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- a New Way to enjoy Card Pond
- a New R&R
- a New Pastor and
- a New Kitchen!

Sculpture at Turn Park. Photo by Emily Weiland

It's Ice Cycle Racing on Card Pond!

By John Parker

Who knew ice cycle flat track racing is a “thing”? It was a bitterly cold February day on Card Pond, with the temperature in the teens and winds gusting at 20 to 25 miles an hour or more. A crowd of at least 50 hardy souls looked on as 15 bikers raced two at a time around a 383-yard serpentine track on the ice, many struggling to stay upright. How was this feat remotely possible? Studded tires and expert bike-handling skills, we're told.

The event was organized by members of the Berkshire Wheelbender Club and sponsored by Berkshire Bike & Board. In this type of race, the winners of each event go on to compete against the other winners in a series of one-on-one races until a champion is decided.

Competitors ranged in age from 10 to 50. In the end, it was the oldest competitor, Jeremy Manzolini, who took home the prize, a trophy especially made for the event and donated by local woodworker Peter Thorne. The youngest competitors, Hannah Manzolini (age 13) and Chase Candee (age 10), both turned in excellent times with nary a spill despite the brutal wind and tight turns on ice. Jason Candee, Chase's dad, finished second overall, with Stefan Root coming in third.

Between races, spectators and competitors alike enjoyed hot dogs and coffee served up around a bonfire. The organizers of the newly formed Wheelbender Club thanked the town for its support—they hope to promote cycling in the Berkshires with a series of future events involving both bikes and food.

Photos by John Parker, whose fingers are still numb.



The winners!



Hannah Manzolini, age 13



Chase Candee, age 10



Spectators stay warm and fueled with hot dogs and coffee

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: This is the text of the official minutes of the meetings, lightly edited for clarity, length, and format. Copies of the official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Board of Selectmen meetings can be viewed on the town's Spectrum cable local access channel 190. Residents can receive notification by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualtownhall.net/subscriber/>].

January 23, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes and weekly warrants.

Mountain Biking Trails

Bernie Fallon opened the regular portion of the meeting and welcomed Berkshire Mountain Bike Association (BMBA) representatives for a discussion regarding the use of town-owned land on Harvey Mountain. BMBA asked if the board would consider allowing the group to create mountain biking trails on the town land. The group detailed the process and the care and stewardship related to trail construction, and they emphasized the very low impact of their biking trails.

Board members stated their qualified support of the project but noted that some more research needs to be done before giving any formal consent—specifically, the matter of access and rights of way. Today, it is understood that the property is landlocked and now accessed through a trailhead in New York State for those using it for passive recreation and hunting. Board instructed Mark Webber to do some deed research on rights of way and any other restrictions or potential problems that might impede the construction of biking trails. Board thanked the group for their enthusiasm and suggested they check back in a few weeks.

Shared Town Administrator

Board had a general discussion on the subject of a shared town administrator with the town of Richmond. Mark noted that this subject and other wide-ranging existing and possible sharing scenari-

os between the two towns have been discussed in the past between the neighboring towns. He told the board that he hopes to retire by the end of June this year, and a shared administrator is a viable option for attracting the best qualified replacement. Mark added that the current Richmond town administrator is one such very qualified administrator. Board supported the concept and agreed to hold discussions with their counterparts in Richmond.

Card Pond Bicycle Race

Board reviewed an application to hold a bicycle race event on Card Pond on February 9. Board noted that the applicants have done their research and have contacted West Stockbridge public safety and are checking ice thickness. Board gave its permission to the organizers pending proof of liability insurance.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Board approved a Village School use request for a resident for a birthday party to be held in the gym.
- Bernie noted that he has been working with Bill Biggs, and they are excited about expanding and improving the town's website.
- Peter Skorput, in his capacity as fire chief, informed the board that the WSFD will be holding a "boot drive" on February 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as a fundraiser for the department. Board supported the event.
- Doane Perry noted that the recent Massachusetts Municipal Association annual town meeting event was well attended and very informative.
- Doane stated that he'd like to take the lead on the previously discussed idea of creating a walking/recreational area along the Williams River in the area below the Orient Express restaurant. Board supported the idea.

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New Business Profile



R&R at 20 Main Street, opposite the Old Town Hall

R&R at 20 Main Street

By John Parker

West Stockbridge welcomes a new member of the Main Street business community: R&R at 20 Main Street. The new shop occupies the space vacated by Equator. I recently stopped in and visited with co-owner Robert A. Maryks (his partner is Raymond DePew-Paas, hence the name R&R).

Robert describes the shop as a “curated boutique selling art, antiques, fine jewelry, and vintage pieces,” sourced domestically and from around the world. The eclectic collection also includes clothing items from Nepal and Kyrgyzstan, furniture, tableware, books, and Native American textiles.

Robert divides his time between the Berkshires (he has a home in Sandisfield) and New York: he is a history professor at Bronx Community College with a specialty in European and early modern history and is the editor of several academic publications. He is well traveled, originally from Poland and having lived many years in Italy. Raymond, his partner, hails from Asia, adding further international perspective and expertise in gems.

Robert loves art and research, two passions that blend well together when dealing with antiques; his research skills enable him to provide valuable context to the items he sells. Robert sees the business as “not just selling and buying, but creating relationships.” Consequently, he seeks to “engage every client in conversation.” To that end, he likes to offer refreshments—wine or espresso—to customers who stop by. This approach seems to be working. Robert says local folks have been stopping by to say hello and have been very welcoming. Presidents’ Day weekend was very busy, with skiers and other travelers drawn in by the storefront displays.

Any new business is going to evolve. Although Robert thought initially they would concentrate primarily on antiques, he says customer interests suggest moving toward a more eclectic “boutique” niche. New products include a line of specialty soaps and women’s clothing. But he says his focus will always be on providing a unique selection of products, with new items arriving every week.

So, when you’re in town, stop by for a little conversation and explore the shop. R&R at 20 Main Street is currently open Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Starting in late May, the shop will be open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.randweststockbridge.com/home> and <https://www.facebook.com/RandRWestStockbridge/>.

Photos by John Parker



R&R co-owner Robert Maryks welcomes visitors with hospitality and conversation

January 30, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes and signed weekly payroll and vendor warrants.

License and Permit for Marijuana Cultivation

Jon Piasecki, represented by attorney Lori Robbins, attended the board meeting to present plans to apply for a marijuana cultivation license/special permit. Specifically, they wished to discuss with the board a host community agreement (HCA). Lori opened the discussion by stating that she has been hired by Jon and he would not be allowed to speak during the meeting. It was noted that Jon has contacted the State Ethics Commission to discuss potential conflicts of interest because he is a current member of the town Planning Board.

Lori outlined Jon's intentions as follows: to seek an HCA from the town, as required by the State Cannabis Control Commission (CCC); to host a community outreach meeting, as required by the CCC; once an HCA is negotiated, then Jon will apply for a provisional cultivator's license from the CCC; if approved, he will then apply to the Planning Board for the required special permit. It was noted that Jon will have to resign his seat from the Planning Board before applying for the special permit.

Lori explained that her client plans to grow up to 46 marijuana plants to be harvested and sold to a wholesaler on his property behind an existing barn. There is to be no retail or other related uses other than cultivation. She noted that the growing will be within the allowed Tier 1 canopy of 5,000 square feet and will not be seen from the street or by neighbors. CCC-approved fencing and security will be provided.

Lori then addressed the Community Impact Fee (CIF) and stated that the proposed operation will have little or no impact on the town and therefore should be minimal, if at all. Mark Webber noted that the town may assess a 3% annual fee against gross sales for no longer than 3 years. A general discussion ensued of how a CIF might be distributed, if assessed. Mark supplied Lori with a draft HCA and another one from an executed agreement from another Berkshire community. She will review it and get back to the board in the near future. Board thanked Lori and Jon for attending.

Junk Car Letters

Peter Skorput stated that he has received several calls about the recently distributed "junk car letters" received by some residents informing them that they had 14 days to either register or remove junk vehicles from their properties. Peter says that some may have unique circumstances that could allow for an extension from the town bylaw stated 14-day compliance. Following a discussion, board agreed to allow for a not to exceed 30-day extension for hardship and inform the chief of police of same on a case-by-case

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basis. Resident George Allen, in attendance, requested an extension for his several junk vehicles. Board granted him a 30-day extension to March 1, 2019. If he doesn't comply, he will be issued a bylaw violation ticket that will have to be answered in Southern Berkshire District Court.

Other Business/Discussion/Action items:

- Doane Perry will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton to view the area adjacent to the Williams River running from the Harris Street bridge toward the sewer treatment plant for the purpose of researching options for a possible river walk.

February 6, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorpor; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present. Meeting was being broadcast on local access cable channel 190.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes as corrected, and weekly payroll and vendor warrants.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Bernie Fallon opened the regular part of the meeting by welcoming Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton. Curt wants to create dedicated positions in his department, specifically foreman, mechanic, and equipment operator. Currently, the three highway employees are without titles, and Curt feels it is important to establish responsibilities, a chain of command, and the makings of a succession plan once he retires. Curt would like to name Jamie Boyer as foreman with John Lyford as mechanic and Zach Levesque as equipment operator. All would still share the normal workload and activities but would have specific duties and responsibilities as well. Formal job descriptions are being developed. Bernie and the board approved the new structure and noted that organizational structure is important. Board further noted that the Police Department recently established a chain of command as well. Curt added that he has a very strong crew and wishes to retain them and prevent poaching from other municipal highway departments.

Curt informed the board that he has been in discussion with his counterpart in Richmond regarding the joint purchase of a small excavator to be shared by the two towns. Each town spends several thousand dollars a year renting this type of equipment, and the purchase of a shared unit would pay for itself in less than five years. The useful life of this machine would be a minimum of 15 years. Curt stated that the purchase proposal was well received by the Richmond selectmen and, with the board's blessing, will develop budget figures for the spring annual town meeting. The board unanimously supported the proposal and noted that the two highway departments have been working cooperatively over the

years. Curt added that this arrangement wouldn't work with non-abutting towns or those that haven't fostered good relationships.

Williams River Walk/Recreation Area

Doane and Curt discussed their recent viewing of the area along the Williams River beginning at the Harris Street bridge and ending at the sewer treatment plant on Moscow Road. Doane noted that the area would make for a pleasant recreational area and might boost the use of that quadrant of downtown when combined with the pending purchase of approximately 3 acres of National Grid land adjacent to Moscow Road. Doane noted that a large section of the area is shown as a single parcel that is currently in tax title and will eventually become property of the town. A river walk/recreational area might be the best use for the property. Doane and Curt will continue to develop plans for the area.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Bernie made a motion to move forward with joint discussions with the Richmond Board of Selectmen for the purpose of developing a shared town administrator position. Peter seconded the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. A joint meeting among the two boards is tentatively scheduled for February 20.

Editor's Note: As this issue was being finalized for the printer, we learned that the Select Boards of Richmond and West Stockbridge have agreed to appoint a shared administrator serving both towns when current West Stockbridge town administrator Mark Webber retires later this year. The move is expected to provide cost savings and better government for both towns without reducing hours or services. For more information, see the *Berkshire Eagle*: <https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/richmond-west-stockbridge-agree-to-share-town-administrator,565496>.

- Resident Adam Boscarino addressed the board regarding a proposal for a runner's road race in town tentatively scheduled for May 4. The race would be sponsored by Berkshire Running Center and would be a fundraiser for the town's Parks and Recreation Department. The event would also complement Adam's National Honor Society activities. Board gave its support to the race and asked Adam to meet with the chief of police to coordinate activities and the race route and to report back to the board at a future meeting.

Executive Session

With all other business finalized, the board voted to enter executive session per MGL Ch 30A Sec. 21(a)(1) "to discuss complaints or charges against a public officer" and not to return to open session upon its completion.



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Rev. Patty Fox. Photo courtesy of Patty Fox

Congregational Church Welcomes New Pastor

By Jan and Bill Reid

After a two-year search, the West Stockbridge Congregational Church is announcing it has called a new pastor, Rev. Patty Fox. She graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1992, and will become an authorized UCC clergy with her call to the West Stockbridge church. In addition to her M.Div., Patty holds a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and LCSW certification in Massachusetts.

Patty originally hails from the Pacific Northwest but lived for many years in New Jersey. She and her spouse Lianne have two teenage children—Lou, who attends Berkshire Waldorf High School, and Maya, who is studying at Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio. The whole family relocated from New Jersey five years ago to live at Gould Farm in Monterey to manage and work in that wonderful place.

In 2017, Patty began organizing a regional youth ministry called BlessUp! with the goal of bringing together young people from across southern Berkshire County around matters of faith, fun, and service. This past March 1, BlessUp! hosted its second annual Teen Talent Show at West Stockbridge Congregational Church, where members have become acquainted with Patty and her enthusiastic group of teens. All teens are welcome and can call Patty at (908) 938-2481 or the church at 232-4256 if they are interested in displaying their talents and meeting new kids.

In the meantime, look for an announcement in the April *Local Yokel* for the time of a fun “meet and greet” to celebrate our new pastor as an addition to our West Stockbridge community.

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Fire Department Log

By Peter Skorput, Fire Chief

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Thank You!

The members of the West Stockbridge Fire Department would like to thank the people of West Stockbridge for their very generous donations and support of the Fire Department.

Burn Season Notice

Burning season is January 15 to April 30. Permits are available at Baldwin Hardware and the Public Market for \$2 and good for two days. If you have brush to burn, please do it when there is snow cover or the ground is wet to reduce the risk of an out-of-control brush fire.



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Community News & Events

Community Health Association

Blood pressure clinics are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 9–10 a.m., at the CHA office at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. For more information, contact Emilie Jarrett, RN, at 232-0122.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, March 10, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a family-style corned beef and cabbage dinner in the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street, Stockbridge, from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost \$12 adults, \$6 under 12, and under 5 free. Take-outs are available. Call first if the weather is “iffy”: 298-3185.

Council on Aging Potluck

The Council on Aging will meet for their Potluck Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, March 12, in the Town Offices Community Room. Vinny Marinaro will speak on the “Age-Friendly Initiative.” Come hear what this is about—you might be surprised!

West Stockbridge Congregational Church

The West Stockbridge Congregational Church will hold its Ash Wednesday service led by Pastor Patty Fox on March 6 at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Send your notices for Community News & Events to The Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, e-mail info@thelocalyokel.org, or visit thelocalyokel.org.

March History Quiz Question:

In West Stockbridge, like other Massachusetts towns, church going was always an important part of town life. Our town broke off from “the other Stockbridge” to establish a separate church in West Center (and not be obligated to submit the collections to the big church in Stockbridge). We currently have two churches: the Congregational Church on Main Street (1882) and St. Patrick’s on Albany Road (1870).

Over the years the town had four other church buildings, with only one structure remaining. Where were they, and what were their congregations?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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“We Remember When . . .”

Growing Up in West Stockbridge in the 1950s

By John Bormolini and Friends

Ice Fishing

Another popular winter activity in West Stockbridge was ice fishing. I was passionate about all types of fishing, so it was natural for me to go ice fishing in January and February. The fishing season ended on the last day of February and reopened in April with trout season. Most of us kids went ice fishing with a dad, uncle, or adult friend. I was not as fortunate because my father had passed away, but I was invited to join the Salvis on some of their outings.

The two preferred ice fishing locations were Crane Lake and the upper portion of Shaker Mill Pond. For the more adventurous, there was Mud Pond. Crane Lake was easiest to access. There were two ways to get to upper Shaker Mill Pond. One way was to cross the channel where the river was before the dam was built. Flowing water kept the ice from thickening enough to cross unless the temperature was cold for a long time. Crossing the channel was always an adventure. The other, much safer, way was to walk in from Swamp Road.

My fondest memories of ice fishing are when I struck out alone from my house up the sledding hill, over the crest, and straight down to Crane Lake. My preparations to go ice fishing were (1) have someone drive me to Great Barrington to get live shiners for bait; (2) load my sled with homemade tip-ups and a chisel that my godfather, Julie Delmolino, forged in his blacksmith shop; (3) get a sifter from my mother’s kitchen to keep the holes from icing over and enough matches to get a fire going; and (4) remind my mother to buy Italian sausage and bread for lunch.

Up at the crack of dawn, I bundled up and pulled my loaded sled over the hill to Crane Lake. I hardly slept in anticipation of the first tip-up flag going up, signaling a fish is on. When I had all of my ice holes dug and tip-ups in place, I located firewood and made a fire. The waiting game ensued. I usually caught several fish, often pickerels, but most were not the required 14 inches to keep. It didn’t matter; I was fishing. I cooked my Italian sausages over the fire, wrapped the sausage in fresh Italian bread and savored every bite. It was an outdoor feast, especially with the fragrance of the sausage cooking and the smoke of an outdoor fire. Life was good.

My most frightening ice fishing story happened as Stevie Salvi and I were making our way toward Mud Pond walking on the ice along the shore close to the bridge on Pittsfield Road. We were taking the shortcut heading to Mud Pond. Suddenly, Stevie looked a lot shorter. The ice had given way, he had fallen through, and the water was up to his waist. He reacted quickly and pulled himself up and out of the hole. We got off the ice and headed to his house about a quarter of a mile away. His gait became stiffer and slower as his clothes began to freeze. By the time we got to his house, his pants were frozen solid. We were lucky that day. The second worst part of the adventure was when his mom, Alice, lectured him and me for 10 or 15 minutes on the dangers of going on the ice, especially near the shore. A lesson learned.

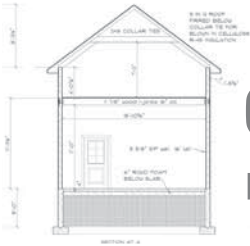
Bob Romeo told me about another near tragedy. He fell through the ice at Mud Pond where the water was deeper but miraculously caught himself before going under and was able to pull himself out of the water. Another lucky day, by the grace of God. Jimmy Dellea, a lifelong resident of West Stockbridge and an avid fisherman, said that he recently saw ice fishermen on upper Shaker Mill Pond. Maryann Raspuzzi (Hamlin) sent me her remembrance: “This is great, Bumbo [my nickname]. I didn’t do much ice fishing on my own, but I remember helping Pino Frana by skating around checking his holes and yelling “tip-up” if he had a fish on one of his lines. Love this reminiscing!”

Ice fishing did not have as much participation as skating and sledding. For those who did participate, it got us out of the house into the fresh air, learning by our experiences—good and bad—and spending time with friends and family. Feasting on fresh fish was pretty good too! Ice fishing was one of the top three outdoor winter activities in West Stockbridge, my hometown.

In our next issue: “The Opening Day of Trout Fishing.”

This installment of “We Remember When...” was written by John Bormolini with input from Steve, Lori, and Gene Salvi, Bob Romeo, Jim Dellea, Louise Faggioni, and Maryann Raspuzzi (Hamlin). John Bormolini is a West Stockbridge “ex-pat,” now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas. Readers who would like to share their stories of 1950s West Stockbridge are invited to e-mail John at johnbormo@aol.com.





On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

“I have this huge living room, but all my guests end up in the kitchen!” So complained a client who wanted a remodel of her house to accommodate the flow of people at her social events.

And this trend—having the kitchen become the center of the public part of upper- and middle-class homes—is relatively new in America. Upper-class homeowners rarely went into the kitchen in the 18th and 19th centuries. The kitchen was the domain of the servants, and it was very much a utilitarian space. Of course in working-class homes, the kitchen was indeed the center of family activity including bathing as well as food preparation and consumption.

But by the 1920s, the middle-class kitchen started to change. Hoosier cabinets, ice boxes, linoleum floors, and eat-in areas became common. Color on the cabinets and even the cookstoves were all the rage. The trend continued through the Depression, perhaps providing a respite to the stresses of the times.

The 1950s and 1960s saw the opening up of the middle-class kitchen to become more a part of the social center of the house, despite the so-called den that often contained the console television and the ubiquitous TV dinner trays. Formal dining rooms were becoming less a feature of mid-century houses.

The open floor plan of the 1970s house is still very much with us, and it has made gravitating toward the kitchen a natural feature. Celebrity chefs on television, starting with Julia Child, have made social interest in the *act of cooking* as great as the actual eating.

So all this history comes together at “Anne and Thom’s Excellent Adventure” because the latest phase of our new house is building the kitchen! We love to cook, so we spent some serious time from the beginning thinking about what the new kitchen would look like, which features of our old kitchen we wanted to retain, which we wanted to change. And, of course, which features would be more or less driven by our desire for a smaller, more efficient house.

At this stage, I’m building my own custom cabinets using melamine for the carcasses (the cabinet box without the door or drawer fronts). This was a decision based on cost as well as expediency. But with solid wood banding covering the edges of the melamine and full overlay Shaker-style frame-and-panel doors and drawer fronts, the visual effect will be clean and inviting. Some of the traditional beaded wainscoting from the living/dining areas has found its way into the end panels of the base cabinets, and the color scheme is now—thanks to advice by an artist friend of ours—Benjamin Moore’s “Shaker gray.” Anne found a wallpaper border that has an abstract splash of red for the soffit. And the countertops will be a nearly black solid-surface material I got a great price on from an online overstock-type source. Still ahead is the knob/pull choice. Eclecticism rules!

I have no doubt that our future guests will congregate in the kitchen area and will be able to mingle around the dining table just steps away, just as they do now in our remodeled 1812 farmhouse.



Our new kitchen: a work in progress. Photo by Thom Lipiczky

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WEST STOCKBRIDGE CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR 2019

By Margie Skaggs

The West Stockbridge Cultural Council recently completed its granting process for FY 2019. For this cycle we received 35 applications and provided funds for 21 of them. All of these met our top criteria for funding—supporting local programs that appeal broadly to our diverse West Stockbridge constituency and include some free benefits. This includes school and library programs, local music events, theater, arts, nature, and literary programs.

The organizations receiving funding for 2019 are as follows:

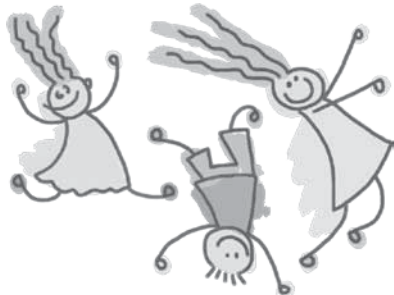
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- West Stockbridge Historical Society – WS Chamber Players Concert
- West Stockbridge Public Library – Wingmasters: Birds of Prey Program
- Liskin Dus – Monument Girls Write On
- Rozann Kraus – Turn Park Dance Program
- Marney Schorr – Arts in Recovery for Youth

Current members of the Cultural Council are Marjorie Powell (chair), Ellen Greer, Lorrin Krouss, Susan Leo, Jackie Moffatt, Miki Reuchlin, Scott Sawyer, Margie Skaggs, and Curtis Thierling. We always welcome comments and suggestions from our West Stockbridge neighbors.

For more information about the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the local grants process, go to www.massculturalcouncil.org and click on Grant Programs, and then Local Cultural Council.



CHP Playgroup Offered Mondays at the Town Offices Gymnasium



Community Health Program (CHP) is offering "WS Gym Fun," a free weekly playgroup at the Town Offices Gymnasium on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. WS Gym Fun is scheduled to run weekly on Mondays through May. For more information, visit the CHP web site <https://www.chpberkshires.org/family/playgroups/> or call (413) 528-0457.

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- * We have day passes for many of our local attractions available at the library thanks to the Friends of the Library and the West Stockbridge Cultural Council.
- * As always, we welcome suggestions on just about anything to improve our library.

Rachel Alter, Vicky Cooper, and Brad Havill

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Quick Action and Community Support Avert Disaster in Old Town Hall

By Bob Salerno

On Friday afternoon, January 25, the oil tank in the Old Town Hall was refilled. Cold weather was coming (minus 15 degrees), and the hydraulics in our new elevator had to be kept above 50 degrees. The day before we had a major rainfall (2 inches), and, unknown to anyone, water seeped through the rubble foundation and undercut the support on one of the legs of the oil tank. When the tank was filled, the weight of the oil caused it to shift and broke the feed line to the boiler, leaking all the oil into the dirt floor in the crawl space.

Late that afternoon, Peter Skorput was checking on the building and heat, and he smelled the oil. Peter went down to the crawl space, discovered the leak, and quickly called in the problem. Bill Nappo, our contractor and a former first responder, happened to be in the area. Bill and Peter immediately swung into action and contacted the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Maxymillian Construction (local licensed environmental cleanup contractors). Maxymillian arrived within the hour with the world's largest vacuum truck and started sucking up the standing oil. They also spread Speedy-Dri to limit the spread of the oil into the soil. The DEP environment engineer was on site too. Peter and Bill stayed with the crew through the night until the site was stabilized. Peter then worked with Lipton Oil that Monday to get a temporary oil tank installed so we could have heat in the building and the elevator kept warm.



Peter Skorput (right) and Keith Hoag, site supervisor from Maxymillian, monitor cleanup efforts. Photo by Bob Salerno

Since the incident, we have been dealing with insurance adjusters, failure engineers, the DEP, licensed site professionals, and lab tests. Maxymillian has been on site with big trucks and buckets excavating 6 to 8 inches of contaminated soil. We've learned a whole new set of acronyms. Although the leak was not like the Exxon *Valdez* or Deepwater Horizon, the state environmental regulations treat it very seriously. All efforts are to be made to minimize the spread and collateral damage from the spill.

Without the quick action of Peter Skorput and Bill Nappo, this would have been a much larger contamination and the consequences much, much worse. Maxymillian's quick response for the initial cleanup, Lipton Energy's installing a temporary tank, and Alex Sarbib for the use of the Card Lake parking lot for staging access all have been a great help. All this reinforces the benefits of living in a great small town where everyone works together.

Right now, our efforts are focused on preventing this setback getting in the way of installing the elevator and moving forward with spring and summer programming. At this time we don't know if, or how much, insurance will cover the cleanup and restoration costs. One thing we do know: it's great to live and work in a such a supportive community!



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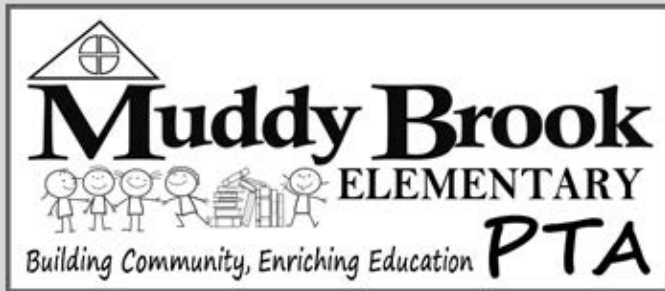
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History Quiz Answer:

The first Congregational Church in West Center was constructed as a meetinghouse and church (with no windows or heat) in 1789. It survived until being hit by lightning and burning to the ground in 1956. The foundation and pad still serve for special services and weddings.

Although Congregationalism was the state-sponsored religion in Massachusetts until 1838, the only other tolerated religion was the Baptists. In 1794, the Congregationalists donated land on the northwest corner of their plot for the Baptists to construct their own church. The Baptist congregation thrived for a while, but by 1840 it had diminished and merged with a group in Glendale. The building was taken down and the materials repurposed into other farmhouses.

The next church building is still standing. The Methodist congregation originally formed in Richmond, and by 1838, West Stockbridge worshippers were numerous enough to have their own church. They constructed a structure on Swamp Road and held services there until 1910. In 1918, it was sold to the Grange, and a few years ago, it was sold to Scott Sawyer and is being preserved.

The fourth mystery church structure in town is probably the least known one. In the late 1800s, State Line was a thriving community, and the roads into town or over to Canaan were not easy traveling, particularly in mud season. The residents held Sunday school in their homes for some time and then decided to raise funds and build a small chapel. First, they bought the old office building from the Leete Ore Mine, moved it down the road, and converted it for Sunday school and later as a kitchen for a larger chapel. They then raised the funds and built a larger chapel on the front end and dedicated it in 1901.

By the 1920s, the State Line community was very active. With the pavilion across the road, the community held dinners and other events. Calvin Coolidge ("Silent Cal") even came to speak, probably the only time a president spoke in West Stockbridge.

The automobile and decline of the railroad yards contributed to the end of the chapel. By the late 1930s, travel to town for services was easy, and the State Line population declined. The State Line Chapel building was sold in 1957 and moved to Dean Hill for a private residence. The Historical Society has the original pulpit in the Old Town Hall.



Courtesy of Bob Salerno

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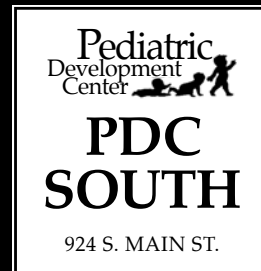
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First Fridays Artswalk Fri. March 1, 5-8pm. Pittsfield, North and South Streets. www.firstfridaysartwalk.com

First Sunday at Clark Museum. Sun. March 3, 10am-5pm. First Sundays of the month are free Oct.-May. We carpool.

Classical Drawing: Free and open to the public. RSVP BerkshireArtists@gmail.com. West(WS) Stockbridge Community Room, 21 Stateline Road, Rt. 102. Mondays 1-4pm. Bring paper and pencil. Still Life or draw.

Figure Painting, Open Studio Tuesdays 1-4pm. IS 183, Stockbridge. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers. Bring your supplies. March. 5, 12, 19 and 26. RSVP 413-298-5252x100.

Art seminars, Demonstration, and Business Meeting. Wed. March. 6, 4:00pm. Bring Art for Berkshire Humane Society. Seminar on how to take credit cards/ sales tax. 5-6:00. Guild Meeting to plan exhibits and events for the winter, West Stockbridge Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd.

Gallery Walk: Ivor Parry and Michael Fabrizio. Painters. Fri. March 8, 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Gallery Walk and discussion. Kimball Farms. 235 Walker St. Lenox (Rt. 183 near Rt. 7.)

Meet the Artist: Barbara Patton, Ceramicist. Th. March 14 12:30-2 p.m. and **Strategies for Marketing Now.** Scott Taylor and Diane Firtell. Wed. March 21, 12:30- 2:00 pm Shaker Dam Coffeehouse and Stanmeyer Gallery, 2 Main Street WS. Buy a coffee or.; bring/buy lunch next door.

Positive Critique. Th. March 14, 4-6pm. Bring 2-3 pieces of your art. WS Town Hall. RSVP required and reading **Members' Potluck.** Sat. March 16, 5-7:30pm in Richmond. Bring main dish, hors d'oeuvres or dessert for ten and what YOU want to drink. Partners welcome. RSVP

Art Together. Wed. Mar. 20, 6-9pm. Bring art you want to start, finish, get advice, try out a new process or technique. Informal chance to do art together for fun! WS Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road. Rt. 102. You must rsvp: AlexandraBenton.art@gmail.com

Photo Explorers. Join Carole Quinn on Fri. March 22, 8:30am 180 Elm St Berkshire Mountain Bakery, Pittsfield for coffee. Explore the area.

Art Book Gathering Friday, March. 29 , 2-4 p.m. Share a favorite book: artist, process. Shaker Mill Books, WS

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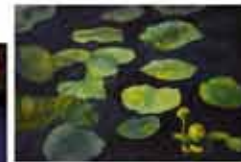
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March 2019

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March 2019 Calendar of Events

3/6	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
3/6	Ash Wednesday		
3/6	Ash Wednesday service	6 p.m.	W.S. Congregational Church
3/6	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
3/7	Board of Health meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
3/10	Daylight Savings Time begins – Set clocks ahead 1 hour		
3/10	Grange dinner	1-2 p.m.	Grange Hall, 51 Church St., Stockbridge
3/12	COA luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
3/12	American Legion meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
3/13	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
3/13	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
3/15	*** Deadline for the next <i>Local Yokel</i> ***		send to info@thelocalyokel.org
3/17	St. Patrick's Day		
3/20	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
3/20	First Day of Spring		
3/20	Purim begins at sundown		
3/20	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
3/27	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
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