, but neither team could put the ball in the net. A scoreless first half led to a nil-nil tie after regulation.

In the first overtime, both teams had chances, but after a save and a high kick that went through the

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Glory Hallelujah

Nobody worked, except at celebrating. All homely Monday duties were forgotten. Everything was closed down tight and everyone who was not lame, halt or blind was on the street making all the noise possible. Whistles shrieked, bells rang, tin pans clattered, horns tooted, drum corps and bands, amateur and professional, got busy, bugles sounded, automobile horns made 57 varieties of noise.... We were Americans all, and doubtless all, no matter where they first saw the light, are now more firmly cemented in that invisible bond, which makes what is called Americanism, the power which has done its glorious part to strike thrones.

Where all the flags, bunting and other emblematic devices came from is a wonder, and great ingenuity was shown in their use and display. The parade was the greatest and best ever known in town, despite the short notice in which it was gotten up. Some of the paraders had very effective costumes in which the flags of the allies and the red, white and blue figured prominently, and as much ingenuity was shown by the means used to produce noise as there was in the decorations of persons, automobiles and trucks. Tin cans, cracker boxes, pails, and even frying pans were pressed into service. At times the din was terrible, and at times enthusiasm was at high pitch.

Nobody was left in doubt as to the sentiments felt for Gott's late side partner, who has been so ingloriously repudiated. The Kaiser was consigned to the only place fit for him and it rhymes with well – in a dozen different ways. Staid, seasoned men and women joyously displayed placards to this effect with as much glee as did the small boys. His late majesty was burned in effigy, hanged, buried, and otherwise picturesquely disposed of....

One modest float in the parade bore the mothers of some of the local boys who are in the service. The placard on the float read "These mothers' sons helped to beat the Kaiser." How happy the mothers were! The joy of the homecoming of the boys was already in their faces.

The Esleeck, Keith and cotton mills had very effective floats, so did the electric light and telephone companies; the White Coal farm, in fact, they were all good. The public school children and their teachers made a fine showing. Indeed, all the societies, organizations and firms did themselves proud and deserve special mention.

H.A. Moody, on a white horse,

was marshal of the parade. It is needless to say who was in it. That can easily be answered: it was everybody. After the parade disbanded, the flags were effectively displayed at the band stand....

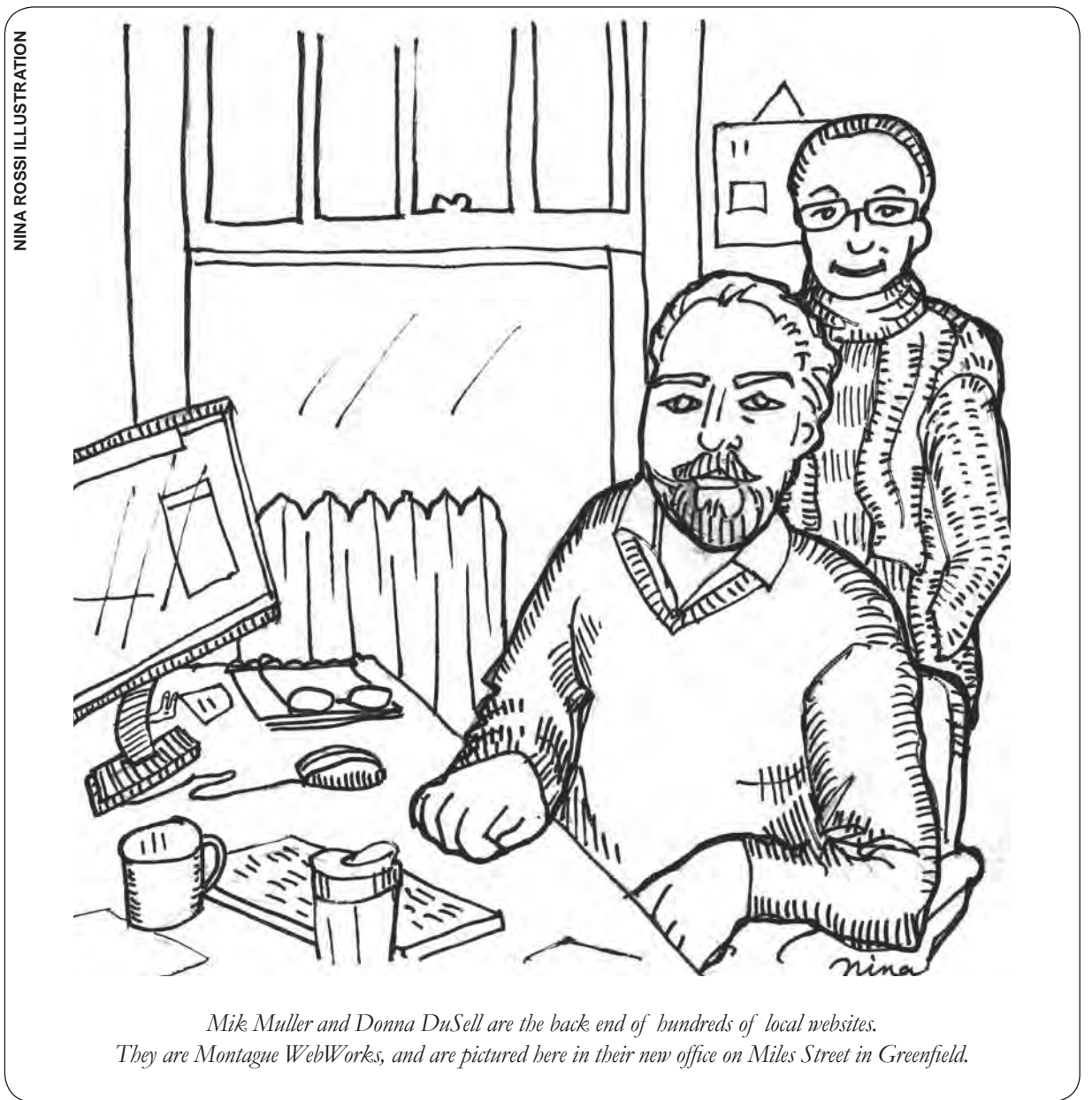
The Turners Falls Military band added much to the occasion. The members of the band fittingly expressed their sentiments through their instruments and played particularly well. They gave their services, too, for the day for the good of the cause, and the citizens and all who enjoyed the stirring strains of the band are grateful. The St. Mary's drum corps also furnished music. At night, several bonfires were lighted on the Avenue and the energy that had not been spent during the day was expended around the blaze.

Among those in line were the following: Marshal H.A. Moody, police, veterans of the Civil War, soldiers, Red Cross, Turners Falls military band, the fire department, the board of trade, school children and teachers and High school pupils, French school and societies, several Polish societies, including band, the women's societies, and children, Bohemian society and women's auxiliary, Herman Sons, Harugari, Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's drum corps and St. Mary's Temperance society, Red Men, Mechanics lodge of Masons, Valley lodge of Odd Fellows, Valley Queen Rebekah lodge, Knights of Pythias, trucks from the Esleeck, Keith, and Cotton mills, Franklin Electric light Co., Telephone Co., White Coal farm, Crocker Nat. Bank employees with the Fourth Liberty loan honor flag, Friends in Council, mothers with sons in the service, Electric Social Club, Turners Falls Power & Electric Co. office force, Court Turner of Foresters, the Eagles, beside the grave digging squad, a crate containing a pig, and suitably inscribed with references to the kaiser, and a great number of privately decorated autos and trucks.

This is not a complete list, but indicates the size and comprehensiveness of the parade.

Yesterday was very quiet in town and people resumed their normal activities. The street department had considerable cleaning up to do, but otherwise the aftermath was pleasant, and all faces are wearing smiles that won't come off for some time. Throat tablets are decidedly in vogue – "There's a reason."

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Mik Muller and Donna DuSell are the back end of hundreds of local websites. They are Montague WebWorks, and are pictured here in their new office on Miles Street in Greenfield.

Letters to the Editors



Millers River A Bumpy Ride

I read with enthusiasm that Millers Falls is going to have an access to the Millers River. As a quiet water kayaker, I'm always happy to see any greater access available to any of our rivers, but I am a bit puzzled.

From what I know of the Millers River, I don't think there is anything "leisurely" about it until you would get to the confluence with the Connecticut River. Is this access for whitewater kayaking and rafting instead of quiet water?

I would also like to make a plea for greater access to the Connecticut below the dam in Turners Falls, where the water is quiet and provides a nice "leisurely" paddle for miles going south. The access at the end of Poplar Street is not appropriate for any but the young and hardy; it is long and steep. Getting out there is really not a reasonable choice for any "senior" paddler, and there are a lot of us!

I would ask that the town planner take a look at what other options

might be available – I've always wondered whether the town owns any of the land outside the fence where the water treatment plant is. The land there could have a road built down to the water with some parking available, and I know it would be heavily used. It might be stinky at times, but no one is going to linger there – they just want to get on the water.

Jeri Moran
Montague Center

Early Successional Habitat? Sure, But We Have Enough Of It

It is obvious that "our world is far from perfect," as Ray DiDonato points out in his recent op-ed (November 8, "The Case for Early Successional Habitat"), but he's using that old saw in defense of disproven forestry practices in Wendell State Forest.

The term "early successional habitat" is simply the latest in timberspeak used by DCR to pursue their business as usual: endless logging of our public lands.

A study from Department of Forest Ecology and Management, University of Wisconsin-Madison notes: "In New England, there is

already more early successional habitat than historical natural levels, which covered about 1-3% of the landscape. Currently, early successional habitat is estimated at about 4-5% in southern New England, and at between 9-25% in northern New England."

I find it interesting that Ray DiDonato references Mass Audubon in defense of his ill-considered opinion, because Mass Audubon also "calls for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish a no net loss of forests."

DiDonato says: "I view it as a moral imperative to curb contin-

ued human-induced decline of species which evolved over millions of years on this planet." In fact, it is the present Climate Crisis, and world-wide forest degradation, that is the major cause of decline in species and their habitat.

Confronting human-caused climate chaos is the moral imperative of our generation. We must preserve and protect as much of our forests and neighborhood trees as possible to capture CO₂ emissions that are threatening life on Earth.

Don Ogden
North Leverett

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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We wish our readers a Happy Thanksgiving, or an appropriately reflective National Day of Mourning. A joyous Mawlid al-Nabi to our Sunni and Shia neighbors! A glorious and bloody Black Friday to those who love to shop, and a peaceful Buy Nothing Day to the secular-yet-pious crowd.

We are going to **take a brief break** from all this writing, editing, laying-out, and delivery, and will get back to you with our **next edition on November 29**.

Which reminds me: For whatever reason, a number of our **mailed subscribers** (and our Gill subscribers, who are sometimes getting their mailed until we find a permanent carrier) have reported that their October 25 and November 1 editions did not arrive. They were pretty good issues, so if you missed one or both, drop us a line at circulation@montague-reporter.org or (413) 863-8666 and we'll re-mail them. Sorry!

Get in a sneak attack on that end-of-year gift shopping that is just now beginning to make you anxious by attending the **Little Drummer Craft**

Fair this Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Franklin County Technical School.

The LDCF is an annual craft show supporting Tech student scholarships. Juried artists and craftspeople from all around New England will present their unique handcrafted products. Lunch, refreshments and baked goods will be available for sale courtesy of the school's culinary department students.

The fair is held indoors, the school is ADA-accessible, and there's plenty of free parking.

At the same time – 9 to 1 p.m. – a **Christmas Bazaar** will be held at the Gill-Montague Senior Center on Fifth Street in Turners Falls. This will include a bake sale, craft table, can raffle, and lots of presents.

We are told the top raffle prize is \$100 worth of lottery tickets, and the second prize is a \$200 gift certificate to Food City. (Not being a gambler, I'd hope for second prize.)

Might you have an extra **holiday card to cheer a veteran** over these sometimes lonely next few months? If so, please bring them to the Greenfield Savings Bank this Saturday,

November 17 at 10:30 a.m. If not, come anyway, and help address blank cards the bank will provide.

The bank will also have pens and light refreshments, and the cards will be delivered to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, so no need to worry about stamps, either. A handwritten card addressed to a special soldier will bring a smile to their face, and let them know someone cared about and remembered them.

Next Thursday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Montague Elks are offering a **free community meal** at their club at One Elks Way.

And from noon to 5 p.m. that same day, the People's Pint in Greenfield will host a **pay-what-you-can holiday meal**, with food donated by local farms and businesses and proceeds to benefit the Food Bank.

Next Saturday, November 24, former World Heavyweight Champion and Turners Falls native **Sonya Lamonakis** is being honored with a permanent sign in Unity Park, in recognition of her success as a boxer and as a public school teacher in New York City.

Lamonakis will be on hand for the ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., and will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Turners Falls High School Class of 2019 graduate. Applications will be available at the ribbon cutting.

Many area nonprofit and charitable organizations are participating in **Giving Tuesday** on November 27. This is a great way to increase the impact of your year-end donations.

A quick search at givingtuesday.org shows that participating organizations in our coverage area include Franklin County Home Care, the Brick House, Montague Catholic

Social Ministries, Silverthorne Theater Company, Lifepath, Friends of the Regional Dog Shelter, and Ice Stars for Wounded Warriors.

The local, volunteer-led nonprofit that runs this newspaper is not participating in Giving Tuesday *per se*, but between now and the end of the year, we *are* having a **capital campaign** to help make what we do sustainable.

Letters and return envelopes were distributed with this edition, and if you did not get one and are interested in throwing in, you can find information at montaguereporter.org.

Mitch Mulholland writes: "**Leverett Crafts and Artists** will hold its annual Holiday Sale for three weekends in December: December 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Free admission. Refreshments. Music. In the LCA Barnes and Hall Galleries, 13 Montague Road, Leverett. The walls of the Barnes and Hall Galleries will be clad with art of the many LCA studio holders.

"Mudpie Potters will display on the floor of the Barnes Gallery, and there will be several craft and art displays/booths set up in various locations in the building. On December 8-9, there will be several open studios. This is a fun fair in an increasingly beautiful location."

That **huge new parking garage** is open in downtown Greenfield, in case anyone needs to film a music video this winter.

Residents of downtown Turners Falls can also enter a lottery at town hall to win the right to park along the corner of L and Prospect streets, despite the **winter parking ban**. That ban begins Saturday, December 1, and will continue for what feels like forever.

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Another Letter
to the Editors

**Julien & Rifanburg:
Recognize the
Valley NewsGuild!**

A public letter to Aaron Julien, president of Newspapers of New England, and Mike Rifanburg, publisher:

You should recognize the Pioneer Valley NewsGuild (the union recently formed by employees at *The Daily Hampshire Gazette* and *The Valley Advocate*) immediately, and bargain with its members in good faith.

These journalists know how to make your newspapers strong.

Decisions made under your management in the last year to cut local news staff at all the region's papers under NNE ownership have led to a blistering decline in reader support, and worsening conditions for the most dedicated journalists who remain. There has been a serious and noted drop in quality news coverage across topics, including local government and the arts.

Recent cuts at *The Greenfield Recorder* have done severe damage to that newsroom and the local operations in Franklin County, including circulation and advertising. There is no longer a night desk there.

Your purchase of the *Athol Daily News* and slashing of that staff has imperiled another local newspaper necessary to the towns it serves.

This has been a long time com-

ing. Employees approached management on numerous occasions, and worked long hours in good faith to try to make the best of horrible plans.

As so eloquently observed in the Declaration of Independence, "all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed."

These journalists are fighting to save these papers, and they have learned they are not alone. Now they are offering you the opportunity to join them in that effort.

Supporting this union now will bring the most qualified people into the room. Western Massachusetts deserves good local news coverage. Every community does.

Show some respect and humility, and look to the people who know best how to do this work.

Sincerely,

**Samantha Wood
Greenfield**
(Former managing editor for news at *The Berkshire Eagle*; former managing editor at *The Daily Hampshire Gazette*; and former longtime editor on the night desk at *The Greenfield Recorder*.)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

New Library Goes Out To Bid

By KATIE NOLAN

The Erving selectboard and the library building committee approved the bid specifications on November 5 for the new library building at Northfield Road. The process of soliciting bids from contractors started this Wednesday, when the approved specifications were published.

The board and building committee reviewed the specifications in a lengthy meeting on October 29 and again at their joint meeting on the 5th. According to administrative coordinator Bryan Smith, architects Johnson Roberts Associates and consulting engineers Garcia, Galuska, DeSousa addressed the concerns raised at the earlier meeting.

The board and building committee also discussed the long-term budget for the project, and the estimated cost of an emergency generator for the building. They also had questions about the materials to be used for the interior ceiling under the portion of the building with a vaulted roof; however, the materials may be changed using a change order after the bids are received.

The board, acting as water commissioners, still must approve construction of the new library in the town's water protection district. That approval is expected at the November 19 selectboard meeting,

after town engineers Tighe & Bond provide a final review of the storm-water management plan.

Other Business

In order to satisfy state Department of Revenue procedural requirements, the selectboard re-voted the 65% "minimum residential factor," originally voted on October 22. The estimated 2019 residential rate is expected to increase to \$7.35 per thousand dollars of property value, and the commercial and industrial rate to increase to \$11.92 per thousand. According to Smith, tax bills will be sent out this week.

The board re-appointed Deborah Mero as town accountant, effective November 1. Mero retired from her other job as Northfield town accountant as of October 31. For both the Erving and Northfield jobs, she is covered under the Franklin County retirement system, and she was required under that system's rules to retire from all public service by her retirement date, so she retired from her Erving job as well on October 31.

Retired public employees are allowed to work after retirement, with specific restrictions on hours and earnings.

At its November 19 meeting, the board will begin drafting a warrant for the fall special town meeting.

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Additional information and applications available at Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, or www.montague-ma.gov.

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an evening to gather with others at a simple monument in Bonn-Beuel marking the Jewish synagogue destroyed on that date, along with a much larger one in nearby central Bonn, and others throughout the country. In Bonn only the simplest, symbolic signs of these losses are to be seen.

My US friends call the coordinated mass destruction of Jewish houses of worship in Germany on November 9 and 10, 1938 *Kristallnacht*, or “night of broken glass.” But in Germany, it’s the more explicit and terrifying *Reichsprögnacht*: “the program night of the realm.”

This year marked the 80th anniversary of this state-sponsored violence, which led to so much more.

But this was not all. The weekend continued with a focus on the 100th anniversary of November 11, 1918, when, after four bloody years, the fighting of World War I finally stopped. At 11 o’clock that day – after all the mass slaughter and use of new, “modern” weapons of war, like chemical gas and bomb-dropping airplanes – the trenches were suddenly still.

World heads of state met at the invitation of French president Emmanuel Macron to memorialize the end of that war. Most – but notably not Trump – stayed for a discussion on peace, where the French leader criticized nationalism as not true patriotism.

For amidst memories of the hard-won peace of 1918, which redrew the boundaries of many countries, are anxious fears of increasing nationalist movements, as politicians challenge the post-World War I (and then post-World War II) ef-

forts at international cooperation to prevent a similar war in the future. Right-wing movements are strong in Hungary and Poland, and growing in Germany and beyond.

And then the women!

The day after this sad and somewhat ominous remembrance of a vicious international struggle, Germany marked the hundredth anniversary of German women receiving the right to vote. This was passed right after war’s end, and a couple years before the United States followed suit in 1920.

An avid radio listener, I was moved first by memories of the war’s brutality and end, and of how the peace treaty’s terms contributed to the rise of fascism in Germany. Then on to the happy news for women, despite the knowledge that many then voted for Hitler.

Additional coverage of the much longer struggle for equal rights in Germany reveal that it’s not over yet. For instance, the number of women parliamentarians in the German Bundestag (Parliament) fell from 36.3% to 31% in last year’s elections.

I guess we can say that we are working on it in the US, where after this election the House of Representatives will increase its female membership from 104 (19.4%) to 126 (23.6%).

In the “Heart of Europe” As Things Heat Up

The situation at Katowice this year promises to be much different than last year’s Climate Change Conference, when it was held in Bonn. Thousands of people gathered before the COP 23 for meetings and demonstrations for climate action and justice. A short video of

the situation then, still timely today, can be seen at the Traprock website (www.traprock.org).

The October 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Special Report on Global Warming* has urged efforts to limit global warming to 1.5° C (2.7° Fahrenheit), rather than 2° C, to prevent major ecological damage.

Efforts in this direction must happen in Katowice.

However, legislation passed by the right-wing Polish government

allows searches of activists’ personal data, and limits public demonstrations to those previously approved. (See Kate Aronoff’s article, “Poland’s New Surveillance Law Targets Personal Data of Environmental Advocates,” at theintercept.com/2018/07/02/cop24-poland-surveillance-law/.)

Time is short, and change must come. I look forward to reporting on the chances of seeing positive action on both democracy and climate justice.



Sunday, November 18: Gratitude With Attitude

ATHOL – The Opioid Task Force (OTF) of Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region, in collaboration with the Athol Area YMCA, North Quabbin Recovery Center, and North Quabbin Community Coalition, is hosting a free, fun, and family-friendly event to celebrate gratitude and recovery and will feature individuals with lived experience sharing their stories this Saturday, November 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Athol Area YMCA, 545 Main Street in Athol.

Everyone is welcome, not just those directly impacted by addiction. A light buffet will be provided as well as live drumming, percussion, and spoken word. An arts and crafts table will also be provided. Community members are invited to bring instruments or objects that make sounds such as pots and pans, coffee cans, etc.

“Gratitude With Attitude” continues the series of recovery-focused events offered in the Frank-

lin County/North Quabbin region, which began last September. Last May, “Bowling for Recovery” drew over 60 people to the Shelburne Falls Bowling Alley for fun and fellowship.

“This is about our community,” said Jamie Woods, a volunteer peer leader with the North Quabbin Recovery Center and a member of the Gratitude with Attitude Planning Committee. “If we work together as a community, no one individual or organization has to shoulder this burden alone. If we don’t come together as a community, this epidemic will continue to roll right over us.”

The next event in this series will occur on Saturday, December 8, in Greenfield, focusing on the importance of self-care during the holidays. Future events will focus on trauma-informed practices; how to support individuals in dual recovery; services for special populations such as immigrants and the LGBTQ community, and more.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Why I Didn’t Support Wendell’s First Broadband Borrowing

By DAN KELLER

WENDELL – On October 24 the Wendell selectboard was presented with a note to borrow \$450,000 to begin construction of a fiber-to-the-home (“FTH”) broadband system. The current plan would require a larger additional borrowing soon. I declined to sign the note, but the other two members of the board did sign, putting the borrowing into effect. Since then I’ve been asked why I didn’t sign, so I will offer the following as an explanation.

A town-owned FTH system is the Rolls Royce of internet connections. There are several much cheaper options. One is a hybrid system, using a fiber backbone with wi-fi extensions, such as is being deployed in Warwick. There is also the Matrix option, being built in Petersham.

Both of these towns will be paying a fraction of what Wendell plans to spend, and they are already well on their way to being connected. At the moment, the broadband committee does not appear to be considering these or other options, and I feel this is a missed opportunity to reduce the cost of the project.

An FTH system is the most expensive to build, the most expensive to maintain, and will be the most expensive for subscribers, all of which factors present challenges for Wendell.

The cost to build, financed by debt, will bring financial difficulties to many Wendell households. The

town tax rate is already approaching the legal limit of \$25 per thousand, and broadband borrowing under the current plan will push the rate over the limit, which can be done legally since the broadband borrowing was “debt excluded” by town meeting.

Many Wendell taxpayers are currently having difficulty with their tax bills, and this increase may spell trouble for many. The total borrowing for the project is now estimated at \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. The cost to pay down that debt would be roughly \$100,000 per year, or about \$1 on the tax rate. This translates to a property tax increase of \$200/year on a home valued at \$200,000.

This increase would be difficult for many taxpayers, but also difficult for the town. It’s my understanding that our fin com is very concerned about our total spending, and the cost to pay the broadband debt could threaten the budgets of other departments. In addition, the borrowing would push the town close to the municipal borrowing limit, which would constrict the town’s ability to borrow in the future.

Compare our situation with Greenfield, which has spent \$5 million on a broadband system that is still not working, and has cut the budget of its health department to compensate, resulting in the loss of 2 out of 3 health inspectors.

The original plan put forward by WiredWest years ago promised to service the debt out of the \$49/month

subscription fee. That claim was unrealistic, and is now long forgotten. We don’t have a reliable estimate of the subscription fee at this point, but some estimates are around \$100/month, and there seems to be no expectation of paying down the debt with any of that revenue.

The cost to maintain the system and the cost to subscribers are inter-related, and as the cost to subscribers is increased, the number of subscribers will fall. If the number of subscribers falls below the number needed to maintain the system, the system will essentially fall into a bankrupt situation and would have to close down, or be supported by more money from the town.

What would happen then to the fiber cables on the poles, and the rental fees we need to pay to the utilities for keeping them there, are questions that have not been discussed or planned for, as far as I know. Such a failure could result from pursuing the Rolls Royce option.

The plan is unfair to non-subscribers, who would have to pay, through their tax bill, for building the system, and possibly some of the costs of operation, and would get nothing for it. The proponents have argued that this plan is similar to the way we finance schools, paid for largely through the tax levy but not used by everyone.

I feel this is a misleading argument. Schools are different. Free public education is a constitutional obligation; broadband is a util-

ity, similar to electric or telephone utilities. Our elementary and high schools are free to everyone, broadband would be free to no one, under this plan it is a business.

Imagine a household that cannot afford broadband because of the increase in their property tax. The broadband committee is currently estimating that 60% of town households will take service, which would mean 40%, or about 160 households, would be paying this premium without any of the benefits.

To me the future of this plan looks risky, if not bleak. Many of the Wendell citizens I speak to have found a way to get the broadband they need, whether it be a satellite connection, a cell phone connection, work from a local office, trips to our library, or a combination. As these other services become higher speed and cheaper, Wendell would be competing with giant corporations for subscribers, and Wendell citizens would, in many cases, go with the cheaper and more efficient competition.

Many of my friends and neighbors in town do support this plan, but many, including many in town government, do not. It’s a tough, divisive issue, with emotions strong on both sides.

I do have full respect for the skills, dedication, and enthusiasm of the people on the broadband committee, but at this point I have to register my opposition to the current plan.

That’s why I found it so difficult to sign the loan documents, and will probably as it stands now vote against the large upcoming borrowing.

Dan Keller is a member of the Wendell selectboard.

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goalposts, the game went into double overtime.

When neither team scored in the second OT, the game – and Pioneer’s season – came down to penalty kicks. That’s when their playoff dreams ended. Pioneer kicked in 2 penalties in the fifth period, but Westfield scored 3, knocking the Boys in Black out of the playoffs.

Westfield advanced to the finals, but were kicked out of the tournament on November 10 in a 1-nil loss to Lenox. It was their second loss of the year.

Coach Fraser tells me that he and his team have gone to Turners Football games this year, and some plan to come to Turkey Day.

On Sunday, November 11, ninth-ranked Frontier played against the #2 Belchertown Orioles in the Western Mass D-III finals at Westfield State. Like the Pioneer-Westfield game, this one ended in a tie.

In the first half, Front’s Doug Hanienski put the Hawks on the scoreboard. Frontier maintained the 1-0 lead throughout the half and into the second, but a late-game goal gave Belchertown the tie and sent it into overtime.

The game rocked back and forth, but in the last few minutes left in OT, the Orioles scored the game-winning goal and took the Western Mass D-III Championship.

Volleyball

Frontier 3 – Lee 0

Last Saturday, the Frontier volleyball team won the Western Mass championship by beating the second-ranked Lee Wildcats, 3-0.

The game could have gone either way. I’ve seen both squads play, and in the regular season, Frontier nosed out Lee 15-12 in their fifth and final match.

But there was a marked difference in the fan base on Saturday. The Frontiersmen and women stood during all three matches, while the Lee fans cheered from their seats.

The first two matches were routine wins for the Birds, who took them 25-16, 13. But in the third, Lee refused to go away. They matched Frontier volley for volley, spike for dig, and point for point, sending the match into overtime.

11 points into OT, with the score 31-30, Frontier scored the match point and went on to claim the Western Massachusetts Championship trophy.

After winning the West, Frontier

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Richie Richardson’s FAB, known for its clothing and fashion design. “We love our location,” says Sachs. “There’s a charm to it, with its small columns and overall décor. Our landlord did a beautiful job in renovation, giving us an open, spacious place to perform our work, bolstered by lots of good light.”

A short presentation will take place at the open house at 2 p.m. The talk will center on the use of acupuncture and herbs to facilitate management of stress and its resulting symptoms. Herbal tea will be served to accompany the short presentation and the longer discussion to follow.

“We’re very pleased,” Sachs says, “to be able to offer an assortment of modalities, such as traditional Five Element acupuncture, Chinese and western herbs, acupressure, meditation, along with wellness education. Five Element is a form of healing whereby the entire person is treated, so that he or she can help to heal themselves.”

Ryding concurs. “We’re pleased to have such a nice location,” she says. “We looked at a lot of potential sites, and feel our choice on Second Street was a good one. It’s a nice place to treat our clients holistically, and facilitate their self-healing.”

Abundant Splendor has individual massage tables with screens

for community acupuncture. The new facility also features a room for private, one-on-one sessions. Ryding and Sachs, with their long-term experience in Five Element acupuncture, plan to use the private room in delivering this traditional modality.

Back Into Balance

Acupuncture is an ancient form of healing that originated in China. “The ancient Chinese,” says Sachs, “found that a life energy, which they call *qi* [pronounced “chee”] can be implemented through the use of needles.”

It’s not like getting an injection. The needles are tiny, and are not inserted deeply. “Most people are a little apprehensive about needles at first, but once they’ve experienced the process, it’s no big deal,” he says.

“Our job as acupuncturists is to find out where the *qi* is blocked, and where it’s depleted. We employ needles to encourage movements where *qi* is blocked, and build *qi* where it’s depleted. This brings people back into balance.”

“We also offer acupressure,” Sachs continues, “for people who don’t like needles. With this modality, we move the *qi* along lines of energy in the body called *meridians*. *Qi* concentrates in very specific locations, called acupuncture points. With either an acupuncture needle or a hand or finger in acupressure,

we encourage the *qi* to move to a point or through a channel.”

Another offering in Abundant Splendor’s program are Chinese and Western herbs. Chinese herbs are also used to balance the body, moving things that are stuck and also building up where there is a lack of energy. The Western herbs that Bonnie Bloom uses are more oriented to specific conditions.

Many of the herbs are grown by Bloom herself, or are gathered by her from fields and forests in the Franklin County area. In addition, she imports herbs from places like South America and Africa.

Ryding graduated from a three-year program at the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture in Miami, Florida. Sachs completed a two-year program at the Acupuncture Institute of Maryland. He opened his own practice in Greenfield back in 1984, and has maintained it with the exception of working in the state of Oregon in 2015 and 2016.

“Being in balance affects the body and the mind,” Sachs says. “So we treat people for all kinds of problems, such as stress, anxiety, depression, back pain, low energy, allergies, residual pains from accidents, headaches, and many kinds of chronic illness. We do acupuncture because it’s quite efficacious.”



This Sunday, November 18: “9K for K9” 2018 Trail Run

WENDELL – Whether you’re a competitive runner, a hiker, or a Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter supporter out for a leisurely Sunday stroll, you won’t want to miss the first annual Ray Brown Memorial 9K for K9 Trail Run!

The run will be held this Sunday, November 18 at the Wendell State Forest, 392 Wendell Road in Millers Falls.

This 9-kilometer (5.6 mile) trail run, or 3-mile walk on the dirt roads of the state forest, will benefit the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter. It is an alternative to the now-discontinued “Jail-break 5K” charity run.

The route starts and ends by the beach at Ruggles Pond. The course is hilly, and goes around the pond.

Runners are \$30 in advance; walkers are \$20. Register online at runreg.com/ray-brown-memorial-9k-for-k9. Registration fee goes up by \$5 on race day.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the running at 9 a.m. Walkers start five minutes later. (To comply with sanctioning rules, no dogs will be allowed on the route.)

traveled to Hudson on Tuesday to play the Canalmen of Bourne.

Frontier is used to playing out of region. This year alone they played Hingham, Melrose, and Westborough, and in previous years they have won several state championships.

I spoke to coach Sean MacDonald before and after the game, but we didn’t speak about the game itself. Back in the day – under the old rules – MacDonald was an official. Back then only the serving team got points, which gave the advantage to the defense, who could set up kill shots left, right and center. Those games seemed to go on all night.

MacDonald also addressed the new playoff format, which designates neutral sites in second-round games. The sites are chosen before the seeds are done, so a favorite might be playing in a lower seat’s home court.

And although Frontier has won several state championships, Mac-

Donald dismisses any comparison to Turners Falls Softball. According to Coach Humble, Gary Mullins is the premier Western Mass coach, with special mention of course to Coach V. Goodnow.

Football

TFHS 56 – Mount Greylock 6

On Thursday, November 8, a week after they were ousted from the playoffs by Hoosac Valley, the Turners Falls football team bounced back and defeated the Mount Greylock Mounties, 56-6, in Williamstown.

I wasn’t able to attend the game due to a scheduling conflict, but Coach Chris Lapointe wanted me to know that One-One, Wyatt Keith, surpassed the 2K mark.

I refer to Keith by his number, the same way I refer to most high school athletes – it’s easier that way. In girls’ sports, many of them look alike, so calling them by their num-

ber works. In football, it’s worse: even on the sidelines, the players have to keep their helmets on so I rarely see their faces.

So I call Wyatt Keith “One-One” because he’s #11, but just for this write up, I’m calling him “Won-One.”

Won-One amassed an amazing 316 yards on the ground, and scored three touchdowns. This season alone, Keith has gained 1,430 yards and has easily surpassed the 2,000 total yard mark in his career.

But, of course, he didn’t do it alone. Tyler Lavin made three receptions for 30 yards, rushed for 11, scored a touchdown, kicked eight PATs, and made an interception.

Jon Fritz scored a TD on a 21-yard catch. Relian Castine scored on a 9-yard run. Anthony Peterson also scored a rushing touchdown and caught a 9-yard pass, and Brian Killay had 5 yards on the ground

and scored a TD.

Andy Craver ran for 7 yards and had 40 yards in the air, Jake Dodge carried the ball twice for 12 yards, Jaden Whiting made a 3-yard catch and ran for 9, and Jake Wallace pulled down an interception. Under Center, Kyle Dodge was 7-9 for 103 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions.

The team that beat Turners in the playoffs, Hoosac Valley, played a day later and won the Western Mass Championship over Lee 16-14 in overtime.

The Powertown football team gets back on the field on Thanksgiving morning against their perennial rival, the Green Wave of Greenfield. Whatever the future may hold for Turners Falls Football, rest assured that they’ll have their share of Pioneer fans cheering them on against Green on November 22.



DAVID HOIT PHOTO

Turners Falls High School Football seniors have one more game in uniform, the Turkey Day matchup against Greenfield. From left to right: head coach Chris Lapointe, seniors Brian Killay, Wyatt Keith, Jacob Comiskey, Jack Putala, Drew Denny, Reilan Castine, Tyler Lavin, Kyle Dodge, Dominic Carme, Jake Wallace, Andy Craver, Jacob Wilson, and John Torres, and assistant coach Jay Wonshey.

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have occupied for millennia.

At issue is the tribe's recognition, its sovereignty over lands in Mashpee and Taunton, and the definition of tribal identity.

Despite the seriousness of the issues, the mood was hopeful as some 65 people filed into the room and filled the house. Hot autumn soup and fresh baked cornbread were shared by many before the lecture began. In attendance were members of the Nolumbeka Project, Buddhist clergy from the Peace Pagoda, and concerned community members. Hartman arrived in his street clothes and introduced himself to several people before quickly changing into his Native attire to deliver his address. I spoke with him just before the event began.

A gentle man with kind eyes, Hartman explained that the decision to rescind status had been made unilaterally by one man, Ryan Zinke, the new Secretary of the Interior, "with no clear or legal framework to back it up." Secretary Zinke has been the subject of 15 federal investigations and has been taken to task by the tribe in a series of lawsuits.

To justify taking the land out of trust, Deetz said, they have to enact new laws, "and yet they say we want special treatment." According to Native law, the original area occupied spanned some five square miles, and only a consensus can undo that.

"To question who we are in our own homeland – we get to decide. We shouldn't have to justify our membership," said Deetz. In addition to interfering with their plans to build a casino, the decision to take the land out of trust will also affect the Mashpee Wampanoag's ability to fund schools, addiction programs, housing, and other essential

resources.

Opening speaker David Detmold spoke briefly about local efforts that resulted in replacing the old "Indian" mascot and raised the issue of the Massachusetts flag as a symbol of exploitation, equating it to the Confederate flag. He acknowledged members of the audience, Sister Clare and Brother Kato Shonin of the Peace Pagoda, just back from the Cape where they were walking to bring attention to broader issues of colonization.

Nolumbeka Project president David Brule introduced Mr. Deetz, first taking a moment to recognize the historical significance of the Great Falls, calling it the "memory lands."

Mr. Deetz greeted the audience in the language of the Mashpee (Big Pond) Wampanoag. He offered an Abenaki song to honor the four directions, pointing out that the Abenaki, Mi'kmaq and Wampanoag people – all People of the Dawn, an area south of the Saint Lawrence River and east of the Hudson – count one another as relatives.

Deetz spoke of the importance of symbols, the significance of the Massachusetts flag, and the gruesome details of its history as a symbol of white supremacy and genocide – not one meant to "honor" the Native people, as some claim. He showed a film of the Mashpee people standing up for their rights, and relayed a long history lesson involving stolen children, slavery, relocations as far as New Zealand where Wampanoag relatives still reside, conversions to Christianity, betrayals of the Christian Natives, severed heads of Native people in numbers too horrific to fathom, and "twisting the truth of God to justify the work of the devil. They didn't even hold their people to their own



Michelle Cook, Deetz' fiancée, helps him adjust his traditional attire prior to addressing a large audience at the Great Falls Discovery Center on Saturday.

laws, and expected us to conform to theirs," noted Deetz.

In the face of this history, Deetz stressed, "our teachings tell us we are supposed to treat people with compassion... The powers-that-be try to confuse the issue. It's pretty easy. If we all just treat each other with compassion and humanity... And we haven't done it."

Concerning tribal designation, Mr. Deetz asked the question, "How could they extinguish something

that they did not create? We signed a treaty of mutual aid and assistance with the original European settlers. We honored the treaty."

Deetz said the treaty allowed for each group to abide by its own laws, and provided for the two to come together as need be at a time when the European settlers owed their survival to assistance given by the Wampanoag people. The famous Plymouth Rock is located in Mashpee territory, and it was Mashpee

Wampanoag people who met the fabled Mayflower.

Despite being one of the oldest Native communities still occupying its original territory, there are lasting effects from the greed and brutality which they have faced over the generations, from being told "you don't matter; you aren't valued; you don't have a place here," Deetz said. Mashpee faces one of the highest rates of opioid addiction in the country.

"Communities hold together when they have schools that teach their history and their tradition," he continued, "when they stop teaching selfishness and greed as a virtue, but instead teach cooperation, collaboration, and that we have enough."

The tribe is now situated on less than half of one percent of its original land. "They want to take that, too," said Deetz.

Citing a recent protest march involving some 200 Wampanoag supporters, Deetz pointed out that in the wake of this new decision, the simple act of walking the land has become a powerful statement. "We plan to take the walk to the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC on the 14th of November," he told the audience.

Deetz urged that we call on our congresspeople and support efforts of the Native American Land Conservancy, *nativeandconservancy.org*, and the Mashpee Sovereignty Fund. Brule also called for local initiatives to mark 400 years of colonization in 2020.

To learn more about HR Bill 5244, the Mashpee Wampanoag Reservation Reaffirmation Act, visit [#standwithmashpee](https://standwithmashpee.com) and mashpeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/standwithmashpee.

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was then replaced by staff sergeant Chris Williams.

Bonnett and Williams both participated, along with Sergeant James Deery, in the "assessment center" process for evaluating candidates for the permanent position. They will appear on the list the town receives from Civil Service.

According to town administrator Steve Ellis, Bonnett is entitled to apply for the permanent job under Civil Service rules, because he remains a town employee. His status will not change until his assault case is resolved.

Ellis also emphasized, in an interview with the *Reporter*, that the town is not required to follow the rankings produced by the Civil Service Commission, which reviews the results of the assessment center evaluation. Candidates, he said, can probably not appeal the final decision of the town.

When Dodge resigned in early March 2018, it appeared that town officials might move to take the police chief position out of the Civil Service system. This would have provided the town with a much broader pool of candidates, from both inside and outside the department – and, it was thought, made it easier to terminate a chief.

But the selectboard decided that the process for changing the civil service status of the chief, which would require the approval of town meeting, could take as long as a year, and they did not want to postpone the hire. Furthermore, eliminating Civil Service protections for

the chief would not give Montague any more flexibility in terminating a chief, as contemporary contracts include "just cause" requirements.

According to Ellis, Montague began the assessment center process in July, with the hiring of Integrity Testing LLC. The assessment center system has replaced the statewide police chief exam that was discontinued several years ago. On its website, the center claims to base its exam on input from local officials regarding "what 'competencies' are required to perform successfully in the rank or position for which the test is being offered." Ellis added that the exam was also heavily influenced by Civil Service requirements.

In late July, Ellis convened a group of stakeholders to give input on the town's priorities for the hiring process. "The number-one priority expressed by this group was 'integrity,'" he said. The exam was initially limited to sergeants and lieutenants, unless fewer than four officers indicated they would take the test, in which case it would be opened to patrolmen.

Five upper-level officers signed up, but in the end, only three – Williams, Bonnett, and Deery – appeared. According to Ellis, this fulfilled the requirements of Civil Service. The 6-hour exam, a "calculated mix of written and interactive exercises" according to the testing firm, took place on October 31.

The evaluations were subsequently sent to Civil Service, which will return the ranked results to the town.



LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here's the way it was November 13, 2008: News from the Montague Reporter's archive.

Intertribal Repatriation Site Proposed at Indeck

Representatives of three Native America tribes came to Turners Falls on Wednesday, November 5, to meet with Montague town officials and with John Anctil, the present owner of the land on the northeastern end of the peninsula between the power canal and the Connecticut River in Turners Falls, where the former Indeck co-generation plant was located.

That site, with its concrete silo and cement foundations, is being considered by the Narragansett Indian tribe and the Wampanoag tribes of Mashpee and Gayhead (Aquinnah) as a possible location for the repatriation of native burial remains that originated in the area of Great Falls.

The remains in question are presently held by colleges, universities, and museums around the region. As one example, Doug Harris, deputy historic preservation officer for the Narragansett, told town officials he had seen a Native American skull in the Museum of Natural History in New York City simply labeled "Turners Falls."

Local Gay, Lesbian Citizens React to Civil Rights Setbacks

On the night of November 4, as much of the world celebrated with the people of America on the historic election of the nation's first black president, gay and lesbian citizens and their allies watched the results of state referenda in California, Arizona, Florida, and Arkansas with growing alarm.

It seemed the dream of the advance of African American civil rights represented by Barack Obama's election was being contradicted by the constriction of civil rights for gay citizens, as these states joined a growing list of others that have enacted bans on the ability of gays and lesbians to marry or adopt children.

Margo Culley, a former professor of English at UMass, commented on the paradox of an election that seemed on one hand to advance the hope of equality for all Americans, while at the same time snatching away equal rights for gays and lesbians to marry and have families.

Cully said, "It's particularly complicated when you realize that the [African American] voters who voted overwhelmingly for Obama were, it seems, the very same ones who voted against gay marriage in California. So there's a very deep puzzlement there."

GMRSD Subtracts \$153,000 From Fiscal '09 Budget

Members of the Gill-Montague Regional School District school committee met Wednesday night and were able to come together to agree on a reduced FY'09 operating budget to present to the towns.

The budget the school committee adopted on Wednesday night – \$16,666,328 – represented a compromise between the various budget numbers floated at the meeting, and passed by a 6-3 vote.

Superintendent Ken Rocke presented the school committee with a detailed analysis of various budget scenarios and what each one would cost. His preference was for a formula that reflected a percentage increase for the district assessment matching the percent of the overall school budget increase. This was what the committee chose to adopt.

Rocke said the state would require a budget of \$16,747,233 should the voters of the member towns fail to agree on a final figure with the schools by December 1.

Hoping to head off the prospect of a state takeover, school committee members expressed their strong hope that all registered voters in Gill and Montague would attend the district meeting on Tuesday to approve the budget.

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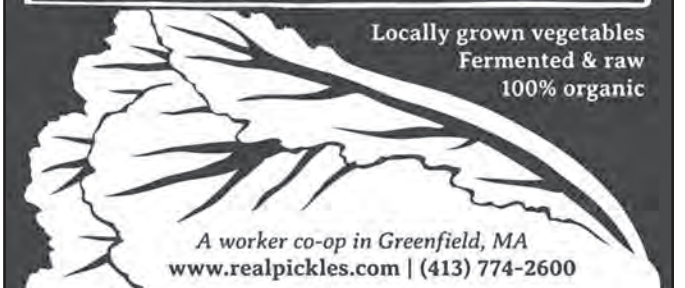
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NOTES FROM THE GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

New Staff Adjusts; Thunder Logo Soon

By MIKE JACKSON

At their Tuesday night meeting, the regional school committee heard reports from three recent hires: facilities manager Heath Cummings, food service director Heather Holmes, and Dianne Ellis, director of pupil services. But the high point of the meeting was a screening of five short videos, each one promoting a different district school, recently produced by Richard Widmer of Millers Falls.

Widmer, a Gill-Montague parent, substitute teacher, and coach, has a background in documentary filmmaking, and he offered his services to a district forced to compete regionally for students and struggling to overcome negative perceptions.

"You all have talked to me, for some time now, around videos to kind of promote the district," superintendent Michael Sullivan told the school committee. "Richard stepped up, and wanted to take that on."

Widmer met with administrators in the spring, and visited each school to film kids playing and learning. "One interesting production note is that the music in these five videos is all composed by a local composer, a man who has a business named Blue Dot Sessions," he said. "It was a real addition to the project."

The lights went down in the meeting room, and when they came back up thirteen minutes later, the committee rewarded Widmer with a round of applause. "You did such an amazing job of capturing the mood and the feeling at each school," Montague member Cassie Damkoehler told him. "Thank you. I think that this is really what we want people to see about our district."

"We wanted to convey that the schools were welcoming places, and that they're highly collaborative and interactive, and colorful, that's for sure," Sullivan said, adding that besides putting the videos on school websites, he was "open to suggestions on how to actively export" them to a broader audience.

Mike Langknecht, a Montague member and also president of the board of directors at Montague Community Television, suggested that they could air on the local cable access station.

Facilities Rookie

Heath Cummings, hired after longtime facilities manager Jim Huber resigned unexpectedly during the summer, gave an update on his early priorities. "I've been pretty busy since I got here about four weeks ago," he told the committee.

Cummings, who recently worked as a school police officer at the Pioneer Valley district, said he was "trying to get a handle on what our buildings look like... all the way to what's behind walls and inside attic spaces," while "attending to the day-to-day needs of the district." He said he was implementing a radio system so maintenance crews could communicate between buildings.

The most urgent priority, Cummings said, is the repair of two large hot-water heaters at Turners Falls High School. "One of them was already starting to malfunction... they were beginning the cost analysis of what it was going to take to replace [it]," he explained. "Well, the good one went down this September, right around the time I was being hired."

The job was expensive enough that it had to be bid out through a

state process. Erving representative Theresa Kolodziej asked him what would happen if the second heater fails before the first is repaired.

"Without having hot water, especially this being an emergency shelter, it would be a pretty big impact," he told her. "We're trying to avoid that at all costs."

"But are you looking at having to close school for a number of days?" she asked.

"If it did go on us, it might come to that," Cummings said, but reassured her that the replacement parts might arrive as soon as the following day. "The implications of having the other heater fail are why that's my number one priority," he added.

A power flash at Gill Elementary reset the heating control system, which "bumped all the heaters into the high position" and led to some hot education. The department has learned from the vendor how to reset the system should it happen again.

The department is scheduling the rewiring of Hillcrest Elementary's electrical system, which should take three days, and which Cummings said he does not expect will interfere with schooling.

Beyond that, they are evaluating the heating systems, and will use a state Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant to study Hillcrest and Sheffield schools and recommend alternative, energy-efficient systems, with the assistance of the Montague energy committee.

Rates of Eating

Food service manager Heather Holmes shared some figures concerning how many students at various schools have been eating school breakfasts and lunches, with recent historical comparisons.

Between October 2017 and October 2018, lunch-eating at the middle and high school rose from 56% to 74%, an increase Holmes credited in part to the extension of the state "community eligibility provision" (CEP) to make meals there free.

"Lunch took a huge jump," she said, but breakfast is growing more slowly: from 14% to 25%.

Meal participation varies widely between the three elementary schools. At Sheffield, where families have been adjusted to free meals the longest, 90% of students are taking both the breakfast and lunch.

"One of the great things about Sheffield is these kids, right now, are willing to tell me what they like and what they don't like," Holmes said, adding that she is thinking of trying to provoke a school club to develop to focus-group the merchandise.

But only 15% and 52% of Gill Elementary students are eating breakfast and lunch. "I think it had to do with the personnel situation that we had," Holmes told the committee. The newly hired manager, Michelle Cloutier, is already implementing positive changes, she said: "Her skills are above par. She's going to be bringing bigger meals, and more in-depth meals, to the menu."

Overall, the district had 19,400 "meal opportunities" in October, according to Holmes, and "almost 15,000" were served. She said her focus is shifting to breakfast participation, "to make sure that we can invest in everybody being ready to learn at the beginning of the day."

"It's really important to the country to get kids eating breakfast," she said. "You guys are doing a great job,"

said Montague member and parent Jennifer Lively, suggesting that the department solicit more feedback from high school students.

"It's a great program, and it's been working wonders," Gill's Jane Oakes added.

Other Business

Oakes, Lively, Sullivan, and Montague members Heather Katsoulis and Haley Anderson reported back from the previous week's conference of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Several spoke highly of a general workshop session with a presentation by Marc Brackett of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence on, as Anderson summarized it, "how emotional intelligence is key to everything that we do here."

Katsoulis, appointed to vote at the organization's annual meeting, said all the resolutions were approved, except one focused on funding for regional school transportation. It had made non-regional districts jealous, and was sent back to be re-written.

Sullivan announced that the district received a \$10,000 grant from the state, thanks to the Gill-Montague Community School Partnership, to help make the schools more safe and supportive. The money will be focused on anti-bias training and Responsive Classroom seminars.

He also mentioned that state police would be working with local staff to develop the district's "reunification plan," which addresses an emergency scenario in which students from one school are evacuated to a second school, and must be tracked and partnered with family members at that second site.

Dianne Ellis, who began as the district's director of pupil services this year, gave a lengthy presentation to the committee about her plan to learn the job.

In the course of the discussion, it came to light that none of the district's 53 English-language learners attends Gill Elementary, and that some number of students are homeless, more than just the three the district pays to transport.

Business manager Joanne Blier noted that enrollment of students from Erving had jumped from 55 to 62, district growth led by an increase in Erving 7th-graders from 9 to 22, but tempered by a loss of 11 of last year's 8th-graders, many of whom went to Franklin Tech.

The committee approved a payment of \$4,720.50 to Bulkley, Richardson, and Gelinas, the specialist law firm which represented the district in its settlement with New England Medical Billing after the latter company botched the district's Medicaid billing for a decade.

Heather Katsoulis reported that the working group comprised of students, staff, and herself tasked with recommending a logo to illustrate the new Turners Falls High School Thunder nickname was progressing.

"The high school and middle school students were asked for their input, and voted last week," she said. The working group would be meeting again soon, and would have "more concrete information" by the next school committee meeting.

"For the next school committee meeting, we'll probably have a recommendation," Sullivan said.

That next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 27 at Turners Falls High School.

LEGAL AD – TOWN OF MONTAGUE

FY'19 Community Development Block Grant Request for Proposals for Social Service Programs

The Town of Montague requests proposals for public social service programs that will meet the needs of Montague residents for inclusion in its FY'19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. All proposed programs must address needs identified by the Town's Community Development Strategy and the MA Department of Community Development.

The Town will accept and open all proposals received at (Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA on November 29, 2018 at 2 p.m.). Postmarks will not be considered. Proposals submitted by fax or email will not be considered. Five (5) copies of the proposal are required. The envelope containing the proposal shall be marked "TOWN OF MONTAGUE - FY2019 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL".

For a copy of the RFP, please contact Bruce Hunter, HRA, by phone at (413) 863-9781 x133 or email: bhunter@crhra.org. For additional information, please contact Steven Ellis, Town Administrator, at (413) 863-3200 x110 or email: townadmin@montague-ma.gov.

Town of Montague Selectboard

MONTAGUE PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGRepeal and Replacement of
Montague Zoning Bylaws and Map

The Montague Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to G.L. c 40A s.5 on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Montague Town Hall Second Floor Meeting Room, One Avenue A, Turners Falls.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Montague Zoning Bylaws and Map. The Proposed petition is to see if the town will vote to repeal the existing Zoning Bylaws and Official Zoning Map and to replace them with new Zoning Bylaws and Official Zoning Map, as presented in the bylaw draft dated 9/26/2018 and the draft Zoning Map dated 10/24/2018. The bylaws have been reorganized and changes are proposed to each section and several new sections are proposed. Full text of the proposed amendment is available for review at www.montague-ma.gov and at the Town Clerk's office during office hours M-Th. Questions and comments can be directed to the Planning and Conservation Department.

Ron Sicard, Planning Board Chairman

MONTAGUE: Traffic Regulation Changes

Section 10 (revision):

NO ALL NIGHT PARKING. It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period longer than one (1) hour between the hours 1:00 AM to 5:00 AM of any day, during the period beginning on December 1 through April 1 each year.

Section 10A (addition):

Beginning December 1, 2018 public overnight parking may be allowed by permit only in marked areas on the south side of L Street between Seventh and Fifth Street and on the north side of Prospect Street between L Street and Central Street.

LEVERETT from page A1

Ann Delano from the fin com fit at the teachers' "step evaluations," accusing the fin com of not making tough choices even though Leverett has a tradition of supporting its teachers.

Wes Goscenski of capital planning, hearing his group's mission may be underfunded for a second year, also got pissed, and urged borrowing articles to be drafted right away for big-ticket items so as to end-run the budgetary stop-sticks.

Last year's "revaluation" – an every-three-year course correction – brought the tax rate down. This year's town valuation stands at \$258 million, up from last year's \$252 million.

Hankinson said he wants the town to market itself better to promote new growth, mentioning marijuana at least three times.

"We've got to set people building things," said Powers.

Loosening of regs for in-law apartments, solar installs, and home businesses has stirred some growth most recently, but the town may be paying for past recalcitrance around development.

Selectboard chair Peter d'Errico said that the Leverett planning board "isn't an easy board to move."

"Who'd ever go to North Leverett?" is what the then-planning board asked now-selectwoman Julie Shively when the Village Coop sought to locate in Moores Corner thirty years ago.

Barry Oberpriller gave up on his proposal for a solar array right next to three-phase power at the west end of North Leverett Road after it was delayed to death by the same board.

Ann Delano from the fin com noted that, with all the talk of careful budgeting, citizens of Leverett want their services, tax rate notwithstanding.

"I don't want to see lack of police enforcement; I don't want my house to burn down," said Goscenski, turning to face the chiefs in the room.

"It takes just one year of property values going down, and we are sunk," said Shively. "I think we should do 1.5%, and play with what comes in."

The town's insurer, noting that the school's valuation had risen significantly, has raised the insurance premium \$3,700, with little other explanation. Shively disputed this 50% increase, and vowed not to pay it.

Hankinson discussed a call he got November 2 from facilities manager John Kuczek, who heard that a school janitor discovered leaking sprinkler heads. He called in Red Hawk, the company already working on the system, who replaced a section of corroded pipe. Hankinson and the Red Hawk guy searched without success for leaks, and concluded it was perhaps not an emergency.

The selectboard agreed that principal Margot Lacey was the route through which such issues should be directed, and wondered why that was not the case in this instance.

Fin com chair Powers suggested scheduling a major tax increase before Town Meeting to really take the political temperature of Leverett.

Greg Woodard from the fin com said that in the past, "it was all for the town. I don't see that anymore."



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Hey Kids: Don't Do This

By MIKE JACKSON

FRANKLIN COUNTY – A friend and I were taking a leisure drive through an undisclosed West County location last Saturday when we spotted Jeff Molongoski carrying a helmet and skateboard up a very large hill.

He accepted our offer of a ride to the top with a huge grin, and asked us if we wanted to follow him down.

Even tailing at a safe distance in the Honda, what happened next made for a heady rush of adrenaline. We



JACKSON PHOTO

watched as he slid sideways through a 90-degree turn, dragging his palm on the road, and then bombed along downhill, faster and faster, winding his way through scenic farm country before coasting to a stop.

We drove him back up to the top, and managed to sneak in an interview before his next run.

"I'm really proud of it," the Turners Falls native, licensed electrician, and PV Squared worker-owner-in-training told us. "This is my thing – every weekend, for the past three years. I have a list of 50 roads that I've dubbed 'better than a tennis court!'"

Downhill skating – "it used to be called speedboarding" – is a specialty sport, and enthusiasts travel from far and wide to find ideal (steep, empty, paved) rural roads to practice. The vehicle is a modified longboard: stiffer and shorter, with differently configured trucks. "The front plate is more turn-y," he explained, "and the back is really stable." The wheels are long and flat, and need to be replaced regularly lest they go out of round.

In addition to his motorcycle helmet and pads, Molongoski wears gloves he modified with thick plastic "pucks" on the palms. "They enable you to put a hand down, and it's a third point of reference in terms of stability when you're sliding," he said. "You go through 'em, but it's all part of it."

Regional events are held in Harvard, Mass and Killington, Vermont, but the "real Mecca" is down around Asheville and Boone, and especially the Blue Ridge Parkway. Molongoski said that within the last month, skaters from Colorado, California, and Australia have all stayed at his Ashfield home to check out our local hills. His son is a downhill skater, too.

"The holy grail around here," he said, "is the out-road of Mount Greylock, the side that comes into North Adams. We've dubbed it The Wizard. It's the nastiest road around – it's pretty serious! The other way, towards Lanesborough, is another great road, and we call that Goldilocks. But the Wizard is the one that everyone wants to come out here and skate."

As he donned his helmet and prepared for another



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GALEN HUCKINS VIDEO STILL

run, Mongoloski recommended we search on YouTube for "Western Mass Sessions." Curious readers can get a taste there of just how safe, skilled, legal, and utterly beautiful downhill skating can be. (Answers: Not very; Very; Prooobably not very; Very.)

"We're 'The Hilltown Crew' – it's like whoever comes out," he said. "I have a kid who has a vinyl cutter, so he's made stickers, I've got jackets.... And I'm 53 years old, and I have a blast!"

And the reactions from drivers? "People freak, because we look different," Mongoloski admitted.

"But when we're going down, I always try to wave."

Above and at left: Ashfield's Jeff Mongoloski accepted a lift from what turned out to be nosy members of the press. Between runs, he explained the whole downhill skating thing to us.

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WEST ALONG THE RIVER
A NOVEMBER AFTERNOON
WITH SHELDON'S GHOST

By DAVID BRULE

OLD DEERFIELD – Silence in the 1755 Sheldon House, except for the ticking of a distant clock. Actually, there's no clock. This is a 1755 house after all. But if there were a clock, you'd hear it ticking in the quiet of these old rooms.

From time to time, I'm assigned as guide to this old house, to welcome visitors and explain the Sheldon family who lived here for seven generations.

However, in this season leading up to Thanksgiving, visitors are few. In my opinion, those who don't make it to George Sheldon's door are missing out. There's nothing better than a gray day in November, slightly chilled, to evoke the time past of this village and of this house.

When a visitor does appear, I try to provide a glimpse into the lives of those who lived here. Then I step aside to let the visitor wander these old rooms, since this is a self-guided house. Some like the anecdotes, some prefer to rush on and visit on their own.

When I can, I tell the Sheldons' stories, sketching the many contributions that George made to the preservation of Deerfield. But when I'm alone with the ghost himself, I do delight in giving old George a hard time, as you will see further on.

Telling the lives of seven generations of Sheldons in a four-minute thumbnail sketch has its challenges. By rounding off the edges and detail, the story usually begins with Ensign John Sheldon I. The first settlement here, then called Pocumtuck, was burned down and abandoned in 1675 during King Philip's War. That first Sheldon participated in the rebuilding of the outpost, this time renamed Deerfield. He built a solid, fortified house inside the new stockade in the 1690s. That Sheldon garrison house played an important role in the 1704 attack on Deerfield by the French and their Indian allies.

Many of us who grew up in these parts are familiar with Sheldon's *Indian House* and its famed Door. That house survived the 1704 attack and remained a fixture well into the 1840s. The Hoyt family living in the by-then dilapidated Indian House, decided to tear it down in 1848. Apparently they were getting tired of the tourists showing up and wanting to visit. Plus, the house was coming down around their ears.

Preservationists of that time, including George Sheldon, sought to save the house to no avail. It was torn down in spite of what was probably the first preservation effort of its kind in the country. But the famous door, at least, see **WEST ALONG** page B4

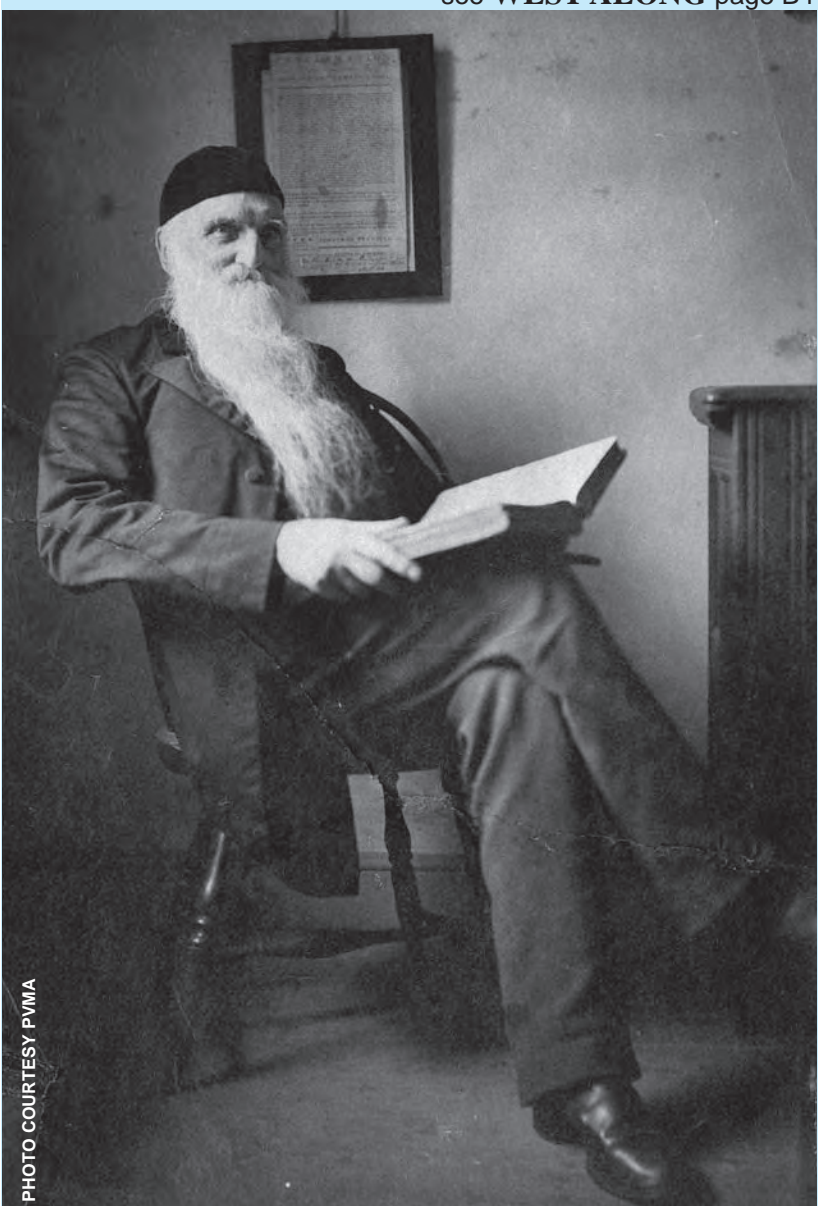


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Deerfield historian George Sheldon (1818-1916).

Above: Work by a number of contemporary Guatemalan artists was on display last month at the Great Falls Discovery Center as part of the exhibit "MIGRATIONS: Connecting Through Art and Culture of the Americas." Readers of Spanish can see our monthly Spanish-language section on Page B6 for a report on the exhibit's Third Annual Migrations Festival on October 27.

Embedded in Community:
An Outstanding Local Museum

By NINA ROSSI

BRATTLEBORO – The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center is a true treasure, and the five current exhibits twinkle like brilliant facets of a gemstone.

I was overpowered on a recent visit by the visual impact of Emily Mason's paintings, Elizabeth Turk's sculptures, and Orly Cogan's embroidered textiles.

Michael Poster's photographs of people at the Turning Point, where he leads a support group, fills the large center gallery. The portraits in his exhibit called *If She Has a Pulse, She Has a Chance* are paired with "as told to" narratives detailing their paths to recovery from addiction to opioids.

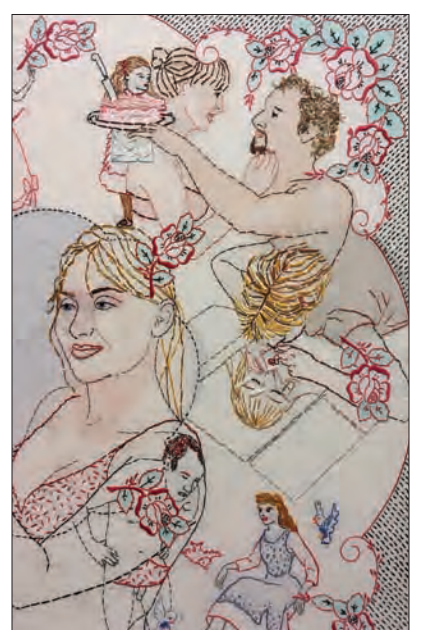
Beyond this exhibit, works that

convey transcendence by Robert Perkins offer a lift from these heavy-hitting stories, many of which describe trauma, abuse, despair, and criminal activity in addition to hope, determination, and bravery.

Expect to spend time absorbing each exhibit should you go through the building; the current displays will be on view until January/February.

When I arrived at the Museum last Wednesday, I found the door unexpectedly locked for the installation of the 11th annual Lego contest. Education curator Linda Whelihan followed me to my car and let me in, however, so it wasn't a lost trip.

Inside, table after table of colorful Lego constructions built by all ages looked like pixelated renditions of the abstract, colorful paintings by Emily Mason on the walls



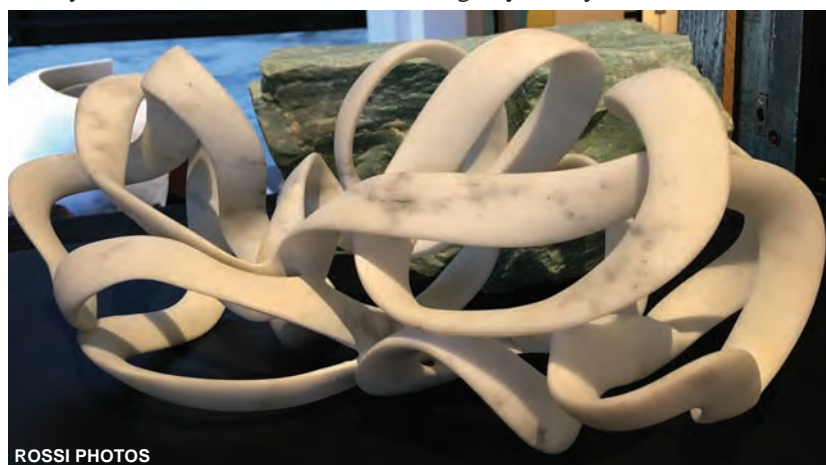
Detail from one of the vintage cloths embroidered by Orly Cogan.

around them. The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) succeeds in including all segments of the community in its programming, and this fun, temporary installation of Lego was a brilliant example of what makes them such a beloved resource. Prizes for creativity and craftsmanship were to be awarded in seven age groups, from preschool to adult, and all contestants received free passes to the Museum for the week of the contest.

Conversations with Materials

The Emily Mason exhibit, *To Another Place*, fills the lobby gallery of the old train station and the smaller adjacent East Gallery with her many-hued color saturations. These abstract works appear as conversations

see **EMBEDDED** page B5



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A ribbon carved from marble by Elizabeth Turk.

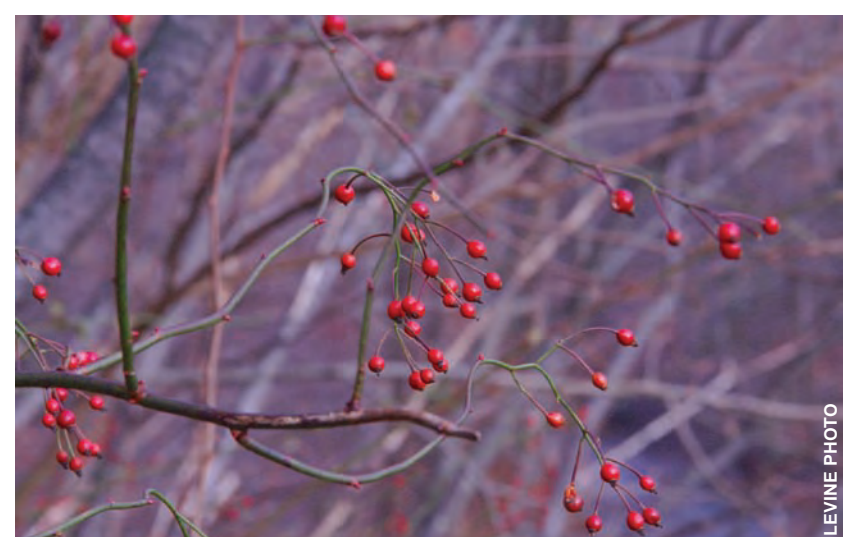
GREAT FALLS APPLE COLUMN

By ANNABEL LEVINE

TURNERS FALLS – Thank you for joining us for the November edition of the Great Falls Apple Column. Each month a member of the Great Falls Apple Corps uses this space to chat about growing edibles in public spaces, foraging from the wild and the landscaped, and to talk about something that has brought us all together... food!

This month's column looks back on the Apple Corps' first season coordinating the Unity Park Community Garden, and we'll end with our monthly wild edible spotlight: wild rose hips.

The Apple Corps certainly got our hands dirty in the garden this year! We built a new compost system, procured a new water tank, hosted free workshops, and planted and maintained public pick-your-own veggie and herb beds. Part of the mission of the Great Falls Apple Corps is to grow food downtown, and the garden at Unity Park has proven itself to be the perfect location to help us



LEVINE PHOTO

Wild rose hips can be used to make tea or jam.

put down roots. It's hard not to look up from a garden bed to see the view of the river and the bustling park that surrounds you and not think, "Isn't this just a perfect spot?!"

While taking in the views we had plenty to snack on. In the public beds we grew herbs such as chives, sage, mint, basil, oregano, and lemon balm. We grew vegetables such as kale, eggplant, and peppers, and

fruits such as strawberries and black currants. Looking out over the garden members' beds at various times over the season, you could find asparagus, peas, hollyhocks, sunflowers, ground cherries, and more. What an abundance!

Being situated so close to the bustle of Unity Park, we were in the ideal place to give away a lot see **APPLE CORPS** page B2

Pet of the Week

Hi there! Name's Elijah. I used to be a lone-wolf nomad type cat – a stray – until some nice folks at a vet clinic scooped me up and brought me inside to try to find me a home.

I lived with them at the clinic for three weeks, but alas, no one came forward to adopt me. Finally, the nice humans decided it was time to send me to the big leagues, and they called Dakin. Now I live here in Leverett in a big colony room with other kitties.

I mostly keep to myself, but would be fine having a mellow

kitty sibling. I'd also probably do fine with a quiet dog who wouldn't bother me.

I can get very excited about food, to the point of nipping if you don't feed me fast enough, so I'd probably do better in a home with no tiny humans – teens would be fine, as long as they understand that I'm an independent, food-crazy boy who wants to do my own thing.

Think I'm the cat for you? Contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society at (413) 548-9898 or info@dpvhs.org.



“ELIJAH”

OUT OF THE PARK: November 2018

By JON DOBOSZ

UNITY PARK – It's hard to believe that we're finishing up our fall programs and that Thanksgiving is next week! Time really does fly by when you're having fun! Speaking of fun, we've just published the winter edition of our "Fun Times" program brochure. Check out our webpage and give it a good look-see.

One of the items that we highlight over the winter is our **Youth Basketball Program**. We are still taking registrations, and non-residents are welcome to sign-up as well. Our K-2 Intro Program is all filled up, but our 3-6 grade travel teams still have plenty of room.

Youth Basketball is held from the end of November through the end of February. Our travel teams participate in the Tri-County Youth Basketball League with other area communities. Games are held Saturday mornings in January and February, with about two practices a week. Register now before all the spots are filled.

Registration has also begun for our **Annual Sawmill River 10k Run**. The Sawmill Run will be held on Tuesday, January 1, and it is our major special event of the winter. This will be our first having it digitally timed, which is something we're very excited about. Regis-

tration is \$30 until December 31, thereafter the fee is \$35.

We have five age divisions: Youth (18 and under), Open (19 to 39), Master (40 to 49), Senior (50 to 59), and Senior + (60 and up). The Sawmill Run is a United States Track and Field sanctioned race, and proceeds benefit our Sponsor-A-Child Scholarship Program. Registration is available online at runreg.com/sawmill-river-10k-run, or you may download a form on our webpage at montague.net. There is no better way to start off the New Year.

We will also be starting our **Open Swim Program** at the Turners Falls High School Pool in January. Open Swim is held Tuesday and Friday evenings from January 4 through March 8. Family Swim sessions are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Adult Lap Swim from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entry rates apply.

We'll also be holding our **American Red Cross Babysitting Course** on Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 6 at the Montague Public Safety Building community room. The course is open to youths ages 11 to 15, and they will obtain the knowledge and resources to become a great babysitter. This fun, interactive



course teaches students first aid and safety skills, as well as helpful tips on how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

This winter we are also introducing a new event: **Night Sledding**. Come on down to the Unity Park hill on Saturday, February 16 from 4 to 9 p.m. We will illuminate the hill with light towers, get a campfire going, and enjoy some refreshments to keep us warm. We hope to make this a tradition every winter, so come on down and enjoy the fun!

That's about it from here. Of course, you can find additional information on all of these programs and more on our webpage at montague.net. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and don't forget to get outside after the big meal and walk off all that turkey and stuffing. We'll talk to you next month!

Jon Dobosz is the director of parks and recreation for the town of Montague.

Senior Center Activities

NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH 30

LEVERETT

For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or coa@leverett.ma.us.

Wednesday 10 a.m.: Flexibility & Balance Chair Yoga at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$6 (first class free). Friday 12 p.m.: Senior Lunch. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

GILL and MONTAGUE

The Gill Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m. All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted.

Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs, call 863-9357. Messages can be left on machine when the center is not open.

M, W, F: 10:10 a.m. Aerobics; 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
T, W, Th: 12 p.m. Lunch

Monday 11/19
8 to 9:15 a.m. Foot clinic (by appt.)
12 p.m. Pot Luck & Bingo

Tuesday 11/20
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. SHINE Presentation

Wednesday 11/21
9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach
9 to 11 a.m. Blood Pressure Check

12:30 p.m. Bingo
1:30 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday 11/22
Senior Center Closed.

Friday 11/23

1 p.m. Writers' Group
Monday 11/26

1 p.m. Knitting Circle
Tuesday 11/27

10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. Movie (TBA)

Wednesday 11/28
9 a.m. Veterans' Outreach

9 to 11 a.m. Blood Pressure Check
12:30 p.m. Bingo

Thursday 11/29
9 a.m. Tai Chi

10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
1 p.m. Cards & Games & Pitch

4 p.m. Mat Yoga
Friday 11/30

1 p.m. Writers' Group

ERVING

Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities and congregating meals. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 2 days in advance. Call (413) 423-3649 for meal information and reservations.

For information, call Paula Betters, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity.

Call to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out about the next blood pressure clinic.

Monday 11/19
8:45 a.m. Step & Sculpt
10 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance

11:30 a.m. Breakfast Brunch
12:30 p.m. Downton Abbey

1:30 p.m. Bridge Club
Tuesday 11/20

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
10 a.m. Stretching & Balance

11:30 a.m. Homemade Lunch

12:30 p.m. Friends Meeting
Wednesday 11/21

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga

11:30 a.m. Congregate Lunch
12:15 p.m. Bingo & Snacks

Thursday 11/22 Closed.
Friday 11/23

9 a.m. Quilting Workshop
9:15 a.m. Flex & Stretch

9:30 a.m. Fun Bowling
10:30 a.m. M3 Exercise

12 p.m. Soup & Sandwich
Monday 11/26

8:45 a.m. Step & Sculpt
10 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance

11:30 a.m. Breakfast Brunch
12:30 p.m. Downton Abbey

1:30 p.m. Bridge Club
Tuesday 11/27

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
10 a.m. Stretching & Balance

11:30 a.m. Homemade Lunch
Wednesday 11/28

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Chair Yoga

11:30 a.m. Congregate Lunch
12:15 p.m. Bingo & Snacks

Thursday 11/29
8:45 a.m. Aerobics

10 a.m. Healthy Bones
11:30 a.m. Congregate Lunch

12:30 p.m. Holiday Crafters
Friday 11/30

9 a.m. Quilting Workshop
9:15 a.m. Flex & Stretch

9:30 a.m. Fun Bowling
10:30 a.m. M3 Exercise

12 p.m. Soup & Sandwich

WENDELL

Wendell Senior Center is at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Nancy Spittle, (978) 544-6760, for hours and upcoming programs. Call the Center for a ride.

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of food all season long. If you happened to have been near the garden any Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. over the summer, you may have had beans, cucumbers, or bundles of herbs foisted upon you. We can't wait to grow and share more food with you next season.

In the meantime, it's time to put the garden to bed for the winter. We welcome anyone interested to come join us in the garden this Saturday for our Fall Clean Up. The official clean-up runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but we'll be there at 9 to spend an hour harvesting wild carrots, dandelion roots, and strawberry plants before we lay down wood chips to smother these useful weeds in the paths. There'll be hot tea, miso broth, and applesauce available to keep us warm as we work, so bundle up and come on out.

If you can't make it on Saturday, there are still other ways you can help out. For the clean-up, we are in need of unwaxed cardboard. We're looking for another large water tank for next season, and we welcome donations of gardening equipment, plants, and money, at any time.

Wild Edible Spotlight #4:

Wild Rose (*Rosa Multiflora*) Hips

Down across the pedestrian bridge behind the Discovery Center along the river is a large stand of wild roses (*Rosa Multiflora*). Originally brought here from Japan as rootstock for ornamental roses, wild roses are now widespread in our area, growing in edge spaces, like along fields and rivers, due to the multiple avenues through which they spread.

In mid-June the thorny vines erupt with small, white, five-petaled roses. From the flower grows a

tiny red fruit called a rose hip. Like many other cold-loving plants like carrots and kale, the rose hip becomes sweeter after a frost, and then it is time to harvest.

Rose hips can be used for tea and jams, and are a major source of vitamin C. I've heard a story that sailors spread beach roses in port towns to come back and harvest their rose hips to fight off scurvy. You can air-dry the hips to use later, or use them fresh in tea or jams.

While you can make tea with whole rose hips, for other uses you want to be careful to remove their seeds. Rose seeds have "hairs" that make nature's own itching powder! When fresh, the seeds can just be scooped out. If working with dried rose hips, you can gently pulse them in a food processor (or grind with a mortar and pestle) and then use a sieve to separate out the hairs. While this column focused on the hips of *Rosa multiflora*, you can process the hip from any kind of rose this way.

Upcoming Events

Fall Clean-Up: Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, November 18.)

Come help us put the Unity Park Community Garden to bed for the winter. We'll be harvesting the last of the garden's bounty at 9 a.m., and then from 10 to 3 we'll be making our paths weed-free, planting perennials, and enjoying warm tea, miso, and applesauce. Everyone is welcome. If you can, please bring a shovel and any unwaxed cardboard you may have on hand. See you this weekend in the garden!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, November 17: “Time of Chaos” Forum at GCC

GREENFIELD – If you are looking for hope and direction in these troubling times, and are seeking ways of connecting with others of many persuasions, Greening Greenfield’s 5th biennial forum, entitled “May You Live in Interesting Times: Building Just Communities in a Time of Chaos,” will inspire you.

This Saturday, November 17, the all-day forum offers two keynote speakers and a diverse array of workshops on issues that invite discussion and idea-sharing on how we can improve our lives in Franklin County.

“Our speakers and workshops are all about how to build a just world in a time when all around us feels chaotic,” says Susan Worgaftik, chair of Greening Greenfield’s forum planning committee. “We are living in a time where everything – our weather patterns, the ways in which we deal with social and political concerns, migration and immigration, and economies that have most of us living paycheck to paycheck – makes us feel that the ground is shifting under our feet. This forum calls on us all to talk with each other and develop strategies that meet the needs of everyone in our community with equity.”

The morning keynote speaker, social activist, and youth organizer Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, follows in Martin Luther King’s footsteps and speaks from the heart. She advocates for ecological and social justice, and uses the arts to

raise awareness for social issues.

The afternoon keynote will be US Rep. James McGovern, outspoken advocate on everything from food access and local agriculture to human rights and world peace. He will bring us his thoughts on what we can expect from Washington, DC in light of the November elections, and what we can hope to accomplish in the next few years.

Twelve workshops will engage attendees in discussing efforts to bridge social, racial, and cultural divides; ways to build healthy economies and communities while overcoming hunger; examining climate change, war and social justice; working toward a fossil-fuel-free future; and building vibrant 21st century downtowns.

Now in its 12th year, Greening Greenfield is a group of concerned people working to build a more resilient and sustainable future. As with Greening Greenfield’s previous four forums, the program this year aims to have outcomes that foster community resiliency and grapple with climate change in some way.

The forum will be held at the Greenfield Community College’s Cohen Dining Commons Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The registration fee of a sliding scale of \$15 to \$30 includes a light breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

For a full description of the day including full workshop descriptions, and to register, go to www.GreeningGreenfieldMA.org or call (413) 773-0228.

Turkeys for Veterans

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

GREENFIELD – The Arredondo Family Foundation is an organization that is hosting a turkey giveaway, for the fourth year in a row, for vets and their families along with “families of the fallen.” The foundation helps with preventing military-related suicides, and gives support by way of education, financial and support services. (See arredondofoundation.org for more information.)

This year’s giveaway will be held on November 17 and 18. The locations will be Fitchburg State University, 130 North Street in Fitchburg, Project New Hope in Westfield, Herb Chamber’s Lexus dealership in Sharon, and the foundation office itself at 25 Beach Street in Dorchester.

The Arredondo Foundation started in 2015. Mérida Arredondo, who has been executive director since then told this. “We have been doing it since 2015,” she said, referring to the giveaway, also. “500 turkeys have been given away last year, and hopefully for this coming year.”

“The first two years were only at Subaru in Norwood and the office in Dorchester,” Arredondo told me. “We weren’t able to do the Subaru dealership, and that has been replaced by Herb Chamber’s Lexus dealership in Sharon.... We decided to do it at Project New Hope, Inc because of Westover Air Force Base. We wanted to reach out to military communities in western Mass.”

“For funding to do things like a turkey giveaway, we started fundraising in July,” Matthew Buun, the director of public relations at Fitchburg State for the last 9 years, told

me. “We reach out to corporations, and runners who raise funds through the Boston Marathon and Marine Corps marathon.” “We are honored that we can partner once again with the Arredondo Family Foundation with the turkey giveaway on November 17,” Buun added. While he was unable to tell me the number of turkeys he had given out in the past, he did say “this will be our second year” doing this. I was able to learn from the foundation they handed out 86 turkeys to the Fitchburg location last year.

Tom Lamich at Project New Hope where he has been part of the office staff for two years, says New Hope has been doing the giveaway for “two years I know of.” The Westover Air Force Base is near them, as well as a base in Chicopee. Lamich said that last year, “we definitely had people from the base come down – from both bases,” in connection with who got turkeys from the giveaway.

The foundation giving out turkeys at Project New Hope because of Westover is a very good way to reach out to a lot of vets and their families like they want to. I hope that trend of luck goes on for them in whatever they do next for vets.

I had heard of grocery stores doing turkey giveaways, or holiday dinners giveaways of some kind, but not anything before connected to veterans. If it could attract me to writing about it, then it can attract people to be a part of it, by being one of the locations it happens at. The possibility of them having about a dozen locations for the giveaway would be a wonderful vision.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Her Ex-Husband And His Ex-Wife’s Ex-Husband; Shade Pulled Down; Bundle Touched; Ferret Loose

Monday, 11/5

6:51 a.m. Report of cat that is struck and dead in road on Federal Street; call placed to ACO.

2:50 p.m. Report of illegal dumping under high tension lines. Three light green trash bags dumped. Reporting person called DPW and DPW advised to call MPD, and once MPD has looked into it, MPD can call DPW for follow-up.

Tuesday, 11/6

1:25 a.m. Female caller from Second Street reporting that male tenants in this house are yelling very loudly and swearing. Requested officer to make contact and quiet down. Contact was made with male tenant, he and his roommate had a verbal disagreement. Roommate left for the night, male apologized for the disturbance.

3:44 a.m. Caller just wanted on record that a train has been parked at the crossing next to her house since 2 a.m.

7:44 a.m. 911 caller reporting that she has just come across a person laying in the road while driving down Millers Falls Road. She believes the person may have been struck by a vehicle. MedCare responded, transported to hospital. Officers to tech school to speak to a witness.

10:09 a.m. Off-duty officer reporting that he saw a white male with a tweed jacket and mohawk haircut carrying a long black rifle down the street. Area checked, no one found.

2:57 p.m. Caller requests to speak to an officer regarding suspicious activity happening around her home that she believes is tied to her ex-husband and his ex-wife’s ex-husband. Officer *en route*. Person stated that she did not have time to wait for him to arrive and will come back to MPD tomorrow.

4:15 p.m. Reporting person advised she was just in an accident at Swamp Road and Federal Street. No injury to report from either vehicle but some fluid leaking from her car. Officer and Rau’s towing *en route*.

5:45 p.m. Greenfield PD advised 911 call from H Street; attempted to call 411 and misdialed.

6:08 p.m. Report of motor vehicle crossing yellow line, displaying erratic speed on Rte 2, moving into Turners Falls on Gill-Montague Bridge. Officer sent.

6:11 p.m. Officer followed car to J Street where it parked behind Pesky Park. Driver said she had been driving for a few hours and is feeling tired. Female not inebriated.

Wednesday, 11/7

1:38 p.m. Employee at

Avenue A Dental office reporting ongoing harassment from a neighboring business. Ongoing parking complaint, advised of options.

1:46 p.m. Alarm company reports alarm sounding on Dry Hill Road; interior motion. Officer found a door open in the garage, no signs of forced entry. Door secured, homeowner notified.

3:41 p.m. Report of dog barking intermittently since approximately 1:15 p.m. on Grove Street. Quiet upon arrival.

5:08 p.m. Motor vehicle stop south of Hatchery Road. Vehicle towed by Rau’s; operator to get a ride from friend who was driving behind her when she was stopped.

5:34 p.m. Motor vehicle accident across from the Gun Rack on Avenue A. No injuries.

7:18 p.m. Person reporting several kids with flashlights attempting to break into the old Esleek mill. Subjects are beyond the gate, at or before the last building before the tower. Witness saw this from the bike path, but sounded possibly impaired. While placed on hold, she disconnected, and attempts to call back were unsuccessful. On call back at 9:32 p.m., witness clarified she did not observe anyone trying to

force entry into the building, but did see subjects with flashlights going between the buildings. Area checked, negative.

8:25 p.m. Mattress in the area of Turners Falls Road. Upon arrival, officer found someone had already moved to the side of the road; left message for DPW.

Thursday, 11/8

12:33 a.m. Caller reporting two males causing loud disturbance in front of liquor store on Avenue A. Quiet on arrival.

1:01 a.m. Motor vehicle stop by First Street. Vehicle seen going around in circles downtown after leaving store. Driver was lost, trying to get back to Berkshires. Directions provided.

5:36 a.m. Alarm company reporting burglar alarm alert on Industrial Boulevard. Officer *en route*. Alarm company called to cancel; manager reported an accidental trip.

9:32 a.m. Walk-in reports that someone may have entered his residence. A shade he usually keeps up was pulled down over the window he has his clothesline going through. Nothing else out of place or missing. Advised of options.

9:35 a.m. Tree down, blocking road on Highland Circle and Crocker Avenue. Primary line down and smoking. Requested TFFD and Eversource.

10:40 a.m. Reporting person found a bundle of heroin in parking lot of Shady Glen on Avenue A. She handled the item, thinking it was a pack of gum, but later realized what it was. Not feeling ill presently, but advised to call back immediately if she starts to feel ill. On arrival, officer requested EMS as a precaution. MedCare not available, transport provided.

11:09 a.m. Walk-in reporting a loose dog on Federal Street, now tied to a truck. Person not sure who tied up dog and is not sure if the owner of the vehicle is aware that the dog is tied to it. ACO responded, brought dog to regional kennel.

2:23 p.m. Reporting person wants to know options regarding tenant damage to windows and a door. Officer observed damage not as reported; normal wear and tear, not malicious.

3:42 p.m. 911 misdial from male who just got a new iPhone and does not know how to use it.

4:56 p.m. 911 hangup call from Australis Aquaculture. Staff reports phone malfunction.

5:20 p.m. Report of a barking dog on Grove Street. Person stated the dog has been barking straight for an hour while she was working in her yard. Officer monitored area, heard nothing in excess or unreasonable for this hour. Call printed for ACO.

7:24 p.m. Person reports a dead squirrel in his driveway on Park Street; has moved it onto tree belt. Officer advised and *en route* to make sure area is secure. DPW will collect animal tomorrow. ACO advised.

8:09 p.m. Caller requested officer at Baystate Franklin to observe an inpatient program she is part of that she feels is mismanaged and employs sexual predators, but could not speak to any actual abuse. Advised to report to Greenfield PD. Staff at BFMC advised that person is in a safe environment.

10:52 p.m. Alarm activated at Colle Opera House, Avenue A. Unlocked entrance found; building searched with K9, no problems found. Building secured by keyholder.

Friday, 11/9

11:27 a.m. Probation warrant issued for female; mother called and advised officers she might be at last known address in Montague. Female overdosed last night and left program in Ware. Officers unable to locate.

11:35 a.m. Scam call reported on Willmark Avenue. Advised.

1:50 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Randall Wood Drive. Caller states over past two years her

tires were slashed seven times and she had multiple suspicious calls to her residence. Officer advised her to write a detailed statement. Request for additional patrols by reporting party, as well as safety measures such as installing cameras.

2:45 p.m. Officer spoke with Asplundh crew working on West Mineral Road without a detail, almost completely blocking road. Crew almost done for day.

4:27 p.m. Panhandler in front of Food City moved along by officer.

Saturday, 11/10

12:27 p.m. Dog bite reported on G Street. Reporting person bitten in the leg by lab, declined medical attention. Dog tied up with owner present. Dog listing shows 2014 rabies expiration and no current dog tag # but it is on the 2018 list.

12:56 p.m. Report of ferret getting loose at address on Turners Falls Road. Requests a call if anyone reports finding one.

1:23 p.m. Commercial alarm reported set off at JP Auto. Person on site did not have proper pass code.

3:03 p.m. Alarm company reports activation at home on East Chestnut Hill. Secure, no forced entry.

3:43 p.m. Tree down across road with wires on Walcott Street. DPW, Eversource notified, FD standby until Eversource arrives.

4:04 p.m. Motorist locked out at Farren Care Center. Services rendered.

6:29 p.m. 911 caller states someone walking around inside his neighbor’s house on Randall Wood Drive with a flashlight while they are not home. Investigated; homeowner inside.

11:06 p.m. Report of a deer struck with a car on Federal Street; deer took off.

Sunday, 11/11

8:11 a.m. Loose dog in the area of Montague Street. Officer responded, dog returned home to house.

2:42 p.m. Animal complaint on Center Street. Person reports she was talking with a woman who had a dog with her, and the dog attacked her. She now has bite marks/scratches on her hand. Advised of options.

6:40 p.m. Reporting person from the Wentworth House states that someone she knows took a large sum of money from her purse while she slept. Summons issued.

8:53 p.m. Large patch of ice reported on Turners Falls-Gill Bridge. MassDOT notified.

10:40 p.m. Anonymous caller reporting people being loud near Rendezvous. Unfounded.

11:30 p.m. Male caller reporting music too loud at the Rendezvous. Unfounded.

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was saved, with its hole hacked by Native tomahawks during the 1704 raid.

Ensign Sheldon's son John II purchased a house lot on the north side of town, and his grandson John Sheldon III (1710-1793) built the 1755 Sheldon House where I am sitting in 2018.

So down through the ages until 1948, these walls were home to all those generations of Sheldons. Most heads of the household over the generations were named John, which makes it challenging to keep track. At least at one point, a man named Seth Sheldon (1787-1860) took over the homestead, and begat a son named George.

George Sheldon (1818-1916), who lived almost one hundred years, was what many would call a natural-born historian. He collected everything, saved everything, wrote everything down, and interviewed the elders about the earliest days of Deerfield. He authored a more than 800-page History of Deerfield, and collaborated with other historians in writing the histories of other towns, most notably Northfield. So his accomplishments are impressive.

He did meticulous research, consulting original documents and archives far afield from Deerfield in those pre-internet days.



He founded the Pocumtuck Valley Historical Association, along with its museum, and probably played an important role in naming the village at the Deerfield Falls in honor of Capt. William Turner.

But he had a darker side.

This is when I usually give him a hard time. Maybe I shouldn't pick on his old ghost when he shows up on a dark November day. But when that cranky old Yankee Antiquarian comes lurching unexpectedly around a corner, I'm ready for him. He knows what's coming; he's been through it before with me. Still, he has no answer - how could he?

I'm armed with the writings and research of a new generation of 21st century historians who have a bone to pick with him, so to speak. Young Williams College professor Christina De Lucia goes after the Antiquarian ilk in her recent book Memory Lands, attacking their one-sided view of early American history. She particularly picks apart the Antiquarian signage of the 1880s which in part George helped create. That signage is all over Deerfield and the region, and there's that one despicable, oft-vandalized PVMA stone marker at the site of the 1675 massacre in the

Riverside neighborhood.

De Lucia berates the aging signage and historical markers all over the valley that memorialize a one-sided white man's version of our histories. She criticizes those historians of generations ago who "conveniently ignored empirical information about enduring Natives in favor of a simplistic memory of their vanishing."

She's got old George pulling on his beard.

Then I toss a challenge at him from Abenaki scholar Marge Bruchac's research, and one particular essay: "George Sheldon's Vanishing Indian Act" (Historical Journal of Massachusetts 39 (1/2) (June 2011):30-77. Just as in the underlying concept of multiple perspectives, she's got multiple arguments and direct quotes that jab at the old Yankee's efforts to erase river valley Indians and in particular, the Pocumtuck.

She writes: "He chose to comment on pressing Indian issues of the 1890s such as assimilation, removal, and detribalization by asking his reader to reflect upon Pocumtuck history: 'What rights have savages in the face of civilization?'"

Bruchac continues: "He promoted his vision of 'vanishing' until it became accepted as conventional wisdom that the Native inhabitants of the valley had abandoned their homeland."

Now George is chawing on his beard. I can tell he doesn't like be-

ing contradicted at all, and particularly by an Indian historian who has done her research.

The only pity I might have for him is that he is so far removed in time and resources that he has no way of refuting these charges.

Bruchac reminds both George, and us, that he in fact went out to the backyard of this very Sheldon homestead where I am now sitting, and dug up the skeletal remains "of at least twenty Pocumtuck individuals and sent some to Edward Hitchcock of Amherst College."

The quiet afternoon in Sheldon House was getting quite testy. Of course he had nothing to say. He's guilty on all charges. His only defense is that he was a product of his times, and was trying to preserve and justify the actions of his settler ancestors.

That doesn't cut it any more, as I remind him. But by then, he has his hands over his ears, refusing to listen to any more such challenging talk. He stomps off to the upper chambers where I can hear him pushing chairs around and slamming doors.

He may not care to come downstairs anymore if I'm around. I guess next time I'll try to be easier on him than Bruchac and De Lucia. But I do get a particular pleasure in pointing out to him that the Indians he tried to erase from the valley did not vanish after all.

They're still here, George. They're still here.

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A Chalice of Crones

By REPORTER STAFF

WENDELL - What is a Chalice of Crones? Nine women who have been writing memoirs together for two years have filled the cup with their words, are ready to offer their work to the public on Friday evening, November 30.

Member Shelley Hines says that the group has been "blessed to be under the professional and expansive tutelage of our sister and teacher, Ruth Flohr of Word Wifery." Flohr's popular writing workshops were featured

in our March 16, 2017 issue of the MR in an article by Johanna Bartlett, which you may read on our website thanks to our new online archives.

The memoirists share their stories, raps, and poems at 7 p.m. in the Wendell library. They hope their narratives will encourage openness and lift and enliven our world, according to a press release by Hines.

The readers are: Morningstar Chenven, Ruth Flohr, Shelley Hines, Kai Carol Jud, Nan Riebschlaeger, Iina Singh, Nancy Spittle, Sharon Tracy, and Mez Ziemba.

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MONTAGUE COMMUNITY TELEVISION NEWS

This Week on MCTV

By ABIGAIL TATARIAN

Now that Jo Comerford has been elected to the Massachusetts State Senate, perhaps you'll take an interest in this opportunity to learn more about her plans for this position: visit MontagueTV.org and click "Latest Videos" to see Comerford's speech at a recent Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution meeting, and to check out our other recent videos!

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with the materiality of paint. They are dated from the 1950s through the present, outlining Mason's six-decade career.

Curator Mara Williams writes that Mason's method is "fundamentally a call-and-response with paint and color – an ongoing dialogue of discovery. Many of her paintings begin with a pour, a chance action that places one color on a white ground." Mason says she wants "painting to take me to a place I've never been."

The painter, who was born in 1932, maintains a summer home in the Brattleboro area with her husband, Wolf Kahn, also a renowned artist. Her gallery talk at the Museum has already occurred, but a short documentary about her by RAVA films gives some insight into her life, her intuitive process of creating, and the couple's artistic lifestyle living in New York and Vermont. In the film, Wolf Kahn states that Emily "paints the way a bird sings." (Watch at vimeo.com/24277981.)

Up on a platform beyond the lobby is the exhibit of sculpture and drawings by Elizabeth Turk called *Heaven Earth, Home*. This can also be seen as a conversation with materials; Turk's stone carvings transform marble into mind boggling ribbons in what must be an arduous and exacting drilling and grinding process. Knowing what is taken away from these hunks of marble imbues us with wonder and awe at the human skill involved.

Turk also incorporates beach stones and redwood roots that have been shaped by the process of time, opening what curator Williams calls "a space for meditation on the natural world and the nature of art."

Embroidered Stories

In the Mary Sommer Room is

Orly Cogan's *Don't Call Me Princess*. Cogan embroiders, draws, and paints on vintage textiles to create tableaux exploring the roles of women in society.

Says the artist, "I update the content of the vintage embroidery to incorporate the un-ladylike reality and wit of contemporary women, their struggles, and the stereotypes that must now be overcome. Much of my subject matter touches upon storytelling concerning fertility, power plays in relationships, sexuality, self-image, isolation, vulnerability, and beauty in the mundane."

The work is empowering to view, and wonderfully integrated with the original surface decorations. One could read the story of many lives in the images of men and women she has applied to the surface of bed linens and tablecloths here.

Cogan will give a talk about her work on Saturday, January 19, at 2 p.m.

Conversations with People

Michael Poster moved to Vermont in 1970 to escape a life of heroin addiction in Philadelphia. "With the help of methadone and new friends, I began the long process of recovery and personal reinvention," he writes. Now, he helps others along the journey to recovery by volunteering at the Turning Point of Windham County, an addiction recovery center in Brattleboro.

In his exhibit *If She Has a Pulse, She Has a Chance*, Poster shows us members of this community, and presents their stories in their own words. "I make photographs of the people I meet at the center and listen to their stories," he writes. "They have lived through childhood trauma, committed crimes, served long prison sentences, or struggled with multiple detox treatments. They

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have watched friends and loved ones die from overdose, survived overdose themselves after receiving emergency Narcan treatment, or lost children to state agencies because of their addictions."

All of the subjects in the photographs are in treatment, and working to help others. Their honesty and bravery sharing these raw stories stirs an almost unbearable amount of compassion and empathetic pain; I found myself on the verge of tears at times, but also feeling some anger at what seems to be widespread and careless prescribing of risky drugs: many of these stories describe how illness or accident resulted in prescription opioid use, which quickly led to dependence, and then abuse of cheaper street drugs and the hustle to support a bigger and bigger habit. A downward spiral with devastating effects to anyone close enough to also get sucked into the vortex: children and families of the addict suffer greatly.

The sheer number of faces to look upon, stories to read, overwhelms quickly. Be prepared to take a break on one of the benches in the gallery, but go back and finish; give each voice its chance to penetrate your soul. There is grieving to be done here.

BMAC has created lots of associated programming for this exhibit, another stellar example of how a museum can be part of the whole community. There was a talk on the neurological basis of addiction and a reading of work by *Writers for Recovery* in October. On Thursday, November 29, Michael Poster will discuss his life and work with chief curator Mara Williams.

And on December 13, a panel will discuss addiction and recovery in the Brattleboro community; members include representatives from Nar-Anon, the local police department, Turning Point, and the Brattleboro Retreat.

Metaphors of Transcendence

Emergence from these voices and faces into the small South Gallery holding the work of Robert Perkins called *Every Day*. "I wanted to find an artist who would embrace the idea of creating a coda to the cumulative experience of viewing the Museum's current exhibits," writes curator Williams. "Visual poet, filmmaker, storyteller, and naturalist Robert Perkins agreed to take on the task of creating such a place of hope and possibility."

Perkins is known for his collaborations with poets, many of them famous, in a project he started in the 1970s called *The Written Image*. He has taken many solo canoe trips into wild places and documented his journeys in film and book form.

For *Every Day*, Perkins pulled together several experiences in his life that "go beyond." Paintings of birds lift fragments of poetry with them into the sky, and metaphor created in a Zen story that Perkins penciled on directly on the wall of the gallery "become fingers pointing to the moon, indicating my path to transcendence." A wall-mounted box invites viewers to open its doors and read the "Tundrabet," a lexicon of words and images created on one of the artist's solo expeditions.

Unfortunately, Perkins' gallery talk has already happened, but his books and films are readily available

to those who want more.

I appreciate the design of the exhibits that take the viewer through wonder at form and color, to narratives and conversations about women's lives and society, and stories and faces of people in recovery, to a serene and personal contemplation on transcendence.

This is a museum that knows how to be "alive" rather than just a repository of artifacts or sterile gallery of art; the Brattleboro Museum seeks to create organic ties with its place and time through its innovative exhibits and programs. They create generative ties with children, ensuring the interest and attention of these future community collaborators. In short, the BMAC is sustainable, thought-provoking, innovative, and fun.

Highlights in early 2019:

Glasstastic, where children in grades K through 6 are invited to submit drawings of imaginary creatures that glass artists will create sculptures from. Children may submit drawings until December 31.

Open Call NXNE 2019, a juried exhibit showcasing established, mid-career, and emerging artists working in paint in New England and New York. It will open in January, replacing the Poster exhibit.

BMAC is open every day but Tuesday, from 11 to 5. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for students; admission is free for those under 18 and museum members, and every Thursday after 2 p.m., everyone gets in for free as well. It is located at 10 Vernon Street in Brattleboro, and online at brattleboromuseum.org.



One of the portraits of people in recovery from addiction taken by Michael Poster for the exhibit called *If She Has a Pulse, She Has a Chance*.

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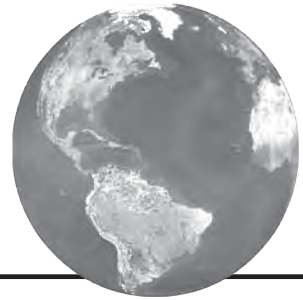
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III Festival Anual de las Migraciones

Por M^a VICTORIA MAÍLLO DE AGUILERA

TURNERS FALLS —El sábado 27 de octubre se celebró en Great Falls Discovery Center el Festival de las Migraciones en su tercer año consecutivo. El evento celebró la época de las migraciones al sur de los animales, y la dispersión de las semillas con la promesa de su vuelta con la llegada de la primavera, un canto a la diversidad de la naturaleza, y a la diversidad cultural y humana. Un canto a la vida y la belleza de lo multicultural.

En la sala de eventos se pudo disfrutar del arte de artistas centroamericanos, un juego de búsqueda de tesoros sobre la diversidad animal, y de rica comida como tamales y arroz con leche. A continuación diferentes grupos folclóricos deleitaron al público con su música y bailes.

Todo un éxito organizado por Montague Social Ministries, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Guatemala Art and Culture Connection, Turners Falls River Culture y el Departamento de Conservación y Recreación.



Eva Martínez y su grupo folclórico mexicano.

Opinión: La responsabilidad de EEUU en la caravana de migrantes

Por M^a VICTORIA MAÍLLO DE AGUILERA

En esta semana en que se celebran las elecciones legislativas en Estados Unidos la opinión pública está pendiente también de la caravana de migrantes que ya se acerca a la frontera estadounidense con México. Se espera la llegada de más de 8.000 personas que se han ido juntando durante la marcha de 1.000 kilómetros desafiando al frío, al hambre y a las amenazas del presidente Trump. La caravana ha sido utilizada durante la campaña por el mandatario republicano para conseguir más votos.

Muchos de los migrantes proceden de Honduras, pero se han sumado guatemaltecos, salvadoreños y mexicanos que huyen de las duras condiciones de violencia de sus países de origen.

Lo que los políticos estadounidenses no dicen en sus discursos es la participación de los Estados Unidos en invasiones e incursiones militares en Latinoamérica desde 1950 y que han contribuido a crear esta violencia y situación de pobreza en la zona. Aquí están por orden cronológico algunas de ellas:

Puerto Rico, 1950. Puerto Rico recibió la Carta de Autonomía firmada por el presidente del gobierno español Sagasta, en 1897. Meses más tarde y como resultado de la firma del tratado de París en 1898, y después de que España perdiese la Guerra de Cuba, Puerto Rico pasó a manos estadounidenses. Es importante recordar que en la firma de dicho tratado no participaron representantes de los territorios en cuestión.

Pocos estadounidenses saben que en 1950, Blanca Canales dirigió un

levantamiento contra la ocupación y consiguió izar la bandera de Puerto Rico, algo que estuvo prohibido entre 1889 y 1952. El gobierno estadounidense envió la Guardia Nacional para suprimir la rebelión nacionalista con el resultado del pueblo de Jacuya totalmente destruido.

Guatemala, 1954. La CIA encubrió una operación bajo la apariencia de un golpe de estado para derrocar al presidente electo Arbenz Guzmán que entre otras medidas había prometido la nacionalización de la United Fruit Company. El golpe encubierto bajo la dirección del general Castillo acabó con la vida de unas 15.000 personas.

Cuba, 1961. Aunque fracasada, la operación llevada a cabo en Bahía de Cochinos fue una invasión en toda regla. Cubanos exiliados en colaboración con la CIA iniciaron una operación armada con el fin de formar un gobierno contra Fidel Castro en la isla. La operación fracasó a las 65 horas y resultó en la pérdida de 200 vidas.

Chile, 1973. Documentos desclasificados de la CIA revelaron que el gobierno estadounidense utilizó fondos para financiar huelgas durante la presidencia de Salvador Allende y controlar el periódico *El Mercurio*, principal medio de difusión contrario a dicho mandatario. El golpe militar del general Pinochet fue apoyado y en parte financiado por la agencia estadounidense. Allende murió en el asalto al Palacio de la Moneda. La presidencia de Pinochet fue una de las crónicas más negras de la historia de Chile.

El Salvador, 1981-1992. Este período se conoce como Guerra Civil de El Salvador. Es un con-

Un poquito de tanta verdad



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Denisse y Eric, activistas comunitarios.

Por M^a VICTORIA MAÍLLO DE AGUILERA

TURNERS FALLS — La asociación Great Falls Books Through Bars* organizó el pasado domingo 21 de octubre en la asociación comunitaria Brick House la proyección del documental *Un poquito de tanta verdad* dirigido por Jill Frieberg que narra la resistencia y la lucha de los maestros de Oaxaca para conseguir mejores condiciones de vida para sus estudiantes y una mejor educación pública. Los hechos se desarrollan en 2006 cuando el colectivo de maestros se unió para pedir que el gobernador Ulises Ortiz dejase su cargo. Las protestas de mejores condiciones educativas se convirtieron en protestas por la falta de agua potable, la discriminación, la marginación y el racismo que llevaban años soportando.

Los manifestantes cortaron las principales calles de la ciudad, es-

tablecieron barricadas que eran utilizadas como medios de defensa y tomaron posesión de emisoras de radio que hasta ese momento fueron controladas por el aparato del estado. Por supuesto, las protestas provocaron una reacción del gobernador que utilizó las tropas armadas y gases lacrimógenos para dispersar a los manifestantes. El resultado fue de cientos de heridos y desaparecidos.

El documental une entrevistas a maestros y organizadores comunitarios con escenas reales que nos muestran como a la lucha de los maestros se suman estudiantes, mujeres amas de casas, trabajadores de otros gremios y lo que era una protesta en busca de mejoras se convierte en una lucha comunitaria que emprende una marcha hasta México D.F a la que se van sumando ciudadanos.

Un poquito de tanta verdad cuenta también la importante la-

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flicto bélico entre las FAES (Fuerza Armada de El Salvador) y el Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN). Según la Comisión de la Verdad las fuerzas del gobierno fueron las responsables de 85.000 muertos y desaparecidos. El conflicto tuvo lugar durante la Guerra Fría y por lo que debido el miedo al comunismo, los EEUU ayudaron con fondos y entrenamiento a las FAES. Las FAES fueron también responsables del asesinato del arzobispo Romero.

Nicaragua, 1981-1990. En 1979 el dictador Anastasio Somoza fue derrocado por el Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (FSLN). Los Estados Unidos vieron una amenaza para la zona el que un partido como el FSLN gobernara en la zona así que apoyaron con fondos a los Contras, un grupo paramilitar que causó numerosos ataques terroristas y responsable de unos 50.000 muertos. La participación de los Estados Unidos en los abusos cometidos contra los Derechos Humanos e Internacionales en Nicaragua durante estos años fue probada por la Corte Internacional de Justicia.

Granada, 1983-1984. En 1979 un golpe de estado sin sangre fue llevado a cabo por el general Bishop que fue acusado por el presidente Reagan de ser una amenaza

comunista. En 1983 una facción del mismo partido ejecutó a Bishop y proclamó a Austin como presidente. Esto dio pie a la invasión de la isla tomando como excusa la inestabilidad política de la zona y la presencia de estudiantes estadounidenses en una universidad del país. Se desplazaron a la isla un total de 7.000 hombres y la invasión causó 25 civiles muertos y unos 200 militares de ambos bandos.

Panamá, 1989. Las tropas estadounidenses invadieron Panamá con el fin de detener al general Noriega que fue acusado de tráfico de drogas. El operativo militar estadounidense tuvo como resultado unos 1.000 muertos. Noriega había sido colaborador de la CIA durante muchos años, pero sus relaciones con el gobierno estadounidense se deterioraron al hacer abuso de su poder y por fraude electoral. El gobierno de George W. Bush justificó la invasión con la necesidad de defender las vidas de estadounidenses en territorio panameño y las acusaciones de narcotráfico contra Noriega.

Venezuela, 2002. El gobierno español liderado en esos momentos por Aznar y el estadounidense reconocieron haber estado en contacto durante los sucesos que ocurrieron en abril de 2002 durante los que se produjo el secuestro de Hugo

Anuncio: Si les gustan los tamales tienen la oportunidad de saborear unos deliciosos y auténticos tamales el 17 de Noviembre en Greenfield Winter Farmers Market que se encuentra en Discovery School en Four Corners, Greenfield. El precio es de 3 dólares por tamal. Aviso: ¡Son deliciosos!

bor de las emisoras comunitarias para hacer llegar la voz de los que normalmente no la tienen. El documental nos enseña el poder de las mujeres que tomaron una emisora de televisión y de los medios de comunicación en la organización de las protestas ciudadanas.

Los ciudadanos se dan cuenta de que las cadenas de televisión como Televisa y TV Azteca se mueven por los intereses de los políticos y cumplen la función de conseguir que los ciudadanos voten en contra de sus propios intereses y de falsear las noticias como la celebración de la fiesta de la Guelaguetza que calificaron de violenta cuando había sido un éxito de organización comunitaria y confraternización. Así mismo nos hace reflexionar, y especialmente en estos tiempos oscuros, acerca del siempre vigente lema de la unidad del pueblo para conseguir unos objetivos comunes.

Las protestas tuvieron su repercusión en el resultado electoral y el PRI por primera vez no fue el partido más votado en Oaxaca.

Después de la proyección del documental los asistentes pudimos hacer preguntas a dos activistas invitados y que participaron en la protesta: Denisse Cruz Contreras y Erick Sarmiento Barrios, psicóloga y antropólogo y que siguen luchando por este movimiento comunitario que cambió sus vidas.

Chávez y un golpe de estado nunca confirmado. El intento de golpe de estado estuvo precedido de grandes protestas. Durante el arresto de Chávez fue proclamado presidente Carmona y este fue refrendado por parte de la prensa internacional española y estadounidense.

Haití, 2004. El presidente Aristide fue derrocado y llevado a Sudáfrica después de un golpe de estado llevado a cabo por fuerzas estadounidenses y francesas. Aristide ha sido lo más cercano a un presidente democrático que ha tenido Haití en los últimos 100 años, pero no era del agrado de Estados Unidos debido a su ideología cercana al socialismo.

Honduras, 2009. En junio de 2009 unos encapuchados secuestraron al presidente Zelaya que fue extraditado a Costa Rica. La constitución hondureña prohíbe expresamente la extradición. La oposición no calificó la acción como un golpe de estado sino que proclamó que era simplemente una transición legal. El gobierno de Obama declaró no democrático el nuevo gobierno y reiteró su apoyo a Zelaya. Lo interesante es que años después Hillary Clinton admitió su participación en la creación de una estrategia para celebrar elecciones rápidamente después del golpe militar y así dejar fuera la cuestión de Zelaya.

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EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *May Erlewine, Zoe Darrow*. Erlewine is Michigan-based singer-songwriter. \$. 7:30 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Josie's Magical Flute Presents Comedy at the Shea*. House improv team. \$. 7:30 p.m.

Root Cellar, Greenfield: *Ludo is Fantastic*. Portrait film about artist Ludo Mich. \$. 7:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Half Shaved Jazz*. 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

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

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Comedy Night with Julia Scotti, Jon Ross, Anita Wise*. \$. 7 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Babette's Feast*. Part of the Pothole Pictures food series. A housemaid sets out to cook the perfect meal and illuminates the meaning of life, pleasure, and art. Live music before the show from Wild Thyme. \$. 7 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Butterfly Swing Band*. Swing music and dancing instruction. \$. 7 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Llama Lasagna Glamourama Llama*. Costumes encouraged, dance party with valley musicians. The theme is Fashion, so dress for the runway! Fundraiser for the Survival Center; bring non-perishable items. \$. 8 p.m.

Guiding Star Grange, Greenfield: *Contra Dance*. Steve Howland calls with David Kaynor and Annika Amstutz, fiddles, plus bass, piano, and the *Back Row Band*. All are welcome, with or without a partner. Sliding scale. 8 p.m.

Root Cellar, Greenfield: *Mosses, Wet Tuna*. \$. 9 p.m.

Hubie's Tavern, Turners Falls: *Acoustic Country. With Heath Lewis*. 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Curtis Rich and Friends*. 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Hubby Jenkins and Eli Catlin*. Americana. Jenkins is from the Carolina Chocolate Drops band. \$. 7 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Babette's Feast*. Part of the Pothole Pictures food series. A housemaid sets out to cook the perfect meal and illuminates the meaning of life, pleasure, and art. Live music before the show from singer-songwriter Sue Krantz. \$. 7 p.m.



Signifiers, oil bar on paper by Tracey Physioc Brockett, part of the show "Luminous Explorations" opens this Thursday, November 15 at Flourish, 102 Avenue A in Turners Falls. The show features work by Tracey Physioc Brockett and Jody Payne. An opening reception is scheduled this Thursday at 5 p.m. with the artists.

Mt Toby Meeting House, Leverett: *Paul Kaplan and Ben Tousley*. Singer-songwriters bringing together the personal and political. \$. 7:30 p.m.

Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse: *Old Flame*. Psychedelic Indie Rock to benefit the Wendell Meetinghouse. "Grit and honey-rasp vocals with post-punk nostalgia and an afterglow of raw blues." Preceded by an open mic. Located in the Old Town Hall, come to this lively night supporting a good cause. Dessert-O-Rama, sliding scale donation. \$. 7:30 p.m.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *The Ballroom Thieves*. Signature Sounds presents vintage-jazz style trio. \$. 8 p.m.

Root Cellar, Greenfield: *Thalia Zedek Band, Damon and Naomi, Danni Oxenburg, and Bear*. \$. 8 p.m.

Ashfield Lake House, Ashfield: *Zydeco Connection*. Hot zydeco with a little swing. 8:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Date Night*. Musical Duo. 9:30 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *eRATT, Johnny CVGE, Chris Focus, and Teddy*. \$. 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

McCusker's Market, Shelburne Falls: *Celtic Sessions*. Musicians, all levels welcome. 10:30 a.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *David Ellefson of Megadeth. Ellefson with Bumblefoot of Guns 'n' Roses, Dead by Wednesday, and Disguise the Curse*. Heavy metal and "Basstory" storytelling. \$. 5 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Traditional Irish Music in the Wheelhouse*. 7 p.m.

Root Cellar, Greenfield: *State Champion, Huevos II, and Footings*. \$. 9 p.m.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Bingo Night*. 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Covers for a Cause*. In conjunction with Monte's March to raise funds for the Food Bank of Western Mass, local bands will play covers with a food theme.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

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

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Meditation series*. With the venerable Than Pamuto. Open to all. 7 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Creacion Latin Big Band Jam*. In the Perch on the fourth floor. 8 p.m.

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Jimmy Just Quit*. Four piece rock/groove cover band. \$. 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Ras Iba & Kali Wale*. \$. 9 p.m.

Hubie's Tavern, Turners Falls: *Acoustic Country*. With Heath Lewis. 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Good Trees River Band & Immortal Jellyfish*. 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Hawks & Reed, Greenfield: *Roger Salloom*. A cross between blues, roots, Americana, country and soul. \$. 7 p.m.

EXHIBITS:

Artspace Gallery, Greenfield: *Inside Art V*. Art by incarcerated men and women at the Franklin County jail. Ends November 16.

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT: Five new exhibits include a six-decade survey of the work of abstract artist *Emily Mason*, photographs by *Michael Poster* of people in recovery from addiction, and artwork by *Orly Cogan, Robert Perkins, and Elizabeth Turk*. Through February 10. See article on page B1 for a complete description.

Flourish, Turners Falls: *Luminous Explorations*. Paintings by *Jody Payne* and *Tracey Physioc Brockett*. November 15 through December 16, with an opening reception Thursday, November 15 at 5 p.m.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Junior Duck Stamps*. Top Massachusetts youth entries for the 2018 Junior Duck Stamp competition. Through December 22.

Greenfield Gallery, Greenfield: *Paul Hoffman,*

Photographs. Through November.

Leverett Crafts & Arts Center, Leverett: *Oh Beautiful Glass!* An eclectic and exciting glass art show with pieces from over 22 artists. Through November.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Face Forward*, self-portraits by *Julianne Jones*. Through November 17, to be followed by *No Rules*, small sculpture by *Mary Hakkinen*, from November 23 through December 24.

Salmon Falls Gallery, Shelburne Falls: *One Size Fits All*. Banners and altered cabinet cards by *Amy Johnquest*. November 2 through December 31. Meet the artist: Saturday, December 1, 3 p.m. Also on view, *Amanda Quinby's Leaves to Landscapes*, abstracts in precious metal leaf.

Sawmill River Gallery, Montague Center: *Pushing the Boundaries*. Recent works by Sawmill member artists. Through November.

Shelburne Arts Coop, Shelburne Falls: *Just For Fun*. Members' exhibit. Through November.

Smith College Greenhouse: *Annual Chrysanthemum Show*. November 3 through 18.

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TURNERS FALLS – Happy November!

Recently, I've been trying to get in touch with my favorite author of all time, Brandon Mull. I've emailed him but have not gotten a response.

Since I've had trouble getting in touch with him, I decided to just do a book review of his incredible series *Fablehaven*. He also wrote a companion to that series called *Dragonwatch*.

His books are so suspenseful and amazing! The story is about two kids, Kendra and her younger brother Seth. While their parents are away for two weeks, Kendra and Seth are forced to stay with their Grandma and Grandpa Sorenson, who they barely know.

While staying at their grandparents' house, Kendra and Seth discover that their grandparents are hiding a huge secret.

This series is incredibly amazing, and it appeals to all fantasy readers.

My Mom, my younger sister, and I all read this and loved it! Mull's descriptive writing makes you unable to put the books down.

Mull incorporates so many interesting characters, including some who may seem good, but turn out to be Seth and Kendra's enemies later on. Along with this, he creates many lovable characters.

What also makes this series interesting is that Kendra and Seth have such different personalities: Kendra is cautious and is known for thinking things over too much, and Seth is brave and reckless.

And once you're done with all five books in the *Fablehaven* series, you can continue the action with *Dragonwatch*!

I apologize that there wasn't an interview to go along with this, but since these are my favorite books of all time, I nevertheless thought it was important for me to educate you about them. Thank you so much for reading this, and I hope you enjoy this series!

No author interview this week – if you happen to know fantasy author Brandon Mull, please get in touch with the MR. Here, our correspondent hoists four of Mull's five *Fablehaven* books, and the first two of sequel series *Dragonwatch*.

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Right: Moti and Gilead Zemelman of Montague Center wait for bagels in a cafe in New York's Upper West Side. Below: Joan Pillsbury of Gill, Carol Coan of Greenfield, Maggie Sadoway of Turners Falls, and her daughter Sonya Sadoway of Pittsfield, in Reykjavik, Iceland! ("Sadly, the light never cooperated with selfies," Maggie writes, explaining the lack of scenery.)



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