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What Kept the Salmon Away?



JOHN FURBISH PHOTO

Mickey Novak

BY JOHN FURBISH

GREAT FALLS - This year was not a very good year for the Connecticut River Atlantic salmon program. Only 41 returning salmon were counted at the Holyoke dam.

Adult salmon live in the ocean off Greenland, but in spring attempt to return upstream to spawn. The eight to ten pound salmon cannot leap over the dam in Holyoke. The only way for salmon to get north of that dam to upstream waters whose chemical

smells are imprinted on their noses is to pass through the two elevators at the Robert Barrett Fishway at the Holyoke dam.

This year, the count of Atlantic salmon passing beyond the Holyoke dam was very low, 41 through May when the spawning season ended. That's about two thirds of last year's total, said Mickey Novak, manager of the Cronin National Salmon Station in Sunderland during his June 17th address to a small, apprecia-
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BY JOSH HEINEMANN & DAVID DETMOLD

WENDELL - Wendell resident Dave Reynolds, president of Atlantic Geothermal LLC, headquartered on River Street in Erving, would like to drill the largest geothermal energy plant in New England, if not the world, six miles below Wendell Depot, through solid granite.

Critics say the plan is unfeasible. Reynolds told the Wendell selectboard on June 23rd it can be done.

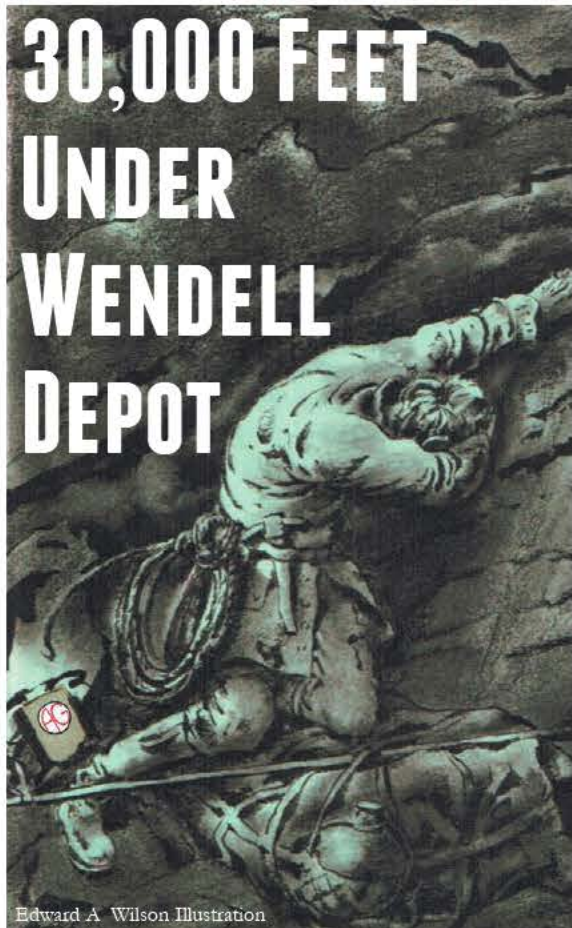
Six miles below the surface, the Earth's temperature is 600 degrees, and Reynolds proposes to tap that heat to generate electricity. Atlantic Geothermal would use ten acres of state forest land on the north edge of town to build a generating plant and infrastructure, and from that surface lot would drill down 30,000 feet to reach the high temperature rock. Six miles down, Reynolds would drill a horizontal system of pipes 3,000 feet by 5,000 feet, (about 345 acres), and fill the entire system with an initial charge of 70 million gallons of water.

That initial charge of water would stay in a closed loop system, and be pumped to the surface carrying the Earth's heat with it. At the surface, the heated water would be used to generate electricity and then returned cold back down to where the hot rock would heat it again, in an endless cycle. This system is called a closed loop energy mine.

Wendell lies over the Pelham Dome, a gneiss formation that stretches from Holyoke to New Hampshire, with a crystal structure that will allow heat to move into the recharge area from surrounding rock at a rate no faster than the heat energy is pumped out through pipes and up to the generating plant.

Because of the expense of construction, a 160 megawatt plant is the minimum size that Atlantic Geothermal expects would be cost effective, at a price Reynolds estimated at \$760 million. Additional modules could be added later, or in the original construction, to produce 330 Mw, at a cost of \$1,440 million or 1,330 Mw at a cost of \$5,560 million.

Reynolds told the selectboard construction would take three years: the vertical shaft taking one year to drill, the horizontal recharge system another



Edward A. Wilson Illustration

"My last hope, the courage which had sustained me, drooped before the sight of this pitiless granite rock!"
- Jules Verne, A Journey to the Center of the Earth

year. The aboveground structures and generating plant would be built while the horizontal recharge system is being constructed underground. A third year would allow for "overcoming challenges of developing a prototype, and to prove that the system is safe and is performing as calculated."

Drilling noise would be minimal, Reynolds said, once the vertical shaft has reached a short way down, and the plant's generators would be underground as well, so the plant would be quiet to operate.

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Quarter Million Dollar Hybrid Fish

BY DAVID DETMOLD

GREAT FALLS - "Face it. With less than four dozen salmon returned this season, the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission has no product to show for the millions of dollars they invest annually."

That's how writer and naturalist Karl Meyer summed up his observation of the most recent semi-annual meeting of the CRASC on June 22nd. The meeting took place at the Silvio Conte Anadromous Fish Lab in Turners Falls.

"Eighty-five percent of CRASC effort goes to studies and hatchery production of hybrid salmon each year," noted Meyer, "which they put in the river as six million fry, and thousands of slightly larger factory-farmed baby salmon called smolts. They then recapture these fish at several down-

stream dams, and take thousands of samples from them to study in their labs.

"The CRASC performs study after study on the genetics of the hybrid salmon. It is basically a self-perpetuating program, keeping hatcheries hatching year-in, year-out, and keeping scientists supplied with little tiny bits of factory hybrids to study year-in, year-out."

Meyer added, "They never talk about results, that is, the number of salmon returning to spawn."

Meyer said he posed this question to the council members on June 22nd.

"I like to look at patterns, and apply common sense to what I'm seeing. I was just down at Cape Cod for a week, where the lead editorial in the local paper was about a study out of Woods Hole Oceano-

graphic Institute stating that lobsters are actually walking north due to climate change, moving into deeper, colder spots in the ocean due to more and more days where shoreline sea temperatures are above 68 degrees F.

"Here are the numbers for salmon returns for the last half decade at the Holyoke dam, 86 miles from the sea on the 410 mile long Connecticut River: 2005 - 132 salmon; 2006 - 115; 2007 - 107; 2008 - 86; 2009 - 60; 2010 - 41. In light of this, and given that the Atlantic salmon is an extinct cold water fish and the Connecticut is the southernmost river Atlantic salmon ever colonized, don't you think it would be appropriate to have an independent entity take a look at your program and
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Massachusetts to Narrow Eligibility for Biomass Plants

BY JOSHUA WATSON

GREENFIELD - In a development that seems likely to undercut the future of Pioneer Renewable Energy's proposed 47 megawatt biomass electricity plant in Greenfield, Energy Secretary Ian Bowles on Wednesday, July 7th, sent a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, directing them to remove Renewable Portfolio Standards eligibility - and with it the ability to generate lucrative Renewable Energy Credits - from any biomass plant deriving less than 60% efficiency in the use of its fuel, or effecting less than a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to a similarly-sized fossil fuel plant over a 20 year cycle.

The directive comes as

a result of the findings of a study released June 10th by the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, which found that plants like the one planned for Greenfield would achieve only about 25% fuel efficiency, and that the carbon debt, or the amount of time before a biomass plant began to represent a net carbon emission savings, would be about 21 years if replacing a coal plant, and more than 90 years if replacing a natural gas plant.

In light of the Manomet study, Bowles wrote, "We have a deeper understanding that the greenhouse gas impacts of biomass energy are far more complicated than the conventional view that electricity from power plants using biomass harvested from New England natural

forests is carbon neutral. The findings of the Manomet study have changed the policy landscape for biomass energy production derived from wood fuels."

For biomass, the energy efficiency levels the letter described are likely only achievable by combined heat and power plants, which burn biomass to generate electricity and then utilize the residual heat generated in that process to heat homes and other buildings. The town of Brattleboro, VT and the Brattleboro Thermal Utility are in the planning stages to construct a 2.2 megawatt district heating biomass plant in the south end of town.

According to the Bowles's letter, the new Massachusetts regulations would be put in place by the end of this year.

PET OF THE WEEK**Outdoor Type****Wildey**

My name is Wildey and I'm a ten-year-old female short hair cat in need of a good home. They call me Wildey, not because I'm a crazy "wild child," but because I lived out in the wild for years.

Living outdoors is not easy. No reliable food source, no laps to curl up on, no people to talk to. It's a rough life! But my new friends here at the adoption center have shown me just how great indoor living can be!

When I find my forever home, I will still have to be an outdoor cat. But I really want a family to build my life around. Could that be with you? For more information on adopting me, please contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society at 413-548-9898 or via email: info@dpvhs.org.

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CARNEGIE LIBRARY NEWS**Music and Movement Moves to the Carnegie**

TURNERS FALLS- The weekly Music and Movement series with Tom Carroll and Laurie Davidson is being held at the Carnegie Library on Thursdays at 10 a.m. during July and August. Young children of all

ages and their parents or caregivers are invited to the free programs. Registration is not required. The series is sponsored by the Family Network. For more information, please call (413) 863-3214.

SLATE LIBRARY NEWS**Upcoming Workshops on Saturdays in July**

GILL - On July 10th, at 11:00 a.m., Jeannie Hunt, a Northampton based book artist will lead a book-making workshop: "Hand Crafted Nature Journals". Children will create their own miniature journal and use them for exploring and learning about the natural world. Participants will gather materials from our local environment and draw and write in their hand made books. This workshop is funded by the Gill Cultural Council, a branch of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Pre-registration is required.

On July 17th, 11:00 a.m. - A program on block printing with natural imagery will be held. Participants will design a linoleum print based on drawings

they create from our natural world. Subject matter can range from landscape to animal portraiture. After cutting their linoleum block, students will learn techniques for inking and printing. Pre-registration is required.

On July 24th, 10:00 a.m. - Kelly Flaherty of Henna Elements introduces participants to this ancient art form. Leaves of the henna plant are crushed and used as a natural paint in ceremonies and rituals around the world. Explore the history and art of the henna plant and leave with a beautiful henna tattoo. Pre-registration is required.

Slate Library is open Mon 2-6 p.m., Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Saturday 10 - 2 p.m. Call 413-863-2591 for more details.

ERVING LIBRARY NEWS**Upcoming Programs in July**

On Monday, July 19th, 4:00 p.m. the library will host a program on Yu-Gi-Oh, a Japanese collectible card game.

On Wednesday, July 21st, Mandy Roberge will teach children ages 6 - 10 (at 2:00 p.m.) and children ages 11 - 14 (at 4:00 p.m.) about Recyclable Art. Materials will be provided for these two-hour workshops for school-aged children.

On Monday, July 26th, at 7:00 p.m., join artist Luc Bodin as we create origami "Wild Things."

On Thursday, July 29th, at 6:00 p.m., Animal Invaders will

swarm through the library when a traveling program from the Boston Museum of Science returns. Learning to live Green includes learning to coexist with the animals that share our planet.

Three live invaders will visit the library, and presenters will explain details associated with living in close proximity to them.

The theme for Sunday Swap Day on July 18th is Tools & Computer Stuff. Bring what you are through using and look for what you need. The library is located at 17 Moore Street. Call (413) 423-3348 for more info.

Creating Your Haven - A new free program starting Monday, July 12th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Turners Falls Women's Resource Center, 41 Third Street. Registration is required. The class is limited to eight participants. For more information or to register, contact TFWRC Programs Coordinator, Christine Diani at (413) 863-2455 or email christine@mcsm-community.org by Friday, July 9th.

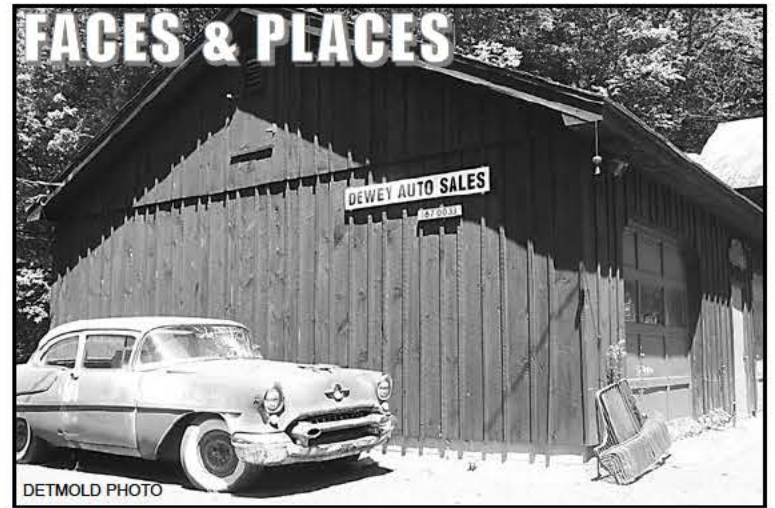
SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES - July 12th to 23rd

GILL/MONTAGUE Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Friday at Noon. Meal reservations must be made a day in advance by 11:00 a.m. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. Poet's Seat Health Care Center's Registered Pulmonary Therapist, Rani Silver, will be presenting a "Breathe Easy" Program on Thursday, July 29 that will include a free respiratory screening, tips on breathing easier, and information about pulmonary health. Call the Senior Center to sign up for the program and free respiratory screening. For information or to make meal reservations, call (413) 863-9357. Call the senior center for information on any programs.

Mondays, July 12th, 19th

9:00 a.m. Foot Clinic by appointment (7/12)
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
11:00 a.m. COA picnic (7/12)
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group
Tuesdays, July 13th, 20th
9:00 a.m. Walking Group
1:00 p.m. Canasta
Wednesdays, July 14th, 21st
9:00 a.m. Foot Clinic by appointment (7/14)
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
12:45 p.m. Bingo
Thursdays, July 15th, 22nd
1:00 p.m. Pitch
Fridays, July 16th, 23rd
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
1:00 p.m. Scrabble
1:00 p.m. Writing Group

ERVING Senior Center, 18 Pleasant St., Erving (Old Center School, 1st Floor), is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregating meals. For info and reservations, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center



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MONTAGUE LIBRARY NEWS**Summer Reading Programs Update**

BY LINDA HICKMAN - The Montague Public Libraries are very busy with the summer reading programs for children and adults. Over 160 children have already signed up between the three libraries. The adult program has also started. Adults may register at any of the three libraries. Participants read selected books and receive a raffle ticket for each book. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer.

On Friday, July 9th at 10 a.m. is the annual No String's Marionette Company's show, *Field of Faeries* held in Peskeompskut Park or the Carnegie Library, depending upon the weather. Amy Donovan of the Franklin County Solid Waste District will present two green programs for children of all ages and their families. The first is Reduce, Reuse Recycle on Tuesday, July 13th, at 10 a.m. at the Carnegie Library. On Wednesday, July 14th, at 10:30 a.m., she will demonstrate how to generate compost by raising special worms. Lou of Lou's Upcycles will also present two workshops on creative recycling at the Carnegie Library, both on Tuesday, July 20th. At 10 a.m. is *Creating Upcycled Plam: Making and Using Yarn from Plastic Bags* for ages pre-K - 2nd grade. At 2 p.m., is *Creating Fabric From Un-Recyclable Plastic Bags* for ages 3rd grade - adult.

Weekly programs for children

are held daily Monday thru Thursday. On Mondays at the Montague Center Library at 6:30 p.m. is the Evening Sing-a-Long with Linda on guitar and banjo. The Millers Falls Library Club is for all ages on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Millers Falls Library. It includes thematic stories, arts and crafts, and snacks. Story Hour at the Carnegie is Wednesdays 10:15 a.m. with Ruth. It is designed for young children and includes stories, music, puppets, crafts and snacks. On Thursdays through July and August at the Carnegie is the very popular Music and Movement for young children program with Tom Carroll and Laurie Davidson.

All three libraries have air conditioning and computers with high speed internet, with wireless internet available at the Carnegie. The Carnegie Library, 201 Ave. A, Turners Falls, 863-3214, is open Monday - Wednesday 1 - 8 p.m., Thursday 1 - 5 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Montague Center Library, 367-2852, is open Monday and Wednesday, 2 - 5 and 6 - 8 p.m. The Millers Falls Library, 659-3801, is open Tuesday and Thursday, 2 - 5 and 6 - 8 p.m.

Sustainable Finance

A seminar on "Sustainable Finance 101" covering financial planning for personal well-being, vibrant community and ecological health will take place at the Brick House, 24 Third Street, Turners Falls, Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., August 5th through September 23rd. Registration information: please contact Richard Witty at 413-774-2136 or by e-mail at rswitty@verizon.net.

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Director, at (413) 423-3308. Lunch is daily at 11:30 a.m., with reservations 24 hours in advance. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity.

Monday, June 28th
9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
12:00 noon Pitch
Tuesday, June 29th
8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics
12:30 p.m. Painting
Wednesday, June 30th
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
12:30 p.m. Bingo
Thursday, July 1st
9:00 a.m. Aerobics
Friday, July 2nd
9:00 a.m. Bowling
11:30 a.m. Lunch - Call the center for details.

WENDELL Senior Center is located at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Kathy Swaim at (978) 544-2020 for hours and upcoming programs. Call the Center if you need a ride.



Local Briefs

Tips for Saving Water Outdoors From the T.F. Water Dept.

COMPILED BY DON CLEGG - The Deerfield Valley Art Association Summer Special event will be held on Saturday, July 10th from 3 - 5 p.m. Artists will demonstrate their technique under tents on the lawn of the Gallery 38 (next to the Discovery Center) on Avenue A in Turners Falls. Refreshments served; for more info, contact: deerfieldvalleyart.com

The Montague Community Band will be performing their last two area summer concerts for the season at Peskeomskut Park in Turners Falls on Mondays, July 19th and August 2nd. The concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Bring your picnic blanket and chairs.

The weekly Wednesday Great Falls Farmers Market is holding its second **Sunday market** on July 18th starting at noon and continuing until 4:00 p.m. Mid-July is getting to be good harvest time so there should be a wide selection of area produce. For more information call Don at 413-336-3648 or go to MontagueMA.net and click on the farmers market selection.

"Christmas in July" returns to Barton Cove at dusk on Saturday, July 31st. Many area boaters decorate their vessels with Christmas lights and parade the river in the area near the old Red Bridge abutments, for the delight of viewers on the banks in Unity Park and Riverside. As the boats circle the area a DJ plays old time favorites on a crack sound system. Or sometimes a crackling sound system. Can you imagine Santa piloting a boat with helpers in bikinis? After the boats are safely back to port, the public enjoys a beautiful fireworks display.

Rescheduled on account of rain! Join Discovery Center staff on Saturday morning, July 24th, for a leisurely **Water Under the Bridge Historical Bike Tour** ride along the Turners Falls Bike Path highlighting the history of the river bridges in Turners Falls and Montague City. Learn about the many challenges associated with getting over the Connecticut River historically in our villages. How do they compare with our current Gill-Montague Bridge construction? Participants will meet outside the main entrance to the Discovery Center located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls at 11 a.m. Bring your bike, water, bug repellent, helmet, and sun block. Call 413-863-3221 for more info.

Jeff Bridges will perform with his longtime close friend John Goodwin at the Montague Zen Farmhouse, 177 Ripley Road in Montague Center, on Friday night, August 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Goodwin wrote the opening music for the movie Crazy Heart for which Jeff won an Oscar for Best Actor. Tickets are \$40 each in advance only and there will be no tickets sold at the door. For more info call Laurie at 413-367-5272.

Send items to: reporter-local@montaguema.net

Obey water use restrictions:

Local water suppliers know the limits of their system and will enact voluntary or mandatory restrictions accordingly. Always follow the advice or restrictions provided by your local water supplier.

Don't water during drought:

Most lawns can survive extended dry periods without watering - they will turn brown, but revive once the rain returns.

Water only as needed:

Frequent light watering can actually weaken your lawn by encouraging shallow roots that are less tolerant of dry periods. Water your lawn only as needed, generally no more than once or twice

a week.

Timing is critical:

The best time to water your lawn is early morning (4 to 6 a.m.). Avoid watering at mid-day to prevent high evaporation and sun-burned grass.

Use shut-off nozzles on hoses:

Unattended hoses can use 10 gallons or more per minute. Use shut-off nozzles to save water. Also, if you have an in-ground irrigation system, use a rain shut-off device that prevents the system from operating during rainstorms.

Capture and reuse rainwater:

Use cisterns or rain barrels to cap-

ture rainwater from downspouts for use in your yard. A lid, mesh fabric or several drops of baby oil on the surface will prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Keep your blades sharp:

Keep your mower blades sharp to prevent tearing of grass and raise your lawn mower's blade to 2 1/2". Longer grass provides shade for the roots and helps reduce water loss.

Mulch to keep roots moist:

Mulch can serve as a ground cover that reduces water evaporation from the soil while reducing the number of weeds that compete for soil moisture.

Father DiMascola Reinstated

TURNERS FALLS - On Thursday, July 1st, the Diocese of Springfield informed Father Charles DiMascola, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Turners Falls that the investigation the diocese had been conducting into a single complaint alleging DiMascola had violated the diocesan child protection policy had concluded. DiMascola had been placed on leave during the second week of June, while the investigation proceeded. Thursday, he was reinstated.

Here is the statement released by the diocese in connection with the

matter:

"Springfield Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell has informed Father Charles DiMascola that he may resume his duties as pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Turners Falls effective immediately. Bishop spoke by phone with Father DiMascola late on Thursday, July 1st and informed him of the decision.

"Father DiMascola was placed on a temporary leave a month ago to allow for an investigation to take place in the parish. This review was deemed necessary because of an alle-

gation which came forward to the diocese alleging certain violations of diocesan child protection policies and the Code of Conduct. At no time was there any allegation of sexual actions.

"The investigation's findings, which were reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Review Board, found no evidence to support any serious impropriety. However Bishop and the review board did cite a lack of thorough compliance with diocesan policies designed to avoid just such a situation and Father DiMascola has agreed to address these issues immediately upon his return.

"In a letter to be read at all Masses this coming weekend Bishop McDonnell writes, "there is no question that it is in the best interest of us all that any impression of impropriety on the part of anyone working for the Church be brought forward, and there is no question that once brought forward the matter must be investigated."

GREAT FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

BY BRIDGET SWEET

TURNERS FALLS - Site coordinator Gail Merkel of the 21st Century Community Learning Center summer program at Great Falls Middle School still has openings for new sixth graders and current middle school students.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays until August 5th. There is a \$65 weekly fee to Hampshire Educational Collaborative; some scholarships are available.

Merkel runs the summer program with head teacher Lee Kanash and TFHS junior Mark Hudyma, a certified lifeguard and Eagle Scout candidate. Franklin County Tech School junior Holly Doyle also volunteers.

Hudyma and Kanash guide the students through the woods, learning about the local flora and fauna while keeping cool in the shade. Long socks or pants are a must. The students pick blueberries and avoid poison ivy.

Free breakfast (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.) and lunch (11 a.m. - noon) is served daily for children under 18 at the school cafeteria, and students in the summer

program may also take advantage of this option if they choose not to pack their own lunch. Students should bring their own water bottles.

After lunch, Hudyma uses his eagle eyes to watch over the students as they swim in the Olympic sized T.F.H.S. pool. And swim they do, with the weather sooo hot!

The students completed their first week last Thursday with a car wash fundraiser at Food City parking lot, where they earned \$64.60. Many thanks to Food City and to all who supported them.

Merkel said, "They need the money to get out of the building. It costs \$185 just to travel to Barton Cove by bus."

Merkel is already looking into having a booth selling baked goods at the downtown Block Party this August 14th to raise funds for the upcoming after school program.

For more information on the Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp at Great Falls Middle School, please contact gmerkel@gmrsd.org, or at (413) 230-0822.

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You Got My Number

Shirley Johnson, of Greenfield, a senior citizen in a summer dress, was sitting at a picnic table in Unity Park with her friend from Springfield, Barbara Erwin, when Governor Deval Patrick walked up to shake their hands.

"You look shorter than I thought," said Johnson.

"I'm taller on TV," quipped Patrick.

But like President Obama, since taking office Governor Patrick's stature seems to have been continuously undercut by forces just beyond his reach.

This proved true again on Friday, June 25th when the governor took yet another swing through Western Massachusetts to tout the gains of his job creation efforts and infrastructure improvements, only to find his message dimmed by news that day of eleventh hour budget cuts on Beacon Hill, brought on by the inability of Democrats and Republicans in Washington to pass another round of unemployment benefits for workers laid off for longer than six months along with enhanced Medicaid

of the governor's hand.

Nevertheless, Patrick gamely took the podium flanked by Congressman John Olver, Mass Department of Transportation Secretary Jeffrey Mullan, District II state highway boss Al Stegemann, and hard hatted workers in orange security vests from SPS New England, with the Gill-Montague Bridge they are busy repairing as a dramatic visual backdrop. The governor and his transportation secretary talked up the regional impact of road and bridge improvements now underway "in every corner of the Commonwealth."

For decades, officials in Western Mass never tired of repeating the complaint that all federal and state highway dollars in Massachusetts were being plowed into the Big Dig, while roads and bridges on this side of the state fell to wrack and ruin.

That was before a simple trip from one end of Franklin County to the other resulted in myriad detours, sometimes involving unscheduled side trips to Bernardston on 1-91 when all you want to do is get to the

ment" throughout the state, the governor continued, "that is creating over 20,000 jobs at a time when we need them."

He thanked Congressman Olver (after mistakenly calling him Oldman; the Congressman retorted, "I've been called worse!") for helping to bring 80% of the funding for the Gill-Montague Bridge renovation from federal grants.

"We're investing in the future," said Patrick.

And here he turned to a young man named James Biddulph, age 7, with sticky sunflower butter on his hands, whom he had greeted 20 minutes earlier at the Great Falls Discovery Center, and displayed one of a good governor's winning traits. That is, being able to recall a constituent's name even when he can't recall a congressman's.

"We're investing in James's future," Patrick said. "Seeing our stake in each other is a generational responsibility. Each of us must do all we can to leave it better for the ones who come behind us."

Warming to his theme, the governor continued, "In our time, we have to step up for the generations to come. This is what this bridge project is about. April saw the biggest rise in job creation in 17 years in the Commonwealth, the fourth straight month of steady gains. We're getting it done. It's making a difference."

Massachusetts, like most states, has been rolling out road projects funded with federal stimulus dollars as fast as the ink can dry on the checks from Washington, but the Gill-Montague Bridge has been in the pipeline far longer. Locals can remember talk of the state

repairing the bridge back in the 1960s.

The steady job gains associated with stimulus projects may hit the wall when the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding runs out, and DoT secretary Mullan noted that only 10% of the bridges rated deficient in Massachusetts have been repaired under the Patrick administration so far. And the impact of cutting 9% from higher education funding in the July 1st budget, along with cuts to programs like childcare for workers in transition, have yet to be reflected in this year's employment stats.

"Immensely frustrating," said Patrick, asked to comment on the Washington impasse that so far has denied Massachusetts \$600 million in enhanced federal Medicaid payments. "Both the House and the Senate approved bills," to extend unemployment benefits, that also contained the enhanced Medicaid funding, "but the two houses could not agree on a final bill."

The logjam resulted from the Senate being unable to gain approval over the solid opposition of Senate Republicans, Patrick noted.

"This is hurting people all over the country, not just here in the Commonwealth."

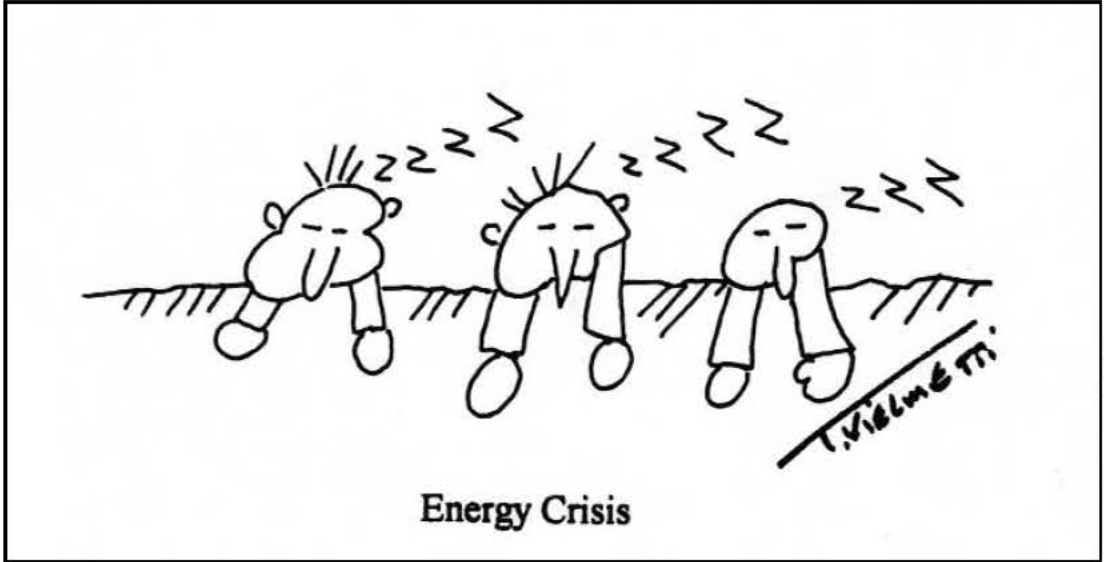
After his speech, the governor spent a few minutes talking with local residents, including Montague Business Association president Chris Janke, who thanked the governor for his commitment to making the bridge project happen.

"I liked your focus on the future," said Janke, "but sometimes it feels like the entire focus of the bridge project is the future. Business owners in town are depending on traffic coming

over that bridge for the next four years," while construction is in progress, Janke said. "We need mitigation. I appreciate your support for signage," to help motorists navigate the detours, "but if we need more help as the project advances, I want to be able to call on you."

Patrick, running hard for reelection, has already made more visits to Western Massachusetts than any governor in living memory.

He assured Janke he could call on him anytime if he needed to - in the next four years.



TIM VIELMETTICARTOON



Governor Deval Patrick (left) chats with Montague Business Association president Chris Janke in Unity Park on June 25th.

payments for the states.

That stalemate resulted in the loss of \$600 million in federal aid Massachusetts legislators had been counting on to cushion the already steep cuts (4% in unrestricted local aid; 2.5% in education) in the FY'11 budget that went into effect July 1st. On June 24th, that loss resulted in a frantic round of late night budget cuts on Beacon Hill to programs ranging from child care for transitioning workers to programs for senior citizens, like the ladies at the picnic table shaking

rotary in Greenfield from Route 2.

But hey, when you delay road projects in one area for that many years, you have to expect a little inconvenience.

"Thank you for coming out today to celebrate a great project!" Patrick began.

The microphone was not working, so a small crowd of curious bystanders huddled close.

The \$40.7 million Gill-Montague Bridge repair is "part of over \$4 billion in invest-

Your Viewpoint is Requested

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's Wrong with this Picture?

During the last Montague town meeting I voted against a petition that involved, in part, asking our Congressional representatives to vote against continued funding for our military forces from Iraq and Afghanistan.

I did this because I felt that it was best to fight the Taliban on their territory rather than in our streets and cities.

In a recent publication of the *Air Force Times* I read that our contracting officers in Iraq and Afghanistan are to receive \$80,000 in bonuses if they sign up for four more years at a bonus of \$20,000 for each year.

These are not civilians but military officers drawing a rate of pay with benefits according to their rank. This includes medical, housing, food, overseas pay, and retirement benefits. I could get into the civilian contractors' rate of pay, but that is another story.

Please, readers of this letter, don't get me wrong. I am still firm in my belief that we should stay, but when the men and women who are fighting the Taliban in a small platoon sized or company sized compound in the mountains of Afghanistan, eating K-rations, sleeping wher-

ever they can, facing combat conditions and drawing \$100 a month combat pay, I feel that there is something wrong with this picture.

In my almost 30 years of military service we called it devotion to duty, but I guess times have changed. The following paragraph from the *Air Force Times* will explain the government's reason:

"Stretching the Numbers: The Air Force has more than 900 contracting officers. In the past five years, the service has brought in an average of 70 new contracting officers a year. However, increased deployments have created a strain on the service's state-side obligation. That's why the service is offering big bucks to keep the contracting officers with experience."

I have a great grandson who has served three tours in Iraq and is headed for Afghanistan, probably this fall, as a sergeant in the Marines. I don't believe he will ever see this kind of reenlistment bonus, but God bless him and all the other military who are protecting our way of life.

**Art Gilmore, SMSGT
USAF RET., Millers Falls**

An Open Letter to Assistant D. A. Cynthia Pepyne

This letter is in response to your request for information about conversations I may have had with fellow school committee members prior to our May 18th, 2010 meeting, at which we elected a committee chair. You have apparently received a complaint that a quorum of the school committee discussed (and in effect decided on) a chair outside of a posted public meeting in violation of the state open meeting law.

First, I never had conversations about the election of chair with a quorum of the committee, either in person or through the electronic media, prior to the May 18th decision. Secondly, I did have a few brief conversations about the issue with, I believe, two individual committee members. These discussions primarily involved speculation as to whether the then current chair,

Mike Langknecht, would choose to run again (he chose not to do so).

One of the committee members with whom I discussed the issue was not re-elected and did not participate in the final decision.

When I entered the meeting on May 18th, I was not sure who would run and specifically was not sure whether the person who was eventually selected, Emily Monosson, wanted to be chair. Actually, she appeared to make up her mind during the course of this very public meeting. My main concern - expressed at the beginning of the meeting - was not who would be chair but the whole process by which the committee selected a chair, which I consider to be deeply flawed.

My main concern at this point is the open meeting law and its application. I understand your

A Short History of the Richardson Road Beaver Dam

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Beaver are second only to humans in the power to transform an environment. When we began working here at the top of Richardson Road more than 30 years ago, as well as building a house, we wanted to tend sheep. This required us to do battle with the beaver and we spent a summer season dismantling their dam as it was built. The beavers gave up and left.

The area to the west of the creek that runs through the gap between Chestnut Hill and Diamond Match Ridge through our land was a meadow we had hoped would feed a small herd. It did not. Sheep are voracious. And, a local gang of neighbors' dogs killed our two best ewes.

When the beavers returned ten years later, we let them stay in part because the pond decreased the area we had to keep clear so the power company would not spray herbicides, herbicides bound with fuel oil #2 that would run down into Williams Brook, to the Saw Mill River, to the Connecticut River.

The meadow to the west of the creek - the electric company had appropriated the east side shortly before we settled here - had been, during one of its incarnations, a cranberry bog. The cranberrier had straightened the creek, dug lateral canals leading into the creek, and built a dam so the bog could be flooded in winter to protect the berry plants from frost. The beaver began their dam at the dam made by the cranberrier.

Over 30 years ago, there was already a sizable beaver pond at the Montague end, just off Chestnut Hill Loop. We used to skate there in winter. There were

two sets of wooden utility poles right in the middle of that pond. Those poles were placed there going on 40 years ago. The beavers' first lodge this side of the loop can still be seen.

The electric company knowingly raised five sets of wooden poles in a wetland. They did nothing about the poles for nearly 30 years.

In 2000 we agreed to allow them to lower the pond and keep it lowered, by installing a 'beaver deceiver' pipe, so they could more easily access their poles. But, the power company did not then try to service their poles. Nor did they do anything to maintain the beaver deception.

The beaver piled wood under the pipe, raising its middle above the water level, eventually unfastening the entrance of the pipe from its anchor. The beaver also built a back-up dam below the dam containing the deceiver. The power company has done nothing in the last ten years to restore the level of the pond to the agreed level of 2000.

The environment the beaver have constructed over the past nearly 40 years is a community asset. It is used as an educational tool by elementary school teachers. A graduate student at UMass has been studying the behavior of painted turtles for the highway department, so tunnels of optimal shape and lighting can be put under roads near turtle habitat.

It is also a community recreational resource. We invite our neighbors to use our canoe and kayak in warm weather, and to skate on it in winter.

Finally, it is a much needed reservoir of water should these woods dry out and catch fire.

Some neighbors have their

concerns. One neighbor wishes the Richardson Road connection between the end of our driveway and the Chestnut Hill loop might be restored, though Leverett discontinued that connection before it was flooded. Some complain about the possibility of West Nile virus and encephalitis, though the frogs and toads and birds, even the few surviving bats, and especially the large variety of dragon flies now native to this environment keep the mosquitoes down. Giardia? Don't drink the water or swim in it. Who would but a beaver? Other neighbors don't want any changes made to the beaver pond and want to leave the wetland habitat in its current state.

The most valid point against the pond is the concern of downstream neighbors who might be flooded should the dam be breached.

During the flood of 1997, we were in China, but we know from our sons who were living here that the beaver dam as well as the over 200 year old human dam in North Leverett center held, while Richardson Road and the bridge where the creek crosses North Leverett Road were washed away. And, should the electric company seek to lower the dam, as agreed a decade ago, they will have to breach it, so it behooves them to get straight with the downstream neighbors.

Finally, one last time. We do not object to the company lowering the pond to the agreed level so their engineers can reach their poles. But, we hope they'll improve their follow up and maintain whatever they install.

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**- Julie Shively
& Dan Bennett,
Leverett**

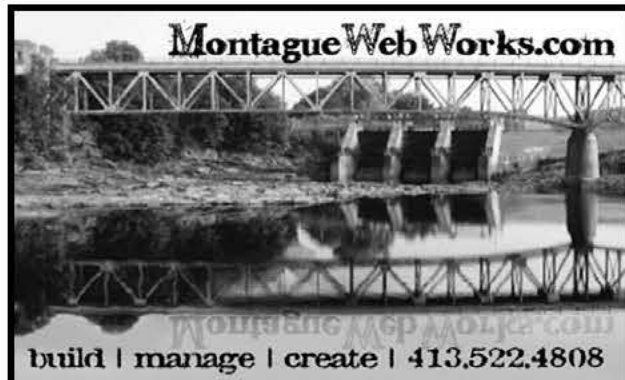
For example, I have spoken to several members of the school committee about your letter. I would not be at all surprised if such discussions were widespread and involved, in the end, a quorum of the committee. If these discussions influence a decision of the committee have I been violating the open meeting law?

These questions are not intended as an attack on your office, which in my experience has tried to show common sense

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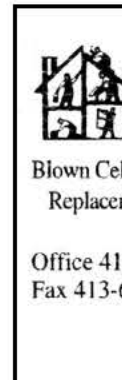
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NOTES FROM ERVING SELECTBOARD

Unanimous Approval from Town Meeting

BY DAVID DETMOLD - On Thursday, June 24th, Erving held a brief special town meeting, that unanimously approved spending \$22,000 to purchase an all terrain vehicle, trailer and associated equipment to be used for search and rescue missions for hikers, winter camp checks, and forest fire fighting in mountainous terrain by the police and fire departments.

Fire chief Bud Meattey said his department had to climb to 1600 feet fighting the Bear Loop forest fire in May. "People were shocked how far up we had to get. We had to borrow people's private ATV's for that fire. When hikers call for assistance, we've had to walk in with all kinds of gear. This will be a quick access unit to reach those places," Meattey explained.

Town meeting voters also approved spending \$7,000 to equip all four police cruisers with defibrillators, moving \$10,000 to supplement the finance committee's \$30,000 annual reserve fund, and moving \$21,000 to the town's stabilization fund.

All four articles were approved unanimously, with

about 20 people in attendance.

The need to allocate \$60,000 arose after annual town meeting when the assessors determined that amount of money was available from new growth in FY'10. The town decided to allocate the \$60,000 before the end of the fiscal year, when it would have rolled over into free cash, and would have been held there pending state certification of the free cash account, a process that can take months.

Assistant assessor Jacquie Boyden said the new growth resulted from a combination of new personal property equipment installed at Northfield Mountain, also at WMECo, along with a new cell phone tower constructed to the north of Route 2, and some new residential construction.

"There was not much on the residential side, I'll be honest," said Boyden.

In other news, the selectboard received an update from town administrative coordinator Tom Sharp on the derelict Usher Mill property, owned by Patriots Environmental, a Worcester salvage company.

Sharp said after Franklin

County cooperative building inspector Jim Hawkins wrote to Patriots Environmental demanding that the company repair a perimeter fence that had fallen down around the partially demolished mill property, the company did, in fact, send someone to stabilize the front section of the fence.

"We've done what I hoped to accomplish for now, in terms of the town's liability," said Sharp. "Now we'll wait for the next step."

This spring, annual town meeting approved spending up to \$500,000 to demolish the remaining structures at the Usher Mill complex, since Patriots Environmental has until now been slow to respond to ongoing requests to secure the site and complete the cleanup of the property.

However, former planning board chair Jeff Dubay has pushed for the town to preserve at least the building that once housed the mill's boiler, saying it is structurally sound, has historic value, and could serve as the focal point of a future redevelopment of the site, which borders

the Millers River.

Sharp presented the selectboard with a memo from Todd Brown, from the engineering consulting firm Tighe and Bond, answering some of the questions the town has posed about the Usher Mill.

Brown wrote on June 18th, that "the boiler building is the only structure on the property that retains some structural integrity. However, there is significant water damage apparent along the western wall, indicating the need for roof and possible wall repairs."

He wrote that the mill's existing masonry chimney would be ten times cheaper to demolish than repair. The chimney is listing toward Arch Street, and shows loose or missing mortar near the top of the chimney.

Brown also advised the town to leave the existing slabs of any buildings the town demolishes, to enhance the ability for future redevelopment at the site, within the confines of the Rivers Protection Act, which grants broad exceptions for redeveloping former mill sites near rivers.

The memo noted the absence of town water and the narrow railroad overpass on Arch Street as inhibiting factors to redeveloping the mill complex, but listed housing development within

sight of the river as one possible future use.

Sharp thanked the town of Wendell for forwarding a check for \$5,780 to reimburse Erving for its assistance in the cleanup effort following a destructive tornado that blew through Wendell in July of 2006. Wendell had to wait until this spring to finally receive payment from the state to cover costs associated with that storm, but Erving was glad to finally receive their portion.

"I thought this was very cool," said Sharp.

Sharp updated the board on the status of the new senior center project. The \$2.2 million construction contract for the new building will be advertised in the Central Register on July 28th, with bids due back by middle of October. Sharp said the town hoped to award the contract for construction in early November. "We're hoping they can complete the foundation work before the winter," Sharp said.

Bruce Hunter, of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority has been retained as the town's owner's agent for the project. A clerk of the works will soon be hired. The town is likely to continue to retain the services of John Catlin, of Quincy, MA as the project's architect.

Montague Proposes to Remove Barriers to Development at Strathmore

BY BILL FRANKLIN - "Location, location," the mantra of the real estate business, certainly applies to the old Strathmore Mill in Turners Falls, with its wonderful views of both the power canal and the Connecticut River. But "access, access" is the problem on the town of Montague's agenda right now for the abandoned mill complex - a problem the town hopes to solve with a \$1.9 million Public Works and Economic Development grant for a new

pedestrian bridge and a parking area.

The town is applying to the state for a PWED grant to be used to revitalize the Strathmore site and make it more attractive to business investment by replacing the existing pedestrian bridge, cleaning up the debris left from the 2007 arson fire that destroyed Building #10, and creating up to 214 parking spaces where the debris pile now sits.

The Strathmore site has had a varied history. The mill was built in 1871 by John Keith and operated as a manufacturer of fine paper products. First utilizing the power-generating capacity of the nearby canal, the mill grew to employ up to 300 workers in its prime, and operated until 1992, when International Paper pulled the paper making machinery out and shut the mill down.

By 1996 the complex

appeared to be reborn as a mixed-use structure. The abutting Indeck cogeneration plant provided heat to the buildings and 35 tenants ranging from artists to small industries were attracted to the affordable two dollar per square foot rent. But when Indeck decided to discontinue its coal fired plant two years later and end the supply of free heat, the nascent business incubator soon closed its doors.

In 2007 an arson fire destroyed Building # 10 near the center of the Strathmore Mill complex, leaving a huge mound of asbestos contaminated debris, an obstacle to redevelopment in the remaining buildings.

During a public hearing on Tuesday, July 6th, Montague's new town planner, Walter Ramsay, met with interested parties to explain the town's strategy for utilizing PWED grants to remove barriers to development at the Strathmore Mill.

The project would proceed in two phases, said Ramsay: the first phase would replace the existing pedestrian bridge, which has been condemned, with a new structure at a cost of about one million dollars. The second phase would provide funds to clean up the debris pile (\$485,000 - \$600,000) and provide parking (\$250,000), Ramsey estimated.

The idea, said Ramsay, is to "leverage public - private partnership" and to get the site designated as a "priority development property" by the state. Although the proposal "doesn't completely address the access issue," Ramsay said, "it is a step in the right direction."

So far, the "soft" work of feasibility studies has been done. The town has a preliminary design and a structural analysis of the pedestrian bridge. In addition, the Urban Land Institute has offered free assistance on how to move forward with the property and how to market it to investors.

One idea, offered at the meeting by building inspector David Jensen, is to use part of the site as a transportation hub. "Greenfield is developing its transportation center," said Jensen, "Montague should consider a public transportation connection, including a bus stop."

One of the problems that must be addressed in the redesign of the pedestrian bridge is how and where to locate the existing water and sewage lines that cross the canal suspended from its structure.

Davis Hobbs, co-owner of Turners Falls Hydro, which operates in one of the mill buildings, made the obvious point that having drinking water is important to his business.

First Light Power Company currently owns the pedestrian bridge, but Ramsey said the power company would transfer ownership of the bridge to the town if the grant funding comes through.

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The Barn

BY DOROTHY HMIELESKI MONTAGUE CENTER - My dad was a logger back in the days when horses were used rather than heavy equipment. Sometime after 1926, my mother and father purchased their own house in Montague Center and decided to build a barn.

The barn was built on an embankment, so the back part was lower than the front. On the first floor were four stalls and two haylofts as well as a large grain box and pegs for hanging the harnesses and saddles. There was a small opening in the back in the stall area so that when the stalls were cleaned, the manure could be shoveled out onto a large pile outside. The lower level opened onto a pasture and provided space for more stalls that were added at a later date.

The barn not only housed the workhorses but over time cows, a riding horse and at one time, a goat. It had a sliding door in the front and was painted the tradi-



JOSEPH A. PARZYCH PHOTO
The old barn still stands, just south of Ferry Road on Turners Falls Road

tional red with white trim.

Over the years the barn became much more than just a structure to house animals. At one time my father put up a basketball hoop. There was ample room between the door and the first stall to shoot hoops. He also made a trapeze that swung out over the hayloft. If we were to fall, we landed in the soft hay.

It also provided many hiding places for playing "hide and go seek" or "sardines" - behind the

grain box, in the hayloft, or in the mangers. We also engaged in some activities that were not approved of by our parents, such as walking along the broad beams that supported the barn.

When we were grown and returned to visit our parents, the grandchildren enjoyed playing in the barn as we once had.

My father owned several fields that were mown every summer to provide hay for his horses. Usually he enlisted my

older brother and one or two men from the community to help him with the haying. However, he had one small field that he always asked me to help him with.

First he would mow the field and after it had a day or two to dry, he would take me to the field in his pickup truck, and we would turn the hay over with pitchforks. When the hay was thoroughly dry, he would hitch the horses to a wagon and we would go to the field. Once there we would rake the hay into mounds. Finally I'd drive the team around as he pitched the hay onto the wagon.

As we made our way home I would ride on top of the load and make sure it didn't shift one way or the other. The last step was to pitch the hay up to the hayloft in the barn.

It was hard work and often very hot, but I loved riding on the wagon to and from the field and having my father all to myself.

One summer my father was logging on a lot that was some distance from our home. Rather than drive the horses back and forth every day, he boarded his

team at a farm that was closer to the lot he was working on.

When he finished the lot he took my older brother and me out to the farm, hitched the horses up to a wagon and left us to drive them home. It was a glorious fall day and we enjoyed making the leisurely trek from Chestnut Hill down North Leverett Road, across Route 63 in Montague and on home. My brother allowed me to take the reins for part of the journey, which made the day even more special.

People sometimes comment that I walk quickly. This is a result of something that happened in my childhood. When my father was about to start a new lot the first thing he did was walk through it to get an idea of what the terrain was like and what it would yield. Sometimes when he was looking at a new lot he would take me with him. He always strode through the woods at a fast pace. I would have to scamper to keep up with him. I never asked him to slow down because I was just happy to be there.

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Montague Applies for \$1.9 Million Strathmore Grant

BY LINDSAY MACE - Calling the Strathmore Mill the "linchpin of the downtown and townwide revitalization effort," Montague's new town planner, Walter Ramsey, sought and won select-board backing for the town to apply for \$1.9 million in grant funding to remove obstacles to development at the mill complex.

The town will seek the funds in two phases from a Public Works and Economic Development grant, which is funded by state transportation bonds. The state extended the deadline for Montague to put in the application, town administrator Frank Abbondanzio said.

In the first phase, Ramsey said the town hoped to rebuild or renovate the condemned pedestrian bridge connecting parking areas along Canal Street with the Strathmore complex, and also to do the design work for a new parking area where the former Building #10 stood, up until it was destroyed by arson in 2007.

In the second phase, the town will seek to remove the asbestos tainted debris from that arson pile

and build the parking lot.

All these tasks are fraught with complications around easement and right of way issues. The foundation of Building #10 is built on three levels, accessed variously by the canal level access road, or beneath Southworth Paper Mill.

Patricia Allen was only half joking when she told Walter Ramsey, "You've jumped right into the fire, haven't you?"

With the board's approval, Ramsey mailed off the PWED grant on Wednesday morning.

Abbondanzio noted the town had a good track record with PWED grants, batting three for three. In 1983, the town received \$300,000 to jumpstart the Avenue A streetscape improvements, "the first major investment in revitalizing downtown."

That was followed soon after by a similar sum for 3rd Street and 7th Street streetscape improvements, and in 2003 by \$450,000 for parking behind the Colle Opera house. The state has invested smaller sums in feasibility and design work at the Strathmore,

and Abbondanzio believes the state will be inclined to protect those investments in downtown redevelopment with further funding, to make the Strathmore more attractive to private investment and promote job growth.

Town employees Tina Tyler of the water pollution control facility, Steve Lively and Reggie Stevens of the highway department, building inspector David Jensen, veteran's agent Leo Parent and town administrator Frank Abbondanzio were all recognized at the Tuesday night meeting for their 20 plus years of service. The board acknowledged the six employees' "spirit of cooperation and support," with certificates of appreciation and cupcakes from 2nd Street Bakery.

The River Culture program will hold their 4th Annual Block Party on August 14th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Avenue A, between First and Fifth Street. River Culture's theme at this time of year is Footprints, and coordina-

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DA Investigates Complaint of Open Meeting Law Violation in Gill Montague School Committee Chair Election

BY DAVID DETMOLD - A complaint has been lodged with the Northwestern District Attorney's office over a possible open meeting law violation in connection with the recent election by the school committee of Emily Monosson as school committee chair.

On May 20th, the day after the annual town elections in Gill and Montague brought two new members to the committee, Monosson was elected chair on a second ballot vote. The school committee's first ballot ended in a 4 - 4 tie between Monosson and Joyce Phillips, with Monosson abstaining. On the second ballot, Monosson voted for herself, breaking the tie 5 - 4.

As reported at the time (*MR VIII #33*; Monosson Elected Chair of Gill-Montague School Committee), "There was a little back and forth between [Michael] Langknecht and Phillips, who had served as chair and vice chair of the committee last year. The tension

between them was evident as Phillips suggested an effort had been made behind the scenes to prevent her from becoming chair again this year, and Langknecht suggesting this was "the pot calling the kettle black," and mentioning several issues where he felt Phillips had worked against him. Phillips responding by attempting to clarify her actions and denying Langknecht's accusations. The other members listened in silence."

This week, Gill-Montague superintendent Carl Ladd confirmed there has been an open meeting law complaint lodged with the DA's office regarding Monosson's election as committee chair.

"The district attorney's office is in the process of investigating the complaint," said Ladd. "All the school committee members have been asked to submit a statement by July 23rd," to the DA's office.

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Theater Review

Broken Hamlet and Burnt Toast

Vermont Theater Company presents William Shakespeare's Hamlet at the Shea

BY DAVID DETMOLD
TURNERS FALLS - In Act III, Scene iv, the Queen (Heidi Fagan) asks Hamlet, "To whom do you speak this?"

It's a reasonable question, because her son seems addled, chatting with an offstage ghost. But the question could have as easily been asked on behalf of the entire audience at the Shea Theater on July 2nd, the opening night of the Vermont Theatre Company's production of *Hamlet* in Turners Falls, since so many of the actors' lines were delivered to the wings, to the winds, to anyone but those who sat before the stage straining to apprehend them.

As to that ghost, Burt Tepfer, he was personable, and like all ghosts, we wish we had seen more of him.

Polonius (Robert

Wellington) was great, a study in sagacious tempo-rizing, with fl a w l e s s delivery. But therein lies the problem. When was the last time anyone left a production of *Hamlet* saying, "Polonius was great"?

Tarted up in anime costumes, sporting anachronistic cell-phones (as is all the rage in revivals now, see David Cromer's *Our Town*) and machine guns along with their customary rapiers, the Prince of Denmark (Colin Hinckley, showing great promise, like a thoroughbred ridden by an inexperienced jockey) and his coevals spit out



Hamlet (Colin Hinckley) with the Players: (l-r) Veda Crewe-Joseph, Sam Empey, Burt Tepfer, and Greg Phillips

the most famous of the Bard's speeches rapid fire, as if director Adrienne Major were hoping by the speed of their renderings to render moot the oft repeated musings on her central character's central problem - delay.

True, the play is infused with wonderful life and energy in Major's tightly wound rendition. But by the jarring dislocation of the playwright's most profound scenes and soliloquies, the director and her company succeed in little else than dissolving the whole of a great work and slamdancing it to pieces.

Claudius (Dennis Molesky), perhaps consumed by guilt over his regal fratricide, perhaps chewing horse chestnuts, mumbles his way through the first two acts before delivering a riveting version of his soul baring "O, my offence is rank, it smells to heaven" speech in Act III, Scene iii (and delivering it straight to the audience, where it belongs).

His queen outshines him in every respect. Ophelia, (Johanna

Macri), cannot decide whether to play the part for sympathy or horror and in fact drowns herself far too late in the play for anyone's satisfaction.

Let's not mention Laertes.

But Rosencrantz (Katy Emond) and Guildenstern (Elias Burgess) are fun to watch throughout, arch, wry and witty, and seem like talented character actors from an episode of *Miami Vice* who wandered onto the wrong sound stage by sheer accident.

It was a fascinating wreck to watch. It was fascinating to watch Evel Knievel in his day jump one more car than possible. By contrast, no one was hurt in this production, although the stage was littered with the customary corpses as the curtain fell.

Still, despite a fifteen minute intermission, a masterpiece was mangled in record time.

The Vermont Theater Company reprises Hamlet at Patch Park in Charlestown, NH on July 9th and 10th, at 6 p.m.

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tor Lisa Davol said musical headliner Primate Fiasco, as well as the Fabrication Fashion Show featuring local designers using repurposed items will fit neatly into the Footprint theme. Davol said the only thing missing to make the Block Party complete is someone to step forward and organize a parade. Call her at 413-230-9910.

As a part of their summer reading series, the Carnegie Library will hold a puppet show in the bandshell at Peskeomskut Park on July 9th from 830 a.m. to noon.

The board approved spending \$2500 from program income funds to convert historic film footage of the town's 200th anniversary parade, along with numerous halftime events from high school football games, to modern media under the direction of local filmmaker Steve Alves of Hometown Productions. Copies of the resulting DVDs will be sold to benefit River Culture.

The footage, believed to be shot by one time Park Villa drive-in owner Joe Kurkulonis, has been unseen for decades.

On Fourth and L streets, La Bodega's first anniversary celebration this weekend is once again in limbo as the board was unable to approve the permit due to outstanding (and unspecified) permit issues with the board of health. A second condition that building

owner Trevor Ladoyt pay overdue back taxes was promptly met, board chair Pat Allen pointed out.

In related news, the board also received a petition from a number of individuals regarding noise complaints about La Bodega's outdoor music and a store bell. Allen thanked the public for bringing the matter forward, and said the board would study noise bylaws and policies recognizing a number of sound issues a small town may encounter so "the citizens and the selectboard can feel more comfortable knowing what's acceptable."

The town will accept proposals until August 5th at 2 p.m. from developers interested in reusing the former Montague Center School building.

Going into executive session, Turners Falls Airport manager Michael Longo and chair Peter Golrick were in attendance last night for a discussion about possible litigation with the board.

Before the board voted to go into executive session to hold the discussion, member Mark Fairbrother, who voted against closing the meeting to the public and press, but said the board would have to "tread carefully regarding what we can say," if the discussion were held in open session.

The selectboard will meet again on July 19th at 7 p.m.



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Assistant district attorney Cynthia Pepyne sent a letter to each of the nine committee members on June 22nd, asking them to detail conversations they may have had outside of open meetings with other school committee members regarding the pending election of committee chair.

Ladd said the school committee's lawyer,

Russell Dupere, advised the committee members to "respond as directed" by Pepyne.

Phillips said she was first notified of the investigation by Dupere "as we were going into negotiations," over teacher contracts.

Pepyne confirmed, "We have an investigation ongoing," but would not comment on its progress.



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Gill Approves Energy Performance Contract with Siemens

BY DAVID DETMOLD

GILL - There was one point in the continuation of Gill's annual town meeting on June 28th when it appeared the voters were on the point of sacrificing a \$150,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources in order to avoid borrowing up to \$280,000 more to finance energy conservation measures in town buildings.

A motion to enter into an energy savings performance contract with Siemens Building Technologies to perform the energy upgrades had just been approved by a vote of 30 - 17, when town moderator Ray Steele

explained the next measure, to authorize borrowing for the performance contract, would require a two thirds vote to win approval.

Various residents and town officials began doing the math as the discussion continued. Two thirds of 47 is...

Even if one person who had voted against entering into the contract with Siemens changed their mind and supported the borrowing it would not be enough. Two voters would need to switch. And Beth Greenblatt, from Beacon Integrated Solutions, the town's consultant for the energy performance contract, made it clear Gill would sacrifice the

competitive \$150,000 grant it had been awarded by the DOER if the measure to finance the energy improvements fell short.

The \$150,000 grant is dedicated to helping the town remove and replace an old, inefficient boiler that is built into the basement of the Gill Elementary School in a manner that recalls Mike Mulligan's steam shovel: it will be expensive to remove, yet the town will soon have to replace it, as it is near the end of its useful life. So passing up the \$150,000 grant would have only delayed the day of reckoning for this capital improvement project, and forced the town to shoulder

the entire cost.

But many voters were dubious of the cost and necessity of the other energy improvement projects that were on the menu for other town buildings, including heating and ventilation upgrades, energy efficient lighting fixtures, and insulation. In theory, the cost of these improvements would be paid for by energy savings resulting from the improvements, over the course of 20 years. What's more, Roland Butzke, Siemens' project manager, was on hand at the meeting to tell the voters that those savings would be guaranteed by his company, and if the actual performance of the energy upgrades fell short, Siemens would issue an annual check to the town of Gill to make up the difference.

Still the doubts persisted. Will the school district agree to repay the town for the installation of the boiler and other improvements at the town owned elementary school, since the energy savings would appear as reductions in the district's operating budget?

"We're negotiating with the school district," said selectboard member Ann Banash, who pledged the town would indeed be reimbursed for those savings.

"What other towns have agreed to performance contracts with Siemens?" Orange, Leverett, Greenfield, Rowe, Montague, Charlemont, and Conway, with other contracts pending, said Butzke.

"This sounds like a wonderful project," said former highway boss Ernie Hastings. "I don't believe it. Your costs are going to go up. The costs of oil and electricity will go up. We're going to pay prevailing wage rates to come in and do something I tried to convince the town to do for 20 years."

Greenblatt said Siemens calculated a 3% escalator in the cost of energy, compounded over 20 years, in determining how much financing the guaranteed energy savings would pay for.

"What if Siemens goes bankrupt in that time? Who would guarantee the savings then?"

Greenblatt admitted the town would be taking a calculated risk that that the global giant, with 420,000 employees and 2009 revenues in excess of 96 billion dollars, would go belly up in the

next two decades. But she pointed out the town would still own the building improvements, even if that were that case, and would still be enjoying the energy savings guaranteed by the corporate behemoth today.

"Would the savings from the energy performance contract be enough in the first years to make payments on the loan without impacting the town budget?"

"I'm concerned about the town budget too," admitted Banash. "After the first year, we'll be fine."

It fell to finance committee member Jim Poulsen to make a ringing endorsement of the proposal.

"We're not borrowing for something we don't have to do. We know we need to replace the boiler," Poulsen said not only would the town save money on its energy bills to repair its buildings now, but it would put less pollution into the atmosphere as a result.

Hastings left the room before the vote. The motion carried by a declared two thirds majority.

In other business, town meeting agreed to leave the positions of tax collector, treasurer and town clerk elected, not appointed, formally approved a bylaw establishing an energy commission, and agreed to pass the voluntary energy stretch code, an emendation to the state building code that provides for stricter standards in new commercial and residential construction in Gill.

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study whether the Connecticut was ever an appropriate river to target for salmon restoration?"

Meyer said this question was tabled by CRASC chair Wayne LaRoche as a policy question, not appropriate for that segment of the June 22nd meeting. Meyer said he has posed the same question at previous meetings of the CRASC.

On the 22nd, he pressed the climate assessment question again to LaRoche, who responded with a rhetorical question, "Why would we go outside the agencies? We have the experts."

Another attendee, Tony Demick, a member of Trout Unlimited from Hancock, MA, noted there is no real data to support the goal contained in the CRASC charter, to restore Atlantic salmon to historic levels in the Connecticut.

"So, what is your goal, 70 fish? Forty fish?" Demick asked.

Reached by phone this week, LaRoche disputed Meyer's imputation that the salmon restoration

effort should be judged by the declining count of returning salmon over the last five years.

"Given the number of smolt and fingerlings that are being placed into the river, I doubt there is any statistical degree of significance in that decline."

He elaborated, "In relation to what we're stocking, 132 salmon in 2005, 41 salmon in 2010, either way that's not many. I would place no significance that in the last five years or so there has been a slight decline. We know we don't have the returns we'd like to have here on the Connecticut.

"However," LaRoche continued, "We've been engaged for a number of years in studying the returns we get and taking samples from them, and we've been able to use genetics to determine what families of returning fish are successful. We're trying to determine where we're getting success, and which rivers those families are returning to. There's been a long backlog of data that have not yet been analyzed."

LaRoche continued, "This

year, the members of the commission have come up with funding to begin the process of analyzing these samples. We're expecting the first results of these analyses to be presented to the CRASC sometime this winter. This data will allow us either to edirect or restructure the effort, allowing facts to provide the basis of changing what we do."

Meyer allowed, "The CRASC is now doing some more work proactively on the other species they are responsible for: herring and shad."

Meyer said on June 22nd, the Connecticut River coordinator, Ken Sprinkle, reviewed fish passage numbers and noted the Turners Falls fish ladder this year has passed nearly 14,000 American shad, the most shad since 1996.

Also at the June 22nd meeting, Meyer posed the question, "Since Northfield Mountain had a three and a half week outage, for the first time in over a decade, where they were shut down to dig out the silt from the reservoir, and

since its pumped storage operations are the single most immediate impact on river levels in this stretch of the Connecticut, have CRASC or Conte Lab done any testing or factoring in of that? Did anyone look into that as the reason for this profound increase in shad passage at Turners Falls? No," said Meyer. "They just looked at flows through the gatehouse and river temperatures."

Still, LaRoche maintained this week, "A lot of good things are occurring from the Atlantic Salmon restoration program, with improved upstream passage bettering the odds for young sturgeon, blueback herring and shad."

Meyer countered, "If LaRoche is defending the salmon program for helping blueback herring passage, how would he explain a total of 92 herring reaching Holyoke this year, in contrast to the 310,000 that passed there in 1990? Or returning shad numbers over the last decade staying at lows not last seen since 1978?"

"As a group we're interested in all the species," LaRoche said.

"We have the big picture in mind."

But he cautioned, "To make any major changes in this program, we need to move forward with data. We need to wait for results. It's our intention to take those actions that will give us the best cost benefits in the future."

Following the meeting, Meyer said, "The salmon program budget has always been kept obscure, as it is funded publicly across three federal agencies and four state fisheries programs."

Meyer said he was not challenged at the CRASC meeting on June 22nd when he used the figure \$10 million a year for an estimate of the program's total cost.

This week, LaRoche said, "I do not have that number at the tip of my tongue," when asked how much the Atlantic salmon restoration program in the Connecticut River costs annually.

But if Meyer's estimate of \$10 million per annum is fair, then this year taxpayers paid about a quarter million dollars for each returning fish.

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Atlantic Geothermal is considering one other site in Massachusetts - in Fitchburg - two sites in Vermont and one in Maine. The site in Wendell Depot has the advantage of being sparsely populated, close to a transportation corridor and electric transmission lines, and in an area that could use economic redevelopment, Reynolds said. Some financing may come from pre-selling electricity to commercial customers at \$0.04 /kWh.

Reynolds said the plant could provide electricity for a passenger monorail to Boston.

Ron DiPippo, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at

UMass Dartmouth and an international consultant in the field of geothermal energy, reached this week for comment on Reynolds' proposal, called it "fantastic."

"In order to reach the required temperatures in Massachusetts you would indeed have to go something like six miles down. Geothermal wells have never been drilled to this depth. It would require a very large diameter well drilled to that depth - like drilling the Ted Williams Tunnel. It is beyond my imagination. I cannot conceive of that, especially in Massachusetts, where the drilling would be very, very difficult."

If Reynolds were able to over-

come the technical and financial hurdles of drilling a large diameter shaft to a depth of six miles through New England granite, DiPippo said, "Now you would have to drill horizontally for a very large distance with off tunnels, perpendicular to the main shaft, and reconnecting to it," on a scale that has never been attempted, much less achieved, anywhere else in the world.

But Reynolds insisted in a phone interview this week that "more advanced drilling rigs," could accomplish the six mile deep, 345 acre wide project, even through New England bedrock.

He acknowledged it would take a two thirds vote of the state legislature to permit development in the Wendell State Forest, a requirement he called "a major hurdle."

But he said, "There are facilities of this size, usually encompassing separate wells." (The largest geothermal system in operation today is the 955 megawatt Geysers project north of San Francisco, which takes advantage of a naturally occurring steam field.) Drilling to such depths "has been done in a number of applications for nuclear tests," Reynolds maintained. "We're talking about using the latest technology."

Reynolds told the selectboard, "Now is the time to be developing new and innovative sources of energy, before the amount of available fossil fuel becomes critically low and the cost of energy grows suddenly."

Wendell energy task force member Jonathan von Ranson expressed skepticism about such a large scale project, and how it might impact the town.

One way it might impact Wendell is in the revenue department. Reynolds said he calculat-

ed his geothermal project would contribute \$19 million in annual tax payments to the town.

Town administrative assistant Nancy Aldrich said, "That would be a significant improvement over what we have." The town runs on approximately a \$2 million annual budget, presently.

Reynolds said his closed loop see **WENDELL** page 16

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Youths on the Tracks

Tuesday, 6/22

10:22 p.m. Report of three teenagers laying on the railroad tracks by Franklin Grocery, youths gone upon arrival.

Friday, 6/25

8:30 a.m. Report from Pratt Street residence regarding barking dogs at neighbors. Observed barking dogs.

6:05 p.m. Spoke with residents at River Street address regarding bark-

ing dogs last night.

Sunday, 6/27

6:55 p.m. Dispatched to Unity Park for male subject trying to jump off Gill-Montague bridge, subject transported to Franklin Medical Center.

Wednesday, 6/30

10:13 p.m. Arrest of [redacted] for fourth offense of driving under the influence, reckless operation of a

motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and marked lane violations on Route 2.

Thursday, 7/1

7:30 p.m. Citation issued to [redacted] for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and registration not in possession on West High Street.

WENDELL PHOTO CONTEST

A second annual photo contest will be held coinciding with Wendell Old Home Day, August 21st.

The theme for this year will be "Conversations, Repetition, Revolution." All photos should be taken in Wendell and submitted in digital format, limit ten submissions per person. The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 9th. Photos should be emailed to: cteixiera@gmail.com.

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Simple Living Proposal to be Heard by Board of Health

BY DAVID DETMOLD

WENDELL - On Tuesday, July 13th, at 7 p.m. the board of health will hold a hearing on an application by Jonathan and Susan von Ranson to be able to construct and reside in a 750 square foot non-electric apartment on the second floor of their recently renovated barn.

The von Ransons hope to gain legal approval for their plan from all relevant permitting authorities in order to reduce the environmental impact of their living space. They have lived before with a hand pump for well water and a wood stove for heat and cooking, and they would like to live that way again.

Their former home was way off in the woods, but their proposed apartment would be right

in the center of Wendell, on the town common. Thus there was no question of an out of sight, out of mind approach to relevant building codes, which presently require electric wiring, running water, and a septic system for any approved living space.

"It feels much better using less energy," said Jonathan von Ranson. "We can do a lot better than being a bigger energy consumer, with relatively little trouble. In fact, it's an interesting challenge, finding the appropriate level of interaction with our source of heat, our water and toilet system. That is all very real to us. We don't intend to grow old without a fight."

At the same time, von Ranson said, "We are part of this community. We don't want to be seen as

outside of it in any respect. We want to have our i's dotted and our t's crossed, bureaucratically.

"Many people would like this right," he added, "and in a sense we're fighting for them too."

Toward that end, the von Ransons have already received approval from the planning board for their proposed non-electric apartment, but that approval was contingent on their receiving similar approval from the board of health, which had formerly opposed the idea.

However, the makeup of the board of health changed in the spring election, when Jennifer Fyler unseated Harry Williston.

The planning board, in granting special permitting approval, also made that approval contingent on the non-electric apartment

being occupied by Jonathan and Susan von Ranson themselves. The planning board's approval of the non-conforming apartment would end when the von Ransons end their occupancy.

Jonathan von Ranson said the board of health's approval would not be the last stop in their quest to live simple, legally.

"The board of health is the most important, but we also have to get the OK from the building inspector, the plumbing inspector and electrical inspector."

But the von Ransons are not daunted by the hurdles they still have to cross. "There is a lot of support for the proposal." In a town of about 1000 people, "We gathered 230 signatures [from adults, on a petition supporting the proposal]. Only a tiny handful refused to sign it. Most people said, 'It's not legal? Sure, I'll sign

that.' We also have the endorsement of the selectboard," von Ranson added.

"We've lost the ability to face the mechanics of life without the tools of high technology. People have to relearn the basics." He acknowledged, "Kerosene lamps are fairly sophisticated things, as is a masonry cook stove. That's a pretty evolved piece of technology, and we plan to use a dedicated flue in the masonry stove chimney to ventilate the composting toilet, instead of a fan, to make that system work."

But in general, a 750 square foot apartment, well insulated, with a hand pump connected to a well, a cook stove, and a composting toilet, call it simple if you will, "It's a very suitable and appropriate way to live in this society and on this Earth," von Ranson said.

Montague Soapbox Races

BY MICHAEL MULLER - The Montague Soapbox Races, to be held Sunday, September 19th, are gearing up! There are six weeks left in the racer registration period, which ends Monday, August 16th. We are only accepting 150 racers, so get your application in soon. We're anticipating a broad range of vehicles, from serious racers looking to roll the farthest, to carts that resemble bathtubs.

The race rules have changed recently. Cart weights are now graduated based on the age bracket of the racer, and include the weight of the racer: Kid Racers (8-12) no more than 200 lbs including the racer; Teen Racers (13-19) no more than 300 lbs including the racer; Adult Racers (20+) no more than 400 lbs including the racer. Racers are allowed to add weight, such as sand bags, to their vehicles as long as the total weight is not over the limit.

The track will also be more difficult for all racers... we have decided to add hay bale chicanes to the track starting at the bottom of the hill. Yes, there will be obstacles - zig zags - in the track, greatly increasing the likelihood of crashes or flips for Adult Racers, so please, make sure your cart is sturdy and has a low center of gravity.

Good luck to you all!

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and flexibility in the application of the law. However, your original request to the committee was for statements from members regarding "deliberations," with deliberations clearly defined as "a verbal exchange between a quorum of members of a committee." Yet subsequently, our lawyer has informed us that "Ms. Pepyne is requiring said information even if the conversations occurred without a quorum present at the time of the conversation." This would seem to be a fundamentally different request that raises the concerns expressed above.

Such are the complexities of a well intended law that perhaps

can not be applied to "serial conversations" without violating basic norms of free speech and professionalism.

Finally, I have no doubt that you are aware of the danger of the open meeting law being used as a venue for dragging your office into petty political conflicts involving local officials. Unfortunately, this appears to be the case here. Hopefully we can change the way we elect the school committee chair so that it does not become an annual high stakes melodrama over the status of one particular member. This will reduce the incentive for complaints like this.

- Jeff Singleton
Montague Center

SALMON from pg 1

tive audience at the Great Falls Discovery Center.

The salmon cannot swim through the C a b o t Station hydroelectric turbines in Montague City to continue up the canal side of the river, nor can they leap over the dam. The only way for them to get north of Turners is to pass through the fish ladder located on the bike path side of the Turners Falls dam.

This year, none did. Salmon specialist Novak attributed the diminished salmon count this year to a lack of winter snowfall, which meant diminished spring flooding and less of a "roadway" for the fish.

Even worse, the 70-77 degree river temperatures experienced in our region this spring were too high, well above the optimal high 50s to high 60s. So when most of our salmon hit the too-warm Connecticut River waters, they just turned around and headed back to the ocean, Novak said, where hopefully they'll survive to come back during the next spawning season.

Novak said noticeably higher temperature trends in oceans now contribute to decreased fish populations all across the planet.

Genial and unassuming, Novak is a Ware native, and he started his speech with Ware stories. As a boy, in the era of

unclean water, Novak wondered why, with all the colors of discharges into the rivers, no matter where he caught a fish and cut it open, its flesh was always black.

On Fridays his mom always said, "No eating fish from the Ware River."

Novak developed his boyhood curiosity into scientific study and obtained a degree in fisheries management at Colorado State University. He went on to work in national parks and fish and wildlife facilities. In 1992, he became manager of the hatchery in Sunderland.

He described how salmon instinctually imprint the unique chemical smells of their home area, so that years later they can use their noses to return to the same waterway to spawn. Hatchery raised fish are grown in water at the right temperature, and get released at the right age for imprinting to a local area.

Young salmon transform dramatically in their second year of life. They grow larger, and their kidneys change to be able to metabolize salt water. Adolescent salmon head out to sea and travel to the arctic circle to feast and double in size. At age four, they head for their home waters in North America and Europe.

Novak described how our original Atlantic salmon population declined to nothing and became extinct in 1798 when the first Turners Falls dam was built. By 1961, the Connecticut River had become an open sewer of

polluted water. Thanks to the passage of the Clean Water Act, our waters were restored to relative health.

With a boost from sports fisherman and longtime congressman Silvio Conte, salmon were reintroduced into the Connecticut in 1969 and 1970. In 1974, the first salmon made it back up through the Turners Fishway.

Our reintroduced salmon had started with fish and eggs from the Penobscot River in Maine, but with careful management have developed a gene sequence unique to the Connecticut River and its tributaries, so they return here to spawn and nowhere else.

Life is not easy for salmon. Novak said salmon eggs and young fall prey to striped bass, "alpha predators" indigenous to the Connecticut River, whose numbers increased dramatically with a 1985-95 moratorium on commercial take of the bass in ocean waters.

Novak believes local salmon will survive. As he spoke at the Discovery Center, WGBY public television broadcast an "Eco-Exchange" program showing him speaking to schoolchildren as they released ready-to-imprint salmon into Montague's Sawmill River, from where they will make the journey downstream to the sea.

But how many will survive the natural and manmade hazards of the four year round trip to ever see the waters of the Sawmill again?

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THE HEALTHY GEEZER:

Radiation Therapy

BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ - Q. I have a friend who is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer. I was wondering how this works. Doesn't the radiation burn everything it touches?

Radiation therapy kills cancer cells by damaging their genetic material. This process prevents the cells from growing. Radiation attacks all cells in a targeted area, but most healthy cells recover when treatment ends.

When you are given radiation therapy - also called irradiation, radiotherapy or x-ray therapy - physicians attempt to protect the

good cells by shielding them. They also limit dosage and spread out the treatments.

About half of all cancer patients receive some type of radiation therapy, which uses ionizing radiation to kill cancer cells and shrink tumors. This therapy can be delivered from machines outside your body or from radioactive material inserted into your body.

External radiation is the most common type used in this therapy. Internal radiation uses sealed implants in or near the tumor. Systemic radiation therapy employs unsealed radioactive materials that circulate throughout the body. In some cases more than one type of radiation is prescribed.

External radiation uses a machine that directs high-energy rays into the tumor. Most external radiation is given over many weeks during outpatient

visits.

Internal radiation (also called brachytherapy) uses radioactive metal pellets, seeds, ribbons, wires, needles, capsules or tubes that are implanted. In some cases, patients may have to be admitted to a hospital for this procedure. Implants may be left in the patient temporarily or permanently.

Radioactive drugs are used in systemic radiation. These drugs can be given by mouth or injection. Systemic radiation often requires a brief hospital stay.

Radiation therapy may be used to treat almost every type of solid tumor and cancers of the blood (leukemia) and lymphatic system (lymphoma). The type of radiation used depends upon many circumstances, such as the type of cancer and its location.

Radiation therapy also can be used to reduce pain from cancer.

This is called *palliative radiation therapy*.

weaker and your body gets rid of it.

If you have a question, write to fred@healthygeezzer.com

Will radiation therapy make you radioactive?

External radiation therapy will not make you radioactive. If you undergo internal radiation therapy, your body may give off a small amount of radiation briefly.

If the radiation is in a temporary implant, you will be asked to stay in the hospital and may have to limit visitors during treatment. Permanent implants give off small doses of radiation over weeks. The radiation usually is confined to the treatment area; the risk of exposure to others is small.

Sometimes doctors recommend that you protect the people around you if you have systemic radiation. With this type of therapy, radioactive materials can get into your body fluids. In most cases, safety precautions must be followed only the first few days after treatment. Over time the radiation becomes

Gill Boards Consider Call for Moratorium on Large Scale Biomass Plants

BY DAVID DETMOLD

GILL - The board of health in Gill will consider signing on to a letter calling for a statewide moratorium on all large scale biomass plants authored by the Montague board of health next week, and the selectboard has asked to look at the letter with of a view of endorsing it as well.

Randy Crochier, who chairs the Gill health board and also serves on the selectboard, distributed a copy of the letter from Montague's health board at the July 6th selectboard meeting.

Referring to Pioneer Renewable Energy's proposed 47 megawatt biomass plant, planned for the Greenfield industrial park, on the west bank of the Fall River, the letter from the Montague board states, "Notwithstanding the project's reliance upon old standards and inconsistent measures, we believe that particulate matter impact alone should require considerably more review and baseline data gathering. Without knowing where we actually started, we can only guess at the deterioration in air quality we are being asked to accept. At a mini-

mum and in the absence of any larger commitment to analyzing long term public health impacts, there needs to be at least a 12 month baseline analysis of ambient air quality for all pollutants using on-site and Turners Falls monitors."

The letter was circulated to boards of health in surrounding towns, including Bernardston, Erving, and Wendell, as well as to state officials.

In other news, highway department superintendent Mick LaClaire told the selectboard his crew had completed oil and stone work on town roads for the year, taking advantage of what he called good weather (Hot!). South Cross, half of North Cross, Hoe Shop Road, and a small section of Center Road, including Lyons Hill Road were resurfaced, with LaClaire returning to spread stone by hand on some sections where the oil had bled through.

The board approved LaClaire's recommendation to advance employee John Miner's pay rate by 69 cents an hour, retroactive to the end of April, to meet a verbal commitment given Miner by former administrative

assistant Tracy Rogers to meet an \$18 hour pay rate after he passed his six month probationary period.

"He's proven himself," said LaClaire. "I give him high marks."

LaClaire said he had enough money embargoed from FY '10 (\$289) and enough money available by "begging and borrowing" from various projects in his FY '11 budget to afford Miner's raise without further appropriation from the town.

Forty five or fifty more Riverside residents will need to complete a household income survey in order for the town of meet the 95% return rate required to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding to replace pumps and other mechanicals at the pump house in the Riverside Water District. The income range of the households that have responded so far indicate the town would be able to qualify for CDBG funds for the project, but only if the 95% return rate for Riverside residents is met. A second letter with the survey form (which takes about one minute to fill out, according to

selectboard member Ann Banash) was mailed out last week.

The selectboard members said they would walk the neighborhood and knock on doors encouraging residents to fill out the form, if need be.

"Sooner or later, the work needs to be done," said administrative assistant Ray Purington. "The more we can get done with grant money the better."

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GO GREEN FAMILY

Episode 18: Rebellious Daughter

BY JEANNE WEINTRAUB-MASON

MONTAGUE CENTER - By 10:00 in the morning, it was already blistering hot. Guests were arriving at the Bartlett home to celebrate the success of Beverly's EcoSprouts clothing line. Following the walkway to the back of the house, the arrivals passed golden balloons dancing next to easels displaying glossy photos of toddlers, bouncing, playing hopscotch and catching Frisbees. The sound of a chamber quartet playing from seats in the sunken patio drifted across the lawn, and caterers circulated with trays of chocolate-covered strawberries and raspberry tartlets.

Relieved that all the construction debris had been cleared away in time for the big event, Gerry stood on the manicured lawn and gazed at the gleaming new roofs on the house and garage. As his next-door neighbor headed his way, Gerry braced himself for the question he knew was coming.

"Whoa, Gerry, I can't believe you had to replace BOTH those roofs! Your house can't be any older than, what, ten years old?" the man observed. Gerry tried to sound matter-of-fact as he delivered the answer he'd prepared.

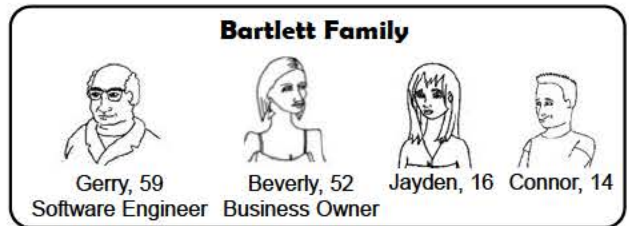
"The house roof was starting to leak—we just decided to bite the bullet and do both at once."

But Gerry's own thoughts were running along the lines of, "20-year power output...triple junction cells... modules encapsulated in UV stabilized poly-

mers..." Damn, the whole photovoltaic system embedded in the new shingles was state-of-the-art. Inside the garage were lots of dials and gauges—he was just itching to show them off. But the installation wasn't exactly by the book—best to keep quiet about it while the Go Green Family folks were around.

Meanwhile, as guests arrived at the canopy tent in the backyard, Jayden Bartlett, wearing a sleeveless shift that revealed her new dragonfly shoulder tattoo, greeted each one and gritted her teeth. Helping out at this party was not her idea of fun. And after overhearing her dad lie about the roof she had zero respect for him. As soon as she saw an opportunity, Jayden slipped behind the garage, yanked out her cell phone, and began tapping out a text message to Alex Tinker:

"hig? The festival was a



blast! fun 2 meet f2f. be cool 2 go out with u, even tho my parents would go ballistic. Im ready to disown them anyway"

In a minute, Alex's answer arrived: "Yeah,lets hookup again soon. Ruok? Whats up?"

Jayden answered: "Dad found out how obscene r energy use is & we all got stuck about what 2 do 4 the challenge. No 1 will listen to a single suggestion I hav 4 saving electricity!"

Then Jayden added: "My dad decided 2 tear off r roof 2 put in solar pv shingles. He wants us 2 pretend that its just a replacement asphalt

roof. He's hooking it up himself-not legal!!"

Alex replied: "think yll get caught?"

Jayden texted back: "Uh,yeah! LOL. U hav my permission 2 rat out r family 2 Sam 1 & the ggf people. I hope he gets caught & ur family wins. I h8 my family!"

Key to text messages abbreviations: HIG: How's it going?; F2F: face to face; PV: photovoltaic; LOL: laughing out loud; RUOK: are you ok?; H8: hate; GGF: Go Green Family; UR: your; YLL: you'll

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Nature Notes

July: Things to See, Hear and Do

BY JEN AUDLEY
TURNERS FALLS - In July, look for:

The **new moon** on July 11th, and the **full moon** on July 25th. The three brightest stars in the summer sky form a triangle – look for them now, when the stars are bright and the moon is small. Their names are Deneb, Altair, and Vega.

Day Lilies. These hardy plants are in full bloom right now. Look for them in yards, along roadsides, and in many of the sidewalk planters on Avenue A in Turners Falls. They started blooming early this year, and each flower lasts only one day, but healthy plants produce many flowers, so the show should go on throughout the month. (Look

also for other lilies, such as Turk's Cap and Wood Lilies, along the bikepath and on the Montague Plains, respectively.)

Summer sounds. Notice changes in the insect chorus – including katydids, cicadas, and crickets – as the season wears on. At night, listen for signs of animals that are more active in the dark than during the day: for instance, raccoons, opossums, skunks, coyotes, foxes, flying squirrels, and owls.

Berries. This year it seemed as if all the berries started ripening at once: local raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries are all out there for the picking (or for purchase at your favorite farmers market) right now. Look for berries and other types of fruit forming on wild plants now, too – and, as berry season hits its peak, notice how many different animals enjoy these sweet treats.

The **sunset**, happening right now at about 8:30 p.m., but closer to 8:00 by the end of the month. The **sun rises** around 5:15 a.m. now,

edging toward 5:30 at the beginning of August

Learn more:
Morning Nature Walks
Fridays and Sundays, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Start your day off observing nature in Turners Falls! These are leisurely explorations of level paved bike trails and village sidewalks, led by a Department of Conservation and Recreation interpreter. Meet outside the main entrance to the Great Falls Discovery Center at 8 a.m. – leave early if you need to. Free.

Explore the Montague Sandplain Hike
Saturday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Here's a chance to explore a unique habitat designed by fire and sand. Join Interpreter Janel Nockleby for an introduction to the fauna, flora, and geology of this amazing and threatened habitat. Find: Sand dunes! Blueberries! Wood Lilies! Scrub oak! Pitch Pine! Easy-to-intermediate difficulty. Bring water, bug repellent, and sunscreen. Free, but registration is required. Carpools will leave from the Great Falls Discovery Center. Call 413-863-3221.

Water Under the Bridge Bike Ride

Saturday, July 24th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

White bridge, red bridge, green bridge, one way, which way, fishway? Join interpreter Janel Nockleby for a leisurely bike tour along the Turners Falls Bike Path, highlighting the history of the bridges in Turners Falls and Montague City. Come learn about the many challenges associated with getting over the Connecticut River. Free. Meet at the main entrance to the Great Falls Discovery Center. For more information, call 413.863.3221.

A Taste of Industrial Archeology
Thursday, July 15th; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A short walk with Albert Shane, curator of the Museum of our Industrial Heritage in Greenfield, to explore two sites near the Discovery Center: the John Russell Cutlery Company and the Montague Paper Company foundations. Please wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the Discovery Center. Free.

Birds and Poets
Sunday, July 25th; 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, JULY 9th
No Strings Marionette Company puppet show performs *Field of Faeries* in Peskeomskut Park, Turners Falls, 10 a.m. Carnegie Library in case of rain. Free. For children and adults of all ages.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Richard Chase Group*: 9 to 11 p.m. Acoustic driven originals.

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Classical music concert by Mark Fraser, cello, Sooka Wang, piano in the Warwick Town Hall. Suggested donation \$5 to \$10. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 9th & 10th
The Country Players present Lerner and Loewe's *Brigadoon* at the Shea Theater, Turners Falls. Directed by Amy R. Connelly, music direction by Amy Crawford, choreography by Hayley Descavich. Continues July 16, 17, 18. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (413) 863-2281 ext 1 for tickets; \$12/ \$10 seniors over 65 and under 18. Group rates available.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 9th & 10th
Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *National Velvet*. Classic "girl-and-her-horse" tale for all ages. Elizabeth Taylor, 1945, color, G, 123 min. Music before the movie at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 10th
Explore Barton cove by boat and foot with Elisabeth Farnsworth. 9 a.m. 10 1 p.m. Paddle two locations in Barton Cove. For ages 12 and older. Call (800) 859-2960 to register.

Peskeomskut Park Festival: a day of music and arts to benefit The Shea Theater, Turners Falls. Free admission. Craft Fair 10 to 6 p.m., music noon to 9 p.m. "Recycle" bike sale, 10 to 2 p.m. Local food, brew and more! www.peskeomskut.com.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Tobacco Valley Rollers*, old school honky-tonk. 9:30 p.m. No cover.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Barrett Anderson*, 9-11 p.m. Renegade Blues.

THURSDAY, JULY 15th
Deja Brew, Wendell: *Wailin' Dave Robinson, Tommy Filault & Co.*, 8 to 10 p.m. Blues Based Roots Music.

FRIDAY, JULY 16th
The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Ghost Quartet*, 9:30 p.m. \$3.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Levangie*, 9 to 11 p.m. Singing all your favorite Johnny Cash tunes and many more.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 16th & 17th
Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Midnight Cowboy*. Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight, directed by John Schlesinger. Original, unique film, unusual relationship in gritty New York City. 1969, color, R, 113 min. Music before the movie, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th
Montague Farm Cafe, a free family-friendly meal with activities. Noon to 3 p.m. Continues each Saturday till 7/31. Call Karen: 367-5275 if you want to come, need a ride, or want to volunteer some time or garden surplus.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rockit Queer dance party*. 9:30 p.m. \$3.

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Deja Brew, Wendell: *Eric Love*, 9 to 11 p.m. Singing all the great covers from the '60s & '70s just the way you remember them.

SUNDAY, JULY 18th
Great Falls Farmers Market noon to 4 p.m. on the corner of 2nd Street and Ave A in Turners Falls. Interested vendors can contact Don: (413) 336-3648 or just show up! Set up time: 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Nature Walk. Start your day off right, observing nature in Turners Falls! Leisurely explore level paved bike trails and village sidewalks. Participants will meet outside the main entrance to the Discovery Center at 8 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 19th
The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *B-I-N-G-O!* Come win stuff! Free, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st
The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Quizmasah Chad's Quiznite Quiz!* 8 p.m. Make a team!

SATURDAY, JULY 24th
North Orange Day Celebration. Part of Orange's Bicentennial Celebration, a day long schedule of activities beginning with a parade (11 a.m.) and finishing with Orange Community Band, 7 p.m. in Goddard Park to commemorate the events that led up to

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and made possible the formation of the present Town of Orange two hundred years ago. Refreshments served in Goddard Park throughout the day. Throughout the afternoon children's games and pony rides.

ONGOING
Four young local artists and photographers exhibit their original pieces from their mentoring work with local artist, Daniel A. Brown. They are Burl Derdenian, age 8; Liam McRae, age 14; Sierra Waite, age 15, and Stefan Walker, age 12. At Green Fields Market, Greenfield through July 31st. Public reception on **Tuesday, July 27th**, 5 to 7p.m. Info: (413) 774-2814.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Great Falls Farmers Market. On the lawn near the Discovery Center, Avenue A, Turners Falls. 2 to 6 p.m. Rain or shine every Wednesday.

FRIDAYS
Early Morning Nature Walk beginning at the Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls. Start your day off right, observing nature in Turners Falls! Leisurely explore level paved bike trails and village sidewalks. Participants will meet outside the main entrance to the Discovery Center at 8 a.m. Continues Fridays through July.

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energy mine would have a potential life expectancy of thousands of years. Once the plant is in operation, it would run off the system's own power, a sort of grand perpetual motion device.

More information is at the Atlantic Geothermal website, AtlanticGeothermal.com.

In other news, the selectboard signed appointment slips for fiscal 2011, including five members of the newly constituted energy committee: Laurie Didonato, Gloria Kegeles, Paul Costello, Betsy Ames, and Mary Thomas. Alternates are Joe Laur, and Nan Riebschlaeger.

The Friends of the Wendell Library made a \$10,000 donation to the library, half of which librarian Rosie Heidkamp said would be used to fund start up costs for automating the library's circulation system, to allow for more efficient tracking of materials.

The rest will support museum passes, programming, DVDs, books and books on CD, the Teens and Tweens program, and maintenance for the public access computers.

The selectboard renewed the town's energy contract with the Hampshire Regional Energy Collaborative. That contract is still saving the town money on its electric bills.

Selectboard member Dan Keller said New Salem does not seem to be interested in a North Quabbin equipment sharing cooperative, but Warwick has expressed interest. Road boss David Bock has been going to meetings about equipment sharing at the FRCOG, and reports FRCOG is "one step ahead" of the North Quabbin region in this regard.

Do they have any drilling rigs that can reach 30,000 feet?



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interlopers from the 20th century who wander into this town caught in time. His traveling companion Tommy (Warren) is plays the thoughtful romantic to Jeff's cynic, the two play off each other in other ways, with Tommy struggling to have faith in what he believes and Jeff arguing for rationality, even in the midst of their tryst in what must be a never, or at least a hardly ever land.

The cast ranges from elders who have been part of the Country Players for many years, to young people who have just started performing. Jack Arnot, playing a village elder, Mr. MacLaren, has been with the Country Players for almost 30 years. We are lucky to have as our musical director the talented Amy Crawford, whom I have known in the past as the accompanist for the GCC Chorus. She has worked as musical director for many previous shows. Also, I must give credit to the talented choreographer, Haley Descavich, who has worked tirelessly to make us all look good while we dance.

I must say something about the kids who are taking part in the show. They are serious minded and professional in their approach to the show even as they lend a spirit of carefree fun to our rehearsals and The young people in the cast demonstrate the kind of joy in performance that only

the unselfconscious can display. Among them, Stone Dresser, a fine dancer and charming young man, helps lend a spirit of care-free fun to our rehearsals. Spencer Hubert, an eighth grader at Great Falls Middle School, sings and dances like a pro. Eighth grader Sarah Rose Aden from Erving and seventh grader Hannah Winans of Conway are already old pros at musical theater, while William Anderson Gregory, whose love of dance is infectious, will be taking the stage for the first time. His father, Weldon Gregory, is returning to the stage for the first time in 20 years, since high school.

Meanwhile, Gail Villeneuve has been busy working on costumes for the players, assisted by Sharon Weyers and Judy Delany. Judy is married to Bob Delany, a veteran of many Country Players performances, who plays Mr. Lundy in the show.

So it seems that I have now joined a very large family, one that loves to sing and dance and play. We are in final rehearsals this week, opening in just a few days. I hope you all will come to see the show.

There will be five performances, Friday and Saturday evenings, July 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th at 8 p.m. at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls, with a matinee on Sunday, July 18th at 2 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 413-863-2281.



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