

The Montague Reporter

Special Permit Granted for Battery Storage at Judd Wire



The large-scale battery would be built next to the plant's employee entrance (above).

By JEFF SINGLETON

The Montague planning board approved a special permit Tuesday night for a lithium-ion storage battery system to be built on the Judd Wire Company property on Sandy Lane, next to the company's employee entrance. The vote, after a public hearing, was unanimous, and included a requested reduction

of a required 25-foot setback from the road to five feet.

The 2.7 megawatt-hour (MWh) battery will not store energy from the nearby solar array at the former town landfill, but will capture electricity from the grid when usage is low at the high-tech wire manufacturing company and release it during "peak" hours. Judd Wire

see **BATTERY** page A8

Hydro Company Announces Drawdown for Dam Repair

By MIKE JACKSON

TURNERS FALLS – Repairs to a failing mechanism on one of the gates of the Turners Falls dam will be carried out in the second week of July, according to dam owner First-Light Power, but the company says it must dramatically lower the river's elevation above the dam for the duration of repairs in order for workers to safely access the equipment.

The work comes after a June 3 incident in which the hydraulic system that opens Bascule Gate 2, the second from the Turners side, failed, spilling "no more than 445 gallons of hydraulic fluid" into the river, First-Light regulatory compliance manager Alan Douglass told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in a filing on Tuesday.

Smaller leaks from pistons on

see **DAM** page A7



The view south at Kidds Island on Tuesday at an already-low river elevation.

ERVING SELECTBOARD

Senior Services Director Hired; Research Underway on Speeders

By KATIE NOLAN

On Tuesday night, the Erving selectboard interviewed Dulcie McAndrews and Tracey Gaudett for the position of director of senior services, and voted unanimously to hire McAndrews. McAndrews is currently the activities coordinator at the center. Gaudett is the director of the Orange Council on Aging.

At its regular meeting on Monday, the selectboard leaned toward approving a five-year contract

with the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FCRHRA) for managing the federally-funded loan program that provides loans to low- to moderate-income homeowners to bring their homes up to code. However, they decided to wait until their July 7 meeting for a final decision, after receiving a response from town counsel about the contract.

Most of the current FCRHRA loans are forgivable, depending on

see **ERVING** page A4

Food Gap Worsening As Federal Cuts Loom

By SARAH ROBERTSON

FRANKLIN COUNTY – The number of people experiencing food insecurity is rising at a faster rate in Franklin and Hampshire counties than nearly anywhere else in the state, according to a recent report by the Greater Boston Food Bank and Mass General Brigham Hospital.

Half of all households in Franklin and Hampshire counties experienced some form of food insecurity last year, the researchers concluded, an increase of 13% over the previous year.

"Food assistance plays a vital role, supplementing groceries for individuals who are in life or career transitions, earn low wages now, and are working to become financially independent, or have a fixed income," Andrew Moorehouse, executive director of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts (FBWM), told the *Reporter*. "[The] Food Bank remains committed to providing nutritious food to people across our region when and where they need it, without interruption."

Food security is a term defined by the US Department of Agriculture as "the ready availability of

see **FOOD** page A4

WENDELL SELECTBOARD Majority Now Over Moderate Income Line; Tree Now Old

By JOSH HEINEMANN

Weeks of rain ended in time for the Wendell selectboard to hold their June 18 meeting, but they met indoors anyway, in the town office building, because at their meeting time evening insects become active. Also, the meeting room Owl allowed participants to attend by Zoom and residents can watch and listen to the meetings.

Tree warden Cliff Dornbusch also Zoomed in, with his young daughter trying to participate. After she was satisfied, he told the board about a tree next to Farley Road whose branches hang over wires, and over the street. When the tree started as a seedling, he said, it was on town property, the Farley Road right-of-way, but since then the road was moved, and now the tree is large and on private land.

Property owner Rosie Heidkamp has offered to contribute up to \$1,000 for the tree's removal, because it puts shade where she hopes

see **WENDELL** page A7

Berry Farm Becoming Major Regional Employer After Capital Infusion



Nourse Farms CEO John Place tends to long cane raspberries growing in the company's new high-tunnel greenhouses.

By BEN GAGNON

WHATELY – In the last two weeks, almost 24 acres of new greenhouse space came on line at Nourse Farms in Whately, where one of the region's largest employers seems to be growing as fast as the berry plants it produces. And that's just the end of the first stage of building planned by CEO John Place.

"What we're going to try to accomplish here in 10 years, we hope to have an even more substantial footprint as an employer," said Place, who already oversees 200 people at the site. Nourse recent-

ly began an internship program linked with UMass.

The latest new footprint includes 19 acres of high-tunnel greenhouses, along with a totally enclosed 4.5-acre high-tech greenhouse where the firm's prized mother plants are grown.

While its headquarters is in Whately, the company grows strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries on 1,000 acres along the Connecticut River from Hatfield to Northfield, including a large parcel in Montague.

The rapid expansion of the privately-held firm has come after an

see **NOURSE** page A5

GILL-MONTAGUE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Assistant Principal Promoted To Pupil Services Director

By MIKE JACKSON

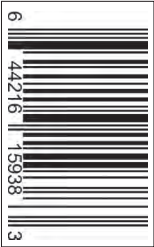
GILL-MONTAGUE – Tuesday was scheduled to be the final school committee meeting for superintendent of schools Brian Beck, but as it turned out there is a chance an emergency session will need to be held during his going-away party next Monday.

Though 12 days had passed since the committee interviewed finalists for the role of interim superintendent and voted to offer the job to one, former Mahar superintendent Tari Thomas, chair Jane Oakes explained that there had been a hitch.

Thomas had gone on to serve as a superintendent in New Hampshire and then a coach of superintendents, meaning she had officially retired from her state job, Oakes explained, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) therefore needs to issue a waiver for Thomas to serve as an interim super.

However, according to Oakes, the process of applying for a waiver had become bogged down due to "requirements... we did not know about," and which even the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, which shepherded

see **GMRSD** page A5



Seidel, Lunn, Hoan, Zeidler, Sanders, Dinkins, Dellums, Maybe Mamdani	
Two Letters and a Reportback.....	A2
Turners Falls & Vicinity.....	A3
Another Reportback, or Op/Ed.....	A3
A Full Page of Congratulation.....	A6
10, 20, and 150 Years Ago.....	A7
View of an Embellished Valley?.....	B1
Five Recs for Summer Novel Readers.....	B1
Faces & Places: The Care Bus.....	B1
July's Library Happenings.....	B2
The Montague Cryptojam.....	B3
Your Sick Friend.....	B3
Montague Police Log Highlights.....	B3
Four Comics.....	B4
Our Monthly Spanish Page.....	B5
Two Full Pages of Quality Water.....	B6-B7
Exhibits & Events.....	B8-B9

SUMMER SCHEDULE:
VOL. 23 #31: JULY 10
VOL. 23 #32: JULY 24
VOL. 23 #33: AUGUST 7
VOL. 23 #34: AUGUST 21

The Montague Reporter

"The Voice of the Villages"

Editorial Staff

Mike Jackson, *Managing Editor*
Victoria Maillo, *Spanish Page*
Beverly Ketch, *Children's Page*
Spencer Shorkey, *Science Page*
Janel Nockleby, *Poetry Page*
Sue Blauner, *Events Calendar*
Maggie Sadoway, *Editorial Assistant*
Jamie Simpson, *Editorial Assistant*

Production Staff

Garth Shaneyfelt, *Business Manager*
Nina Rossi, *Distribution*
Diana Pedrosa, *Subscriptions*
Charlotte Kohlmann, *Layout & Images*
Christopher Carmody, *Layout & Images*
Sarah Brown-Anson, *Podcast Producer*
Brian Faldasz, *Technical Administration*

Founded by
Arthur Evans Harry Brandt David Detmold
August 2002

NINA ROSSI ILLUSTRATION



NINA

Dane Lupien stands at the control panel of a CNC milling machine at the Franklin County Technical School in Turners Falls. Lupien graduated this year and plans to study nuclear engineering at Oregon State University. He said he feels his time in the advanced manufacturing program at Tech has given him an excellent background for future engineering projects.

REPORTBACK

Speakers Detail Region’s Supports for Immigrants

By SHARON DUNN

LEVERETT – Leverett Together drew a crowd of 70 to hear speakers from six immigrant support organizations on June 16 at the Mount Toby Meetinghouse. Speakers shared information about what’s happening on the ground, what services these organizations offer, and what individuals can do to help.

The event arose directly from concerns expressed at Leverett Together’s community potluck in April.

A co-founder of Western Massachusetts Asylum Support Network (WMASN) described the organization as a volunteer mutual aid network, welcoming and supporting people who have lived experience seeking asylum.

While WMASN cannot give legal advice or tell anyone how to respond to specific circumstances, it supports accompaniment of members, when requested, to day-to-day activities, as well as housing, rides, language, and financial and logistical support.

The Pioneer Valley Workers Center, based in Springfield, builds power with low-wage immigrant workers throughout western Massachusetts. Its goal is to transform systems and institutions that exploit workers and immigrants.

The Workers Center’s grassroots focus has been on Know Your Rights trainings and family preparedness clinics, assisting people in preparing for what happens to families in the case of detention and deportation. They also do monthly food distribution and help people apply for drivers’ licenses. They welcome volunteers for transportation, English lessons and practice, phone banking, and letter writing.

A speaker for the LUCE Immigrant Justice Network described it as a mutual defense hotline and ICE watch project coordinated by a network of immigrant justice organizations around the Commonwealth. The LUCE hotline at (617) 370-5023 operates from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., every day of the week, across many languages.

LUCE can dispatch volunteers to a location identified by a caller to verify the presence of ICE agents and gather information, with de-escalation rather than confrontation

as the preferred approach.

The founders of Jewish Activists for Immigrant Justice (JAIJ) said their mission is to spread the word on immigration issues in the spirit of “welcome the stranger.” While not part of any Jewish organization, its overall intent comes from a place of Jewish tenets including *tikun olam* healing the world. JAIJ collaborates with Western Mass communities and churches to hold forums and webinars and produce a newsletter to share information; they do legislative work and hold rallies.

A representative of the Western Massachusetts Immigration Legislative Advocacy Network related that their network is focused on federal, state, and local pro-immigrant legislative efforts. For example, they have worked for laws prohibiting local and state law enforcement from cooperating with ICE, which enable immigrant communities to call law enforcement without fear of detention and deportation.

Using community emails and listservs, the group disseminates information about bills that impact immigrants and specifies how people can advocate for passage of pro-immigrant legislation.

Two presenters represented Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution (FCCPR). They described the group’s Immigration Task Force, which has a rapid response network of 700 people, provides non-violence trainings, distributes Know Your Rights materials, and collaborates with the LUCE hotline, ICE verifier network, Pioneer Valley Workers Center, Indivisible, and other organizations.

They also hold rallies, including a “Rally for Immigrants Rights” this Saturday, June 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the steps of city hall at the Greenfield common. Speakers will discuss the needs of our Franklin County neighbors and what is in place for them.

Leverett Together, which sponsored the evening’s program, is a small group of residents whose aim is to build community in Leverett with events both fun and informational. Its next potluck, its third, will be held this fall.

Sharon Dunn is a member of Leverett Together.

Letters to the Editors

Testimony: Don’t Bin Nuke Ban!

To the Chairs and Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy:

Please do everything in your power to remove Section 45 from the bill scheduled for a hearing Wednesday before your Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, H.4144, submitted by Governor Maura Healey, titled *An Act Relative to Energy Affordability, Independence and Innovation*.

As you must know, the voters of Massachusetts approved, on November 2, 1982, by more than a two-thirds majority, a referendum banning the construction of new nuclear reactors, or nuclear waste storage facilities within the Commonwealth with supporting research and the prior approval of the voters of Massachusetts.

Governor Healey’s bill, Section 45, specifically seeks to overturn that voter-approved referendum and allow for the construction of new so-called Modular Nuclear Reactors in the Commonwealth.

This is objectionable not only as a violation of the democratically expressed will of the voters of Massachusetts. It is also an attempt to deny the facts of commercial nuclear energy, which the citizens of the Commonwealth have learned first-hand with the so-called reactor cleanup at Plymouth – where Holtec International first attempted to dispose of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay before the Attorney General stepped in to halt that carcinogenic discharge. Then Holtec began evaporating the wastewater, releasing carcinogens into the air instead of the water.

This problem remains ongoing and unresolved. The truth of the

matter is that there is no safe disposal of radioactive wastes, which are the inevitable byproduct of the commercial production of nuclear energy, whether in large reactors like the one that was finally shut down in Plymouth in 2019 after years of unplanned outages, accidental releases of radiation, and lax regulatory oversight, or in the proposed modular nuclear reactors.

Each modular reactor would cost billions of dollars to construct, money far better spent on safe, renewable energy technologies like photovoltaics, wind, tidal power, run-of-the-river hydro, and geothermal. A similar investment in these forms of energy would truly provide Massachusetts with energy affordability and independence – without leaving the carcinogenic legacy of radioactive waste for future generations to be exposed to.

As you may know, some of the cancer-causing nuclides produced in the course of nuclear fission in reactors large or small remain car-

cinogetic for up to 200,000 years.

It is for these good reasons that the voters of Massachusetts approved Question 2 to ban the future siting of nuclear reactors – large or small – in the Commonwealth in 1982.

It is the height of hubris on the part of the Governor to now seek to circumvent the will of the voters in this matter, and it would be the height of folly for the Joint Committee hearing her bill today to allow H.4144 to move forward with Section 45 included – to allow for the continued production of nuclear power in Massachusetts, when there is no known method of safely disposing of the nuclear waste it would produce.

Choose a path of safe, renewable, affordable, truly Green energy production, and do not leave a toxic legacy of nuclear waste for generations of descendants of the people who elected you to deal with.

Thank you,

David Detmold
Montague

Please Amplify Mega-Millionaire

Here’s an Op/Ed from Steve Kirsch presenting the best record level data on the truth about the COVID vaccine.

Please publish this Op/Ed under the name of its author, Steve Kirsch. (Unlike “The People’s CDC” which was published without a name, probably contrary to the *Montague Reporter’s* requirements.) It counters the fears expressed in the “denunciation of Vaccine Access Restrictions” by showing that in fact the restrictions are a method of beginning to protect vulnerable populations. I’m

sure Mr. Kirsch would be glad to give permission for you to reprint his newsletter article of 6/20/25.

The “Public Health Experts” of “The People’s CDC” likely include many members and shareholders of the pharmaceutical companies making trillions of dollars on the COVID mRNA vaccines, for which no tests have yet been done with an inert control group, and which continue with “emergency use authorization” despite no emergency existing.

Gloria Kegeles
Wendell

Published weekly on Thursdays.
*Every other week in July and August.
No paper the fourth week of November,
or the final week of December.*

PHONE: (413) 863-8666
EMAIL:
editor@montaguereporter.org
ads@montaguereporter.org
bills@montaguereporter.org
subscriptions@montaguereporter.org
events@montaguereporter.org
poetry@montaguereporter.org
science@montaguereporter.org

Send address changes to:
The Montague Reporter
177 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Advertising and copy deadline is
MONDAY at NOON.

This newspaper shall not be liable for errors in advertisements, but will print without charge that part of the advertisement in which an error occurred. The publishers reserve the right to refuse advertising for any reason and to alter copy or graphics to conform to standards of the newspaper, such as they are.

Annual Subscription Rate:
\$40 for walking subscriptions;
\$50 for driving route subscriptions;
\$75 for mailed subscriptions;
\$40 to \$75 for digital subscriptions.

Call us or contact
subscriptions@montaguereporter.org
with any questions.

**WE WELCOME
YOUR LETTERS!**

*ORIGINAL CONTENT ONLY, PLEASE
LIMIT 4 PER YEAR*

Montague Reporter
177 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

**editor@
montaguereporter.org**

Sign Me Up!

\$20 { 6 months (23 issues) for our walking routes
4½ months (18 issues) for our driving routes
3 months (12 issues) for mailed subscriptions

The Montague Reporter
177 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Name: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
Email (optional): _____

TURNERS FALLS AND VICINITY. (Going three times...)

Compiled by MIKE JACKSON

Here we are at last, “Edition Z” – the 26th consecutive weekly issue between our late December and early July weeks off of publication. Next edition hits newsstands July 10. We thank the Others who set our schedule before us and saw fit to give us breaks. **It’ll be biweekly** ‘til September 4. If big news happens in the off weeks, sorry but you’re on your own.

The heat finally broke as we put this together.

There’s a **new sinkhole** in Turners, a small one on Avenue A. Blink and you’ll miss it.... but peer in and you’ll start to wonder.



Joe R. Parzych sent this photo of a worker schlepping stuff up to the Montague **town hall roof** a few weeks back. No further explanation is needed. There’s a lot of stuff up there these days.

Two members of The National Spiritual Alliance, David James and the Rev. Sheryl Sadler-Twyon, will be at Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls at 1 p.m. this Saturday to read from *Spirit And Spa*, the “memoiristic and vintage photographic **portrait of Lake Pleasant**” written by Mr. James and the late Louise Shattuck.

The former sent a well-written 465-word promotional article that would have lured you there if we had found enough space to run it. The bank is

also holding a drawing this month for a first-edition copy of the book signed by both authors.

If it has been a while since you went to a **mudball unveiling**, you’re in luck – they’re doing one this Saturday afternoon at the Great Falls Discovery Center.

The event, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., is variously billed as an “unveiling and celebration,” a “J.A.M.B.-O-REE,” and a annual meeting of the Friends of the Disco Center. The roughly 500-pound boulder recently dragged to the Center and containing within it visible armored mud-ball specimens will be appropriately worshipped in veiled and unveiled states, refreshments will be offered for munching, and geology professor Richard Little, famous for making this vicinity famous by discovering lithified armored mud-balls whose formation dates to the Jurassic period here – there’s the J.A.M.B. – will edify all comers with a lecture in multiple media.

As of press time it does look like it could rain, but most of the event will be held safe and dry in the Center’s Great Hall.

That night, if you are still downtown, there are **simultaneous concerts** planned at the Shea Theater and Rendezvous and Harvest and Brick House and Unnameable Books. That’s *five* simultaneous shows. Please reference our Events calendar (pp. B8 and B9) and choose wisely.

Blind item: A reporter, soliciting a small farm in our vicinity to submit to some press coverage, came back to his editor hat in hand. Last time they made it into print, they explained, they received “**pushback from vegans**” on the internet.

Someone let us know they found white supremacist fliers in one of the local **little free libraries**. We’ve seen a sticker or two over the years, usually quick parking distance from the bridge to Route 2, but this is a step forward.

We don’t want ‘em here. Lit drops are commonly used as entry-level recruitment tools by organized groups, with an escalation of harmful and antisocial acts to follow, though it could also be a motivated solo self-convert. Either way, this paper will give \$40 to the first reader who photographs or otherwise positively identifies anyone distributing garbaggio of that nature locally. Heads up.



Parade! “Someone located and has now carefully taped this original page from a nearly 49-year-old issue of the *Greenfield Recorder* to the wall beside the bulletin boards in the Food City vestibule,” reader Jen Audley explained of the attached photo. “Unclear what the 50,000 in the headline refers to – the caption below parade says 5,000 people watched the **bicentennial parade** in Montague.”

We all make mistakes.... and in our line of work, seeing a typo like that triggers a small trauma response. I don’t think I would ever sleep if I knew my worst ones would be posted in supermarket entryways a half century later.

Next Friday, July 4, at 11 a.m., Center for New Americans will host their annual **mass naturalization ceremony** outside the county courthouse in Northampton. “We anticipate that approximately 50 applicants representing more than 30 different countries will take their Oath of Allegiance to the US,” the organization reports.

It sure doesn’t seem like an easy time to immigrate here – no one born with that legal status should take it for granted. As we head into our Independence Day break, the feds want to end birthright citizenship, people are being grabbed at courthouses and schools to meet deportation quotas, and visas are being cut off in retaliation for what was recently understood as protected speech.

But a naturalized citizen is also on course to become mayor of New York, which I happen to think is pretty cool. Interesting times.

Send your little bits of news to editor@montaguereporter.org.



GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays 9-1PM
May-October

Peskeompskut Park
Turners Falls, MA

Snap and HIP Accepted



WENDELL COUNTRY STORE

"It's just a stone's throw from reality."
Groceries - Videos - Home Baked Goods
Beer - Wine - Liquor

MON - SAT 7-9, SUNDAY 8-8
978-544-8646

Lockes Village Rd.
1/2 mile south of Wendell Center



GREENFIELD FARMERS COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE

Locally Owned Since 1918

269 High Street - Greenfield
(413) 773-9639

Local Farmer-Owned

Products for the home,
farm, pets, yard & garden

If you
Feed it - Seed it - Weed it
We GOT it!

www.greenfieldfarmerscoop.com

OP ED Rep Calls On Constituents to ‘Stand Up’

By LIS McLOUGHLIN

NORTHFIELD – I went to US Representative Jim McGovern’s town meeting in Athol because I needed to feel supported, and I am very glad I did. He began by remarking that there is a lot we can do, and took questions for two hours from the audience of over 100 people. I came away feeling like there’s some chance for us to save or rebuild democracy because of Rep. McGovern, and the caring, passionate citizens who took part in the event.

What is going on? McGovern said many Republicans tell him in private that they agree with him, then vote the other way because they are afraid of the president, and that they will not be funded for re-election. Personally, I find this unconscionable. If they can’t do their jobs according to their own moral compass, they should quit.

Fear is powerful, and it feels like the executive branch is trying to make citizens afraid so we will sit down and shut up. Most of the audience’s questions were about what we can do, and McGovern’s answers fell into three categories:

First, *notice*. See that our gov-

ernment, especially oversight, is being disassembled, and don’t take for granted that this will pass. It may not. It’s important to be in it for the long haul and to expect challenges, even to be made a target.

Second, it’s important to not get overwhelmed, and *focus on what you can do*, even if it means leaving your comfort zone. Ways to do that are to show up, nonviolently; to vote; and to use your voice to encourage others.

McGovern emphasized that protests and stand-outs inspire others – he said he’s always inspired to see even one person out with a sign at a rotary. Votes matter in every election, from local to national, and while he emphasized that local action is important, other states need even more help than we do. Many Republicans in Congress won their elections by less than 2%, and especially in those states it matters to stay engaged and vote.

We can help educate people and support their rights through their own local organizations, and if that is too much, we can talk to friends and relatives in other states and encourage them to speak out, show up, and vote. McGovern emphasized this three times: talk to those you

know about why the current attacks on democracy make this an important time to be involved, especially if they can vote in a place where democracy’s opponents now rule.

Third, both the speaker and audience emphasized media and community. McGovern suggested setting a good example by taking part in local politics effectively and efficiently. In answer to questions about youth, he suggested encouraging young people to become lawyers and politicians, to work through legal means for change.



The Athol town hall meeting included two hours of questions and answers.

frustration with the Democratic Party. McGovern agreed that it needs to be less timid, and create an agenda that tells people how it can help them in their everyday lives.

The party, he said, also needs to do more to reassess and protect checks and balances. Congressional rights such as budget and war powers, and the right of the judicial branch to make and enforce decisions, are under attack. When court decisions are disregarded, this must be challenged.

McGovern ended by reminding us we didn’t become the United States by sitting back. Rosa Parks, he pointed out, wasn’t in Congress: citizens and politicians alike need to stand up and be hopeful.

We can’t all be Rosa Parks, but I believe that if everyone does something for even one hour a month that they are passionate about, that they are reasonably good at, and that needs to be done, our democracy would be unstoppable. Look online for a group near you working on something essential that you love, and join. Not only will you feel less alone, you will make a difference.

Lis McLoughlin lives in Northfield.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!




Renaissance Excavating, Inc.

COMPLETE SITE WORK

Septic & Drainage Systems | Sand, Gravel & Loam

Main Road, Gill
Douglas Edson 413.863.4462
renexc@gmail.com cell 413.834.2201

INFO@RENBUILD.NET
413-863-8316



RENAISSANCE BUILDERS

WWW.RENBUILD.NET • PO BOX 272, TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376



RENAISSANCE PAINTING

SINCE 1970
LICENSED, INSURED
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR PAINTING, ALL PHASES
POWER WASHING

BRIAN MCCUE, PRESIDENT
240 GREENFIELD ROAD • MONTAGUE, MA 01351
PHONE & FAX: 413-367-9896 • RENAISSANCEPAINTINGCOMPANY.COM

RECYCLE

PAPER

Week of June 30
BOTTLES & CANS

Week of July 7
in Montague



more info? call: 863-2054


WE DIG FRANKLIN COUNTY

- Loam
- Gravel
- Sand
- Natural Stone



(413) 774-1285

NANCY L. DOLE
BOOKS & EPHEMERA



20 State Street, Bucklandside
Shelburne Falls
413-625-9850
ndole@crocker.com

OPEN three days a week
Tues, Weds, Thurs – 11 to 6
(also by chance or appt.)

SUPPORT LOCAL INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM



SEND ANY UNWANTED PIZZA COUPONS TO

THE “MONTAGUE REPORTER,”
177 AVENUE A,
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376

ALSO ACCEPTED IN PERSON OR IN MAILBOX

FOOD from page A1

nutritionally adequate and safe foods.” Food insecurity is the lack of access to such food, or uncertainty about where one’s next meal will come from.

Statewide, about one in three Massachusetts residents reported experiencing food insecurity at some point in 2024, nearly twice as many as in 2019. This data comes from the fifth report in a series by the Greater Boston Food Bank and Mass General titled *The Cost of Hunger in Massachusetts*. The study polled more than 3,000 Massachusetts residents and compared the results with recent years.

Hampden County has the highest rate of food insecurity in the state, with 54% of households reporting some level of food insecurity in the previous 12 months, an increase of 6% over the previous year.

This self-reported data suggests periodic lack of food access to be a more widespread problem in the region than some other sources, including Feeding America’s *Map the Meal Gap* reports, which are cited on the FBWM website and are estimates based on economic and demographic statistics. For example, the latest Feeding America figures show only a 13.3% food insecurity rate in Hampden County, and 19.6% among children.

The Food Bank of Western Mass also collects data from 200 food pantries, meal sites, and other programs across the region to attempt to measure the need for food assistance. Over the last year demand has increased by 10%, according to Moorehouse, up from 111,000 people served every month regionwide to 124,000.

Given the increased need for assistance, Moorehouse said he is worried that the federal government’s threatened cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),

the main form of food aid in the country, could jeopardize the region’s food safety net.

“If these cuts are implemented, significantly more people will turn to the Food Bank and our region’s already strained food assistance network,” he said. “We cannot make up for the scale of the federal SNAP program. SNAP provides nine times as many meals as our region’s food assistance network.”

About 192,000 western Massachusetts residents receive SNAP benefits, Moorehouse told the *Reporter*. The Senate Republicans’ reconciliation bill currently proposes cutting SNAP funding by nearly one-third in FY’26 and implementing a “cost-sharing” requirement for states, which could significantly impact the benefits available to these families.

“Federal programs like SNAP are successful because they are designed to respond quickly and fairly to the needs across all states,” he said. “Shifting benefit costs to states risks creating funding gaps that harm communities or force cuts to food assistance and other critical social service programs, which could have devastating consequences.”

Nutrition programs for children, he added, could be particularly impacted by the cuts.

“Summer is here, and tens of thousands of children in western Massachusetts will lose access to school meals,” he said. “Any cuts to federal benefits will be devastating for children in our region.”

Adequate nutrition, financial stability, and physical health are inextricably linked, the *Cost of Hunger in Massachusetts* report explained. In households that reported experiencing food insecurity last year, 51% of children suffer from a least one chronic health condition, compared with 42% of “food-secure households.” And

while 6% of food-secure households reported having trouble paying for medical costs, in food-insecure households the figure was 33%.

“Food insecurity doesn’t happen in isolation; it is one key social determinant of health in a network of interconnected and compounding affordability crises,” Dr. Elsie Taveras, chief community health and health equity officer at Mass General Brigham, wrote in a statement the hospital system released alongside last week’s report.

“Food insecurity devastates our most vulnerable neighbors while placing preventable stress on our health system when hunger and nutrition insecurity turn into and exacerbate chronic health issues,” she continued. “These findings must renew our commitment to hunger relief for the sake of real community health outcomes, our health system, and our economy.”

The report estimates that statewide, it would cost \$2 billion annually to end food insecurity.

In response to the growing need for food assistance and threatened federal cuts, the FBWM has been advocating with lawmakers to protect federal food and health programs. Moorehouse said the FBWM plans to raise additional funds to purchase more food to meet the region’s growing demand without any pause in services.

“We have seen increased support from the community – we know we can count on the people of western Massachusetts when the going gets tough – whether it’s increased donations, more volunteers, or larger corporate sponsorships,” he said.

In the meantime, Moorhouse urged residents to lobby members of the US Senate to vote against the current budget bill. As of press time, the cuts reportedly faced opposition from some GOP lawmakers, and the bill was still under intense negotiation.



ERVING from page A1

the amount of time the resident lives in the rehabbed home. Older loans must be repaid in full if the property is sold.

FCRHRA community development director Brian McHugh explained that some loan payments are considered “program income,” and must therefore be spent under restrictive federal guidelines for additional homeowner repair loans, but others are considered “miscellaneous income” and may be redirected to a home improvement program fund (HIPF) under the town’s control.

Board members agreed that the town should establish an HIPF, which would still be managed by FCRHRA. Details about how the HIPF would provide money to homeowners will be decided at future meetings.

Traffic Calming

Moore Street residents Willi Ryan and Kim Skyrn, who had presented problems they had documented with speeding on the street at the selectboard’s June 2 meeting, returned on Monday.

Selectboard chair Jacob Smith gave them an update on actions the town has taken, including contacting the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) District 2 traffic engineer, collecting data about traffic frequency and speed

with the help of Franklin Regional Council of Governments, and planning a count of vehicles turning at roads intersecting Moore Street.

Ryan and Skyrn asked that community members be included in developing options for traffic-calming changes. Board members cautioned that working with state agencies such as MassDOT can take time, but said they would continue to pursue solutions and keep residents informed. Jacob Smith predicted the next update would come in late July or early August.

Greenway Ball Moves

The board reviewed a study prepared by Green International Affiliates on the feasibility of the proposed Blue Heron Greenway, a mixed-use trail between Erving and Wendell. and decided to file it with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Town administrator Bryan Smith said the authors “tried to speak to the concerns from the public.” Many of the questions from Wendell residents concerned “overbuilding” the trail with an asphalt surface.

Selectboard member Scott Bastarache noted that the feasibility study was not a final plan.

“The point was to assess the scope and opportunities,” Bryan Smith said.

Selectboard member James Loynd recommended that the town

“keep the ball moving forward.”

Road Regs

The board reviewed proposed road-opening regulations for a fourth time, and asked water superintendent Peter Sanders to make more changes, including to text regarding the process for shutting off delinquent water accounts.

“Go through all of it from top to bottom with a fine-tooth comb,” Jacob Smith told him.

“A lot of this is your current regulation, from 2013,” Bryan Smith commented.

Jacob Smith recommended tabling further review to “a future date.”

As Sanders readied to leave, Bastarache commented, “I think we beat you up enough.”

“I’ve got my homework,” Sanders replied.

Other Business

The selectboard voted unanimously to establish a Pearl B. Care Museum committee, composed of five members, and then appointed Theresa Dodge, Kelly Loynd, and BettyLou Mallet to the new committee.

Since 2022, Clinical Support Options has provided the town with “co-responder” social services for certain police department calls, paid for by a state grant renewed each year. Police chief Robert Holst

informed the board that he has not been notified that the funding will be awarded for the next fiscal year.

Bryan Smith requested that the board appoint a member to work with Holst to consider options if the funding is not awarded. Because Bastarache will be leaving the board as of June 30 and William Bembury joining it July 1, the board decided to wait until their July 7 meeting to decide on the appointee.

The board decided to table until July 7 a review of procurement documents for modular office buildings for the public works department.

The board made 22 appointments to town boards and committees, naming each person and board or committee and voting on each. By a separate motion the board appointed Philip Johnson, Gerald Sykes III, and Sarah Vega-Liros to the recently reconstituted cable advisory committee.

CivicPlus, the town’s website platform provider, plans to discontinue the current platform and will migrate the website to a new “starter” platform. Because Erving had already voted to upgrade its website, the board voted to approve payment of \$50,841 for the initial installation of the upgrade, which will allow online permitting, licensing, and registrations.

“It costs more,” Bryan Smith said, “but it expands service offerings.”



PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!



OrigamiUSA

Origami is for anyone, anywhere, anytime!

Join us at: **OrigamiUSA.org**
Email: **admin@origamiusa.org**
Tel: **212.769.5635**

- Find a local community origami group
- Fold from diagrams in our publications
- Shop for origami paper and books
- And much more!

DOLAN & DOLAN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

174 AVENUE A
TURNERS FALLS MASSACHUSETTS 01376
413-863-3133

PERSONAL INJURY, WILLS & ESTATES, WORKER'S COMP

DIEMAND FARM
WENDELL, MA



GRADUATIONS BIRTHDAYS MEETINGS WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES FUNERALS



THEDIEMANDFARM.COM
(978) 544-3806

greenfield records

Vinyl records, cassettes, CDs, DVDs, books

discogs: johndoejunior
buy/sell/trade

275 main st. greenfield ma



M-Th. 11-5
Fri-Sat. 11-6
Sun. 12-5

@greenfieldrecordsma
f johndohjunior

greenfield-records.com

WITH **JOHN PAGANETTI**
NORTHFIELD, MA

413.248.3537

VERY SERIOUS MASSAGE.com

SPIRITS, BREWS & FINE WINES

53C S. Main St. South Deerfield, MA
295 Amherst Rd. Sunderland, MA

New Location Now Open:
6 Main Road, in Gill
(formerly Jan's Package Store)
Come check us out!

Deerfield: (413) 665-2456
Sunderland: (413) 665-5030
Gill: (413) 863-5730



THE SPIRIT SHOPPE

GMRSD from page A1

Gill-Montague through the hiring process, apparently did not know about.

“I’m sorry – I’m a little out of patience,” she told her committee, and then addressed DESE, which might always be listening: “If you want to choose the superintendents for the districts, do it, if that’s what you need to do – I’m really feeling that we’re not being respected.”

As Beck’s last day is Monday and school districts are not allowed to operate without superintendents, the committee may need to appoint an “interim interim” that day if the jam-up has not cleared. It was revealed that at least two staff members already in the room – business manager Joanne Blier and technology director Tina Mahaney – hold licenses to serve as school superintendents.

“Would you like to be superintendent for a day?” Oakes joked. “It comes with a crown...”

“We’re dealing with the state,” said Montague member Wendy Thompson. “It may not be just for a day.”

The rest of the meeting was short and straightforward. The internet service at Turners Falls High School was down, but the air conditioning was functioning. Beck read an appreciative going-away statement.

“As a family, we feel blessed to live in such a wonderful community that provides exceptional support for our schools and our children,” he said. “Most of all, I would like to thank the students in our schools. They’re so kind

and helpful, and have always made me feel warm and welcome.... You can count on my continued support.”

Oakes then read a statement on behalf of the committee wishing Beck well.

Kristin Dietz, who has served for a year as assistant principal at Sheffield Elementary, was appointed director of pupil services. Beck highlighted her past work experiences with special education and therapeutic programming, and expressed high hopes that her promotion would be of benefit to Great Falls Middle School.

“I’m excited about it as well,” Dietz told the committee. “My heart is in middle school.”

At its prior meeting, the committee had approved a new assistant pupil services position, at the expense of the community liaison position.

The committee discussed holding a “retreat” one evening this summer, and registration and logistics for the MASC annual conference this fall in Hyannis. Several accounts-payable warrants were approved unanimously.

A ceremony to dedicate the high school pool to former swim coach Wes Snapp is planned for next Tuesday, July 1 at noon. Celebrants are asked to meet in the lobby. Free breakfasts and lunches are available for youth this summer at Unity Park and the Carnegie Library.

The committee will meet next on July 8, unless the June 30 session to crown an interim interim superintendent proves necessary.



HAVE A HAPPY

4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY

PZ

PARTRIDGE ZSCHAU INSURANCE

We have more than insurance.

We have experience...

25 Millers Falls Road

(413) 863-4331

www.pzinc.com

auto | home | business | annuities

NOURSE from page A1

infusion of capital in 2023 from Solum Partners, an investment management firm focused on food and agriculture, according to iGrowNews.

“When I took the position of CEO in 2022 there were a lot of tailwinds behind us and we needed to take advantage of that, so we made a decision to seek outside help and had several suitors,” said Place, who listed several major reasons why the farm was able to attract so much investment capital.

“The consumer demand for berries has gone up nine to 10 percent a year for about 10 years, and there was a huge unmet demand for quality berries,” he said. “People want healthy foods with natural antioxidants.”

Another major factor was a precipitous drop in the global berry supply, caused by a fungal disease known as Neo-P. Strawberry crops from the largest national producers, including China and Mexico, have been decimated.

Meanwhile, Nourse Farms has enjoyed a reputation for growing clean, high-quality berry plants from tissue cultures at its lab since 1980, and Massachusetts has thus far avoided the fungal plague of Neo-P. Finally, consumers want to buy fresh berries locally, and by far the largest customer base of Nourse Farms are thousands of commercial growers around the United States and Canada.

All of these factors contributed to the huge new facility in Whately, including massive water tanks that take 4.5 million gallons of rainwater from the zig-zagging roof on

the 4.5-acre greenhouse, sanitizing it and distributing it to the mother plants, and then recycling the water through a new catchment pond next to the facility.

“Rainwater is the gold standard to feed plants,” said Place. “Our motto around here is the berry plants start clean, and they stay clean.”

Place spoke over the hum of computer-driven watering systems that glide up and down thousands of trays in the sprawling, high-tech greenhouse, which is expected to expand from 4.5 acres to a 10-acre facility over the next five years.

“We control our own destiny with all lab-grown, clean mother plants, and we keep the environment controlled and under cover from rain and mud splashing,” he said.

Neo-P is not the only fungal disease that threatens berry plants, and every fungus thrives in warm and humid conditions, which is why Neo-P has caused the most devastation in Mexico, Florida, and the southeastern US, though the fungus has also spread to Ohio and Indiana. Just a few months ago, the Blooms and Berries Farm Market in Loveland, Ohio, canceled its annual strawberry festival because it was unable to find disease-free plants to grow this year.

Between 2017 and 2020, Mexico reportedly lost more than 50% of its strawberry crop.

Growing their mother plants in strictly controlled conditions, then growing the “runner” plants in open fields up and down the Connecticut River, allows Nourse Farms to meet the steeply growing demand for healthy plants. The company has also grown berries on 100 acres

Place inspects mother plants in Nourse Farms’ newly built 4.5-acre high-tech greenhouse.

in Pasco, Washington, for 35 years. Meanwhile, the recent infusion of capital funded the construction of a third site near Asheville, North Carolina, where 28 acres of new greenhouse space was recently completed.

Large commercial berry growers that invest millions in massive greenhouses can’t afford to wait a year for berry plants to start producing fruit, so Nourse Farms fills the niche by starting the plants in endless rows under the new high-tunnel greenhouses. Earlier this week, a computer-driven irrigation system was hard at work watering long

cane hydroponic raspberry plants grown in a coconut husk substrate. Once the plants are shipped to a commercial grower, Place said, each cane will produce about five pounds of fruit in 90 days.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Place graduated from the agriculture school at the University of Delaware and was an agricultural consultant when he started his first farm “from scratch” at age 26, producing everything from milk and eggs to beef and vegetables.

What drove him to farming?

“I love cooking and growing

food,” he said. “At home you’ll find a lot of Brazilian-style live fire cooking for family and friends. I’ve always been very passionate about feeding people.”

The Nourse Farms website features a “Berry Good Eats Recipe Book” as well as advice on attracting pollinators, along with information on best practices for growing berries, including more unusual strains such as gooseberries, currants, and purple, gold, and yellow raspberries.

When Roger Lewis started a modest strawberry nursery by the Connecticut River in 1932, he couldn’t possibly have imagined what it would become 93 years later. The Nourse Farms website sums up the farm’s recent expansion.

“Looking ahead, Nourse Farms is poised for an exciting future in berry propagation, fueled by an infusion of increased capital,” according to the website. “As market demand presents itself, we are ready and equipped to answer the call, scaling our operations to meet and exceed expectations. Our commitment to innovation and quality remains unwavering as we embark on this new chapter. With these strategic investments, we aim to solidify our position as a leader in the industry...”

GAGNON PHOTOS

Left: Massive tanks collect rainwater from the roof of the 4.5-acre greenhouse. Right: The recently completed irrigation system feeds berry plants in the high-tunnel greenhouses.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

Lic #36550-EL1-413-345-1687

ELECTRICIAN

CHRIS M. STRAKOSE

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

ALL ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS

EMERGENCY SERVICE

9 SWAMP ROAD

MONTAGUE, MA 01351

EMAIL: CSTRAKOSE.ELEC@GMAIL.COM

FULLY INSUREDFREE CONSULTATION

STONEDWORK

BUILD. REBUILD. MEND.

R. SKELTON, WALLER

(413) 367-2435 • skelton.rob@gmail.com

“Every great cause begins as a movement, becomes a business, and eventually degenerates into a racket.”

Eric Hoffer, ‘The Temper of Our Time’

CONGRATULATIONS TURNERS FALLS SOFTBALL



MIAA DIVISION 5 STATE CHAMPIONS!

A.H. Rist Insurance, Inc.
159 Avenue A, Turners Falls
863-4373 • facebook.com/RistInsurance
www.ahrist.com • Congratulations!

Booska's Flooring
169 Avenue A, Turners Falls
863-3690 • Congratulations!

**Green Fields Market /
Franklin Community Coop**
Bringing the Thunder!
Congrats, State Champs TF Softball!

Mackin Construction
We Dig Franklin County
Since 1900 • 773-3622
Congratulations, Thunder!

Montague Community Television
863-9200 • www.montaguetv.org
Congratulations, Team, from
everyone at MCTV!



Autumn Thornton connects during the sixth inning of the April 25 game against the Greenfield Green Wave.

DAVID HOITT PHOTOS

Partridge-Zschau Insurance
25 Millers Falls Road
(413) 863-4331 • pzinc.com
Congratulations,
Turners Falls Thunder!

The Rendezvous Crew
78 Third Street, Turners Falls
thevoo.net • 863-4455
Congratulations!

Scotty's on the Hill
863-9634 • Congratulations,
Girls and Coaches!
Awesome job as usual!

Upinngil Farm
411 Main Rd, Gill
www.upinngil.com • 863-4431
Congratulations!!



Addison Talbot makes the final out in the top of the fourth in the May 7 game against Hampshire Regional.

Diemand Farm
Mormon Hollow Road, Wendell
thediemandfarm.com
Congratulations, Champs!

Greenfield Solar
Advice, Design, and Installation
772-3122 • 2 Fisk Avenue
Congratulations, Team!!

Pipione's Sport Shop
Congratulations, Softball Team!
101 Avenue A, Turners Falls
863-4246

Rau's Auto
531 Turners Falls Road, Montague
367-2475 • Expert towing services
Congratulations, Team!

Shea Theater Arts Center
www.sheatheater.org
Congrats to our hometown team!

Turn It Up
Montague Book Mill
367-0309 • www.turnitup.com
Go, Blue!



Seniors and team captains Marilyn Abarua, Mia Marigliano, and Madison Liimatainen celebrate the team's victory in the June 14 state championship game at UMass Amherst.

DAM from page A1

the bascule gates were detected in 2022 and 2023, but according to the company this month’s failure was unrelated.

Douglas told FERC the company plans to draw down the water level on Monday, July 7 until it is level with the broken gate’s “crest,” and anticipates the project will last four days. During that week, he wrote, the water elevation of the “Turners Falls Impoundment” (TFI) would drop down to 170 feet above sea level, “approximately 6 feet below the permitted low operating pool elevation of 176,” and it would then take a day to fill the TFI back to “normal pool operating levels around 180’.”

FirstLight spokesperson Claire Belanger told the *Reporter* the company had reviewed “almost a dozen” options before settling on the current plan.

“To mitigate disruption to boat-based recreation and water activities, we are seeking to do the work after the July 4th holiday and during the week,” she said, “with the goal of returning the river to normal levels by the following weekend.”

Belanger said the company has been consulting with a “broad swath of stakeholders” about the planned drawdown, including marinas and dock owners and federal and state environmental agencies.

A request to the nonprofit Connecticut River Conservancy for comment on the plan did not receive answers before press time this week.

“FirstLight acknowledges that there will be some impacts on fish passage and spawning and rearing habitats,” Douglas wrote in his letter to FERC, though he added that the

annual upstream passage of spawning American shad is expected to be finished before the drawdown. Downstream-traveling fish, he wrote, will pass through the power canal and back into the river through the “log sluice” bypassing the Cabot Station hydroelectric plant.

Douglas’s filing also acknowledged that the drawdown may have an impact on nest-spawning species.

River enthusiasts have noted this week that the water elevation is already low, fluctuating each day as the hydro company fills its pumped-storage station upstream at Northfield Mountain and then releases the water to generate power.

“We do expect that boats will be beached, and recommend that boat owners take any action they see fit to safeguard their vessels.”

– Claire Belanger, FirstLight Power

The *Reporter* was unable to reach staff at the Franklin County Boat Club at Barton Cove, but a call to the Turners Falls Rod & Gun Club, which operates docks on the Montague side of the river at Deep Hole Drive, confirmed what other boaters described off the record.

“You can’t get out of here in the morning,” member Chris Pervere said around 3 p.m. on Wednesday. “They started putting water back into the river, same as yesterday, but it’s probably another hour before a motorboat could get in and out of here.”

Pervere added that for the past

three days, he could see bluegill and pumpkinseed nests drying out in the morning and early afternoon “mud flats.”

In an email sent at 4:38 p.m., Belanger wrote that “[a]t this current moment” the impoundment elevation was “178.9 ft and increasing.”

The low levels this week, Belanger said, were due to three factors: “low natural flows” of water coming down the river overall; the dam’s broken and “partially lowered” bascule gate; and the operation of the pumped-storage station, which she said was at the request of New England’s electricity grid operator.

“ISO-NE issued a notice of expected abnormal conditions due to the extreme heat, which is why we needed to make sure Northfield was available,” she explained.

She added that the company’s ability to quickly restore normal river elevations above the dam after the repairs are finished also “depends on inflow – if flows are low, it may be more challenging – but we will do our best to make that happen with the factors we can control.”

In the meantime, she said, FirstLight is trying to get the word out widely that the planned repairs will impact the river above the dam.

“We understand it will take some time and repetition to get to all the people we’d like to be aware of this work,” she wrote, “so we will continue to communicate and provide updates in many different ways right up until the moment we begin drawing down.”

“We do expect that boats will be beached,” she added, “and recommend that boat owners take any action they see fit to safeguard their vessels.”



LOOKING BACK:
10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here’s the way it was on June 25, 2015: *News from the Montague Reporter’s archive.*

Concerns Over Glyphosates

The Leverett selectboard met Tuesday with residents sharing their concerns about Eversource Energy’s herbicide spraying on power lines. Arborist Jeff Burrell pointed out that even though the town has a bylaw banning the use of pesticides, the state has jurisdiction over the rights of way.

Eversource manager Tony Johnson stated that the use of this herbicide, which contains glyphosate, was approved by the state as being the most cost-effective and the least damaging to the environment.

Resident Kurt Adams said the World Health Organization announced in March that glyphosates are probably carcinogenic, and six or seven countries ban it

outright. “Couldn’t you just do the management with clippers and chainsaws?” he asked.

Johnson defended the use of the herbicide as having the least impact. “If we revert to mowing,” he said, “we take out a lot of desirable native plants.”

A Plethora of State Trophies

On Saturday Turners Falls softball captured the Division 3 state title. For the dynasty that is Turners Falls, the 2015 state championship is one more plaque in the trophy case, one more medal on the metaphorical chest, and one more chance to prove that the little school on the banks of the Connecticut River has earned a storied place in Massachusetts sports history.

Turners Falls has played for the state title an unbelievable 13 times and won seven times: seven state titles since 2004, an amazing feat.

20 YEARS AGO

Here’s the way it was on June 23, 2005: *News from the Montague Reporter’s archive.*

Down Goes the Wall

After years of concern about its structural integrity, the two-story brick wall at 62 Avenue A came crashing down Sunday night, leaving tenants scrambling for shelter in the middle of the night. No one was injured but the attached fire escape collapsed with a thunderous roar, with no secondary exit.

On Wednesday first-floor tenants were allowed to return, but

second- and third-floor residents awaited repairs that could take some time.

Erving Polishes Its Welcome

Artist Bryant Stewart stopped by to inform the Erving selectboard the new Welcome to Erving “mural” has been installed on the east side of the French King Bridge. Several members complimented him for his work and member Andy Tessier added, “Pete is happy,” referring to Pete Cavanaugh, an advocate for replacing the old worn mural painting by Stewart.

150 YEARS AGO

Here’s the way it was on June 23, 1875: *News from the Turners Falls Reporter’s archive.*

Turners Falls and Vicinity

The heavy rains of last week caused the river to rise about two feet.

A vagrant cow has been playing the mischief with a number of gardens in Riverside.

C.L. Loveland of Athol has re-opened the bakery in Second’s block, Third street.

A French class in Father Quaille’s Sunday-school is taught entirely in their own language.

Large quantities of logs are daily passing this point. The rear of the drive is at White River Junction.

A team from Greenfield ran away on L street, Monday evening, throwing the occupants of the carriage, two men under the influence of liquor, out on the road, injuring one of them slightly.

The Greenfield *Times* speaks of a Methodist strawberry festival. It has long been our desire to learn the religious proclivities of the strawberry, and for this information, we

shall long hold the name of the *Times* in grateful remembrance.

A young lady was attacked by a rough on Seventh street, above L, the other night, but her cries for assistance frightened the rascal, and he speedily fled.

Snakes are very numerous this summer. Mr. Gilman saw one that measured over five feet in length, Sunday. And he is a temperance man.

George Hartley is going to build a double cottage on L street, at once, and when finished it will be occupied by a couple of our young business men.

Thomas Lapine of Montague City, while at work at Shelburne Falls, Monday, had a leg smashed by the falling of a heavy rock. Dr. Coy attended him.

There were two saw mills at Turners Falls in 1812, one on the site of the Montague mill and the other where the Turners Falls Lumber Co.’s mill now stands.

A well of water is badly needed at the Oakman school house. The children have to go to the L street reservoir to obtain drinking water, which is annoying to the teachers.



WENDELL from page A1

to install a solar array, but removing only the offending overhang would cost less than \$1,000.

Dornbusch said he was uncertain about cutting a tree down on private property to benefit a private person. He also said cutting the tree at its base may cost less than cutting it from the top down.

Answering a question from selectboard member Paul Doud, Dornbusch said he had enough money in his budget for the work. Selectboard member Adam Feltman cautioned about cutting trees as a favor for a private citizen.

Selectboard chair Laurie DiDonato suggested inviting Heidkamp to the next meeting.

Rehab Loans

Brian McHugh, community development director at the Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (FCRHRA), came for a scheduled public hearing keeping the town aware of the present situation with community development block grant (CDBG) loans for housing rehabilitation.

Interest-free loans, now capped at \$75,000, can be granted to low- or medium-income homeowners for repairs and construction with the goal of bringing their homes up to code. Repayment is prorated over 15 years, so after that time nothing is owed, though if the home is sold during that period the remainder of the loan is due.

Returned payments go back into the loan fund. Wendell now has \$4 million in outstanding loans.

The goal for the current CDBG cycle has been to rehab 16 units in Wendell and Charlemont, Wendell’s partner in the grant. Of the \$800,000 in the original grant, \$423,000 has been spent, with four projects completed and four still underway in Wendell, and one completed in Charlemont.

Since Wendell has used more than Charlemont in this cycle, McHugh said Charlemont residents’ applications will be considered before Wendell residents’, but only if they apply.

McHugh said Wendell town treasurer Carolyn Manley had contacted him about painting the library. He said that when Wendell had previously received a CDBG loan for upgrading town facilities, 51% or

more of its residents earned less than the “moderate income” figure. Now fewer than 51% of residents earn less than that, so the town will not be eligible for projects that benefit the whole community.

However, when the current grant application was submitted, Wendell incomes did fall under the threshold, so McHugh agreed to look into the town’s eligibility.

Other Business

The ballot vote to confirm or deny the Proposition 2½ override budget and debt exclusion approved at the annual town meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4. Manley said town counsel had not yet answered her question of what campaigning is allowed. Town money and facilities may not be used to promote a position, but providing information is allowed.

Attending by Zoom, fire chief Joe Cuneo said he was prepared at the New Salem fire station to give information about a potential new truck and no one came.

Moderator Katie Nolan, who came in person, used the public comment time to say that just before the annual town meeting on June 4, two people had called her asking about disability accommodations. She said she believes state law allows hybrid meetings for representative town meetings, but not open town meetings like Wendell’s. Verifying remote participants’ identity can be difficult, as can maintaining secrecy if a ballot vote is called.

Nolan suggested forming a committee, including herself and town clerk Anna Wetherby, to explore possibilities to increase accessibility. Board members agreed to put it on their next agenda.

Town counsel has not yet responded to a question about the property at 78 Wickett Pond Road. Wendell granted it to a resident after putting out a request for proposals (RFP) that stipulated that the bulk of the property be put under a conservation restriction (CR). The owner, who now wants to sell the house and property, has not yet followed through with the CR.

Board members began a review of appointments that need to be confirmed for FY’26. Dan Leahy is not continuing on the open space committee. Project manager Phil Delorey said he intends to continue in the future as manager of roads and infrastructure only, but not buildings.



PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

**FEDERAL STREET BOOKS**

8 Federal Street, Greenfield
federalstreetbooks.com

Doug’s Auto Body
Doug Smith - Owner

MA Reg. #RS2190
Ph. (413) 863-2785 39 Center Road
Fax: (413) 863-0120 Gill, MA 01354
FREE ESTIMATES **FREE LOANER CARS**
REPAIRS ON FOREIGN & DOMESTIC CARS AND TRUCKS

KEN’S TAX PREP
Old fashion service at old fashion prices
145 Federal Street
Greenfield MA. 01301
Frank Dudek
frank_d_74@kenstaxprep.com
413.773.5600 Office
413.772.5782 Fax



BATTERY from page A1

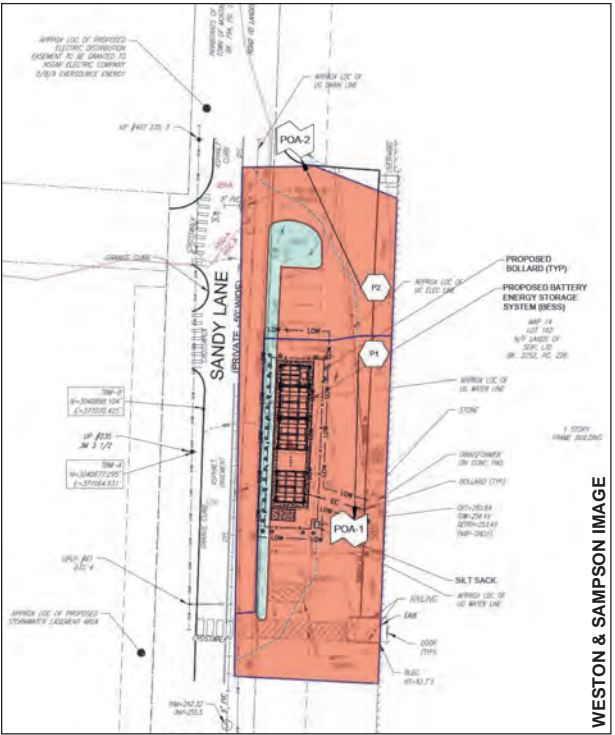
engineering and maintenance manager Anthony Fernando said the company’s electric bills currently average \$150,000 per month.

The meeting began with a presentation by Fernando; Dmytro Gladyshevskiy of PowerBESSCo 2, LLC, the project developer and applicant; Scott McBrayne, chief operating officer of parent company Peak Power, Inc.; and Melinda Costello of the engineering firm Weston & Sampson.

Fernando traced the history of Judd Wire, which began in the 1950s in downtown Turners Falls and was purchased in 1988 by a Japanese company named Sumitomo Electric Industries, which he said puts “corporate citizenship and good Earth principles at the same level as profit.”

He went on to say that the battery would not only reduce electrical costs for his company, but would relieve stress on the electrical grid.

McBrayne said Peak Power, a 10-year-old Toronto-based company that “deploys and optimizes energy-reduction systems to reduce energy costs for clients,” now has “89 sites under management, with close to over 819 megawatts in total.”



A detail from the application prepared by Weston & Sampson.

Costello reviewed the site plan prepared by Weston & Sampson, highlighting its conformity with the town’s zoning bylaws. The area is zoned as “Industrial,” she noted, which allows large-scale storage batteries.

The battery would be built on an existing paved lot previously used for parking. An eight-foot chainlink fence would surround three sides, with protective “bollards” – posts used for traffic control and security – on the Sandy Lane side. This location, Costello said, was chosen because it was near Judd Wire’s “electrical room.”

Planning board member Bob Obeir asked for a stronger rationale as to why the setback was being reduced to five feet, putting the battery at the edge of Sandy Lane. Costello said this left space between the installation and the building for access by emergency vehicles in case of a fire.

Another member asked how this battery compared with those typically attached to solar arrays. Gladyshevskiy said they were comparable, but “we continue

to operate and monitor the system 24/7,” charging the battery at night when “electricity is cheap” and discharging it to Judd Wire during the day.

Town planner Maureen Pollock asked Fernando and Gladyshevskiy to review the operations and maintenance plan, as well as a required decommissioning plan which includes a cost analysis.

During the part of the hearing open for public input Justin Demers, who owns property abutting the east side of Judd Wire, said he supported the project. “We’re only going to need more energy than we do today,” Demers said, “so anything we can do like battery storage – to purchase it when it’s less expensive and when it’s not being used, and then reallocate it for when it’s 100 degrees outside – I think of as a win-win, going forward.”

Pollock read a letter from Montague public health director Ryan Paxton raising a number of “considerations” related to the proposal. Paxton warned that lithium batteries can be “quite dangerous due to the intense nature of their fires,” and the “extreme volume of water and flame retardant needed to suppress said fire, and toxic fumes emitted from said fire.” He asked whether the Turners Falls fire department had the “capacity” to safely respond to such a fire.

Paxton asked whether the developers had considered potential interactions between a fire at the battery and known “combustible” emissions from the nearby landfill, and whether reducing the required setback to five feet might increase the likelihood of a fire if a vehicle “were to collide with the system.”

Pollock then read a statement from assistant Turners Falls fire chief Kyle Cogswell, who she said could not attend the hearing because he was on vacation, and had not seen Paxton’s letter. It stated that “We, the Turners Falls Fire Department, find the location of the system as comfortable as presented in the plans.”

After Gladyshevskiy responded to Paxton’s “bullet points” by saying precautions would be taken to prevent a fire and highlighting the installation’s benefits, the planning board closed the hearing and voted unanimously to issue the special permit.

They set a number of conditions, including that “the finalized emergency management plan be reviewed by the Turners Falls Fire District and the Montague Police Department and shall be submitted to the building commissioner [sic] for that approval.”

Large-scale storage batteries, controversial in a number of towns in the region, are allowed in Montague zoning districts named “Industrial” and “Historic Industrial” with a special permit and site plan review. The current policies regulating solar arrays and batteries were approved in May 2022, with “small-scale” batteries including any under 80 kilowatt-hours in capacity and everything larger termed a Battery Energy Storage Facility, which “shall not constitute a Public Utility.”

These rules were developed in response to a rumor at the time that a company located on Masonic Street in Montague City specializing in “recreational gems” sold to “campgrounds, mini-golf course and family fun centers” was about to sell its land to a battery storage developer.

The only large-scale battery storage facility in Montague serves the solar array built by Kearsarge Solar, LLC just behind Judd Wire, on a capped landfill on town land. It was built before the 2022 bylaw.

The Weston & Sampson plan for the Judd Wire battery estimates construction would take place between September and December 2026.

Funds Available for Home Repairs Town of Montague

Limited funding is available for income-qualified homeowners. HRA administers CDBG program funds for the Town of Montague. Funds are awarded as 0% interest, deferred payment, declining balance loans to correct health and safety deficiencies and to improve the energy efficiency of your home.

To learn more, please contact:



Bridget Phillips
Franklin County Regional Housing
and Redevelopment Authority
(413) 223-5203
bphillips@fcrhra.org
www.fcrhra.org

We are now
accepting **NEW**
medical patients at
our Turners Falls
location!



8 Burnham Street, Turners Falls

- ✓ Joaquin Carral, MD
- ✓ Marie Kolarik, PA-C
- ✓ Elyssa William, FNP

- ✓ Shannon Baker, DNP, FNP-BC
- ✓ Lindsey Pelc, APRN
- ✓ Lisa Miller, FNP



Contact Us:

413-325-8500

www.chcfc.org

Your Health. Our Mission. All Welcome

We accept most insurance!

Please contact us to confirm we take your specific plan.



Wherever you venture...
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!



Competitive rates and discounts
for all of your insurance needs!

159 Avenue A | Turners Falls | 413.863.4373 | ahrist.com

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!



Harriet Paine
REALTOR®

C (413) 475-4203
O (413) 223-1367

harriet@cohnandcompany.com
cohnandcompany.com

117 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301



Serving Home Grown
Farm-inspired Food & Drink



44 Hope Street, Greenfield, MA 01301
Ph 413 774 3150 | hopeandolive.com

small victories
INTERIOR DESIGN



"Not just for fancy people!"

smallvictoriesdesign.com

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY
CO-OP**
GREEN FIELDS MARKET—MCCUSKER'S MARKET

Stomach rumbling?
Feeling a mite *peckish*?
Getting downright **HANGRY**?
Stop by Green Fields Market for oodles
of scrumptious hot & cold options for
breakfast, lunch, and dinner!



franklincommunity.coop
Green Fields Market • 144 Main St. • Greenfield



**MUSIC
&
MOVIES**

BOOKMILL | MONTAGUE CENTER | 367.0309



**SHANAHAN CONSTRUCTION
SUPPLY Co. INC.**
"Rock solid service with level advice"

Complete Masonry Supply
Offering a complete line of pavers,
wall stone, retaining wall block & more.

298 Avenue A, Turners Falls. 413-863-4322
www.shanahansupply.com



warm up at **THE VOO**

many entertainments



all scratch kitchen

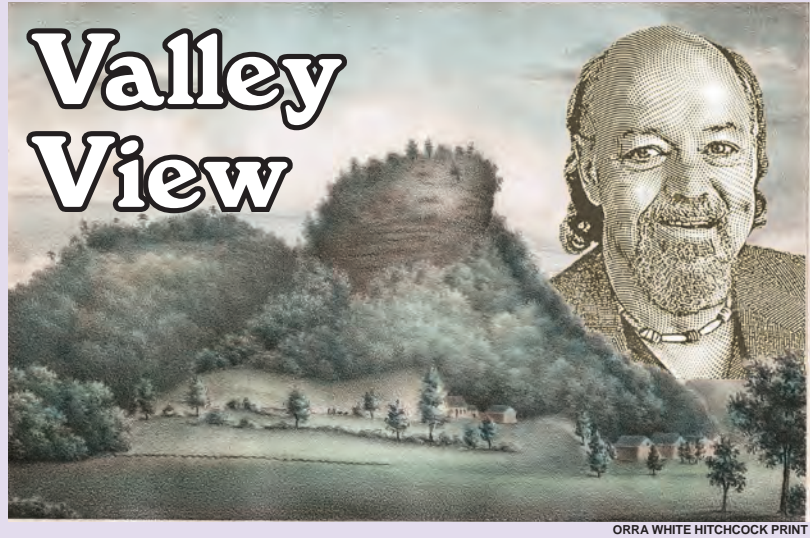
cozy cocktails

78 3rd St TFMA

HOURS/SPECIALS  ORDER ONLINE:
thevoo.net



MAGGIE SADOWAY PHOTO



ORRA WHITE HITCHCOCK PRINT

Pulling Up a Full Net

By GARY SANDERSON

GREENFIELD – Another auction purchase. Another wild ride aimed at discovery. Isn’t that the joy of collecting?

How better to keep a retired old man active, alert and engaged.

One of my latest acquisitions is a large, likely unsigned oil-on-canvas riverscape painting I believe to have great potential. I snagged it at auction a couple months ago. It was described in the catalog as “American School,” and my impression narrowed it down further. I saw it as an early Hudson River or White Mountain School work, though at the time site was not my primary interest.

What immediately captivated me was the activity it pictured. Two men on opposite sides of a raging mountain stream were retrieving fishing nets from the water. The time of year is early autumn, the place our Northeast.

Because there is no evidence of fish or a fish-processing station, in my mind, they were likely picking up for winter storage and mending. Just a guess. But one would think such nets were most likely used during the spring for shad and salmon, or, I suppose, fall Eastern brook trout spawning runs, though

I have never heard of those.

My main focus was on the seines or gillnets shown. I had only read about such nets in sources like *The Diary of Matthew Patten of Bedford, N.H. from 1754 to 1788*, which I featured here in recent months, along with town histories from the Connecticut and Merrimack valleys. All you get is words in those accounts. No illustrations. One has no choice but to rely on imagination. Now, finally, an artist’s depiction. Akin to a photograph. A step in the right direction.

The only previous illustrations I had seen of weirs, traps, nets, hooks, sinkers, and spears came from clear across the land, displayed in Hillary Stewart’s 1977 book *Indian Fishing: Early Methods on the Northwest Coast*. Then, more recently, similar online images. I was forced to assume, and still believe, that the fishing practices of indigenous fishers from faraway North American places differed little from those employed here, first by indigenous people, then by European copycats.

Illustrations of such fishing activity here in the Northeast are still rare, especially early representations, which are virtually

see **VALLEY VIEW** page B4



SANDERSON PHOTO

The author believes this unsigned painting could be from the Hudson River School, and has been trying to locate the place it depicts.

Above: The substation at Cabot Station, as seen from Depot Street in Montague City.

RECOMMENDATIONS CLAIRE’S SUMMER READS

By CLAIRE HOPLEY

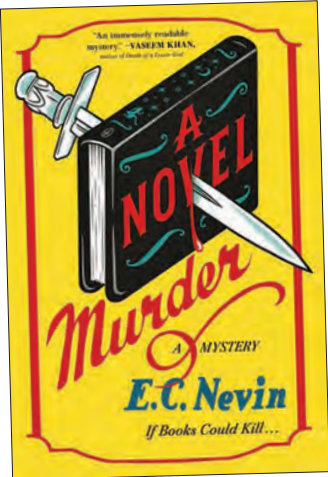
LEVERETT – “Summer reading” conjures up suggestions about new romances, or mysteries, or thrillers. War-time tales get mentioned, too. But your books for summer could equally be oldies, such as Jane Austen’s *Persuasion*, the best romance of all time, or Edgar Allen Poe’s thriller *The Cask of Amontillado* – or almost any of his other chilling stories. For historical novels about war, there’s *War and Peace* or *Catch-22*.

A summer spent luxuriating in the classics is worth thinking about, but if catching up with new novels is what you’d really enjoy, here are five to consider.

The front cover of E.C. Nevin’s *A Novel Murder* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2025) tempts detective fans with an illustration of a dagger stabbed through a book. The back cover trails the information that E.C. Nevin is a pseudonym for an “ex-publishing professional” who worked on crime thrillers. This useful information validates the author’s picture of the publishing industry as one awash in booze and mired in jealousy and treachery.

This truth certainly shocks protagonist Jane Davenport. She’s six feet tall, clumsy, socially awkward, and without friends, yet she’s published six mystery novels. Like her other endeavors, they haven’t done well. Jane is attending a conference of mystery writers hoping to get her seventh novel the attention that will finally propel her to fame.

Things go amiss. Her agent Carrie is murdered, and her editor Frankie is forever disappearing. The cast of characters/suspects is long and varied, and several



have a motive for murder because Carrie was a right piece of work. When the efforts of the conventionally bemused policeman don’t identify the killer, 40ish Jane allies herself with 20-some-things Natasha and Daniel in a team of sleuths who try to get the job done.

Words like “twisty” and “tangled” are the stock-in-trade of reviewers of mystery novels, but they don’t describe *A Novel Murder* very well. Of course, like all sleuths, Jane, Natasha, and Daniel pursue some wrong leads, but the plot is not so much a knot to unravel as a list of potential culprits to check on.

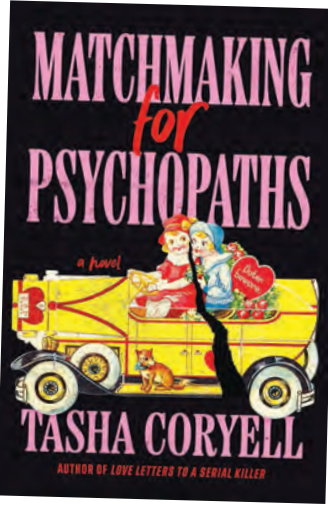
Working through it is a learning process for the three volunteer-detectives, but especially for Jane, who finally gets a dress that suits her and spots a man not only taller than she is but also attracted to her.

A Novel Murder, in other words, is less of a whodunnit and more of a coming-of-age novel. Readers seeking a well-written, feel-good read will find this book balm to the spirit, while those who have ever contemplated publishing a novel will find it horribly enlightening.

If you are looking for a thriller, Tanya Coryell’s *Matchmaking for Psychopaths* (Berkley, 2025) is one to go for. The title is Lexie’s job description: she finds soulmates for psychopaths, most of whom she presents as being – more or less – just like us. Her parents were psychopaths; indeed, her mother is still in prison for murder. Lexie, however, has created her version of middle-class success: a job she likes, a nice apartment, and a doctor-fiancé.

Things begin to fall apart when simultaneously she

see **READS** page B10



FACES & PLACES



MAGGIE SADOWAY PHOTO

On Wednesday afternoon Baystate Health’s Wellness On Wheels (WOW) bus was parked at the United Arc, 294 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Medical staff on the bus offer free blood pressure screenings, A1C blood sugar testing, mammogram scheduling, COVID-19 test kits, blood pressure cuffs, health assessments and advice, and even legal, financial, and social-service information. Staff said they were not authorized to speak with a reporter, but could confirm the bus will be parked at the Arc on the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 1 to 4 p.m., into the fall.

Pet of the Week



CARMODY COLLAGE

‘DR. TABITHA SILVERMOON’

Dr. Tabitha Silvermoon, a.k.a. Tabby, is an adult female Labrador Retriever-Cocker Spaniel mix. Tabby is a sweetheart, good with kids, dogs, and cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. She is also housetrained and microchipped. Tabby’s owner would like her to be in a home with a human who has a lot of time and love for her, “she will reciprocate in spades.” There is no adoption fee for Dr. Tabitha. She is located in Florence. To apply to adopt, find “Available Community Animals” at www.dakinhumane.org under the “Adopt” menu. A potential adopter must submit an application, interview and meet the pets, and sign an adoption contract.

Senior Center Activities JUNE 30 TO JULY 4

GILL and MONTAGUE

The Gill Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call 863-9357.

Monday 6/30
10:15 a.m. Aerobics
11 a.m. Chair Exercise
Tuesday 7/1
9 a.m. Chair Yoga
12:30 p.m. Tech Tuesday
Wednesday 7/2
9 a.m. Veterans’ Agent
10:15 a.m. Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Outdoor Yoga
Cancelled
4 p.m. Mat Yoga
Thursday 7/3
10:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch
1 p.m. Pitch
3:30 p.m. Montague Villages Board Meeting
Friday 7/4
Closed for holiday

ERVING

Open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1 Care Drive. Daily snacks and coffee. Fitness room and pool table open.

Monday 6/30
9 a.m. Good for U
10 a.m. Seated Fitness
12 p.m. Pitch Cards

1 p.m. Yoga
Tuesday 7/1
9 a.m. Nurse
9 a.m. Stretch & Balance
10 a.m. Line Dancing
11 a.m. Social Stringer
Wednesday 7/2
9 a.m. Interval Training
10 a.m. Chair Aerobics
11:30 a.m. Bingo
1 p.m. Veterans’ Service
Thursday 7/3
9 a.m. Barre Fusion
10 a.m. Pilates Flow
Friday 7/4
Closed for holiday

WENDELL

Foot care clinic is the first Wednesday of each month. The next clinic is July 2. Call Katie Nolan at (978) 544-2306 for information or appointments. For Senior Health Rides, contact Nancy Spittle at (978) 544-6760.

LEVERETT

Chair Yoga classes are held Wednesdays at 10 a.m., hybrid, at the town hall and on Zoom. Foot care clinics are the third Tuesday of each month. The next clinic is July 15. Luncheons are the fourth Friday at town hall. For more information, contact (413) 548-1022 or coa@leverett.ma.us. Check the town newsletter or the LeverettConnects listserv for info.

JULY LIBRARY LISTINGS

Montague Public Libraries

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

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

MONTAGUE

All month: *Grab & Go Craft.* Paper slinky dog, at all branches while supplies last.

Every weekday: *Free Summer Meals.* For ages 18 and under. Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carnegie, under the tent.

Every Tuesday: *Plants & Pollinators.* Ages 7 to 12, reg req’d. Carnegie, 3:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Thursday: *Drop-in Craft.* Ages 5 to 12. Millers Falls, 1 to 7 p.m.

Every Wednesday: *LEGO.* Carnegie, 3:30 p.m.

Every Saturday: *Drop-in Community Puzzle.* Carnegie, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2: *Knitting Club.* Montague Center, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5: *Used Book Sale.* Fiction, paperbacks, kids’ books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks. Carnegie, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 10: *Community Resource Assistance.* Millers Falls, 1 p.m.

Age Disgracefully. Montague Center, 7 p.m.

ERVING

All month: *Summer Reading Program Events.* For all age groups. Some require signup; see tinyurl.com/ervingSR2025.

Thursday, July 3: *Friends of the Library,* public meeting. 5:30 p.m.

LEVERETT

All month: *Jackie Pueschel art exhibit.*

Every Monday and Wednesday: *Online Qigong.* See leverettlibrary.org for info. 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 1: *Music on the Patio,* Rattlesnake Gutter Gutterknives. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1: *Craft Circle.* For adults. 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday: *Playgroup.* Ages 0 to 5. 10:30 a.m.

Every Thursday: *LEGO.* Ages 5 to 12. 4 p.m.

Every Thursday: *Mah-jongg.* Beginners welcome. 1:15 p.m.

Every Saturday: *Tai Chi.* Intermediate to advanced 10 a.m.; beginners 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8: *Music on the Patio,* Orlen, Gabriel and Avery. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15: *Music on the Patio,* On the Lam. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16: *Fire Department Visit.* 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 19: *Group Read Aloud.* Ross Gay, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude.* 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: *Music on the Patio,* Stamell Brothers. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29: *Music on the Patio,* Masala Jazz. 6:30 p.m.

NORTHFIELD

All month: *In-Library Kids’ Scavenger Hunt.*

Every Tuesday: *Drop-in Knitting/Crafting.* 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2: *Book Group.* Kristin Hannah, *The Women.* 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 2: *Tech Help.* Bring your device and ask your questions. 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 2 and 16: *Dungeons & Dragons.* Single-night campaigns for ages 16 and up, all XP welcome. Register at northfieldrec.com. 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 3: *Spice Club* pickup starts. Sample and recipes while supplies last.

This month: Turmeric.

Thursday, July 3: *Environmental Book Group.* Rebecca Solnit, *Not Too Late.* 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 5: *Puzzle Pickup.* For info, email friendsofdm01360@gmail.com. 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 9: *Readings Group.* Alan Lightman, *The Accidental Universe.* 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 10: *Take-and-Make Craft.* String spinner toy. While supplies last.

Thursday, July 10: *Trivia Night.* Four Star Farms Brewery, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 19: *Owls Up Close.* (Rain date July 20.) 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 27: *Fix-It Fair.* Northfield Golf Club, 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30: *Poetry Group.* 3 p.m.

WENDELL

All month: *Art exhibit,* collages by Susan Dorais.

Every Tuesday: *Adult Art Group.* 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 1, 15, and 29: *Franklin County Fair Crafting Club.* Reg req’d. 3 p.m.

Every Wednesday: *Movie.* 4 p.m.; Yoga. 6:20 p.m.

Every Friday: *LEGO.* 4 p.m.

Every Sunday: Yoga. 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8: *CNC Playground Meetup.* Weather permitting. 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, July 8 and 22: *STEM Craft.* Bouncy ball. Ages 5 and up, reg req’d. 4 p.m.

Wednesdays starting July 9: *Storytime.* 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 9: *Stone Circle Free Concert,* Ants on a Log and the Grumpytime Club Band. 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 11: *Office Hour* with Rep. Aaron Saunders. 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 12: *Art Opening* with Susan Dorais. 1 to 3 p.m.

Mondays, July 14 and 28: *Fiber Group / Mending Circle.* 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 18: *Friday Night at the Library,* Wendell MothBall. Bat presentation, moth observation. Moth/fancy dress encouraged. 6 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: *Adult Book Group.* Elif Shafak, *There are Rivers in the Sky.* 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 27: *Cookbook Book Club.* 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 31: *Stone Circle Free Concert,* The Hilltown Ham Hocks. 6:30 p.m.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

Pipione's

SPORT SHOP

- Fishing supplies; Live bait
- Fishing & Hunting Licenses
- Paintball & CO₂ Refills
- Guns & Ammo

Open 7 am 7 days a week
101 Ave A, Turners 414.863.4246

Bryan Hobbs Remodeling LLC

Blown Cellulose Insulation • Spray Foam Insulation
Airsealing • Energy Audits • Replacement Doors & Windows

Email: bryanhobbsremodeling@gmail.com
Now Accepting Credit Cards

Office: (413)775-9006
Lic # 083982
Reg # 139564

mass save PARTNER

Bryan G. Hobbs
PO Box 1535
Greenfield, MA 01302

Fred Holmgren

Piano Tuning & Repair

Stay tuned!

(978)544-5494
fredholmgren@gmail.com

MONTAGUE CRYPTOJAM !!!

GO TLRO MOTORCYCLE

SOPHIYO MOTORCYCLE

SUCEZY IY H GLUTA CE

GQCPQ MOTORCYCLE

ALOY ELM OFCYM.

SHUSHUH OQUOEUCPQ

CRACK THE CODE? SEND ANSWERS TO EDITOR@MONTAGUEREPORTEER.ORG



By CASEY WAIT

TURNERS FALLS – Dear readers,

Under better circumstances I'd love to wish you all a very happy Pride season. But in light of last week's Supreme Court ruling in *United States v. Skrametti*, paving the way towards banning gender-affirming healthcare – which is often *life-saving* healthcare – for minors across the country, I'm feeling less than festive.

For those not in the know, *US v. Skrametti* upheld a Tennessee ban on youth access to gender-affirming care such as puberty blockers, HRT, and surgeries. Opponents to the ban argued that denying access to testosterone to someone assigned female at birth but not to someone assigned male at birth, for example, constituted sex-based discrimination.

The health risks associated with HRT are equal to their risks when used by non-trans individuals. Taking estrogen increases every patient's risk for blood clots, for instance, regardless of whether they were assigned female or male at birth. And testosterone supplements increase the risk of cardiovascular disease in both cis and trans men. Yet, all major American medical and mental health organizations and institutions have agreed that the benefits of gender-affirming care can greatly outweigh their risks.

Contrary to conservative fear-mongering, trans people didn't just appear out of nowhere sometime in the 1970s. Across centuries and cultures all around the world, people of all ages have lived outside of our comparatively new and rigid European colonial sex/gender binary system.

Jules Gill-Peterson, a historian of trans culture and healthcare, was one of several scholars who collaborated on an amicus brief for *US v. Skrametti* documenting the existence of trans and gender-variant people throughout time and space. Their brief shows that as far back as antiquity, methods of hormonal and surgical transition helped individuals live as the gender they identified with. You can hear Gill-Peterson discuss the brief, and her contributions to it, in an episode

of the *Death Panel* podcast titled "*US v. Skrametti* and the Long History of Youth Transition."

The fact that the Trump White House announced that they will be closing the National LGBTQIA+ Youth Suicide Lifeline the day after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Tennessee ban should make it very clear what is really going on here: these white nationalist fascists want trans people dead. They know that banning gender-affirming care will lead to an increased risk of youth suicide, and instead of bolstering our crisis intervention systems to meet the increased need, they are attempting to punch holes in the already threadbare safety net queer youth have in this country, hoping more of us will fall through the cracks.

Deprivation has always been a tool of eugenics. It's not a coincidence that trans people experience disability at twice the rate as cisgender people – and are over four times more likely to experience severe Long COVID. This is not due to some gene that happens to make us both trans and immunocompromised, but to systemic inequities trans people face living in a transphobic society hellbent on bringing back every infectious disease there is while whittling away access not only to vaccines, but to any healthcare whatsoever.

We deserve so much better, and we will not stop fighting for it until we win.

To close, I want to share a piece – a battle cry – by trans scholar Vicky Osterweil, titled "On *Skrametti*":

They call us crazy, criminals, perverts. Yes! Yes! A million times yes!
Better madness than to be sane in this world of theirs!
Better raving odes to whoring stealing and sleeping-in than Solomonian wisdom where bombs are safety and starving children needful justice.
Better we inject ourselves with hormones made from yams, sunflowers and gibbering glee than beg any longer for their rational care, which is just the groping of doctors, the berating of lawyers, the trampling of priests.
Let them keep their sanity of the gravedigger!
And when we tear this world to pieces for a laugh? When we rip them screaming limb from robéd limb, with press-on claws and wild desire flashing in our eyes, what reason will they appeal to, what law to save them from our wrath?

If you need someone to talk to, Trans Lifeline runs a 24-hour hotline and doesn't call the cops. Call 1 (877) 565-8860. And, remember, your sick friend loves you.

With trans love and trans rage,
Your Sick Friend

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Alpaca Escapes; Bear Limps; Hedge Impedes; Camo Guy Creeps; New Sinkhole Develops; RV Guest Turns Out to Be a Problem

Monday, 6/16

2:01 p.m. Caller from Montague City Road requesting officer to residence; states someone stole her iPad and cell phone. Advised caller an officer would be made aware once they are free. Caller called back stating she found her iPad, but still wants an officer to go there. She was advised an officer would be made aware. Caller was unhappy and stated "Whatever," then hung up. Officer called caller back, and she hung up.

2:18 p.m. Caller from Wendell Road reporting she had an alpaca escape. Report taken.

2:46 p.m. Caller from Laurel Lane reporting a small bear cub in the area. Animal control officer notified.

4:10 p.m. 911 caller from Dell Street states that a bear is in the neighbor's yard and they are on vacation; she's worried about their chickens. Contacted animal control officer, who states he is in the area and will see if he can locate the bear. ACO states bear has been shooed away.

6:20 p.m. 911 caller reporting bear going from house to house on O Street. Provided caller contact info for animal control.

11:15 p.m. Loud noise complaint on L Street. Referred to an officer.

Tuesday, 6/17

6:13 a.m. Caller from Hillside Avenue states he had a big black bear in his backyard and it looks injured; limping on one paw. Caller states he had one a couple of days ago as well. Unsure if it is the same bear. Caller would just like PD to be aware.

12:11 p.m. A 34-year-old Montague Center resident was arrested on a default warrant.

5:41 p.m. Officer spoke with parties at a Montague City

Road address about hedges impeding the sidewalk; officer spoke with them last week, and hedges still haven't been touched.

Wednesday, 6/18

9:10 a.m. 911 abandoned call from Beach Road area of Green Pond Road. Female party located walking along the road. Stated she was OK, just trying to shut off her phone.

9:20 a.m. While checking the area after the previous call, officer located a vehicle that was parked in the area with a male party inside. Male stated that he and his girlfriend had an argument, and that's why she was walking. Female was picked up by a friend who was going to give her a ride home.

11:14 a.m. Nouria employee states that two young girls came into the store stating that they were being followed by a male in a camo jacket. Male party also came into store and appeared intoxicated. The girls left; the male stayed for a minute, then left in the direction that the girls went. Officer located male party on First Street and is speaking with him. Male did not seem to be under the influence; however, he has been verbally trespassed from Nouria.

1:53 p.m. Property owner from Bridge Street states that an unregistered green pickup truck is parked outside of his building. Tenants on first floor said they will tell the truck owner that the vehicle will be towed if it is not moved very soon.

3:06 p.m. Caller states that a female is trying to buzz a resident in an Avenue A building and they are not answering. Staff told female that the person is not home and she needs to come back later. Female tried to force her way into the building, pushing on the door. Female is still outside trying to get into the building. Gone upon officer arrival.

4:49 p.m. Caller states someone took a picture of her license plate on Avenue A and she wants to know why. Male is on foot walking towards the Pizza House; caller is following in her white pickup truck. Advised of options.

8:12 p.m. Caller reporting an intoxicated male approached his child at Peskeompskut Park and was trying to make conversation while also trying to get into the caller's vehicle until he said "Can I help you?" Male described as 5'9", wearing shorts and a camo sweatshirt. No sign of party at park; officers will continue to check area.

Thursday, 6/19

4:07 p.m. Caller states that a tall male with a backpack

is walking in the middle of Montague City Road near the bridge. Caller states male stood in the road and stared him down while he was trying to drive past. Party is in Greenfield on the sidewalk at this time. 4:31 p.m. Report of a man stumbling around beer cans in the Old Sunderland Road area, and a tan car with New York plates. Unfounded.

8:14 p.m. Caller from G Street states a baseball went through her car window. Referred to an officer. 9:55 p.m. Caller states she just drove by the dirt parking lot on Unity Street and there are vehicles parked there and another vehicle is going from window to window. Officer checked area; two vehicles are parked there, not related to each other; no signs of illegal activity.

Friday, 6/20

4:08 a.m. Caller from T Street states she can hear a dog that sounds in distress; it has been barking for over an hour. Caller states she is unsure where the dog is, but can hear it from her house. Referred to an officer.

10:14 a.m. Party into station to speak to an officer about people interfering with the care and well-being of his mother. Advised of options.

2:26 p.m. Caller states that there appears to be a sinkhole forming at the storm drain on the corner of Avenue A and Fifth Street by Apex Dental. DPW supervisor notified.

6:27 p.m. 911 caller reporting large tree down in Seventh Street area; unsure if lines are involved. Second caller reporting same. Large tree between High and Park Streets; pole bending; unknown if live wires. Eversource and DPW contacted and on scene. Road closed between High and Park Streets. Officer clear; road to remain closed until morning when DPW can clean up. Control advised. 10:14 p.m. Caller from Third Street reporting she was walking today and someone punched her. She does not know who it was. Referred to an officer.

11:41 p.m. 911 caller reporting disturbance on L Street. Peace restored.

Saturday, 6/21

8:39 a.m. Caller reporting that a camper has been parked for several days in the church parking lot on J Street; advises there is some kind of fluid leaking from it, and it really smells. Caller is concerned it is human waste, and doesn't believe the camper should be parked there. Officer spoke with owner; he will be moving the camper shortly. A party was staying in the

camper and has since been removed; she used the bathroom in the camper, and that is what leaked. Owner will be cleaning up as well.

11:37 a.m. Caller reporting a dark gray Chrysler just pulled up and exchanged money with a party near Fourth Street and Avenue A; believes it was a drug deal. Advised caller that info would be passed along to officers.

12:07 p.m. Caller from Davis Street reporting female neighbor is in her car blasting the music so loud that he can't hear his own TV. Officer clear; female party advised of complaint; she turned the music down and is leaving for the day.

3:14 p.m. Caller's cat slipped out through an open door on Davis Street. Cat is all gray, no collars or tags. Requesting call if anyone calls in with a sighting.

7:16 p.m. Caller from East Main Street requesting to speak to an officer; she reports she returned home to her apartment last night around 9 p.m. and the door was unlocked. She believes she locked it when she left around 6 or 7 p.m. Caller advises no visible damage and nothing appears to be missing or out of place. Advised of options.

7:44 p.m. Fire/smoke investigation on Willmark Avenue. Shelburne Control advised.

9:09 p.m. Caller reporting ongoing issue with animal neglect; states that for the past three weeks there has been a dog in a white Subaru in the alley between

First and Second streets, behind the Shady Glen. The dog is in the vehicle long hours, day and night, at times barking and disturbing the caller's peace. Caller has seen running lights on for considerable periods of time. Officer located vehicle owner, who said he was taking care of a dog in the building; windows were open; dog appeared to be OK. Dispatch contacted caller and advised of officer's findings. Caller will call back if the dog appears to be in distress or if it starts barking again.

Sunday, 6/22

9:06 a.m. Walk-in from J Street reporting that he was helping a female over the past year and has been letting her stay in his RV. He found out she is doing drugs and dealing out of the RV. He asked her to leave, and she is now threatening him. Advised of options.

9:10 p.m. 911 caller reporting an injured fox or coyote in the middle of Greenfield Road; animal is alive, but it appears it can't move. Officer advised. Animal taken care of; unit clear.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
DOORS & OPENERS

Devine Overhead Doors

Gerry Devine

106 West Street
Hadley, MA. 01035

Hampshire: 586-3161
Franklin: 773-9497

relieving
chronic pain

Gretchen Wetherby, LMT
413-824-7063

bringing
peace
to tired
muscles

gretchenwmt@gmail.com • gretchenwetherby.massagetherapy.com

French King
Restaurant & Motel

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
FRIDAY – 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY – 7 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

DINNER
FRIDAY & SATURDAY – 4:30 TO 9:30 P.M.

CALL TO CONFIRM: (413) 423-3328

VALLEY VIEW from page B1 nonexistent. So, when I spotted this circa 1840 canvas depicting a fishing scene at a roaring whitewater bottleneck on an unnamed upland stream, my curiosity blossomed.

Ah! At long last, an image to work with. Let the auction bidding begin.

I knew it might represent the only chance of my lifetime to obtain such a treasure to pick at and probe. I was thus compelled to take an honest run at it, welcoming the exhilarating research I knew it would trigger. That said, there was a limit to what I could spend, and I expected the hammer price would race out of range.

Not so. I lucked out.

Shockingly, as I put in a phone bid, only one bidder seated at the auction went against me, and he didn't hang in there long. A stroke of luck, I guess.

The date of my purchase was April 30, which coincidentally would have been my late father's 97th birthday. Who knows? Though he was never a fisherman or historian, he may have been watching over my shoulder for that adventure. Just a fleeting thought.

Two days later – delayed a day by a late, greasy, spring snowfall I decided not to challenge – I drove to the auction house, wedged the large painting into my double-cab Tacoma's back seats, and left it with a conservator for minor inpainting and repair. Less than a week later, the 47- by 43-inch framed painting was hanging proudly in my west parlor. Not only had I finally found the illustration for which I had furiously searched for decades, I

owned it. Could study it.

The chase was on, and is ongoing.

The journey thus far has meandered up and down the Merrimack and Hudson valleys, the White, Green, Adirondack, and Catskill mountains, the upper Lake George and lower Lake Champlain country, and even rivers in western Connecticut. Who knows? The artist's impetus way have been born elsewhere, like, say, a lower Merrimack tributary where fish runs persisted long into the mid-19th century.

The biggest problem confronting such research is the weakness of documentary evidence detailing fishing activity before and after the Revolution.

I started my research by studying topo maps and online images of suspected rivers. I found many possibilities, but nothing conclusive. I then queried river guides, book dealers, town clerks, historical societies, and even museum curators who I thought might recognize the site. I sent them images of the painting that I thought might stimulate interest or, better still, ring a bell. Uh-uh. No one could place it.

Though I was familiar with 19th-century artists like Hudson River School founder Thomas Cole and White Mountain School master Benjamin Champney, I knew little in depth about their "schools," which overlap. I bought books, read them, and found nothing to discourage me from digging deeper.

I then took the YouTube route, watching several scholarly presentations. Like the previous reading, I found it validating. My painting does indeed display several Hudson

School characteristics, including repetitive themes and symbolism, atmospheric effects, and contemplative allure.

Attribution to a specific artist is seldom easy, however – and this is no exception. Complicating matters, I soon learned that pinpointing sites of Hudson River School paintings is not easy due to the liberal employment of "artistic license" to improve compositions. These artists routinely enlarged and reshaped background mountain ranges, or even moved distant pointy peaks to backdrop a river scene that had none.

The early Hudson River School painters were not *plein air* artists who set up their easels onsite and painted precisely what they saw. The best of them were academic studio painters, who routinely embarked on weeks- and months-long sketching trips to scenic places and returned to their studios to create colored, romanticized masterpieces.

I had recently seen this with my very own eyes, in a Charles Louis Heyde landscape a friend of mine chased at a Labor Day auction. The 1850s painting – which I believe Historic Deerfield purchased – showed a sun-splashed view from the west of the old Deerfield Toll Bridge that once stood at the present site of the General Pierce Bridge connecting Greenfield to Montague City.

Framing an upper background of light blue sky and cumulus clouds on the right side of the canvas was the distinctive profile of Mount Toby. I immediately realized that Heyde had moved it a few miles



This detail shows one of two men pulling up a seine on the river's banks.

north to glamorize his composition.

So where does this leave me in my attempt to attribute this new painting to a known early Hudson River artist? Well, I know the work came to auction from a Washington County, New York estate in the shadows of Lake George and Fort Ticonderoga. The consigner inherited it many years ago from her father, described by the auctioneer as "a well-known collector from the Albany area," who was an active buyer between 1940 and 1980. He was likely the owner who paid for a professional cleaning and fitted it with an expensive, 20th-century gilt frame, which cost him more than twice what I paid for the painting.

That's the beauty of auctions. It can happen.

The previous owner searched for information about the painting in her father's files, but couldn't find

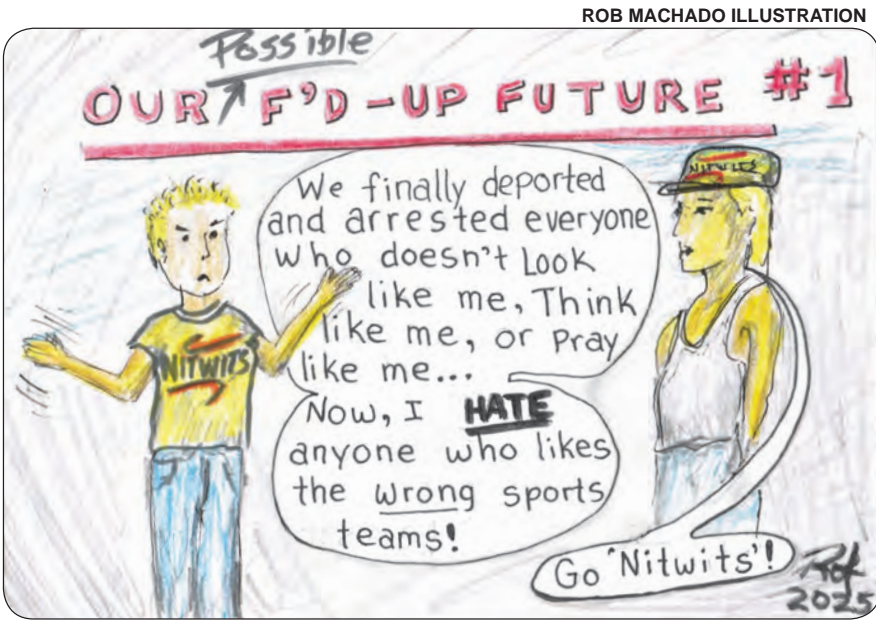
any. Nonetheless, he, too, likely believed it was of the Hudson School. Getting an attribution to one of the masters – say Cole or Durand or Kensett – is a more difficult matter, one which could invite disagreement among experts unless there's a disguised signature or initials somewhere on the canvas.

So, consider my search a work in progress – one I intend to continue. I believe I have found an important artwork that got lost in the shuffle. Thus far, one "off-the-record" expert agrees with me.

All I can do is keep searching, turning over every stone of inquiry.

Like I said before, collecting is exciting.

Gary Sanderson lives in Greenfield. Questions and comments welcome at gary@oldtavernfarm.com.



Submit your comics (and puzzles) to editor@montaguereporter.org. Original & local creations only, please!

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!



Rau's Auto

COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR

(413) 367-2475

531 Turners Falls Rd. Montague

24 hour emergency towing
Best service licensed Mechanics



Birch Tree Bodywork

Massage + workshops in Turners Falls & beyond

www.birchtreebodywork.com
413.239.4575



ROOT YOGA STUDIO

51 11TH ST., TURNERS FALLS

413.676.9076
ROOT-YOGA-STUDIO.COM

NEW STUDENT SPECIAL
THREE CLASSES FOR \$40

Aquí se habla español

Esta es la página mensual en español del *Montague Reporter*. Aquí podrá encontrar cuestiones acerca de la comunidad hispana en el área, eventos de interés, curiosidades, y noticias mundiales en español. Si quiere participar o compartir alguna sugerencia, envíenos un correo electrónico a spanish@montaguereporter.org.



Entretenimiento y ocio para el verano 2025.

Por VICTORIA MAÍLLO DE AGUILERA

GREENFIELD – En este clima de tensión que estamos viviendo, en el que cada vez que abrimos nuestras redes sociales, o noticias sufrimos un aumento de nuestra intensidad cardíaca y bajada del estado de ánimo en general, es buena idea concentrar nuestras mentes en otros aspectos que nos proporcionen un cierto grado de felicidad y restituyan nuestro estado de ánimo, como por ejemplo la lectura, la música y el cine o la televisión.

También es cierto que en el verano hay más horas de luz, los días son más largos y parece que aunque no estemos de vacaciones tenemos más tiempo para realizar actividades que nos gusten, y si estamos de vacaciones, mejor que mejor.

Aquí podrán encontrar una lista de algunas novedades, y no tan novedades en español para entretenerse y aliviar las tensiones.

Lecturas de verano

Podría recomendar cualquiera de los clásicos de siempre, desde Cervantes a García Marquez, pasando por Cortazar – y no dejen de leerlos si tienen el tiempo y las ganas necesarias – pero en estas líneas quiero recomendarles unas lecturas más entretenidas, fáciles de leer si su primera lengua no es español, e igualmente bien escritas:

- Almudena Grandes, *Todo va a mejorar* (2022). No es una novela recién publicada, ya que la autora murió en 2021, pero no podía dejar de recomendar cualquiera de sus libros. Esta novela es la última de Grandes que no pudo terminar por su enfermedad y dejó escritas notas a su marido, él también escritor, Luis García Montero, como debía terminarla.

Grandes nos describe con esta distopía una España del futuro muy cerca de la realidad. Es fácil de leer, y como todos los de Almudena Grandes, no quieres que termine porque están maravillosamente escritos.

- Dolores Redondo, *Las que no duermen* (2024). Si le gusta la novela negra, de intriga y suspense, esta es tu autora. Redondo es famosa por la llamada Trilogía del Baztán, tres libros sobre casos misteriosos en esa zona del País Vasco.

Su última novela, *Las que no duermen* no forma parte de esa trilogía, sino de cuatro libros de la serie Los valles tranquilos, siendo este el segundo publicado, y faltan otros dos por publicar. La serie narra una serie de casos en los que trabaja una psicóloga forense especializada en brujería. Lectura fácil, con mucho suspense, y que no decepciona.

- Jorge Díaz, *El espía* (2025). Díaz es uno de los autores detrás de Carmen Mola, el seudónimo utilizado detrás de novelas como *La novia gitana*. *El espía* es una novela de misterio histórico enmarcada en el sur de España de los años 50. Es muy entretenida, la trama está bien desarrollada y la lectura es rápida debido a las buenas descripciones y al uso de diálogos.

- Isabel Allende, *Mi nombre es Emilia del Valle* (2025). Allende es una autora consagrada de la literatura latinoamericana. *Emilia del Valle* narra la historia de una joven a mediados del siglo XIX, que quiere dedicarse

a escribir y tiene que luchar contra las normas sociales de la época.

Si le interesa la historia de Chile a finales de ese siglo, no debe dejar de leerla. En *Mi nombre es Emilia del Valle*, Allende se aleja de sus principios del realismo mágico para contarnos una historia dramática de resiliencia y aventuras.

- Elisabeth Benavent, *Esnob* (2024). La escritora es más conocida por su seudónimo en redes sociales, Betacoqueta y su saga de Valeria. *Esnob* es una

novela romántica con algunas pinceladas de erotismo como es su estilo habitual. El cambio importante es que en esta ocasión y por primera vez el protagonista es un hombre. Un tipo acostumbrado al lujo y el dinero que lo pierde todo y debe volver a empezar.

Se lee muy bien y describe las relaciones entre hombres y mujeres en la época de las redes sociales.

- María Dueñas, *Por si un día volvemos* (2025). Dueñas se hizo famosa con la novela *El tiempo entre costuras* que se ha publicado en diferentes lenguas. Dueñas es una maestra en la descripción de sus personajes femeninos.

En esta novela histórica narra las aventuras de una mujer que huyendo de su pasado embarca con destino a Argelia, en esos momentos colonia de Francia, y con los años se convierte en una personalidad social en Orán. La novela tiene lugar en los años 50 en los últimos años del colonialismo europeo en África y se nota que Dueñas ha hecho un tremendo trabajo de documentación. Entrenida y fácil de leer.

Series de televisión

Tengo que confesar que no dispongo de canales de pago de televisión, así que les tengo que recomendar las que he visto en mis limitadas opciones de pago y que han sido realizadas en español, aunque siempre pueden disponer de subtítulos o bien verlas en inglés. Voy a darles solamente los títulos ya que algunas ellas las podrán ver gratis, si disponen de dichas plataformas, y ustedes ya sabrán donde encontrarlas sin necesidad de publicarlas gratuitamente.

- *Legado*. Tiene como protagonista a uno de los actores de mediana edad más famosos de España, José Coronado. Cuenta la historia del dueño de un periódico nacional y las disputas con sus hijos respecto a la gestión de este, todo ello complicado con tramas policíacas y de corrupción política.

Los actores funcionan muy bien en pantalla, casi todos ellos son ya consagrados. La primera temporada consta de ocho capítulos, y se espera que haya una continuación.

- *Valeria*. Está basada en las novelas de la protagonista del mismo nombre escritas por Benavent, de la que he recomendado otra novela en esta misma página.

Es una serie mezcla de drama y comedia que narra las aventuras y desventuras de cuatro amigas de unos treinta años. Muestra en imágenes la nueva sociedad española y en especial las relaciones interpersonales de los *millennials*. Hay cuatro temporadas disponibles. Muy recomendable.

- *El jardinero*. Es una serie a caballo entre el

thriller y el romanticismo. Ha llegado a ser número en la plataforma donde se emite. Cuenta la historia de Elmer, un chico al que le es muy difícil sentir después de un accidente lo que es aprovechado por su madre para usarlo como criminal. El problema aparece cuando empieza a desarrollar estos sentimientos por alguien.

Tiene una mezcla de actores españoles y latinoamericanos, algunos ya consagrados y otros que están empezando. Mantiene la tensión en el espectador y la fotografía y los paisajes son preciosos.

- *Paquita Salas*. Otro exitazo a mitad entre drama y comedia. La protagonista es Paquita Salas, una representante de artistas venida a menos que está interpretada en la serie por el actor Brays Efe que está extraordinario en el papel. La serie ha sido dirigida por los nuevos Almodovar, Javier Ambrossi y Javier Calvo, llamados Los Javis. Muchos de los artistas famosos se pelean por hacer una pequeña aparición en la serie.

Si usted quiere pasar un buen rato y reírse con Paquita, esta es su serie.

- *Envidiosa*. Es una serie de televisión argentina que narra los problemas de una mujer, Vicky, que está entrando en la cuarentena viendo que todas sus amigas se casan y ella acaba de romper con su pareja. Mezcla aspectos de la realidad social argentina con los problemas de una mujer trabajadora que vive sola para conservar su vida social. Es una mezcla de drama y comedia.

- *Rosario Tijeras*. La que se puede ver actualmente es una versión mexicana de la origi-

nal que era una serie colombiana, que a su vez se basaba en una novela de Jorge Franco. Es una serie que cuenta la historia de Rosario, una chica nacida en un barrio de la México D.F. y como se ve envuelta en organizaciones criminales, tráfico de drogas, crímenes, etc. para poder sobrevivir. Por supuesto, como en todas las telenovelas mexicanas, el amor y el romanticismo juegan también un papel importante en la trama.

- *La casa de las flores*. Es una parodia de las telenovelas mexicanas llevada al absurdo. Por eso mismo, es muy, muy divertida, aunque se necesita una mente abierta para poder entenderla. Es la historia de una familia que hereda un negocio de flores que es simplemente la tapadera de otros negocios más lucrativos, pero menos legales.

Hay un gran elenco de actores, la mayoría mexicanos, pero también de otras nacionalidades. Muy recomendable.

Películas

En cuanto al cine, voy a sugerirles algunos filmes que pueden ver online, en idioma español, entretenidos y que nos ayuden a distraernos, sin más pretensiones.

- *El legado en los huesos* (2019). Es una adaptación de la novela de Dolores Redondo que lleva el mismo título. Está dirigida por Fernández Molina e interpretada por Marta Etrura. En ella, la protagonista de la trilogía de Redondo, Amaia Salazar resuelve un caso complicado de suicidios. Los paisajes de la película, rodada en el valle de Baztán, en el País Vasco son excepcionales.

Solamente puedo decir que no podrá dejar de verla hasta descubrir el final. No necesita haber leído las novelas para poder meterse en el paisaje y los personajes.

- *La viuda negra* (2019). Está basada en un caso real de una mujer que asesina a su marido usando a su amante. La actriz principal es Carmen Machi que está estupenda en su papel. Es una película policiaca y de intriga psicológica. Muy bien hecha.

- *La familia perfecta* (2021). Una comedia protagonizada por Belén Rueda y José Coronado. Trata de una familia de clase social media-alta que ve cómo su hijo quiere casarse con una chica que no es lo que ellos esperaban para él. Simpática y divertida, sin más.

- *Como caído del cielo* (2019). Una entretenida película mexicana sobre un hombre que es un mujeriego y después de un accidente el mismo cantante Pedro Infante se reencarna en él para darle una segunda oportunidad en su vida. Divertida, para no pensar mucho.





SWANSON'S FABRICS

Fabric & Fiber Craft Supplies

Sewing Studio Classes & Workshops

SHOPPING & DONATIONS

Wed - Sun | 11 am - 5 pm

320 Avenue A.

Turners Falls Ma, 01376

(413) 800-2891



Come on over to the **Co-op.**





GREENFIELD
Cooperative Bank

NORTHAMPTON
Cooperative Bank

BestLocalBank.com | 877-682-0334



BOOK MILL

440 Greenfield Rd.
Montague, MA 01351

413-367-9206 www.montaguebookmill.com

Books you don't need in a place you can't find.

Paid Content

2024 Water Quality Report

Turners Falls Water Department

226 Millers Falls Road

Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376-1605

PWS ID#I192000

We are once again proud to present our annual water quality report, covering all testing performed between January 1 and December 31, 2024. Over the years, we have dedicated ourselves to producing drinking water that meets all state and federal standards. We continually strive to adopt new methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to you. As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, we remain vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users.

Please share with us your thoughts or concerns about the information in this report. After all, well-informed customers are our best allies. For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please call Jeffrey Hildreth, Water Department Superintendent, or Suzanne Leh, Clerk/Collector, at (413) 863-4542.

Community Participation

You are invited to participate in our public forum and voice your concerns about your drinking water. We meet the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Water Department Office, 226 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls. Our Annual Meeting of the Turners Falls Fire District is held in the spring.

2024 Board of Water Commissioners: Bruce Merriam, Edward Pelis, John Miner. Certified Water Operators: Stephen Fitzpatrick, Jason Watroba. Water Operators: Riley Watroba, Austin Felix.

Where Does My Water Come From?

The Turners Falls Water Department's main source of water consists of one ground water artesian well located off Center Street in Montague Center. Gravel-packed Well #1192000 2G pumps 1.2 to 2 million gallons of water per day to the filter plant. At the plant, the water is sand filtered for the removal of iron and manganese; the treated, filtered water is then discharged into the gravity-fed distribution system. The Hannegan Brook Well located near Lake Pleasant can yield 1.44 MGD to meet future water demands.

The water quality is good and only requires the addition of water treatment chemicals for pH adjustment. The storage facilities in Turners Falls have a total storage capacity of 6.3 million gallons. Lake Pleasant and Green Pond are emergency backup surface water supplies. Please call Jeff or Suzanne to answer any questions at (413) 863-4542, clerk@turnersfallswater.com, superintendent@turnersfallswater.com, or www.turnersfallswater.com.

clerk@turnersfallswater.com, or www.turnersfallswater.com.

Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

The U.S. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or <http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline>.

Substances That Could Be in Water

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) prescribe regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Substances that may be present in source water include: Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife; Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; Pesticides and Herbicides, which

may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and which may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Water Conservation

You can play a role in conserving water and save yourself money in the process by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water.

Here are a few tips: Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.

Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.

Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank. Watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from an invisible toilet leak. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Write down the meter reading before going to bed at night or leaving for a day. Include all numbers, write down the new reading in the morning and subtract the prior reading. If there has been a change it is probably due to a leak.

What Is a Cross-connection?

Cross-connections that contaminate drinking water distribution lines are a major concern. A cross-connection is formed at any point where a drinking water line connects to equipment (boilers), systems containing chemicals (air conditioning systems, fire sprinkler systems, irrigation systems), or water sources of questionable quality. Cross-connection contamination can occur when the pressure in the equipment or system is greater than the pressure inside the drinking water line (backpressure). Contamination can also occur when the pressure in the drinking water line drops due to fairly routine occurrences (main breaks, heavy water demand), causing contaminants to be sucked out from the equipment and into the drinking water line (backsiphonage).

Outside water taps and garden hoses tend to be the most com-

mon sources of cross-connection contamination at home. The garden hose creates a hazard when submerged in a swimming pool or when attached to a chemical sprayer for weed killing. Garden hoses that are left lying on the ground may be contaminated by fertilizers, cess-pools, or garden chemicals.

Improperly installed valves in your toilet could also be a source of cross-connection contamination.

Community water supplies are continuously jeopardized by cross-connections unless appropriate valves, known as backflow prevention devices, are installed and maintained. For more information, review the Cross-connection Control Manual from the U.S. EPA's Web site at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/pws/crossconnectioncontrol/index.cfm>. You can also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Source Water Assessment, Protecting Turners Falls Water Supply

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) for the water supply source serving this water system. This report is a planning tool to support local and state efforts to improve water supply protection. Although the TFWD has many safeguards in place, the overall susceptibility ranking to contamination of the groundwater supplies is HIGH, based on the presence of numerous high-ranking threat land-uses within the Zone II water supply protection areas. The report commends our water system on its proactive approach to source protection. A complete SWAP report is available at the TFWD, the Board of Health office, and online at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/swapreps.htm>. For more information, call the TFWD at 863-4542.

Things You Can Do to Protect Our Water Supply

Take used motor oil and other such fluids to the town's hazardous waste collection sites, use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, and do not use the riverbeds to dispose of any waste.

Lead in Drinking Water

How does lead get in my drinking water?

In Massachusetts, most drinking water sources like reservoirs and groundwater are lead free. When lead is present in water, it is typically due to the water flowing through lead pipes or plumbing in homes with lead parts or solder. Service lines, which are the pipes that connect your home to the water main, could have lead in them. Inside your home, you may have lead pipes, copper pipes connected with lead solder, or brass faucets or fittings containing lead. Lead levels are highest when the water has been sitting in lead pipes for several hours. Hot water causes lead to enter water faster.

How does lead get into my body?
In many cases, most exposure to

lead is from paint dust, paint chips and soil contaminated with lead. Lead can also get into your body by drinking or cooking with water containing lead. Young children absorb lead more easily than adults, and lead can be passed from a mother to her unborn child. For these reasons, lead in drinking water can be an important source of exposure for pregnant women, young children, and infants that are fed powdered formula.

Lead is not absorbed through the skin. Bathing or showering in water containing lead should be safe.

What can I do right now to protect my family?

Run your water before using and use COLD water. Always use cold water for drinking and cooking. Do not use hot water for cooking or baby formula. Hot water usually has higher lead levels than cold water. Running the water before using will usually reduce any lead levels by flushing out the water that has been sitting in lead pipes for several hours.

Boiling water does not eliminate lead. If there is lead in your water, boiling it will increase lead levels.

Statement from the Environmental Protection Agency

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and home plumbing. Turners Falls Water Dept. is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home.

Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, and wish to have your water tested, contact Turners Falls Water Dept. at (413) 863-4542. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Turners Falls Water Quality Data

During the past year, we have taken many water samples to determine the presence of any contaminants and to comply with state and federal drinking water quality parameters. The tables below show only those contaminants that were detected in the water. MassDEP has reduced the monitoring requirements for volatile organic contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants, and perchlorate because the sources are not at risk of contamination.

The last sample collected for these contaminants was taken on the following dates and was found to meet all applicable US EPA and MassDEP standards:
VOCs: 11/8/2023; IOCs: 8/10/2020; SOCs: 7/22/2021; Perchlorate: 8/16/2023.

Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community. Our next round of lead and copper sampling will be in 2025.

Substance (Unit of Measure)	Date Collected	90th percen- tile	Action Level	#MCLG	# of sites sampled	Range of Tap Sampling Results	# of sites above Action Level	Possible Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	7/9/2024 7/10/2024	0	15	0	20	0 - 1.7	0	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	7/9/2024 7/10/2024	0.0330	1.3	1.3	20	0 - 0.0795	0	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservation

Service Line Inventory:

The Turners Falls Water Dept. was required to conduct an inventory of service line materials throughout its distribution system. This inventory can be obtained at our Office located at 226 Millers Falls Rd., Turners Falls MA 01376, M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

The inventory will inform you of known and unknown pipe materials currently in place at all of our water service customers.

Secondary Contaminant	Date Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	ORSG or Health Advisory	Possible Sources
Manganese	8/6/2024	0 – .003 ug/L	.0015 ug/L	50 ug/L	300*	Natural sources as well as discharges from industrial uses.
Sodium	8/16/2023	10.3 – 11.1 mg/L	10.7 mg/L	20 mg/L		Discharge from the use and improper storage of sodium-containing de-icing compounds or in water softening agents
Iron	8/6/2024	ND	ND	300 ug/L		Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes

* US EPA and MassDEP have established public health advisory levels for manganese to protect against concerns of potential neurological effect and a one-day and 10-day HA of 1,000 ppb for acute exposure.

Radioactive Contaminants	Date Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	Possible Sources
Gross Alpha Particle Activity	8/21/2024 8/22/2024	ND – 0.24 pCi/L	0.12 pCi/L	15 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 & 228 (combined values)	8/21/2024 8/22/2024	ND- 0.72 pCi/L	0.36 pCi/L	5 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants	Date Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	MCL	Violation?	Possible Sources
Nitrate	8/21/2024 8/22/2024	ND - 0.123 mg/L	0.0615	10 mg/L	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Sampling:

On October 2, 2020, MassDEP published its PFAS public drinking water standard or Massachusetts Maximum Contaminant Level (MMCL) of 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L), or parts per trillion (ppt) applicable to community (COM) and non-transient non-community (NTNC) systems for the sum of the concentrations of six specific PFAS. This drinking water standard is set to be protective against adverse health effects for all people consuming the water.


The Turners Falls Water Department did take samples in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and has had No Detects for PFAS.

Tap water samples were collected monthly for Bacteria analyses throughout the community.

A **Level 1 Assessment** is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Coliforms** are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify any problems that were found during these assessments.

During the past year, TFWD has been required to conduct one Level 1 Assessment. One Level 1 Assessment was completed.

In addition, we were required to take a corrective action, and we have completed and comply with the action. Below is a copy of the Assessment completed in 2024:



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Resource Protection – Drinking Water Program

Coliform Bacteria Level 1 Assessment

RTCR-1

PWS ID#: 1192000PWS Name: Turners Falls Water Dept.City/Town: Turners Falls

System Type: COM☒ NTNC☐ TNC☐Compliance Period: Month September Year 2024

Assessment Trigger Date: 9/6/2024Date Assessment Completed: 9/11/2024

NOTE: Form to be completed based on data and documents available to the PWS and returned to MassDEP as soon as practical but no later than 30 days after the collection date of the sample that triggered the assessment

Section A: Review and evaluate all the listed elements typically found in a PWS. Check any potential causes of contamination identified or check "NA" if the section is not applicable to the PWS. Each section requires a response.

1. GENERAL

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☒

Have any of the following occurred prior to collecting bacteria samples?

☐ low/inadequate disinfectant residual

☐ signs of vandalism/forced entry¹

☐ water quality parameters out of range

☐ system does not provide disinfection

☐ other:

☐ pressure loss/inadequate pressure (<20 psi)*

☐ visible indicators of unsanitary conditions

☐ power loss

2. OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☒

☐ source added/removed

☐ operation/maintenance activities

☐ power loss

☐ other:

3. SAMPLING SITES

Issue identified: YES☒ NO☐

☐ unclear or unsuitable sample tap

☐ change in conditions at sample site

☒ hot water intrusion

☐ unapproved/alternate site

☐ POE/POU treatment identified

☐ other:

4. SAMPLING PROTOCOL

Issue identified: YES☒ NO☐

☐ improper sample container

☒ sampler error

☐ auto sensing faucet/swivel-type faucet

☐ aerator was not removed

☐ inadequate tap flushing

☐ improper hold time/storage temperature

☐ lab indicates possible error

☐ change in sample collector

☐ other:

5. TREATMENT PROCESS

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☐ NA☐

☐ O & M procedures not followed

☐ unprotected by-pass in treatment process*

☐ inadequate disinfection

☐ turbidity measurements out of range

☐ filter or media contamination

☐ change in flow rates

☐ treatment added or changed

☐ interruption in treatment/power loss

☐ recent installation/repair

☐ phosphate barrels Clz less than 10 mg/L free chlorine residual (not applicable when the phosphate contains zinc)

☐ other:

6. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☐ NA☐

☐ low flow/dead end

☐ main breaks

☐ operation of isolation valves resulting in breakage

☐ standing water/debris in valve vault

☐ leaks

☐ flushing of fire hydrants or blow-offs

☐ low disinfection residuals

☐ illegal use of hydrants

☐ improper operation of air-relief/air-vacuum valves

☐ known bio-film accumulation

☐ improper surge control

☐ installation of new mains or construction activity

☐ unprotected cross connection*

☐ booster pump failure

☐ fire fighting event/flushing/sheared hydrant

☐ improper operation of gate valves

☐ other:

7. STORAGE TANKS

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☒ NA☐

☐ recent work on tank

☐ evidence of contamination from animals

☐ low disinfectant residual

☐ presence of dead animals/insects

☐ lack of maintenance, cleaning, or inspection

☐ unauthorized access/signs of vandalism¹

☐ standing water/debris in control vault

☐ hatch not sealed

☐ Tank(s) out of service

☐ incorrect operation of level control valves/altitude valves/related appurtenances

☐ water age/inadequate turnover

☐ tank design issues (overflow, vent, hatch, screen size, etc.)

☐ unaddressed inspection findings

☐ deterioration, rust, holes, or other breaches in vent, overflow pipe, access hatch, screens, ladders, etc.*

☐ other:

8. SOURCES

Issue identified: YES☐ NO☐ NA☐

☐ damaged pitless adaptor

☐ well pit with standing water or evidence of flooding*

☐ flooding/run-off inundation*

☐ improper development/poorly maintained spring box

☐ missing/damaged grout seal

☐ defective/damaged well cap/well seal*

☐ damaged well casing*

☐ recent work on pump

☐ damaged/unscreened vent*

☐ unapproved source*

☐ ground slopes towards well

☐ activities in Zone I and/or Zone II

☐ change in sources

☐ recent heavy rainfall/snowmelt

☐ unprotected opening in pump/pump assembly

☐ well cap not water tight

☐ other:

* Indicates Groundwater Rule Significant Deficiency

¹ 310 CMR 22.15(9)(b)1 d. requires the discovery of malicious intent or an act of vandalism be reported to MassDEP within two hours.

Section B - Issue Description

Use this space to describe the event and provide additional information on potential causes of contamination identified during the assessment. Include corresponding dates with your findings (attach additional pages if needed). Include dates of sample collection, disinfection, flushing, photographs showing system components, etc. with your findings.

☐ Check if PWS did not find any causes for the contamination.

After completing the Level 1 Assessment, we did not come up with any hard evidence of the cause of TC+ samples. We are aware of a location that is close to a sample faucet that allows hot and cold water to mix if valves and faucet handles are not closed during sampling (Located at the Franklin County Tech School) . After review, we are not ruling out that the other TC+ sample at Adams St. Lake Pleasant and the Tech School UR may have been a sampler error and or a faucet that splashes excessively if not careful.

Section C - Corrective Action Taken or to be Taken

Use this space to describe corrective actions completed, a proposed timetable for any corrective actions not already completed, and any interim measures the PWS plans to implement prior to the completion of any corrective actions, including specific milestone dates for doing so (attach additional pages if needed). Include photographs showing system components. Failure to meet milestone dates is subject to enforcement and public notice provisions.

The operator that conducts sampling for the TFWD is informed to pay close attention to the cleanliness of sampling locations, to closely follow proper sampling procedures, water temp and proper flow from faucets. This will be done starting next sampling round and moving forward.

Section D - Compliance History

1. Was the PWS required to complete a Level 1 Assessment in the last 12 months? Yes☐ No☒

If Yes, was the source of contamination identified? Yes☐ No☐

2. Was the PWS required by MassDEP during the last survey, inspection or other communication to address any issue(s)? Yes☐ No☒

If yes, date issue was identified _____. Were all corrective actions completed? Yes☐ No☐

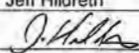
If no, describe the issue and indicate your plan and a proposed timetable for any corrective actions. (attach additional pages if needed)

NOTE: The PWS is responsible for correcting all open violations. Contact your MassDEP Regional Office for assistance with violation and enforcement actions.

Certification: I certify under penalty of law that I am the person authorized to fill out this form, and the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Print Name: Jeff Hildreth

Title: Superintendent

Signature: 

Date: 9/11/2024

Phone #: 413-219-0982

Email: superintendent@turnersfallswater.com

Definitions:

90th Percentile: Out of every 10 homes sampled, 9 were at or below this level.

AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

mg/L: Milligrams per liter.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant

Level Goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

NA: Not applicable.

ND (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

ppm (parts per million): One part substance

per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

SMCL (Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level): They are established as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color, and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.

TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

ug/L: Micrograms per liter.

CALENDAR

Sunderland Center Bus Stop, Sunderland: *The Leafies You Gave Me, Emerald Ground Water, Saliba, Orange & Amber, Teen Driver, Kim Chin-Gibbons, Hogsmas, The Pinings*. 3 p.m. Free.

Latchis Theater, Brattleboro: *CineSlam LGBTQ Short Film Fest*. 4 p.m. \$.

Montague Common Hall, Montague Center: *Sarang: Colors of South Asian Music*. 6 p.m. Free.

Great Falls Harvest, Turners Falls: *Lavender Flu, APIE, Mountain Movers, Joshua Burkett*. 7 p.m. By donation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

First Congregational Church, Amherst: *A Walk in the Woods* by the Valley Players. Benefit for the Peace Development Fund. 2:30 p.m. \$.

Greenfield Records, Greenfield: *Couchboy, Analog Boy*. 3:30 p.m. By donation.

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Stephen Katz*. 4 p.m. \$.

118 Elliot: *Celebrating James Baldwin 100: Go the Way Your Blood Beats*, talk by journalist Richard Goldstein. 4 p.m. Free.

Lunder Center, Williamstown: *William Parker, Patricia Nicholson*. 5 p.m. Free.

The Drake, Amherst: *Gyedu-Blay Ambolley*. 7 p.m. \$.

Nova Arts, Keene: *Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp*. 7 p.m. \$.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Montague Center, Montague: *Bonfire*, hosted by Montague Center Fire Association. 6 p.m. Free.

Energy Park, Greenfield: *Dust Devils, 133 Skeelee, Brookside Project*. 6 p.m. Free.

Brewster Court, Northampton: *The Greys*. 6 p.m. Free.

Allen Tree Farm, Westfield: *Norma Dream, Ben Hersey*.

Tanglewood, Lenox: *James Taylor*. 8 p.m. \$\$.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Roundabout Books, Greenfield: Book release party, Astrid Sheckels's *Sea Dog Rescue*. 2 p.m. Free.

CitySpace, Easthampton: *CitySpace Bluegrass*, open jam. 4 p.m. Free.

Mystery Train Records, Amherst: *Joseph Allred, Liam Grant, Matt Robidoux, Domestic Drafts*. 6 p.m. \$.

Element Brewing, Millers Falls: *David Brule & His Irish Band*. 6:30 p.m. No cover.

North Amherst Library, Amherst: *Radical Joy, The Xbox Generations, California Cousins*. 6:30 p.m. \$.

Iron Horse, Northampton: *Kasey Chambers*. 7 p.m. \$\$.

Hutghi's, Westfield: *Jeanines* record release, with *Nanny, Time Thief*. 8 p.m. \$.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rocco Desgres, Teen Driver, Nilsa No One*. 9:30 p.m. No cover.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Incandescent Brewing, Bernardston: *PJ Pacifico*. 2 p.m. Free.

Lady Killigrew Cafe, Montague Center: *Lexi Weege & JJ Slater*. 4 p.m. Free.

Peskeompskut Park, Turners Falls: *rice: An American Band*. 7 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, JULY 7

Peskeompskut Park, Turners Falls: *Montague Community Band*. 7 p.m. Free.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Open Mic with Jim McRae*. 8:30 p.m. No cover.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Leverett Library, Leverett: Music on the Patio, *Orlen, Gabriel & Avery*. 6:30 p.m.

Daily Op, Easthampton: *Akai Solo, Fatboi Sharif*. 7 p.m. \$.

Tanglewood, Lenox: *Barenaked Ladies, Sugar Ray, Fastball*. 7 p.m. \$.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Wendell Free Library, Wendell: Stone Circle Free Concert, *Ants on a Log, The Grumpytime Club Band*. 6:30 p.m. Free.

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, Hadley: *ReBelle*. 6:30 p.m. \$

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Troy Ramey*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Falltown String Band*. 8 p.m. No cover.

Unnameable Books, Turners Falls: *Northern Moonshine, Cowboy Alfredo and Rigatoni*. 7 p.m. \$.

LAVA Center, Greenfield: Play readings, James Anthony Merolla's *Jane Austen Ruptured My Spleen* and Sam Rahman's *Glauzman's Syndrome*. Talkbacks with playwrights. 7 p.m. \$.

First Congregational Church, Amherst: *A Walk in the Woods* by the Valley Players. Benefit for the Peace Development Fund. 7 p.m. \$.

Iron Horse, Northampton: *Rickie Lee Jones*. 7 p.m. \$.

Hutghi's, Westfield: *Ovarieasy, The Prozacs, MJ Bones, Jersey Calling, Always Manic*. 7 p.m. \$.

Tourists, North Adams: *Little Mazarn*. 7 p.m. \$.

Brick House, Turners Falls: *Vya, Slowburning Daydream, Sleep Destroyer, Glass, Big Destiny*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Nectar*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *2 Car Garage*. 8 p.m. \$.

Epsilon Spires, Brattleboro: *Luke Schneider, Pure Waves*. 8 p.m. \$.

Dream Away Lodge, Becket: *Berkshire Bateria, Metno*. 8 p.m. No cover.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Don Gadi, Lil Souf*. 9:30 p.m. No cover.

Marigold, Brattleboro: *Folkfaces, Ditrani Bros., Moon Hollow*. 8 p.m. \$.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Peskeompskut Park, Turners Falls: *Montague Community Band*. 7 p.m. Free.

Montague Center Library, Montague Center: *Bully! Roosevelt's 1902 Visit to Millers Falls*, presented by Will Quale. 6 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

Sadie's Bikes, Turners Falls: *First Tuesday Group Bike Ride*. Rides are upwards of 20 miles. Contact sadiesbikesinfo@gmail.com for more information. 6:15 p.m. Free.

Leverett Library, Leverett: Music on the Patio, *Rattlesnake Gutter Guttersnipes*. 6:30 p.m.

Academy of Music, Northampton: *Ocean Vuong*. 7 p.m. \$.

Bishop's Lounge, Northampton: *Buck Gooter, Bunnies, Jumpy, Wishbone Zoë*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

Stone Church, Brattleboro: *Fievel Is Glaque, Flanafi*. 8 p.m. \$.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, Hadley: *Rosemary Caine and the Wild Irish Shenanigans*. 6:30 p.m. \$

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Charlemont Federated Church, Charlemont: *John Clark*, horn, *Avery Sharpe*, bass, *Jerry Noble*, piano. Presented by Mohawk Trail Concerts. 5 p.m. Free.

Firehouse, Worcester: *Necralant, Warcastle, Baazlvaat, Mordhau, Skum, Glorious Descent*. No flags permitted. 6 p.m. \$.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Drew Paton*. 6:30 p.m. No cover.

Floodwater Brewing Company, Shelburne Falls: *Periscope Jazz*. 7 p.m. No cover.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Wildcat O'Halloran Band*. 8 p.m. No cover.

looking forward...

FRIDAY, JULY 11

Carnegie Library, Turners Falls: *Terrific Turtles*, with Mass Audubon educator Kelly Walbert. Games, turtle shells, crafts. Ages 5 to 12. 3:30 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Knights of Columbus, Holyoke: *Space Camp, When the Time Comes, Unabomber, Made Manifest*. 8 p.m. \$.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Orkestar Banitsa*. 4 p.m. \$.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Peskeompskut Park, Turners Falls: *Wet Tuna, Vimana*. 6:30 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Last Ditch, Greenfield: *Slobdrop, Stagnax, Sleep Destroyer*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *Daedelus, Dan Friel, Head of Wantastiquet, Barbie.AI, Impure Luck, Astral Chill*. 8 p.m. \$.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Hutghi's, Westfield: *Peace Talks, De Rodillas, Demented FX, Visceral Filth, The Eye*. 8 p.m. \$.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Tree House Brewing, Deerfield: *Dark Star Orchestra*. 6 p.m. \$.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Antenna Cloud Farm, Gill: *Duo Yumeno*. 2 and 6 p.m. \$.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Tourists, North Adams: *Thor & Friends, More Eaze*. 7 p.m. \$.

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 TO 31

Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, Montague: *RPMFest* feat. *Conan, Ghoul, Royal Thunder, Duel, Lich King, Horrendous, Chained to the Bottom of the Ocean*, many more. Camping. \$\$.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Daily Op, Easthampton: *Dummy, Mahogany*. 7 p.m. \$.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Iron Horse, Northampton: *Fred Eaglesmith & The Velvet Frogs*. \$ 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The Drake, Amherst: *The Lemonheads*. 7 p.m. \$.

Left: Portland, Oregon-based garage rock band The Lavender Flu comes to the Harvest in Turners Falls this Saturday.

Right: Free jazz multi-instrumentalist William Parker and dancer Patricia Nicholson perform Sunday in Williamstown.

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

FIND WHERE YOU BELONG AT ANY AGE. FIND YOUR Y.

JOIN TODAY!
www.your-y.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY'S Y
451 Main Street
Greenfield, MA

Reil CLEANING SERVICES

Improve Air Quality & Heating/Cooling Efficiency

DUCT CLEANING

Free Video Inspections - Log On To See It
Air Duct ♦ Baseboard ♦ Dryer Vent Cleaning

WHAT'S IN YOUR VENTS??!

Call **413.422.1192** or visit www.REILCLEAN.com

Ed Terault, Owner

HARVEY'S

166 AVE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA

TUE-SAT 4-9

READS from page B1

gets a challenging new psychopathic client and the dating-agency boss announces she’s moving on, leaving Lexie in a head-to-head competition for the top job. It’s compulsive reading because Coryell’s focus never strays from Lexie’s story, nor does her iron grip falter on a plot that corkscrews its way to a startling finale.

Similarly, in *Clever Little Thing* (Viking, 2025) author Helena Echlin keeps the plot reins taut as first-person narrator Charlotte spirals into disaster. Her attention is beamed on her eight-year-old daughter Stella, a super-picky eater who hates noise, doesn’t connect with others, reads precociously, and frequently freaks out.

Clearly, Charlotte needs help, but woe betide anyone who offers

parenting advice. Her problems worsen when her babysitter Blanka dies, and Blanka’s mother Irina comes to help. According to Charlotte, Irina has terrible effects on Stella’s personality.

Charlotte’s relationship with Stella has the intensity typical of the psychological thriller, while the novel’s portrayal of mothering styles is the stuff of realist fiction.

Irina and Charlotte have different theories of mothering, and so do Charlotte’s friends: *chic* Emmy aims for pretty-pretty perfection, while Cherie, who has an autistic son, challenges Charlotte’s core belief that a mother innately understands her child’s needs.

In a psychological thriller Charlotte would be the heroine who, despite scorn, correctly spots what ails her daughter. In realist fiction, she is a stay-at-

home mother losing touch with reality as she weathers a difficult pregnancy. This fruitful combination of genres and Echlin’s sharp social observation makes *Clever Little Thing* a page-turner.

The Listeners by Maggie Stiefvater (Viking, 2025) is set in Avallon, a spa hotel in West Virginia. In 1942 the State Department requisitions it to accommodate German, Italian, and Japanese diplomats no longer welcome because America had just entered the Second World War. The enemy diplomats must be well-treated to ensure the safety of American diplomats stranded in Axis countries until an exchange is negotiated.

No one is better able to do this than Avallon’s manager, June Hudson. And no one is more able to handle the mineral springs on which the hotel’s fame is founded. Called sweetwater despite tasting like “a

split lip and a mouthful of dust,” they periodically “turn” evil. June can magically turn them back.

Readers of Stiefvater’s young-adult fantasy fictions – the Raven Trilogy, for example – will not be surprised to find magic in her first adult novel. But magic rather distracts from this realistic story based on historic events: the State Department really did accommodate enemy diplomats in luxury hotels. In particular, magic water takes the spotlight off the story of Hannelore, the neurodivergent daughter of a Hitler disciple.

Nonetheless the entwined tales of June’s work at the hotel, her involvement with the Gilfoyle family that owns it, and her response to the real-life machinations of the US government make fascinating reading.

Another wartime novel, *The Voyage Home* (Doubleday, 2024) by English novelist Pat Barker, explores the arrogance, treachery, and cruelty of the Trojan war – and by implication all wars – a topic that Barker has previously explored in her prize-winning *Regeneration*.

In this new novel *Ritsa* is a slave who is maid to Cassandra, daughter of Priam, the defeated king of Troy. Cassandra is also enslaved,

having been given as a trophy to the Greek king Agamemnon after he laid Troy waste in revenge for Priam’s abduction of his sister-in-law Helen. The many dark threads twisted into this story of tangled relationships multiply the number of reasons for people to seek revenge for injuries old and new.

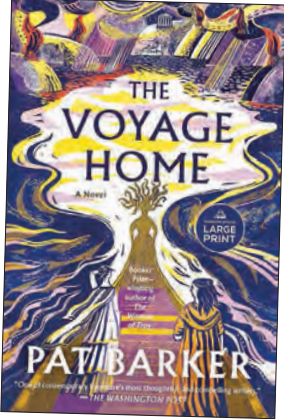
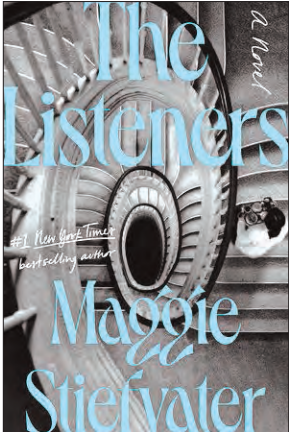
Ritsa is an alert witness and a wise commentator. She has no illusions about the brutish Agamemnon. She feels for his wife Clytemnestra, who is preparing to kill him in revenge for sacrificing their daughter. But how can she achieve this given Agamemnon’s strength?

Ritsa also sympathizes with Cassandra – once a princess, now a slave, who, like Clytemnestra and Ritsa, is merely a pawn in a men’s game.

Readers familiar with the family epics of ancient Greek literature will admire this contemporary feminist retelling, but those whose memories of it are hazy or non-existent will not be lost in this book.

One of Barker’s numerous literary skills is tactfully keeping the reader in the picture. Another is her keen sense of history. As always she has a firm hand on the narrative trajectory, and an unforgiving eye on the personal and political machinations that catch us in their workings.

As Barker shows, all eras have stories that can make summer special. Whether you prefer something old or something new, there’s plenty of some-things for everyone.



TV ANALYSIS

Crossovers in the *Star Trek* Universe

By MELISSA WLOSTOSKI

GREENFIELD – Sometimes you can have a “universe” concept in TV shows, which means you can have crossovers between different shows due to them taking place in the same universe. This can happen in the *Star Trek* universe, and it has been done in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Star Trek: Voyager*, and the latest show, *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*.

Sometimes it goes quite smoothly, and the crossovers fit pretty well into the different shows.

Strange New Worlds is a prequel that features Anson Mount as Christopher Pike, the captain of the USS Enterprise before James T. Kirk. They slowly set up things to develop the Enterprise we know and love, with the characters we are familiar with from the original *Star Trek* series.

Uhura is already on the ship, but Kirk, played by Paul Wesley, is introduced in the Season 1 finale. In Season 2 they also did a “road not taken” storyline that was like the first time he showed up. Later that season they officially began putting some characters from Kirk’s Enterprise together by having Kirk and Uhura team up. At the end of that episode, Kirk is introduced to Spock, and in the season finale Scotty, the man who would come to be Enterprise’s chief engineer, also comes into the picture.

So the pieces are slowly coming together. I have seen a preview that shows Scotty will still be a part of the show, and teams up with Kirk as well, when it comes back for Season 3.



The character Q from *The Next Generation* is a being who can do almost anything, which is why it works well when he showed up on *Deep Space Nine* and *Voyager*. The first storyline *Voyager* did with Q was Jonathan Frakes on the show as Riker from *Next Generation*, and his appearance helps sell the story.

Two other characters from *The Next Generation* officially became part of *Deep Space Nine*, and both were very good fits with the show. The first was Miles O’Brien, who helps give closure to the storyline left hanging in *Next Generation* about Q traveling with someone.

Lieutenant Worf ended up being another good part of *Deep Space Nine* when he joined the show in Season 4. Things began to happen with the Klingons around Season 4, so who better to bring on to help with them than Worf? It made his move onto the show go very smoothly.

I would say some of the crossovers in this universe have worked better than others, but I particularly like what goes on in *Strange New Worlds*.

101 episodes are now available!



Look for us on Apple/iTunes, Overcast, Spotify, Castbox, EarBuzz, CastDump, Podslop, PodSphere, UberPod, Starlink, ParaSocial, ShowFarm, inside giant seashells, and elsewhere

The Montague Reporter Podcast

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE (12 WEEK MINIMUM). CALL 863-8666!

MYSTERY
TRAIN
AMHERST

BUY / SELL / TRADE
MUSIC / MOVIES / BOOKS
WE BUY RECORDS

178A N Pleasant

413-253-4776

Montague Villages

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

BECOME A MEMBER!

To learn more, volunteer, or make a donation, go to

www.montaguevillages.org

Abby Graseck
Zen Shiatsu

Turners Falls & Gill

413-834-5382

agraseck.shiatsu@gmail.com

www.abbygraseckshiatsu.net

GREENFIELD SOLAR

Local Solar PV Installers
for over 16 years
in western Massachusetts

"When day comes, we step out of the
shade aflame and unafraid. The new
dawn blooms as we free it. For there
is always light. If only we're brave
enough to see it. If only we're brave
enough to be it."

Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*

SolarGreenfield.com

2 Fiske Ave., Greenfield

(413) 772.3122

Call for free site assessment!

allEarth
SOLAR
PREMIER DEALER

Turners Falls Pizza House

Family Owned & Operated

Serving Turners Falls area for 40 Years

Dave Argy, Family & Staff

PIZZA, GRINDERS,
DINNERS, SALADS, BURGERS

www.turnersfallspizza.com

119 Avenue A, Turners Falls (413) 863-8000

Dennis L. Booska
Dennis L. Booska, Jr.

Phone & Fax
413-863-3690

Booska's Flooring

169 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Member
The Flooring Network.

Tile
Lino
Carpet

Erik Doolittle
landscape maintenance

Erik Doolittle
owner

Cell (413) 834-1531
462 Fox Hill Rd.
Bernardston, MA 01337

Professional Painting & Decorating Contractor Since 1900

1900-2025 * Our 125th Year

COUTURE BROS.

Christian S. Couture, President

* Commercial
* Residential
* Industrial

Tel: (413) 863-4346 Fax: (413) 863-3740
400 Avenue A - PO Box 270 - Turners Falls, MA 01376
www.couturebros.com | HIC Lic. 100326