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Pick up at: the library (in and outside), outside town hall, transfer station, Roadside Cafe, and Bracken Brae farmstand



The town beach is back in full swing, as are other opportunities for enjoying Monterey during the summer. See page 2 for information from the Parks Commission.

Photo by Tracey Brennan

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Because the church has been accepting tax-deductible contributions for many years, the state and federal governments have strict laws for disposing of assets. Notes from the Underground page 9

Keep track of what you read, or are read to by someone else, and once you've filled the log, you'll get a certificate to get something delicious from the Roadside Store and Cafe.

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The world is overhauling the way humans generate and use electrical power in order to adapt to and mitigate the harms of global warming. It is hard to imagine a larger or more vital undertaking...

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I melted into that hug, and I realized no matter how much time passes there are people who have been present throughout our lives. They carry with them memories of us so we are known and remembered.

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Steak Roast dinners (last year). Tickets available, see page 5



*Fishing Derby. See page 4.
Photo by Dean Hutson*



Parks Commission News

Summer is here at last, and we hope you will visit all the parks Monterey has to offer. Whether you play softball or pickleball, whether you hike, swim, kayak, or do yoga on the beach, our parks are spruced up and ready for the season. In the coming weeks we expect a delivery of new sand to refresh the beach as well as the renovation of deteriorated railing that leads into the water. We have a very capable crew of lifeguards as well as a beach monitor to keep traffic and parking organized. The lifeguards' hours will be from noon to 6 p.m. daily. Parking along the beach on Tyringham Road is for Monterey residents only. Cars must display up to date transfer station stickers. Residents may obtain guest/renter permits by emailing the parks commission through the town website. The new crosswalks leading from the kayaks and Brewer Pond Trail to the beach are a real safety improvement..

Look for new signs marking the Brewer Pond Trail which begins across from the beach in the kayak area. It is a lovely trail with plenty of shade.

Monterey residents are enthusiastic about pickleball. Please limit play to one hour, and remember that on Sunday mornings the court is reserved for basketball until 1 p.m.

Put Saturday, August 17, on your calendar for Beach Fun Day. It is a relaxed, fun family day.

—Tracey Brennan
Monterey Parks Commission



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Sunday softball and basketball.



Daniel Gelbard, Randy Gelbard, Chris Carnese, and Paul Padalino

Monterey Summers

Greene Park

Softball

Sunday mornings
Slow pitch softball for ages 10 to 80.
Batting practice at 10
Games begin at 10:30

Pickleball & Basketball

Basketball Sundays to 1 p.m.
Pickleball- 1 hour limit, nets away

Playground-new in 2024

Town Beach

June 22 to September 2

Swimming

Lifeguard daily noon to 6 p.m., depending on availability
Stay within bouys

Parking

Residents parking Friday-Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., must have transfer station sticker or arrangement with Parks Commission. Beach monitor checking.

Brewer Trail

Access in back of kayak racks.

Beach Fun Day August 17
Monterey Parks Commission

Monterey T-shirts

Monterey T-Shirts Unveils New Designs at Updated Online Store

Monterey T-Shirts is excited to announce the launch of new designs in their Monterey apparel collection. The updated online store now features a variety of new t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, mugs, bags, and blankets. Explore the latest additions and show your Monterey pride!

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Monterey Library Notes

Exciting summer children's programs

To begin with, Hannah Clapp is our summer intern, and will manage the Summer Reading Program. Thanks to the Friends of the Monterey Library for sponsoring this internship, our third year in a row. Thanks to the Mass Board of Library Commissioners and Mass Library System for sponsoring the reading program. All children who sign up receive a prize and



*Hannah Clapp,
Monterey
Library
Summer intern*

a log book. Keep track of what you read, or are read to by someone else, and once you've filled the log, you'll get a certificate to get something delicious from the Roadside Store and Café. A huge thank you to the Roadside for helping to keep everyone reading this summer! There will be other prizes as well from the Western Mass Library Advocates. Come in and sign up!

Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., we have something going on for kids of all ages. July 6 is one of our favorite magicians, Jim Snack. He mystifies adults who in

the past have stayed and tried to figure out how he did it. Ask a child; magic is the correct answer.

July 13 is another favorite, Davis Bates. Singer and storyteller, his performances are a mixture of family, Native American, international, and regional songs and stories. They speak of empowerment, history, spirit, and the environment.

July 20 is a special treat. Terry A La Berry, who performed many times with David Grover, will be making his premier performance at the library. Adults and older children who remember those special concerts are welcome. We are very excited to have Terry at the library. July 27 is the Booksale. Make sure to come and find books and more. Support the Friends of the Monterey Library who sponsor all this programming. We are so thankful for all the fundraising, especially for these fun programs.

Jumping ahead, there will be three more performances in August. August 3 is a favorite return by Nature Matters with Jen Leahy. She brings live animals to the library and tells why they matter. You won't want to miss any of these performances.

Our intern, Hannah, will be assisting with all of this, but she would like to do more for the children. She will be doing her own programs during the week. She'll have a special Reading Hour with Hannah. Weekly from June 25 until August 20, from 10-11 a.m., Hannah

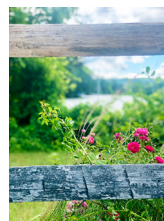
will read engaging and exciting stories for children of all ages, though age 4-10 is recommended. Don't miss this opportunity to inspire a love for reading in your child.

And there's more! From June 20 to August 25, join Hannah every Thursday (except July 4), at the Monterey Library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a fun-filled weekly arts and crafts event. This event is designed to unleash your creativity with activities suitable for all ages. When we're not being crafty, we will enjoy dance parties and improv games.

Thursdays' events will kick off with an introduction to the craft of the day (materials provided) and plenty of examples for inspiration. Caregivers are encouraged to join in on the fun, and a staff member will be on hand to supervise, and provide assistance as needed.

We hope that every child in Monterey, and even those just visiting and passing through, will come to the library as much as possible. Hannah will build a good library habit that they can rely on for the rest of their lives. Make the library a regular stop this summer!

—Mark Makuc






Monterey Native Plants Working Group

Hit the road!

Visit French Park in Egremont.
See a profusion of native plants!

July 18, 10 am
Meet up at French Park

RSVP:
Pollinators01245@gmail.com



Corner of Corashire and Main Roads


Keeping craftsmanship in the Berkshires. Frame to finish carpentry work.

Library Director

Nick Shapiro Carpentry


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Friends of the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery Host Free Pancake Breakfast and Fishing Derby

The Friends of the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery are excited to announce a free pancake breakfast on July 13 at 7:30 a.m., leading up to the fishing derby for kids thirteen and under, which will begin at 9 a.m. This event promises a fun-filled day for the whole family.

Free Pancake Breakfast: Start your day with a delicious pancake breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. at the hatchery's home office.

Fishing Derby: The derby kicks off at 9 a.m. at the derby pond. With more tagged fish added, participants can look forward to an action-packed fishing experience. Prizes will be awarded to lucky anglers who catch tagged fish.

Facility Tours: Throughout the pancake breakfast, there will be guided tours of the hatchery. Learn about the important role the hatchery plays in raising lake trout for the Great Lakes.

Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win a Traeger smoker grill! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase, with the winner announced at the open house on Saturday, August 10.

Special Fundraiser: We've teamed up with Berkshire Distillery for a unique fundraiser. Check out the custom blended bottle of gin, featuring our fish logo, available for sale at the distillery and at our events.

Explore the Hatchery: For those interested in nature and birdwatching, the hatchery offers fantastic trails that have been recently improved. Volunteers and a dedicated team have been working hard to clear and maintain these paths. Bird enthusiasts can enjoy the sights and sounds of the local wildlife, including owls calling at night, and the resident bald eagle often seen in the mornings.

Join us for a day of fun, food, and fishing at the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery. Seasoned angler or a curious visitor, something for everyone.

—Dean Hutson



Fishing Derby participants in June. Photo by Dean Hutson.

Transfer Station Stickers

Because the Transfer Station reminder mailing did not go out, but the online renewal email went out this week the FY24 (Green) Transfer Station Stickers will be good until the end of July 2024. Please continue to order the new FY25 (Blue) Transfer Station Stickers through whatever process you feel the most comfortable. If purchasing online, please be aware that time between processing and mailing it could be a week. My office hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., but sometimes I am out of the building for meetings so please check the calendar for Town Administrator Office hours. You are more than welcome to stop by and purchase with a check or cash. Please have exact cash because I have no way to make change.

—Roger MacDonald
Town Administrator



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Lets Go Fishing

Friends of the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery

Join Us for a Free Pancake Breakfast!

Date: July 13th Time: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Following the breakfast, participate in our 4th Fishing Derby of the year for ages 13 and under!

Event Highlights:

- More tagged fish added to the pond
- Free Derby shirts for the kids
- T-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts for sale under the tent
- Raffle tickets available for the Traeger grill smoker

Come enjoy a morning of delicious food and exciting fishing fun!

Location: Berkshire National Fish Hatchery

Friends of the Monterey Library July 27th Book and Plant Sale

The Friends of the Monterey Library will be hosting its Annual Book and Plant Sale on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event will take place at the Monterey Library, which is located at 452 Main Road in Monterey. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Monterey Library, which supports the work of the library and enables it to be a valuable resource for the community. Come browse a wide selection of books—from novels, to cookbooks, to children's books, and much, much more. There is something for everyone, so bring your bags and come on by. The event is rain or shine.

Please consider volunteering for this important fundraiser. The sign up sheet will be posted in the library in early July.

If you aren't already a library Friend, email us at montereylibraryfriends@gmail.com to get on our Friends email list to receive Book and Plant Sale updates.

We are accepting book donations through July 15. In order that we may process your donation prior to setting up for the Sale, we would appreciate it if donations were made by this date. The earlier donations are received the easier it will be for our volunteers. Your donations are sincerely appreciated.

Books must be in good condition:

- No moldy, mildewed or water stained books
- No torn or dirty books
- No rodent-chewed or otherwise damaged books

If you wouldn't want it in your home, it probably shouldn't be passed on for the book sale.

In addition, we do not accept:

- Foreign language books
- Technical or textbooks
- Videocassettes
- Magazines or puzzles

Daytime Book Group

The Monterey daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monterey Library. New members are always welcome.

The July book is *The Most Fun We Ever Had*, by Claire Lombardo.

—Beth Hoffman

my climbing roses
bloom in the neighbor's yard now—
having crossed the fence

—Laura S. Denman

Monterey Softball Open Call

All softball players
Join a 50+ year tradition of
pick-up slow pitch softball.
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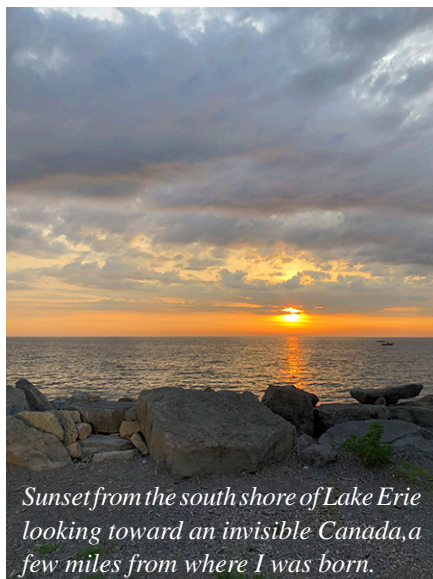
Here's a Thought... Water, Water Everywhere...

I'm writing in the midst of last month's Solstice heat wave, days when water, whether in a glass, a shower, a lake, or from a hose nozzle, was a more than welcome refreshment. And it still is. Water not only makes up much of who we are, it brings life and joy. There's the flip side, too, of course. Storm, flood in excess; drought, desert in lack. Either way, important.

But Lake Erie contained the water flow I knew best. I was an adult before I lived more than twenty miles from the lake shore. And it was looking from the surface of this lake that I got my first glimpse of the enormity of the planet we live on. Carried far out into the lake in a rip tide on a day at the beach, I glanced over my shoulder and stared, awestruck, at the place where the sky and water met, delineating the curve of the earth.

The memory stays with me as keenly as my recall of the lifeguard who rowed out into the lake and brought me back to shore. Here in Monterey, we're blessed with an abundance of water as well. It's not only in our lakes, streams, and rivers, but also present hidden inside our trees and other greenery. Just like it's hidden inside us. I'm blessed to live on a lake here, too. It'll never show me the curve of the earth, but it delights my eyes and heart every day.

—Mary Kate Jordan



Sunset from the south shore of Lake Erie looking toward an invisible Canada, a few miles from where I was born.



Spring photo from the north shore of Stevens Lake, looking south toward an invisible Rt. 57.

Native Plants Working Group



On May 25 the Monterey Native Plant Working Group hosted a plant giveaway at the MCC. With support from the Berkshire Natural Resources Council we gave away over 700 plants (counting shrubs, etc.), had about sixty people attend, and made \$622 for further projects. If those plants sleep this year, and leap next, Monterey could be looking very colorful, and hosting plenty of birds and butterflies pretty soon.

—Judy Kamenstein

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Safe Boating on Lake Garfield

The Friends of Lake Garfield would like to remind everyone about the state of Massachusetts safe boating regulations. These rules help to promote the safety of everyone, and help to conserve the lake environment.

- No operating a motorboat or personal watercraft (PWC) within 150 feet of any swimmer, waterskier, dock, float, or mooring area, or when the operator's vision is obscured in any way. If you must do so, no operating at greater than headway speed (mph). This would include most of the small (west) portion of the lake.



Alyssa Gelbard LePack, Lake Garfield

- No one under twelve years of age may operate any motorboat, unless accompanied onboard by an adult (18+). Ages 12–15 only if they have passed an approved safe boating course or if accompanied by an adult (18+). No one under the age of 16 may operate a PWC. No exceptions.

- Be courteous to non-powered boats as they have the right-of-way.

- No watercraft shall be operated recklessly or dangerously.

- No waterskiing/boarding/tubing without at least two people in the boat (driver and spotter).

- Always travel in a counterclockwise direction when pulling a skier/rider and at other times when possible.

- No waterskiing/boarding/tubing on the small portion of the lake.

- No wake in the channel. No operating at greater than headway speed (6 mph).

- A skipper is responsible for damage caused by his/her wake, so reduce speed when appropriate.

- US Coast Guard -approved life vests are required for each person.

- No operating any vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Report all unsafe boating activities to the Monterey Police (528-3211). Try to get the registration number of the offending boat.

We've listed the most important boating rules. For more information about Massachusetts safe boating regulations, go to: boat-ed.com/ma/handbook.

— Friends of Lake Garfield

Friends of Lake Garfield Event

Saturday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m., at the fire company pavilion next to the fire station, the Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) invite you to hear about what FLG does, and to answer questions about lake health. It is also an opportunity for you to advise the board of FLG about how we can best serve Lake Garfield and those that use the lake.

Town of Monterey

Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Announcement

Draft Open Space & Recreation Plan
is currently available on the town website
for public review and comment until
June 24, 2024



Photo of Lake Garfield courtesy of Friends of Lake Garfield

The Open Space & Recreation Committee has been working on the plan since August 2023 and has held two public forums and conducted a town-wide open space survey which is found on the OSRP tab at: montereyma.gov

Community Center Calendar July 2024

Weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly activities: Mondays:

Hablemos! 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first three Mondays of the month; 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday. *Intermedio y superior*—to practice Spanish and meet new friends.

Simple meditation, all are welcome, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

July 22: Cookbook club, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Fourth Monday of the month. Register by emailing WendyGJ@gmail.com.

Tuesdays:

Berkshire Mobile Farmers Market, 12:30 to 3 p.m., through October 15. Produce, bread, and dairy from local farms.

Chair yoga, 10 to 11 a.m.

Vikki True, 11:30 a.m.

Bridge and pitch, 1 to 4 p.m.

Mahjong, 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Tai chi with David Crowe, at 10 a.m. \$8 per class, or \$30 for the month.

Ping-pong, 4 to 6 p.m.; 4:30 on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

July 24: Council on aging's "Game Time!" 2 to 4:30 p.m. Board games with coffee, tea, and snacks. Fourth Wednesday of the month.

July 17: Monterey Quilters, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Third Wednesday of the month. Please send an email if you are interested to Lindarneilson@gmail.com.

Thursdays:

July 18: Wellness check, 2 to 3 p.m., in the Monterey Library this month. Third Thursday of the month. With Tritown Health nurses. Flu vaccines and checkups including blood pressure, pulse, and blood oxygen levels. No charge for Monterey residents. Please RSVP to Jill at (413) 717-7209. Minimum of five people required.

July 11 and 25: Chorus with Oren Rosenthal, 4:15 p.m.

Music jam sessions with Mark Andrews. July 11, 25, and August 8, 6 to 8 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, instruments, and singers. If you are interested, please contact Mark at mcejamgroup@gmail.com.

Fridays:

Super gentle yoga, 10 to 11 a.m. Please register by emailing jamesboneparth76@gmail.com.

Bridge, 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturdays:

Coffee club, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Ping-pong, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sundays:

AlAnon family group meeting, 9 a.m.

NEW: Monterey Marijuana Anonymous. Weekly on Sundays, 7 to 8 pm, starting July 7. A free, peer-support meeting focused on marijuana addiction. It's a Study and Participation Meeting with readings from M.A. materials and time for sharing experience, strength, and hope. Monterey is an open meeting, welcoming all orientations & backgrounds.

Special Events

Friday, July 19: Yoga Nidra, 6 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 21: Native American flute, 1 to 2 p.m., in the tent.

Coming Up

Saturday, August 24: Desperate Catskill Mountain Band, 5 p.m.

This listing is based on information we had as of June 20. You can find updated information on events on our website, ccmonterey.org, or by calling (413) 528-3600, or emailing montereycommunity-center@gmail.com.

—RJ Supa, MCC director,
and Nancy Kleban.



In a Galaxy Far Far Away...

To all you night owls, are you interested in seeing the rings of Saturn, Jupiter and its moons in real time? Want to take in the celestial beauty of the night skies?

Join our friends, neighbors and astronomy enthusiasts for an incredible evening.

Rick Costello will lead a talk and then we will join him outside with his high-powered telescopes to observe our solar system and galaxy millions of light years away.

As we look through the telescopes, Rick will explain the objects and our place in the 14 billion years of the universe we live in now.

Enjoy an entertaining and educational evening at the Monterey Community Center on Monday, July 8, at 9 p.m.

Rick Costello is also an artist who paints accurate scenes of the earth and moon within the billions of stars in the universe.

This event is free thanks to the Monterey Cultural Council.

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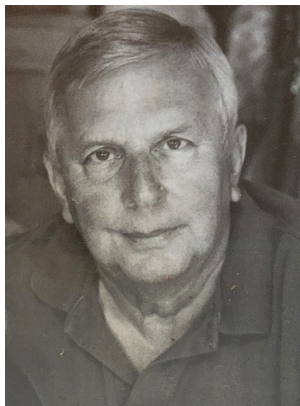
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John F. Eidmann, II
 May 16, 1929 to December 26, 2023



On Saturday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m., a gathering will be held at Co-rashire Cemetery to remember John F. Eidmann II, who lived in Monterey on Lake Garfield for 62 years. He passed away at his home in Pensacola, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2023, at age 94.

John was born on May 16, 1929, in New York City. He was the son of Ethel and Frank Eidmann of Princeton, New Jersey. John served in Korea as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army,

15th Infantry Regiment, a heavy artillery unit, from 1951 until he was discharged in 1953. He was a buyer for S&H Green Stamps and JC Penney, and was a salesman for Mirro Aluminum. He later opened The Common Market in Durham, N.H., and ran the natural food store for more than twenty years.

John had many interests and hobbies. He was a long time New York Giants fan and, as an avid Civil War buff, he visited all but three battlegrounds. He stayed busy building and fixing everything from tools to picket fences and solving the NYT Sunday Crossword Puzzle. He spent countless hours on his Bargello needlepoint, sharing the pillows he made with many of his loved ones and friends. John also loved to plan Sunday dinners from his large collection of cookbooks, especially dishes with lobster or shrimp. After dinner, there would always be a cupcake, cookie, or Peppermint Pattie to enjoy. John took up golf later in life and although left handed, he played right handed quite well.

He enjoyed the many years he spent at his home on Lake Garfield. He would always take time to make sure all the kids got to water ski. Years later, early in the mornings, he could be found rowing in his skull on the misty lake. Out on the dock, there was always a dog or two -- a golden retriever, a newfoundland, or a miniature dachshund -- waiting for a ride in the boat.

John is survived by his longtime partner, Karyn Blacker, his son John Eidmann III of Flower Mound, Tex. (near Dallas), and his grandchildren Emma, Nathan, and Ben; and his daughter Cindy Deloy (husband Jim), their daughter Elizabeth (husband Jimmy), and their children Kathryn and Andrew.

—Cindy Deloy

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Letters, Notes from the Above Ground
 (apologies to Dostoevsky)

I am speaking as an individual who is also a member of the Monterey Church. There are many emotional comments flowing in town about the disposition of the church building. I hope to address some of those here from my own point of view.

First you should know that we twelve members have spent months (years?) trying to find a way forward. In January, we voted to seek a buyer for the property. We have excellent legal advice on how to thread this needle as a public charity or non-profit corporation. We also have an excellent local real estate agency, Berkshire Property Associates, guiding us. Because the church has been accepting tax-deductible contributions for many years, the state and federal governments have strict laws for disposing of assets. In this light please do google the term “inurement”; also look up “Trump Foundation.” No individual can benefit financially from a charity’s asset disposition, including another charity. The church has to sell the property at “market value” and at an “arms-length transaction.”

The church is also a private organization. It is not a component of town government. Harken back to the U.S. Constitution and the enshrinement of the separation of church and state. Interesting that the church was founded in 1750, decades before the constitution was drawn.

There was a great hope that a group of citizens could pull off a purchase of the building. Please recall the effort to create our wonderful community center. Years of fundraising were not sufficient to fund the project. Finally, the town appropriated funds for two years in a row. Now the MCC is a town-managed entity. The chances of duplicating this miracle are slim in my opinion. Also consider the former Center School building now owned by the town. It is an eyesore and a potential liability.

Finally, we are people of faith prayerfully discerning, with consensus, the necessary path we should follow. Please know that this is very painful for all of us. Our prayers are for a solution that all who love this town of Monterey will approve.

—Your Neighbor, Steve Pullen


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Scaling Up

The Renewable Energy Working Group (REWG) has now submitted our final draft of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Select Board and Town Counsel for review. The eighty-three-page document follows certain zoning bylaw amendments (also drafted by the REWG) resoundingly approved by voters at a Special Town Meeting early this year. The long-term goal is a Community Shared Solar installation, potentially including battery storage, on the site of the town's closed landfill, adjacent to the town garage and transfer station, located on town-owned land at the intersection of Gould and Curtis Roads. We have had (and continue to have) the indispensable, expert help of our consultant, Beth Greenblatt of Beacon Integrated Solutions, paid for with a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance grant from the state's Department of Energy Resources.

Following review by the select board and town counsel (and any resulting changes), the RFP will be issued, and solar developers will bid to develop the site. After the REWG reviews all bids and votes to accept one, we will make our recommendation to the select board. Ultimately, Monterey residents at Town Meeting will debate and vote on the matter.

Financing and engineering a municipal solar array (possibly including battery

storage) is complex, and the contract that governs the arrangement is extensively detailed. The town, its voters, the developer, and the utility (National Grid) all have decisive roles.

No town borrowing or local taxation will be required to finance a Community Shared Solar installation on our closed landfill. The "disturbed" site is not suitable for agriculture, silviculture, or housing, nor is it conspicuous. Ecological consequences will be taken into account.

A developer will build and own the installation, leasing the site from the town; the chosen developer will benefit from generating clean energy and, financially, from the sale of that electricity. The town will benefit financially from lease of the parcel, from reduced municipal electricity costs in public buildings, and by providing electricity cost-saving opportunities to Monterey residents and neighboring communities. National Grid, for its part, must address massive, costly changes to the greater energy infrastructure as we gradually eliminate burning fossil fuels in favor of generating electricity from clean but intermittent sources (such as solar panels) which are widely dispersed.

The world is overhauling the way humans generate and use electrical power in order to adapt to and mitigate the harms of global warming. It is hard to imagine a larger or more vital undertaking, and incumbent on us to do our part. The details

are tedious, but what stands to be gained is simple: local sun power with economic benefits.

As we anticipate developments on the municipal front, we turn our attention to residential solar. Sun power is already a fact of life at some forty Monterey homes, and many questions and comments on residential solar arrays recently swept through the Monterey Google group email thread (now montereyma-redux@googlegroups.com). Everyone needs solid information and clear guidance to make the right plan for a particular site with its particular energy needs and financial budget. To that end, we will hold a forum this summer (date and location to be announced) together with MassEnergize (<https://www.massenergize.org>), a non-profit operating on "the belief that household-level climate action, propelled at scale, is critical for reaching our climate goals."

Prepare to be propelled! Please check the Monterey-redux Google Group and the *Monterey News* for updates.

—Peter Murkett, Chairperson
Renewable Energy Working Group

PS. Our Working Group has a vacancy. Anyone? Email me at peter.rewg@gmail.com.



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Bidwell House Museum

There is so much to do at the Bidwell House Museum in the summer time. If you enjoy spending time in the museum's beautiful gardens or on the trails, then you should consider signing up for our two herb garden workshops and our meditative forest walk. On July 2 you can learn all about planning your own herb garden, and on July 16 you can learn about harvesting and using the herbs you grow. Both of these workshops will be held at 10 a.m., and will be led by Pat Parkins of Gardens of the Goddess, the person who makes the Bidwell House Museum gardens look so stunning.

On Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m., Hannah Fries will be leading a meditative forest walk on the property that will be an inspiring mix of mindfulness, science, and poetry. All three of these outdoor events have limited space so pre-registration is required on the museum website at bidwellhousemuseum.org/events.

History Talks

If history talks are more your speed, then you are in luck because we have two of them in July.

First, on Saturday, July 6, at noon, listen as historian Timothy Abbott tells stories of the eighteenth-century Berkshire militias. This talk will be held outside, under a tent, at the museum.

Then on Saturday, July 13, historian Carl Hammer will share his talk "A Voyage of Discovery: A Unitarian Missionary in Early Berkshire County." This talk will be held at 11 a.m. at the Tyringham Union Church and via Zoom.

Pre-registration is not required to attend either talk in person, but you will need to pre-register if you would like to watch the Carl Hammer talk via Zoom. As above, you can get more information on the museum website at bidwellhousemuseum.org/events.

Enjoy Our Grounds

We have certainly seen the heat so far this summer, but it is always a little cooler in the wooded hillsides around the Bidwell House. The museum has six miles of trails on 194 acres and numerous self-guided walks you can take on the grounds. And, best of all, the gardens and grounds are open daily, free of charge, from dawn until dusk.



Heather Kowalski

Some of the events of the Bidwell Country Fair on Saturday, June 22 managed to take place. There was a timber frame demonstration, and reenactors. Dennis Picard (below) was on hand to demonstrate the craft of broom making. And then it all came crashing down with two inches of rain, and half-inch hail making everyone run for cover!

The Bidwell house itself is also open for guided tours, by appointment, until the end of October. These personal, hour-long tours, take place on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. In 2024 we have a beautiful display of redware throughout the house to highlight the Museum's amazing collection. You, or your summer visitors, could spend a whole afternoon enjoying the property with a packed lunch at our picnic tables, a guided tour of the house and a hike on the trails. To book your spot on a tour, call the museum at (413) 528-6888, or email bidwellhm2@gmail.com.

Finally, save the date for our summer fundraising party at the Art School on August 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. Invitations will be going out soon and we will share even more details in the August issue.

Don't miss your chance to visit the Bidwell House Museum this summer!

—Heather Kowalski
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Historical Society News

Upcoming History Talk: Lake Buel – Gibson's Grove & Turner's Landing

Our next history talk will be on Thursday, July 18, at 7 p.m., at the Monterey Library. Bernie Drew will give an illustrated talk about the history of Lake Buel. He is the author of many local history books, including *Gibson's Grove & Turner's Landing—Lake Buel's Century as a Summer Resort*. He will have a few copies of his book available for purchase. Bernie's talk will center on George M. Gibson and George Turner and their picnic glades and beaches on Lake Buel. Gibson opened his pine glade in 1875 and the next year launched a steam launch that plied a watery course between Gibson's Grove and Turner's Landing. Gibson sold candy and cigars at his business. Turner rented boats to fisher men and women at the northwest end of the lake, which straddles New Marlborough and Monterey. Over the decades, the lake's summer population grew with more and more cottages going up. The talk will be presented in person at the library and also live streamed on Zoom. Please register by emailing us at montereyma.historical.society@gmail.com so we can send you the Zoom link.

Tyringham/Monterey: The Leadup to the Revolutionary War

Two hundred and fifty years ago, the War of Independence and the resulting formation of the republic were clouds looming on the horizon. While it may seem a long time ago, and this hinterland settlement may seem far from the hot bed of Boston, western Massachusetts—and

the inhabitants of Tyringham (Monterey)—were very involved. For the next few months, these articles will describe some of their involvement.

In early 1774, partially in response to the Tea Party and Boston Massacre, the British Parliament tightened its control over the troublesome Massachusetts Bay Colony by giving the royal governor power over local government, the courts, and the legislature. The royal governor forbade local town meetings and attempted to dissolve the General Court at Salem. The legislators locked the doors of the courthouse, an act of defiance that signaled the end of royal government in Massachusetts. On August 16, 1774, the townspeople of Great Barrington and other area towns assembled at the courthouse on court day, locked the doors and refused admittance to the crown judge.

The colonists quickly realized that they had to govern themselves...but how? Committees of Correspondence were established, and a legislative assembly was scheduled to be held in Salem in October 1774, with delegates from each of the towns in the colony—the beginnings of the Commonwealth. And as you will see, Tyringham was represented there.

And town meetings continued to be held and their importance was strengthened. Today, when we gather for town meeting, we expect to be dealing with local governance, town budgets, roads, schools. But imagine being a voter in Tyringham in 1774: The town meeting in March 1774—before the events mentioned above—seems to have been routine. The meeting was called as usual in early spring (before the farmers began

plowing their fields) and held in the drafty unheated meeting house on the hill (the site is now part of the Bidwell House property). As usual, the warrant articles dealt with elections of officers (including some we no longer recognize like hog reeve or fence viewer), laying out roads, deciding on the salary of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, whether to “take up the body seats ... in the Meeting House and make pews where Sd Seats stand,” and hear the report of the treasurer about last year's expenses.

But only six months later, at a town meeting on September 19, 1774, the war clouds were getting closer. The warrant started off as usual: “In his Majesty[’s] Name” and Capt. Giles Jackson of Tyringham was elected a Representative to a “Grate and General Court ... in Salem on ... 25 October 1774.” This was the session the Royal Governor tried to stifle. Did Capt. Giles Jackson attend the session? Was he in the crowd that blocked the door? He was later reimbursed for his “Servises for Sd town as Representative and Delegate this past AD 1774” so we assume he was there.

Another town meeting was held on December 29, 1774, “... By the desire of a Number of the Respectable Inhabitants of the town of Tyringham.” The meeting was held at the “Senter Schoole House” [Old Center, now the intersection of Beartown Mountain Road and Fairview Road]. Article 4: “... Grant money to provid a Town Stock of ammonition and Chose a Committee for the Same...” Maj. Giles Jackson (note his promotion from Captain) and Capt. Noah Lankton were appointed a committee.

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At the regular town meeting on March 13, 1775, the following articles were on the warrant:

"7. To know the minds of the town whether they will choose a Committee of Inspection agreeable to the Resolve of Congress and act thereon as they shall think proper.

8. To hear the report of the committee appointed to provide a town stock of ammunition ...

9. To choose a delegate to join the provincial Congress to be convened at Concord on the 22nd day of March ...

10. To know the minds of the town whether they will consider the state of their minute men enlisted in said town and make such grants or donation as they shall think proper."

They voted to pay the "minute men" in town to train in "the arte of military desipline." (See below)

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Figure 1: Tyringham Town Meeting Minutes, March 20, 1775:
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Only one month after this March 1775 town meeting, the storm clouds broke—the battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775 began the war. And the Berkshire militia including Giles Jackson and other men from Tyringham responded to the call.

What a difference a year made in the affairs of Tyringham and all the other towns of the Commonwealth.

We'll continue this saga next month.

Thank you for your interest in the Monterey Historical Society.

—Rob Hoogs

Supper Club

The late afternoon air sure was a lil' smokey as Kyle Pierce fired up the grill for her contribution to our "Hot Dawg!" Supper last month. Acknowledging our condiment-happy theme, she and Don carted over the grilled franks and buns, but the typical ketchup/mustard/relish trifecta weren't the only three condiments that joined the wieners—Kyle went above and beyond with chili, cheese, chopped onion, and sauerkraut. I'm (impatiently) waiting to see the ten-by-ten pop-up tent across the street and the sign "Kyle's Drive-By Dogs, \$5."

The sauces were strewn amongst the dishes, a bottle of Frank's Red Hot for adding *extra* kick to the Scoville-worthy mac & cheese, salsa and *curtido* to accompany the *Pupusas* (an El Salvadorian filled corn tortilla—don't think of typical tortillas, those are a wretched injustice to the fluffy, flavor-filled corn cakes that were made by Mike Zerbel), BBQ sauce, salad dressings...there are too many to list. We ate

fried ravioli, pesto baked chicken, pulled pork, chicken salad, corn dogs, sloppy joes—and now there's dessert to discuss.

Raspberry ricotta cake and lemon pudding made dashing appearances next to the much-discussed gluten-free chocolate mayonnaise cake—brought by no other but the MCC's previous Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Mary Makuc. Mary, with your addition to our buffet being cake I can't really say "it takes the cake..." but it does, and regardless: kudos!

With the solstice now behind us, it's official: summertime! With more and more additions of produce on my (almost) weekly stop at the Great Barrington Farm-



Supper Club June 24


ers Market, one of the most vibrant firsts was strawberries. It's definitely summer.

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about my trips to Denmark throughout the years—maybe it's all the blue cheese I've been eating—and how I've really had a hankering for some good smørrebrød. For all intents and purposes: "smørrebrød" is an open-faced sandwich made from typical smorgasbord items).

Smörgås (Swedish) and *Smørrebrød* (Danish) literally translate to "buttered bread," which is the foundation of an authentic smorgasbord sandwich (crackers are for the cheese course—buttered—Scandinavians love their *smør*). For the Supper Club theme this month, we are going to satisfy my hankering and honor the fruits of our farmers' harvest...Smorgasberry! Let's pop the two blues of the culinary world in our mouths and create a meal of open-faced sandwiches and those addictive, bite-sized fruits—the options are almost endless.

We will feast on Monday, July 8, around 6 p.m. at the Monterey Community Center. R.S.V.P. is required, if you would like to attend, please email supperclub-monterey@gmail.com.

—Hanna Jensen

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Thoughts on Monterey for Eighth Grade Graduates

Editor's Note: The following is part of a speech given to graduates of Richmond School by Tammy Jean Jervas. Tammy is The Kitchen Headmaster at Richmond School. When Tammy was born, her family owned the Monterey General Store and it was filled with pink balloons in celebration.

I grew up in Monterey when there were only 600 residents. I rode my bike across town in the morning to my job... all the way across town was under three miles, but in that ride I knew most every car that went by me: the postmaster, Wally Parks; the lawn care man my brother worked for, Rick Mielke; and sometimes his brother Mike.

My mom would pass me on her way to work. And so, my ride would go with waves and smiles, all of us meeting the morning, meeting the day together. Growing up in this small town I felt safe. Because I felt safe, I was able to ride my bike to my morning job. Some days I rode home to mow lawns and other days I would go waitress in the evening. All these jobs provided me money to attend college.

Feeling safe is so basic, yet so necessary. Here at Richmond School with our small size and our large age range, students can feel safe; safe to go out at recess and play no matter what grade you're in. Older students mentor younger students, creating connections between grades. Bulletin boards are flooded with artwork and class work for all of us to witness and revel in.

When you feel safe you can do your best learning. The top two students at Monument Mountain High School were Richmond students. They carried their feelings of safety with them, and they rose to the top of their class.

A few years ago, I went to the funeral of a town elder. He was the MC/announcer of the Memorial Day parades. His wife taught all of us Monterey kids how to swim. I knew them both all my life, but I was a little uncomfortable going because their children were just that much older than I was, and I was unsure



Tammy Jervas, circa 1974, airbound.

of who was who. I stood waiting in line unable to figure out who the first son I was getting to was. When I got there, he came in to hug me and whispered in my ear, "I remember the day you were born."

I melted into that hug, and I realized no matter how much time passes there are people who have been present throughout our lives. They carry with them memories of us so we are known and remembered.

So we have been here watching you grow up and we have so many memories of you all, and when you say you are ready to leave Richmond School that is what we have wanted all along.

—Tammy Jean Jervas

Haying

Because I grew up on the farm, I've been making hay since I can remember. When I was five years old, I fell off the hay truck, and the truck tire ran up on my leg, so then I was in a cast for the rest of that summer! After my siblings left home during the 1970s, it was just my parents and me running the farm and the hay operation. After we sold the dairy herd in 1986, we continued to make hay, to keep the fields productive and the land open. At that point, it became a cash crop.

Over time, we switched to less labor-intensive harvesting methods. The large round bales you see here are moved by machine. The smaller square bales we used to make were stacked in wagons by hand, unloaded and restacked in the barn, so we needed quite a few helpers in those days. Today, I make about 600 round bales each year, and sell them to folks who keep animals: cows, horses, sheep, llamas, donkeys, and goats. Farmers really do make hay when the sun shines, that's not just an old saying. We need hot, sunny and dry days to cure the cut grass. Spring rains help grow the crop, but if it gets wet during the harvesting process, it can ruin the hay.

To all of you out there who helped with the hay harvest on those hot summer days through the decades, thank you!

—Roger Tryon



Roger's land has been hayed by his family for three generations. There is a house foundation in the hayfield that is thought to be one of the oldest home sites in Monterey. It is likely that this field has been in continuous agricultural use since the 1700s. Photo by Rob Hoogs.

My Ithaca

Ulysses sailed the stormy seas, a
decade long without relief

He reached his home, his promised
land, put kiss and tear upon the
sand.

I have no wave o'er which to weep,
no cyclops holding me in keep

Not one sly temptress casting spells
nor lotus flow'r with too sweet
smell.

Yet when it's been a time too long, I
hear a tune, a gentle song:

The amber leaves so brush the road,
the wind across the lake with snow

Th'unfurling of the hyacinth, the
summer rain soon crawling in,

And every night the stars are bright,
a sign again, you're here, that's right.

E'en when I see the other shores, I
still could not want anything more.

—Nadia Makuc



Sailboat, by Phoebe Tryon

Phoebe Tryon (middle school, Mount
Everett) has lived in Monterey her
whole life. Along with art, she enjoys
horseback riding, cooking, being with
her friends, swimming and boating
in Lake Garfield, and babysitting her
cousins.

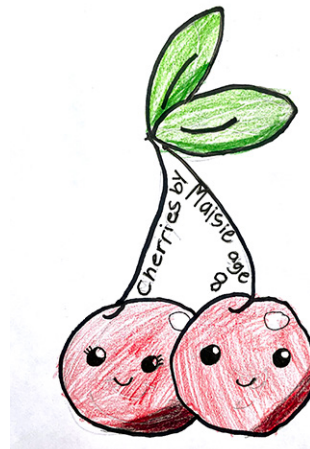


This is a space for young creators of images, poems, stories, or school news.

Elizabeth Evans will collect scans or well-lit photos of kids work.

Contact Elizabeth via email at evans.elizabethv@gmail.com.

"Cherries," by Maisie K., age 8; "A Red Fox," by Everett K., age 12.



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Best-laid Plans: the Garden

Fifty years ago, we made our first garden plan on paper. We'd cleared the woods, dug out the stumps, moved a lot of rocks. We did all this before even starting on ideas for our house. So far, we had an eighteen-foot tipi down by the brook, and an old wood range under a little roof near the tipi. We invented a spring box to keep some food cool, in the brook in jars, held under water by reverse-theory shelving in the wooden box. It had a hinged lid with a gate hook to discourage raiders.

This was the 70s and we were back to the land. We'd read *Living the Good Life*, by Helen and Scott Nearing and we were young.

I still enjoy that first garden plan. We'd drawn the plan in patches, not rows and sent it to our garden guru who lived in Chicago. She was my college roommate JoAnn, so brilliant she soon got bored with school and dropped out, staying in town to manage the Community Garden. When her partner finished college and went to Chicago for film school, she went too and got involved with two Community Gardens there. Her day job was letter carrier for the P.O., and she was an underground film-maker.

She got busy with scissors and paste and a seed catalogue, cutting out puzzle pieces to stick onto the plots in the garden

plan, which she mailed back to us with this advice: "You do not need twelve hills of cucumbers."

Our calculations had been theoretical, based on predicted yields in the Burpee's catalogue and my own love of pickles. The cucumbers are up in the garden now, just ten or twelve plants along a piece of



trellis. One of the early plans I still have shows we have stuck to the same variety all these years. Now and then folks have given us exciting other types, some very long and lean. These have been fine, but we plant "Marketmore."

The early plans show eight kinds of bush beans and three of pole beans. This is what we put in last year, too, and three kinds of peas. Back in the day we had forty-nine different kinds of vegetables in those beds up the hill here, and that's

not counting herbs and flowers. We put in big patches of potatoes and corn and winter squash.

Here we are in the present day. The cucumbers are headed up the trellis and peas doing fine. There are sundry tomatoes large and small, brassicas (broccolis, cauliflower and relatives), hundreds of onions started from seed on the windowsills back in February, and garlic that went in the ground last fall.

I think we still have at least fifty kinds of plants in the garden, but most of them this year were not lined out on paper, not ordered in the mail. Most of them are a surprise and you never saw a prettier garden. JoAnn would be happy, I think. It was she who advocated patches instead of rigid rows and we still have that first garden plan tacked up inside the toolshed, next to a photo of JoAnn from back in the day.

What we have in spades this year are wildflowers. Some of them, if you look them up have the word "weed" in the common name: pokeweed, milkweed, smartweed. I used to know the names of everything growing up there because I'd

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made the plan, written it down, started all the babies either in the house under lights or in the ground once the weather got right. Things are different this year, and though there are some edible and managed crops coming along, they are few. Mostly what we have are flowers we didn't even have to plan and plant. Some we are meeting and loving for the first time. We could have met them any time in all these years, but we were too assiduous with the hoe, chopping out the natives to favor our choices.

I know some of these flowers because they grow in the wild meadows and along the roadsides. A new one, and I don't know where it came from, is "tower mustard," and by tower I mean it is nearly as tall as I am. This is true also of the pokeweed. In recent years I let some pokeweed grow in places it wasn't bothering me much, and it began to shade out large areas of intentional beds of broccoli and such. So, I went after it with the shovel and found out it is huge underground. One book says its roots can be as big "as your thigh." I

don't know whose thigh, exactly, but the pokeweed survived my shovel handily and is headed up now in glorious green growth. Soon it will bloom and then make purple berries and there will be babies in the spring, with their little thighs taking over underground.

We have hop clover, wild madder, two kinds of sorrel (sheep and wood), evening primrose which will get taller than me, milkweed which we eat when it is young but now leave for any monarchs coming through. Deer like it too. Daisies, black-eyed Susans, and the bladder champions which have been blooming for weeks.

These are the wonders, rewards for letting go of assiduous weeding and planning. I thought I was just downsizing the garden this year, making a few careful choices. Turns out I have a partner out there, thank goodness. Her name is Ma Nature.

—Bonner McAllester



The CoA continues to enjoy lunches together monthly.

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CATCHING UP WITH THE COA

The big excitement for July is that our lunch, on July 3, was at The Roadside! Beginning with last month, we have now moved our lunch to the first week of the month to spread events out a little better. Reservations are required for this month to secure a spot because of limited space. Contact Kathryn by email or phone listed below.

And you won't want to miss the next presentation in our new series, "Monterey Talks," where Monterey residents share their interests and expertise with all of us. See the entry for July 25, describing Melissa Smith's talk about her mountain climbing adventures in truly awe-inspiring locations!

Finally, remember to call if you have concerns about neighbors. The COA will reach out to appropriate service providers and all information will be kept in confidence.

To reach me to reserve for events, with questions about scheduled events, or suggestions for new ones, please call (413) 528-1443, extension 112 or email me at coaoutreach@montereyma.gov. Phone messages are picked up once daily Monday through Friday.

—Kathryn Roberts
COA Outreach Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Coming Events

Monday July 8: COA Board Meeting at Town Hall 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The agenda is posted on the Town Hall website. All are welcome.

Wednesday, July 10: Movie Night at the Monterey Library, 7 p.m. Our July movie is *The American President*, in honor of the Fourth of July and with a nod to the upcoming presidential election. A change



On June 10, the COA enthusiastically and officially welcomed Beth Hoffman (far left) and Roberta Weiss (far right) as the newest members of the council.

They were sworn in by Town Clerk Chris Andrews, standing to Roberta's left next to COA Chair Lin Saberski.

of pace from last month, this is a "charming romantic comedy with political bite." (Rotten Tomatoes). Rob Reiner directed,

Aaron Sorkin wrote the screenplay, and Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen and Michael J. Fox star in this 1995 film. Come early for light refreshments.

Wednesday, July 17: ICE CREAM BREAK! 2 p.m. We will gather for ice cream at Sheffield's new shop, Modern Milk Bar, located at 549 Route 7, just north of the center of town. It's getting rave reviews for taste and creativity, and uses locally sourced milk and all natural ingredients. Stop doing all those things you are "supposed to do" and enjoy summer the way it is supposed to be.

Wednesday July 24: Game Time! at the Community Center, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your favorite games or play one that's new to you. Fun for all ages and a great way to spend an afternoon with friends or make new ones. Light refreshments.

Thursday, July 25: A Monterey Talk by Melissa Smith: Journey Through Peaks and Valleys: Adventures in the Andes, Kilimanjaro, and Fuji. 7 p.m. Monterey Library Hear a first hand account with photos and videos of Melissa's challenges and rewards mountain climbing in some of the most breath-taking locations on Earth! Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, August 7: Lunch at Paiges' Place, noon, at 119 South Main Road, Otis. Please call or email Kathryn at the number/email above to reserve a spot.

Ongoing Services

Parkinson's Support Group: This month's meeting is on Thursday, July 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monterey Library. Caregivers are encouraged to attend. Call Kathryn at the number above if you'd like more information.

Transportation: For trips to Great Barrington, Sheffield, Egremont, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield (Pittsfield is for medical only, Mon & Wed). Call (413) 591-3826. Hours are M-F 7 a.m.- 8 p.m., Sat and Sun 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Priority is given to seniors and people with disabilities.

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Reopening Roadside: Discover What's New and Familiar

What's new in this next chapter?

In addition to an updated breakfast and lunch menu, we now have a full coffee bar and a store stocked with more takeaway and grocery items, many made at Gould Farm. The coffee bar offers a variety of espresso drinks, including cappuccinos, cortados, iced chai or maple lattes, and americanos, just to name a few! No. 6 Depot in West Stockbridge, owned by former Gould Farmers Flavio and Lisa, has even created a special Roadside Blend of coffee for us - available for sale by the pound or by the cup! We have seasonal lemonade and an old favorite: Minty Thyme Iced Tea.

An Expanded Marketplace

Another exciting change at Roadside is our expanded marketplace. We've transformed the Store to not only offer classics like pancakes and burgers but also Harvest Barn Bakery treats as well. While the Harvest Barn is permanently closed to

the public, you can now shop for essential grocery items at Roadside - from bread, milk, and cheese to a variety of snacks and pantry staples.

What Else Is New? Donations, Not Tips

The new Roadside does not accept tips. Instead, we encourage patrons to consider donating to support the broader mission of Gould Farm. These donations are not expected but are greatly appreciated, as they help sustain our efforts to provide exceptional care and support to our guests.

Gould Farm is dedicated to making mental health care accessible to all, offering over \$1 million in sliding scale fee reductions annually. Your generosity ensures that more individuals can benefit from the compassionate and comprehensive care that Gould Farm provides.

Thank you for your continued support! And please follow us @roadside-storeandcafe on Instagram and Facebook for fun updates and product announcements.

—Stephanie McMahon

New Post Office Box Number for Pantry

Until now donations to our Pantry have been mailed to the Monterey Church's PO Box, but in light of the impending sale of the Church, we have set up our own PO Box 363. So, please "start spreading the news" as the song says. The new address is:

Monterey Pantry PickUp Inc,
P.O. Box 363, Monterey, MA 01245-0363.

Please make donation checks out to Monterey Pantry PickUp Inc. and include your name and address for receipt. We are currently working on establishing our own website with a donate button for electronic donations. We'll let you know when that is up and running.

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George Emmons Naturalist Author and Folk Artist

In the June issue was George Emmons' last article and illustration, "Nesting Grouse." George stopped his writing and drawing last year as he approached his 97th birthday, but he had been so productive prior to then that there were more articles and illustrations "in the bank" than the *Monterey News* could keep up with. George's first article published in the *News* was on ground hogs, in January 1999. They were one of his favorite topics, as he wrote about them several times. But he was a wide ranging author. We think of him as writing about the natural world, which was certainly true, but he also turned his writing and illustrating to the world of people. As an adolescent growing up in Rhode Island, he was informally adopted by a Wampanoag man when the whereabouts of his father, in service during World War II in Europe, was unknown. (He eventually made it back home.) George felt a lasting connection to the native coastal people and their histories before and during the colonial days. He was a devoted volunteer at the Bidwell House Museum and wrote about the house, the family, and events there. He wrote and drew a much appreciated illustration of the coffee club meeting in the general store. As a passionate outdoors man he was very active in the rejuvenation of the fish hatchery and worked to hold the Lobster Fests for years to raise money for the hatchery.

But his enduring interest as a writer were animals. He rarely missed a month, and in my nearly ten years as editor I published 117 of his articles. I can safely estimate that he produced between 250 and 275 articles over the years. He had numerous opportunities to sell his artwork, and he donated the sales to a scholarship through the Berkshire hatchery.

George told me many times that as a young man he wanted to be an artist, but his father dismissed that ambition and moved him towards business. George held that passion for his entire working life and created a wonderful body of genuine folk art during his post-retirement years.

Two years ago he told me, "I'm having the best time of my life! I'm doing my best writing and my best drawings ever!" He and his late wife Jan moved to Fairhaven, MA in 2016, and he is now living in nursing care down there.

George needed a careful and appreciative editor for all his articles for both facts and language. But while the facts were important to get right, what George really wrote about was his abiding reverence—for the world around him, animals and people—for life.

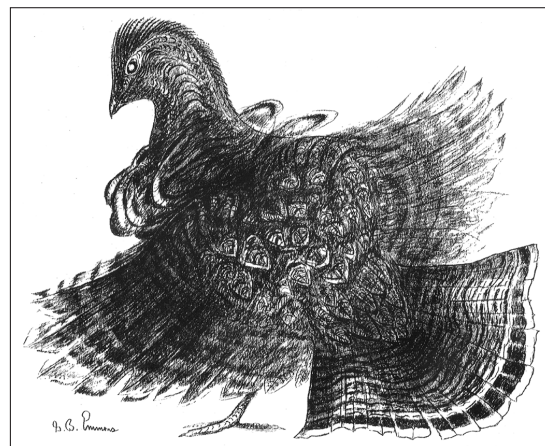
If you care to send George a note, the address is Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

I think warmly of him often, and I have a picture of this robust elderly man, early in winter mornings, shoveling off the steps of the Monterey Church. He was a man for his community.

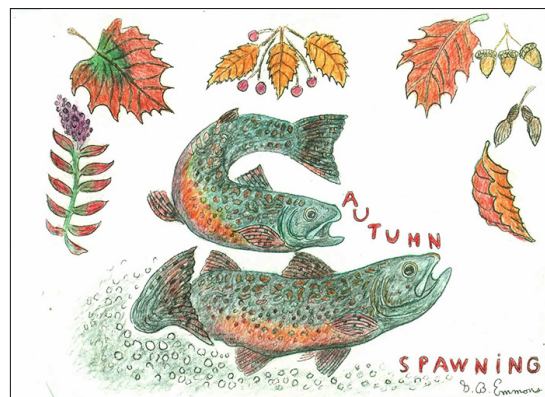
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Lobsterfest 2015 — George Emmons

Thank you, Steve!

The Board of Directors of the *Monterey News* wishes to express our gratitude to Steve Moore for his extraordinary work over the past ten years as Editor/Layout Person and all around go-to person. He has done an amazing job and we can never thank him enough. We hope the readership will join us in thanking Steve as he retires with this issue. We know Steve is looking forward to spending his new-found free time pursuing his many other interests.

We also hope you will welcome our new Editor, Shannon Amidon Castille. The board is very excited to welcome her to this role. We know she's working hard to achieve a smooth transition. We look forward to continuing the things you love about the *Monterey News*, and maybe a few new features.

Thank you, dear readers, writers, artists, and supporters of the *Monterey News*. This paper is for you, with you, and by you.

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Google Group Part Deux

MontereyMA-redux, formerly Monterey-Community, is a listserv, created as a community service by me, hosted within Google's universe as a Google Group. It relates to the people of Monterey and with some overlap in adjacent towns. It provides a way to share information that is of interest to the citizens. Perhaps now and then even a respectful exchange of ideas.

What happened to Monterey-Community?

Google removed Monterey-Community owing to "unwanted content." It is not a two-way street with Google, as we neither know the exact reason or disgruntled former list member, or some other bad actor. Prior to this the New Marlborough list was removed—twice. It was reinstated primarily owing to a contact who worked inside Google. An Egremont list was likewise removed.

The "removal" may be appealed. It is a button pushing, no-human-contact exercise: push "Request Review." Five or six pushes later no response. Google does offer that you can hire an attorney and be in touch.

What is MontereyMA-redux?

I work full time. I had no way to fight the corporate action. I do know people in Google however; it is a very siloed company and Carrie may not know what

Ralph is doing.

I rebuilt the list because I had a backup of all members. There is a daily add limit, so that added to the time to rebuild. It is up and operating. As usual the non-Google domains are difficult to add back. I am about at 430/470 owing to those non-Google domains. I have to send and invite and the recipient MUST ACCEPT and process their joining of the group.

Hopefully this will not happen again. Posting is by sending an email to MontereyMA-redux@googlegroups.com

Thank you.
—Chris Blair

July Contributions

Gary Rosenberg and Linda Waxman

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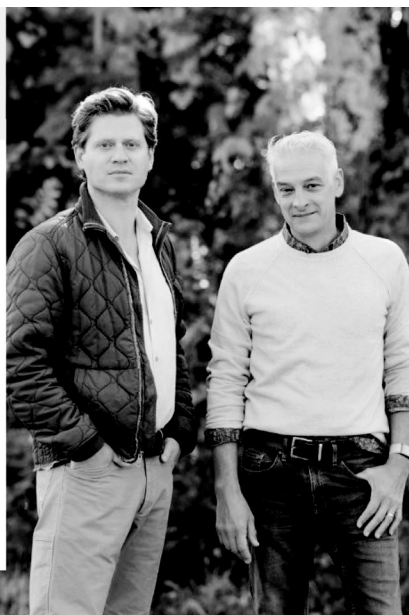
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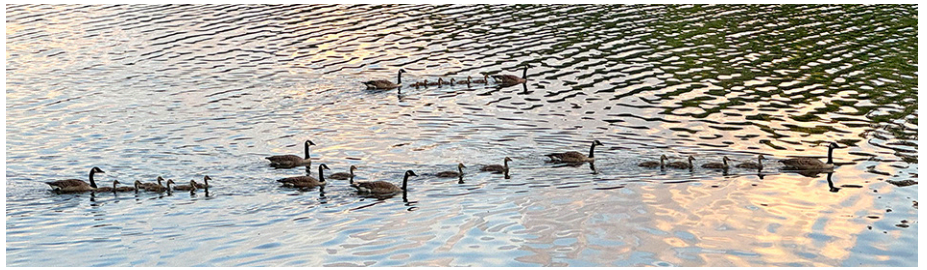
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Wildlife in June

As the *Monterey News* hits the stands we are rushing into full-on summer: July. But June was the real change time, when suddenly the woods got shady with green leaves closing in. All manner of plants and creatures leapt into the continuation of their species. Three little red fox pups emerged at the Bidwell House, protectively colored very dark brown or black at first, hard to spot during this vulnerable time. Rob Hoogs saw them though and gave a report. Justin Makuc sent in a photograph of a sweet little woodchuck born at Gould Farm (below). By now this youngster is probably living high on the hog and is much bigger, thanks to lots to eat on the farm.



Marc Holzer notices so much life around his place on Lake Garfield, including several goose families with “abundant goslings, a good sign” (above right). Marc also watched a parent duck showing the ducklings how to dive for food underwater. Besides this, Marc sent great photographs



of a deer browsing near the lake (above), also a painted turtle (right above) looking for just the right place to lay her eggs. Marc also reports a young “Cottage Cub” bear near his cottage (below). And we




have a photograph from Marc of a black butterfly with purple decoration along its lower wing edges (below). It is called a “banded purple.”




Bob Cutick and Lin Saberski have a Buddha in their garden and this year they report there is a “Monk in Residence.” They took a photo (below).





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Late in May the Banners found a turkey tail feather sixteen inches long at the town beach. More recently they spotted a rosy maple moth and took a photograph (above). This moth does nibble on several kinds of maples in its caterpillar days, also at least one oak. But the “defoliation is minimal” and does “no harm” to the trees. The moths themselves are nibbled upon by chickadees and titmice, with significant harm done to the moth.



Lin Saberski found a young opossum in the foliage and took a good portrait (above). Suzanne Sawyer reports that the woodchuck where she lives is well-fed (at right, middle), and the grey squirrel in the birdfeeder is very small (at right, upper). She did some research and thinks it may be a grey form of our local little red squirrel. Just recently Suzanne sent in a photograph of an eight-spotted forester, a type of moth (right). If the wings were not spread so wide, you would see that this moth has bright orange ornaments on its legs. There is a house wren feeding its

young in a bird box at the Sawyers’ and Suzanne took its photograph (right).

Late in May Steve Snyder wrote in excitement about a great sighting of a handsome grey fox, with the characteristic black stripe all along the top of its tail. Carol Edelman saw a grey fox, too, also a big bear in the yard. Carol says that this year she is not seeing the red foxes as she did almost daily in the last few years.

Mickey Jervas gave a good account of a Carolina wren starting to build a nest at her place. Along came a chipmunk which caused great consternation for the wrens, who went elsewhere to build, maybe in the garage. Then after awhile, they got over their fears and returned to the front porch.

Mickey says her daughter in Richmond reports two geese fighting seriously in the water, even under the water. Feathers



were floating on the water. There was a nest to one side and a goose sitting there with babies. The gander, her mate, succeeded in driving off the interloper.

Another story from Mickey involves tossing scraps into the woods. She had been making potato salad. Fifteen minutes later she saw a raccoon along the edge of the lawn, headed over to feast on those scraps.

Bonsai Cox writes that the goslings on Stevens Pond are growing up.

We have two photographs of mushrooms (or fungi) growing on trees. One >

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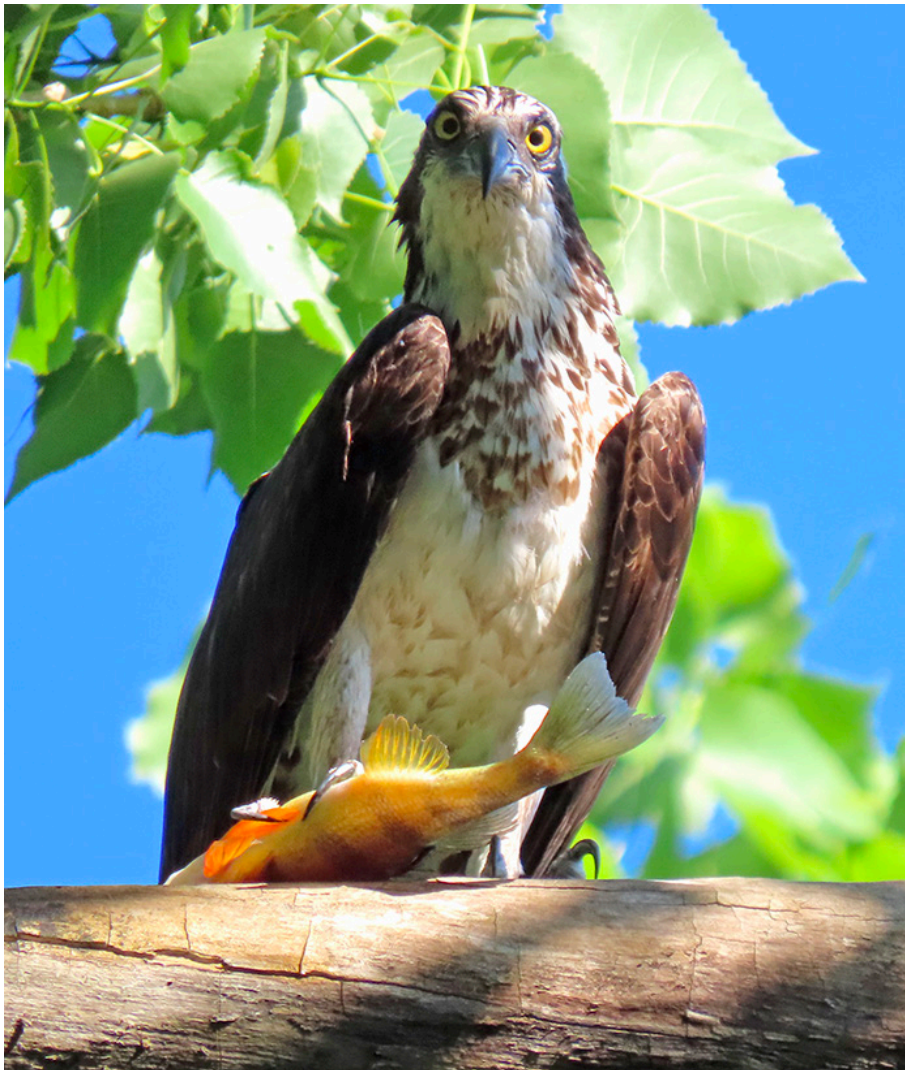
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is from Wendy Jensen and is called chicken of the woods (above left). The other, a shelf fungus, is from Shannon Amidon Castille and was taken in late May (above, right). There are several species of fungi referred to as “shelf fungi,” and my bet is that the ones in Shannon’s photograph are called “artist’s bracket.” The underside is creamy white. You can yank the whole thing off the tree and scratch a work of art on the underside, which will make brown marks wherever you scratch. This makes you an artist and makes it an artist’s bracket.

We have a wonderful photograph this month from David Abromowitz, showing a handsome osprey (below). There is a freshly caught perch grasped in the talons of one foot. Ed Salsitz saw a bald eagle perched up high along River Road, near the fish hatchery, maybe hoping to swoop down for a meal. Ed also watched an

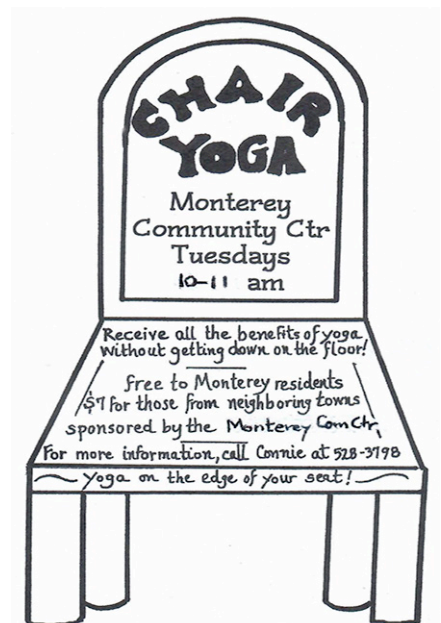


adolescent bear cross Beartown Mountain Road near Brett Road.

A Sheffield neighbor sent a note that she planted a butterfly weed (this is a type of milkweed) which she had gotten from the Monterey Native Plants Working Group. The plant is doing well and already supports a gorgeous monarch caterpillar. Kristin sent in a photograph (above).

Thank you, all, for your accounts, photographs, and enthusiasm for wildlife.

— Bonner McAllester, bonnerm-ca@gmail.com, or (413) 528-9385.



Knox Gallery News

The opening reception for our current exhibit, *Layer by Layer*, on Thursday, June 13, 2024, was a big hit, attended by the exhibiting artists (three are Monterey residents), their friends, and neighbors.

Layer by Layer is a group show organized by Wendy Benjamin and Jody King Camarra that features work of eight artists who have worked and studied with Camarra at Berkshire Art Center. The work centers on experimentation with collage, which allows exploration of almost any medium. Camarra emphasizes that the artists are a diverse group of individuals who have developed a "supportive community where creativity abounds."

Layer by Layer will be on view

Natalie Manzino



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through July 20, 2024. Our next exhibit will open on August 2, 2024 (due to the Library's Book Sale on July 27).

Natalie Manzino's *Patterns in Nature* opens on August 2. The artist feels that photography allows her to carefully observe nature. She is especially intrigued by the endless patterns in the natural world. More on her work in the August issue, but the opening reception will be on Friday, August 2, from 5 until 7 p.m., so please mark your calendars now!

All Knox Gallery events are admission free. Exhibits can be viewed during library hours (see back page of this issue). Knox Gallery, Monterey Library, 452 Main Road, Monterey, MA, 528-3795; MontereyMassLibrary.org/Knox-Gallery; Facebook.com/KnoxGallery.

—MaryPaul Yates

CoA Introduces: Monterey Talks Climbing Kilimanjaro

The expertise and experiences of our Monterey residents are rich resources that the CoA wants to bring to our community through a new series: Monterey Talks. We are inviting residents to share their special fields of knowledge or travel adventures through informal presentations at the Library. The first is this month, when Melissa Smith will share stories and photos of her breathtaking climbs in the Andes, and up Kilimanjaro and Mt. Fuji. Come hear how she tested her limits in some of the most awe-inspiring places on earth (Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m.).

The second in our series will be Marty Weinstein (August 22 at 7 pm) sharing his expertise on Latin America. His talk will focus on U.S. immigration policy and recent immigration to the Berkshires. In the fall, we will learn from Leslie Lichter about her work with Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA), a world leader in arts-in-corrections, operating in maximum and medium security prisons.

If you have a unique body of knowledge, or exciting travel experience to share, the CoA wants to hear from you. Volunteer, or try to persuade a neighbor to become a part of our series. Monterey wants to hear from you! Contact CoA Chair Lin Saberski (lbscpw@yahoo.com) with your idea for a Monterey Talk.

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July Calendar (a few highlights)

Community center calendar on page 8.
Council on aging calendar on page 18.
Monterey softball—See ad on page 9.

Wednesday, July 10

Movie night at the library, 7 p.m., *The American President*, See page 18.

Through July 15

Layer by Layer: Intuitive Collage,
Knox Gallery.

Saturday, July 13

History Talk—“A Voyage of Discovery”: A Unitarian Missionary in Early Berkshire County with Carl Hammer. Held at the Tyngham Union Church, Main Road, Tyngham and via Zoom. Members: \$15 in-person/FREE on Zoom. Non-members: \$25 in-person/\$15 on Zoom. 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 27

Monterey Steak Roast, ad on page 5.
Monterey Library Book and plant sale, story on page 5.

Sunday, July 28

Meditative Forest Walk with Hannah Fries. Members: Free, Non-Members, \$10. 2:00 p.m.

Sundays: Monterey softball. Page 5.

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CoA Walking Group in June



Our Lady of the Hills

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JULY COOKBOOK CLUB



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Monday, July 22, 11:45-1 p.m.

Coming in August

The Friends of Lake Garfield have established a yearly educational program for children on lake ecology, The Hy Rosen Lake Ecology Education Program. Our first program this year will be at the national Fish Hatchery on hatchery Road in Monterey Friday, August 16, at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome.

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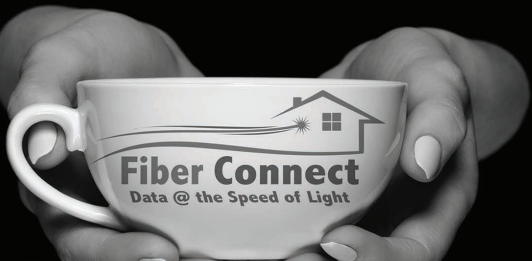
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