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GILL SELECTBOARD

## Down The Drain in Riverside?

By DAVID DETMOLD

On Monday – a day punctuated by simultaneous emergency calls from an angler with a hook caught in his nose, and a cabin cruiser that exploded in a spectacular conflagration at the dock of the Franklin County Boat Club, a few hours after the reported suicide of a man by jumping from the French King Bridge – the Gill selectboard spent time talking about all these incidents, but focused the majority of their nearly three-hour meeting on the mysterious cause and growing impact of rising sewer rates.

Property owners Jeff and Jodi Kocsis told the board they had been trying to sell a three family home they own in Riverside, but found buyers balking because of the property's high sewer bills.

"We're trying to sell a house, and the one thing that is stopping us is the one thing we can't control," said Jodi Kocsis, who said their sewer bills are typically \$200 more per quarter than their water bills, since two recent rate hikes have come into force for the small, 114 user Riverside sewer district.

Kocsis said she is seeing sewer bills in excess of \$400 per

quarter.

Gill administrative assistant Ray Purington explained after the meeting that Gill raised sewer rates 59% in November of 2012, after not raising rates in the ten years prior, in order to prevent the sewer fund from running into the red or requiring any transfers from general town funds.

In November 2013, the selectboard voted to raise sewer rates an additional 11%, to keep pace with expenses, which had risen for the small district when Montague raised the rate it charges the Gill district by 3.6%, following four years when the rates were kept flat in Montague.

The Riverside Water District, a separate legal entity from the sewer district, imports water from Greenfield via Factory Hollow, at the average rate of about 13,400 gallons a day, according to Purington, who based that number on averages from

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Secret of the Ozoz: This unassuming-looking pump station is somehow removing twice as much dirty water from the neighborhood as clean water is coming in.

## The Global Force Behind the Renovator's Supply Building



By JOE KWIECINSKI

ERVINGSIDE – Meet Claude A. Jeanloz. He's a man always on the go, guiding the fortunes of The Renovator's Supply, Inc. located at 1 River St. on the Erving side of Millers Falls. About a dozen regular and contract employees work at Renovator's Supply with its foundry, forges, and manufacturing equipment.

"Our business is international," said Jeanloz. "To illustrate our world-wide presence, we're currently finishing up a job in Rangoon, Burma. Our core business is the manufacture of plumbing goods and hardware."

In addition, the RS complex, once home of the Millers Falls Tool Company, is available for the

renting of small and large office space. These days Jeanloz has two large tenants – S.D. Associates, operators of a K-8 school for autistic children, and the area's Meals on Wheels.

"It's wonderful to have two sets of extraordinary people sharing our complex with us," said Jeanloz. "The schoolchildren and staff are very nice folks. I know all of the kids by name. And Meals on Wheels is another organization that does simply terrific work."

Meals on Wheels moved its entire Franklin County operation into the Jeanloz complex last summer.

Construction on the buildings began in 1870 by the Millers Falls Tool Company, which pioneered see RENOVATORS page A5

GMRSD

## Administration and School Committee Make Strategic Plans; Hire New Principals

By PATRICIA PRUITT

GILL-MONTAGUE – This week's School Committee meeting undertook a lengthy examination of the district's vision, mission and core values.

The meeting was not taped as it met in the Central Office meeting room at Sheffield rather than in the high school studio. The reason was a working session of both administrators as well as school committee members in an effort to develop a vision statement, a mission statement and to delineate the core values held and practiced in the Gill-Montague District as it goes forward.

Superintendent Michael Sullivan led the work session. He explained that vision, mission and core values form the central guideposts of the District.

Sullivan introduced the vision making part of the session stating his general finding that the best vision statements are inspirational, clear, memorable and concise. A vision statement articulates a "desired end-state".

Members of the school committee, as well as administrators, readily offered up suggestions toward

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## Superintendent Sullivan Encourages TFHS Grads To "Find Their Own Way"

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

GILL-MONTAGUE – There really is nothing like a graduation at Turners Falls High School: family and friends show up to cheer on the graduates with loud cheers and applause, and the grads themselves offer a few hoots to each other.

Perhaps this is what happens at every graduation, but that doesn't change the fact that this is an experience that warms the heart and gives hope to all who attend. In fact, those feelings were reflected in the words of all who spoke.

The festivities started with the procession of graduates into the packed gymnasium, full of parents and siblings including not a few babies and toddlers.

As the students marched in one by one, each was recognized with cheers from the crowd. The high school band, led by band director Brittney Nailos, played *Pomp and Circumstance* by Edward Elgar.

The students smiled, some shyly, some with pride. Their class president, the energetic and good-humored Sam Danford, led the grads with a flourish of his baton, and the students made their way to their seats in front of the stage.

Once the graduates – this

year numbering fifty-five – were seated, the speeches began. Principal Thomas Osborn welcomed the graduates and those gathered to celebrate with them.

He told the grads that as they go out into the world, "We believe in you because we have seen you try and fall and pick yourselves up and try again."

"I'm more than confident you have what it takes to achieve your dreams."

Speaking to the audience, Osborn said of the graduates, "They are the future of our community, and from where I sit, the future looks very bright."

Class President Danford referenced all the changes in the district during their time there: "We have learned to roll with the punches. We

made it through four principals, three superintendents, three turkey day victories, seven science teachers, hundreds of confiscated hats, 180 cups of smuggled coffee."

Smiling broadly, he told his classmates and teachers, "Thank you for a spectacular high school experience."

Salutatorian Jessica Fuller talked about going out into the world now that they will be graduating. She said, "I feel a sense of accomplishment. High school has changed me as it has changed all of us."

Answering the question of what they want to do with the rest of their lives, Fuller told them, "Happiness will come with finding work we love, but it won't come without struggle and sacrifice."

Valedictorian Sophie see GRADS page A7



Turners Falls High School Graduating Class of 2014 with diplomas and roses in their laps applaud the congratulations offered by Principal Thomas Osborn during the closing ceremony on Friday.

## Pipeline Panel Draws Large Crowd, Nearly Unanimous In Its Opposition



Hundreds attended Tuesday's event live at Greenfield Community College.

By JEFF SINGLETON

GREENFIELD – Somewhere in Franklin County there may be someone who supports a proposed natural gas pipeline through the region. That person was not in evidence at the much-anticipated "pipeline forum" held at Greenfield Community College on Tuesday, June 3.

Rarely was heard an encouraging word about natural gas or pipelines from the nine panel members, who were divided into two one-hour segments dealing with different aspects of the issue. Numerous questions from the large audience in attendance were hostile to the proposed project, although critics were discouraged by the moderators from "making speeches."

Even an official from ISO New England, an organization that oversees the electric

cal grid, who gamely attempted to advocate for "expanded natural gas infrastructure" in the face of a hostile crowd and ridiculing panel moderator, failed to support the specific proposal being put forward by the Kinder Morgan pipeline company.

One left the meeting wondering why on earth anyone would support this proposal.

The forum was organized by Montague Community Television in collaboration with Greenfield Community Television and the radio station WHMP.

Panelists were 2nd Berkshire state representative Paul Mark; 2nd Franklin state representative Denise Andrews; senior attorney Shanna Cleveland of the Conservation Law Foundation; director of external affairs Eric Johnson of the ISO New England; Bruce Winn of the Berkshire

Environmental Action Team; Joe Judd from the Shelburne Falls selectboard; Mike Jackson, managing editor at *The Montague Reporter*; Mary Serreze of MassLive and WHMP, and executive director Leigh Youngblood of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.

The panels were divided into two segments. The first, which dealt with the specific proposal by the Kinder Morgan Company and the local response to it, was moderated by Chris Collins, an announcer at WHMP and columnist for *The Recorder*.

The second panel, moderated by William Newman of the American Civil Liberties Union, dealt with broader issues of natural gas and its role in energy policy, although there was a good deal of overlap and panelists from

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## Reflections on George Rosa ... and American Justice

We distinctly remember the opening of the Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography on January 27, 2006. To remind our readers of the excitement, energy and enthusiasm generated by George Rosa III, the new Hallmark Institute of Photography president, we quote from a review of the first show:

"The corner of Third Street and Avenue A hadn't looked so good, or so proud, or so vivid in a long, long time. Outside, every section of the sidewalk was cleared of snow and ice and debris; a red carpet extended from the elegant wooden and glass door; a limo was prominently parked in front of the entrance.

"Inside, a harpist rendered complex compositions with grace and ease. Bouquets of exotic flowers adorned the large gallery space where a packed crowd, dressed to the nines, mingled.

"Some sipped wine and nibbled at a host of sumptuous hors d'oeuvres proffered by strolling waiters. Others chatted, making new acquaintances, or catching up with neighbors and old friends. Some simply inched along the walls, their backs to the gathering, the waiters and the food and wine.

"Oblivious to their surroundings, they gave themselves over to the evocative and powerful Barbara Bordnick photographs, marveling at what a flower or the human body could look like when seen by the keen and unique eye of an exceptional photographer.

"It was, after all, the photographs that had brought the crowd to the opening reception of what is sure to become a hot destination in Turners Falls and Western Mass: the Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography."

What we did not know at the time was that four years later Rosa would be indicted on charges of embezzling \$2.5 million from the school.

In March 2014, Rosa pled guilty to defrauding both People's Bank and the I.R.S. Last Thursday, May 29 U.S. District Court Judge Michael A. Ponsor sentenced Rosa to five years probation.

Rosa will serve nine months of the sentence in a halfway house and nine months under house arrest. In addition, he must perform 400 hours of community service.

In its indictment, the Department of Justice said Rosa spent \$2.6 million in company funds for

his own purposes which included renovations to his Conway home, gambling, and approximately \$55,000 on attire and other personal items. Rosa was also found guilty of defrauding the I.R.S. of \$1.4 million by falsifying his tax returns. He must pay restitution to both the bank and the I.R.S.

Since the indictment, we've been following the case. Hallmark mattered to us, and to Turners. At its acme, it enrolled over 300 students and could boast a distinguished faculty. Hallmark spent money in town and in the surrounding communities. Most important, perhaps, was that the museum signaled a true change for the downtown.

Although the museum closed, and then the gallery, the downtown has continued to thrive and transform. RiverCulture and the collective energy of local residents and businesses have continued the re-enhancement and vitality of Turners Falls.

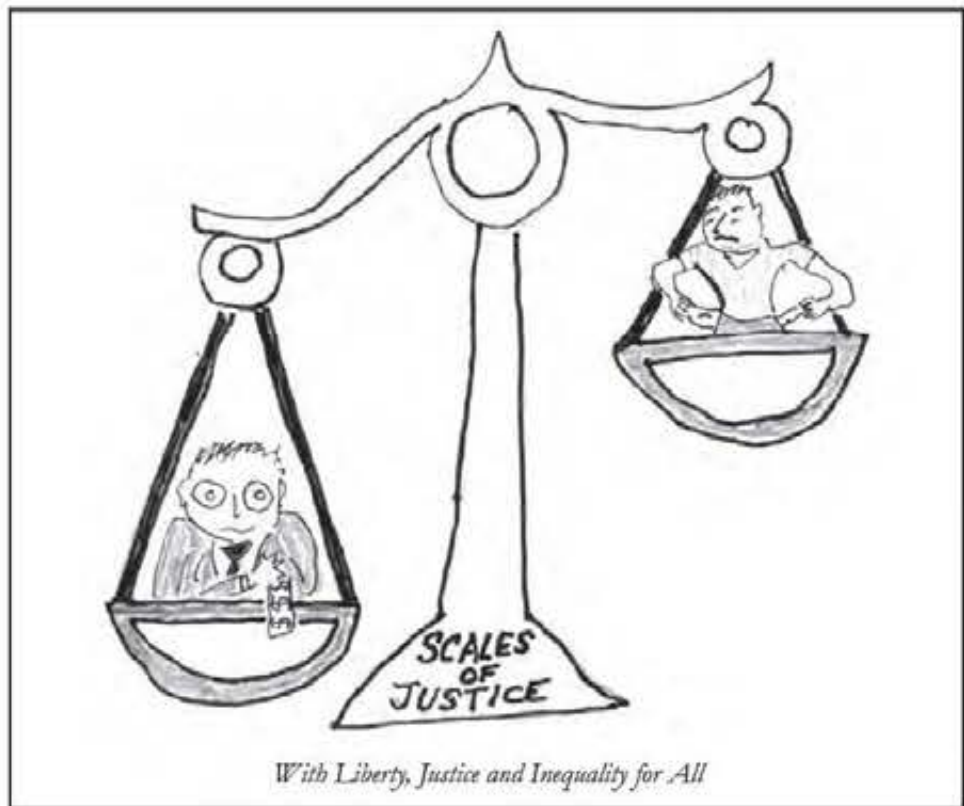
The school has not prospered to the same degree. Programs have been curtailed. Many faculty have been fired or laid off. Enrollment is now a fifth of what it was. It's quite apparent that the owners since 2009, the for-profit Premier Education Group (PEG) have done little to build up the school.

Indeed, according to the *New York Times*, PEG is now being sued in federal court by seven former employees who contend that at another PEG-owned school, Harris Business School, the officials in charge "routinely misled students about their career prospects, and falsified records to enroll them and keep them enrolled, so that government grant and loan dollars would keep flowing."

While there is no evidence that those in charge of Hallmark are doing this, they do tout the availability of federal and state grants and loans on their website.

We very much want to see Hallmark continue and thrive, and while we are very aware of Rosa's contribution to the town, we frankly are a bit bewildered by the sentence. Last February attorney Gregory Olchowski, Rosa's confederate in crime, was disbarred, sentenced to six months in federal prison for tax evasion and fined \$250,000.

According to the federal prosecutor Olchowski, who served as vice president at Hallmark from 2003 until 2009, accepted nearly \$200,000 in covert payments from



## Letter to the Editors

### Exports Should Be Part Of The Conversation

Your May 22 editorial on the pipeline debate and opposition ("*Gas Exports: A Red Herring In The Pipeline Debate*") was informative and knowledgeable, yet your conclusions were problematic. You fail to prove your point, and narrow the focus of opposition debate to our detriment.

A pipeline that enables gas exports will lead to higher, not lower, gas prices in New England. I would point to the call this past winter by Vermont's congressional delegation for a federal moratorium on propane exports, which have caused a spike in prices causing New England homeowners to freeze despite excess propane production.

As you stated, the plan by the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline's owners is to reverse the flow of gas to Nova Scotia, where Pieridae Energy was just granted permits to build a \$8.5 Billion facility for LNG storage and export.

And the buyer for this hydraulically fractured gas from Pennsylvania and New York is E.ON Global Commodities, an energy commodities trader to the E.U. — a surefire sign that prices will rise.

To compensate for the loss of southbound LNG to New England, Spectra Energy plans to widen its Algonquin pipeline, which would more than meet all anticipated de-

mand in New England.

This is exactly what the governors are looking for and what, I believe, the DPU would consider most relevant. An additional pipeline would be superfluous.

I'm sure the *Reporter's* assertion that exports are not an issue will come as a surprise to the state legislators attending the June 3 forum at GCC. To say that it is not an issue for organizing opposition shows that policy wonkiness does not translate into strategic insight.

You would have pipeline opponents narrow their debate to a win and lose column.

While seemingly pragmatic, this suffers from the same fatal belief plaguing academic and liberal intellectuals: that logical, fact-based arguments alone will win the day.

The reality is that passions such as greed and fear are in play, as well as geo-political dynamics, and the pressures of well-financed PR campaigns will come to bear on decision makers. The pipeline supporters are already hoisting the banner of "jobs" — that mindless and emotion-ridden rallying cry — and will keep that drumbeat going for years.

Your approach also loses sight of the policy issue of our time, in which the pipeline becomes a line in the sand: Do we continue down the road of fossil fuels, with cor-

responding subsidies, or do we put our money into alternatives?

This critical shift in energy policy was not lost on the Northampton City Council when they passed an anti-pipeline resolution, for they understood the importance of sending such a message to the DPU and state governors.

And it does matter "who profits". The idea to subsidize a costly infrastructure venture with a tax on electric bills to benefit corporate profit seems like a public opinion and policy flashpoint to me.

Your conclusion that the pipeline opposition should focus upon cogent arguments "in defense of our wild and beautiful lands" is naive.

Energy policymakers have historically sacrificed the environment, and whole communities, for the perceived energy needs of the economic growth and "jobs".

America has become a resource colony for the real industrial players. Soon, the only "good jobs" left here will be those mining and despoiling our treasure.

The focus of the opposition, therefore, should be to fight and make cogent arguments on every level of what will no doubt be a long struggle for the future.

Elliot Tarry  
Montague

### THE EDITORS REPLY:

Thank you for your valuable points.

We share your concern over the need to build an energy and climate movement that everyone, not just policy wonks, can take leadership in. We also don't mean to downplay the global nature of our energy use, or the fact that the profit motive is the strongest force shaping it.

But we feel there has been an imbalance in how the movement against this particular pipeline proposal has focused on criticizing its excesses, at the expense of first criticizing its core. We did not mean to shut down discussion about the big picture, so much as to make the

plea, "first things first!"

Two clarifications are needed:

First, the nearly 20 LNG export facilities proposed for the Gulf of Mexico are likely to result in rising domestic gas prices. Stopping Appalachian gas from getting to Nova Scotia will not prevent that.

Second, the New England state governors have called for an extra billion cubic feet per day, and Spectra's planned expansion would account for the first 400 million of this. Kinder Morgan's proposal would move up to 2.2 billion through a pipeline created by the idea that there is a public necessity for 600 million.

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## Another Letter Leverett: New Cell Phone Tower Proposal Is A Mistake

We write this letter with deep disappointment in the Leverett planning board process regarding siting a cell phone tower in Leverett.

Last year the selectboard chose a committee to review the town's by-law regarding siting towers in our town.

The committee was charged with finding appropriate sites that would maximize cell phone coverage while taking into account some residents' concerns regarding locating them in places where they would not be highly visible in order to keep property values at current market rates.

After exhaustive research, this committee agreed with three locations, originally identified by the existing bylaw and made a few minor changes that would fulfill this charge.

The committee then presented the new bylaw language to the planning board. That board made a few minor changes, and the proposed bylaw change was presented to the town, where it passed by an overwhelming margin.

Now, AT&T is threatening a lawsuit if they do not get to locate the tower in a different location other than that allowed in Leverett's current bylaw, and the planning board and selectboard are eager to rescind the bylaw to make it more convenient to locate the tower where AT&T wants it.

So, residents of Leverett... so much for local control!

Even more disturbing are the actions and words of the selectboard chair in the recent outright disrespectful, disparaging, dismissive language against this committee, including, according to an article in the *Montague Reporter*, comments by the chair of the selectboard

claiming that we were "a few malcontents".

The tone of the selectboard chair in this article was strident and disrespectful of this hard-working committee.

This committee, of which we were members, was appointed by the selectboard and carried out our charge which was approved by the planning board and passed at town meeting.

We worked diligently over several months, pouring through mountains of research and attending many meetings. We do not appreciate being invalidated and verbally abused in this way.

The disrespect and threatening looks by the planning board chair toward a distinguished UMass professor on our committee during a recent meeting was both unwarranted and outright discourteous.

We want to remind you that we elected you to represent us. We are a committee chosen by YOU. We did our job to our best ability, and do not appreciate your disrespect.

Nor do we appreciate our Town being hog-tied by AT&T, or any other commercial entity that threatens our local control!

And, by the way, those 200-foot fake pine trees that make "towers less obvious" are completely repulsive and as obvious as an old Christmas wreath in July, as anybody who drives to Boston on Route 2 knows.

And, so to say how out of touch AT&T is: at the last Planning Board meeting, AT&T suggested siting the tower on the school playground complete with lights to "make it look more attractive".

Nancy and Brian Emond  
Leverett



## LOCAL BRIEFS

JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

Compiled by DON CLEGG

Attention Erving residents: The Water Department will be **flushing hydrants** on Thursday, June 5, and Friday, June 6, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come and be wowed at the fancy footwork of the **North County Line Dancers** at the Turners Falls Branch of Greenfield Savings Bank on Saturday, June 7. They make it look easy and the country music is guaranteed to get your feet a'tapping. The show starts at 10 a.m. Stay for a few minutes or the entire time.

**Canal-side nature walks** are offered every Sunday morning in June starting at 8:30 a.m. Meet outside the main entrance to the Great Falls Discovery Center, then leisurely explore on level, paved bike trails and village sidewalks to learn about plants, animals, and mill town history.

A **Healing and Hope Breakfast** will be held on June 6 from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Terrazza Restaurant at the Greenfield Country Club to help raise funds for a new Children's Advocacy Center, modeled on the currently existing center in Northampton. Speakers will include Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, state Sen. Stanley C. Rosenberg and others.

In 2013, 142 children in Franklin County and the North Quabbin region were reported to have been physically or sexually abused.

Next year, there will be a home on Wisdom Way in Greenfield, equipped with children's interview, team observation, family waiting and medical examination rooms, where children suspected of having been abused will be interviewed by a team of experts and medically examined in a non-threatening setting designed to reduce further trauma.

For more information, please contact Northwestern Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director Susan Loehn at 413-522-

2946.

**Greenfield's annual Bee Fest** will be on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Second Congregational Church, next to the Town Hall, on the Greenfield Common. This event is packed with free activities for families, small children, and adults who are interested in learning more about bees, including a honeybee tea party, face painting, goodie bags and more for children, and UMass Bee Researchers for adults.

There will be drawings for over \$3,000 worth of bee- and honey-themed items, in gift baskets and Silent Auctions, and part of the proceeds go toward SNAP and the Heifer Project International.

The **Montague Community Band Summer Concert** begins on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic supper, blankets and lawn chairs, then sit back and enjoy the summer tradition at Peskeompskut Park in Downtown Turners Falls.

The Great Falls Discovery Center is hosting the **9th Annual Family Fishing Day** on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. No license is required for fishing this weekend in Massachusetts.

Adults and children of all ages can join refuge staff, staff from the state of MA, educators from Northfield Mountain, and volunteers in a day of fishing fun. Activities include: fly fishing demonstrations, fly-tying lessons, fishing at Barton Cove, fish printing, aquatic insect investigations, raffles, and more. Equipment is provided and no fishing licenses needed.

This year fishing and equipment pick up has returned to Barton Cove since the Turners Falls/Gill Bridge has returned to two way traffic. The fish printing is held at the Turners Falls fish ladder (children should bring a plain t-shirt) and all other activities and registration are held at the GFDC.

Send your local briefs to editor@montaguereporter.org.

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Whether these various alternative arguments will hold up has yet to be seen. But we are greatly relieved to hear them.

If regulators and policymakers are convinced that there is no alternative to adding a new greenfields pipeline, they will approve it.

Once we can argue that we can indeed get by with what we have, it will be easier to dismiss the proposal to add more as the project of a small minority, despoiling the planet for their own gain.

This is a trickier argument to make when we're also using what they're selling us.

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For your convenience, Enrollment Days will be held this summer on the Main Campus, One College Drive, Greenfield, MA, Wednesdays, June 18, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 16 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact admissions@gcc.mass.edu or call (413) 775-1801.

### RESPONSE from previous page

Our May 22 editorial called for opponents to amass better evidence that the first 600 million cubic feet per day was unnecessary.

We have been heartened to see three instances since then of exactly this case being made.

On May 29, *Environment Northeast* published a "Pipelines Alternative Assessment," drawing together existing data to argue that a combination of new electric transmission lines, the development of combined-heat-and-power infrastructure to make better use of the gas, better energy storage, and moderate gains in renewables and efficiency would

add the equivalent of well over 600 mcf/d of capacity by 2020.

On May 30, in a letter to the New England governors, the Conservation Law Foundation made the case that market reforms in how gas is delivered to electricity generators, investments in efficiency, as well as better use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports backed into the system from Everett, would do a perfectly good job at preventing the "needle spikes" in price that have been treated as symptoms of an emerging capacity shortfall.

They pointed out that the expected shift to exports would lead to a greater convergence between gas

and LNG prices, a factor not taken into account when considering the use of LNG as a solution.

ENE and CLF have both been following this debate for some time, and were the only two environmental groups participating in the governors' Gas-Electric Focus Group last year.

The wonks were joined by the Dracut/Tyngsboro Pipeline Awareness Group, whose May 29 "Questioning the Need" document pointed out that the MN&P pipeline has an extra 182 million cfd southbound capacity and Kinder Morgan can add 500 on its existing right-of-way (which crosses the Connecticut at

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March 2012 to February of 2014.

The sewer district, which is owned by the town and overseen by the selectboard (although it serves only the residents of Riverside), pumps sewage under Barton Cove to Montague for treatment at the Montague City treatment facility, at an average daily flow of 27,100 gallons a day, according to an August, 2013 inflow and infiltration study of the system by consultants from Tighe and Bond.

The question the selectboard, the highway department, and Riverside residents have been grappling with since the flows to Montague began to spike about five or six years ago is: If Riverside residents pay to pump 13,400 gallons of water into the district each day, on average, but pay to pump 27,100 gallons of sewage out of the district each day, then where are the additional 13,700 gallons of treated water coming from?

Even the Tighe and Bond consultants based their estimates of infiltration (the amount of groundwater entering a sewer system from cracks or breaks in the pipes) and inflow (the amount of rainwater entering the system from storm drains, gutter leaders, sump pumps, leaks in manholes and the like) on a base flow of 18,400 gallons from the 114 households in the district, with no reference to the fact that only 13,400 gallons of water, on average, enters the district each day from Greenfield.

Jeff Kocsis wondered whether the problem could be on Montague's side, or whether a leak in the pipe beneath the river could be the culprit, but highway super Mick

LaClaire assured him that could not be the case, since Montague based its billing on a flow meter at the Riverside pump station, on the Gill side.

The meter, the check valves, and the pumps have all been replaced recently, and appear to be operating to specifications, according to LaClaire.

That leaves inflow and infiltration as the possible culprits. The selectboard, with LaClaire's help, have smoke tested the entire 12,000 linear feet of the sewer system checking for obvious leaks, even put closed circuit TV cameras down to inspect many of the pipes with the help of the Massachusetts Rural Water Association, and found the pipes to be "tight."

LaClaire said he had personally inspected many of the manholes for leaks, and continued to check for obvious flow increases following heavy rains or rising spring groundwater. All these methods have turned up nothing out of the ordinary, and left the Kocsis's calling for further steps to solve the mystery.

Montague wastewater treatment supervisor Bob Trombley said Montague's average inflow and infiltration rate averaged 43% in 2013. Millers Falls sewer system averaged 60% that same year. But Riverside's small system appears to be experiencing an inflow and infiltration rate of more than 102% on average, and with the higher rates, residents are feeling the pinch.

Trombley said Montague may raise rates again in the coming fiscal year, and said he anticipated an increase in the range of last year's - about 3.5%. He noted that the town

of Gill is billed for sewer use at the same rate as the Southworth Mill in Turners - \$5.75 per thousand gallons - instead of the higher residential rate of \$6.22 per thousand gallons Montague users pay.

He said the reason for that, historically, has been because Gill operates its own pump station, even though they benefit from the entire sewer infrastructure Montague ratepayers maintain.

Selectboard member John Ward urged water conservation. "Using less water saves you money," he argued.

But Purington added, "Up to a point," noting the sewer system would still have fixed costs to operate.

Randy Crochier assured the Kocsis's the selectboard would leave no stone unturned in their search for the mystery I&I in Riverside. "We are working on it diligently."

Riverside Water commissioner Jeff Suprenant had been asking the selectboard to permanently abate 62% of the sewer bill for the Franklin County Boat Club docks. He said most of that water did not wind up getting treated in Montague, as it was used to wash boats.

"This is an honest approach, based on what goes into the sewer and what goes into the river," said Suprenant. "Our last sewer bill was \$400 to \$500," he added.

Suprenant went on to say how tight the Riverside District's pipes were, and how careful the district was with its numbers, but that's when the Kocsis's piped up about how they could not sell their house when buyers saw a sewer bill double the size of the water bill.

The board declined to act immediately on Suprenant's request, and he left the room quickly as the discussion turned to the huge disparity between the amount of water the Riverside District imports each day from Greenfield compared to the amount it pumps for treatment each day to Montague.

**Other Business**

Gill's emergency responders were busy earlier in the day, when the call came in that a man had been seen jumping from the French King Bridge.

LaClaire said more than 15 police cruisers, fire trucks, and rescue boats were deployed from various towns and agencies seeking to rescue or retrieve the body of the unidentified man, who was reported to have jumped a little after noon by an angler at the riverside below. High water flows prevented the search from proceeding further until Tuesday.

Following this incident, Crochier said he had decided to pursue state officials about putting up a suicide prevention fence or barrier on the French King Bridge, despite its regional renown as a place of great scenic vistas.

More than 30 suicides have taken place at the French King since it was built in 1932.

Even the Golden Gate Bridge in California, despite its legendary status as a scenic masterpiece, is now in the final stages of consideration for a \$66 million suicide prevention net, after 46 reported suicides from its deck last year, adding to the total of more than 1,500 suicides at that site.



**Greenfield Enacts Native American Burial Ordinance**

By **CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO**

**GREENFIELD** - Fifty years after Native American remains were removed from the Mackin sand and gravel pit on French King Highway and unceremoniously bulldozed into White Ash Swamp, an ordinance is now in place to prevent any future desecration.

On May 21 the Greenfield city council voted to protect the ten acres comprising White Ash Swamp. Mayor William Martin had ten days to veto the council's vote but took no action, signaling that the ordinance is now in effect.

The ordinance states: "The Town of Greenfield recognizes, to the extent provided for in state and federal law, any known place where American Indian remains have been buried or reburied as an American Indian burial ground, and as such, it shall be accorded the treatment and protections specified by federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and a section of the National Historic Preservation Act."

Joe Graveline, president of the Nolumbeka project, along with Nolumbeka member Howard Clark worked for several years to craft the law and get it passed. According to Graveline, this is likely the first ordinance of its kind in Massachusetts.

For Graveline, the significance is personal. His mother was refused burial in a church-owned cemetery because of her Native American heritage.

Graveline commented: "As I become an old man I will look back on this as a tribute to my mother and anyone who ever had to endure racism, and I will be forever grateful for the tipping point in history that allowed this to happen in my lifetime."

While the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation and American Indian Religious Freedom acts do have the power to protect suspected or known burial sites, the passage of the ordinance, according to Clark, makes enforcement much easier.

The new law will also help to preserve in perpetuity the White Ash Swamp, located adjacent to the 17 acres where a big box retail store is frequently proposed to be built.

**Great Falls Middle School Students of the Week**

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**Grade 8**

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*week ending 5/30/14:*

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**Grade 7**

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**Grade 8**

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**Tools, Trades and Tasks: All Work and No Play?**

This exhibition opening on June 14 portrays life from colonial times to the early 20th century, explores farming, textile and food production, carpentry and shoe making. On Father's Day, June 15, all fathers are admitted free.

*Tools, Trades and Tasks* is an exhibition of ordinary objects that helped shape and transform the landscape and economy around Deerfield. Life on the rural New England farm was defined by season and weather.

Men and boys worked in fields and wood lots, raised livestock, hunted, and learned trades. Women and girls produced food and textiles, did housework, dairying, laundry, rearing the children and caring for the elderly. Success was measured by being virtuous, civic-minded, and working well with your neighbors.

The exhibition also includes photographs by Frances and Mary Allen; vehicles, enormous barrels, machines, bells and curiosities, and video demonstrations.

Memorial Hall Museum is located at 8 Memorial Street in Deerfield, and is open Tuesday through Sunday (closed Monday) from 11 to 4:30. Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for youth and students ages 6 to 21. For more information, call (413) 774-7476 x10 or visit their website [www.deerfield-ma.org/visit](http://www.deerfield-ma.org/visit).

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**RENOVATORS** from page A1 the double insulated drill. Renovator's Supply bought the complex in 1982 and has been renovating and adding new buildings since then. "At last count," said Claude, "we had 32 attached buildings."

The list of tenants over the years has included women who wanted a quiet place to sew, artists in search of a contemplative space to draw or paint, musicians, computer programmers, designers of websites, a retired professor, a publishing group, and a personal trainer.

"Our tenants rent rooms on a month-to-month basis," said Jeanloz. "We charge \$1 a square foot per month with pretty much everything included. Our average room size is 200 square feet, and we re-

quire no lease or deposit. That's very attractive for a person who's starting a business, and it's also very affordable for a person who wants to get out of the house and accomplish some work in a setting that's comfortable and private."

A bona fide entrepreneur, Claude Jeanloz loves business, travel, and staying busy. He's a robust 64 years old, slender, and committed to exercise. He grew up in Newton, MA and Geneva, Switzerland.

Jeanloz has worked in close to every part of the wide, wide world. He has three offices: one in Millers Falls; one in Jiaying, China, about two hours south of Shanghai by bus; and in Chouzhou, in the southern part of China.

"My first language was French,"

Claude said. "I learned English in elementary school here in the United States and have also learned German. I primarily write and speak in English and Mandarin Chinese these days since we have 67 factories and sub-contractors in China that make plumbing, hardware, and lighting parts for us. Our sales are strictly through the Internet."

Trained as an engineer, Jeanloz is a graduate of the Geneva School of Technology. He looks back with fondness on his long career.

"We've done a lot of different things over the years," he smiled. "For instance, we carried out a lot of computer-related work in the early 1980s. We printed the wallet cards for Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the state of Connecticut.

We did 'merge and purge' for the phone companies, removing duplicate listings, especially during that industry's years of merger."

For about two decades, Claude's wife oversaw the publishing of *Victorian Homes*, a national magazine for people interested in those classic, large, ornate homes. Some ten years ago, the Jeanlozes sold the magazine to a California publisher, and it's still on the newsstand today.

Furthermore, Renovator's Supply owned a chain of retail stores that sold plumbing hardware, lighting, and furniture. The organization had establishments in all of the New England states, New York state, and as far south as Maryland.

"These days," said Jeanloz,

"we're getting back to our core businesses of plumbing and hardware although we do enjoy the tenant business a lot. We try to keep 15 to 20 rooms of different size ready to go for new tenants at all times."

"All of our tenants are what you'd refer to as 'commercial,' since we have no residential facilities for clients."

As to the future, Claude has no plans to slow down. "I feel," he said, "as if I'll continue working as long as I enjoy it and feel I'm contributing. If I had another life to live, I'd learn Arabic and all about Middle Eastern culture."

"It's extraordinarily important to understand the peoples of the world from their point of view."



## Orange Solstice Riverfest

The summer solstice has been celebrated for centuries, with all sorts of traditions growing up around it. In the northern hemisphere, the summer solstice is celebrated on the 21st of June. To celebrate this solstice Orange will be holding its first annual "Orange Solstice Riverfest" starting at 4 p.m. on June 21.

The Riverfest will feature family activities, crafters, music, food, floating fire pits, parachutes and an illuminated boat parade. In addition, there will be crafts, activities, music, food, rock climbing wall & pony rides. As the sun starts to set, the drum circle will begin. If you enjoy doing yoga, you can join in the salute to the Sun along the riverbank. A bonfire is part of the tradition of the summer solstice. Floating fire pits will be lit at dark to illuminate the river.

The night sky will light up as parachuters from Jumptown jump into the party. The solstice celebration will end with an illuminated boat parade. All are welcome to adorn a non-motorized boat with lights, glow sticks, and other decorations in the hopes of winning one of three grand prizes valued at \$300 each. Prizes include a romantic getaway from Clamber Hill Inn, a tandem skydive from Jumptown, and a peak adventure club membership from Peak Expeditions. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the parade. Applications are available at the Orange Boat House, Trail Head in Orange, or on facebook.

Riverfest is looking for businesses to participate by sponsoring a family activity. They are also looking for crafters, artists, drummers, dancers & musicians! Call the Orange Community boat house at (413) 648-7673, or Trail Head at (978) 249-8500, for details.

Orange Solstice Riverfest is sponsored by the Orange Lions Club and the Orange Business Association with donations from Clamber Hill, Jumptown, Peak Expeditions, Millers River Café, Trail Head and the L.S. Starrett Company.

### NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

## Special Town Meeting Date Moved To June 30

By KATIE NOLAN

The Erving selectboard set June 30 as the date for a special town meeting and considered possible warrant articles for that meeting. The selectboard moved the originally planned STM date from June 23 to June 30 to allow time for the fincom to meet and consider the proposed expenditures.

One proposed article would provide up to \$125,000 for appellate tax court legal expenses in FirstLight's appeal of the town's valuation of the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

Selectboard member and town treasurer Margaret Sullivan noted that when FirstLight bought the

facility several years ago, it paid twice as much as the town's assessed value.

Other proposed articles include \$60,000 for generators for the Arch Street and River Street pump stations, \$50,000 for siding town hall and replacement roofing under the windows, \$50,000 for an engineering study for a public water system in the center of town, \$10,000 for building improvements at the Pearl B. Care historical building, and \$10,000 for tree warden expenses.

Fire chief Philip Wonkka provided the board with his list of "wants and wishes" for STM consideration. The list included skids, a cab and an enclosed trailer for the Gator utility terrain vehicle (UTV), a gear and

hose dryer, and GPS units for all large fire apparatus. The estimated total for all of the fire department items was \$38,000.

The board decided not to include \$15,000 for a feasibility study for a comprehensive look at town building use and whether one multi-use building might serve the town better than numerous individual town buildings.

Board members felt the town should wait to see whether the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners approves a building feasibility study for Erving Public Library before proceeding with an additional town building study.

Kinder Morgan declined an opportunity to send a representative to speak to Erving residents about the natural gas pipeline it is proposing to build through Erving and other Franklin County towns, citing scheduling conflict for the originally proposed STM date of June 23.

Town administrative coordinator Tom Sharp contacted the energy company on June 3, after the selectboard had changed the STM date, and is waiting for a reply.

The board and assistant assessor Jacqueline Boyden discussed the potential for thumb drives used on less secure computers to infect secure town computers. Boyden noted that town computer use policy prohibits use of thumb drives. The board decided that town employees and officials should be educated about the policy and that large documents should be sent to town offices by email (which can be scanned for viruses) or on paper.

The board approved spending \$4,000 from current building maintenance funds for security cameras in the town offices.

The board added Wonkka to the list of people who can receive criminal offender record information (CORI) reports.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

## Wendell Man Arrested For Open and Gross Conduct

**Wednesday, 5/21**  
9:30 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with report of subjects in abandoned house on Wendell Road.  
10 p.m. Took report of motor vehicle vs. deer crash at Dorsey Road and Route 2.  
11:20 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with large fight on Second Street.

**Thursday, 5/22**  
12 a.m. Assisted Montague PD with domestic disturbance and arrest on Ninth Street.  
8:50 a.m. Report of a loud bang on Route 2 at Forest Street. Located trailer truck with a blown tire at Christina's Restaurant.  
4:45 p.m. Suspicious vehicle at French King Bridge parking lot. Same moved along.  
10:30 p.m. Took

report concerning larceny of medication on French King Highway.  
10:45 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with domestic disturbance and arrest on Bridge Street.  
**Friday, 5/23**  
1:30 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no registration in possession.  
4 p.m. Dispatched to Northfield Road for car vs. deer crash. Found to be in Northfield; advised Northfield PD.

**Saturday, 5/24**  
1:15 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for operating without a license.  
7:15 p.m. Suspi-

cious person at French King Bridge. Checked on same and moved along.  
**Sunday, 5/25**  
8:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 call at Laurel Lake bath house. Found to be a child playing with the phone.  
1:12 p.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency at River Road residence.  
8:18 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on Prospect Street. Same removed.  
9:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 call on Bridge Street. Found to be in Montague; advised Montague PD.

**Tuesday, 5/27**  
11:10 a.m. Took report of past breaking & entering on French King Highway. Under investigation.  
12 p.m. Report of loose cow on West

Main Street. Same taken into custody by owner.  
**Wednesday, 5/28**  
5:35 a.m. Took report of tractor trailer vs. motor vehicle crash at Papermill Road and Prospect Street.  
4:45 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on Route 2. Assisted same.  
6:30 p.m. Motor vehicle crash in Weatherheads parking lot.

**Thursday, 5/29**  
9:10 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle reported in Erving Center. Gone upon arrival.  
3:15 p.m. Two-car crash at Pleasant and Union streets. Took report.  
5 p.m. Report of neighbor dispute on French King Highway. Verbal only.  
11:15 p.m. Report of motor vehicle crash

at Route 2 and Holmes Street. Gone upon arrival.  
**Friday, 5/30**  
8 a.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency on Park Street.  
2:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 call on North Street. Misdialed; no assistance needed.  
**Sunday, 6/1**  
4:05 p.m. Arrested [redacted] for open and gross conduct, disorderly conduct, and annoying/ac-

costing a person of the opposite sex.  
6:30 p.m. Report of dog found on East Prospect Street.  
**Monday, 6/2**  
6:40 p.m. Criminal application issued to [redacted] for operating on a suspended license.

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## NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

## Selectboard Mulls Airport Commission, Trebuchet Location

By JEFF SINGLETON

At its June 2 meeting the Montague Selectboard considered the ideal number of members to populate the town Airport Commission, agreed to allow the Water Pollution Control Facility to dispose of a small electric cart, and struggled to find an alley to house a mock trebuchet, a medieval stone-throwing catapult which in this case will be hurling harmless small painted art objects.

### Airport

Thus the board had a full plate of relatively non-controversial items on its agenda.

First on deck was Peter Golrick, chairman of the Airport Commission, to warn that new appointments would need to be made to his board. The terms of three members will soon expire (on June 30) and a fourth appointment will be needed due to the recent death of long-term commission member Mike Sokolovsky.

Golrick wanted to give the Selectboard a “heads up” about the time frame but also raised the issue of whether the board needed its current seven members.

He stated that while he was “not looking to change the size” of the commission, it was “unusual” for an agency with such a small budget to have such a large board. He also noted that when members had leases at the airport, and thus had to recuse themselves from voting on certain issues, it was hard to achieve a quorum.

Audience member John Reynolds asked about the number of non-residents on the commission, noting that this had been somewhat controversial in previous years. Golrick stated that currently three members were not residents of Montague and that there is now a “good cross section” on the board.

### Police

Next up was police chief Chip Dodge with a request that the board “execute” an agreement with Emergency Communications Network, LLC to implement a warning system called CodeRed. This system not only informs residents of emergencies but also of other developments of interest, such as the early closing of a school or the flushing of hydrants in a neighborhood.

Audience member Jeanne Golrick, concerned about privacy issues, asked if citizens “get to opt out” if they do not wish to receive phone messages. Dodge answered in the affirmative, but also noted that Montague is “behind the eight ball” on emergency notification compared to other local communities.

Next Dodge requested that the board accept the resignation of recently hired dispatcher Aimee Wallace, which led to a good deal of discussion of the problem of retaining staff at this position.

Dodge stated he was “not happy” with the situation, at which point Mike Nelson suggested penalizing those who leave early by requiring them to repay the cost of training. Apparently there is such a penalty for regular police officers.

Dodge then requested that the

board approve the hiring of two reserve officers, one dispatcher, and one regular officer who will serve as a “resource officer” at the Franklin County Technical School.

Dodge was particularly pleased with the resource officer, since the Tech School will reimburse the town for the cost of the position but the officer will serve on the regular police force for three months.

### Culture

Next in line was RiverCulture Director Suzanne LoManto who requested that the board approve a number of activities in the upcoming “Knights, Camera Action” event in downtown Turners Falls on June 19.

The event is a prelude to the annual medieval festival Mutton and Meade, which will take place the following weekend at the Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club.

LoManto asked the board to approve five wandering minstrels, two costumed knights, an electronic concert, a blacksmith demonstration and the paint trebuchet.

Everything went smoothly until it was realized that the proposed trebuchet location, an alley between Loot and the Crocker Building, is not town property. Various suggestions were made for other alleys, and LoManto will investigate alternative locations.

### Other Business

Bob Trombley of the Water Pollution Control Facility approached the board to approve a job description for a new administrative assistant and to allow the WPCF to dispose of a Global Electric Motor Cart, which had initially been donated to the facility. The board agreed to both requests.

The board also agreed to a request by Susan Mareneck, Director of the Montague Catholic Social Ministries, for a sidewalk event on Avenue A on June 24 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The event will celebrate the birthday of the agency. Ice cream and discounts for dinner at Jakes Tavern will be distributed at the event.

Chris Mason of the Montague energy committee requested that the board sign a letter of support for a grant to help the committee participate in the Clean Energy Strategies program. Mason also asked the board to appoint Jeff Singleton to replace Susan Conger on the committee. Both requests were approved.

In other matters, board member Michael Nelson requested that the board allow DPW staff and equipment to be used to help clean up at the annual Pumpkinfest event, which is drawing thousands to downtown Turners Falls in mid October.

Nelson, noting that he alone is generally left with the cleanup task, will reimburse the town for the labor costs. He also agreed to pay part of the cost of a street sweeper, which initially was going to be donated by the DPW.

After changing a date of one of the proposed summer Cycling Jam events, the board went into executive session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies (which one was left unclear).



### GMRSD from page A1

a vision statement for the GMRSD. Jane Oakes said lifelong learning; Kathleen Adams, principal of Gill Elementary, offered compassion, curiosity, and perseverance.

Lesley Cogswell offered a vision statement from a hospital: “Until every child is well.” She wondered, could we have a vision as powerful as that for our students?

It wasn’t long before the white board on which Sullivan was recording the suggestions was nearly full.

In the end the group had tentatively agreed on “Until Every Student Succeeds.” Mike Langknecht drew the line under tentative when he suggested changing “Until” to “Where” Every Student Succeeds. There is where it stands, until the next gathering for strategic planning. On to developing a mission statement.

In short, a mission statement is a one-sentence statement about what the organization does, its actions, priorities and responsibilities.

Jen Waldron opened the Mission statement section with words that described the district’s efforts to work with her children: “To promote individual achievement

through empowerment, strong leadership, community support and rigorous expectations.”

Sandy Brown added “engaging” and “lively creativity”. Joyce Phillips offered “responsibility” and “perseverance.”

Misty Lyons suggested: “To inspire a passion for learning in every student.” Another offered: “to challenge every student.”

One version of the Mission statement went as follows: “To foster individual achievement through strong leadership, community support, and academic rigor.” Another version was “to empower students to be lifelong learners.”

Sullivan reminded the group that they could revisit the options at the next session.

The final task of the evening was to determine the core values of the district. In 2005 the district values were determined to be: “Integrity, Work Ethic, Compassion, Curiosity, Community, Respect, and Responsibility.”

Indeed, many if not all of those terms, as well as others such as “engaging,” “empathy,” and “supportive” were on the final listing the superintendent wrote on the board.

With so many choices, Sullivan

gave each participant three sheets of notepaper to stick on the board next to their top three preferences.

The final tally was as follows: Perseverance, 11; Integrity, 9; Compassion, 8; Rigor, 6; Responsibility, 5; Creativity, 4; Respect, 3; Curiosity, 2; Challenging, 1. Empathy, Engaging, Hard working, Lively, and Supportive: 0.

Further discussion led to rigor being replaced in favor of responsibility. The final core values selected were: Perseverance, Integrity, Compassion and Responsibility.

### New Principals at Hillcrest and Sheffield

In addition to the start of Strategic Planning, Superintendent Sullivan has also filled out his administration’s roster in both the Hillcrest and Sheffield sides of the elementary school.

At Hillcrest he has appointed Sarah Burstein who comes to GMRSD from the Sunderland Elementary School. Burstein will be the principal at Hillcrest.

Hillcrest’s former assistant principal, Mr. Kevin Cousineau, is moving to Sheffield, where he will serve as assistant principal to Sheffield’s new principal, Sharon Moberg.



## LOOKING BACK: 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Here’s the way it was on June 3, 2004: News from the Montague Reporter’s archive.

### Busted

A six-month investigation, headed by Montague narcotics detective Lee Lester, ended on Memorial Day in a raid on #8 13th Street, resulting in the arrests of three residents on various charges of possession and intent to distribute cocaine.

“We didn’t find an excessive amount of drugs but we were able to build a solid case,” said Lester of the raid, which was conducted in collaboration with the Greenfield Special Response Team (who conducted the entry) and members of the Franklin Drug Task Force, including officers from the Greenfield, Montague, Gill, Deerfield, and Leverett police departments.

Lester added that it was only through the cooperation of neigh-

borhood residents that the arrests were possible, who gathered information for the police such as foot traffic, car traffic, and license plate numbers. “We had a very positive outcome,” Lester said. “After the arrest, we brought the suspects out to hooting and hollering from the neighbors.”

The three suspects were released on bails ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

### Herbicided Homes

John Howard of Northeast Generation Services (NGS), and long-time employee of the Vegetation Control Service Jeff Taylor, sat on a raised platform in the upstairs of Carnegie Library on Wednesday to discuss the spraying of herbicides along the power canal in the Patch.

In contrast to a meeting organized last fall by People Against Toxic Herbicides, in which com-

munity members, town officials, NGS representatives sat in a circle and discussed concerns, the first 45 minutes of Wednesday night’s meeting, organized by NGS, was spent with Howard and Taylor presenting information on the safety of their plans and NGS’s use of herbicides.

Many residents mentioned the death of 2-½ year-old Samantha Haskins, an apparently healthy G Street toddler who died of convulsions one week after the utilities’ truck spraying the previous summer, but residents also reported other effects of the herbicides, including asthma, rashes, and cats and dogs that had fallen ill.

Near the end of the meeting, Greenfield resident Alice Cowan addressed Howard and Taylor, saying “I can sympathize with these people – you have a job to do.”

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Letcher thanked the teachers, many of whom, she said, "put countless hours into inspiring student growth and learning. Turners has an extremely dedicated and talented group of educators."

Speaking to her classmates she reflected on the saying that high school is the best four years of your life.

"I really hope that isn't true," she said. "The best four years of our lives were spent having to sign out to use the bathroom and taking MCAS and SATs? I really hope not."

"I believe that the past four years have brought us to just one of many peaks in a lifelong journey, and we are now faced with an infinite number of paths we can take. As we depart for the next adventure we have to remember that our experiences, friends, teachers, and mentors are not merely water under the bridge, but the very foundation that holds it up..."

"I stand here in front of 55 graduating students: amazing artists, musicians, and authors, computer programmers, scholars, community volunteers, and gifted athletes; an altogether talented diverse class."

"These accomplishments, however, are not simply something to put in our trophy case but in our

backpacks as we travel on. What we have learned and what we have done may come in handy when obstacles arise, we lose our way, or we are running low on energy."

Gill-Montague Superintendent Michael Sullivan, completing his first year leading the school district, told the graduates, "Massachusetts public schools have set the bar high for high school performance and you should feel justifiably proud of having achieved this high standard of scholarship."

"You have also distinguished yourselves at Turners Falls High

School not just for your academic accomplishments, but also for your achievements in athletics, the arts, and citizenship. You are known to be a class of integrity and character and so we thank you for your contributions to our school community and for how your actions reflect back to the community what is important to us all."

Sullivan then told those gathered that he had looked to the Internet for a clever saying he could offer as advice to the graduates, and listed a few time-honored bits of advice but then offered some thoughts of his

own that were not so common.

Talking about his years of study and experience as a teacher and administrator, he said the skills he developed were not necessarily the ones he needed to do the job he has today.

"More often than not," he continued, "the most challenging situations I am involved in require listening closely to a range of voices, weighing whatever evidence can be gathered, and then making the best decision I can in the context of very unique circumstances."

"To someone who has spent most of his career as a student or teacher this can be a bit disorienting. The skills that helped me write research papers are not the ones that help me build a school budget or make critical personnel decisions."

Sullivan went on to say, "Although it will be very important for you to keep listening to parents, coaches, professors, and supervisors in the years ahead, it is time that we let you in on a secret. No one else has the answers to your most challenging questions."

"You will need to figure things out for yourself because more often than not, your wisdom, and your instincts, and your inner voice, will need to be your compass."

"We are all on this planet only a

short time, and there seems to be little sense to it all, if finding our own way is not a driving force in our reason for being here. If we have done our jobs well together you are each leaving us today with an analytical mind, a curious heart, and a collaborative spirit. I have great confidence that you will use these tools wisely as you set out to write your own stories in the years and decades to come. Congratulations."

The ceremonies continued with students getting their diplomas, one at a time coming in through a decorated arch, accepting congratulations from administration and school committee chair Joyce Phillips, helping each other switch the tassels on their caps, and getting a red rose as they left the podium.

After they had taken their seats, they were directed to give that rose to the person to whom they were most grateful. With a sudden rush, the graduates stood as one, walking in many directions to find that special person, giving a rose and a hug then returning to their seats.

With tears visible on many faces, the Graduating Class of 2014 sang their alma mater, tossed caps in the air, joined in cheers from the crowd, as the band played, and the ceremonies ended.



Superintendent Michael Sullivan and Principal Thomas Osborn congratulate graduates as they receive their diplomas at the May 30 ceremony.

BLANCHETTE PHOTO

**Turners Falls High School Graduating Class of 2014**

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- Andre Beauregard
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- Courtney Lee Eugin
- Teagan Felton-Linnell
- Eric Scott Ferguson
- Jessica Lynne Fuller
- Deonisie Gheorghita
- Daniel William Girard
- Lauren Grace Grimard
- Emma Kathryn Johnson
- Brianna Ashley Kominsky
- Nicole Elaine Kordana
- Ian James Lang
- Sophia Monosson Letcher
- Shelby Lewis
- Ashleigh Marie Lovett
- Danielle Loynd

- Brody Baker Markol
- Morgan Alyson Marron
- Sarah Marie McCune
- Heather Shaihleen McKenna
- Katri Mizula
- Melvin Alexander Moreno
- Marcel Antonio Ortiz
- Morgan Wyman Ozdarski
- Kaineeca Pabon
- Stephen Michael Palso
- Samantha Nicole Peabody
- Alicia Peters
- Zephyr Ciel Pope-McGraw
- Tyler David Richardson
- Katerina Sankova
- Evan Shattuck
- Erin Nicole Simmons
- Brett Aaron Sirum
- Malcolm Smith
- Kenneth David Sroka
- Shania Rae Vigneau
- Nicholas James Wells
- Hayley Lauren Westfall
- Jaimee Lynn Geoffrey White
- Michael John Whiteman III
- Nicole Elizabeth Whiting
- Shelbea-Lee Williams

Congratulations from the *Montague Reporter!*

**Couple Wed at Montague Center Town Hall**

By LEE WICKS

It doesn't get more local or loving than this. On Saturday, May 31, Amber Baker and Walker Korby got married in Montague Center. The ceremony was right in the middle of the village for all well-wishers to see.

The couple lives in Montague, and Walker is a firefighter with the Montague Center Fire Department. His buddies from the department set up grills on the common where, in addition to burgers and kielbasa, they grilled local asparagus.

Friends filled the church kitchen making salads and baked goods. More friends decorated the entrance to the old town hall with garlands of flowers, and others created a play space on the common for the children who would certainly get bored with the adult celebration to come.

Friends and family paraded down North Street for the ring ceremony. Neill Bovaird, founder and director of Wolf Tree Programs in Montague (where Amber works), presided and began with a prayer of appreciation for the sun, wind, earth and all the diverse creatures that populate our planet.

Amber and Walker emerged from the woods separately (they had not see one another for twelve



hours) and joined hands. Amber's aunt read a poem, and then it was time for Neill to present the rings.

He did a good job of pretending to search his pockets. He even managed to look worried for an instant. And then he took a step forward and raised a gloved hand and stared at the skies.

Following his gaze the guests saw a huge hawk in the distance. Spooked by so many people in one place, the hawk did not respond at first, and Neill stepped away from the crowd, hand still held above, and then the hawk opened its beautiful wings and swooped down to deliver the rings. A hushed oohh rippled through the crowd.

Amber and Walker then rode a pony cart up North Street and Neill continued the formal ceremony in front of town hall. (The sign there badly needs painting, by the way.)

Walker and Amber exchanged vows, Neill pronounced them husband and wife, and Montague gained a new young family.



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DEAN GARVIN PHOTO

Chris Collins (at center) moderated the panel's first hour, which included state representatives Denise Andrews (at left, back to camera) and Paul Mark (at right).

#### PANEL from page A1

the previous session remained at the table.

The thrust of the first hour of discussion was the environmental consequences of the proposed pipeline and legal challenges to preliminary surveys being requested by the pipeline company. The panel included two members of the state legislature: Paul Mark, who represents Greenfield and other towns in western Franklin County, and Denise Andrews, who represents the Second Franklin district including Gill, Erving and Orange.

Both Mark and Andrews opposed the pipeline. When asked by moderator Chris Collins if the pipeline was a *fait accompli*, Andrews responded, "If this were Texas, yes. But we're in Massachusetts and... we know how to throw the tea into the harbor."

Mark stressed the environmental and conservation efforts in the region over the years. "If the federal government can overrule what we have been trying to do for so long, something is wrong." He also noted that opponents should make their opinions known about the pipeline during the upcoming election for governor.

One of the issues that has clearly fueled opposition in the region has been the lack of communication between the developer Kinder Morgan and local officials. In Montague, for example, company representatives began visiting local homeowners requesting survey permission without notifying the town.

"No one called, no one visited" the town of Shelburne, complained Selectboard member Joseph Judd. "We felt foolish, and we still haven't heard from [Kinder Morgan]."

Although Kinder Morgan was not present at this forum either, Chris Collins showed several media clips of the company's presentation before the Montague Selectboard in April.

In one clip, company spokesman Allen Fore stated that federal officials in the Federal Emergency

Regulatory Commission would need to find the pipeline was in the public interest.

Leigh Youngblood of the Mount Grace Conservation Land Trust challenged the conventional definition of public interest to include the cost of energy: "Land is already giving us a public benefit," which, she suggested, would be undermined by a pipeline through the region.

Mount Grace Trust successfully challenged the right of the company to survey state-protected land owned by local farmers Robert and Lisa Adams, or at least forced Kinder-Morgan to reroute the pipeline to avoid it. Youngblood recommended that property owners in the path of the pipeline hire attorneys.

Reporter editor Mike Jackson put the issue in historical context. "For young people like me, we see a lot of infrastructure around but we are not used to seeing [new construction] projects of this scale in this area."

He urged those at the forum to think about global energy issues, including the fact that while the United States may be reducing its own coal use, we are exporting the product to countries like China, where it is used to make steel we are importing at record levels.

While much of the discussion focused on local impacts of the pipeline, Shanna Cleveland of the Conservation Law Foundation spoke extensively of the evolution of state policy and federal process for approving the project. She pointed out that the issue of gas infrastructure had been discussed by state officials and energy companies for several years under the aegis of the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE).

She suggested that NESCOE had reached a consensus on the need for infrastructure expansion to address perceived winter price spikes. In December, the New England Governors issued a statement supporting new infrastructure development and in January state Department of Public



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Utilities representatives called on the ISO, which runs the electric grid, to support a tax or "tariff" to fund new pipeline capacity.

Cleveland suggested that the proposal addressed one of the key obstacles to a new pipeline, including potential roadblocks in the federal approval process. She was highly critical of the lack of broader stakeholder input into the NESCOE process and the failure of DPU officials to consider other alternatives.

NESCOE officials did not respond to requests to attend the forum, according to Cindy Tarail of MCTV, a key organizer of the event.

The closest any panel participant came to supporting the pipeline was Eric Johnson of external affairs for ISO New England.

Johnson repeated the ISO's current position that there is a lack of natural gas infrastructure to meet the current demand. He noted that roughly fifty percent of the energy to fuel the electric grid currently comes from natural gas. "There are two uses for natural gas," he argued, "heating and [electrical] power generation. There is not enough capacity to support both in the winter."

However, despite repeated questioning from moderator William

Newman, Johnson would not comment on specific pipeline proposals including the Kinder Morgan project.

During the second panel WHMP radio host Chris "Monte" Belmonte roved through the audience seeking brief comments and questions directed to the panel.

Tina Clark of Amherst, for example, spoke of an upcoming presentation by the German government about that country's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas. She asked Johnson if he would be willing to attend.

Johnson stated he would like to "check it out."



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## Turners Falls Softball Heads To Western Mass. Division III Finals!

With a 10-1 semifinal win over Monson Wednesday night, the team advances to face Pathfinder in the division finals on Saturday. Photographer David Hoitt has followed the squad all season, and has shared these pictures with our readers. Thanks David – and go, team!



Coach Gary Mullins discusses strategy with the team during a break in the action during the Turners-Mabar game.



Morgan Ozdarski helps power Turners to a 11-0 victory over Mahar on May 15.



Mackenzie Phillips is surrounded by teammates congratulating her on her game-winning home run against Southwick on May 24. Turners won 1-0.



Emma Johnson showed up to the May 19 game against Frontier with a surprise birthday cake for Coach Mullins.



Close...but out! Jenna Putala makes the play at first base after a bunt. Turners lost the May 25 game to Hampshire, 0-4.

ALL PHOTOS BY DAVID HOITT



## Ode To The Model G

By PETE WACKERNAGEL

**FRANKLIN COUNTY** – I was hired at my current farm as a tractor operator, and the tractor that I drive, that I love dearly, is the Allis-Chalmers Model G.

If you've seen one you would not forget it. It looks like a race car from the back, and a steel-riveted "War of the Worlds"-style space insect from the front.

The angular appearance given by its small front tires and large back tires makes the Model G look like it's moving really fast, even though it's probably hard-pressed to break 10 mph on the highway. They are classic Allis-Chalmers orange. The Model G is, believe-it-or-not, the header of this column.

Unrelated side note: if you are ever planning to repaint a boat, tractor paint is just as good and way cheaper. The choices are: Ford blue, John Deere green and yellow, Kubota orange, Massey-Ferguson red, and Allis-Chalmers orange.

Allis-Chalmers built 30,000 Model Gs, all between 1948 and 1955, discontinuing production earlier than they'd hoped. As a comparison, Farmall built 211,500 Farmall A's in its run. And there are over 7 million Honda Civics in America alone. The Model G was a tiny run in the scheme of tractor manufacturing.

The Model G was designed to be used by extremely ambitious gardeners or small farmers. This means

that, unlike pretty much all tractors built in the last 60 years, they weren't made for chemical farming or massive monocrops. They could cultivate, with laser accuracy, up to five rows of plants. They can direct seed with the precision of Zen archery.

There was a whole line of belly-mounted implements built, including seeders, cultivators, plows, a windrower and a hay rake. Because of its open frame and belly mounting, the driver can look down just a couple feet to the ground to study his or her work.

The level of control one has with this machine suits it perfectly to farms where there are many different crops grown in heterogeneous ways, often at different stages in their life cycles – basically, any organic farm that's not a corporation. It's possible that this was the last machine ever built for small farmers by a major manufacturer.

I can't decide if I appear more cool or ridiculous operating the G. Its throttle is a little messed up, so it bucks like a horse when I get it moving. There's no power steering or hydraulics, so I sometimes must struggle, using my whole body to push down the lever that lifts the 200-pound implement.

Somehow my boss does it effortlessly, making minute adjustments of the implement's height while cultivating, lifting both the belly-mounted implement

see AGRARIAN page B4

### BOOK REVIEW

## We Called Him Bunny: A Must-Read For All

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

**MONTAGUE** – Last December, David Detmold reviewed in these pages Richard Andersen's children's book *A Home Run for Bunny*.

Detmold rightly wrote that Andersen's book provided "thought-provoking reading for children 7 and up, for baseball fans of all ages, and anyone who wonders what it was like to be young, gifted and black in a world where star athletes were judged by the color of their skin, rather than their prowess on the playing field."

While the book for children is a delight, and Andersen and illustrator Gerald Prunell masterfully retell the story of Ernest "Bunny" Taliaferro in just a few pages, what readers get in Anderson's follow-up, *We Called Him Bunny*, is the full account of who Bunny and his teammates were, and what actually happened in Gastonia, North Carolina in August 1934.

For those who missed the earlier review, the story in a nutshell is this: In 1934 the New England Baseball Champion American Legion Post 21 team from Springfield traveled to Gastonia to compete in the national champi-

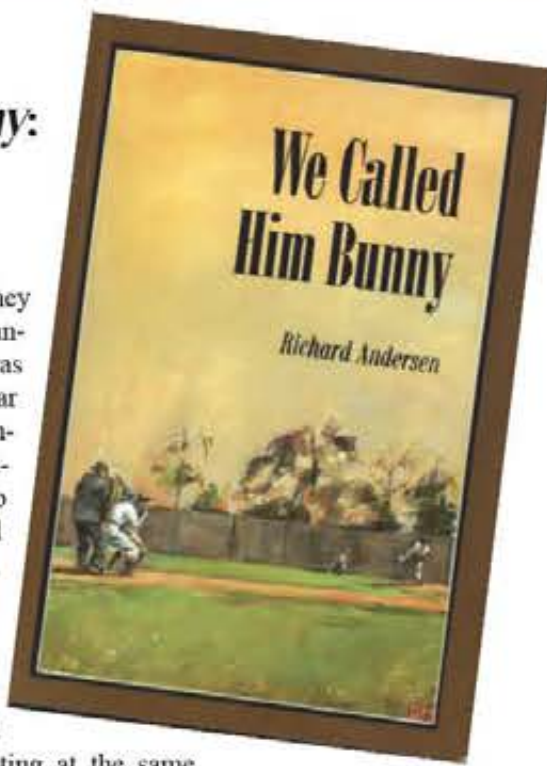
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What they hadn't anticipated was that their star player Bunny Taliaferro, who happened to be black, would be barred from sleeping in the same hotel or eating at the same restaurant as whites, let alone competing against Southern white players.

Andersen tells this true story as a novella through the eyes of three narrators – Bunny, Danny Keyes and Johnny Coffey – all teammates on that amazing team.

The device is brilliant as it allows the reader an inside seat by which to view the unfolding of history as it was being made. We learn who each of these boys is through their reflections on themselves, each other and the impact these remarkable events are exerting on them.

Bunny, whose story is central to the book, is an all-star athlete at Springfield Tech. Regardless of which sport he plays, he quickly becomes the major force on the team.



He plays baseball not only for his high school but also for the American Legion, whose team consists of other outstanding players.

But it is Bunny's pitching and hitting that drives the team to victory in the New England championships. And from there it's on to the nationals. And that's when the real victory takes place.

From the moment the team crosses into the South of Jim Crow, the color of Bunny's skin suddenly becomes a factor. The train conductor scrutinizes Bunny's ticket, not quite believing that an African-American boy could be riding in the Pullman alongside white folks.

This is only a precursor see BUNNY page B4

At Nina's Nook, June 11 to July 16:

## Candace Silver Photographs



**TURNERS FALLS** – Candace Silver's photographs remind us that the world is amazing in all of its wonderful detail. Who could ever imagine these abstract images were inspired by a glass of cola? Silver offers us a rare outlook on the ordinary.

The opening reception with the artist is June 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. (or later) during Turners Falls' upcoming Third Thursday event "Knights, Camera, Action!"

Nina's Nook is located at 125 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. or by appointment.

Silver, of Apache, Blackfoot and Cherokee descent, was born in Missouri and raised in the Ozarks. She now lives in Charlemont.

Silver has been drawing for as long as she can remember and knew by the age of three she wanted to be an artist. Over the years her talents have led her to pursue work in a variety of mediums including watercolor, doll sculptures and all types of digital photography.

Of her work, she says: "My goal is to reveal the inherent beauty of nature – that beauty that moves you."

Nina Rossi, owner of the gallery, said she was delighted to be presenting Silver's work at the Nook. "Her work is really beautiful and elegant. And it's such a stunning surprise when you realize that these striking images are really just photos of mundane objects. I love the light play, the liquids and refractions."

## Pet of the Week

The first thing you may notice about me is the wonderful crown markings I wear on my head. Makes me look royal, I think!

I came here as a stray, and at first I was a little shy, but in my short time here, I've proven to be a big snuggler...I give hugs when I am feeling lovey-dovey.

I must say that I am not a fan of other cats; however, that just gives me more time to share with you and your family.

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## Senior Center Activities June 9 through 13

### GILL and MONTAGUE

Gill / Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at Noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m.

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Kitchen Manager is Jeff Suprenant.

For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is closed.

#### Monday 6/9

- 9 a.m. Foot Clinic by appointment
- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:50 a.m. Chair Exercise
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle

#### Tuesday 6/10

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
- Noon Lunch
- Wednesday 6/11**
- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:55 a.m. Chair Exercise
- 11:15 a.m. Friends Meeting
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Bingo

#### Thursday 6/12

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Pitch & Five Square

#### Friday 6/13

- 10:10 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:55 a.m. Chair Exercise
- Noon Pizza Party
- 1 p.m. Writing Group

### WENDELL

Wendell Senior Center is at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Nancy Spittle, (978) 544-6760, for hours and upcoming programs.

Call the Center for a ride.

### ERVING

Erving Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 24 hours in advance. Call Mealsite Manager Rebecca Meuse at (413) 423-3308, for meal information and reservations.

For information, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity. Call the Center to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out when is the next blood pressure clinic.

#### Monday 6/9

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Osteo Exercise
- 12:30 p.m. Intermediate Quilting

#### Tuesday 6/10

- 8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
- 9:30 a.m. C.O.A. Meeting
- 10 a.m. Dance Fitness
- 12:30 p.m. Painting

#### Wednesday 6/11

- 8:45 a.m. Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Chair Yoga
- Noon Bingo

#### Thursday 6/12

- 8:45 a.m. Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Healthy Bones & Muscles
- Noon Cards

#### Friday 6/13

- 9 a.m. Bowling
- 12:30 p.m. Beginner Quilting

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- Eat a variety of vegetables, especially dark-green and red and orange vegetables and beans and peas.
- Consume at least half of all grains as whole grains. Increase whole-grain intake by replacing refined grains with whole grains.
- Increase intake of fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products, such as milk, yogurt, cheese, or fortified soy beverages.
- Choose a variety of protein foods, which include seafood, lean meat and poultry, eggs, beans and peas, soy products, and unsalted nuts and seeds.
- Increase the amount and variety of seafood consumed by choosing seafood in place of some meat and poultry.
- Replace protein foods that are higher in solid fats with choices that are lower in solid fats and calories and/or are sources of oils.
- Use oils to replace solid fats where possible.
- Choose foods that provide more potassium, dietary fiber, calcium, and vitamin D, which are nutrients of concern in American diets. These foods include vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and milk and milk products.
- Individuals ages 50 years and older should consume foods fortified with vitamin B12, such as fortified cereals, or dietary supplements.

**Foods and components to reduce:**

- Reduce daily sodium intake to less than 2,300 milligrams (mg) and further reduce intake to 1,500 mg among persons who are 51 and older and those of any age who are African American or have hypertension, diabetes, or chronic kidney disease. The 1,500 mg recommen-

dation applies to about half of the U.S. population, including children, and the majority of adults.

- Consume less than 10 percent of calories from saturated fatty acids by replacing them with monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids.
- Consume less than 300 mg per day of dietary cholesterol.
- Keep trans fatty acid consumption as low as possible by limiting foods that contain synthetic sources of trans fats, such as partially hydrogenated oils, and by limiting other solid fats.
- Reduce the intake of calories from solid fats and added sugars.
- Limit the consumption of foods that contain refined grains, especially refined grain foods that contain solid fats, added sugars, and sodium.
- If alcohol is consumed, it should be consumed in moderation.

**By FRED CICETTI**

*Q. I don't seem to enjoy spicy foods the way I used to. Does aging have anything to do with this?*

As we age, our sense of taste may change, but this loss of zing in some foods might be caused by medicines you're taking. Drugs can change your sense of taste, and some can also make you feel less hungry.

So, the aging process and the medicines we're taking can affect our enjoyment of food and, therefore, our nutrition, because we may not eat all we need.

Eating habits in seniors are affected by other problems, too. Some complain about their dentures. Others don't have easy access to transportation to go food shopping.

Those who cooked for a family might find it unrewarding to cook for one. Depression can affect your appetite, too.

So, what should you eat? Below are recommendations from *The Dietary Guidelines* of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Foods and nutrients to increase:**

- Increase vegetable and fruit in-

## TEXT TEASERS by MATT LIEFF

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**What King Arthur does about Lancelot and Guinevere in the postmodern version of *Camelot*.**

*What is he saying? Try your hand at this new game, designed by a local resident. Check page B6 for this week's answer!*

### LEVERETT LIBRARY NEWS

## A Smorgasbord of Events

**The Summer Reading Kick-off Bash** begins Wednesday, June 18. All kids should come by the library to get their summer reading packets, enjoy music from the L.E.S. Band and even pick up a special food treat between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

On Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. the Leverett Film Club will have a screening of *Captain Phillips* starring Tom Hanks. Based on the true story of Capt. Richard Phillips, who was taken hostage by Somali pirates after they hijacked his cargo ship, and the U.S. Navy's efforts to rescue him.

On Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m., local **Author James Scott** will talk about his acclaimed debut novel *The Kept*, a bleak western-like tale of revenge set in upstate New York in the 19th Century.

On Saturday June 28, at 1:30 the library will be showing *The Lego Movie*.

**Spanish Conversation Group**, Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Brush up on and improve your Spanish in a casual and friendly environment. Join the Spanish Conversation group for weekly practice sessions every Tuesday.

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# Montague Parks & Recreation Summer Programs 2014

## Summer Bluefish Swim Team

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings through mid-June  
Monday & Thursday evenings from mid-June to July 17.  
The Bluefish are members of the Pioneer Valley Summer Swim League.  
Meets held on selected Saturdays and Tuesdays.

<b>Montague Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Registration</b>
\$120 (All levels)	\$135 (All levels)	Deadline: June 13!

## 2014 Summer Playground Program

Monday, June 30 – Friday, August 15  
Mondays – Fridays: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Discovery; Sports & Adventures)  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Pre-School Playgroup)

	<b>Montague Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
<b>Pre-School Playgroup</b>	\$35/child/week	\$45/child/week
<b>Discovery Program</b>	\$65/child/week	\$80/child/week
<b>Sports &amp; Adventure</b>	\$75/child/week	\$90/child/week

Spots are filling up – register now!

## Tennis Lessons for Youth 5 - 12

One six-week session, June 23 to August 1  
Where: Turners Falls High School Tennis Courts  
We use USTA's *QuickStart Tennis* format.  
Multiple levels/experience served (Beginner through Advanced)  
Classes held Mondays thru Thursdays, evening classes offered.

<b>Montague Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Registration</b>
\$60/Session	\$65/Session	Deadline: June 14!

## Tennis Double-Mixer League

This is a great opportunity for you to work on your tennis game, and at the same time, meet some other local tennis players!  
Who: Adults 18 & up  
When: Late June - Mid August within your own schedule.  
Where: Turners Falls High School Tennis Courts, Turnpike Rd.  
Register through the Parks & Recreation Office.

<b>Montague Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Registration</b>
\$10/Person	\$15/Person	Deadline: June 13!

## Adult Volleyball League

We're looking to develop the first adult volleyball league in the area! Teams will be "recreational" in nature, with a possibility of becoming more competitive in the future - depending upon interest. If you're interested in putting together a team, let us know!  
Tuesday & Thursday evenings in Unity Park. The first league meeting will be held in late May/early June. If you're interested in putting a team together, and being part of the first sand volleyball league in the area, contact MPRD at 863-3216! 18 yrs. & up. Fees to be determined.

## Unity Park Snack Shack

Starting this summer we will be operating a snack stand out of the Unity Park Fieldhouse! We'll be serving ice cream treats and healthy options in addition to water and juice. So when you're at the park this summer, stop by and grab something that will help you keep playing! The Snack Stand will be open Mondays thru Fridays; 3 to 7 p.m., from late June to mid-August.

## Montague Parks & Recreation Department

56 First St., Turners Falls, MA 01376  
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Montague is a "Playful City USA" Community.

## BUNNY from page B1

to what will come. In Gastonia, they are greeted by a welcoming band, but once the band members catch sight of black-skinned Bunny, they abruptly stop playing.

At the hotel they are told that Bunny cannot stay there as it's a whites-only hotel. The coach eventually works out an arrangement in which Bunny can stay as long as it appears he is the team's servant, but this solution grates on everyone.

And then the boys make it to the field. As Bunny steps to the plate for batting practice, boos and name-calling give way to hurdling of cans and bottles and tomatoes.

Bunny, following the advice of his parents, focuses only on the pitches. The coach throws six

pitches; Bunny hits them all out of the park.

By now the crowd is furious and dangerous. The coach commandeers a bus and manages to get away from the mob. Back at the hotel, a shaken team must make a decision. They can either play without Bunny or not play at all. They decide unanimously to head home, and under the cover of night board a northbound train.

This is a stirring moment in which a group of 15- and 16-year-olds, who want more than anything to win the nationals, realize to a man that true victory comes from courage and standing up for what is right and just and necessary.

Andersen, who lives in Montague Center, has written nearly 30

books and has proven over and over that he knows how to handle every element of storytelling. This book is no exception, but it also may be the most important work he has yet written because the story itself is not only gripping but essential. It is a tale of enormous courage in which heroism is not a goal but simply a moral imperative.

The book is published by Levelers Press in Amherst and is available at local bookstores and through on-line booksellers. Buy this book. Buy two copies, actually, and give one to a young person.

Read, be moved, weep, laugh, cry out with joy and pride. This is a triumph of a book about a major triumph along the road to equality for all.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

### Two Emergencies On NMH Campus

**Monday, 5/12**  
5:55 a.m. False alarm at elementary school.  
8:15 a.m. Alarm due to employee error at Main Road business.  
1:30 p.m. Officer requested at station by Registry of Motor Vehicles regarding a past fatal motor vehicle accident.  
**Tuesday, 5/13**  
10:40 a.m. Restraining order and trespass issue concerning Hoe Shop Road resident.  
11:30 a.m. Complaint of subject riding a dirt bike on Mountain Road. Subject contacted.  
**Wednesday, 5/14**  
2:45 p.m. Assisted Erving PD with motor vehicle stop at the French King Bridge.  
5:30 p.m. Animals reported in roadway at Factory Hollow. Assisted owner.  
**Thursday, 5/15**  
2:50 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Route 10 at Gill Center Road. Subjects transported by Baystate

Health Ambulance.  
5:10 p.m. Medical emergency at Forslund Gym at Northfield Mount Hermon. Subject transported.  
5:50 p.m. Restraining order served to resident on Riverview Drive.  
**Friday, 5/16**  
10:40 a.m. Assisted Barney Hale Road resident with alarm issue.  
11:30 a.m. Assisted resident of West Gill Road with firearms issue.  
7:05 p.m. Reported animals in roadway at Factory Hollow. Owner located.  
7:40 p.m. Highway department requested for dangerous limb over roadway on Pisgah Mountain Road.  
8 p.m. Located male subject trespassing on town-owned land by river.  
**Sunday, 5/18**  
4 p.m. Contacted Mountain Road resident regarding stolen property.

**Monday, 5/19**  
9:15 a.m. Medical assistance provided to Franklin Road resident.  
**Tuesday, 5/20**  
8:30 a.m. Boyle Road resident reported suspicious activity at their home. Under investigation.  
**Wednesday, 5/21**  
9:20 a.m. Cows reported in roadway on West Gill Road. Guided back to fenced area.  
10:45 a.m. Report of motor vehicles speeding on River Road.  
5:15 p.m. Larceny of over \$250 reported from Center Road residence. Under investigation.  
**Thursday, 5/22**  
11:50 a.m. Three-car motor vehicle accident at Route 2 and Main Road. No injuries.  
5:40 p.m. Medical emergency at Health Center on Northfield Mount Hermon campus.  
9:10 p.m. Alarm sounding at Forslund Gym. Checked out OK.

**Friday, 5/23**  
6:15 p.m. Restraining order issued to Hoe Shop Road resident.  
6:55 p.m. Family disturbance on Riverview Drive. Officer quelled same.  
**Saturday, 5/24**  
11:45 a.m. Report of numerous breakings & entries to boats at the Franklin County Boat Club. Under investigation.  
6:10 p.m. Trespassing reported at state boat ramp. No one located.  
6:50 p.m. Officer requested for duck caught up in fishing line. Assisted.  
10:25 p.m. Assisted Bernardston PD with Section 12 subject.  
**Sunday, 5/25**  
2:40 p.m. Complaint of loose dog at West Gill and Center roads. Not located.  
4:45 p.m. Report of kayaker in distress below dam. Subject checked OK.  
5:55 p.m. Assisted resident with keeping the peace at Riverview Drive location.

## AGRARIAN from page B1

and the rear-mounted sweeps right on time at the end of the bed without stopping, all while listening to 24-hour Red Sox AM radio.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century renaissance of the Model G is due entirely to the ingenuity and pluck of organic farmers. The tractor was designed back in the 1930s to fill a niche of scale and practice that is somehow perfectly suited to the organic farmers of today, and it's not surprising that growers would discover and rehab the rusted old hulks from their older-generation neighbors' overgrown fields.

But the real millennial revolution of the Model G was the singlehanded work of Ron Kholsa, founder of Huguenot Street Farm in New Paltz, New York.

Ron, back in 2002, wanted a solution to the problematic post-war gasoline engine in his Model G. This made a lot of sense to me, as

last year we would spend half a day getting it running, then run it down just four 400 foot beds of carrots, maybe 25 minutes of actual work. So he decided to convert it to electric, which he correctly believed would be maintenance-free. He installed four car batteries behind the driver's seat.

It worked truly awesomely. Not only was it reliable in the extreme, the electric conversion doubled its horsepower, allowed it to move incredibly slowly, and the plug-in electricity it used was bought for mere cents.

With funding from a SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program) grant, Ron produced a manual for the conversion he claims people with zero electrical experience can safely complete, and made it available to anyone for free on the internet.

Ron has stated that he can name 100 people who have converted

their Model Gs into Electric Gs, and I can corroborate that I've seen several with my own eyes.

Next time you see an Electric G, I encourage you to think about its inspirational qualities and the character of organic farmers. The G is simple, utilitarian, and adaptable, and its skeletal steel frame hides nothing in a true form-follows-function way. It was a good idea, designed back when good ideas were still marketable.

The G has managed a strong comeback on the same future-is-the-past trajectory as the growing practices of organic farmers. Both represent the agelessness of sound thinking and appropriate design.

As the G has reborn itself as an electric steed, I know that organic farmers will continue to evolve and craftily perpetuate themselves throughout the changing times.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

Motorboats, Dirt Bikes: Still Legal In Leverett...

Thursday, 5/1 6:40 p.m. Alarm at a North Leverett Road residence. Owner checked with officer. All OK.

Sunday, 5/4 12:35 a.m. Alarm at a Long Plain Road residence. Checked home, all OK. No keyholder available.

Tuesday, 5/6 11:30 a.m. Checked a Montague Road residence with Homeland Security agents, attempting to locate a resident. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 5/8 3:30 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Montague Road. No injuries. Operator from Orange swerved to avoid an animal, lost control of the vehicle, and skidded off the road. Air bags deployed; Rau's towed vehicle.

Tuesday, 5/13 3:15 p.m. Assisted Sunderland PD with a domestic disturbance at Cliffside Apartments. Dispatched a

wounded porcupine at a Montague Road residence.

6:45 p.m. North Leverett Road resident complained of harassment by a neighbor. Ongoing issue. Report taken.

Tuesday, 5/20 9:43 a.m. Landlord of a Montague Road apartment reported a possible breaking & entering into the duplex. Checked apartment. No intruder found, evidence of a past B&E. Report taken.

Wednesday, 5/21 3:25 p.m. Alarm at a Lead Mine Road residence. Homeowner check with officer, no intrusion. Malfunction. Alarm reset.

Friday, 5/23 10:07 a.m. [redacted] homeless. Charged with breaking & entering, malicious destruction under \$250, and trespassing into a Montague Road residence. Warren booked and transported to Orange

District Court. Saturday, 5/24 11:30 a.m. Motor vehicle found running unattended in the travel lane on North Leverett Road. Operator warned verbally; vehicle moved.

Tuesday, 5/27 5 p.m. Co-op complained of a stray dog hanging around. Officer located the owner on West Chestnut Hill Road in Montague. Dog returned to owner.

Friday, 5/30 1 p.m. Putney Road resident reported motorboats being operated on Leverett Pond. Not a violation. No action taken.

Saturday, 5/31 8 a.m. Long Plain Road resident having landlord/tenant issue. Advised civil issue.

11:30 a.m. Long Plain Road resident complained of dirt bikes being operated by his neighbor on the neighbor's own property. No violation. Caller advised of this.

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