

**Eye spy**

**Bernie Kosicki from Acton photographs a gladiolus on the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls.**



Recorder/Peter MacDonald

**Greenfield woman charged with OUI, with kids in car**

By DAVID RAINVILLE  
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GREENFIELD — A local woman was arrested Thursday and charged with driving drunk with several children and an open beer in her vehicle.

Kimberly Brothers, 36, of 67 Riverside Drive, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense), having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, child endangerment while under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, and a seatbelt violation.

At about 9:02 p.m., officer Jay Butynski saw a Jeep Cherokee driving south on Colrain Road, going 46 mph in a 30 mph zone near Greenfield Community College, according to a report prepared by Butynski. The officer attempted to pull the vehicle over, but it proceeded onto BJ's Wholesale Club property, and continued to the back parking lot before stopping, wrote Butynski. He said the woman began

crying when he asked her why she did not stop the vehicle. Butynski wrote that he saw an open Bud Light can in the cupholder, and five children in the vehicle, one of whom was lying in the rear cargo area without a seatbelt.

According to the report, the woman admitted to having "a couple beers" before driving, and said she had been drinking the one in the cupholder. She was asked to exit the vehicle and perform field sobriety tests, which she failed, according to the report. An initial alcohol breath test gave a reading of 0.165 percent - more than twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent, said the report.

The Department of Children and Families was contacted regarding the incident, according to the report.

Brothers was arraigned in Greenfield District Court Friday, and released on personal recognizance. She is due back in court on Sept. 20 for a pretrial conference.

Butynski is a part-time officer who recently joined the Greenfield Police Department, said Sgt. Mark Williams.

**Cable group to get former Cumberland Farms**

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TURNERS FALLS — The details have yet to be decided, but the local cable group has won a commitment from a semi-town agency to hand over the long-languishing former Cumberland Farms building.

The Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corp., a town proxy which this year gained control of the building from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, Wednesday agreed to sign a purchase and sale agreement with Montague Community Television parent organization Montague Community Cable Inc.

The 38 Ave. A building carries an order from the building inspector for mold remediation and roof repair, and the MCCI originally came forward with a proposal to take the building in exchange for fixing it at their own expense.

MCCI proposes to use the building as office, display and studio space for MCTV and fellow nonprofits Turners Falls RiverCulture and the Montague Business Association.

Michael "Mik" Muller of the MCCI board said the current proposal is to purchase the building and lot for \$1 and the

work to be done transforming the property into what he has dubbed the Grand Trunk Media and Cultural Center.

The final price and other terms of sale remain to be determined.

Muller told the EDIC board the purchase and sale agreement would allow his board to put more money into legal and architectural services to finalize the plan.

"This was a monster step," Muller said after the meeting. Muller said now the EDIC has committed to sell to them it is only a matter of hammering out the details, including who will control the building's lawn and what the property will look like.

The property is immediately adjacent to the Great Falls Discovery Center at the entrance to downtown from Route 2 and the front lawn hosts the Great Falls Farmers Market on Wednesdays from May through October.

Muller and fellow MCCI member Kristi Bodin said they have no problem with the farmers market or being part of the community but said would like to be able control what goes on in front of their workplace.

EDIC member Lynn Reynolds said she wants to see a commitment to an aesthetic plan in the final agreement.

"If they do the appropriate aesthetics, it could be a handsome building ... and an appealing entrance to the town," Reynolds said, adding she has strong reservations about the building's current appearance.

Member Nathaniel Donovan said he would like a stipulation giving the town the right to purchase the building at the outstanding mortgage amount if for any reason MCCI's plans should fall through.

The EDIC also discussed finding outside money to help in the renovation, with acting chairman Roy Rosenblatt suggesting the project might be able to secure funding through the state Community Development Block Grant.

The board voted to authorize Rosenblatt to look into other funding sources with the Town Planner.

The selectmen at an earlier meeting that night authorized EDIC members Donovan and Linda Ackerman to vote on the issue, a move required in order to reach quorum.

The selectmen voted 2-1 that they were capable of voting impartially despite conflicts of interest represented by Ackerman's position as manager of the Turners Falls branch of the Greenfield Savings Bank and Donovan's involvement with A.H. Rist Insurance Agency.

**UMass Amherst names its new police chief**

Associated Press

AMHERST — UMass Amherst has appointed John K. Horvath of the Hartford, Conn., Police Department to be the new campus police chief and director of public safety. Horvath begins his new duties in September.

James P. Sheehan, vice chancellor for administration and finance, announced that Horvath had been chosen from a group of 88 applicants in a search coordinated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"We look forward to working with Chief Horvath in his new role and have confidence that he will continue to grow UMPD's reputation as a top law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," said Sheehan.

Horvath joins the university with more than 20 years of law enforcement and security experience. He rose through the ranks at the Hartford Police Department and has served as assistant chief of police since January 2011.

He holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University, has attained executive level training through the FBI National Academy and Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

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