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BY DAVID DETMOLD

WENDELL – “People don’t know me,” said Jeffrey Pooser, the newly elected selectboard member in Wendell on Friday. “And a lot of people had strong feelings about this election. I definitely had a sense of their anxiety. I felt it.”

After all, he ran against “the patriarch of the town,” 13-term incumbent Ted Lewis. And, after a whirlwind campaign that barely got organized days before the election, Pooser emerged the winner in the May 4th contest for a three-year seat on the Wendell selectboard, by a vote of 177 to 139.

Two weeks later, Pooser, sitting down to a draught at the Deja Brew after a hot day working on his Lockes Village Road farm, reflected on the events that led to his upset victory, and talked about his priorities as the new member of the board.

“I’ve only been in town 2½ years. That afforded me a certain amount of insulation from the emotionally charged content of what’s going on” in town. Pooser said he was used to discussions of town politics with friends at the Deja Brew, but noticed, “A curious blend of detachment and engagement. They love to talk about it, but they don’t want to do it.”

Pooser is a computer consultant who divides his time between working with comput-

In it for the Long Haul



Jeffrey Pooser, the newly elected member of the Wendell selectboard, pictured here with his wife Bridget, and daughters Anwyn (age 3) and Karina (age 6), at their home and organic farm on Lockes Village Road. Among other things, the Poosers raise milking goats, chickens, Tamworth pigs, Rishi mushrooms, and have developed a specialty growing medicinal perennials at their homestead.

er systems for institutions like Amherst College and homesteading on his farm, where he cultivates medicinal perennials like echinacea, astragalus, goldenseal, American ginseng, osha, and ashwaganda.

But when he saw a posting on one of the town’s list serves, noting the upcoming town election warrant, with “seventeen positions from cemetery

commissioner to selectboard, and *nothing* was contested,” he decided farm, career and family would have to make room for a foray into local government.

“You can’t have an uncontested election,” said Pooser. “I’m not a politician. This was not a calculated effort.” But he took the time to gather 30 signatures on nominating papers

back in March, saying, “I’m willing to take the next three years of my life and volunteer my services.”

And the voters took him up on it. Pooser said about a week before the election, he got a call from the *Greenfield Recorder*, asking, “So, you’re running for selectboard...

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Langknecht Tapped for G-M Chair

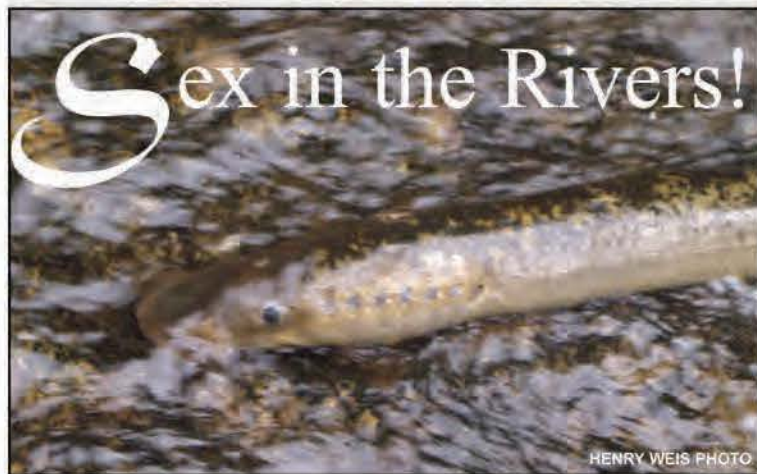
BY DAVID DETMOLD

GILL-MONTAGUE – On Tuesday, May 19th, with four newly elected members sworn in by secretary Kristin Boyle, the Gill-Montague Regional School Committee reorganized and, with vice chair Joyce Phillips wielding the gavel, entertained nominations for officers.

Gill representative Sandy Brown nominated Michael Langknecht of Montague for chair, saying, “He has served six years on the school committee. By their votes yesterday, the voters of Montague and Gill gave the school committee a new mandate. They said clearly they did not want business as usual, but change and new voices. Mike can lead the school committee on a new path that focuses on creating higher standards for all the children. The GMRSD can be an exceptional educational experience in which every student can reach their full potential. He has ideas on how we can reward teachers who are exceptional.

“Mike can and should be the one to lead the school committee in coming up with plans to reverse the tide of students choosing out of the district. I believe that he will work to have constructive dialogue between the towns and school committee, so that instead of finger pointing both sides will

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In June, lampreys find one last bower of bliss in rivers like the Sawmill

BY LIZ AUSTIN

TURNERS FALLS – Here they come! Avert your eyes! They are here for sex and sex alone. But if you have voyeuristic tendencies, you can satisfy them with a sneak peek into the Sawmill River at the Montague Book Mill, or from the bridge downstream. By mid-June you will see dozens of sea lampreys writhing, slithering, and sliding upstream

in search of a perfect sex haven. They have returned for the annual spawning spree and, believe it or not, our streams need them.

Sea lampreys are often mistaken for American eels, but they are a different species. Lampreys are much older, have a cartilage skeleton, and do not have fins on their sides or jaw-like mouths. Lampreys are one of the two oldest living fish

species on the planet, reaching back 300 million years, before dinosaurs roamed the Earth.

Adult sea lampreys are parasitic, with specialized round mouths containing circular rows of teeth used in the ocean to latch onto other fish and extract blood and fluids. However, they do not eat in rivers, where they are completely harmless.

Each May and June the adult lampreys appear by the thousands in the windows at the Robert Barrett Fishway in Holyoke, where they are lifted over the dam to continue their migration from the ocean to their spawning grounds. Children scream and adults jump back when the long, snake-like fish swim into view, bumping into the underwater windows.

At this point in their lives, lampreys can no longer see, their teeth are falling out, and their

see RIVERS pg 10

Governor Deval Patrick in New Salem

BY JOSH HEINEMANN

NEW SALEM – When they came to hear from citizens and to discuss the initiative Massachusetts is taking to extend broadband service to unserved and underserved areas – mostly in the western part of the state – governor Deval Patrick, U.S. senator John Olver, state senator Stan Rosenberg, state representative Chris Donelan, Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) director Sharon Gillett, and FRCOG representative Linda Dunlavy met a crowd that filled all the seats in the New Salem town hall and stood two deep around the edges. People from Lexington to Ashfield and Leverett to Royalston were there.

Patrick needed no introduction, but New Salem selectboard chair Steve Verney introduced

him anyway, as the first sitting governor of Massachusetts ever to come to New Salem.

Patrick discussed the high-speed internet initiative he began in August of 2008, when he signed the law creating the MBI with the purpose of expanding broadband coverage in Massachusetts. He called the effort a public-private partnership modeled on the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, the law that expanded electricity to areas where market forces alone failed to deliver it. (Electricity came to Wendell in 1947.)

Patrick talked of the fiber-optic spine now being built along the I-91 corridor, the need to use other public corridors, and the effort to extend affordable, dependable broadband coverage through “to the last mile”.

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PET OF THE WEEK**Tons of Fun****Corey**

My name is Corey and I'm a super-cute male tricolor Beagle/Dachshund mix in need of a good home. I am just a little guy, only about 15 pounds, and I like to climb up in the nearest lap for a few minutes of affection and then hop down to go and do my own thing.

Like small dogs, I'm an independent minded dude. If you're willing to give me the structure, supervision, and exercise that I need, I guarantee I'll be tons of fun! I can live with dogs, cats and children over eight.

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ERVING LIBRARY NEWS**Hours for Erving Library**

BY BARBARA FRIEDMAN
ERVING – The Erving Public
library will be open the follow-
ing hours during the summer
months.

Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.
Monday 1 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.

Our first summer program is
fast approaching. Ed the
Wizard's "Reading is Magic," is

coming to the Erving Library on
June 14th at 4:30 p.m.

For more information about
Ed and his performance. go to
www.edthewizard.com

For more information, con-
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Performers Wanted

BY DEB RADWAY
MONTAGUE CENTER – The
second Montague Community
Variety Show will take place on
Sunday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m.
at the Grange Hall, in Montague
Center. Performers of all ages
are invited to share their music,
magic tricks, dance acts, family
skits, baton twirling, and so
forth. To sign up to perform call
Kate at 367-9957 or email kate-

spencer@comcast.net All pro-
ceeds will benefit the Kathryn
Simon and Ruth Helmich house-
hold goods replacement fund;
their Union Street house was hit
by lightning and badly damaged
in the resulting fire. Admission
will be \$10; \$5 for kids. Donations
of food for the bake sale are also
appreciated. For more information,
call 367-2483.

Family Fish Day

BY DON CLEGG
GREAT FALLS – The Great
Falls Discovery Center will host
the 4th Annual Free Family Fish
Day on Saturday, May 30th, from
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registra-
tion is at the Discovery Center, 2
Avenue A, with the majority of the
fishing and instructions to be held
near the public boat ramp on the
Gill side of the Connecticut River.
Your own transportation will be
required to get back and forth to
the boat ramp; the area is fully
accessible.

The event is free for the whole
family, with plenty of activities
planned. More than 150 children
and adults attended last year's
Fish Day. Free rod, reel and tackle
will be provided, and there will be
fly

tying, spin casting, spin fishing
and fly casting instruction. Credits
will also be given towards Boy
Scouts Fly Fishing Merit Badges.
There will be a special drawing for
a half-day fly fishing float trip,
and information provided on how
to find the best fishing in the
upper Connecticut River Valley.

Some activities may be held
at the Discovery Center, so check
scheduled events prior to heading
over to the boat ramp, or call the
center for more information at
(413) 863-3221. No fishing license
is required, and children under 12
must be accompanied by an adult.
For more information on this event,
and its numerous sponsors, go to
greatfallsma.org.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES – June 1st to June 5th

GILL/MONTAGUE Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. Council on Aging Director is Bunny Caldwell. For information or to make reservations, call 863-9357. Meal reservations need to be made a day in advance, by 11:00 a.m. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open. Mealsite Manager is Becky Cobb. The Center offers a hot noon meal weekdays to any senior. A reservation is necessary and transportation can be provided.

Monday, 1st

10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Easy Aerobics
Tuesday, 2nd
9:00 a.m. Walking Group
10:00 a.m. Brown Bag
12:30 p.m. Council on Aging Meeting
1:00 p.m. Canasta

Wednesday, 3rd

10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
12:45 p.m. Bingo
Thursday, 4th
1:00 p.m. Pitch
Friday, 5th
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:50 a.m. Easy Aerobics
1:00 p.m. Scrabble

Tickets on sale \$2.00 for musical program by Ruth Harcovitz "Cole, George, Jerome, and Irving."

Sign up now for Cholesterol screening Wednesday June 24

Gill/Montague Senior Trips, Call 863-9357 or 863-4500 for more information: Cape Cod Canal Cruise, Tuesday June 16, \$69 per person.

ERVING Senior Center, 18 Pleasant St., Erving (Old Center School, 1st Floor), is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. For info and reservations call Polly Kiely, Senior Center

FACES & PLACES**The Cats Are Alright**

TURNERS FALLS – Mary Hakkinen of Orange (a.k.a. Pixiebelle the Clown, pictured left) enhances Hillary Graves' feline appeal at the benefit for the Dakin Animal Shelter at the Rendezvous on Thursday evening.

The benefit raised \$1400 for the Dakin shelter, along with \$700 chipped in from a donation can at the 2nd Street

Bakery. The Bakery also donated a beautiful sheet cake, and dog biscuits, which were for sale for 50 cents a piece.

The proceeds from the benefit will help to fund Dakin's Buddy Fund for animals that have suffered abuse or need medical help. Proceeds will also aid Dakin's CatSnip program for low-cost spay and neuter services.

Countdown to Closure

Sunday, May 31st Safe & Green Regional Gathering

WEST BRATTLEBORO – Join town groups from Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to recap the last year's accomplishments and discuss activities for the next year. Our work over the next year will be crucial to the permanent closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee.

James Moore from VPIRG and the Safe & Green committee will facilitate discussion and activities. Food, beverages and music will be provided.

The gathering Sunday, May 31st from 5-8 p.m. at the All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church, 29 South Street, W. Brattleboro, VT.

Please contact Chad Simmons for details and directions: call (802) 377-7403, or email ctbossin@yahoo.com.

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

Monday, 1st

9:00 a.m. Exercise
Tuesday, 2nd
9:00 a.m. Aerobics
12:00 p.m. Painting
Wednesday, 3rd
8:45 a.m. Line Dancing
12 noon Bingo
Thursday, 4th
8:45 a.m. Aerobics
Friday, 5th
9:00 a.m. Bowling

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Great Falls Middle School Students of the Week

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Tech School Solar Tower



WILLIAM KERIVAN PHOTO

FCTS students installing photovoltaic panels on Friday.

BY JOHN CAREY

TURNERS FALLS – On Friday, Franklin County Technical School’s electrical students installed the first of nine panels for a two-kilowatt photovoltaic array that will track the sun, offset power requirements for the school’s greenhouse, and provide a stream of data for students to study in the school’s solar training program.

The Solar Tower project is a collaborative achievement with Greenfield Community College, Lane Construction in Northfield, and PV Squared in Greenfield. It was undertaken entirely by student and faculty efforts, with the help of a federal Perkins grant.

Turners Falls Fishway Open for Season

BY KIM NOYES

TURNERS FALLS – Swimming 120 miles upstream against the springtime force of the Connecticut River from the ocean to Turners Falls might just seem impossible – unless you happen to be an athletic American Shad.

Celebrate this remarkable rite of spring at the Turners Falls Fishway this spring. Open now through Sunday, June 14th, the Turners Falls Fishway provides an opportunity to watch wildlife of the Connecticut River Valley. A window located under the

river affords close sightings of sea lamprey, American shad, and other migratory and resident fish.

The Turners Falls Fishway is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The facility is staffed fulltime by Fishway guides who are eager to answer your questions about the animals and ecology of the Connecticut River, as well as the migratory fish and eagle restoration projects. Options include a self-guided tour along the bicycle path to a pedestrian bridge

over the canal, which affords remarkable views of the Connecticut River, the Fishway and the historic mill district.

The Turners Falls Fishway is located on First Street, just off Avenue A in Turners Falls, within walking distance of the Great Falls Discovery Center and adjacent to a picnic area and park along the river. The Turners Falls Fishway is owned and operated by FirstLight Power Resources. For more information call Northfield Mountain Visitors Center at (800) 859-2960.

Local Hands Artists Cooperative Joins the Village Coop

BY DONNA GATES

LEVERETT – The Village Coop has invited the Local Hands Artist Cooperative to show and sell their work in the store. Come to the store Saturday, May 30th from 2 to 5 p.m. for the opening celebration of this creative alliance. Enter the Great Art Duck Race to win artworks by members of Local Hands Artists Coop, see artists demonstrate their craft, hear live music and enjoy a wine tasting and fine snacks baked in the Village Coop Bakery.

It’s a natural for one cooperative to support another. Paul Rosenberg, general manager of the Village Coop, sees the alliance between Local Hands and the Village Coop as a plus for both organizations. The artists are able to sell their works through an established venue open seven days a week, and the store gains the additional draw of making the Coop the place to buy locally made artwork in the Leverett area. Rosenberg’s vision is to essentially create a fine arts and crafts shop within the store. He is excited about the collaboration and is looking forward to supporting local artists and the local creative economy.

The Village Coop has a long history of supporting local artists. Lauren Shea, the store’s buyer, is the force behind the community gallery in the coop’s café, where each month a different artist shows their work. Over the years the gallery has hosted everything from children’s art to gorgeous hooked rugs, photogra-

phy, painting, ceramic wall pieces and, once, a wall mural in which the artist added and changed the scene every few days, ending with clean white walls ready for the next exhibit.

The Local Hands Artist Cooperative is a continuation of the artists’ group that set up the Delectable Treasures Holiday Shop each December at the “Mall at Moores Corner” located right across the street from the coop. The holiday shop ran for six years until the Mall was sold. Working with the Village Coop allows these artists to sell year round at a local venue; all artists come from Leverett, Shutesbury, Montague Center, Wendell, Orange and New Salem.

Writers take notice! The Local Hands Coop is sponsoring a contest of short stories, poems and

essays positing an answer to the mystery of the “Lips of Leverett,” located in Rattlesnake Gutter. If you take the 15-20 minute walk from the Village Coop to the top of the gutter, look to your right to view the “Lips of Leverett” – a bright red pair of lips high up on the cliffs. How did they get there? What do they mean? The Local Hands Artists Coop is hoping local writers can answer these questions in creative ways. The winning entries will be bound into a small book, “The Lips of Leverett Lore,” to sell at the Village Coop. Send your entries to the Village Coop. Writers of all ages are encouraged to enter!

For more information, call the Village Coop (413) 367-9794. The Village Coop is located at 180 Rattlesnake Gutter Road in Leverett.

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Montague Parks & Recreation

SUMMER PROGRAMS - 2009

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Playground Program Dates & Times: 7 Week Program:

Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14. Mondays thru Fridays: 9:00am to 3:00pm (Discovery and Sports & Adventures), 9:00am to 12:15pm (Pre-School)

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP (Ages 3 - 5), Mondays to Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:15 p.m. Fees: Montague Residents, \$25.00/child/week; Non residents, \$35.00/child/week

DISCOVERY PROGRAM (Ages 5 - 12).

Fees: Montague Residents, \$55.00/child/week; Non-Residents, \$70.00/child/week

SPORTS & ADVENTURES (Ages 9 - 13).

Fees: Montague Residents, \$65.00/child/week; Non-Residents, \$80.00/child/week

Scholarships – If a need exists for financial assistance, please contact MPRD at 863-3216 for a scholarship application. (Only Montague residents are eligible.)

YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM

Ages 5 to 12

SESSION I: Week of June 22 – Week of July 17;

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12

SESSION II: Week of July 20 – Week of August 14

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 10

Fees: Montague Residents, \$40/session; Non-residents, \$45/session

Enrollment Minimum/class: 5 Enrollment Max./class: 8

BEGINNER – Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00am to 9:50am

INTERMEDIATE – Mondays to Thursdays, 10:00am to 10:50am

ADVANCED – Mondays to Thursdays, 11:00am to 11:50am

SWIMMING LESSONS - Summer Session

WHEN: SESSION I: June 22 to July 16

SESSION II: July 20 to August 13

Days/Levels/Times: Classes will be held in the afternoon; specific times to be determined.

Mondays & Wednesdays -

Tuesdays & Thursdays -

LEVEL I

LEVEL III

LEVEL II

LEVEL IV

***Parent/Child**

LEVEL V

Fees: Montague Residents = \$40.00

Non Residents = \$45.00

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12

SOCCER MANIA CAMP

Youths ages 8 to 12

WHEN: Monday, August 17 to Friday, August 21

6:00pm to 7:30pm

FEES: Montague Resident = \$30; Non-resident = \$35 (fees include a camp t-shirt.)

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 7

ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT TENNIS PROGRAM

Ages 18 & Up

SESSION I: Week of June 22 – Week of July 17

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12

SESSION II: Week of July 20 – Week of August 14

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 10

Fees: Montague Residents, \$35/session; Non-Residents, \$40/session

BEGINNER – Mondays to Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 6:50pm

INTERMEDIATE – Mondays to Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 7:50pm

ADVANCED – Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6:00pm to 6:50pm

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY TENNIS PROGRAM

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00pm to 7:00pm

SESSION I: Week of June 22 – Week of July 17

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12

SESSION II: Week of July 20 – Week of August 14

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 10

Fees: Montague Residents \$12/Family Member; Non-residents \$15/Family Member

A Beautiful Future
Multicultural Music & Dreams
An Interactive Music Show for Children

WHERE: Peskeomskut Park, Avenue A, Turners Falls
WHEN: Wednesday, July 8 @ 7:00pm

This program is supported by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The Beautiful Future Band guides children young and old on a lively musical journey around the world with joyful songs and games, movement and laughter. Featuring award winning vocals, steel drum and percussion, the band shares delightful music, rhythms and language from other lands, including New Zealand, the Caribbean, China, India, and many more!

The Beautiful Future band brings together years of professional musical entertainment experience with our passion and joy for children and world music. We look forward to sharing our celebration of diversity and hope with you!

www.ABeautifulFuture.com

MPRD is partnering with Turners Falls RiverCulture, Montague Catholic Social Ministries & The Brick House Community Center to present **The Val Ramos Flamenco Ensemble** Saturday, August 29 at Peskeomskut Park on Avenue A, Turners Falls

Funded in part by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies.

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Spring on the Avenue

These are tough economic times, no doubt. But strolling down the Avenue on Saturday, we found reason to be hopeful.

The weather was beautiful, sunny, and 70 degrees, and the Memorial Day weekend tourists were out in force. By the middle of the afternoon, the Great Falls Discovery Center had 150 visitors drop by to admire the nature dioramas. At the Fish Ladder viewing window, the count was 40,000 shad heading upstream from Holyoke, and 300 tourists passing through to try to catch a glimpse of them.

The shad are mighty swimmers, and they inspire wide-eyed amazement as they struggle against the overwhelming force of the river pouring through the narrow channel. Like upwardly mobile citizens battling the odds as torrential recessionary forces beat against them, the shad thrust forward with might and main. Some, frustrated, give up and are swept back down the chute. Others propel themselves forward through the turbid green water, and finally out of sight into more placid stretches of the river where spawning grounds await.

No chicks in the Eagles' nest this year. They're taking a break from child rearing as they acclimate to their new nest.

On the Avenue, it is sad to see the storefront windows of the old Crocker Bank lying empty, where the Hallmark Museum's gallery photos stood so recently: images of Paul Newman, shadow fairies, and flying nuns all jumbled up in recent memory. But we can daydream about its future use.

It's too bad the galleries on that side of the street had to close, but we are happy to see the museum holding on in the space on the ground floor of the Colle. The town made the right choice in pursuing negotiations with Hallmark and lowering the rent on that museum gallery for two years, considering the alternative would most likely have been two large empty ground floor spaces staring across the Avenue at each other, begging for commercial tenants.

As afternoon faded to evening on Saturday, the patio of DiPaolo's was hopping, and the parking spaces out front were jammed with cars of customers. The Shea Theater drew a crowd of Valley Idol hopefuls and their legion of fans. All day long the outdoor cafe at Between the Uprights on 2nd Street filled the Avenue with music, and patrons digging the scene.

Economic dislocations like the one we are now living through – nationally and globally – present both a crisis and an opportunity. Millions are newly unemployed, and more layoffs are coming; commerce and mobility have constricted, people are saving and conserving what they can. But we would like to think even this dark cloud has a silver lining.

Our society may emerge from this Great Recession stronger and wiser in crucial ways. Credit default swaps may no longer have the value financiers once imagined for them, but things of real worth to human beings may finally get solid backing: affordable housing, health care for all, education, sustainable food production, the manufacture of goods that last, and the production of forms of energy that work with nature rather than against it. Perhaps we'll take fewer trips to the mall, and spend more time downtown.

It's encouraging to see the new growth on and around the Avenue: places like the 2nd Street Bakery, teeming with customers, the hip Rendezvous, bringing younger out of towners to mix with the locals, and soon a Mexican restaurant, where new immigrants to Turners can enjoy their cuisine with the rest of us, who have developed an avid taste for it. More established venues will benefit from the added foot traffic.

The Great Falls Farmers Market is another hopeful sign this spring, on the corner of 2nd and Avenue A. There are more vendors this year than ever. Stop down on a Wednesday afternoon, and while you're there, check out the other sights on the Avenue. You'll like what you see.



JACK COUGHLIN ILLUSTRATION

Montague Begins New Curbside Recycling Schedule June 1st

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

David Felton's Legacy

I have read with guarded concern the news articles in both the *Montague Reporter* and the *Greenfield Recorder* detailing the tragic death of David Felton. Yet, in my mind, these articles are the real tragedies!

The outpouring of unconditional love and unwavering support from the community as evidenced at David's wake and funeral should be the real story. Folks came from all corners of the county and beyond to pay their respects to the fallen Montague native. David's devotion to his family, his religion, his business, his community and to anyone who had the pleasure to know him should be, without a doubt, the legacy of David Felton.

— Linda Ackerman
Montague

He Wuz Robbed

An addition to the *Montague police log*:

Matthew Latkiewicz was robbed Saturday night around 10:30 p.m. of \$250 to \$500 at the Shea Theater by three tone-deaf judges and a highly suspect scoring system.

— Sarah Reid
Turners Falls

Biomass Meeting Cancelled Without Notice

BY JOSHUA WATSON

GREENFIELD — Tuesday's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding special permits requested by Pioneer Renewable Energy LLC for the construction of a biomass-fueled power plant in the I-91 Industrial Park was canceled Tuesday when ZBA chair Roy Cowdrey broke his hip earlier in the day. The hearing had already been continued once – from May 14th – due to "significant public interest," and moved to the larger venue of the Greenfield Middle School.

Well over 100 people had filled the cafeteria of the middle school by the scheduled 7:00 p.m. start time, expecting to have their presence noted or their concerns heard by the board. News of the cancellation filtered through the crowd, but no official notice by the ZBA had been given, and no members of the ZBA showed up.

Despite the lack of ZBA representation or the presence of any Greenfield town officials, for nearly two hours, more than 20 people took turns at the microphone and addressed the crowd in a free-form speak-out on the biomass issue, either presenting the remarks they had expected to give to the board, or offering advice on how best to

do so when the meeting is continued on June 10th.

Greenfield resident Isaac Mass said he "[wasn't] ready to be against the plant," but called for an "independent environmental review," in order to allay fears that the plant may have a more adverse impacts than Pioneer claims.

Margaret Sheehan, attorney for the Massachusetts Environmental Energy Alliance, said the most important thing residents could do was to attend the rescheduled ZBA meeting, and Jana Chicoine, a spokesperson for Russell Concerned Citizens, a group opposing the construction of a biomass plant in that town, shouted from the crowd "And bring ten people with you!"

At least two other biomass plants – in Springfield and Pittsfield – have also been proposed for western Massachusetts, all with overlapping "harvesting areas" which could present a strain on the clean wood supply for the area.

The ZBA meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 10th, at the Greenfield Middle School, at 7:00 p.m. June 10th is the day following the Greenfield mayoral election.

Turners Biomass Meeting June 4th

On Thursday, June 4th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of the Turners Falls High School, Matthew Wolfe, principal of Pioneer Renewable

Energy LLC of Cambridge, will be available for a question and answer session regarding his proposed 47-megawatt biomass energy plant, to be built in the city of Greenfield's I-91 Industrial Park.

This meeting is meant to be an opportunity for area residents to ask questions of the project proponents on aspects of the project. All are welcome to attend.

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GUEST EDITORIALS

Reducing Property Values One Tree at a Time



MARCOTRIGIANO PHOTO

Surprise Attack!

A towering maple on Union Street is felled on May 2nd after residents had reached an agreement with the town to save it.

BY MICHAEL MARCOTRIGIANO MONTAGUE CENTER – Several months ago we saw several trees in our Montague Center neighborhood posted for removal. Some were healthy trees so we inquired. It turned out that the little-traveled and already narrow Union Street was slated to have its

three-foot wide quaint sidewalks turned into five-foot wide city streets. Fortunately, the town sets hearing dates to discuss tree removals. At the hearing all present agreed that some of the trees were dying and dangerous and should have been removed and replaced long before the sidewalk

project began. We argued that two other large maples, in my estimate 50 to 80 years old, were significant shade trees and should remain.

The DPW agreed, and stated that the one in front of 22 Union Street and the one on Union Street just south of Center would have the asphalt replaced, and not be subjected to excavation and the installation of a concrete sidewalk over their roots.

We left the meeting satisfied knowing the process of hearings had been fruitful – or so we thought.

Late last month crews moved in, and with the speed only possible from a private contractor, did a one-day job laying in the groundwork for the new sidewalk. Over the asphalt that covered the tree roots, the words “asphalt only” were painted in blue. I was relieved to see this, and confident things would go as planned.

Then, without notice, plans were apparently changed. The tree in front of 22 Union Street got a concrete rather than asphalt sidewalk, but to avoid the tree, and without the discussing the design plan with the owners, about two feet of the front lawn property became new sidewalk, a part of a zig-zag concrete slab. Root chunks were strewn about, a tell-tale sign that the future for the tree looks bleak.

Then on Saturday, May 2nd, chainsaws were heard and the

towering maple tree that once graced the house of the great late Mr. Buckmaster (aka “Hucky”) was down. Sixty feet reduced to chips in an hour. Without further discussion, postings, or hearings, the town did what it wanted to do against its word and without notification. It was an obvious quick change of plans, since the entire street was finished before the tree came down and a follow-up crew added the missing link of sidewalk.

The town is supposed to decide where trees go and the town has a tree warden responsible for plantings and removals. This cut and run was a serious and shortsighted decision. Homeowners and DPW workers come and go, but it takes over 50 years to make a stately tree that alters a neighborhood. Trees are part of a town’s appeal and should be part of a thoughtful planning process, not the spontaneous decision of a few individuals. A town needs to have a tree plan with the goal of increasing property values and improving the appearance of a neighborhood. The heat island effect on the corner of Center and Union will be noticed this summer, as will the wide open space and lack of greenery. If you don’t believe the value of trees in moderating climate and adding value to a house read it yourself. Here are just two examples: www.frinkpark.org/trees.htm, and www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/forestry/420-181/420-181.html. These show the impact of trees on real estate values and quality of life. Not only are house prices augmented by tree-lined streets, but they also have an impact on health, water drainage, air quality, etc.

This incident is at best an embarrassment for the town. In the end the project’s impact likely

devalued house prices, since large shade trees increase them by as much as 10% (read above web links). It’s unlikely we’ll see a decrease in town taxes to reflect the depreciation in house value. I know that five feet wide is code for ADA compliant sidewalks, but isn’t it possible that things could have been left as they were – the occasional patch when needed, but grandfathered to remain the way they were? And why make grand streets out of side streets? Why not get grants to fix closed bridges, repave terribly potholed roadways, and replace dangerously decomposed guardrails instead of turning a quaint hamlet into an urban renewal project?

The tree belt is now devoid of all but one large tree on Union Street. If trees are to be replanted following this project I offer my professional service choosing the appropriate species. I do not want what happened to Union Street to happen again 50 years from now when inappropriate choices lead to tree death or the decision to clear cut a tree-lined street full of oversized trees.

If the town had a tree replanting program and tree policies, homeowners would not be allowed to dig up a sugar maple and stick it in front of their house on town land, later creating a burden to the town that has to deal with a huge hazard tree close to a small house, or one entangled in power lines. In most cities (ones with five foot concrete sidewalks like ours) you can be billed for the removal of a tree planted on a town street without permission. Montague is very far from being this organized and even further from acting professionally when it comes to homeowner-town relations.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Child At Large

Wednesday, 5/20
4:15 p.m. Report of a small brush fire on Dorsey Road. Erving fire on the scene.
10:15 p.m. Assisted Gill police with a domestic disturbance on Chappell Drive.
Thursday, 5/21
11:50 a.m. Alarm at a Dorsey Road address. Checked same, all secure.

6:26 p.m. Unattended 2-year-old boy running down sidewalk in the Amidon Street area. Brought boy back to parent.
Friday, 5/22
1:30 p.m. Alarm at a French King Highway address. Secured same.
6:30 p.m. Civil disposition citation issued for marijuana on Route 2.
9:00 p.m. Complaint of

animal cruelty at a French King Highway address. Under investigation.
Saturday, 5/23
1:35 a.m. Officer with Montague police to East Mineral Road for two suspicious vehicles. Located four people fishing along the river. Subjects advised to move along.
9:58 p.m. Arrested [redacted] Charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor,
marked lanes violation and seat belt violation.
Tuesday, 5/26
11:30 a.m. Motorcycle crash on Route 2 at west bypass. Investigated same.
1:35 p.m. Scooter crash with no injury on Route 2 at River Road. Investigated same.
3:40 p.m. Arrested [redacted] Charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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what's your platform?"

Pooser said, "I was a little caught off guard," but decided to mount a last minute campaign, with help from friends, who organized a meet and greet at the Deja Brew, and helped get flyers and signs distributed around town.

Still, "I thought it was a long shot," Pooser admitted. "I think everyone did."

Running against the long-time chair of the selectboard, Pooser

said everyone praised Lewis' commitment to the town, and his dedication. "He's done so much for the town. He's literally a legend. I didn't know what I was getting into."

But Pooser sensed "a certain dormancy in town, where people came out of the woodwork," to vote for him. Now, "I feel an enormous amount of responsibility. I have huge shoes to fill."

He said one of the first things he would like to do is "apprentice" with Lewis. "That man

knows every board and every nail in every building in town. He knows more about the infrastructure in town than just about anyone. I want to get that information written down, and documented."

Beyond that, Pooser said he planned to attend the meeting on Tuesday with Governor Deval Patrick in New Salem about bringing broadband to the hill-towns, and also to put his computer skills to work for the town as Wendell moves to upgrade the town website.

On the broadband issue, Pooser said, "I'm curious to see how they're going to do it, without physically wiring everyone's house." The obstacles are substantial. "This town is huge, and there's only 1,000 people living in it. You can't do wireless with the amount of trees," creating poor sight lines; "It's not going to work." He wondered whether "piggybacking" on electric wires connected to most households might be an option the Governor pursues with his initiative.

As for the town's website, Pooser felt certain goals were attainable. "Remove inaccuracies," would be step one, followed by posting "timely information, distributed in a timely fashion, with a user friendly interface." He felt each town department should have "the top five questions most often asked" answered on the website, and the forms people need easily available for download, so residents do not have to wait for every other week office hours kept by some town committees or officials. He said minutes from all meetings should be posted on the website, too.

Other priorities are already knocking at the selectboard's

door. Among them, he noted the impending closing of the private Maple Valley School in the center of town. "That's going to have a huge impact, no matter which way it goes." As would the 47-MW biomass plant proposed for Greenfield. "You build the thing, they have to feed it. They'll be looking at Wendell State Forest."

As for the question of regionalizing Wendell's elementary school within the Mahar district, or consideration of alternatives, Pooser said he was halfway through reading the 75-page report of the Commission on Education in Gill.


"There is a new committee forming," with representation from the school committee, to consider future options for Wendell's students, and Pooser said he would be keeping an open mind while those deliberations move forward. "No one is happy with the schools," he said, adding that the current situation, where Wendell is being assessed more per pupil than any of the four member towns of the Mahar district, seems to be "penalizing Wendell for responsible financial management, [where we] increased our tax rate since Proposition 2½ and tucked money away."

Pooser also talked about the challenge presented to the town by Jonathan and Susan von Ranson's petition to build a non-electric apartment, using a composting toilet, in an attempt to reduce their ecological footprint.

"I'm not a lawyer," said Pooser, and their project poses "all sorts of legal issues. But the one thing I'm interested in, having a project like this come forward and not categorically dismissing it. How can we as a town say maybe we can take a look at

the building codes, and make a test case? There are definitely good reasons to do this, and the von Ransons are trying to make it feasible, or at least legal, for other people to do this. Major systems are failing on a planetary level. Unless we find a way to live more ecologically on a wide-spread basis, we're all screwed."

Pooser has decided to make a long-term commitment to the town of Wendell, and not just by serving a three-year term on the selectboard.

"I know my wife will bury me here. We have a right in the Commonwealth to home burial. Ever since I was a kid, I moved every two years, Tokyo, London, all over the place." But Pooser said in his opinion, "Wendell is a singular place ecologically. We live in a temperate rainforest in a place blessed with water. There's a certain type of relationship you can have with a place, the people, and for us, the plants. When you spend 30, 40... 70 years with one plant, through the seasons, through the years, there's a certain depth you can get with that only by being in one place." 

Psychic Fair

The National Spiritual Alliance will sponsor a Psychic Fair on Saturday, May 30th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Thompson Temple across from the post office in Lake Pleasant. Divination methods include astrology, I-Ching, hand reading, vibration connection and tarot cards. Consultation is with a medium of choice. TNSA is a democratic, deistic, reincarnationist, Spiritualist organization. For more info, go to (www.thenationalspiritualallianceinc.org).


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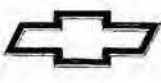
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NOTES FROM THE ERVING SELECTBOARD

Second Vote on Erving Senior Center Scheduled

BY DAVID DETMOLD – Following a botched vote at annual town meeting on May 5th, when neither the printed warrant nor the verbal instruction from moderator Rich Peabody mentioned the fact that a two-thirds majority would be required to approve borrowing for a new \$2.3 million senior center, Erving voters failed to muster the needed majority by four votes, and the measure failed 57 to 35.

At their May 18th meeting, the selectboard apologized to the senior center committee for the poor presentation of their warrant article, and scheduled a special town meeting for June 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Erving Elementary School to revote the issue.

In other selectboard news,

Representative Chris Donelan (D-Orange) attended the board meeting on May 11th, to update Erving on the state's dire financial woes. Donelan said the Senate was seriously considering cutting \$1 billion in local aid from last year's total, and that Chapter 70 aid for education may not be spared in FY '10. Then, he said, FY '11 is going to be worse.

Donelan also spoke about the need for local school districts in Franklin County to regionalize. He said he had serious concerns about the sustainability of small school districts, like Erving School Union 28. He was careful to say he was not supporting the closing of individual schools, but he strongly supported combining school districts to save adminis-

trative costs, which in Franklin County are higher than the state average on a per-pupil basis.

Next, Robin Sherman, Joanie Bernstein and Pat Fiero, from the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Rural Development Incorporated, brought more bad news to the board regarding the availability of state funds for senior housing. The state funds for senior housing have dried up.

They advised the board that at this point the best way to develop 20 units of senior housing in the town-owned land near the elementary school (to the rear of the proposed senior center) would be to apply for a federal HUD 202 grant. The federal grant would

come with more restrictive guidelines. Instead of the 850-square-foot duplexes the senior housing committee had been hoping to build, HUD will only provide for 540-square-foot apartments in a single complex. Also, there would only be a 50% local preference for the units, meaning only ten of the apartments would be reserved for Erving seniors. On the plus side, the federal grant would provide more subsidies for the units, making them more affordable for seniors than state-funded units would have been.

The board said it needed time to consult with the senior housing committee before proceeding. Sherman and her colleagues made it clear the housing project could only move forward in conjunction with an approved senior center on the same plot of land; otherwise bringing water and

sewer to the housing project would be unaffordable.

"If the senior center dies, this project dies," said town administrative coordinator Tom Sharp.

The board appointed Lenny Clark as Erving's first deputy fire chief, and also appointed Herman Meattay, the brother of fire chief Bud Meattay, as the second deputy fire chief. The state ethics commission was consulted, and cleared the second appointment.

Eric Semb has resigned as chair of the finance committee to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest as the town moves forward on his bid to rezone his property near the French King Entertainment Center to allow for the construction of a drive-through fast food restaurant and gas station. Moderator Peabody will seek an appointment to fill the vacant finance seat.

G-M Budget Still Unresolved

BY ELLEN BLANCHETTE – The newly formed Gill-Montague school committee had its first business meeting Tuesday night, May 26th, with new members Doug Brown, Jen Waldron, Jeff Singleton and Emily Monosson in attendance. Michael Langknecht of Montague was elected last week by the school committee to serve as their chair. He ran his first meeting with cordiality and efficiency.

Members went through the ordinary tasks of approving warrants and finishing up other matters that had been in process over the past year, with some new members abstaining on votes when they felt they lacked sufficient knowledge.

At one point in the discussion of the budget process, Jeff Singleton of Montague said he had more questions and felt there was not sufficient time to explore them in the meeting. He suggested having one more meeting on the budget before Montague holds its annual town meeting on June 6th.

Singleton is also a member of the Montague finance committee, which has recommended an assessment figure \$237,936 lower than the assessment

approved for Montague by the school committee as it was constituted prior to the election of May 18th.

The school committee agreed to Singleton's suggestion, and set a meeting for Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at Turners Falls High School, to focus specifically on the budget.

In his report to the school committee, interim superintendent Kenneth Rocke, in his last five weeks of employment at the district, painted a dire picture of the fiscal situation in Boston, with state revenues in free fall

and the legislature struggling to find ways to adjust. Rocke said, "I've never seen a less predictable [budget] process," with discordant and shifting messages from state officials. Even at this late date, Rocke cautioned that the state aid picture is so uncertain that it could be difficult to establish a budget that would satisfy the needs of both the schools and towns.

"Err on one side, you hurt the schools; err on the other side, you hurt the towns," Rocke said.

There will be further negotiations see **BUDGET** pg 9

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The assessed owner as of January 1st, 2007 is listed

- Fish, Joan M. 40 Ben Hale Road, Gill MA
- Gusan, Michael J. 1481 Westford Place #2, Tucson, AZ
- Morales, June C. 21 West Gill Road, Gill, MA
- Moskal, June C. c/o Gary Moskal 2205 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA
- Peters, David C. 262 French King Highway, Gill, MA
- Roos, Karen E. 14 South Cross Road, Gill, MA
- Trustee/Fiske Irrev.R c/o Wanda Coates 125 Wells Street, Greenfield, MA
- Ellis, James P. 142 A Boyle Road, Gill, MA
- Gagne, Alice M. 16 Walnut Street, Gill, MA
- Gibson, Kevin P. 7 Grove Street, Gill, MA
- Hayward, Robert J. 23 Walnut Street, Gill, MA
- Marguet, Jonathan J. 53 North Cross Road, Gill, MA
- Phaneuf, Veronica 547 Turners Falls Road, Montague, MA
- Waldron, Scott A. 15 Oak Street, Gill, MA
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Wendell's Jerry Eide (l-r) with North Bennet Street students Jessica Milne, instructor Rich Friberg, Dave Bruza, Tracy Chim and a student named Evan worked with other volunteers to assemble the steeple's frame on Tuesday.

BY MOLLY KAYNOR

WENDELL – A few months ago, Jerry Eide, a local preservation contractor, wishfully told his friend Rich Friberg, an instructor at the North Bennet Street

School, that the Wendell Meetinghouse could use some preservation work, if his students ever needed practice.

The North Bennet Street School is a two-year preservation

college in Boston. Eide didn't expect the school's students to actually come out to Wendell to get practice, but Friberg took his idea seriously.

After receiving approval from the school's administration and making a couple of trips to Wendell and many careful measurements, members of the senior class designed and built the frame of a steeple for the Wendell Meetinghouse out of oak and white pine. They designed the steeple to replicate an 1890 photograph of the original steeple.

Over the past few weeks, North Bennet Street students cut, chiseled and milled the five-sided rafters and oak timbers for the crab in their shop. With the help from Wendell volunteers and several vehicles, the 26-foot long rafters and the oak supporting crab structure were all transported in sections from the Boston area to the Wendell Meetinghouse front lawn.

A few days before the miraculous delivery, Eide and a local carpenter, Gerda Swedonsky, both volunteers from Wendell, erected scaffolding around a level platform Eide had prepared in order to provide easy access to the steeple once it was erected.

On Tuesday morning, May 26th, the North Bennet Street

students and Friberg came to Wendell to put their handiwork together at the Meetinghouse. The timing was perfect, since the weather was glorious that day, and the event served as the students' final project before they graduated a few days later.

They began their work on the meetinghouse lawn by fitting the pre-cut timbers of the crab support system together on top of the prepared platform. Since the timing of the students' arrival was not definite, it had not been announced ahead of time. Even so, Wendell volunteers came out of their yards and stopped their cars and got off their bikes and put down their hoes to help raise the 26-foot rafters and fit them into the crab structure.

All together there were about a dozen steeple raisers who worked together as an efficient team to raise the steeple. It was a smooth operation and every one of the timbers was a perfect fit. Each rafter was secured to the crab using carefully crafted mortise and tenon joints. No power tools, nails or screws were used. Every mortise and tenon in all of the timbers fit together perfectly to create a strong and secure timber framed spire.

Friends of the Wendell Meetinghouse provided lunch and gave out Meetinghouse t-shirts for all of the students and volunteers who helped that day.

The students thanked the Wendell volunteers for the "valuable experience," and we thanked them for an incredibly well-built steeple.

The bones of the spire are now standing tall and secure on the front lawn of the Wendell Meetinghouse. With the support of the Wendell community, the steeple frame will soon be sheathed and painted. It will have a weather vane and lightning rod installed at the top by Joe and Dan LeVange of Quabbin Lightning Protection, who have offered to donate their time and expertise to the Wendell Meetinghouse steeple restoration project.

Once the steeple has been completed, the bell tower repaired and inspected, and necessary funds raised, a community celebration will be held on the exciting day when a crane will hoist the steeple onto the top of the Wendell Meetinghouse.

There is much to do inside the Meetinghouse before the building can be used. Working on the outside of the building first will ensure that future inside work will be protected.

It also has been encouraging to see work being done on the exterior. It helps to motivate the community to provide the funding and the labor necessary to revive such a beautiful historic building.

Freshman Academy Initiative a Success

BY ERICKA ALMEIDA

GILL-MONTAGUE – Fewer F's, less disciplinary action and better attendance all point to the success of the Turners Falls High School "Freshman Academy" initiative.

This team approach to working with ninth graders is now in its second year of implementation at the Turners Falls High School. Developed and overseen by principal Jeffrey Kenney, the program set out to create a smooth transition for students moving from the middle school to the high school, with a lot of safety nets.

"I'm a middle school person, 23 years of teaching, five years as

a principal, and the teaming concept in middle school is invaluable. We've taken the best things from that model and applied them at the high school level," said Kenney.

Freshman year is often a trying time for students. The transition from middle school to high school can be very traumatic for some teens. The art of meeting new friends, navigating unknown territory and new teachers with new academic standards can seem overwhelming.

With current studies showing a direct link between a student's ninth grade success and their graduation probability, it's imperative for high schools to offer

nurturing learning environments. "One of the things we know from the research is that students who aren't successful their freshman year are at risk," said Kenney.

What sets the academy apart from any other ninth grade is that each student is guided through the year by a team of teachers, all working together to make sure no students fall through the cracks. The team is made up of professionals from each of the core disciplines – math, science, history and English – and is joined by a guidance counselor and a special education teacher to round out the group.

This team of educators meets twice weekly to discuss curricu-

lum and students, allowing the team to address any difficulties a particular student may be experiencing immediately and supportively. All parent conferences are handled by the team.

"Historically you'd get a list of teachers and go around from room to room. We have one-stop shopping, so parents can meet all the teachers at once," said Robert Perlman, team leader and chair of the science department.

"Between us, we teach every freshman," said Perlman. The team is constantly monitoring students for subtle changes that may indicate a problem. They take into account grades, disciplinary actions and absenteeism, so when a red flag goes up they can

respond. "It's all individualized to the kid. We try to talk to them and say, 'What can we do to help you?' Then we talk to parents and ask, 'What's going on?'" Perlman said.

"We have systems in place to bring all the players together to see if problems can be addressed," said Sharon Boron, the freshman guidance counselor. "There is also a mediation program in the school. If there are conflicts, kids can sit down and work the issue out so it doesn't affect their education."

The team faces an array of stumbling blocks that go along with working with young teens. They identified technology as a main problem area, and spoke of

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STUDENT ART SHOW AT TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL



ELLEN BLANCHETTE PHOTO

Pen and colored pencil drawing on paper by TFHS senior Leah Booker.

BY ERICKA ALMEIDA
TURNERS FALLS – Two-dimensional wall hangings, woodworking, packing tape sculptures, vocal perform-

ances, film loops, and graphic design work are just some of the media to be explored at the First Annual Turners Falls High School Arts

Night. On June 4th from 6 to 8 p.m., the first floor of Turners Falls High School will be transformed into a multi-media gallery featuring the works of more than 80 student artists.

Art instructor Heidi Schmidt, who will be coordinating the event, said the concept behind it is to teach students about organizing an art show with the added benefit of bringing the community into the school, showcasing the value of the arts and student achievement. "The students are going to be preparing their own work for exhibit, and hanging the show." She is also requiring that her students attend the art show opening reception.

Students from each grade at the school will have work on display. Refreshments will be available for sale courtesy of the TFHS Life Skills Class, with proceeds funding future art events.

The show is free, but there is a suggested \$5 donation at the door to benefit the Mary Forrest Scholarship Fund.

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 tions between the Massachusetts House and Senate and the governor, but Rocke said at present the Senate has cut 2% from Chapter 70 funding for school aid and reduced the transportation reimbursement rate by 45%.

To give the school committee a feel for what they might be facing if these cuts hold, business manager Lynn Bassett presented a calculation of the budget passed by the school committee for FY '10 that included the possible reduction in revenues in the Senate's budget. She said this would require significant increases in town assessments.

Nevertheless, Rocke encouraged everyone to be patient, and wait to see the final budget from the state. With revenues dropping month by month, he said the state is adjusting "on the fly." The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education notified the district the state would not be able to meet fourth-quarter obligations, cutting 10.7% of Chapter 70 funding for FY '09.

Governor Patrick then "backfilled" this gap with \$670,000 of stimulus money initially earmarked for FY '11. This maintained Patrick's promise to hold school districts harmless this budget year, but also means stimulus money meant to last three years will be gone sooner.

The cuts in funding for Chapter 70 school aid, special education and regional transportation reimbursement

now being considered in the Massachusetts House and Senate are for FY '10. Rocke strongly recommended the district be proactive by seeking opportunities to collaborate with other school districts to find savings that benefit all the schools, and help develop a long term strategy to stabilize school funding.

District treasurer Peter Roy Clark reported that the students of Gill Elementary School had raised \$190 selling cards as part of a year-long fundraising project. The students' goal was to raise money for Heifer International. The choice of how to allocate the funds was up to the students, who voted to donate one llama and two flocks of chicks. Rita Detweiler, principal of Gill Elementary, said "the entire adult community is very proud of their efforts." The school committee voted to accept the treasurer's recommendation that they approve the student activity warrant as requested.

Kristin Boyle raised the issue of pre-schoolers who may suffer developmental problems, asking the school committee to explore how the district could help bring information to parents about signs to watch for and how to get help if they need it. The committee members agreed this would be a valuable service to provide to parents. Boyle and Jen Waldron will research resources and bring it back to the school committee at the next meeting.



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NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Banash Appointed Selectboard Chair

BY DAVID DETMOLD

GILL – On Tuesday, Ann Banash was appointed chair as the Gill selectboard reorganized following the May 18th election, in which John Ward unseated Lee Stevens for a three-year seat on the board. Ward was appointed clerk of the selectboard, and will also serve as the board's representative to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, while Nancy Griswold volunteered to serve as the selectboard's representative to the personnel board.

As the meeting concluded, Ward brought up the matter of the police chief's contract, approved for a three-year extension by a majority of the board during an executive session on Thursday, May 14th. The board held numerous executive sessions leading to the approval of the Chief Hasting's contract, and Ward questioned whether it was appropriate for the board to have conducted those deliberations in

closed session.

Banash and Griswold said it was.

The board met with Bruce Hunter of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority regarding the town's upcoming application for Community Development Block Grant funding. Presently, Gill is part of a multi-town collaboration for CDBG funds, with Erving as the lead town. This year, Gill received funding to provide zero-interest long term loans to rehabilitate three homes for low or moderate income residents, and applicants have come forward for those loans to correct code violations, remove lead paint, or weatherize their homes.

Hunter advised the board to apply for a share of housing rehab funds again next year, and the board said it was also interested in possibly applying for \$5,000 to \$6,000 for a feasibility

study to make the Riverside Municipal Building handicapped accessible. Ward said he was interested in seeing what it would take to improve access to the basement level of the Riverside building, to possibly increase the rentable square footage there.

When a bid is eventually awarded for the \$42.3 million rehabilitation of the Gill-Montague bridge, the town will approach the contractor about the possibility of using the Mariamante property as a staging area for equipment for that project. But as the town has recently fielded inquiries about the Mariamante property, and hopes to sell it to an appropriate developer, the board advised town administrator Tracy Rogers to try to work out a deal with the contractor to vacate the property if the town finds a buyer within the expected two-year time frame for construction on the bridge.

In other news, the board:

- Appointed Renee Jenkins to the Gill-Montague senior center director hiring committee

- Appointed Alyn Hastings to the zoning board of appeals

- Tentatively scheduled a reception in appreciation of years of service for long-time selectboard member Lee Stevens, and school committee member Timmie Smith, on June 16th at 5:00 p.m. at town hall

- Tentatively scheduled a budget meeting with the finance committee on Wednesday, June 10th, at 7 p.m.

- Rescheduled a hearing on James Diemand's complaint about barking dogs at the Hickory Hill Kennel for Monday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m.

The board spent some time discussing the FY '10 budget, in advance of the continuation of town meeting on June 16th. Since the state budget crisis has made it difficult to arrive at an estimate for local aid this year, Banash advocated for going to town meeting with a budget that is unbalanced, understanding that final state aid figures may or may

not preclude the need for an override to maintain current services.

Presently, the town is working with a budget that is roughly \$28,000 in the red, based on what Rogers called a "worst-case scenario" of state aid, though she admitted the worst-case scenario could still get worse, as the state of Massachusetts grapples with a budget reeling from the collapse of tax revenues in the recession, and still \$1.5 billion in the red.

Griswold said, "The people in Gill have been very clear about the services they want," and expressed hope that an override for \$28,000 would pass, if need be.

Rogers said the conservation commission had requested an additional \$1000 for their budget in FY '10, to pay for two hours a week of help from Bonnie Welcome, the shared clerk of the planning board, ZBA, board of health, and conservation commission. The clerk's services will be needed to make up for the hours conservation commission chair Tony Mathews, who is dealing see **GILL** pg 12

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digestive tracts are all but gone. They are harmless old fogies on a biological mission.

Boyd Kynard, emeritus fish biologist at the Conte Anadromous Fish Laboratory in Turners Falls said, "Think of them as swimming gametes. Just eggs and sperm on their way upstream." They are determined to complete their reproductive journey and they are bringing precious gifts with them.

Although some will spawn in the Connecticut River, most of the adult lampreys swim into

tributaries looking for cobble-bottom areas with the right water velocity, and sandy stretches downstream. When a good location is found, a male and female begin excavating a five- to six-inch-deep nest, called a redd. They lift three- to four-inch rocks with their mouths and build a dam on the downstream edge.

Kynard, who has been observing sea lamprey for over 20 years, says they usually arrive in the tributaries in early June, depending on weather, water temperature and flow. Redd building takes place over a two-week period.

This marvel of redd engineering by one of the most primitive creatures on Earth is the adult lamprey's nod to parenting. After the male has wrapped around the female, squeezed out eggs and fertilized them over two to three days, the tiny eggs flow out of the redd cavity and are caught by the carefully constructed rock dam, where they are protected

until they hatch 12 to 14 days later.

The adults die soon after spawning and, as they decay, give the ultimate gift to our streams – nitrogen, phosphorous, and other nutrients brought from their ocean journeys. The rotting carcasses of the lampreys support organisms from the smallest invertebrates to trout and other fish, by supplying nutrients to the base of the food chain.

Based on studies in other rivers, Kynard estimates the nutrients are quickly soaked up within 300 feet of each carcass. Because spawning occurs in June during peak algae production, the nutrients arrive at the perfect time for utilization by the ecosystem.

When the eggs hatch, the small lampreys, called ammocoetes, float downstream and burrow into silt, where they filter feed on plant material for about five years. The eggs and ammocoetes also contribute to the food chain as prey for larger predat-

ors.

Surviving ammocoetes become 'transformers,' an intermediate stage with eyes and mouths, and migrate to the ocean in the fall and winter, where they reach adult stage. Within 18 months, they ingest a high-protein diet and grow from the size of pencils to 28-inch, 2½ pound specimens of pure muscle.

Sea lampreys evolved to breed in fresh water and grow to adulthood in salt water. Species that have this fresh water – salt water – fresh water life cycle are known as anadromous fish. In the Connecticut River, other anadromous fish are Atlantic salmon, American shad, and blueback herring.

Although sea lampreys are natural and harmless in our watershed, they have a different history in the Midwest. In the early 1900s, when the Welland Canal opened Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, adult sea lampreys gained access to all of the Great Lakes. Being highly adaptive

and successful creatures, they eventually used the lake tributaries for mating and the lakes themselves as their 'oceans,' where they decimated several populations of large freshwater fish, including the prized lake trout.

In New England, however, they deserve no ill will. They do nothing here other than provide necessary elements for nature's food chain. When you see them, wish them well on their journey to their nesting sites. They are part and parcel of all that is great and beautiful about our rivers and streams.

The Holyoke and the Turners Falls Fishways are open through June 14th, Wednesdays through Sundays, 9 to 5. For directions and further information, go to www.hged.com.

Liz Austin is a retired psychologist and educator who has returned to school for a master's degree in Natural Resources Conservation at UMass Amherst.

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BY NEIL SERVEN

GREENFIELD – Before those frightening windstorms touched down on Franklin County on May 9th, damaging homes and upending a barn in Sunderland, I had never heard of the term “gustnado.”

The word – easily recognizable as a blend of “gust” and “tornado” – is not entered in any standard desk dictionary. According to the National Weather Service, a gustnado is not technically a tornado, but a series of circular gusty winds that blow in ahead of storm fronts, never quite reaching the force of a tornado. Normally they reach around 60 to 70 miles per hour, which is about the force of the storm that hit Sunderland. Because of their weaker circulation, gustnados often elude detection by radar, and so they’re more likely to catch storm watchers by sur-

prise. For understandable reasons, most early usage of “gustnado” comes from publications in the Midwestern U.S., where windstorms proliferate. The first recorded usage of the term in print dates from 1983. United Press International quoted Ernest Agee, now a professor of atmospheric sciences at the Climate Change Research Center at Purdue University, using the word to describe fierce winds in the range of 50 miles per hour that caused damage to buildings and a shopping mall in Lafayette, IN.

Although, as evidenced by the news reports from earlier this month, the NWS still actively uses “gustnado” in its own parlance, it does so with such rarity that we lay folk aren’t always convinced the word hasn’t been made up on the spot. According to a May 27th, 1997 article by Judy Pasternak in the *Los Angeles Times*, when the NWS put out an alert to Florida residents advising them to take shelter due to the onset of gustnados across the plain, they did not expect to be bombarded with phone calls from perplexed citizens looking to find out what a

The Rogue Editor Any Way the Wind Blows

gustnado was. And now, when the next storm-that’s-not-quite-a-tornado strikes Western Massachusetts, we’ll know what to call it.

News coverage of the swine flu outbreak appears to be receding. Along with helpful reminders about the importance of washing your hands, this latest health crisis helped to familiarize us with the word “pandemic.”

You might remember hearing this word when the avian flu scare reached critical mass a few years ago. A “pandemic” (from the Greek *pan-demos*, meaning “of all the people”) is an outbreak of a disease that occurs across a wide geographic area (possibly worldwide) and that affects an extremely high proportion of the population.

How does this differ from an epidemic? An “epidemic” (from the Greek *epi-demos*, meaning “upon the people”) is a sudden yet severe outbreak of a disease within one locale, usually at a rate higher than what would normally be expected. Similarly, an “epizootic” is a rapid outbreak of a disease among an animal

population. Since swine flu has affected people on multiple continents, the World Health Organization has classified it as a pandemic. However, last week Keiji Fukuda, the WHO’s acting assistant director-general for health security and environment, said that the WHO may consider reworking its own criteria for what qualifies as a pandemic due to concern expressed by member nations, as this latest health scare is not considered as deadly as past pandemics (notably avian flu).

Until recently, “epidemic” seemed to be the word of choice in casual usage to refer to any kind of rapidly-spreading disease, even branching into figurative use to refer to something unbelievably popular (e.g., a fashion trend reaching “epidemic proportions.”) Now that we’ve gotten to know the more serious “pandemic” via two different news-making health scares, it will be interesting to see if “epidemic” begins to fall out of favor beyond its literal meaning.

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Three weeks into her position as MBI director, Gillett laid out plans for the state to accurately develop a detailed map of existing broadband coverage, to find sources of money and build as quickly as possible, in phases, to expand broadband coverage as far as necessary.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of February 17th, 2009 – the federal stimulus bill – provides \$7.2 billion in loans and grants specifically for expanding internet coverage through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The Massachusetts Broadband Act authorizes \$40 million in bonds

to invest in infrastructure assets – conduits, fiber-optic cable and wireless towers. Massachusetts has a lead in applying for federal grants because of the effort that began with the Broadband Act. Grants will be accepted until August 2009, and will be awarded after a four-month review.

The phased approach included the year-long New Salem trial “hot spot,” now being expanded commercially.

Gillett stressed the need for a precise survey of coverage now and as it expands, through a survey which could be filled out on computers that were set up in the town hall, or available online at www.mass.gov/mgis. (For now, Wendellites with a little time on their hands can try to reach that site via dial-up connection.)

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Lawn Mower and Generator Stolen

Tuesday, 4/21

6:20 a.m. Tree down on wires on New Salem Road.

Wednesday, 4/22

3:20 a.m. House alarm on New Salem Road. All OK.

Sunday, 4/26

Wellness check on a Wickett Pond Road residence. All OK.

Monday, 4/27

Domestic dispute at a Mormon Hollow Road address.

11:50 p.m. Emergency alarm at Deja Brew Pub. All OK.

Thursday, 4/30

10:00 p.m. Maple Valley School reported a runaway.

Wednesday, 5/13

12:10 a.m. Maple Valley School reported a runaway.

Lockes Village Road resident reported his red lawn mower missing.

Saturday, 5/16

Domestic disturbance at a Mountain Laurel Drive residence.

Friday, 5/22

Red Honda generator taken from a property on Cooleyville Road.

Saturday, 5/23

4:30 a.m. Noise complaint by a Lockes Village Road resident. No response required, caller just wanted it on record.

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listen to each other and actually work together. Mike is fair and does not have a hidden agenda. I believe he will value each member of the school committee and recognize their strengths."

Boyle spoke next, saying, "I would just like to refute some of the stuff that Sandy has stated. I think a lot of us who were on the school committee on the last term understand why. We know of certain incidents in the past that have called into question some of [Mike's] integrity. When you are sitting as chair of the school committee and representing the schools you should be respectful of everyone and you should come to the meetings in a state that is befitting your position here. I would

rather not elaborate any more than that. But I don't think this is a wise choice."

Jeff Singleton, who seconded Langknecht's nomination, said, "I have seen him chair meetings and I think he's done a really good job, consistently."

Doug Brown nominated Joyce Phillips for chair, and Boyle seconded her nomination.

Brown said, "From my experience as a town meeting member, I always find Joyce to be articulate, open, and well-versed in the laws governing schools and their councils. She has always communicated extremely well for a layperson like myself."

Sorrel Hatch asked both candidates to say a few words about how they would handle the posi-

tion of school committee chair. Langknecht spoke first. Reading from a prepared statement, he said, "The first priority is to complete the development of the vision that will guide our strategic planning and day-to-day decision making. The vision has to be broad and deep enough to guide us through the collaboration and regionalization challenge, the funding challenge, and the quality of education challenge."

Langknecht said he planned to have the school committee complete work on a vision within 60 days, along with strategic planning and goal setting. He said he would work on streamlining the meeting process, the subcommittee process, and "make more use of task forces,

ad hoc committees and study groups, which will allow us to make more use of the resources of the community." He said he would work to make sure "each member feels safe in expressing opinions and opposing viewpoints."

If elected chair Langknecht pledged, "I would be a strong advocate for a governance culture that is active and inclusive and constructive."

Phillips said, "I didn't come prepared for campaigning. I have served on the school committee for one primary reason, and that is the education of the students. I have advocated for education, and for those students. I work in this community. I live in this community. I pay taxes in this community. So I understand the impact of our budget. But my role when I sit at this table is to look to the future for the students and their education and programs."

She continued, "The majority of my time I have also spent in understanding Mass General Laws, DESE, MASC, and all the rules and regulations. Even though I might have ideas and things I might like to do, you can have your vision and your own values but you have to follow the rules of the game, and you have to follow the laws."


Phillips added, "We should never forget the role we're here for. Education has been part of my life all of my life. I was the diocesan director of religious education here in Turners Falls. I had a staff of 40 and I had 400 kids, worked curriculum and budget and brought it to the

Diocese of Springfield as one of the top run programs. So, I've been involved."

She said she had worked for the Gill-Montague school district, for special education, for "kids who don't have everything that they need at home, or educationally, or emotionally." She said she had been involved in negotiating contracts "on both sides of the table."

"I'm not here for an agenda," said Phillips. "I know there have been a lot of comments and implications as to why people are here or the need for change, or turnover, like none of us have done anything of value or worth and that's why we should all be removed. Quite to the contrary, I think the people that have served here for the last ten or twelve years have worked really hard, and they've given a lot of time and lot of hours and they've done their best job and been open and honest... I've never been at the table to be the popular one... I believe in our kids, and I think they deserve people at the table that fight for them and support them and work for ways to bring them a future."

Votes were cast and tallied and Langknecht won the post of chair by a five to four vote, with Brown, Boyle and Hatch supporting Phillips, and Emily Monosson and Jen Waldron joining Singleton and Brown in supporting Langknecht.

With Hatch joining the majority, a similar breakdown of votes were cast for vice chair, with Phillips losing out to Sandy Brown, 3 to 6. 

Trash and Recycling Montague Collection Day Street Listing Effective June 1, 2009

Please locate your street to determine your corresponding trash and recycling collection day.

Both trash and recycling will be collected weekly, with recycling alternating each week between Containers and then Paper.


Please call Allied Waste Services for all of your trash and recycling needs at 1-800-367-7778.

Tuesday	Adams St	Ferry Rd	Meadow Rd	Plains Rd	Taylor Hill Rd
	Bernardo Dr	First Ave	Montague Ave	Reservation Rd	Turner St
	Billings Rd	Fosters Rd	Newton Lane	Richardson Rd	Union Ave
	Broadway	258 Greenfield Rd and above	Ninth Ave	Riding Club Rd	Union St
	Burek Dr	Gunn Rd	North Leverette Rd	Ripley Rd	Walcott St
	Center St	Hannabrooke Lane	North St	School St	Welch Lane
	Chestnut Hill Loop	Highland Ave	North Taylor Hill Rd	Seventh Ave	West Chestnut Hill Rd
	Court Square	Kells Rd	Northfield Rd	Smiarowski Rd	West St
	Denton St	Kettle Hole Lane	Old Leverette Rd	South Ferry Rd	Whitney's Way
	Dewolf Rd	Lake Pleasant Rd	Old Northfield Rd	South St	Wills' Ferry Rd
Dry Hill Rd	Lyman Ave	Old Stage Rd	Spaulding Brook Rd	Wonsey Rd	
East Taylor Hill Rd	Main St	Old Sunderland Rd	Station St	Woodland Dr	
Eighth Ave	Massasoit St	Orchard St	Sunderland Rd		
Federal St		Owasso Ave	Swamp Rd		
Wednesday	Alice St	East Main St	Green Pond Rd	Moore St	South Lyman St
	Bangs St	East Mineral Rd	Grout Circle	Momon Hollow Rd	South Park St
	Birchwood Circle	Edgewater Way	Henry Ave	Morris Ave	South Prospect St
	Bridge St	Edward Ave	Highland St	Nadeau Ave	Turners Falls Rd
	Carlisle Ave	Ellis Rd	Hillside Rd	New St	Odd Side (23-101)
	Cemetery Rd	Emond Ave	James Ave	Newton St	Veterans St
	Chatham Circle	Federal St	King Ave	Norman Circle	Vladish Ave
	Chester St	Franklin Commons	Larel Lane/Park	North Park St	Wendell Rd
	Church St	Franklin St	Lyman St	Pratt St	Wentworth Ave
	Coolidge Ave	George Ave	Mill Rd	Prospect St	West Main St
Craig Ave	Grand Ave	Millers Falls Rd	Quarry Rd	West Mineral Rd	
Crescent St	Grant St	Mineral Rd	Ross Ave	Winthrop St	
Thursday	Avenue A	Fifth St	J St	Pinewood Circle	South High St
	Bartlett Rd	First St	K St	Pleasant St	Spring St
	Burnham rd	Fourteenth St	Kinglsey Ave	Poplar St	T St
	Canal St	Fourth St	Kostanski Square	Power St	Tenth St
	Central St	G St	L St	Randall Rd	Third St
	Chestnut Lane	Goddard Ave	M St	Randall Wood Dr	Thirteenth St
	Chestnut St	Greenfield Cross Rd	Maple St	Rastallis St	Twelfth St
	Clark Ave	245 Greenfield Rd and lower	Masonic Ave	Riverside Dr	Unity St
	Demers Lane	Grove St	Montague City Rd	Rod Shop Rd	Warner St
	Depot St	H St	N St	Second St	Williams Way
Eighth St	Hatchery Rd	Ninth St	Seventh St		
Eleventh St	Hillside Ave	O St	Sherman Dr		
Farren Ave	I St	Paradise Parkway	Sixth St		
Fifteenth St		Park St	Solar Ave		
Friday	Autumn Lane	Crocker Ave	High St	Marshall St	Sunset Dr
	Avenue B	Davis Rd	Highland Circle	Montague St	Turnpike Rd
	Avenue C	Davis St	Ivy St	Oak St	Walnut St
	Broadview Heights	Dell St	Keith St	Oakman St	Whiteman Way
	Bulkley St	Dunton St	Kimberly Lane	Roosevelt St	Willmark Ave
	Burnett St	Elm St	Letoutneau Way	Stevens St	Worcester Ave
	Charron St	Fairway Ave	Linda Lane	Turners Falls Rd	Wrightson Ave
	Country Club Lane	Griswold St	Madison Ave	Even Side (28-98)	X St

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with a health reversal, has been putting in for free.

The selectboard also considered a proposal from Kenneth Jones, an energy consultant out of Bristol, CT, to hire Jones to go to bat for the town to try to recover what he considers to be excessive charges from Western Mass Electric Company for street lighting over the past 50 years. Jones, a former WMECo employee, has

had some success with this strategy elsewhere, and is currently trying to persuade smaller towns in Western Massachusetts to band together to seek redress for what he considers to be ongoing over-billing for street lights. Presently, the towns of Shelburne, Leverett, Savoy, Huntington, and Goshen have agreed to take him up on the offer. If successful, Jones would receive 25% of whatever amount he brings in for the towns. 

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BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ – Q: *I don't get it. Is ozone a good thing or a bad thing?*

Ozone, a gas, is a form of oxygen. It is created when an electric spark or ultraviolet light passes through air, or when pollutants react chemically with sunlight.

Beneficial ozone is in the upper atmosphere, 10 to 30 miles above the surface of the Earth. It protects us from the sun's ultraviolet rays. Too much ultraviolet light may increase the risk of skin cancer, cataracts and problems with our immune systems. Part of the good ozone layer has been destroyed by man-made chemi-

icals. Detrimental ozone is at ground level and is the main component of smog. This bad ozone is horrible for your respiratory system. Ozone may aggravate chronic lung diseases such as emphysema and bronchitis and reduce the immune system's ability to fight off bacterial infections in the respiratory system.

Seniors and children are especially vulnerable to ozone pollution. Those with asthma and nasal inflammations seem to be more sensitive to pollutants.

Active children are at highest risk from ozone exposure because they spend a lot of time playing outdoors. Obviously, adults who work and play outdoors are at higher risk than indoor types.

Ozone can make you cough, suffer from throat irritation and experience an uncomfortable

sensation in your chest. This gas can also make it more difficult to breathe deeply.

People who experience high ozone levels may discover that their initial symptoms disappear after a while. However, ozone continues to cause lung damage even when there are no symptoms.

Studies done in the U.S. reported that ozone with concentrated ambient fine particles cause a significant increase in blood pressure. The studies also found that increased levels of ambient sulfate and ozone may increase the risk of heart arrhythmia in older people.

Seniors with respiratory problems should check the news and highway signs for reports of high ozone levels.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) reports levels of ozone and other common pollutants in the air. The higher the AQI value, the greater the health concern.

An AQI value of 0 to 50 is "Good." This range has no cautionary statement.

An AQI value of 51 to 100 is "Moderate." The cautionary statement is: "Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion."

An AQI value of 101 to 150 is "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups." The statement is: "Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease,

such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion."

An AQI value of 151 to 200 is "Unhealthy." The statement is: "Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion."

An AQI value of 201 to 300 is "Very Unhealthy." The statement is: "Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid all outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit outdoor exertion."

If you have a questions write to fred@healthygeezers.com

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WENDELL POLICE LOG

Severed Head

Wednesday, 5/20

2:30 p.m. Assisted fire department on Riverview Drive with alarm.

3:46 p.m. Assisted Northfield police department with investigation on Mount Hermon Station Road.

10:14 p.m. Report of unwanted subject on Chappell Drive.

10:50 p.m. Assisted a resident obtaining an emergency restraining order and served same.

Thursday, 5/21

6:50 p.m. Assisted Montague police department locating a resident in Gill

Friday, 5/22

3:06 p.m. Report of motor vehicle accident on French King Highway near Meadow Street.

4:10 p.m. Criminal complaint sought against [redacted]

[redacted] Charged with operating a motor vehicle after license

suspension, subsequent offense, and unregistered motor vehicle.

7:40 p.m. Assisted Bernardston police in Gill with investigation involving a Gill resident.

Saturday, 5/23

6:46 p.m. Follow up of intimidation complaint on West Gill Road, involving severed animal head left on homeowner's property. Under investigation.

Sunday, 5/24

9:45 a.m. Assisted with Memorial Day services in center of town.

Monday, 5/25

3:23 a.m. Assisted Grove Street resident with animal inside of residence.

9:40 a.m. Assisted with medical emergency on West Gill Road.

10:15 a.m. Assisted fire department with fire on Boyle Road.

11:15 a.m. Loose cows on Wyart Road, assisted owner.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Parking Lot, Cemetery Fight

Wednesday, 5/20

6:49 a.m. Report of vandalism at a Vladish Avenue address.

Friday, 5/22

12:23 a.m. Report of vandalism at the Avenue A War Memorial. Investigated.

6:59 a.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at an M Street address. Investigated.

4:34 p.m. Following a traffic stop, arrested [redacted]

[redacted] Charged with speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

6:57 p.m. Following a traffic stop, arrested [redacted]

[redacted] Charged with speeding, failure to stop for police and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense.

Saturday, 5/23

2:07 p.m. Arrested [redacted]

[redacted] on a probation warrant for violation of parole.

8:00 p.m. Arrested [redacted]

[redacted] on a straight warrant for violation of parole.

11:00 p.m. Arrested [redacted]

[redacted] Report of a fight in the area of Food Street address. Charged with assault and battery, domestic.

2:40 p.m. Report of a fight in the area of a Turnpike Road cemetery. Investigated.

Sunday, 5/24

1:27 a.m. Report of suspicious activity on Dry Hill Road in the area of a right of way just east of railroad tracks and power lines. Dispersed a gathering.

9:52 a.m. Report of vandalism at a G Street address.

11:09 p.m. Report of an unwanted person at an H Street address. Arrested [redacted]

[redacted] Charged with assault and battery, domestic.

11:50 p.m. Report of vandalism at an Autumn Lane address. Investigated.

Monday, 5/25

2:14 a.m. Officer-initiated investigation of a suspicious automobile at a Poplar Street address. Dispersed a gathering.

3:53 p.m. 911 abandoned call from an Adams Street address. Peace restored.

8:30 p.m. Officer initiated investigation of trespassing in the area of Railroad Salvage building. Power Street. Dispersed a gathering.

Tuesday, 5/26

8:07 a.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Prospect Street address.

Arrested [redacted]

[redacted] Charged with assault and battery, domestic.

2:40 p.m. Report of a fight in the area of a Turnpike Road cemetery. Investigated.

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JEP'S PLACE: Part CXXIV

75 in Second Gear



BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH

GILL – Louis and I had a grand time driving around in the Chevy. We'd go down to D.O. Paul's general store for a quart of ice cream and a quart of soda and polish them off before going swimming in the Connecticut River. Mrs. Paul warned us not to go swimming for an hour after eating or we would sink.

I drove the car to classes at Mount Hermon, ending my round-about ride to school and

the long walk home.

Pa didn't like the idea of me having so much freedom, and persuaded me to return the Chevy. He was especially nice to me and offered me his 1937 Ford V-8 for the \$150 I'd paid for the Chevy. He had contacted a lawyer who had informed him that minors could not enter into a binding contract.

Pa informed me that I had to return the car. I wasn't so sure about making a deal with Pa. Still, it wasn't a bad deal; his Ford V-8 was newer and much nicer, and had a lot of pickup. I'd heard that Ford V-8's would go 75 miles an hour in second gear whereas the Chevy wouldn't go much over 50 miles per hour down hill in high gear, even on pure gasoline. I returned the Chevy. The dealer wanted \$25

for his troubles. I figured it was worth it, for all the fun I'd had over the past month.

It soon became apparent that the Ford wasn't entirely mine. Pa retained the right to use it whenever he liked, which often was just when I wanted to go somewhere. I decided the deal wasn't working and asked for the money back. But not before I ascertained the truth that a Ford V-8 would go 75 miles per hour in second gear. It did.

Riding my bike beat arguing with Pa about who was going to use the car. Soon, I found a nice 1934 Ford for \$50. I didn't tell him where I'd bought it and he didn't ask. Apparently he wasn't about to spend any more money on a lawyer to rescind another deal.

Soon, I found another bargain – a 1931 Buick for \$50. I sold that for \$75. Then I sold the 1934 Ford for \$150 – three times what I'd paid – and bought a 1928 Buick in pristine condition for \$20. Soon, I was buying and selling enough vehicles to keep me in spending money.

Pa called me a junk dealer. I didn't care; it was an exciting way to make a little money and made me feel grown up. Cars were scarce and I could have charged more, but I was happy with a modest profit. Between buying cars and working afternoons and weekends, I didn't

study as much as I should have and usually didn't get to bed until late.

My marks suffered, and my counselor pointed out that I was performing way below my potential, ranking 75th out of 150 students. To top it all off, I fell asleep in Louis Smith's deadly dull Advanced Grammar class as he droned on about the principle parts of a past participle, or something equally stupefying. My eyes closed in a state of utter exhaustion, as he lectured me for falling asleep.

The lack of sleep wasn't the only difficulty. I had an undiagnosed low blood-sugar condition. I ate breakfast at 4:30 a.m. before doing the milking at home and setting out for school. By the time I got to my 10 o'clock Advanced Grammar class, I was ready to pass out from either lack of sleep, hunger, boredom, or all of the above.

The students called Mr. Smith, "Laughing Louie." He had a perpetual smile on his face, even when he was livid – which he was that morning – grimacing more than grinning. He sent me to see the assistant headmaster

for a talk. The assistant headmaster wanted to know why I was falling asleep. It did not appear that I was a serious student, he said. I explained the circumstances, but he did not comment and gave no hint of what lay ahead.

– Continued Next Week

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MCTV Channel 17 Afternoon/Evening Schedule 5/29 – 6/4

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Friday, May 29

3:30 p.m. Memorial Day 2009
4:30 p.m. Valley Idol Finals 2009
7:00 p.m. GMRSD 5/26/09

Saturday, May 30

3:00 p.m. Songs For Wee People
4:00 p.m. Silly Wizard "Polar Cartoon"
4:30 p.m. the epics at the vous
5:30 p.m. Rosner Car Show
6:30 p.m. In Liew We Trust pt I
8:00 p.m. Over The Falls: Italy Comes To Heath
8:30 p.m. Over The Falls: Maintaining The Strength

9:00 p.m. Physician Focus: Obesity in Massachusetts
10:00 p.m. Poetry Music Jam for Montague Reporter from the Vou
11:00 p.m. Power Canal Draw Down

Sunday May 31
3:00 p.m. Downtown on Ice

4:00 p.m. Falls Table 4/14/08
5:00 p.m. Full Circle Adoptions
6:00 p.m. Health Hill: Transfat
6:30 p.m. History of Gill Congregational Church
7:00 p.m. In Lies We Trust
9:30 p.m. Valley Idol Finals 2009

Monday, June 1

3:00 p.m. The Spirit of Lake Pleasant
5:00 p.m. The Revolution will not be Televised
6:30 p.m. The Western MASS Democrat
7:00 p.m. Select Board 5/19/09

Tuesday, June 2

2:30 p.m. 9/11 Blueprint For Truth
4:30 p.m. Valley Idol Finals 2009
7:00 p.m. GMRSD 5/26/09

Wednesday, June 3

2:30 p.m. Both Sides of the Bridge
3:30 p.m. Carlos W. Anderson "Big

Fat Lie"
4:30 p.m. Coffee House Joe Graveline
5:30 p.m. Common Man Denise Grendan
6:30 p.m. Cops
6:42 p.m. Cruise Aboard The Quinnetucket
7:00 p.m. Discovery Center Emus
8:00 p.m. Downtown on Ice
9:00 p.m. Valley Idol Finals 2009

Thursday, June 4

3:00 p.m. History of Gill Congregational Church
3:30 p.m. White House Chronicle #1017-1018
4:30 p.m. Wisdom Way Solar Village Documentary
5:30 p.m. TWD Sexual Abuse Healing
6:30 p.m. This is Montague Dec 06
7:00 p.m. Select Board 5/19/09

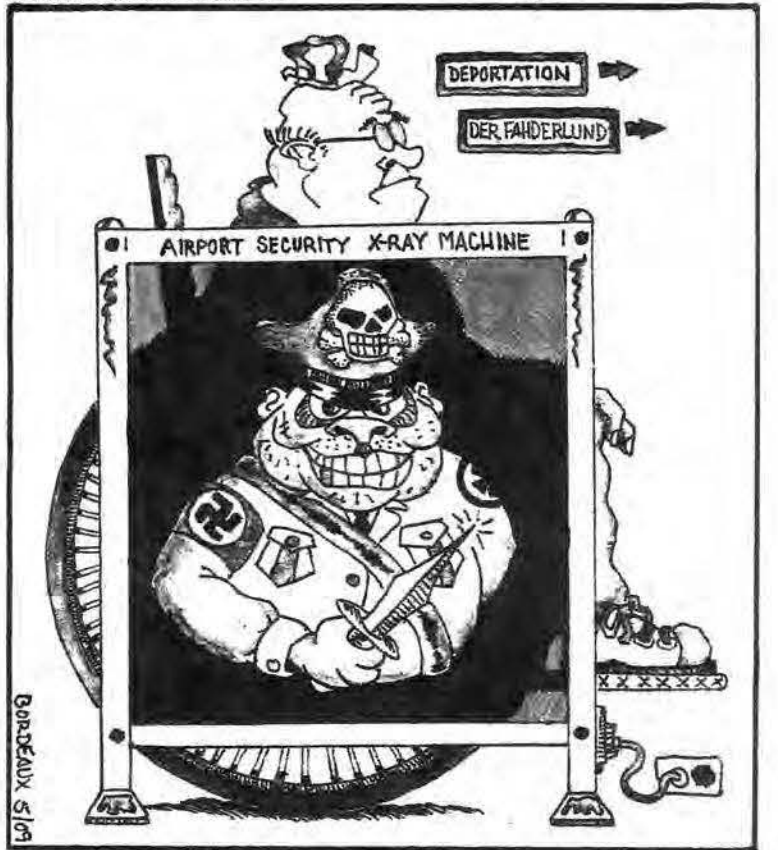
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JACK COUGHLIN ILLUSTRATION

THURSDAY, MAY 28th
At The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Lady Bright and Sway* grunge/indie from NYC & Boston, \$3 cover.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Larry Kopp*, Country and City Blues Guitar with vocals, 8 to 10 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MAY 29th
Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Caitie Kelly Band*, Rock & roll, 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Chaotic Soul*, Soulful Rhythms & Funk Jams, Originals and choice covers., 9 to 11 p.m. www.myspace.com/chaoticsoulband.

At The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Donna Lee & The Crooked Ledge Band*, country, 9:30 p.m. \$3 cover.

Wild Wood performs at Mocha Maya's Coffee House & Espresso Bar, Shelburne Falls, 7:30 p.m. With foundations in folk, bluegrass, and old-fashioned rock and roll, the group melds sweet vocal harmonies with the sounds of fiddle, upright bass, mandolin, drums, guitar, and piano. Also special guests: 5-Along, a jazz a cappella quintet.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 29TH & 30th
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on this film, will be at Saturday's show for Q & A. Music before the movie: Fri. 7 p.m., TBA; Sat. 7 p.m., *The Ambiguities*.

SATURDAY, MAY 30th
4th Annual Family Fishing Day! Arts and crafts, fishing lessons, flyfishing lessons, free raffle and plenty of fish to catch! Come share the joy of fishing with children of all ages! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls.

Of Roots an' Rocks: A Natural History of Cabot Woods and the Rock Dam of Turners Falls Cabot Woods and the near-by Rock Dam are two of the places most special to nature-loving residents of Turners Falls. Join Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center naturalist Dawn Marvin-Ward and geologist Steve Winters for a spring walk: *Of Roots an' Rocks*. Dawn shares her expertise on the flora and fauna, Steve explains the geology and history of the Rock Dam, as well as the significance of the mysterious iron-red seeps. An easy hike along a level trail, but the short descent to the Rock Dam on the river may be slippery. Please wear appropriate footwear. Hikers should meet at the USGS parking lot at 9 a.m. at the south end of G Street. Bring water, bug repellent, and sun screen. We will return to the parking lot around noon. Rain date Sun., May 31. For ages 12 and older. Optional \$5 to \$10 donation. Pre-register (413) 775-1671 (Pioneer Valley Institute)

The Comical Mystery Tour presents: *Unlock the Mystery*, dinner and theater show, 6 p.m. at St. Kazimierz, Turners Falls. Tickets: 863-4075.

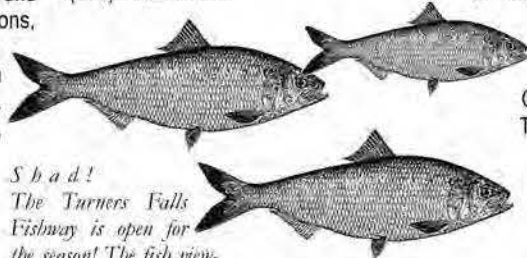
At The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rusty Belle & Chris Pureka*, 9:30 p.m. \$6 cover.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *The Early Show: Steve & Fredie of Drunk Stuntmen*, acoustic at 7 p.m. Then rock & roll covers with *D.I.X.* at 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Thaddeus Hands*, rock fusion, 9 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 31st

The Pioneer Consort. The chorus performs music of freedom and celebration from around the world. Sliding scale \$8 to \$20; \$5 for children under 12. Info: (413) 773-8655 or



Shad!
The Turners Falls Fishway is open for the season! The fish viewing facilities are open Wednesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through June 14th.

www.amandlachorus.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 1st
Evening Sing-Along, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. At the Montague Center Library with Children's Librarian, Linda Hickman. Guitar and banjo with a variety of children's music. For more information, call the Carnegie Library 863-3214 during the week, or the Montague Center Library, 367-2852, on Monday evenings.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd
At The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Knit & Craft Night*, free juke box, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd
Morning Nature Walk, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Would you like to start the day observing nature in Turners Falls? Morning Nature Walk is an early morning nature amble over paved bike trails and village side-walks. Walks are designed to be short but interesting, usually lasting about 90 minutes, never more than about 2 miles over level pavement. Participants will meet at the bird bath outside the main entrance to the Discovery Center at 7:30 a.m.. Info: www.greatfallsma.org.

Movie and discussion: *Consuming Kids: The Commercialization of Childhood* at the Greenfield Middle School at 5:30 p.m. View this documentary about the multi-billion-dollar youth marketing industry and its devastating impact on the health and well-being of kids. Produced locally by the Media Education Foundation.

Social Ballroom Lessons every Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance till 9 p.m. \$8 per person Come solo or bring a partner. At the Montague Elks, Turners Falls. June classes: Fox Trot! Info: call Frances (413) 885-8888.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Knitting & Crafts Night*, 7 to 10 p.m. Any craft/skill level.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th
At The Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *River Discoveries*, story and craft activity for 3- to 5-year-olds and their parents. Come learn about what makes rivers so vital to animals' survival. 11 a.m. to noon.

Together on the Land: Options for Sustainable, Affordable & Ecological Living in Community, panel discussion, 7 to 8:30 p.m. held at 2nd Congregational Church, Greenfield. More info at www.vcft.org This discussion focuses on concrete examples of sustainable community living right here in Franklin County. The goal of this discussion is to connect people with organizations and individuals working towards sustainable community living, offer real-world examples of community models, and explain basic information about how they work.

ONGOING
Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, Turners Falls: In Gallery 85: *Stan Sherer - Life Studies*. Three documentary projects: 'Albania' and 'Shopkeepers,' studies of people & places; 'Lantern Slides,' a personal visual interpretation and construction by Mr. Sherer. On display through **June 14th**.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Regis Paris Landscape Photography* Exhibit on display in the Great Hall through **May 31st**.

The Turners Falls Fishway is open for the season! The fish viewing facilities are open Wednesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through **June 14th**.

Auditions
Sunday May 31st & Monday, June 1st Arena Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its fall musical, *The King and I*, at 2 p.m. at the Jones Library, Amherst, on Sunday, and at 7 p.m. at the Shea Theater, Turners Falls, on Monday. Roles are available for adult men and women (some non-singing), teen girls and boys ages 13 and up, and boys and girls ages 6 to 12. Dancers are welcome. Directed by Catherine King, with musical direction by Rebecca Phelps and choreography by Kathy Dunn. Info: Sondra Radosh (413) 549-1511.

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NATURE TOUR OF CABOT WOODS & THE ROCK DAM



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The Rock Dam

THE PATCH – Join naturalist Dawn Marvin-Ward and Steve Winters on a tour of Cabot Woods and the nearby Rock Dam on Saturday, May 30th at 9 a.m. The hike, sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Institute, the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center and the Northfield Mountain Environmental Center, is an easy one, except for a brief and possibly slippery descent to the Rock Dam. The hike is free, although a donation of \$5 to

\$10 is greatly appreciated. The rain date is Sunday, May 31st.

Those not familiar with the Patch may not be aware of this area's great appeal to science and nature lovers. Marvin-Ward will share her expertise on the flora and fauna of Cabot Woods, while Winters will explain the geology and history of the Rock Dam as well as the significance of the mysterious iron-red seeps.

Hikers should meet promptly at the USGS parking lot, at

the south end of G Street, at 9 a.m. Bring water, bug repellent, sun screen, and appropriate footwear. The hike will end about noon.

Phone (413) 775-1671 or email pvi@gcc.mass.edu for information, or to register. Please leave your name and phone number. PVI operates through the community education branch of Greenfield Community College, and is partially funded by the GCC Foundation.

Erving Conservation Hike

BY DAVID KOTKER

ERVING – Local hikers are invited to a leisurely morning walk along the base Poplar Mountain to introduce residents to the new Erving Town Forest, on Saturday, May 30th from 10 a.m. to noon. The town of Erving bought 119 acres of the former Giniusz farm outright in 2007 to manage as conservation land. The land, which runs uphill towards Poplar Mountain, is forested, with discontinued logging roads and old stone walls meandering through the woods. Please join us as we explore this beautiful permanently conserved area.

Conservation Commission and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, which helped the town protect the land, and will be led by Walker Korby.

To reach the hike, take Route 2 to Old State Road. Parking is one mile up from the western intersection of Old State and Route 2, on the right, across from a white farmhouse. The trailhead is marked by a gate with a yellow blaze.



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The interpretive hike is sponsored by the Erving

Harry Sharbaugh, Laura Herbert, Steve Alves and Rob Fletcher cleared trails on March 28th at the Erving Conservation Land. The public is invited to take advantage of their handiwork and tour the land this Saturday.

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students' texting at all hours of the night and not getting enough rest. And unlike in years past, the student body is very fluid. Students move in and out of the district throughout the year.

"We need to be in a constant state of reflection about what's working. And given that each class has its own personalities, we have to adapt our strategies and interventions each year," said Shaun Ashworth, who makes up the team's history component.

With this in mind, the group is looking to the future of Freshman Academy and how to build on its successes. On the agenda for next year, the team leaders will seek grants to fund field trips to the Five Colleges, identify how to better communicate with parents, advance outreach to 8th graders and their parents about Freshman Academy, and possibly introduce a Freshman Academy website.



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