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IN WEST STOCKBRIDGE

Photo by J. Parker

What's Happening At The Board of Selectmen

By John Parker

(Editor's note: the following are edited summaries of Board minutes, which are available in full and unedited on the Town web site at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov and at the Town offices.)

September 15, 2008

Open Meeting. Present: Selectmen Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton. Not present: Michael Kirchner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

Police Appointment. Tina Skorput Cooper withdrew her vote to appoint Gary Mitchell as a part-time police officer at the last meeting pending an opinion from Town Counsel on Mr. Mitchell's retirement status from the Springfield Police Dept. The matter will be taken up again at next week's meeting.

Public Hearing. The Public Hearing for the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club Change of Manager Request was re-opened. Club president Vincent Stannard presented an application naming Dion Hall as Manager. There being no comment on the application from those present, the application was approved.

Fire Station Painting. Regarding the planned painting of the Fire Station, Fire Chief Peter Skorput said that Department personnel could paint the lower front side of the building but that the remaining three sides would require scaffolding and others to do the painting. The Board agreed to put in a request to the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program. Two persons in the audience also volunteered.

Library Deliveries. Paula Farrell asked if the Inter-Library Loan truck could use the service lane on the west side of the Town Offices building to deliver and pick up books. Curt Wilton and Peter Skorput questioned whether the narrow paved lane could accommodate the truck. Paula will find out the gross vehicle weight of the truck, and the matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

Transfer Station Cam. Administrative Assistant Mark Webber presented a quote for \$1,300 for the installation of a security camera and monitor at the Transfer Station. Station attendant Bill Pixley is

concerned that people are co-mingling other items with paper in the paper bin, which cannot be seen from inside the attendant's shack. Webber added that there is a leak in the roof over the paper bin that should be repaired because wet paper costs more to transport to the recycling facility. Curt Wilton suggested that the Town's custodian, Peter Skorput, be asked to repair the roof and added, "It's a sad day in West Stockbridge when we are asked to spend \$1,300 on a camera to monitor the paper bin." The Board will ask Bill Pixley to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss Transfer Station operations.

Other business:

- Mark Webber will attend a public procurement seminar in Boston the first week of October.
- Building Inspector Don Fitzgerald will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to discuss his proposal to adjust building permit fees.
- Highway Department will remove and dispose of old unused wrestling mats in the gymnasium.
- Mark Webber will work with Tree Warden Jim Hallock to prepare a Tree Warden job description.
- COA van will be returned from the dealer this week fully operational and ready to ride.

September 22, 2008

Open Meeting. Present: Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton, Michael Kirchner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

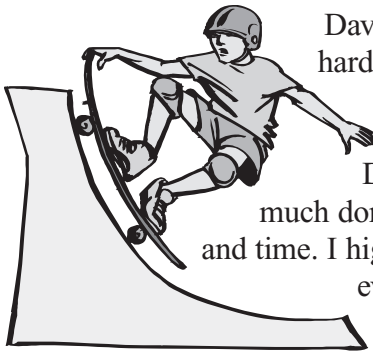
COA Drivers. In response to a request from the Council on Aging, the Board will place an ad in the Shopper's Guide and a notice in the next Local Yoke.

Old Town Hall. After a final review of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the future use and/or re-use of the Old Town Hall, the Board instructed Administrative Assistant Mark Webber to publish the legal notice in both the Berkshire Eagle and Goods and Services. The RFP will also be available on line. Meanwhile, the Board will discuss winterizing the building with Peter Skorput and the Building Inspector.

Skate Park. The Town's insurance carrier will be asked to review the skate park under construction at

Parks & Rec News

By Jenni Roy Hallock



David Eddy has been working hard on our beautiful Skateboard Park. With the help of our Highway Department, he has gotten much done with very little money and time. I highly recommend that everyone go and take a look at the amazing ramps and jumps, higher than any

skate park I have seen around here. How lucky we are to have a resident expert to make an exceptional layout for skating, on a budget! It seems there are always several people using the Skate Park and even to an untrained eye, you can tell the flow of what Dave has built so far is perfect.

Dave has been working on planning this project for years now. He is using donated concrete slabs, worked deals on much of the materials, and figured out how to freight these things in the very best way. There are a few more things he would love to do to the Park while he is still working and we are looking for any donations towards them. A plaque will be put up at the end of construction to thank Dave and list all that contributed to the Park. This Park is quickly becoming a destination for its superior layout, as well as for its beautiful and safe setting. Thank you, Dave!

The next meeting is December 2nd, 6:30 - 7:30pm at The Town Hall. Anyone is welcome. Call or email if you can't make it or for donations for the Skate Park – Jenni Roy Hallock 232-4322 or jenniroy1@gmail.com. ■



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JLH Outdoor Services

By Vicki Grayson

Jim Hallock and Jenni Roy Hallock of JLH Outdoor Services are active town residents as well as local business owners. Jim, a Berkshire native, began his working life in the car repair business. For many years he was a Blue Level Master Ford Technician, the top diagnostic person for Ford cars in Berkshire County. After 14 years he developed an allergy to petroleum and needed to find another line of work. With a small loan he bought used equipment, re-built the motor, then went to



Jim Hallock and Jenni Roy Hallock manage JLH Outdoor Services.

Photo by Vicki Grayson



The next generation of Hallocks share a bucket: Mary, Shannon, Caitlyn and James.

Photo courtesy of Jim & Jenni Roy Hallock

work on a 100 acre in property in Sandisfield. As his client list grew, so did his equipment inventory (which today is very impressive) and he now has a large landscape and tree service company providing a wide variety of services.

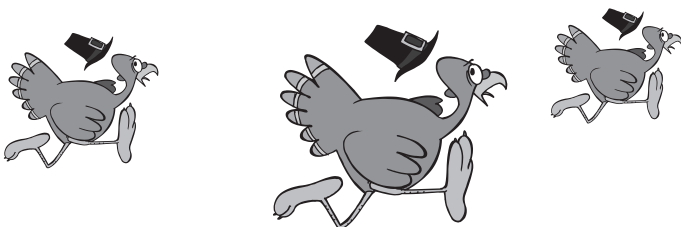
Jenni is third generation West Stockbridge. Prior to creating JLH with Jim she worked with her parents, Joe and Anne Roy, owners of The Floor Store. Jenni and Jim have been married for two years and between them have four children: Shannon, 9; Mary, 8; Caitlyn, 7; and James, Jr., 6. Another girl, Abby, is on the way, expected in January. Between running the business and taking care of a large family, they still manage to find time to volunteer for a lot of community activities. Jim was recently elected Tree Warden for the Town of West Stockbridge; is a volunteer Fireman and EMT (he began as a volunteer in the Monterey Fire Department at age 13!); a member of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad; a Cub

Scout den leader and a den assistant for another Cub Scout troop. Jenni is President of the Muddy Brook PTA; a member of the Zucchini Festival Committee for which she manages several projects; a very active member of the West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee; and a volunteer for many activities at Muddy Brook.

Both Jenni and Jim are very proud of the way they run their business. They say what really counts is reliability, being on time, giving accurate estimates with fair prices, quick responses to urgent problems, cleaning up the job site and last, but definitely not least, being fully insured including workers' comp. They supply a very large range of landscape services: tree, stump and brush removal; cabling and pruning; land clearing; driveway repair and drainage; lawn installation and maintenance; installation of fencing, patios, walkways, gazebos; flowerbed design (including lighting) and maintenance; and – particularly relevant at this time of year – snow plowing and firewood. The list is endless – JLH can do just about everything on a property that a client requests.

In addition to providing the above services to homeowners, JLH does a lot of work in tree removal and landscaping for contractors. Sometimes for very large jobs that have some urgency to them, they will bring in another tree company to get the project done very quickly. Jim said that if he or someone on his crew does not have the expertise needed for all parts of a job (which seems not to happen very often considering their range of experience) that he will bring in experts. Lisa Parker, of The Lady's Touch, also a West Stockbridge resident and a highly experienced landscape design professional, has recently begun working with JLH on some of their larger projects.

Jim clearly loves what he does and said that he's "out there to make a living, but also to help people." It's very important both to Jim and Jenni to charge what they consider fair prices and not take advantage of people, to always be there when their clients need them, and to provide the highest level of customer service. ■




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the Village School. The Town already has insurance coverage for the facility, which is being updated.

Tree Work. Maple Street resident Dan Howard asked permission to remove a dying tree adjacent to his property, which he is concerned will come down and damage his shed. Tree Warden Jim Hallock and Building Inspector Don Fitzgerald determined the tree is on Orchard Street, a so-called “paper road.” Tree Warden Hallock has no objection to removal of the tree as long as Mr. Howard signs a release and employs a certified arborist. Mr. Howard agreed and signed the release.

Road Work Bids. Bids were opened for three road paving and reclamation projects. Three bids were received for “Full Depth Reclamation, High Street” with All States Asphalt the apparent low bidder. Five bids were received for “Bituminous Paving, High Street” with Palmer Paving the apparent low bidder. Five bids were also received for “Bituminous Paving, Swamp Road” with Palmer Paving again being apparent low bidder. The bids were closed and taken under advisement. Curt Wilton will review the bids for accuracy and eligibility and make a recommendation to the Board at their next meeting.

Building Permit Fee Schedule. The Board approved a revised Building Permit Fee Schedule proposed by Building Inspector Don Fitzgerald. The new fee schedule will take effect immediately and bring our fees closer in line with neighboring towns.

Police Appointment. Tina Skorput Cooper asked the Board to review the appointment of Police Officer Gary Mitchell, which had been voted on by the Board two weeks earlier. Skorput Cooper noted the Board had requested, but had not yet received, an opinion from Town Counsel on the legality of hiring Mr. Mitchell. TSC wanted to stay the appointment until the Board has received the legal opinion.

Mike Kirchner expressed concern about discussing personnel matters in open meeting, and said that proper executive session procedures need to be followed. Gary Mitchell was in attendance and waived his executive session privilege, stating that his disability retirement from the Springfield Police Department was common knowledge when he worked for the Town of West Stockbridge several years ago.

Chief Stanton protested that his recommendations for appointment are being opened to political scrutiny. Mr. Mitchell asserted that he was released five years ago due to a “witch-hunt.” Richard Klein, Selectman at the time of Mitchell’s dismissal, responded that he was let go as a result of an opinion from Town Counsel, not a witch hunt.

A motion was made to re-affirm the previous Board vote to appoint Gary Mitchell as part-time Police Officer. Kirchner and Wilton voted in favor. Skorput Cooper voted against appointment, maintaining that the Board should wait for an updated opinion from Town Counsel.

October 6, 2008

Open Meeting. Present: Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton. Michael Kirchner not present. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

Zoning Changes. Tina Skorput Cooper asked that the Planning Board include downtown zoning changes, including the Old Town Hall, when they conduct public hearings to consider a zoning change for properties on Albany Road across from Troy’s Garage.

Halloween Activities. “Trick or Treat” will be on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 with a parade and party to follow at the Town Offices.

Road Work Bids. Following a review of road paving bids accepted at the 9-22-08 meeting, the Board awarded contracts to All States Asphalt (High Street reclamation project) and Palmer Paving (High Street and Swamp Road paving projects).

Library Deliveries. The Friends of the Library have asked that the fire lane leading from the parking lot to the Library side door entrance be paved so that the Bookmobile servicing the Library can unload there instead of the front entrance. Curt Wilton will get an estimate but warned that it would be expensive. Tina Skorput Cooper said she would prefer the fire lane not be expanded for safety reasons (the area is used by children and vehicles might be a problem).

Facility Use. Noting the condition of the bathrooms after practices and games, Peter Skorput asked that the youth soccer team coaches be advised to instruct players to take off their spikes before entering the building.



Sewer/Water Superintendent Receives Award

Michael Buffoni, West Stockbridge Sewer/Water Superintendent received the 2007 Outstanding Plant Performance Award at the Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association Annual Awards Luncheon, which was held on September 24.

The West Stockbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant was selected as best performing plant with a design flow of less than one million gallons per day. Our facility was the only one in this category that received the award in the entire Commonwealth. The award was based on consistent outstanding plant efficiency. ■






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In Case You Hadn't Heard... The Presidential Election is Coming November 4

Tuesday, November 4th is the Presidential Election. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, and are located in the gymnasium of the Town Offices at the Village School, 21 State Line Road. Voter turnout is expected to be very high. The Town Clerk, Tina Skorput Cooper, asks that voters have patience when they have to wait in line.

Please be prepared when you come to vote, bring your identification with you and provide it to the "Check-In Clerk" when requested. A copy of the Official Ballot is shown here, so that voters can familiarize themselves with the ballot. There is a pamphlet available at the Town Clerk's Office that explains the questions that are on the ballot. You are more than welcome to stop by Town Hall and pick it up before November 4th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours at 413-232-0300 ext. 300 or email the Clerk's Office at Clerk@weststockbridge-ma.gov. ■

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts GENERAL ELECTION

William Francis Galvin WEST STOCKBRIDGE
Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Precinct 1

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Please Note: This is NOT a valid Ballot.

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JEFFREY K. BEATTY 23 John Joseph Rd., Harwich	REPUBLICAN
ROBERT J. UNDERWOOD 83 Cherrelyn St., Springfield	LIBERTARIAN

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIRST DISTRICT

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NATHAN A. BECH 84 Summit St., West Springfield	REPUBLICAN

COUNCILLOR EIGHTH DISTRICT

THOMAS T. MERRIGAN 23 Plum Tree Ln., Greenfield Candidate for Re-election	DEMOCRATIC
MICHAEL FRANCO 45 Cedar Hill Rd., East Longmeadow	REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT

BENJAMIN BRACKETT DOWNING 123 Pomeroy Ave., Pittsfield Candidate for Re-election	DEMOCRATIC
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LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

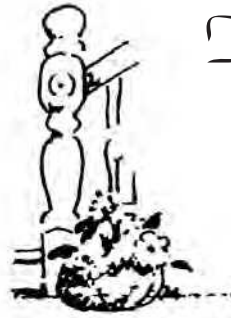
LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty. Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse. The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding. The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body. Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana. The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.



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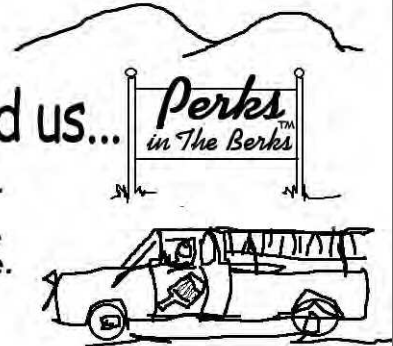
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Recipe Corner
By Lynn Ryan

PUMPKIN DIP



Ingredients:

- 1 (8oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1 (15 oz.) can solid pack pumpkin
- 1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. frozen orange juice concentrate

Directions:

In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese and confectioner's sugar until smooth. Gradually mix in the pumpkin. Stir in the cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, and orange juice until smooth and blended. Chill until serving. Yields about 32 servings

Use graham crackers, vanilla wafers, ginger snaps or apple wedges for dipping and make the presentation spectacular by putting the dip into a scooped out small sugar pumpkin. Your creation will surely be the hit at any Thanksgiving gathering!

Zucchini Festival Winning Recipes will resume in January – stay tuned!

Send your favorite recipes to Lynn Ryan, 17 Lenox Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266

(Sample Ballot, continued from page 9)

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing. Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs. These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Candidates for the office of School Committee and local offices added by Special Legislation are not reflected in the ballot above. These offices may, however, appear on your ballot when voting.

You may vote for every position on the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Committee, regardless of where you reside in the District.

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JOHN P. GROGAN ++++++
360 North Plain Rd., Great Barrington Candidate for Re-election

FREDERICK G. CLARK ++++++
388 Park Street, Great Barrington

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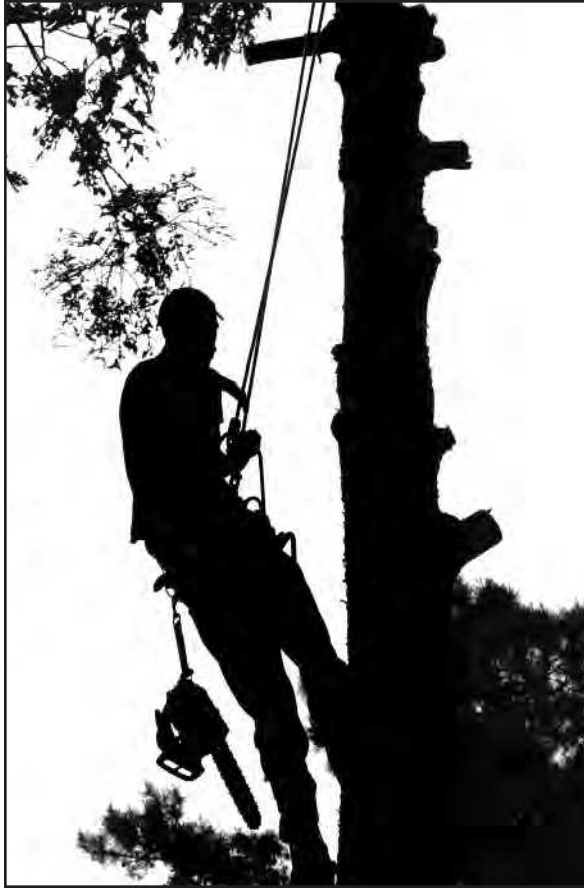
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BERKSHIRE HILLS (4 YEARS) GREAT BARRINGTON (to fill vacancy) **Vote for ONE**

ANDREW DIAMOND ++++++
10 Knob Hill Rd., Great Barrington

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BERKSHIRE HILLS (4 YEARS) STOCKBRIDGE **Vote for ONE**

ALAN R. WILKEN ++++++
3 Old Meeting House Rd., Stockbridge

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BERKSHIRE HILLS (4 YEARS) WEST STOCKBRIDGE (to fill vacancy) **Vote for ONE**



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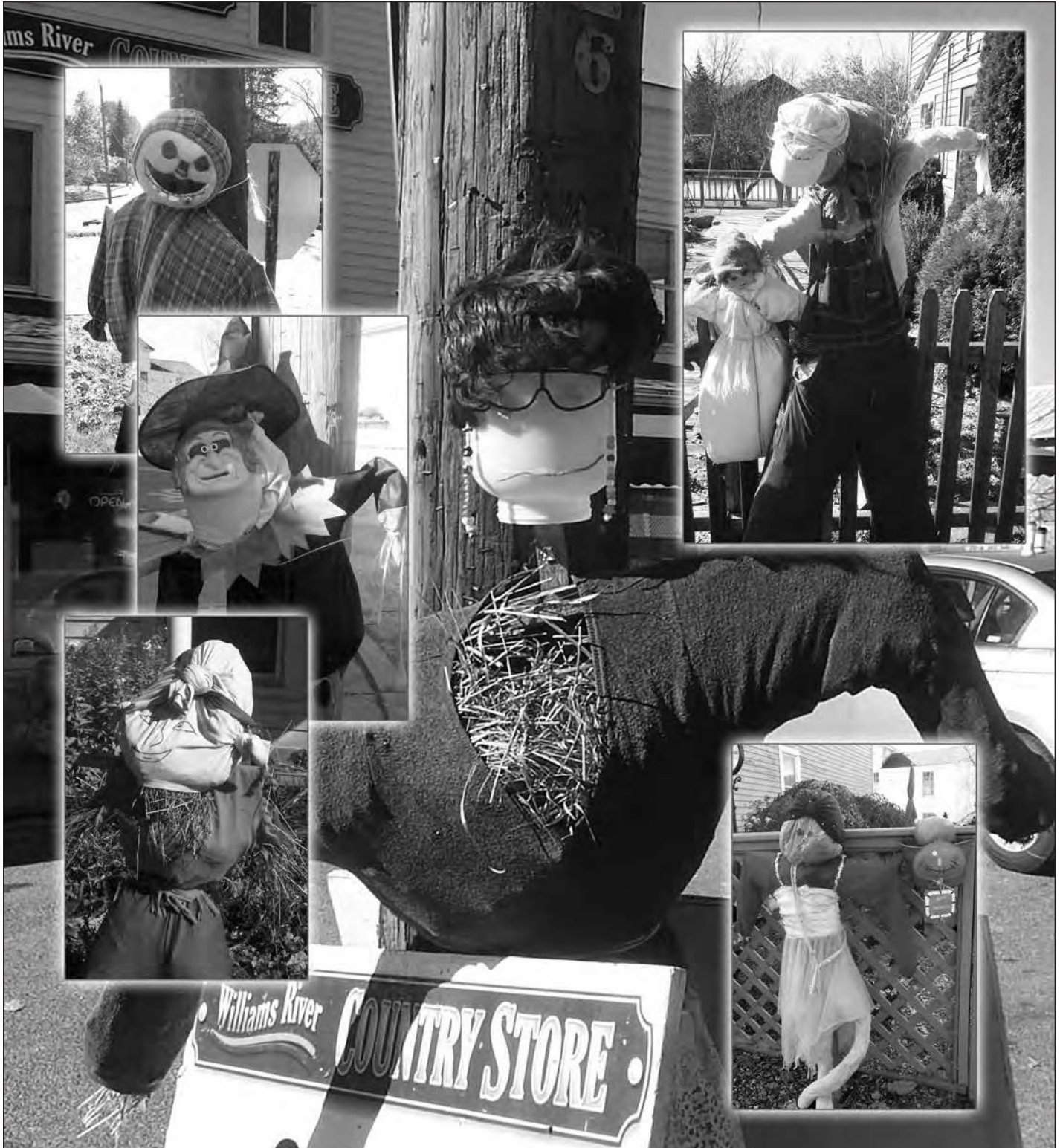
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Scarecrows Make Their Annual Visit!

Photos by J. Parker

On Saturday, October 11, the West Stockbridge Fire & Rescue Services once again organized and hosted Scarecrow-Making Day. The volunteers provided materials and assistance, while children participating in the free workshop brought old clothes, costumes and lots of imagination. The creative results were displayed around town through the end of October.



Looking Back: Historical Reflections on West Stockbridge

State Line: One-Time Economic Powerhouse of Western Mass.

By Seth Kershner

Now that the New York State Highway Department has been working on the bridge spanning I-90 for several months, it might seem fit to take in the scene that one sees while waiting at the new stoplight. After all, a westbound traveler has to cross from Massachusetts into New York by going through State Line. While there may seem to be little of interest about the area today, in fact this hamlet was once an economic powerhouse for far Western Massachusetts.

The tiny town had an auspicious start when the first railroad into Western Massachusetts, the Hudson and Berkshire, blazed a trail in 1838 from Hudson, NY, to State Line. From there, the railroad made its way a further three miles, into West Stockbridge proper, stopping to dip into the deep ore beds along present-day Rte 102. According to Edna Bailey Garnett, the hauling of marble and iron ore formed “the stimuli and backbone of the enterprise.”

Garnett’s book on West Stockbridge has several photos of the stately State Line Station, which stood about 300 feet from the boundary line. Sheila Thunfors kindly talked with me about another building that may have served as a stagehouse during those

railroading years, an ancient two-story structure that remained standing up until only a few years ago. This stagecoach stop stood across the street from the former site of The Line, a funky saloon with a reputation for rowdiness. While The Line has since been split into commercial units, restored and now leased by Ivy Mountain Associates, its colorful past is partly what made State Line well-known as a place where there was always a cold drink awaiting the weary workingman.

The manufacture of grog also played a vital role in the area's economy. West Center resident and history buff Billy Kie tells me that John Losty's brewery was one of several State Line suds factories in operation in the early 1900s. A Chatham Courier article from 1984 even has it that Losty's second floor was “the scene of many an exciting cock fight of a Saturday evening.”

The contents of many of Losty's hand-blown bottles were consumed not far from whence they came – just across the street, in fact, at a hotel and bar whose history will be the subject of a future column in the Local Yokel. ■



Photo courtesy of Robert Salerno



Flu Clinics

Specifically for adult residents of West Stockbridge and Richmond

Richmond Clinic:

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Town Hall
12pm-2pm

West Stockbridge Clinic:

Thursday, November 13, 2008
St. Patrick's Church
12pm-2pm

Community Health Association Office:


Mondays and Wednesdays:
November 17, 19,
December 1, 3, 8, 10
9am-10am
Proof of Residency may be requested.

For information Call: 413.232.0122

Appointments are suggested for the office clinics, so please call Emilie Jarrett, CHA director, at 413.232.0122.

Those eligible for the Influenza Vaccination at these clinics include:

- All persons who want to reduce their risk of becoming ill with influenza or of spreading it to others
- All persons age 18 and older
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- All healthcare personnel
- Have chronic cardiovascular (except HTN) or pulmonary conditions, including asthma, renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders including diabetes mellitus
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- Have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or HIV)
- Have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk of aspiration



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CHA NOVEMBER EVENT SCHEDULE			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
November 5	Office Blood Pressure Clinic	9:00am-10am	West Stockbridge Town Offices
November 12	Richmond Flu Clinic	12pm-2pm	Richmond Town Hall
November 13	St. Patrick's Flu Clinic	12pm-2pm	St. Patrick's Church
November 17	Office Flu Clinic	9am-10am	West Stockbridge Town Offices
November 19	Office Flu Clinic	9am-10am	West Stockbridge Town Offices
November 20	Richmond Blood Pressure Clinic	10am-11am	Richmond Town Hall
November 24-28	Office Closed		

Library News

By Danielle Chretien



It's now November and as we change the clocks back on the 2nd of this month, there are also some changes being made here at the Library. It's time for the Library to move to its new winter hours; which begin on Tuesday, November 4. The Library will remain open five days a week with just a few changes to the hours. There are three days this month that the Library will be closed: Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11, and November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

Last month the Library hired Jodi Wagner as the new Library assistant. She is a great addition and I'm happy to have her as my co-worker. Jodi is now working Saturdays as well as some hours during the week. Story time will continue to be held at 11 am on Saturdays. Please stop by and welcome Jodi to the Library.

Some policy changes will take effect at the end of this month, including the Museum Pass Policy and Inclement Weather/Closing Policy. These will be posted at the Library.

New this month is our Adopt-a-Book section. Over the past months the Book Loft has kindly donated a large collection of advance reading copies. These books are looking for new homes. Stop by and look over the ever-changing collection, and take a one or two home to enjoy.

Well, that wraps up the Library news for this month, and remember the door is always open! ■

West Stockbridge PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Hours

Tuesdays: 12– 5pm
Wednesdays: 1-5pm
Thursdays and Fridays: 2-6pm
Saturdays: 10am –2 pm

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ART AT THE LIBRARY

DAVID ADELSON
Awakening Art & Photography

David Adelson, of the Devi Gallery (pronounced Day-Vee), a long-time spiritual teacher/healer, will be exhibiting a selection of his artwork at the West Stockbridge Library during the month of November.

“Every piece of art offered ‘awakens’ multi-dimensional facets of our unbounded individual awareness, expanding the subtle experience of perception to begin to ‘see’ deeper reality.”

– David Adelson



“Spring Song”
by David Adelson



HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Large bags - \$15.00
Small bags - \$10.00

FREE VINTAGE TOTE BAG with the purchase of a set of eight West Stockbridge Historical DVDS during the months of November and December. Tote bags may be purchased separately: Buy one, get a second (same size) at half price. Bags feature an artistic depiction of the Old Town Hall and Library. Stop by the Library during regular hours to purchase the DVDs.

BOOKCASE DONATION REQUEST

The Friends of the Library are requesting the donation of a bookcase (or two) for our book sale inventory. Please contact Nancy Trionfo (413) 232-4345 if you have a bookcase to donate.

WELCOME DANIELLE!

The Friends of the Library extend our welcome to Danielle Chretien, our new Library Administrator. We look forward to working with Danielle in our efforts to support and promote the West Stockbridge Library.



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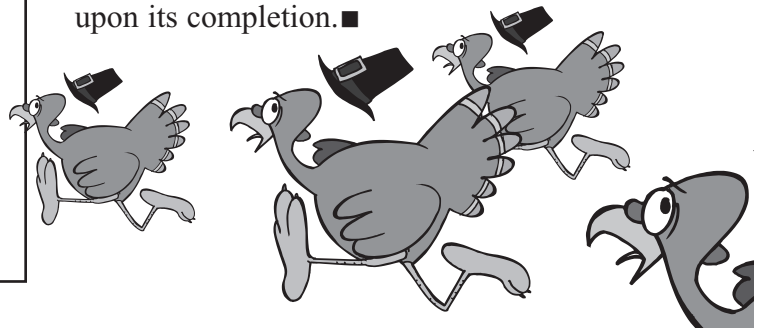
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(Board of Selectmen, continued from page 6)

Dam Review. The Board approved an agreement with Fuss & O'Neill, an engineering company from Springfield, to conduct a State-mandated structural engineering report on the Shaker Mill Dam. This report is in addition to the State-mandated Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the dam.

Card Pond Weed Removal. Previous attempts to rid the Card Pond beach area of aquatic weeds having proven unsuccessful, the Board approved an application for Notice of Intent for chemical weed removal. Lycott Engineering will submit the notice to the Conservation Commission at the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Planning Board. The Board reviewed a request from the Planning Board to place an article on the next Special Town Meeting for the purpose of paying the Planning Board Secretary for services during the prior fiscal year. The bill for services was not submitted until after the FY '08 books had been closed. The Board agreed, although no date has been set for a Special Town Meeting.

Executive Session. The Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing opinions from Town Counsel relative to MGL Chapter 39:23B (3) and not to return to open meeting session upon its completion. ■



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November Birthdays

November 7	Curt Wilton
November 15	Joshua Morse
November 19	James Hallock, Jr.
November 22	Laura Skorput
November 29	Paula Viola



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Bill's Recycling
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Rinse Those Bottles and Cans!

All recyclable containers must be rinsed out. Otherwise, the recycling center in Springfield will not accept them. Cereal boxes must have the inner packaging removed.

Hours:

Tues., Thurs. 10am-6pm

Sat. 8am-6pm

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Bill Pixley, Attendant

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Community News & Events

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

The Stockbridge Grange will serve a public Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, family-style in the Grange Hall on Church Street from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on November 9. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years of age. Take-out is available by calling 413-298-3185.

Free Senior Health and Benefits Fair

The Community Health Program is coordinating a free Senior Health and Benefits Fair on November 7 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Berkshire South, Crissey Road, Great Barrington. There will be health screenings, health education, giveaways and referrals. Any questions, please contact Luci at CHP, 413-528-9311 ext. 2147.

Wanted: Photographs of Old West Stockbridge

Learn about Old West Stockbridge...see recent historical discoveries...AND preserve your family heritage and contribute to the West Stockbridge Town Archives.

The Friends of the West Stockbridge Library are hosting "Old West Stockbridge – An Historic Evening at The Grange". Bring your old photos of buildings (schools, businesses, churches, houses), street scenes, town events – and receive a FREE CD of your scanned photos!

Date: Friday, November 14

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Place: West Stockbridge Grange,
Swamp Road

Please identify the approximate date of the photo and anyone appearing in the photo. Sponsored by The Friends of the West Stockbridge Library with Town Historian Robert Salerno and Historical Commission Member Scott Sawyer.

Council On Aging Looking for Volunteers

The West Stockbridge Council on Aging is looking for volunteer van drivers. For more information, please call Joan Rehm, COA Chair at 413-232-4317.

PTA News

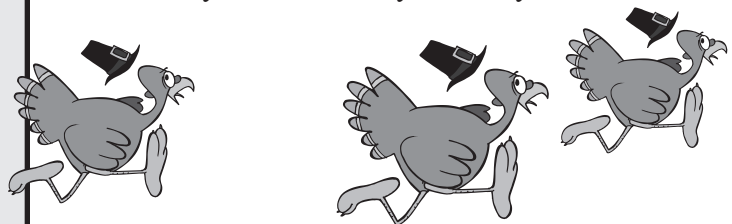
By Jenni Roy Hallock

Thank you to everyone who made our Craft Fair a success! Also, our Gift Wrap fundraiser was the most successful yet. What a wonderful way to begin our year.

Keep those box tops, Tyson labels, Campbell's labels and Coke tops coming into The Floor Store – and don't forget to sign up at Price Chopper, Big Y and Target for our school to receive awards from purchases you have made.

Our School Council is looking for more members and/or more volunteers to assist teachers in the classroom on a weekly basis. About 40 minutes a week is the standard commitment and no special training is needed. If you are interested in more information on any of this, please call Jenni Roy Hallock at 232-4322 or email muddybrookpta@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is November 12th, 7-8pm in the Muddy Brook Library. Thank you!■



Say It Ain't So!

Local Yokels lament the passing of The Village Oven on Main Street, which served up its last pizza after Columbus Day. Thanks, guys – we'll miss ya!■

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For this newsletter to survive and grow, we need your support! Here's the deal: for your donation of at least \$15.00 per year we will mail each issue to you (unless you prefer otherwise).
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Board of Health	Fri. 9am-4pm
Board of Selectmen	Mon. thru Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm
Building Inspector	Please call for hours
Compactor Station	Tues., Thurs., 10am-6pm; Sat. 8am-6pm
Conservation Commission	Leave a message for inquiries
Fire Department	Fire Chief's Office Hours Mon. 6:30pm-9:00pm
Highway Department	Leave a message any time
Library	Tues. 12am-5pm; Wed. 1-5pm; Thurs. and Fri. 2-6pm; Sat. 10-2pm
Police Department	24 hours, 7 days a week
Post Office	Lobby: 7am-7pm, 7 days/week Window: Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm; Sat. 9-12 noon
Town Accountant	Leave a message for inquiries
Town Clerk	Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am-3pm
Town Collector	Wed. 4pm-6pm; Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10am-2pm
Town Treasurer	Thurs. 9am-4pm

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Town Hall Main Number	413-232-0300
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Library	ext. 308
Building Inspector	ext. 313
Board of Health	ext. 314
Treasurer	ext. 316
Accountant	ext. 317
Board of Selectman Administrative Assistant	ext. 319
Conservation Commission	ext. 338
Town Hall Fax	413-232-7195
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-8500
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-4200
Highway Department	413-232-0305
Transfer Station	413-232-0307
Sewer Plant	413-232-0309
Seasonal Lifeguard	413-232-0315
Council on Aging	413-232-4317
Post Office	413-232-8544

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November 3	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
November 4	ELECTION DAY	7:00am-8:00pm	Town Offices
	Parks and Recreation Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
November 6	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Board of Health Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
November 10	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
	Planning Board Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
November 11	VETERAN'S DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED		
November 14	Local Yokel Submissions Deadline		
November 17	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
November 18	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
November 20	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
November 24	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
	Planning Board Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED		