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July 17
10 am - 7 pm

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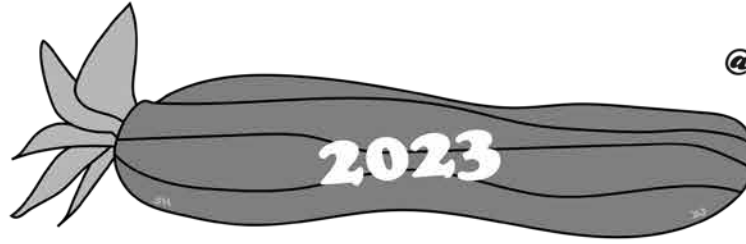
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West Stockbridge Zucchini Festival Fact Sheet

What & Why? The West Stockbridge Zucchini Festival is an all-day, family-friendly event that celebrates our unique Berkshire community and of course everyone's favorite staple summer squash! Sponsored by the W.S. Cultural Council and organized by volunteers, neighbors and friends. **Come One, Come All!**

When? August 12th, 2023, 10am to 10pm

Where? Downtown W.S. on Depot & Center Street

More Info: [@wszucchinifestival](#) on FB & IG

How to Get Ready for WSZF?

Start Growing Your Zucchini's NOW!

Get out there in the garden to start growing a Blue-Ribbon zucchini to enter in the home-grown

WSZF Zucchini Weigh-Off Competition!

Home-grown zucchinis of all shapes and sizes welcome, registration day-of event.

Prep & Primp Your Pets!

Start practicing your strut with Fido, Garfield or Polly to get ready to kick off the morning of the festival with the **WSZF Pet Parade!** All species welcome and zucchini costumes very highly encouraged.

Bakers, Start Your Ovens!

Tell Paul Hollywood to take a hike and pre-heat that oven to get baking your next Michellin-Star zucchini delicacy for the **WSZF Zucchini Baking Contest!**

Gluten-free, glutenous or gluttonous, Sweet or Savory--so long as its got zucchini, all baked edibles are welcome.

Call for WSZF Volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE FESTIVAL!

Hang out with friends, neighbors and meet some new folks too by pitching in to help prepare and run this year's festival! This is what it's all about! The festival is only made possible when you and all of the great folks in our community come together. Any time you can give is welcome!

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Special Election for Select Board Seat to Be Held July 17

By John Parker



Kathleen Keresey.



Jon Piasecki.

West Stockbridge residents are hoping to end the suspense and finally determine who will fill one open seat on the Select Board, incumbent Kathleen Keresey or challenger Jon Piasecki. Following a 202–202 vote tie in the initial vote on May 8, the result confirmed in a recount on May 19, a special town caucus was held on June 12 to again nominate candidates for the post. There were two nominations: Kathleen Keresey and Jon Piasecki. A special election has been called for July 17, with voting from 10 am to 7 pm.

Turnout for the May election was just 33%; 406 of 1,218 registered voters participated. Under a long-held principle called a “holdover,” in a tie the incumbent continues to hold office until a successor is elected and sworn in.

Ties in municipal elections appear to be rare. According to *Berkshire Eagle* archives, the most recent instance in Berkshire County was in 2002 when an election for a vacant seat in Stockbridge resulted in a tie between William F. French and George Shippey. Shippey won the seat in a follow-up election.



Special Town Election July 17, 10 am–7 pm

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: At the town administrator's request, the Select Board minutes here are reprinted verbatim with no editing of text. Official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library and on the town website, <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/>. Select Board meetings are on Zoom and may be viewed by clicking on the link in the meeting agenda posted on the town website calendar. Residents can receive email notification of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

Select Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Kersey, Chair, Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Others Present: Town Counsel Lauren Goldberg, Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works and Marc Portieri, Police Chief

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Kathleen introduced Town Counsel Lauren Goldberg. Lauren discussed the recent tied election results for the position of Select Board and the process moving forward. She explained that only the candidates that were tied can request a recount using the proper form from the Secretary of State's Office which includes a requirement of having the signatures of a minimum of 10 registered voters on the form. Should the recount result in a tie, then the Select Board can vote to hold a special election for that seat. If the Board does not vote to hold the election but they receive a written request from 200 or more registered voters of the Town to hold

a special election, they are required to do so. Then she explained that Kathleen, as an incumbent may remain on the Board as the Chair of the Board until a new person has been elected and sworn in.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 meeting.

All were in favor.
Minutes approved.

Citizen Speak:

Curt Wilton would like to have the Board allow the Department of Public Works to use red paint for the crosswalks with a white border. He also would like to use a stencil of a body in white on the crosswalks as well. He is having a difficult time getting the green paint and he feels that the red paint will show up better for safety reasons.

Kathleen asked Curt to come back to the Board with a picture of what this would look like. Curt will come back to the Board with that information.

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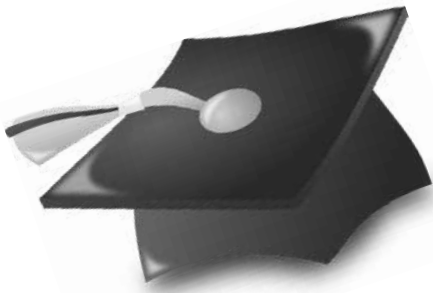
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Trai Duong: Finally Home

By Anne M. Roy

When the pandemic hit, it dramatically changed all of our lives, but most of us were home. Unfortunately, this was not the case for my dear friend Trai Duong. Imagine not being able to return home for more than three years! Trai had gone back to Vietnam to visit her sisters at their ancestral home in Nha Trang in the fall of 2019. This had become an annual visit each fall since her four children had graduated from college and moved on to their respective jobs and lives. Her planned visit, scheduled for just a few months, changed dramatically when COVID arrived.

Barriers were erected to contain each end of Tran Quy Cap Street where Trai and her sisters Ty and Tuyet lived. The idea was to protect every neighborhood and keep people in each individual area healthy and secure. Couriers brought food and necessities daily to their portals. Vietnamese culture is known for its respect and benevolence for one another.

The three elderly sisters, all away from their children, didn't hesitate to learn how to text on their phones and make requests to the couriers for the following day's delivery. They also mastered FaceTime, the only way to see their families.

For this first year, Trai stayed connected with her four children and four grandchildren who reside in Paris, California, Saigon, and West Stockbridge, respectively. Trai and her sisters tended to their house and gardens, and Trai worked daily on her extraordinarily beautiful needlepoint projects. No one got sick.

About a year later, vaccinations became available. The barriers were opened. Trai was now able to resume her beloved walks on the promenade on the South China Sea coast. But she has never hesitated to take on a cause when people are in need.

Trai was now on a mission. She and her sisters traveled to the outskirts of Hue, a rural area where villagers sadly are often overlooked. With donations from Trai's family and some friends from Massachusetts, Trai raised enough funds to get four new homes built in Hue. She was also able to have other homes, schools, and temples in that area repaired. Trai has a gift to find those in need.



Trai on porch. Photo by Anne Roy



Trai's family and friends donated to build a bridge.
From left to right: Lam Nguyen (Trai's son), Binh Nguyen (Trai's brother-in-law), Trai Duong, Wuu My (Trai's sister-in-law), Xiem Nguyen (Luy Nguyen's niece's husband).
Photo taken by a friendly spectator

Another year passed, and now it was finally safe to travel a bit. Trai first went to see Lan, her youngest son. He had relocated from Paris to Singapore. She then traveled to Brunei, a state in southeast Asia, with her beloved sister-in-law. Trai realized that returning home to West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was becoming a real possibility.

But first came another project. In honor of her late husband Luy, Trai learned a bridge was needed in a town south of Saigon. Despite the popularity and local growth in the area, many rural places are still overlooked. Once again, her family and friends donated to fund the building of a bridge that now accommodates both pedestrians and vehicles. It offers safe passage for schoolchildren and helps support new commerce.

Trai returned to the United States in mid-April 2023 and visited with her son Lam in California. She had timed her return to coincide with her granddaughter Thuy's spring break. Grandson Ly drove Trai to a local Asian market to buy the special ingredients for *ba ngoai's* (grandmother's) famous *pho* (a type of Vietnamese soup; pronounced "fuh"). These two grandchildren will be in town in a few weeks to help out all summer at the now open Truc Orient Express Restaurant and Trai's shop, Out of Vietnam.

Now Trai is finally home. She is so very happy to be back in West Stockbridge where she has lived for more than 45 years with her loving family and a multitude of customers and friends.

Note: For further information on the Duong and Nguyen family, see the July 2019 *Yokel Local* issue online at thelocalyokel.org.



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Katie Soules and Jeff Astore award to a Wahconah High School graduate who has maintained a high academic record and has made significant contributions in sports, arts, leadership, volunteering, internships, or work.

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Appointment of Two New Full-Time Police Officers:

Chief Marc Portieri requested that the Board approve the appointment of Nathaniel Sermini and Jeffrey Spratt as Full-Time Police Officers for the Town. He explained that Nate will take the position currently vacated by the resignation of Lukas Horn and will begin work right away. Marc thanked the residents for approving the budget at Town Meeting which allows him to have an additional Full-Time Officer. He would like that position to be filled by Jeffrey Spratt.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint Nate Sermini and Jeffrey Spratt as Full-Time Police Officers for the Town of West Stockbridge.

All were in favor.
Motion approved.

Chief Portieri, Nate and Jeffrey all thanked the Board and the community for their support. They look forward to working for the Town.

Tess McGovern Approval to Hold Two Positions in the Town:

Per the Librarian Rachel Alter, this agenda item is put on hold. No need for discussion at this meeting.

USDA Water & Waste Water Disposal Loan & Grant Program:

Andy Potter attended recent meetings for local officials in Holyoke and Pittsfield that included discussions in regard to the USDA Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program. Andy explained that this program could really help the Town complete upgrades to our infrastructure as well as gain technical assistance. He will meet with DPW Director Curt Wilton and Mike Buffoni, Water & Sewer Department Operator to discuss further. Andy would like to gather a task force to host a meeting to include other Boards, Committees, employees and residents for a discussion with invited USDA Director for our region. Kathleen and Andy Krouss thought this was a great idea and they look forward to the meeting.

Discussion/Vote to hold Special Election:

Due to the election result of a tie for the position of Select Board at the Annual Town Election, Marie requested that the Board vote to hold a special election on July 17 for the position of Select Board.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to hold a Special Election for the position of Select Board on July 17, 2023 contingent upon the results of the recount to be held. If the recount establishes a winner, then the Special Election will not be held.

All were in favor.
Motion approved.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Potter would like to hold an After-Action Conference at Town Hall with National Grid and the residents to discuss how to prevent future issues with extended power outages during storms. The last Nor'easter that occurred caused several outages which lasted for days and he would like to see what can be done to prevent that from happening in the future. He will invite MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) to attend as well because they have held these conferences frequently and can structure the meeting. Kathleen and Andy Krouss agreed.

Andy Krouss informed the Board he is still working on the broadband issue and will have an update in the fall.

Kathleen thanked Attorney Lauren Goldberg for her time and guidance as well as the residents for voting and the Election Workers. She also made a strong appeal for civility and respect in the Town.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Potter at 6:50 PM.

All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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Town Administrator

Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Citizen Speak:

Chris Powell, Wayne Marzotto and Planning Board Chair Dana Bixby discussed their concern in regard to the agenda item at the Select Board meeting on April 24, 2023 about abandoning certain roads in town. Kathleen noted their concern and explained that this issue was just the beginning of a process to evaluate the roads and look in to the feasibility of abandoning some roads in Town. She stated there will be more meetings that will include community input before any decisions are made.

Appointment of Complete Streets Advisory Committee:

Kathleen explained that Town Counsel has suggested that the Complete Streets Committee be officially appointed by the Select Board and held to the Open Meeting Law requirements to include minutes and agenda postings.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to appoint the members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee.

Andy Potter discussed his concern in regard to the opposition of the Committee accepting assistance from Truc Nguyen. He suggested that she be appointed as a full member. Andy had requested a determination if Truc could assist and be a member of this Committee with Town Counsel. He did not get an answer to this inquiry and would like this appointment be tabled until he gets an answer from Town Counsel. Andy Krouss withdrew his motion to appoint the members.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to table these appointments. All were in favor.

At this time, Kathleen recused herself from the remainder of the agenda items. She requested that Andy Potter take over as the Chair, he accepted and Kathleen left the meeting.

Congregational Church Piano Recital Fundraiser



Pianist Matthew Erikson. Photo courtesy of Matthew Erikson

West Stockbridge Village Congregational Church welcomes pianist Matthew Erikson on Sunday, July 23, at 2 pm for a program with works by J.S. Bach, Haydn, Debussy, and Chopin.

Matthew graduated with a B.A. in music from Amherst College and a master's degree in piano performance from The Hartt School (West Hartford, Connecticut) where he studied with Paul Rutman and Luis de Moura Castro. He has played and participated in music festivals in Prague, Paris, the Amalfi coast, and Fortaleza, Brazil, and has performed with the Arizona State University Orchestra in Tempe. Matthew currently studies with Boston Conservatory's Max Levinson and is a frequent chamber music collaborator and vocal accompanist.

Funds raised will support efforts to repair our beloved Johnson Organ that has been out of service for the better part of a year. The cost of the repairs is approximately \$8,000. We are most grateful to Matthew for the opportunity to hear him perform while raising money for this very costly project.

The recital will conclude at 4 pm, including a 15-minute intermission. Immediately following the performance, attendees can meet Matthew while enjoying light refreshments in our social hall. Donations will be graciously accepted at the door. The performance is for all to enjoy!

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Annual & Sunday Entertainment License for Heirloom Lodge:

The Heirloom Lodge Attorney Jeffrey Lynch told the Board that the Heirloom Lodge would like to be approved for an Annual & Sunday Entertainment License. He explained that the manager, Matthew Straus, will be required to have all licenses contain the provisions associated with the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Permit. These conditions would be attached to all licenses;

Condition 3: There will be no amplified music during outdoor events.

Condition 4: The applicant will limit outdoor events to 8 per year.

Condition 5: Outdoor non-amplified music will end at 10:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 PM on Friday & Saturday.

Condition 6: Outdoor events will be limited to 100 people exclusive of staff. It is anticipated the 13 guests rooms will be booked to person attending the outdoor event.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the Annual and Sunday Entertainment Licenses.

Both were in favor.

Motion Passed.

Public Hearing: Heirloom Food & Wine LLC DBA: Heirloom Lodge Alcohol License:

Andy Potter opened the Public Hearing of the Heirloom Food & Wine LLC, DBA: Heirloom Lodge for a Hotel All Alcohol Beverage License. Heirloom Lodge Attorney Jeffrey Lynch explained to the Board that all the same conditions from the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Permit will be attached to this License if approved. The drinks will be served in the restaurant as well as an adjacent patio/deck area. The Heirloom manager, Matthew Straus,

plans to focus mainly on serving wine but would like to be able to serve all alcoholic drinks. Attorney Lynch said that Matthew's business plan is to primarily focus on the restaurant and not so much as an event space.

Andy Potter closed the Public Hearing.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the All Alcohol License for Heirloom Food & Wine LLC.

Both were in favor.

Motion passed.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss stated that there are many layers to the Broadband issue in the area but that Wylie Goodman from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has been working hard on this issue. Andy will ask Wylie to attend a meeting to explain the process and get community input.

Andy Potter made note of the following members of the community that have recently passed away:

- Connie Ingeni
- Stephan Green
- Bruno Balestro

Andy Krouss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Potter at 7:02 PM.

All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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Town Administrator



July Donor Roll Call

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July History Quiz Question:



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By the 1930s, the death rate for all segments of the population had dropped to 4.7%. The rate for infants fell even faster and was below the adult rate. A major contributing factor cited was clean fresh milk for infants as the basis for better nutrition. How did West Stockbridge play a role in this public health revolution?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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Sup Chua Cay ~ Hot & Sour Vegetable Soup (gf, v)	\$6.50	Tom Xao Rau ~ Shrimp w/ Stir Fry Vegetables (gf)	\$28.00
		Banh Xeo ~ Happy Pancake (choice of pork, or chicken) (gf)	\$25.00
		Banh Xeo ~ Happy Pancake with shrimp (gf)	\$28.00
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		Ga Chua Ngot ~ Sweet & Sour Chicken	\$25.00
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8 Town Regional School District Planning Board Update

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Merger Model under Consideration: Merge the Berkshire Hills Regional School District and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District into a single PreK–12 district, maintaining the existing elementary and middle schools as they are, but creating a new merged grades 9–12 high school to be built on the Great Barrington campus.

Board approves finance subcommittee recommendation on assessment methodologies: On June 6, 2023, the 8 Town board approved the most significant of the remaining substantive provisions of the draft 8 Town regional agreement: the assessment methodologies for the operating and capital costs of a merged district. The subcommittee’s recommendation followed more than 9 months of analysis of different assessment methodologies, including the methodologies the two districts currently use. The principles that guided those discussions were as follows:

→ The operating cost methodology chosen had to result in assessments for each of the 8 towns that were reasonable, with no stark “winners” or “losers,” and should include “smoothers” to guard against large swings in town assessments from one year to the next based on fluctuations in student population or other factors. (As those who attend town meetings know, assessments for district operating costs comprise the largest part of total district assessments by a wide margin.) One of those smoothers—the use of a 5-year rolling average of the state-calculated “required local contribution” (RLC) for each town to determine how much above the RLC each town will be assessed in any given year—has been used by the SBRSD for some time and has worked well. The approved operating cost methodology also includes a “safety valve” cap that operates to ensure that no town’s operating assessment increases in any year by a percentage significantly higher than the increases in the other 7 towns.

→ The 5 SBRSD towns should be asked to contribute only a relatively modest portion of the overall cost of the new high school because, among other reasons, the incremental cost of building a high school for approximately 620 students (the estimated size of the combined high school) rather than 485 students (the estimated size of a Berkshire Hills high school were there no merger) would likely be something significantly less than the relative percentages of the high school students from the two districts (estimated 78% BHRSD students/22% SBRSD students). The methodology the board approved has the SBRSD towns assuming 4% of the total construction cost (or a little less than 10% of the local cost after application of expected state aid of over 50%), until 2033, when the 5 towns would begin to pick up an additional 1% of the debt service obligation each year reaching a 5 town contribution to debt service of just under 15% in 2038.

A presentation and video on the operating and capital cost assessment methodologies, including projections on total assessments (which include the estimated cost of the new high school and all legacy debt), are available at <https://8towns.org/>.

Educational Quality subcommittee votes to recommend merger: A primary focus of the 8 Town Board since its formation in 2020 has been the educational advisability of a merger. On June 14, 2023, a majority of the educational quality subcommittee voted to recommend merger to the full board based on the subcommittee’s development of a list of the potential benefits of a larger student body and pooling of district resources. That list included (among other potential benefits):

- A larger, more diverse student body allowing for more opportunity for social connections across town, socioeconomic, and other perceived divisions, and richer opportunities for diversity and inclusion;
- Additional resources to support diverse student learners (guidance, special education, English learners, social-emotional health);
- With a combined high school,
 - More academic choices for students, including more and better student access to electives, advanced placement (AP) classes, and early college courses, and more opportunities to achieve optimized class size;
 - More extracurricular activities, including more and better access (including district-funded transportation) to sports, clubs, and civic engagement opportunities; and
 - Significantly expanded vocational-technical offerings, including innovative pathways and up to six Chapter 74 career vocational-technical (CVTE) programs;
- A larger, more diverse professional staff, with richer networking and professional development opportunities;
- Increased salaries for SBRSD teachers, providing opportunities for more successful teacher recruitment and retention;
- Expansion of early college and AP opportunities; and
- Expanded early childhood opportunities.

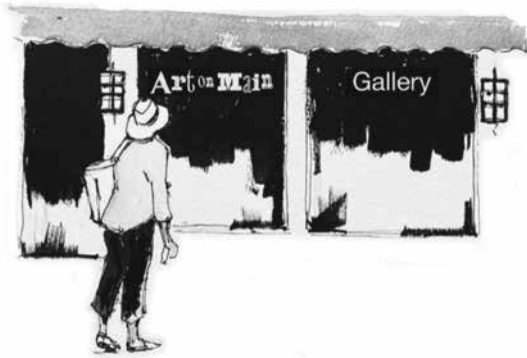
In reaching its recommendation, the Educational Quality subcommittee noted the challenges that the two districts currently face in maintaining existing programs and services in the face of continuing declines in enrollment. And while recognizing the desirability of combining the special offerings in each high school, the subcommittee also identified areas of potential concern that will require careful focus during any transition, including maintaining consistent one-on-one student/mentor relationships, something both districts highly value, optimizing class size to allow for both personalized learning and multiple student voices for engaged classroom discussion, and engaging in a collaborative design of the facility and programming of the new high school.

Updated Timeline: Our targeted date for a board vote on the proposed merger, including a proposed regional agreement, is now late June/early July. If the board votes to recommend the merger, we expect to be able to put that recommendation before the voters at special town meetings to be held this fall.

Lucy Prashker, Chair of the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board / Jake Eberwein, RSDPB Project Manager / June 2023

Art on Main Gallery

38 Main St. West Stockbridge
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“REFLECTIONS”

Wonderful new work by 16 artist members of the Guild of Berkshire Artists is on tap for July at Art on Main Gallery at 38 Main Street. With the theme of “Reflections,” these works, in a variety of styles—oil paintings, watercolors, encaustics, ceramics, mixed media, and more.

Summery, colorful, and largely abstract, the pieces reflect their makers’ feelings about their subject matter and creative process. Putting words to their images, some of the artists express personal reactions to natural phenomena, such as fog

lifting, undulating shadows, changing light patterns, or colorful layers in water. Others muse on life experiences or favorite places, or about creating equilibrium in uncertain times through the making of art.

This show runs on weekends (Thursdays through Sundays) from Thursday, June 29, through Sunday, July 9. The gallery will also be open on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. Gallery hours are 11 am to 4 pm.

Coming up later in July at Art on Main Gallery:

“**Where Our Minds Wander**”: Mollie Kellogg (figurative) and Shany Porras (abstract). Open from July 13 to 23. Reception: Saturday, July 15, 2 to 4 pm; Artist Talks/Discussion: July 22, 2 pm.

“**Earth, Wax & Fire**”: Pat Hogan and Amy Pressman (encaustics) and Margie Skaggs (ceramics). Open from July 27 to August 6. Reception: Saturday, July 29, 2 to 4 pm.

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Happy summer, and welcome to all members of the West Stockbridge community! Our thanks to everyone who made the May 27 therapy animals event such a success: West Stockbridge Cultural Council; the Friends of the Library who provided coolers, ice, and refreshing juice; and their work handing out juice and ice cream! We are also so grateful to everyone who came to enjoy the beautiful start to Memorial Day weekend.

We invite all children to join us for some great summer events (see below).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Vicky, Rachel, and introducing our new assistant librarian, Sarah!

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- Bannalec, *Body by the sea*
- Henry, *Secret book of Flora Lea*
- Kang, *Greek lessons*
- Kingfisher, *House with good bones*
- Kuang, *Yellowface*
- Makkai, *I have some questions for you*
- Patterson, *23rd Midnight*
- Van Pelt, *Remarkably bright creatures*
- Verghese, *Covenant of water*
- Winstead, *Boyfriend candidate*

NEW ADULT NONFICTION

- Grann, *Wager: A Tale of shipwreck, mutiny and murder*
- Higgins, *Some of these are snails*
- Legrand, *Patchwork*
- Trimble, *The Creative vegetable gardener*

NEW FOR YOUNGER READERS

- Harrison, *Big*
- James, *Tadpoles*

DVDs

- 80 for Brady, All Quiet on the Western Front, Empire of Light, Invisible Man, Marlowe*



Scrapbook Questions/created by Paula Farrell TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE!

1. In 2010, why did Massachusetts Broadband Institute receive \$45.4 million in federal stimulus funding?
2. Who presented a wine talk, tasting, and raffle on March 28, 2014, in the West Stockbridge Community Room?
3. What was Berkshire district attorney David Capeless vehemently opposed to in 2014?
4. In 2014 which West Stockbridge resident was a star on the basketball court?

1. To create the backbone of a large network that would provide high-speed Internet to underserved areas
2. Steve Dixon of Queensboro Wines & Spirits
3. Legallization of marijuana
4. Peter Osgiam!



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Chamber Players Memorial Day Concert: A Triumph of Musical Mastery Over Fate

By Liza Bennett



The carefully laid plans for the West Stockbridge Chamber Players Memorial Day benefit concert on Sunday, May 28, were upended when Catherine Hudgins, the Chamber Players' artistic director, and her husband William Hudgins were forced to withdraw at the last minute due to COVID. As a result, the first two pieces on the program had to be scratched. In just four days, three of the remaining Chamber Players—Sheila Fiekowsky, violin; Daniel Getz, viola; and Adam Esbensen, cello—came together and mastered Beethoven's *Serenade for Strings* in G major as a replacement.

West Stockbridge Historical Society president Robert Salerno welcomed the capacity crowd in the Old Town Hall's upstairs auditorium, offering a brief update on the building's restoration campaign. With 80-degree temperatures heating up the room, Salerno said that the need for air conditioning, next on the list of improvements, "speaks for itself today."

Fiekowsky then introduced the Beethoven, pointing out that the piece began and ended with the same march and that the composer "stole from himself" and seemed to have borrowed from *The Godfather* soundtrack at various points in the six-movement composition. The last-minute changes and rushed rehearsal schedule only seemed to raise the bar among the musicians, who are all affiliated with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, as they proceeded to offer up a seamless performance.

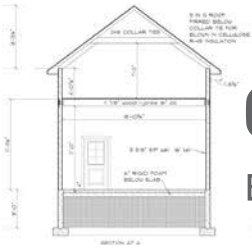
After the intermission, Chamber Player Mary Ferrillo told the audience that the next piece, *String Sextet No. 2* in G major, Op. 36, by Brahms, is the kind of challenging work she loves performing with musicians like the ones on the stage. "They're my dream team," she said. Joining violist Mary Ferrillo were violinists Sheila Fiekowsky and Lisa Ji Eun Kim, violist Daniel Getz, and cellists Oliver Aldort and Adam Esbensen. At the end of the next 40 minutes of masterful playing, the audience clearly agreed with Ferrillo's assessment, offering an extended standing ovation. Fiekowsky remained on stage to perform the program's final work, J.S. Bach's *Largo* from *Sonata No. 3* in C major for Solo Violin.

The concert had originally been conceived in memory of Stuart Kuller, including a piece written for the occasion by Eric Shimelonis, which is being rescheduled for the Chamber Players Harvest Concert in October when Catherine and William Hudgins can participate. Fiekowsky, however, took the opportunity to dedicate the Bach to Stuart Kuller, a musician himself who would have been deeply moved by Fiekowsky's consummate performance.

After the concert, musicians and audience members gathered downstairs for a reception, lingering to talk, enjoy light refreshments, and relish the beauty of the warm summer evening.

The event was sponsored by Egremont-Alford and West Stockbridge Cultural Councils and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

Wrapping It Up

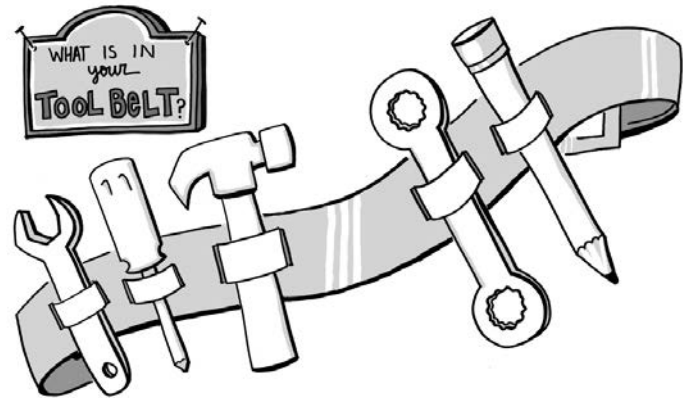
As I'm writing this column (mid-June 2023), I'm just finishing my last big job as a professional licensed construction supervisor (CSL 055115, formerly at your service). This is a state license I've held since 1990, and it's allowed me to work throughout our area designing, constructing, and overseeing building projects, including remodels large and small, additions, and new houses.

The license has also allowed me to meet and work closely with some wonderful homeowners in Berkshire County (and occasionally in Columbia County, NY). Yes, I've also had some "clients from hell," but they were *by far* a tiny minority. I've also gotten to know some very knowledgeable, helpful, and conscientious town building officials in the area.

But as I head off into the sunset, it's time for me to hang up my tool belt and clipboard and let my license lapse (which has to be renewed with continuing education courses every two years).

Here is a short collection of thoughts about homebuilding and remodeling that occur to me from almost 40 years in the trades:

- When a homeowner and contractor sign a contract to do some work on the house (yes, you should have a written contract for anything more than \$200), they are embarking on a relationship that may last for many months, sometimes years. Both parties should feel comfortable with each other. Like a marriage, there will be ups and downs, but everyone involved should feel like allies, not adversaries.
- It's always going to cost more than you think. Deal with it. Plan on it.
- The most successful projects require a *lot* of planning and coordination with many moving parts and several subcontractors. Everyone should have a clear idea of the duties and responsibilities of all the participants, and they should respect the boundaries outlined in a good contract.
- In a large project, the end result may come out a bit differently than everyone had anticipated at the start. Staying aware of one's expectations and communicating them throughout is essential to a successful result.
- There's a persistent illusion that hiring contractors in the winter will mean the job will cost less because the poor guys will be so grateful to have winter work that they'll reduce their labor costs. This is—how shall I put it—balderdash. Pure unmitigated tommyrot. Framing a building when it's 15 degrees outside and your nail gun freezes up and your fingers don't work is not exactly efficient. And then you have to stop working to plow the job site because there's a delivery of frozen building materials coming. You get the picture. Adjust your expectations to fit reality.
- It's always going to cost more than you think. Deal with it. Plan on it.
- Contractors who brag about "building to code" should remember that this is the *minimum* requirement. And homeowners should not try to save a few bucks by skimping on details or materials. You don't need gold toilets, but if you want something that will last, don't cheap out.
- Be careful buying products like faucets from big box stores. These items are often part of the so-called gray market, and although they may have name brands on them, the inner parts (that will break down) are often not what you think you're buying.
- Do your homework in choosing materials and practices. Some amazing new products and ways of doing things are out there. And there are some really bogus items that will be unavailable at the time you need them or just won't work and cause grief and heartache for lifetimes to come.
- It's always going to cost more than you think. Deal with it. Plan on it.



Both my loyal readers know that I'll still continue writing my deathless prose for the *Local Yokel*. Questions, comments, and rants about anything, however tenuously, related to building, maintaining, and living in a home (of whatever definition) can be sent to info@thelocalyokel.org.

Community News & Events

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

No public dinners will be served at the Stockbridge Grange during July and August.

Council on Aging

Our next COA meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, July 12. Please bring your lunch and a chair. We hope to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors in front of the Town Offices. We'll be looking for you.

West Stockbridge Plant Exchange

The West Stockbridge Plant Exchange will not meet in July or August.

The Knitters Group

The Knitters Group meets every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All crafts are welcome.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All are welcome.

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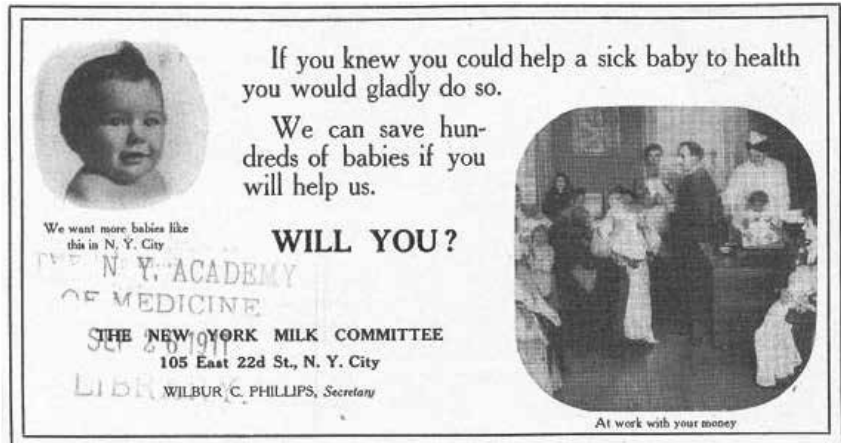
In the early 20th century, dairy farming was a major industry in West Stockbridge, along with lime and iron quarrying and the railroad. Farming was hard in New England with rocky soil and hills, but dairy farming worked. The census shows that after the quarries, dairy farming was the next largest employer with both farmers and hired hands.

Getting fresh milk to the cities, specifically New York, was hard, but the railroad made it possible. Moving the highly perishable milk in the required conditions and on a demanding schedule was one of the biggest challenges faced by railroads. Cows were milked in the morning and the evening and the milk had to be carefully handled and stored at temperatures below 50 degrees to avoid the growth of harmful bacteria. (The temperature requirement helped spawn the ice-harvesting industry.)

Milk was collected from farms and held in a creamery awaiting the early morning train. West Stockbridge was ideal for this role, having a branch railroad line with a direct connection south to New York via the New Haven railroad. West Stockbridge also had ice houses with a plentiful supply of ice to keep the milk cool. The F.D. Shove creamery opened in 1906 and quickly became a large employer in town, processing milk from the farms in the area. The creamery building was on the site of the current trailer park. This company closed in 1916, and the creamery was bought by the Borden's Condensed Milk Company of "Elsie the Cow" fame.

The train would leave early in the morning and travel to a pasteurizing facility in the Bronx (thought to be located on the space now occupied by the new Yankee Stadium) and then to a dairy on 60th Street on Manhattan's West Side. This "fresh milk" network was developed in the early 1900s as part of an effort to bring fresh food to the cities to improve the health of their fast-growing immigrant populations.

As trucking and refrigeration grew in the 1930s, fresh milk could be collected and processed more quickly, and delivered to the city faster and cheaper. By the late 1930s, infant deaths had dropped to less than 1%. The creamery operated until the 1930s when it was converted to an apple cider mill, supplying both hard and regular apple cider to the resorts, bars, and restaurants in the area. The building was later taken down (more on that for another History Question).



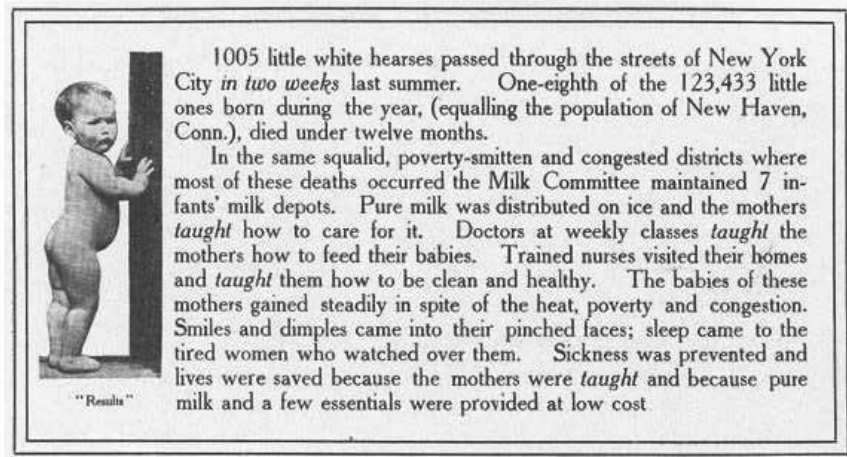
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"Results"

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July Art Calendar

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2023

June 22 - July 9, "Reflections" Juried Art Show at Art on Main Gallery, 38 Main Street, West Stockbridge, MA.

July 1, Urban Sketching Meetup, 9-11am. Create and socialize around Pittsfield's downtown. See website for how to register.

July 8, Studio Visit with Paula Shalan, 12pm. Visit artist studio. Sign up on the website.

July 17, Procrastinator's Challenge, 10-11 a.m. Start or work through a current project or art piece!

July 18, Intro to the Guild and Website, 4pm. Overview and info on the Guild and our website. Online.

July 18, Positive Critique, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Join Michele Caplan for a positive critique session for Guild members via Zoom.

July 23, Berkshire Photo Gathering. See web: berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings

July 25, Meet the Artist, 3pm. Thaddeus Kubis, Photographer.

July 28, Art Book Gathering, 10-11am. Share a favorite book, artist, or process.

Wednesdays, Art Together, Join GBA artists together online

Mon-Sat, 10am-1pm, Berkshire Plein Air. See website for days and locations.



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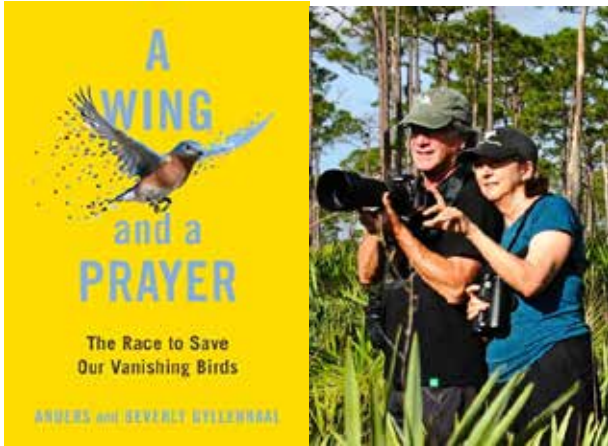
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Veterans Agency	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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Join Anders and Beverly Gyllenhaal as they take us to the front lines of the fight to save our birds



Author talk and slide show
Thursday, July 6th at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall
 9 Main Street, West Stockbridge

Reception to follow at Shaker Mill Books
 corner of Depot Street and Route 102, West Stockbridge

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the West Stockbridge Library
 and Shaker Mill Books

West Stockbridge Historical Society
weststockbridgehistory.org

ANNOUNCING THE 2023
Card Pond Opening Party

Due to the weather forecast,
Card Pond Opening Party
Postponed until July 23rd

Come join the Parks Commissioners at the
 2023 Card Pond Party from 11 AM - 1 PM on
Sunday, July 23rd!

beach and yard games

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
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WEST STOCKBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

ON THE FOUNDRY GREEN

THURSDAYS
3-6PM

LIVE MUSIC
 Made possible by
 WS Cultural Council
 & Local Yokel Santa's
 Wish List donations

FARM FRESH
 organic produce, meat,
 cheese, eggs, fresh fish,
 baked goods, jams,
 flowers, ice cream,
 artisan goods + more.

2X YOUR SNAP! WIC+SENIOR COUPONS!

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July Calendar of Events	7/4 Independence Day: Town Offices closed		
	7/6	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm The Foundry Green, Harris St.
	7/6	Author talk and slide show: "A Wing and a Prayer"	7 pm Old Town Hall, 9 Main St.
	7/10	Select Board meeting	6 pm Town Offices, 21 State Line Rd.
	7/12	Council on Aging	12 noon See Community News for details
	7/12	Friends of the Library committee meeting	3:30 pm Community Room, Town Offices
	7/13	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm The Foundry Green, Harris St.
	7/15	*** Deadline for the next <i>Local Yokel</i> *** Send to info@thelocalyokel.org	
	7/17	Special Town Election	10 am-7 pm Town Offices, 21 State Line Rd.
	7/20	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm The Foundry Green, Harris St.
	7/23	Piano Recital by Matthew Erikson	2 pm WS Village Congregational Church
	7/24	Select Board meeting	6 pm Town Offices, 21 State Line Rd.
	7/27	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm The Foundry Green, Harris St.