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RETURNING HOME

“I’ve Fallen in Love with This Area Again”

By Robbi Hartt

*“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.”*

—T. S. Eliot,
from “Little Gidding,” *Four Quartets*

“Getting to experience this place as a child and have it be your playground is incredible. But then coming back again as an adult, and still having it be a playground — where you can garden, ride bikes, and go for runs or swims in the most beautiful place — has been something I’ve really learned to appreciate more. I’ve definitely fallen in love with this area again.” This is how it feels for Maeve Wilber to return to her New Marlborough roots after moving out of state for college and out of the country for grad school.

Now twenty-five, Maeve moved to New Marlborough when she was five, going from a house in a tight little neighborhood of Housatonic to a quiet, wooded area on Knight Road where her parents built a house. It was a lot darker at night, she recalls, and there were a lot more animals. Growing up, her parents encouraged Maeve and her three siblings to play outdoors, even turning a blind eye to their mud fights in a construction-in-progress dirt pile. “I always felt like I had three immediate friends with my siblings nearby,” Maeve notes. “My parents taught us the value of hard work, a strong moral compass, and caring for the land. We cut and burned our own wood and shared in the daily household chores from a very young age.” To that upbringing she attributes knowing how to work with people, share responsibilities, and ask for help.

Following her mother, Tamera Gebo-Wilber, and two older siblings, Maeve attended Monument Mountain Regional High School, through school choice, and excelled academically and athletically. With parents who ran marathons and enjoyed biking and swimming, it’s no surprise Maeve and her younger sister Emma became competitive swimmers. They swam on a co-op team (consisting of Monument Mountain, Lenox, Lee, and Mount Everett) that practiced at Simon’s Rock, as well as on the local YMCA club team. The four-day-a-week practice schedule meant that, in addition to a passion for her sport, she also needed organization and time management skills. “My parents taught us that you can always find time to do what you love,” she recalls.

Maeve’s father, Todd Wilber, was raised on a farm, which prompted Maeve to work on Liz Goodman’s Good Cook Farm the summer after her first year of high school. “As soon as I started, I thought, there’s no way I’m doing anything else,” she says. “There is something so therapeutic about nature, so peaceful. There aren’t any other thoughts in my head. All of my senses are alive; it’s a full-body experience. It’s also a place you have to slow down, wait a little longer for something to happen. I think it’s incredible



Maeve Wilber (top, center) with the Connecticut College Women’s Swim Team

photo courtesy of Connecticut College archives

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when the seed you put in the ground starts to grow and you think, 'I helped do that.'"

In the fall of 2015, following graduation from Monument Mountain, Maeve started at Connecticut College (New London), where she continued her swimming career. She was initially interested in becoming a chemist but was dissuaded by the requirement to take organic chemistry. So her focus shifted to a study of human behavior, spurred by a fascination with her new environment and her observation of the variety of human stories and experiences among her fellow students. She decided to pursue a degree in behavioral neuroscience instead (which, to her chagrin, still required taking organic chemistry). "The human condition is the most insane thing in the world," she exclaims. Learning about the inner workings of the human mind (what and why) proved to be a valuable pursuit.

In her junior year, Maeve earned an Academic All-American award, an honor given to the top eight athletes in a national swimming competition who also earned a 3.7 or higher GPA. This, and a little push from her mom, inspired her to continue her studies after college. Since her career as a competitive swimmer (a team captain her senior year) prevented her from studying abroad during college, Maeve decided to look into behavioral science programs in other countries. She quickly landed on Radboud, a major research university in the Dutch city of Nijmegen with more than 50,000 students. Three weeks after she applied, she got an acceptance letter. "It was a two-year program, and I decided I would immerse myself in the culture," she says.



Young Maeve and family
photo courtesy of Maeve Wilber

Maeve had never lived in a country with a different language and different people — and never in a city, so she at first felt completely out of her comfort zone. But, she returned to the same can-do attitude she had applied to swimming and relished the new experience. Then in March 2020 in response to the covid pandemic The Netherlands closed its borders, and Maeve's sense of isolation returned. Being so far from home during such an uncertain time, she decided to continue her studies on-line from New Marlborough. "The pandemic hit on March 13, and on the 17th I was on a plane back home," she recalls.

The time-zone difference proved to be a greater challenge than she had anticipated, however, and the following August she returned to Nijmegen to finish her degree. Her master's thesis examined the effect of working and spending time in nature on alleviating depression and anxiety in adults. Although she does not claim a definitive correlation, her research, she says, showed that people who spent more time outside were less likely to

be depressed. She completed her degree July 2021 and returned home the following month.

While farming wasn't the focus of her studies, Maeve spent a lot of time on local farms throughout her college years. Back home during the summer of her junior year, she worked as an intern at Gould Farm, a residential therapeutic community in Monterey — a time she looks back on fondly as an opportunity to farm and engage in meaningful work that contributed to the improved well-being of others. In addition to serving on the garden team, she worked side-by-side with the professionals who



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conducted therapy sessions. “That was my first introduction to the community you can build around farming,” she notes. “I loved that people wanted to learn and farmers wanted to share their knowledge and insights.”

In 2019 and 2020, she got an introduction to production farming with summer jobs at Mill River Farm, owned by Jan Johnson. “That experience really increased my skills,” she says. “I learned how to drive a tractor, operate machinery, and care for animals.” In August 2021, she reached out to Peter Chapin (son of Jan Johnson and co-operator of the farm), saying, “I need a job.” He assured her that she had one. She started immediately, and this past winter became livestock manager, in charge of egg-laying chickens, broiler chickens, turkeys, and pigs. “I fell in love with that, too,” she says. “It’s such an amazing profession. There are so many specialties, and also a lot of work.”

At the same time, however, Maeve continued to value the interaction of farming with the human community. Her father was working on a project at April Hill Farm, a property located in Egremont owned by Greenagers that engages teens and young adults in conservation, sustainable farming, and natural resource management. Whenever he talked about it, Maeve thought, “That sounds so cool.” She decided to draft an email and heard almost immediately from April Hill Farm Director Sarah Monteiro, who wrote, “We’d love to talk to you!” She started on May 3. “It is a great team, with everyone on the same playing field,” she says, describing the cooperative vibe among staffers Bob



The Farm Crew Leader at Greenagers
photo by Kenzie Fields



Maeve Wilber
photo by Kenzie Fields

Dileo (Livestock Manager), Cecilie MacPherson (Terracorps/Americorps Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator), and Isamaya Hagstrom (Food Justice Coordinator).

“I grew up working around Berkshire County, so I always felt a part of the community,” Maeve notes. “However, Greenagers enabled me to feel for the first time like I was giving something back to the community that was supporting me.” As farm crew leader, Maeve works side-by-side with two high school students for four weeks at a time, managing tasks in the garden on April Hill Farm. Although she loves farming, teaching, and learning, what inspires her most about Greenagers is the emphasis on community engagement — “not only the community that you create within your own crew and other Greenager crews but also with many other organizations and individuals throughout the Berkshires and beyond. I wake up every day excited to do this job,” she says. “I can’t wait to see what the gardens do next, to hear people’s stories. I love the connections.”

Although she doesn’t see herself ever wanting to move away from farming, Maeve is very interested in the idea of “Care Farming” (similar to the Gould Farm model), which she notes would be “a good blend of my two interests.” About New Marlborough, Maeve admits that work and expanding interests may eventually take her elsewhere, “but this will always be my home.” □



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Town Business Is Your Business SELECT BOARD



July 25: Due to a lack of information, a recommendation for a candidate to join the Police Department as a part-time officer was postponed to a future meeting.

The Board, with Mark Carson and Tara White both present at Town Hall, then moved on to naming members to the newly created Town Hall Building Committee, which will be charged with writing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and evaluating responses to it. The Committee is a response to the need for a town hall that is accessible to people with disabilities, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Entry to the upstairs meeting room in the present Town Hall requires negotiating either stairs or a ramp, neither of which is ADA compliant.

To get to an RFP, however, **the Committee must first choose among three options: renovate the existing building — at an ADA compliance cost estimated at \$2.1 million; locate an existing building elsewhere in town that can be converted to a town hall; or pur-**

chase land for the erection of an entirely new building. In addition to Richard Long and Mari Enoch, assigned to the Committee at a previous meeting, the Board appointed Barbara Marchione, Rona Easton, and Robert Hartt. (These five got matters underway at their inaugural meeting, August 2.)

Next up, Prue Spaulding, director of senior services, presented a report on the FY22 Tax Work-Off Program, which allows seniors to reduce their property tax payment at a rate of \$14.25 per hour up to \$1,500. This year, said Mrs. Spaulding, fourteen seniors worked a total of 635 hours, three of them contributing hours beyond the abatement ceiling. For the coming year, with the retirement of two of the program's regulars and the addition of jobs, Mrs. Spaulding is seeking new recruits.

With thanks to Mrs. Spaulding for her work in organizing the program — and for her presentation — the selectmen moved on to reappointing David Herrick as the Town's 911 coordinator. They then agreed to have the Town's voters decide whether debt should be excluded from the 2.5 percent levy increase limit. The question will be presented at the Special Town Election to be held September 6.

The Board accepted an offer from Maurice Brazie to extend the lease on the land on which the Transfer Station is situated for three years, at a rate of \$9,000 a year. **Finally, in response to a petition from home owners, the selectmen voted to change the name of Hillside Road to Laurel Banks Road.** Up until now, Hillside was an extension of Laurel Banks, which runs southwest off route 57 just north of the Monterey town line, then became Hillside as it crossed into New Marlborough and dead ended on the shore of Lake Buel. The trouble was that people Googling Hillside frequently

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23rd Annual NEW MARLBOROUGH ARTISTS SHOW

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were shown to Hillside Avenue, located in Great Barrington. The change to a single name presumably will put an end to the confusion.

In town administrator updates, Ms. Enoch informed the Board she would represent New Marlborough, which is joining with Pittsfield, Lenox, and Stockbridge at an August 11 meeting to discuss pursuit of grant money from the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. Another source of grant money, said Ms. Enoch, is a road safety program from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. She added that it requires a 20 percent matching fund from the grant recipient. The selectmen agreed to sign a letter of commitment to the program.

August 4: The Board held an 8:30 a.m. meeting for the sole purpose of endorsing the hiring of Gary Lemon as a police officer for thirty-two hours a week — in what is called a permanent part-time position because, though it is less than a full-time forty-hour a week job, the employee is paid health and retirement benefits. (Subsequently, the selectmen learned that Mr. Lemon, had rejected the job offer.)

August 8: With Mark Carson, Tara White, and Town Administrator Mari Enoch in attendance, the Board agreed to a request from Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring to declare the Department's eleven-year-old Ford 550 surplus equipment. (It was replaced last year by a Ford 600, the same size as a 550 but with a more powerful drive train.) Mr. Loring said that Sandisfield had expressed interest in acquiring the truck, but Mr. Carson, observing that the market for heavy equipment was strong, said that the 550 should be put out for bid.

Mr. Loring agreed to do so and then reported that of three suppliers of highway materials the low bid for winter sand came from Segalla Sand and Gravel and

for crushed stone and gravel from Century Aggregates. The Board accepted these bids, and thereby established materials pricing through June 2023.

Following Mr. Loring's recommendation, the Board voted to reject all three bids for the resurfacing of Knight Road — the lowest of them was almost 50 percent higher than the cost estimate for the job a year ago. **As a stopgap, the Department will shim the heavily pot-holed sections of the road this fall and hope for lower asphalt prices next spring when the project is put back out for bid.** The Board then authorized borrowing up \$500,000 to complete already scheduled road repair and drainage projects.

The selectmen approved a one-day liquor license for the Fire Department's August 20 Pig Roast.

With the permanent part-time police officer position still open, Mr. Carson and Ms. White debated making it more attractive by increasing its hours to forty a week. Given budget restraints, however, they elected to repost the opening at thirty-two hours. Next, with the recent resignation of Cassie Keeley as animal control officer (ACO), the Board tackled the challenge of hiring a new ACO. Meanwhile, the duties of the ACO will be handed off to Graham Frank, who, in addition to his position as Police Chief, is also the Town's alternate animal control officer. Chief Frank has expressed an interest in having the ACO's work integrated into the Police Department, so the Board decided to delay posting for a new ACO until it worked out whether and how such an integration would be defined.

The Board moved on to a reconfirmation of the Town's policy as regards placement of political and event signage on Town property. Mr. Carson noted that he regrettably had had to ask a resident to remove a sign from one of the town's cemeteries. **He and Ms.**

Voters will decide whether debt should be excluded from the 2.5 percent levy increase limit.

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White affirmed that signage be placed on roadsides and intersections no earlier than two weeks before an election or event and removed within five days after it. Signage is prohibited from being posted at Umpachene Falls Park, the library, and, yes, in any of the town's cemeteries.

In town administrator updates, Mari Enoch noted that the Lumbert Cross Road Bridge replacement has been completed and awaited only the painting a yellow line down its center. The Umpachene Falls Park river bank project has been completed. And the drainage problem in the Town Hall parking lot has been addressed. The Town Hall Building Committee, she reported, had voted to change its name to the Town Hall Planning Committee. The selectmen agreed to fund the cost, up to

\$1,200, of a survey and possibly a Zoom meeting to help determine town sentiment as to renovating or building a new a town hall.

Mr. Carson noted that a grant application for remediation of erosion of the Konkapot River where it passes under Hartsville Mill River Road awaits an engineering report. After agreeing to allow Chief Frank to use sixteen hours of carry-over vacation time in the next six months, the meeting was adjourned.

August 17: Meeting at 9:00 a.m., the Board voted to amend the personnel policy to provide prorated longevity payments and health insurance premiums for employees who

retire before the end of the year. □

Joe Poindexter

Chief Frank has expressed an interest in having the animal control officer's work integrated into the Police Department.

Fire and Rescue Seeks Part-Time Help

The Town of New Marlborough, acting through its Board of Selectmen, is seeking several qualified part-time Firefighter/EMTs to fill daytime shifts (weekdays and weekends) for the New Marlborough Fire and Rescue Department. Firefighter/EMTs will be stationed at the firehouse/ambulance bay and provide emergency response to medical and fire calls. Position also includes related administrative tasks as well as cleaning and maintenance of firehouse, apparatus, and related equipment. Must have valid driver's license and hold current certification for Massachusetts EMT-Basic and CPR. Preference will be given to applicants holding Massachusetts Firefighter I/II certification or willing to obtain Firefighter status. Must be able to take initiative and work independently. Wage range is \$19-\$20 per hour. Complete job description can be found at www.newmarlboroughma.gov. Please submit cover letter and resume to Town Administrator at nmbos@newmarlboroughma.gov. The position will remain open until filled. EEO/AA

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

With Commission members John Schreiber, Doug Hyde, and Nanci Worthington present, the meeting addressed a Request For Determination (RDA) from Robert and Irene Dvorchik of 409 Mill River Southfield Road. Following a recent tree fall at the residence, Butternut Tree and Land Care removed eight near-by diseased trees for safety reasons. The Commission requested that two trees that had stood in jurisdictional wetlands be replaced with two hardwood native trees and that the stumps in the wetlands not be removed. The Commission also asked that the area be reseeded with conservation mix. The permit was given a negative determination, meaning that no further permitting was required.

Next, the Tahone Shores Lot Owner's Trust addressed the Commission with an RDA to replace beach sand on the shore of Lake Buel. Corey Leonard of Mt. Everett Sanitation described the proposed scope of work, which involved removing a boxwood hedge next to the lake. Tahone Shore Board Member Chris Hassett, further described the goals of the proposed work. The Commission advised replacing the beach sand without removing the boxwood hedge and weeding the area by hand, saying that the more substantial work involving removal of the hedge would require a Notice of Intent. The applicant agreed to the Commission's recommendations, and with Doug Hyde recusing himself, the RDA was given a negative determination.

The Commission then moved to new business. A complaint had been filed with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) about logging in a wetland area on Knight Road. A site visit by the Commission verified that in fact logs had been cut near a perennial stream; logs had been piled to create a crossing over another stream; and wood chips had been piled in a wetland area on an abutting property. Property owner Hal Crine, who was present, agreed to suspend further logging, remove any obstructions to the streams, and hire a forester to create a forest cutting plan. Nellie Wilson was also present and agreed to pull back the wood chips from the stream. The Commission reserved the right to verify that these site corrections are completed. No citations were issued.

Architect Rona Easton, on behalf of Mike Carmona of Brewer Hill Road, addressed the Commission to clarify what permitting was necessary for locating a new house site. The Commission requested that a site visit be scheduled to review any wetlands issues that might arise with the siting.

Finally the Commission reviewed the status of the berm removal at a gravel pit on Canaan Southfield Road. However, the Commission's request for access to the site to verify that the berm had been properly removed had been denied. In response, the Commission agreed to consult with the DEP regarding next steps. □

Martha Bryan

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 6

The Select Board has scheduled a special election to fill three elective positions that are currently vacant. The positions are on the Select Board, the Finance Committee, and the Planning Board.

Because the Special Town Election coincides with the State Primary Election, the polls will be open at Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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Jordan Archey

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Jordan Archey

Jordan Archey, who grew up in Berkshire County and has lived in New Marlborough for the past eight years, says, "I feel truly privileged to call this town my home." Ms. Archey was interested in joining the Planning Board, she says, because she cares about this

town — past, present, and future. She brings a unique perspective as a younger person who is trying to work and live here, in addition to being a farmer who is working to feed our community.

"I think New Marlborough has tremendous potential and opportunities," says Ms. Archey, "and I look forward to working to make sure they are accessible to all members of our town." Larry Burke, in nominating her, commented, "Jordan and her husband Andrew are building their home in New Marlborough. Jordan is deeply committed to the cause of reinvigorating agricultural practices here. As a young, intelligent person, she is just what we need in our town's government."



Christian Stovall

photo by Sawyer Updike

Christian Stovall

Christian Stovall lives in New Marlborough and owns and operates Hidden Mountain Farm, raising sheep and lambs in various locations around the town. Explains Mr. Stovall, "I moved back to the Berkshires where I spent a lot of time growing up, from Vermont's Champlain Valley, four years ago to start my own

livestock business. I feel more than lucky to call New Marlborough home and am excited about building a future here."

As a younger person putting down roots, he cares strongly about having a voice in developing the future of the town. "We have an amazing community of people as well as an extensive rural landscape," he states. "I care deeply about maintaining New Marlborough's conserved and agricultural land that preserves its rural character while also striving to make sure that working people are able to afford to live here and feel welcomed." Mr. Stovall looks forward to becoming more involved with the Board and having "meaningful and important conversations that encourage progress as a community."

Said Planning Board Chair Bob Hartt, "With these new additions to the board, we gained an energy and perspective that is good for the town." □

Robbi Hartt

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Dan Alden

I am running for Select Board (again) because I want to help the town map out a sustainable future. I've had a chance to consider my overall approach since my resignation. This time, I think I would approach the progress I hope to achieve more incrementally. I realize I need to listen more deeply to those who've been working on town challenges for years, and to work harder at building consensus for the positive changes I hope to make.

My overall goals remain the same:

- Encouraging and recruiting participation in our Town government and helping it to run in a user-friendly, transparent, cost-effective, and accountable manner;
- Respecting all stakeholders in decision making and serving in a non-partisan manner;
- Supporting the dedicated volunteers who make New Marlborough such a rich, vibrant community, including the members of our Town committees, as well as the volunteers, among others those at the Southfield Church, the Meeting House Association, the Cultural Council, our nature-protectors at the Land Trust, and the writers, editors, and designers who ensure clear, reliable reporting of our business at the 5 Village News;
- Ensuring that our emergency services are reliable, well-prepared, and well-equipped;
- Respecting our tradition of non-partisanship and creating an environment free of partisan agendas.

Thank you for considering my (hopefully wiser) run to serve on our Select Board. I encourage everyone to get in touch and tell me what they want to see done in our town.

Bill West

My name is Bill West and I am running for the office of selectman in New Marlborough. For those of you who may not know me, I am a life-long resident of this town. I currently live in the village of Hartsville with my cattle dog Ozzy in my grandfather's home that he built in 1928. I am semi-retired and operate a small speciality metal fabrication and welding shop. I am also a licensed gunsmith and a Massachusetts state police certified firearms instructor. As a member of the select board, I feel that I can work with the other members to responsibly serve in the best interest of the community. Don't forget to vote at the Town Hall in Mill River on September 6. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.. Thank you and God Bless. □



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NEW MARLBOROUGH MEETING HOUSE

Route 57 on the New Marlborough Village Green



September **10** 4:30 pm

Neave Trio

Violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov, and pianist Eri Nakamura perform works by Chaminade, Tailleferre, and Ravel.

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— The Boston Music Intelligencer



September **17** 4:30 pm

Wael Farouk, Pianist

A program including preludes by Alexander Scriabin, Rachmaninoff's *Sonata #2*, opus 36, and the famous Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition*.



October **1** 4:30 pm

Simon Winchester and Alice Sedgwick Wohl

Discussing Alice's acclaimed new book, *As it Turns Out: Thinking About Edie and Andy*, which deals with the relationship of her sister Edie and the artist Andy Warhol.

THE CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

by Rachel Perera Weingeist

Art in the time of COVID: Young Artists Celebrate New Marlborough, confirmed that our town is alive with burgeoning talent. A wide variety of mediums and styles were displayed: painting, drawing, mixed media, sculpture, realistic, whimsical, and straight-up fantasy — our youth are bold and prolific.

Curated and organized by Librarian Deb O'Brien, the July 30 show on the Village Green, the third annual children's exhibit, displayed the work of fourteen kids ranging in age from three to fifteen. It was another gorgeous summer day with increased overall participation.

A lovely touch this year was the addition of a nurturing discussion lead by artist Ann Getsinger to an engaged audience of young artists and parents. They got a rare peek at Ann's early sketchbooks as she related stories of a lifetime of sketching and painting, recounting her own internal drive to create. One of her stories — about painting horses when she was young because she was not able to have her own — resonated with exhibition participant Violet Camarra, eleven. "Among other things," said Violet, "I want to be an artist when I grow up. I thought Ann Getsinger told an inspirational story. She painted what was going on in her life."

Many of the young artists also credited the work of creative parents and grandparents as providing inspiration. Violet and her sister Annabella, nine, whose mother, Jody King Camarra, and grandmother, Caryn King, are artists, created a pavilion packed with drawing, painting, puppets made of upcycled plush dog toys, and other household artifacts with their own fully functional

From top, Freya June Lush, Greta Downing, Ann Getsinger, Lulu and Neko Parsons, "Animals" by Mirabelle Myers; top left, "Mushrooms" by Rukmini Tiruchelvam, and, above, "Cloud Girls" by Neko Parsons



theater backdrops. The sisters decorated steamer trunks for sleep-away camp this year, equally playful and useful. "We were going to sleep-away camp," they said, "and the luggage they recommended was a trunk, and we wanted to decorate them."

Neko Josephina Parson, six, and her sister, Lulu, three, displayed playful portraits of imaginary creatures. Neko created five mixed media pieces constructed of wood, paper, glitter, and paint. "I think it might have taken me like a week or something like that," said Neko.

Three artists in the Meyers family, Mirabelle, fifteen, and twins Quinn and Isaac, eleven, exhibited work with animal themes. Quinn and Isaac created clay figurines of a fox, a raccoon, and a dog (as well as a mushroom). Mirabelle, inspired by Keith Haring, intertwined an array of playful animals and fish. One wonders if they have a menagerie or are dreaming of animals as Ann was.

The Downing family duo of Greta, seven, and Milo, three, worked in mixed media. Greta reinvented a dollhouse, one, she said, that resembled her own house. Milo, who attends a local nursery school, built a sailboat, decorated with markers, and a fire engine out of paint and wood.

Alexander Wasinger, eight, created a realistic chart of five dogs that seems scientifically inspired. A painting by Rukmini Tiruchelvam, ten, was titled "Mushroom City." Freya June Lush, four, displayed an aquatic installation, "an ocean with sharks, fish, and octopus. The teeth (of the shark) are my favorite part," she said. Julia Hibbins, eleven, used

clay to form a realistic slice of pepperoni pizza and a face. Elizabeth Kern, eleven, displayed four vibrant acrylic paintings on canvas, a waterfall, a mountain scape, an orchard, and a country vista.

All in all, it was a delightful display of promising young talent. □

Upcoming: Events Calendar for September and October

September 2: Last day to apply for absentee ballots in person, by noon

September 2: **New Marlborough Artists**, a Meeting House Gallery show of neighborhood talent, opening at 5:00 p.m., on view Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closing October 2

September 6: **Special Town Election and State Primary Election:** Polls open at Town Hall, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 10: **Neave Trio**, violin, cello, piano, performing works by Chaminade, Tailleferre, and Ravel; 4:30 p.m. at the New Marlborough Meeting House; \$30, \$25 to Meeting House members

September 17: **Pianist Wael Farouk**, in an all-Russian program of works by Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, and Mussorgsky; 4:30 p.m. at the New Marlborough Meeting House; \$30, \$25 to Meeting House members

September 30: **New Marlborough Land Trust Partners with Berkshire Camino**, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. A special walk at the Goodnow Preserve

October 1: **Edie Sedgwick and Andy Warhol**, subjects of a new book by **Alice Wohl**, Edie's sister, will be discussed in an interview of Mrs. Wohl by **Simon Winchester**; 4:30 p.m. at the New Marlborough Meeting House; \$20 — the final program of the 2022 season.

Guitarist Jon Suter entertains visitors to the opening of "As the Crow Flies," the Meeting House Gallery's first show this year. He will be back for the New Marlborough Artists show, opening September 2



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ELIHU RETURNS

The celebration of New Marlborough's most illustrious citizen (Elihu Burritt, who went on to world renown as a peace activist and abolitionist) came back into the open on August 20. There was plenty of sunshine, both overhead and in the faces of visitors, delighted to be taking the air on the New Marlborough Village Green after a two-year suspension of the Day because of the pandemic. A joyous return to normalcy was celebrated by Burritt awardees Nat Yohalem and the Broadband/Cable Advisory Committees, White Elephant Sale devotees, book-bargain seekers, and even a highly spirited collection of canines, as they circled the Green in pursuit of the day's most coveted prize, the annual Pet Parade blue ribbon. The antique cars were back, and so too was the Pig Roast. For a day at least, all was once again right with the world. □



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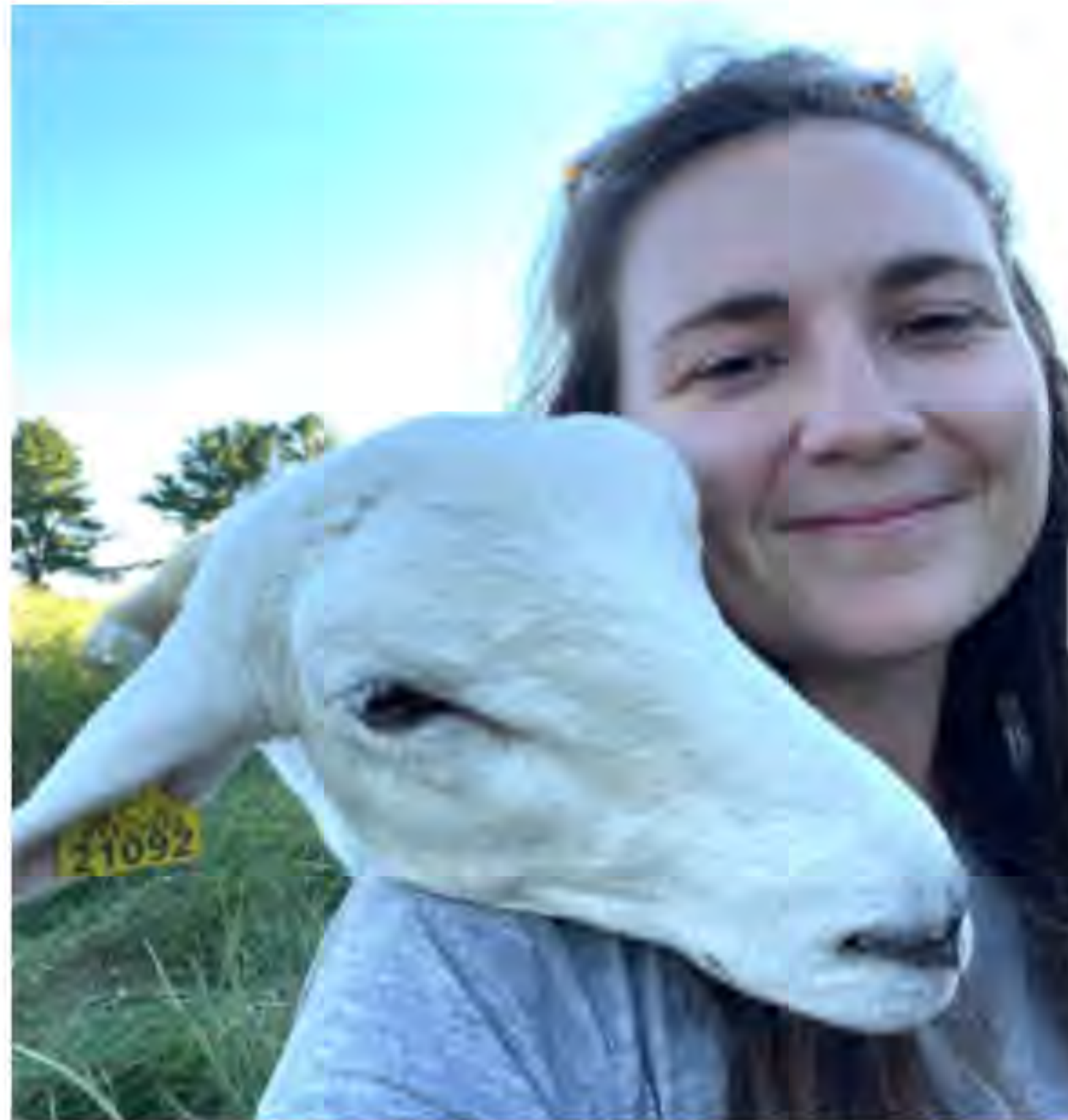
OFF THE SHELF

Building a Farm from the Ground Up

By Isabella Kemp

Anna Houston has been farming since she graduated from college, including working on a dairy farm, a rooftop farm in New York City, and at North Plain Farm, where she met her partner Rob Perazzo in 2015. Building on the connections they made at North Plain, Anna and Rob founded Off the Shelf Farm in 2018. They didn't start with a grand plan, a long list of goals, or even a plot of land; they started with community.

With dreams to start a farm of her own, the name, Anna says, was inspired by a friend. They wanted a name that would be connected to the land so, when her friend said to "pull your dreams off the shelf," it clicked. Known for their original bright pink egg cartons and coveted egg sandwiches at the Great Barrington Farmers Market, they built a successful local business from the ground up. Building upon their relationships at the market and social media engagement, they were able to turn their dream into reality. Anna and Rob employ a rotational grazing system and raise their animals on healthy pasture. Currently, they lease land in Mill River, Southfield, and Norfolk. and they dream of someday



Anna Houston and lamb

photos courtesy of Anna Houston



A field of Off the Shelf sheep

owning their own plot of land.

They sell certified non-GMO eggs, chickens, and lamb at the Great Barrington Farmers Market every Saturday from May to October. Their eggs are also sold wholesale to local food stores as well as Eataly in Boston.

Taking on different roles in addition to farmer, Anna is also the unofficial vet and bookkeeper, and is a board member of the New Marlborough Meeting House. As a farmer, working with animals reliant on constant and attentive care makes taking a break nearly impossible. In the beginning, "there were sleepless nights" and the farm's future was uncertain, Anna explained. Now, she says, they both "feel more secure with what's going to happen," knowing that she and Rob will be able to face whatever comes next, whether it is an opportunity or a setback.

A passionate and driven team, the two keep the farm going strong. Despite multiple hardships, they continue to look for more land to expand. Like many other businesses, they are greatly affected by Covid supply chain issues and inflation, with grain and fuel prices soaring. "The prices keep going higher," Anna says.

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“Feed costs increased by over \$200 a ton.”

The bright pink cartons were another casualty of the supply chain. “Egg cartons were in the same supply stream as toilet paper during the pandemic,” Anna explains, “increasingly harder to get and more expensive.” Priced out of their signature pink, they switched to conventional cartons. Off the Shelf eggs are also dealing with a price squeeze. On average, locally produced eggs range from



Off the Shelf chickens get to roam the great outdoors.

\$6 to \$7 a dozen, a price, however, that does not cover the expenses involved. “We have considered raising our prices to cover the increasing costs of grain and cartons,” says Anna, “but, it seems unreasonable to ask for more.” At \$3 a dozen, supermarket eggs also inhibit price rises.

The pandemic, however, helped increase demand, moving people away from the standard supply chain and toward reliance on local farmers, because local food was more accessible and available. “People in this area want to support farms,” says Anna.


When speaking about farming in New Marlborough,

Anna says, “I love to grow food for people and be part of this community. I love the work, eating my own food, and trading with other farmers.”

She is, she says, “truly happy working with animals” and loves “seeing their excitement and joy when they are being cared for. It is both a privilege and a burden. Our goal is to improve the land and give our animals the best lives we can.”

Over the past four years, Off the Shelf Farm has expanded dramatically. Anna and Rob are continually on the hunt for farmland they can eventually own. But for the time being, their plan is to “just coast” and “see where things go.”

You can find Off the Shelf eggs at grocery stores in Great Barrington or by visiting Anna at the Great Barrington Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to purchase fresh eggs, lamb, and chicken. While you’re there, try an Off the Shelf egg sandwich — with or without bacon. The wait in line will be worth it. □


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THE SERPENT ON THE MOUNT

It was two years in the making, “but it really saved my life,” says Robin Tost of Cecelia, the dazzling sea serpent now on display at The Mount, the Lenox estate of novelist Edith Wharton. Robin, a resident of Mill River, was between projects in March 2020 when the Covid pandemic suddenly shut down socializing. Following a regimen of strict isolation, Robin poured time and energy into her newest project, a hugely labor-intensive creature.

Robin started off by creating small papier-mâché models for each section of the serpent, which she sent off to her collaborator, metal fabricator Rich Wansor. Mr. Wansor constructed steel-rod frames for each of the four sections, providing a foundation to which Robin could append a “skin.” Then came the unimaginably



Robin Tost's Cecelia

photo by Joe Poindexter

arduous process of collecting sheet metal panels, mostly blue, green and silver, from junkyards, automotive wrecking shops, and the New Marlborough Transfer Station; cutting them to precisely the right size and shape; punching holes around the border of each panel, aligned in such a way as to allow it to be sewn to its adjacent panel. Then came the sewing. In May 2022, Robin was done. In June Cecelia, named after Cecil, the Seasick Serpent of 1950s children's TV, took up residence at SculptureNow, a show of thirty sculptures at the Mount.

Visitors can see her there until October 19, an oddly inquisitive serpent who seems to be asking those who approach to explain their uninvited presence. □

Joe Poindexter



LAND TRUST NEWS

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WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

A wide variety of wildlife crossed the paths of some New Marlborough-based humans during the past month:

Alan Brudner, on Hotchkiss Road, sent along a photo of an elegant **bobcat** that passed by on July 30 as he was doing some outdoor grilling.

Larry Burke observed a **great blue heron** on the hunt for frogs amongst the lily pads of his farm pond. Larry also noticed, in the middle of August, the arrival of a hundred or more **tree swallows** that, when not perched on the phone lines by the house, seemed to delight in zooming low over the pond, gulping insects, and doing all sorts of exuberant cavorting with each other.



photo by Alan Brudner

An alert bobcat in mid-stride



photo by Dan Doern

A hummingbird hawk-moth amongst the bee balm

Dan Doern sent a shot of a **hummingbird hawk-moth** on a monarda flower in his Mill River garden. He said, "It's not the best picture, but I like how it shows its coiled up proboscis/tongue/straw." This charming creature has been seen in flower gardens around town in much greater numbers this year than in recent times. It really loves bee balm and phlox.

Sandra Walker's backyard near Hartsville appears to be a destination for a family of **wild turkeys**.



photo by Larry Burke

A great blue heron, focused on the next meal

Meanwhile, on the other end of town – Clayton – **Ed Harvey's** neighbors include a male **ruby-throated hummingbird** showing off its signature coloration, a very cute **white-tailed rabbit**, and, in the Konkapot River that runs through Ed's backyard, a **beaver** that appears to be having the salad course of its dinner.

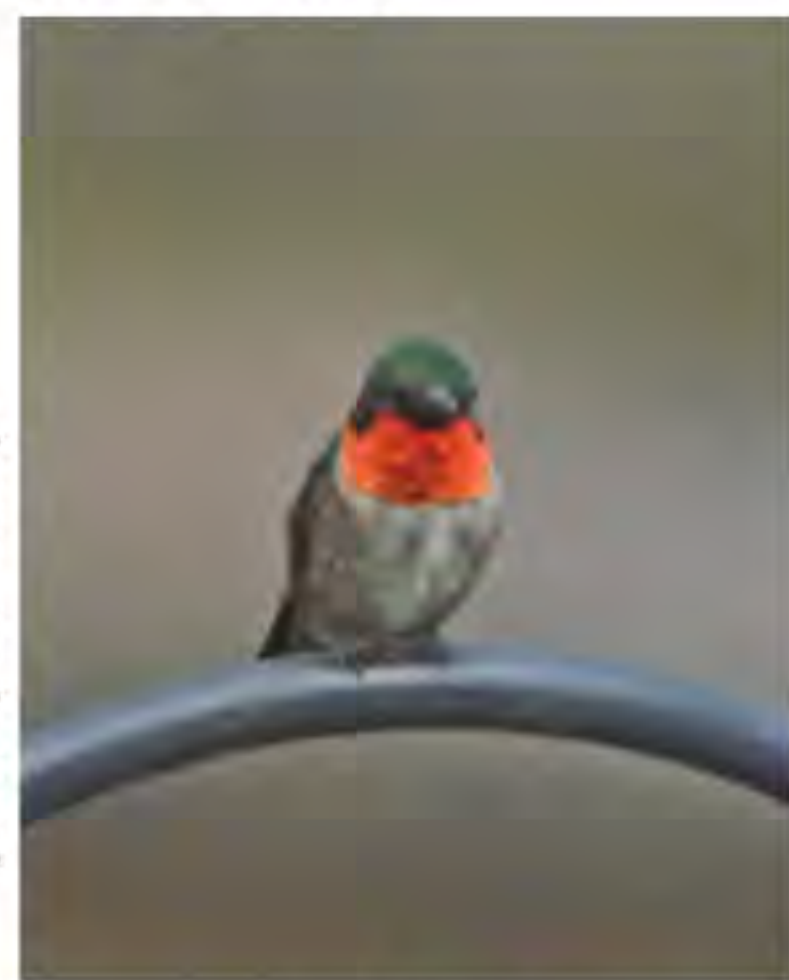


photo by Ed Harvey

A hummingbird at rest



photo by Ed Harvey

A cute bunny... or a garden pest?



photo by Ann Getsinger

Vultures roosting, and a turkey vulture showing its wingspan (inset)

Also in mid-August, **Ann Getsinger**, who lives in the vicinity of Cassilis Farm, sent a photo of young **brown vultures** perched on the roof of one of the Cassilis barns. She says, "I have watched these characters hatch out in these barns every year. Hopefully, the new owners will let them stay in their family home." One of the juvenile birds was spotted atop a tall tree near the barn, spreading its wings. The pattern on the underside of the wings distinguishes it from the **black vulture**, which has white wingtips, and the gray, featherless head identifies it as a youngster, not yet old enough to sport the red skin of the mature adult.



photo by Ed Harvey

A Konkapot beaver

On the evening of August 20, aka Burritt Day, **Larry Burke** happened upon a denizen of New Marlborough who probably would have not been a very welcome participant in the Pet Parade, but who is certainly cute enough to deserve a prize. Actually this sweet-faced young **porcupine** was claiming a prize – apples from one of the few fruit-bearing trees in the orchard.



photo by Larry Burke

An adorable-looking young porcupine on a quest for apples

Compiled by Larry Burke; send your sightings to him at larryjburke@gmail.com

THE LOG

Police Department (selected entries)

- July 1 9:39 a.m. A caller reports low hanging wires on Rhoades and Bailey Road.
- July 2 8:12 p.m. A Mill River resident reports hearing nearby fireworks.
- July 3 9:19 p.m. A tow is requested for a vehicle, stopped for speeding, that is unregistered and uninsured and whose driver is unlicensed.
- 11:22 p.m. An ambulance is called for a driver involved in a roll-over accident on Mill River Great Barrington Road, who fell asleep at the wheel and was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.
- July 4 4:59 p.m. The animal control officer is called after a New Marlborough village resident reports that her rescue dog has broken away from its leash and gone missing.
- July 6 8:49 a.m. A caller reports an intruder looking into the window of his rental unit from the woods behind his Mill River residence; an investigation determined that the party was unable to see inside the residence; he was located and transported to his residence, a care-giving facility, in Monterey.
- 4:42 p.m. A driver, stopped for speeding on Hartsville New Marlborough Road, is issued a criminal complaint when he is found to have a suspended license.
- 8:54 p.m. Following a report from a Southfield resident of shots being fired nearby, an officer determines that the sounds were being produced by a neighbor's bonfire.
- 9:03 p.m. A tow is ordered for a vehicle stuck in a Clayton cornfield and unsuccessfully concealed under a covering of corn stalks.
- July 8 6:58 p.m. A caller reports a shepherd dog loose in Mill River village.
- 11:46 p.m. An officer assists a Hartsville resident in ridding his garage of a bear that has broken through a window to get at birdseed stored there.
- July 9 10:20 p.m. An officer assists in rounding up chickens and securing them in a chicken house on New Marlborough Southfield Road after a bear had been spotted in the area.
- July 10 2:33 p.m. A caller reports all terrain vehicles being driven erratically at York Lake.
- July 12 5:56 p.m. National Grid is alerted after a caller reports a tree on wires blocking Foley Hill Road.
- 6:02 p.m. An officer informs the highway superintendent of a tree down at the intersection of Rhoades and Bailey and Cross Road to Canaan Valley Roads.
- 6:25 p.m. Tree down on Hotchkiss Road
- 6:29 p.m. Tree on wires on Canaan Southfield Road
- 7:07 p.m. An officer closes South Sandisfield Road near its intersection with Route 57 because of downed wires.
- 8:01 p.m. The highway superintendent is asked to block Konkapot Road because of a downed tree there.
- 8:03 p.m. Tree on wires on Canaan Southfield Road.
- 9:05 p.m. Tree on wires on Brewer Hill Road.
- 9:41 p.m. Wires down on Hartsville Mill River Road
- 10:23 p.m. Tree on wires on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- July 13 11:49 a.m. A caller reports a motorcycle accident on Route 57.

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- July 14 6:06 p.m. A caller reports that dead animals have been left on the porch of her Hartsville residence and that she has received threats.
- July 15 8:54 a.m. After receiving a call from Bradley Airport that a pilot over-flying the area had seen heavy smoke in the vicinity of Norfolk and Hotchkiss Roads, an officer finds no fire and speculates that the smoke may have arisen from nearby Connecticut, which allows burning year-round.
- July 18 8:47 a.m. A driver reports hitting a deer on Mill River Great Barrington Road.
- July 23 7:32 a.m. A Clayton resident reports damage to his truck he believes was caused by a vehicle hitting it as it passed sometime during the previous night.
6:00 p.m. An officer orders visitors to extinguish their campfire at Umpachene Falls Park.
- July 24 7:17 p.m. A caller reports that three youngsters are jumping off the spillway at York Lake into dangerously shallow water.
- July 27 7:32 p.m. A driver, stopped for speeding on Hartsville New Marlborough Road, is arrested for operating a vehicle without a license.
- July 28 8:49 p.m. A caller alarmed by the roar of two low-flying aircraft over his Southfield residence is advised that it was caused by regular monthly training exercises.
- 9:37 p.m. The Department alerts the animal control officer after a caller reports an injured owl in the road next to his Southfield residence.
- July 29 11:09 p.m. National Grid is notified after an officer reports a tree down on Mill River Great Barrington Road in Mill River village.
- July 30 12:27 p.m. The animal control officer issues a citation to a Clayton resident whose two dogs, running loose, have killed neighboring chickens.
- July 31 12:26 p.m. A caller requests assistance in retrieving a cat perched high in a tree near her Mill River residence.
2:04 p.m. The animal control officer is notified of an injured hawk on Brewer Branch Road.
8:40 p.m. Unable to locate the source of purported gunshots in Mill River, the Department speculates that the sounds were caused by fireworks.

The police department logged 169 calls, thirty-five motor vehicle stops, nineteen citations, seven arrests, two accidents, and one incident report.

Graham Frank, Chief of Police

FIRE AND RESCUE

- July 1 5:49 a.m. Mill River Great Barrington Road Fire Alarm
- July 1 11:12 a.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call
- July 1 7:54 a.m. Cagney Hill Road Fire Alarm
- July 3 11:24 a.m. Mill River Great Barrington Road MVA
- July 6 9:14 a.m. Main Road Medical Call
- July 7 6:09 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
- July 9 1:09 p.m. Brewer Hill Road Fire Alarm
- July 11 8:03 p.m. Underwood Road Medical Call
- July 12 8:30 a.m. Shunpike Road Medical Call
- July 12 4:17 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sheffield Medical Call
- July 13 8:53 a.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road Fire Alarm
- July 14 5:39 p.m. Cagney Hill Road Fire Alarm
- July 14 8:05 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
- July 15 5:37 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
- July 16 9:34 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
- July 17 10:45 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sandisfield Medical Call
- July 18 6:12 p.m. Mill River Great Barrington Road Medical Call
- July 19 7:01 p.m. Old County Road Medical Call
- July 19 7:45 p.m. Hartsville Mill River Road Medical Call
- July 22 10:16 p.m. Norfolk Road Medical Call
- July 26 7:13 p.m. Hatchery Road Medical Call
- July 26 5:40 p.m. Mutual Aid to Russell Structure Fire
- July 28 2:06 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
- July 30 5:59 a.m. Shunpike Road Medical Call
- July 30 7:33 a.m. Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road Medical Call

Fire Company President David Smith

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Noodle pudding, or lukshen kugel as it's called in Yiddish, is one of many traditional foods often served during the Jewish High Holidays in the fall. This is an easy and very delicious side dish not only at this time of year but, really, at any time of year. Serve it with a dairy-based lunch or alongside most any entrée for dinner.

Enjoy!

Marjorie Shapiro

Apricot Noodle Pudding

Serves 6. Preparation: 30 minutes; Cooking time: 50 minutes

Ingredients

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| 1 cup full fat cottage cheese | 16 oz wide egg noodles, cooked and drained |
| 1 cup full fat sour cream | Cinnamon, to taste |
| 8 oz whipped cream cheese | Brown sugar, to taste |
| 5 eggs | 1 jar apricot preserves |
| 1 stick butter, melted | 1 cup raisins |
| 1 cup sugar | |
| 1 tsp salt | |

Directions

- Mix together the first seven ingredients in a large bowl.
- Add the noodles and raisins and mix well.
- Spoon half of the mixture into a greased baking dish.
- Sprinkle with cinnamon, brown sugar and spoonfuls of apricot preserves.
- Put the rest of the mixture into the baking dish and again top with cinnamon, brown sugar, and apricot preserves.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until heated through.

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SCHOOL NEWS

THREE MORE YEARS FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

Normally things slow down over the summer for school committees, but not so this year at Southern Berkshire Regional School District. At its June 23 meeting, after months of negotiation, the School Committee concluded negotiations for a new contract for all units in the Southern Berkshire Regional Education Association and voted unanimously to approve a three-year contract for staff and teachers. The Committee went on to award high marks to Superintendent Beth Regulbuto in their formal annual end of year evaluation. She was lauded for her success in meeting six mutually established goals for educational improvement over the past school year.

Reaching back to Dr. Regulbuto's arrival five years ago, Committee members praised her attention to the changing culture of the District and her perseverance in maintaining educational goals during the pandemic. They noted the time and effort she has devoted to the issue of district consolidation and her guidance regarding its financial implications. Her skill in crafting an affordable budget that maintained programs despite substantial cost increases was mentioned. The Committee called particular attention to Dr. Regulbuto's work with the administration at Bard College at Simon's Rock to design an innovative high school program for Mount Everett.

Their grant application to the Massachusetts Board of Education to support the Mount Everett Early College was approved. It will help finance the first four years of implementation and expansion of the program. To begin this fall, Mount Everett's program is "groundbreaking," said the Massachusetts Early College Joint Committee.

Discussion moved on to the tenure of the superintendent, and it was noted that, starting July 1, Dr. Regulbuto entered the last year of her contract. "In today's climate," said one Committee member, "too often superintendents do not stay in this very difficult job, leaving the work they have started unfinished." Another said, "The success of Mount Everett Early College depends on our superintendent remaining for the full four years of the state's commitment." On this, there was total agreement, and the Committee voted unanimously to begin negotiations with Dr. Regulbuto to extend her contract until June 30, 2026.

During July and August, a subcommittee worked with the District's attorney to craft a three-year contract extension for Dr. Regulbuto, and a new contract was approved at a special meeting on August 22. The unanimous vote was followed by a round of applause. □

Jane Burke



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The library was fortunate to offer two author events this summer. Jyoti Thottam, New York Times editorials editor and author, read from and discussed her book, *Sisters of Mokama*. Local author and mystery writer Leslie Wheeler talked about her newest novel, *Wolf Bog*, the third book in the *Berkshire Hilltown Mystery Series*.



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Tax Collector: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Administrative Secretary: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dog and Animal Control Officer: Cassie Keeley, (413) 429-7603
Town Clerk: 229-8278; 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. weekdays; Saturday by appointment
Town Hall: 229-8116
Police: Business office: 229-8161
Library: 229-6668

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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and can be purchased for \$185
 by mail or online at
www.newmarlborough.gov.

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No admittance without a permit after August 15

Emergency calls:

**Police, Fire, Medical
911**

New Marlborough Highway Department

Located on Mill River-Southfield Rd.
 Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 PO Box 99, Mill River, MA 01244
 (413) 229-8165

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Other businesses can be listed in the Service Sector (see back page). Questions, rates? Call Barbara Lowman: 229-2369

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