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Finance Committee Members Propose Buying Homes Near Former Landfill

BY DAVID DETMOLD LEVERETT – Members of the finance committee proposed Tuesday that the town buy up to half dozen homes located near the Amherst line, due to ongoing problems with groundwater contamination in private wells near the town's former landfill on Cemetery Road.

Donald Gibavic, finance committee chair, and committee member Tom Powers made that proposal to the selectboard on October 13th, a week before voters will face a warrant article at the October 20th special town meeting asking to appropriate \$33,000 to drill, test, and connect a new well at the Duffy residence, at 7 Cushman Road. If approved, this money will be added to \$10,000 set aside for the same purpose at annual town meeting.

The Duffy home is down gradient of the former landfill, and a plume of contamination from that landfill has apparently impacted the deep well that supplies water to the

home. Four or possibly five other residences along the south end of Teawaddle Hill Road may also be in the area of potential groundwater contamination from the town's former landfill.

One of those houses, the Nagy residence, at 56 Teawaddle Hill, has shown traces of manganese in a recent well water test, which may be an early indicator of other pollutants.

For many years, Leverett has spent approximately \$30,000 a year for filtration and testing of the affected well or wells, and to deliver bottled drinking water regularly to the Duffy household, and now to the Nagys.

Gibavic and Powers were concerned that the proposed new well to alleviate water contamination at 7 Cushman Road might fail to correct the problem over the long term, and would not begin to address the problems that may develop with wells at the other nearby residences.

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GRAVE MATTERS IN GILL



DETMOLD PHOTO

Streambank erosion by Unadilla Brook has threatened the stability of graves along the north side of Center Cemetery. But the highway department has shored up the bank, for now, so residents can rest easy.

BY DAVID DETMOLD – Gill's deceased residents can rest easy with the vigilant ladies of the Gill Cemetery Commission overseeing their repose.

Carrie Stevens, Ann Marie Klein, and Pat Haigis have been working to ensure the mowing and maintenance of graves, the mapping of plots, and the creation of a comprehensive record of burials in all three of the town's cemeteries: the North Cemetery and Center Cemetery, both on Main Road, and the West Gill Cemetery, over by the golf course at the

intersection of Hoe Shop and West Gill Roads.

Stevens and Haigis met with the selectboard in the town hall, across the common from the Center plots, on Tuesday, as rain and wind drove oak leaves slantwise among the gravestones. The board had called them in to get an update on their activities.

"What does the Gill Cemetery Commission do?" asked board chair Ann Banash, mainly for the benefit of new board member John Ward.

"As little as possible," said Haigis modestly. "Sell

lots. Make sure the cemetery is kept in as A-1 condition as possible. Interact with the funeral homes, to make sure the families' needs are met."

Roberge and Associates, surveyors from Greenfield, were recently hired by the commission to map all the town plots, eliminating any possible confusion about who sleeps where. That work is completed now. "All the cemeteries are done," said Haigis. "Now all the births and deaths in Gill are being recorded in a database."

Carrie Stevens is undertaking that task, to make it easier for town clerk Lynda Hodsdon-Mayo to answer questions from family members and genealogists. She has patiently searched the town records, dating back to 1843, and typed them up on an Excel spreadsheet. The general public can ask the clerk to help them search the files, if they wish.

"I started last year with the deaths," said Stevens. "I'm finishing up the births now."

see **GILL** pg 6

Theater Preview

As One King Opens, Another King's Reign Comes to a Close
Arena Civic Theatre Presents:
The King and I, at the Shea



Catherine King

BY GEORGE FUNK TURNERS FALLS – This week, the cast of Arena Civic Theatre's upcoming production of *The King and I* has been

working diligently at the Shea, polishing lines and blocking, perfecting lighting and sound, and finishing up musical arrangements and choreography.

However, no one has been working harder to complete this project than the show's director, Catherine King. The story within the story is that this will be King's final directorial endeavor.

Catherine King's community theater career has spanned over 30 years, during which time she has earned a reputation in local theater lore that is second to none. She started in 1975 with a role in Arena Civic Theatre's production of *Rapunzel and* see **THEATER** pg 6

Micro-Brewery Readied in Millers Falls



Tom Fields, Ben Anhalt and Dan Kramer at their soon-to-open Element Brewing Company in Millers Falls

BY JOE KWIECINSKI – Meet Ben Anhalt of South Deerfield. He's a jovial 36-year-old guy,

working hard to open what will be the smallest commercial brewery in Massachusetts, at 30 West

Main Street in Millers Falls.

"We want to pay homage to the scientific and artistic background of the brewing industry, and beer itself," said Anhalt amid the clatter and excitement at the site of the new business, presently under construction at the storefront that formerly housed the Millers Falls post office, where Route 63 intersects with Main.

On Wednesday, Anhalt learned that his Element Brewing Company's application to receive a beer making license from the federal government had been approved. He believes beer will begin brewing at the former post office within three weeks.

Dan Kramer, 44, and Tom Fields, 52, both from Amherst, are equally enthusiastic partners in the new venture.

Anhalt's love of entrepreneurship dates back to his high school days. "A friend of mine and I would sell lecture notes and outlines to classmates in our economics class," said the Iowa native.

"Our work was approved by" see **BREWERY** pg 10

PET OF THE WEEK

Lucky for You



Louise

Louise is a four-year-old black domestic shorthair cat in need of a good home. How lucky for you that I'm here ready for you to love me and bring me home with you! I've got such a gorgeous friendly face, and I'm just a darling girl. I even trill – don't you think cats who trill are the most precious? So come and introduce yourself – I know you'll smile as soon as I come up to say hello and rub up against your hand. Notice how super-doooper-soft my coat is, and how nice and solid I feel when you touch me – I'm sure petting me is good for your blood pressure! I am the Queen of the Headbutt, and I love to be petted. Gentle play is my favorite kind; I'm not a rough-housing kind of gal. I'll make such a purrfect friend for you.

For more information on adopting me, please contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society at (413) 548-9898 or via email: info@dpvhs.org.

FALL FESTIVAL AT SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

WENDELL – NEW SALEM – On Saturday, October 17th, the Swift River School will feature a Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games, a moon walk, raffles, tag sales, arts and crafts, vendors, a climbing wall, the New Salem fire department will be grilling up lunch, and a good time is guaranteed for all. For more information, call (978) 544-5673.

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WENDELL LIBRARY NEWS

Gattaca to Screen

BY ROSE HEIDEKAMP –

On Saturday, October 17th, at 7:30 p.m., the Wendell Free Library will be the scene of a free showing of the film *Gattaca*, the third in a continuing series of science fiction and horror movies.

Ethan Hawke, Uma

Thurman, Alan Arkin and Jude Law star in the engrossing sci-fi thriller about an all-too-human man who dares to defy a system obsessed with genetic perfection.

For more information, call: (978) 544-3559.

LEVERETT LIBRARY NEWS

Intro to Japanese Carpentry

Chris Hall, a practitioner of the craft of Japanese carpentry, will show examples of this 2500-year-old tradition at the Leverett Library on Tuesday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. Hall says Japanese carpentry will appeal to all who are interested in Green building techniques, soulful settings, and natural spaces.

To meet a challenge grant from the Gates Foundation, the library is trying to raise \$1300 by March 30th – \$1212 to go!

A new play reading group for all ages begins Sunday, October 18th, from 1 - 3 p.m., reading aloud plays by Shakespeare.

For more information on any of these activities, call 413-548-9220.

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES – Oct 19th to 23rd

GILL/MONTAGUE Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Meal reservations must be made a day in advance by 11:00 a.m. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open. Meal site Manager is Becky Cobb. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter; call 863-9357.

Tai Chi classes begin on October 15th, 10:00 a.m. Painting class begins October 13th. Register now, \$10 Gill Montague Seniors and \$15 from other towns for six sessions. Chair Yoga classes begin Tuesday, October 13th. See above for more info.

Upcoming Senior Pot Luck lunch will be Monday, October 12th. Please call the center to sign up.

Monday, Oct. 19th
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Easy Aerobics
1:00 p.m. Knitting Circle

Tuesday, Oct. 20th
9:00 a.m. Walking group
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
12 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Canasta
1:00 p.m. Painting Class
Wednesday, Oct. 21st
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
12 noon Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bingo
Thursday, Oct. 22nd
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
12 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Pitch
Friday, Oct. 23rd
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Easy Aerobics
12 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Scrabble

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 congregating meals. For info and reservations, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3308. Lunch is daily at 11:30 a.m., with reservations 24 hours in advance. Transportation can be provided for meals, Thursday



Dan Poirier guides his daughter Lillian during beebie target practice at the Turners Falls Rod and Gun Youth Field Day on Sunday. More than a hundred turned out for the event, which included a K-9 demo, the Northfield Dive Team, archery and black powder contests, and a huge cookout. Hard to tell who was having more fun, the kids or the adults.

Archaeological Site Tour

Sunday, October 18th

The museum of Our Industrial Heritage participates in Massachusetts Archaeology Month by sponsoring a tour on Sunday, October 18th, 12 noon to 4 p.m. The tour features the Newell Snow Factory riverbank site and also includes the Museum at 2 Meade Street, Greenfield, the circa 1820's Newell Snow Factory and the

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Psychic Fair

BY DAVID JAMES
LAKE PLEASANT – The National Spiritual Alliance will sponsor a Psychic Fair Saturday (October 31st) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the 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. Reiki and spiritual healing services will also be available.

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The next free senior film showing will be Sunday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Wendell Free Library meeting room. The film will be *Unconditional Love* starring Kathy Bates, Rupert Everett and Dan Aykroyd, a charming and campy comedy.

Wendell Free Library to Focus on Resources for Teens and 'Tweens

BY MARGO CULLEY – The Wendell Free Library has received a \$20,000 federal grant from the Library Services and Technology Act, to enable the library to focus on developing resources for community "Tweens and Teens," ages 10 to 19.

Currently, Wendell's more than 70 middle and high school students attend eight or nine different schools in seven different towns. The Wendell Free Library is one place where Wendell tweens may continue to gather, find a range of resources for young adults, and build and sustain community among themselves.

As one Wendell parent commented, "I am a parent of a 15-year old and a 19-year old, and I am thrilled that Wendell has gotten this grant. It has been very sad to watch my sons' connections with their Wendell elementary school friends fizzle for lack of a common outlet."

With the aid of the grant money, the library is now actively seeking a part-time youth services coordinator. Once hired, the

coordinator will form a Tweens and Teens advisory board and coalition, made up of young people who will help with the planning of activities. Together they will set goals for making the library a welcoming and eventful space for Wendell youth.

Activities already planned include "Homework and Hangout" times at the library on Sunday afternoons. The grant also includes money to purchase a Wii (complete with Guitar Hero or Dance, Dance Revolution) and Playstation III or Xbox360. Adults in the know will want their turns with these computer games, too!

Among other goals, the youth coordinator and advisory board will work to build library collections of resource materials for young adults and to create a range of social, educational, recreational, career-oriented, artistic and civic activities. They will consider how they might redesign the "teen space" in the library; and they will make connections with other area teen-oriented agencies. The group will also coordinate

with library staff and volunteers, parents and others who may be interested in particular projects or mentorships.

The library has already begun the search for the new youth services coordinator. The grant-funded position will provide \$10,600 for seven hours per week of work (\$14.00 per hour) over a two year period. The position calls for someone who is "energetic, grounded, well-organized, who can demonstrate experience working with youth and organizing groups, has solid leadership and communication skills and is well-versed in computer and electronic technologies." The coordinator must be available most Sunday afternoons for "Homework and Hangout" time at the library.

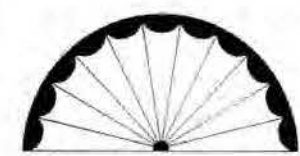
Applications for the position (including three letters of reference) will be received at the library until October 24th. For more information, please stop by the library or call (978) 544-3559.

Fire Station Open House

BY SARAH EMERY

MONTAGUE CENTER – Where can kids sit in fire trucks, don authentic fire hats and spray a real fire hose? At the Montague Center fire department's open house, on Saturday, October 31st, from 10 a.m. - noon.

This family event will include fire extinguisher demos, hands on fire hose demos, station tours, CPR information, a free blood pressure clinic, child safety seat information, fire equipment, trucks, and a Baystate Health ambulance. Come out and meet your local volunteer firefighters and bring your cameras for a picture with Smokey the Bear!



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A Prize for Obama

On Friday morning, we woke up to the news that the president of the United States, Barack Obama, had received the Nobel Prize for Peace.

It is difficult to square this news with the injunction in Alfred Nobel's will requiring the award be given to the person who, "during the preceding year, shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies, and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Yes, Obama, at his speech to the United Nations general assembly last month, spoke of his goal to rid the world of nuclear weapons and reduce the opportunity for nuclear proliferation. But at the same time, he commands, and still threatens the rest of the world with the largest stockpile of nuclear warheads on Earth, including between 450 and 500 intercontinental ballistic missiles, 300 submarine launched Trident II missiles, and hundreds more deployed by air force bombers or tactical Cruise missiles - 2,300 warheads in all - enough throw weight to destroy the world many times over.

Yes, Obama gave a speech to the Muslim world from Cairo in June that certainly could be characterized as promoting fraternity between nations. He quoted from the Koran, called for a new beginning with the Muslim world, demanded a halt to Israeli settlements on the West Bank, and the recognition of Jerusalem as a secure, lasting home for Jews, Christians and Muslims alike.

But at the same time, he is the commander of 132,000 active duty troops six years into the U.S. led invasion of Iraq, and 68,000 U.S. troops in the eight year old war in Afghanistan. Even as he winds the Iraq war down - with plans to leave a force of 50,000 in country - he is now debating with advisors whether to add 40,000 more troops to the Afghanistan conflict. Or he may decide to fight on there with current troop levels, and rely more heavily on pinpoint strikes from remotely piloted drones to attack Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters in the borderlands between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Hardly a new beginning. Nor necessarily the reduction or abolition of standing armies Alfred Nobel envisioned.

In his acceptance speech, the Dalai Lama, when awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, the same year as the Tiananmen Square massacre brutally suppressed the democracy movement in China, said, "I believe all suffering is caused by ignorance. People inflict pain on others in the selfish pursuit of their happiness or satisfaction. Yet true happiness comes from a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood. We need to cultivate a universal responsibility for one another and the planet we share."

These are the sentiments of a true advocate for world peace, someone who, in the footsteps of Mother Theresa, Mahatma Gandhi, or Martin Luther King, casts their lot with the oppressed millions of the world and struggles to uplift them through active non-violence, the confrontation of injustice, and the uplifting of the universal ideal of humanity's indissoluble bond.

This cause is the most vital of our collective existence. It cannot be advanced by holding out the olive branch with one hand, while deploying weapons of global destruction with the other. It cannot be advanced with armies on the battlefield, or remotely piloted drones raining death on tribal villages. The missiles that fall on Pakistan and Afghanistan may be targeted by drones, but it is President Obama who gives the order to let them fall.

War is by definition the indiscriminate mass slaughter of our fellow human beings. No bomb, no hail of bullets can be so carefully aimed as to separate innocent from the guilty, and no court can sit in judgment to discriminate victims on the field of battle.

Conferring the Nobel Peace Prize on the commander in chief of the planet's largest nuclear arsenal and largest standing army - engaged in two wars half a world away from our shores - is something George Orwell prefigured, a dystopian honor in a world where war is peace.

He may talk the talk, but it is by his deeds Obama should be judged.



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NINA ROSSI

FLU VACCINE CLINICS PLANNED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY ELLEN BLANCHETTE
GILL-MONTAGUE

A process is now in place for a coordinated effort to vaccinate all school children in the district free of charge for the H1N1 flu virus. There is no mandate for vaccination, but a strong recommendation by the Massachusetts Department of Health that children be vaccinated for the virus. Young children have been reported to be particularly vulnerable to this flu, and deaths from H1N1 influenza have already been reported around the country.

Carl Ladd, Gill-Montague superintendent, told the school committee on Tuesday night the district expects to receive the first doses of the vaccine by the end of October. GMRSD nurse leader Paula Kelsey said after the meeting that a date for the first flu clinic has been set for Friday, November 13th for a clinic at the Turners Falls High School.

This will be a collaborative effort between the Massachusetts Department of Health, the Montague board of health, and the Gill-Montague regional school district.

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE presents:

On Wednesday, October 28th, from 2 to 4 p.m., GCC's Senior Symposia program offers the symposium Islam

According to Gina McNeely, Montague's public health director, the town expects to initially receive 1,300 doses of H1N1 vaccine, and will get more vaccine throughout November and December. She said local pediatricians have already received doses of the vaccine.

McNeely said the vaccine would be given by needle injection, from multi-dose vials. The vials contain ten doses each, she explained, and contain the ethyl mercury preservative thimerosal, which acts as an anti-bacterial to guard against contamination of the vial while multiple doses are being administered. Different needles are used for each patient, she said.

The plans for these clinics are still in progress, but at the school committee meeting on Tuesday, Superintendent Ladd reported the district will be offering flu vaccines at all the schools, specific dates to be announced. Parents will receive notices and be asked to sign consent forms so their children can be vaccinated at the school clinics. The board of health will be hiring five public

health nurses to assist at the clinics.

Since the board expects parents of younger children to accompany them, the school committee discussed having the clinic for the pre-K through grade 5 held at Hillcrest on a Saturday. According to Kelsey, all vaccines and supplies are being provided through the Massachusetts Department of Health free of charge.

Regarding possible school closings in the event of widespread illness, Ladd said the nurse leader will be monitoring absences and tracking any reports of H1N1 flu activity, but the first policy measure is to keep all students and staff with flu symptoms out of school during their period of illness and recuperation.

The goal is to keep schools open and functioning. The schools would only close if the spread of illness impaired normal school functioning to a point where there was no other choice. Ladd said there are guidelines in place, so if there is an outbreak of H1N1 influenza, "I think we're in pretty good shape."

Islam Around the World: Culture, Faith and the Future

Around the World: Culture, Faith and the Future, with Northfield Mount Hermon educator Lorrie Byrom.

Islam is often perceived by non-Muslims as a monolithic faith with a majority of conservative or fundamentalist believers. This presentation by a longtime student of the Middle East will explore the stereotypes and reali-

ties of Islam as it exists around the world, giving special emphasis to Islamic cultures in the Middle East and South East Asia.

The symposium will be at the G.C.C. downtown campus, 270 Main Street, in Greenfield, admission \$10. To register, please call (413) 775-1681. Same day (walk-in) registration allowed.

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BY JOHN FURBISH
TURNERS FALLS – Turners Falls now has a new and exciting Chinese restaurant at 51 Avenue A, in what had become a seedy, run-down location. The Beijing Station is a family owned business opened in July of this year by a young couple whose first child, a daughter, is just four months older than their restaurant.

Yuki and Xin Guo Li (let's just call him 'Lee') are both from south China, but met only after both had legally immigrated to the eastern United States. The Lis are both 26 years old, (or 25 by the Western count). Yuki started learning English in Chinese Middle School, and completed her education in Virginia schools. She speaks English

quite well, better than her husband, and can read and write it.

Her earliest work was at a family restaurant in Virginia, and after marrying she jumped at the chance to revitalize a restaurant in Turners Falls. She is perfect as the front counter person, and easily will help you individualize your meals. Serving dinners is not just a job for her, but an opportunity to make new friends in her adopted country.

Chef Lee makes all Beijing Station's menu items. No canned or boxed entrees for him. His earliest work experience included construction and building trades. When he and Yuki took charge of the old rundown restaurant on the corner of Avenue A and 2nd

Street, Lee stripped everything down to the bare walls. He did all the outside and interior remodeling by himself, to save money and keep prices down. His exterior paint job is decorative and dynamic. Colorful flags complement the sign out front.

Inside, Lee added a second dining room, with a clean and shining buffet counter. He doubled seating, from five to eleven tables. Lee put in the floors and walls, and decorated them. So now, Beijing Station looks like a Chinese restaurant should.

The biggest improvement, however, is the food service. Lunch-time specials are offered Monday through Saturday. Monday and Wednesday feature a buffet



Chef Xin Guo Li at Beijing Station

with choices ranging from 16 entrees and two kinds of soup. The buffet offerings keep changing, based on customer feedback.

The Lis believe most diners do not really like the little cups of tea that most Chinese restaurants provide, so Beijing Station lets you pick a soda for no additional cost.

Lee says Crab Rangoon appears to be the entrée that qualifies as customer favorite, so far. Unlike Chinese restaurants that make you order by number from a fixed list on the menu, Beijing Station lets you make your own choices, so you may choose your own combinations when ordering your meal.

Delivery is free for call-in orders, but that can be slowed when the restaurant is very busy. So discerning diners order their meals, and pick them up themselves for a 10% discount. Discerning diners also help themselves to soy sauce, duck sauce, and hot mustard.

Yuki and Lee were raised in Communist China, and communal values seem to show in their approach to business. They have people-centered attitudes, and strive to provide "the greatest good at the lowest prices." Their menu does not take a monolithic approach to the masses; they cater to indi-

vidual gastronomic and economic preferences.

All too often in today's world, people are isolated, separated from one another, and that is reflected in the large numbers of solitary diners at our cafes and restaurants. Beijing Station's latest pricing innovation is designed to help students, seniors, and families come in and dine together as a group, and save money by doing so. The lunch special is really special. Buy three meals, get one free. Buy six, get two free. Buy nine, get three. Buy twelve, get four for free, and so forth. If you need more space at a table, a fifth chair can be brought out, or two or three tables can be combined. Call ahead for larger groups.

The previous Chinese restaurant at 51 Avenue A left something to be desired, shall we say, esthetically and from a culinary perspective. The situation has turned around completely with the new Beijing Station, which sees more customers in one day than the old place saw in a week. The Lis have a strong work ethic. Their plans for the future are simply to keep operating, and improving, their business.

Do they want more children?

Well, for right now, one child and the restaurant are enough for Yuki and Chef Lee.

Depression-Era Film, Music and Stories on Tap



The Falltown String Band will perform music from the Great Depression at the Leverett Library on Saturday, October 24th. Steve Alves (third from left, top row) will present archival films from the era; locals will share lore.

BY DAWN WARD

LEVERETT – On Saturday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Leverett Library, the Leverett Historical Society and the Falltown String Band will team up to bring you an evening of musical history.

This multi-media event will include historical motion picture footage from the Great Depression, live music depicting the hard times of the era, and reminiscences from local folks.

The Falltown String Band is a local band that has been performing 'American Roots Music' for

over 20 years. Band member and filmmaker, Steve Alves, will be combining this night of great music with archival films from the Great Depression.

The Leverett Historical Society has invited some local residents to share their stories of grit and hard times.

The free concert is made possible by the Leverett cultural council. Donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the Leverett Historical Society. For more information, call (413) 367-9562.

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The family names tend to remain the same through the decades, Stevens said, and many of these can be found on the headstones in the town burial grounds.

Of particular concern to the commission over the past few years has been the erosion of the stream bank of Unadilla Brook on the north side of Center Cemetery. After a high water event a few years back, a good sized trough was gouged into the hillside bank of Unadilla Brook, just after it passes through a culvert under Main Road and turns south, placing a half dozen graves at some peril of sliding into the water.

The town commissioned an expensive plan to correct the problem, which would have entailed heavy machinery working in the stream to embed metal current deflectors, according to Ken Sprankle, chair of the conservation commission. But the promised \$40,000 in state funds to do that work washed away in the recession last fall, and so the town has made do as best it can.

In 2008, annual town meeting put aside \$20,000 to stabilize the bank, but that money eroded too, and was reduced to \$7,000 this year, with the highway department called in to perform the work. Under Mick LaClaire's supervision, the crew placed ply-

wood down between the graves and managed to get machinery to the edge and dump fill down the bank to the foot of the hill.

Now, Haigis said, most of the bank seems secure, "But we always worry about Mr. Croteau going into the river."

She said the highway crew hopes to come back after November 15th, when concerns about rare species like wood turtles and fresh water mussels can be laid to rest for the season, and concerns about endangered interments more easily addressed.

But Haigis noted the highway crew might seek to protect the last few feet of bank by putting rock in by the streambed, and that news did not sit well with Ken Sprankle, chair of the conservation commission, when asked about it. Armoring the riverbank with rock was not part of the plan signed off on by the conservation commission, he said.

The town's funds for stabilizing the graves of Mr. Croteau (whose headstone, adorned with ceramic pig and plastic flowers, bears the moniker "Wild Bill from Gill") and his neighbors in repose have dwindled to \$2,268. The highway department calculates it will cost more than that to complete the work.

The cause of the bank erosion is cryptic. The cemetery commission said buck-toothed engineers building dams along the brook

may be the culprits responsible for erratic stream flow past the Main Road culvert.

Ted Castro-Santos, a conservation commission member, said the problem may lie in the narrow width of the culvert itself, which concentrates the stream flow and increases its effects on the banks immediately downstream.

Harriet Tidd used to look over the cemetery from her perch behind the desk at Slate Library, where she served before moving across the street to work in myriad capacities in town hall. Now she rests in Center Cemetery, also by the edge of the hill, a little to the east of Wild Bill.

Haigis said the cemetery commission received a generous bequest from Tidd late last year, in the amount of \$52,844, unrestricted funds. But Haigis told the board those funds should not be used to stabilize the cemetery bank, a project the town was already working on while Tidd was still among the living.

The problems at the other cemeteries are easier to manage. There seems to be nothing worse than an eternity of stray golf balls to contend with at the West Gill Cemetery, bordering the Oak Ridge links. And at the North Cemetery, the only unruly landscape is the side bank between

the bury patch and the Flaggs' field, down by Main Road.

On the side bank, the land slopes so that William Cardaropoli, who handles the mowing between the graves, won't venture there. Cardaropoli charges the town \$250 a whack to mow the three cemeteries, as often as the grass needs it. The town provides \$2500 a year to



DERMOLD PHOTO
"We always worry about Mr. Croteau going into the river," the cemetery commission told the selectboard.

pay for this service.

Skeazy Flagg and his son Daniel proposed a sensible solution for the side bank at North Cemetery, and the commissioners took them up on it. For the last two years the side bank has been cropped by a gang of Nubian goats, courtesy of the Flaggs. No charge to the town, and the goats have only gotten loose once.

Even leaving Tidd's bequest in the vault, for now, the cemetery commission's fortunes


appear to be looking up.

"We used to pay Richard Bassett, of Northfield, to handle all the burials," explained Haigis. "The families would pay us, and we'd pay him, a straight pass through of funds."

But Bassett retired in 2007, and now the town is contracting with Snow and Sons out of Greenfield, who provide a little dividend to the town for every interment. The costs break down as follows: for summer burials, cost to the customer - \$500, \$175 of which returns to town coffers. For winter burials the price tag goes up to \$600; \$150 comes back to the town. Cremations are a bargain at \$175 in summer, \$225 in winter; \$50

to the town either way.

"We're lucky if we get one or two burials a year," said Haigis. "It's wonderful people are living longer, but it's not good for the finances."

Rogers brought up the idea of establishing a revolving fund to handle the burial rebates. Better than tapping the principal of various trusts established by former residents to provide perpetual care. The very notion would set them rolling in their graves. 

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG**Medical Emergency at Barton Cove****Monday, 10/5**

6:15 p.m. Report of subject in river in distress near French King Bridge. Checked area, later determined to be in Millers River.

7:31 p.m. Assisted Meadow Street resident with previous dispute.

9:15 p.m. Alarm at West Gill Road business, all OK.

Tuesday, 10/6

1:31 p.m. Assisted with medical emergency at Barton Cove campground area

6:29 p.m. Assisted Main Road resident with trespasser.

10:01 p.m. Assisted Bernardston police department with investigation on Rt. 10.

Wednesday, 10/7

9:15 a.m. Tree down blocking Bascom Road.

1:20 p.m. Tree down blocking Mountain Road. Assisted with closing road until power company arrived.

Friday, 10/9

1:20 p.m. Arrested [redacted] for an outstanding warrant.

6:28 p.m. Report of possible despondent subject en route to French King Bridge. Checked area and increased patrols.

Saturday, 10/10

11:15 a.m. Stray dog on Mount Hermon campus.

2:29 p.m. 911 misdial on Mount Hermon Road. Children playing with phone.

Sunday, 10/11

12:45 p.m. Assisted with keeping the peace / property return on West Gill Road.

1:49 p.m. Report of erratic operator on French King Highway, unable to locate.

7:33 p.m. Report of loose sheep on West Gill Road. Contacted owner.

Monday, 10/12

2:50 p.m. Welfare check requested at an Oak Street residence.

Tuesday, 10/13

2:20 p.m. Stray dog on West Gill Road.

4:28 p.m. Assisted Oak Street resident with trespass issue.

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the *Witch* (she played Rapunzel's mother), and has since worked with an assortment of local companies including the Country Players, Center Stage, and UMass. She is currently Arena Civic Theatre's board president.

Throughout, King has riveted audiences with intense dramas like *The Miracle Worker*, *Elephant Man*, and *The Crucible*; taken us to the lighter side of theater with *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Music Man*, and entertained us with an original production of *King Creole*.

King has demonstrated an keen eye for detailed stagecraft while maintaining a constant connection with her audiences.

When not directing, her contact with local theater continues. As a performer she has entertained as "Ma" in *Widows and Children First*, delighted as "Took," the watchdog in the *Phantom Tollbooth*, and most recently in ACT's *In Good*

Spirits as - what else? - "the Director".

King finds time to facilitate and perform in an adult education theater program. In the midst of all her other work, she also managed to complete her bachelor's degree in theater from Smith College, as an Ada Comstock student, in 1994.

The King and I, is Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic musical, based on Margaret Langdon's book *Anna and the King of Siam*. It features such familiar songs as "Whistle a Happy Tune," "Getting to Know You," and "Shall We Dance?"

The production originally opened on Broadway in 1951, winning several Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Actor and Best Actress for Yul Brenner and Gertrude Lawrence.

The upcoming ACT presentation features such local luminaries as Jerry Marcanio as the King, Emily Nagoski as Anna, Dawn Mayo as Lady Thiang, Rob Campell as Phra Alack, and Martha King-Devine and

Abraham Oyola (the original Valley Idol winner) as the secret Burmese lovers.

Joining King on the production's front line are musical director Rebecca Phelps, choreographers Kathy Dunn and Melanie Reneris, stage manager Lynn Omasta; producer Sondra Radosh; costume designer Barbara Casper, and lighting designer Rachel Roy.

The play itself will be more than worth the price of admission. The fact that it will be King's directorial swan song will only heighten the experience for all who have followed her career.

The loss of King's tireless dedication, talent and experience will surely leave a hole in the local theater scene. So catch one King's opening and another King's closing at the Shea Theater on Friday, October 16th, or on the 17th, 23rd and 24th at 8 p.m., or for Sunday matinees on October 18th or 25th at 2 p.m. For reservations call (413) 863-2281, ext 3. 

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MAHAR REGIONALIZATION MEETING FOR TOWN BOARDS OCTOBER 8TH, 2009

Regionalization Incentive May Be More Stick than Carrot

BY KATIE NOLAN

ORANGE - Dave Tobin and Kenneth Roche, consultants for the Mahar K-12 regionalization committee, presented their data and recommendations at a meeting for town boards and committees on Thursday, October 8th at Mahar.

Tobin presented the financial data for the towns of New Salem, Orange, Petersham, and Wendell and for the Orange, Petersham, and Swift River school districts and modeled the expected effects of K-12 regionalization on town budgets.

According to Tobin's data, Swift River currently spends approximately \$2,000 per student more for elementary education than the Orange elementary district does. Orange Elementary spends less per pupil on professional development and instructional materials. Petersham's per-pupil costs are slightly higher than those of Orange, but still much lower than at Swift River.

"If you come together, you have to have some sort of agreement. What are we going to spend on our kids?" he said.

Currently, direct instructional costs comprise 56.3% of the elementary budgets. Health insurance costs are the next highest category at 14.2% of the elementary budgets. In a K-12 region, by

state law, teacher salaries would be "leveled up" to match the salaries in the district with the highest pay scale.

Tobin's model estimated leveling up could cost over \$200,000 for the Mahar district. Savings would be realized in other areas, such as special education costs, central office costs, and transportation costs for Orange and Petersham, based on present levels of state transportation aid to regional schools. Swift River, combining elementary students from New Salem and Wendell, is classified as a region and already receives regional transportation aid.

However, in the simulated K-12 region, under the "best case scenario," total savings from K-12 regionalization would be approximately \$171,000 per year, not quite 1% of projected net school spending for 2010 (assuming state reimbursement for regional transportation remains at present levels, an optimistic forecast). In the simulated K-12 region, based on the statutory cost allocation formula, the cost of funding education would increase for New Salem and Wendell taxpayers, and would be reduced for Orange and Petersham taxpayers.

Tobin noted that administra-

tive costs in Orange Elementary, Petersham Elementary, and Mahar are kept low by staff taking on multiple roles, such as the superintendent also functioning as business manager or special education coordinator. Tobin called this situation "fragile," and dependent on specific individuals possessing skills to take on multiple roles.

Roche's presentation considered the risks and benefits for K-12 regionalization. He pointed out, "The stakes are not the same for all of the towns," and said a climate of trust and confidence is required to pursue regionaliza-

"Under the best case scenario total savings from K-12 regionalization would be approximately \$171,000 per year," [not quite 1% of Mahar's projected net school spending for 2010.]

- Dave Tobin, Consultant Mahar Regionalization Committee

tion. Roche discussed issues the towns and regionalization committees need to consider, including maintaining local control of local schools, developing a unified elementary school budget when per-pupil spending is currently so different in the district towns, and how best to structure a regional school committee.

Roche recommended guaranteeing in any regional agreement

that the current elementary schools will stay open. He also recommended negotiating building-based seniority for teaching staff in case of layoffs, and using the Boston Pilot School model of community-based control of local schools.

Under the Boston Pilot School model, curriculum, budget, and staffing decisions are made by a school community council. He said a regional agreement must ensure fiscal fairness for the member towns. The towns would have to agree on per-pupil costs and how to allocate costs between grades K-6 and 7-12. School choice income should stay in the elementary district earning the income. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) generally expects that all schools in a region would have the same per-pupil expense. Any agreement that resulted in greater per-pupil spending at an individual school, such as a town appropriating extra for its local school, would need DESE approval.

Roche recommended that a regional school committee be selected by at-large election, with a residency requirement. In this system, all voters in the district would vote for all school committee members, but a certain

number of seats would be reserved for each town.

According to Roche, the positive aspects of regionalization include empowered school community councils, central office leadership focused on improving education, and efficient use of scarce local tax money. He said, "Regionalization might not save money, but it could put resources to education."

Roche also recommended consideration of a "hybrid" region, in which Orange and Petersham would regionalize for K-12 and Wendell and New Salem would remain in Union 28 for K-6 and in the Mahar region for 7-12. A hybrid region would require approval from DESE. He said the allocating costs in a hybrid structure would be complex, but not difficult. A hybrid structure would "maximize efficiency for the towns that want it."

Roche said the regionalization committee should develop its plan as a team, and build support for the recommended action in the towns. The committee would also seek to secure DESE approvals and teacher union support for building-based seniority.

State senators Stephen Brewer and Stan Rosenberg and representative Chris Donelan were present at the meeting. Brewer, chair of the senate Ways and Means committee, said he had just come from a Ways and Means hearing. He

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NOTES FROM THE GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Budget Process Begins for 2011

BY ELLEN BLANCHETTE

The Gill-Montague school committee meeting began on Tuesday night, October 13th, with public statements, including one from Montague finance committee vice chair Michael Naughton, who asked the committee to approve the reduced budget voted at the special district meeting held last month.

Naughton said the towns had been clear in what they wanted: affordable assessments. Michael Langknecht, school committee chair, asked members to consider the district approved budget - \$216,385 less than the \$16.658 million number the Department

of Elementary and Secondary Education imposed and the committee approved in July.

In their discussion, school committee members said they were sympathetic to the towns of Gill and Montague's fiscal concerns, but did not feel it would be good for the schools to cut more than \$200,000 out of the operating budget so far into the school year.

Even Jeff Singleton, member from Montague and former finance committee member, and Sandra Brown, vice chair of the committee, who had been supportive at district meeting of the Montague finance committee's budget

proposal, agreed it would do too much damage to the school district to cut the budget now.

As the school committee members were all in agreement, there was no reason to take a vote on the matter.

Speaking in response to Naughton's budget reduction request, Karl Dziura, president of the Gill-Montague Education Association, reminded the members of all the good things the district has accomplished in the past few years. He said the GMRSD has "created and followed a state approved turnaround plan that has resulted in dramatic

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Robbery Investigation with Orange

Tuesday, 10/6

12:35 p.m. Alarm sounding at a Lillian's Way residence. Found to be faulty hot water heater. Erving fire department notified, homeowner advised of situation.

1:40 p.m. Assisted Gill police with a medical emergency at Barton Cove.

Wednesday, 10/7

7:45 p.m. Report of a box truck dragging a trailer eastbound on Route 2. Found same, stopped. Found to be broken pin on trailer.

7:52 p.m. Assisted

Orange police with an investigation of armed robbery at Xtra Mart on South Main Street in Orange.

Thursday, 10/8

10:30 p.m. Report of past suspicious motor vehicle, blue Ford with Vermont plates, traveling up and down Gunn Street area.

Friday, 10/9

1:50 p.m. Arrested on a default warrant.

Saturday, 10/10

9:35 a.m. Report of past annoying phone

calls. Advised reporting party of options.

Sunday, 10/11

1:24 a.m. Citation issued to Stat Care Pharmacy, LLC, for an uninsured and unregistered vehicle.

2:23 a.m. Arrested

for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, and failure to use care while changing lanes.

Monday, 10/12

9:55 p.m. Found an intoxicated male resident at Arch Street. Brought same home.

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Sophie Margola and Chloe Castro-Santos on the peak of Mt. Monadnock

CHLOE CASTRO-SANTOS JAFFREY, NH – I had climbed Mount Monadnock once before when I was eight, on my grandfather's 75th birthday. He said he was counting on my sister, my cousins, and me to climb the mountain at least one more time in our lives.

Now, I'm in fifth grade, and my teacher, Mr. Silverman, decided to take my class from the Gill Elementary School on the annual trip to Mount Monadnock, with a few parents and sixth graders. We would climb up to the summit again.

He told us some kids wouldn't be able to make it all the way up. But having climbed it once, I knew I would make it, and I knew all the kids that climbed to the top would have the times of

our lives. I also knew that we would have wonderful memories.

My teacher said there would probably be one or two places that would be so steep we would have to use our feet and our hands to climb. He told us to bring a windbreaker, white socks, comfortable shoes, two warm layers of clothing, and plenty of water.

In the morning of Sunday, October 4th, at about eight o'clock, we all met at our school. We got into different cars, which were driven by parents and my teacher, and set off for New Hampshire.

When everyone got to the beginning of the mountain, we set off immediately. We hiked up a dirt road for a while, and

then came to an intersection. Not sure which direction to go, my class and I decided to wait by the side of the road for an adult.

Eventually, some adults caught up with us, and we were able to go on again. Then, after a couple of yards, I looked up into the trees. We had come to a clearing, but what really amazed me was the huge summit about two miles away from us. It rose above us, like a giant waking from his sleep. It was then we all realized that the climb had just begun.

We stopped for a snack at the edge of a cliff. My friends Sophie and Jacob sat down to eat, and looked out across the valley. As we looked out, we couldn't see anything. Mist rolled across the valley, covering it like a blanket, hiding it from view.

"Wow", I said under my breath.

As soon as we had stopped, it seemed as if we had to start again. We hiked upwards for about an hour, and then Jacob heard rushing water.

Breathing hard, Jacob, Sophie, and I rushed toward the

sound. What we saw stopped us in our tracks. A small stream, two pools, and a waterfall were formed by rocks, crossing our path. We pulled out our cameras, and snapped some pictures. The water was an icy froth, and there wasn't any bridge or stepping stones, so we jumped across.

We started to hike again, and soon the ground we had been hiking on for so long turned into a rocky ascent.

About a half-hour later, things started to get interesting. The rocks were gigantic, and were scattered around all the way up the trail. They were also wet and slippery, so Sophie, Jacob, my friend Bryn, and I had to find small wedges in the rock to stick our feet into.

This went on for a long time. Eventually, we did see more waterfalls. When we got to them, we could all see light up the trail ahead of us.

Then Jacob said, "I know you're not supposed to go toward the light and everything – (I knew he was joking around) – but let's get up there anyways."

At another point, the path

leveled flat, and there were two amazingly huge rocks ahead of us. Bryn had fallen behind us, so we scrambled up one of the rocks to wait for her.

After more photos, Bryn hurried up the trail and rejoined us, so we set off again. We took a turn, and suddenly, Bald Rock was in view.

My class and I cheered. We had made it. We were almost to the summit.

We sat there for a while, looking to the horizon, and taking pictures. Eventually, some of us went to ask our teacher if we could start again.

He said yes, but told us we had to stay in hearing range of an adult.

So, we started upwards to the summit.

When some of us got to what we thought was the summit, we sat down to rest. We couldn't see anything, literally, because of the fog.

Then, I looked around us. Something didn't seem right. "You guys," I said. "Isn't the summit supposed to be big-?"

But I was cut off by Ryder's little sister Paige yelling, "Oh,

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September Comes a-Calling

BY FRAN HEMOND

MONTAGUE CENTER –

My father called it Septober, the season that gradually ushers New England into a darker, colder, world. But Septober offers unpredictable and exciting change and challenge.

This year, the reds and golds erupted against a background of green grass, and we were spared the crispness of a dry autumn lawn. It would be typical Septober, with something to remember.

This October brought a battle of the winds on the North Pond at Cold Brook Farm, such as I have never seen before. It started with a north wind that drove fierce waves back against the current, and bent the trees alarmingly. Fortunately, it was brief; almost immediately, the south wind drove the water back downstream with ferocity.

It finally calmed down, leaving the trees on the banks

sharply pruned. A more sustained blow would have been disastrous. And I thought of that hurricane season of the late 1940s when acres of the land on the river washed away.

But this is Septober. And the season's goodies will come too. A few days later, two pair of handsomely patterned wood ducks searched purposefully for food in the bright reflections of the overhanging foliage, in the same stream that had been dangerously wild in the battling wind. The drake's iridescent green head and white face markings, his more agile presence, set him apart from the usual young brown mallard crew out grubbing for breakfast.

The lady woodies' brown outfits will draw less attention to their tree nests, come spring. Now-a-days, nesting boxes are popular with people and ducks, but I saw my first wood duck attempting to raise a family on

the lower branches of a woodland tree, and still wonder if she made it.

A few days later, a pair of diving mallards stopped by. I wondered if the drake was a descendent of Emily, a talented little mallard that, here on the pond for several years, had taught her ducklings to dive.

In any event, this self-assured drake apparently found the food a bit low for a mere dip, and swam underwater a few feet to reach it. He praised himself for his prowess, flapped his wings, and returned for more. Or maybe he was merely showing off.

We know that Daylight Savings will end on Hallowe'en this year, but we will have to guess when the killing frost will hit our Valley, when we will have to get our warm coats and mittens out. It's Septober – full of cross currents and change, easing us into a more demanding time.

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Wendell Woman Organizes Samoan Tsunami Relief

TIAPAPATA, WESTERN SAMOA – At 6:48 in the morning on Tuesday, September 30th, a magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck 120 miles south of the islands of Samoa in the Pacific. Within minutes, a series of towering tsunami waves inundated the southeastern coastline, killing more than a hundred people, leveling whole villages, and leaving thousands homeless and without essential services.

Three days earlier, Wendell's Aubry Koehler, 24 years old and a graduate of Mount Holyoke, arrived at a yoga retreat center on the island with her partner, Bryan Russell.

It did not take long for Koehler and Russell and their colleagues at the Raw Shakti Yoga Adventure and Retreat Company to begin organizing disaster relief for the tsunami's victims.

Here is Koehler's first-person account of the day of the earthquake, and her efforts to bring immediate and long term relief to the affected villagers:

"My partner Bryan Russell and I arrived in Samoa three days before the tsunami hit, expecting to spend the next six weeks visiting family and teaching yoga. Bryan's sister, Taialofa, and brother-in-law, Kevin, have lived here for the past five years, and just gave birth to twin boys, Mana and Iosefa.

"On the morning of the 29th, Bryan and I were just waking to the day, when we heard a low rumble, and everything started shaking. Neither of us had ever experienced anything like it before, and for the first few seconds we just watched the world out the window in awe.

"The shaking got stronger – the whole house was moving – so we both jumped out of bed and ran outside. Kevin, Taialofa, and the twins were already out in the driveway away from the house. They had been calling for us. The cement driveway was moving about two inches up and down. The whole mountain was shaking, and it continued doing so for two or three minutes.

"When the shaking stopped and we found ourselves safe

and the house intact, I let my guard down. I didn't even think about a tsunami, not even when the power cut out.

"It wasn't until we got a phone call from a friend driving in Apia (the capital) near the northern coast, who had been frantically stopped by the police, that we flicked on the radio and heard all that had happened by the seashore, just a few miles away and 1800 feet below our house.

"Ironically, the day of the tsunami, we got most of our news from people in the States. Since our power was out, we couldn't turn on the TV, and the majority of the radio broadcasts were in Samoan.

"Instead, we got text messages from friends and family back home, asking first if we were safe and then relaying everything they had heard about the destruction visited on the island.

"None of us really understood the enormity of the devastation until our aid effort brought us to the coast, and we could see the damage for ourselves. Some areas were just flattened. At least 3,200 people are homeless; 138 people died. That is massive devastation in a country of only 180,000."

Koehler and Russell wasted no time setting up relief efforts for the victims.

"We saw the need all around us and we knew we had to do something to help right away. Many of the larger international aid organizations, bless them, were still surveying the damage and setting up. We were already here, on the ground, and thanks to the Petrinis' love for and understanding of Samoa we were able to get aid to the people immediately.

"The evening after the tsunami, we fed a church full of people who had retreated to the mountain after the waves. The next two days, we got a carload of water, food, and supplies out, and the next two days after that we filled a truck full with supplies and distributed it to some of the worst hit areas.

"Now that many peoples' immediate needs for food and water have been taken care of,



BRYAN RUSSELL PHOTO

After the tsunami struck Coconuts Beach Resort in Maninoa Village on the south coast of Upolu Island

we have moved on to our longer term goal of helping business rebuild in an effort to create sustainable livelihoods for people and to get Samoa back on its feet as a popular travel destination. We still need donations to meet our goals and would appreciate any contributions greatly. In essence, this effort is a part of the ongoing mission of Raw Shakti, a Yoga Adventure and Retreat Company: 'Health and peace on Earth, one person at a time.'"

To date, Koehler and company have raised \$25,596 for tsunami relief through their relief fund. As we go to press, she writes, "It is as if Samoa is two different places now. One side of the island is devastated and the rest of the island continues as normal, as if nothing happened.

"We were reminded of the devastation again today, visiting the villages and distributing more food, which was very well received. There is still a lot to be done to rebuild, and we will continue to help in our small way."

To make donations, or to view video and photos of the affected villages, go to: www.rawshakti.com/tsunamirelief.php

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little sister Paige yelling, "Oh, my God!"

I looked up, to see the fog had just cleared, and the REAL summit stood before us.

So, we hiked up that also, and stood admiring nothingness, which was actually all we could see for the blanket of fog.

When everybody else got there, we ate lunch, and when our teacher took out the chocolate, the fog cleared (which I hope was a coincidence), and we finally got to see the fall colors spread out far

below, like a painter's pallet.

In one direction, all the hills looked like giants lying down.

Then, we started down Mount Monadnock.

Some of us, including me, fell behind on the climb down. At certain points we had to slide down, and when we got back to the parking lot, we collapsed in the car.

I slept really well that night. We had a great day, and as it turned out, everybody made it to the summit!



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our teacher, but we probably should have gotten extra credit for it," he added with a characteristic grin.

That friend, Ben Irvine, and Anhalt went on to open a business called "Pastafari," still in operation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During the Registers Annual Bike Ride across Iowa that features more than 20,000 participants, Anhalt and Irvine drive a mobile restaurant that serves traditional Italian pasta and plays reggae in the background. Working for six of the seven days of the ride, Anhalt estimates they serve 700 people a day.

Since then, Anhalt said, "Dan (Kramer) and I have been toying with the idea of a craft brewery for ten years now. We've traded ideas about how we'd put it together, what it would look like, what styles of beer we'd make.

"We want to make an artisan, high-quality product. We want to focus on the art and craft of beer making, creating less of a main-

stream product and more of a high-end, artistic product."

Anhalt hopes to sell their Element beer at local outlets, including the Millers Pub, just across the street. He said they plan to produce 150 barrels of beer a year, around 4650 gallons, half in bottles, half in kegs.

Kramer is currently brewmaster at Opa-Opa, which operates in Southamptton and Williamsburg. He's confident Element Brewing can make a go of it.

"I think the Pioneer Valley is very receptive to micro-brewed beer," said Kramer. "People in the Valley are interested in locally produced products."

A 1993 graduate of the prestigious Siebels Institute of Brewing Studies, Kramer points to the national success of micro-brewed beers, despite the grim economic conditions. "Sales of craft-brewed beer climbed 7% last year," said Kramer, "and that pace has continued through the first six months of this year."

The new company's third key

player, Tom Fields, has a background in scientific instrumentation. He's worked on particle characterization and sizing, having built, sold, and serviced machines that measure the size of exceedingly tiny particles.

Fields loves his work for the new company. "It's a fun job," he said. "I'm a builder, not a brewer. I'm getting all of our equipment in and then setting it up, getting it placed, and connected properly."

The Element Brewing Company will use all stainless steel tanks to produce the "suds." Although there are only three main parts in brewing beer (steeping, boiling, and fermenting), the process is long and complicated.

It all starts in the first tank, the mash tun, where the grain, also known as malted barley, is mixed with water. The mesh in the mash tun separates the grain from the water, stripping the sugars and nutrients from the grain. Then the wort (the liquid with the dissolved sugars and flavors) is

transported to a kettle. The kettle has a propane burner attached it, allowing the wort to be boiled for an hour and a half.

During that time, hops are added to the kettle, contributing a rainbow of flavors, whether bitter, tannic, citrus, grassy, or piney. Different varieties of hops are used, depending on the style of the beer being crafted.

After the wort has been cooked for 90 minutes, it is pumped through a heat exchanger that reduces the wort's 212-degree Fahrenheit temperature to 68 degrees. Then the liquid is transferred to two fermenters.

Once in the fermenters, yeast and oxygen are added. The yeast will convert the sugars into alcohol, carbon dioxide, and different flavors. The yeast also adds the esters (aromas). After about five days, the yeast will have finished its job of fermenting what can now be called beer. Hallelujah!

The liquid then moves into a conditioning tank where the temperature is adjusted to help clari-

fy the beer. The beer rests for about five days in the conditioning tank as it clarifies. Then more hops are added. The flavors will mature at this point.

When the beer is ready to package, it is moved to the bright beer tank. The beer is, at this point, a "flat" or "still" product. Depending on the beer's destination, more yeast and sugar are added in specific amounts. The yeast "eats" the sugar in the bottled beer, creating carbonation.

"We're proud that we're 'pure,'" said Ben Anhalt, "because we're not using bottled carbon dioxide in our carbonating process. After mixing the yeast and sugar in the bright beer tank, we'll package the beer in either keg or bottled form."

How long will it be before the hops start hopping in the new plant? As soon as the official permit comes back from Washington, and they work out any last kinks in the system.

Here's hoping the day comes soon.

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said the state is faced with "bleak times and bleak times will require bleak choices." He stated his belief that state money to support regionalization "will not be there."

Rosenberg observed that the conversation about regionalization in Franklin County is "leading the state." He also said the benefits of regionalization are potentially strong, and cost savings may be achieved in the

future. He said he had attended regionalization meetings in two other districts recently, but felt the Mahar studies, "carry a new step: how can we actually do it? How do we solve the values problems that compromise regionalization?"

Orange selectman Bob Andrews commented he had been involved with the Mahar High School regionalization committee in the 1950s. "We had jobs then. Orange had people working and we were proud of our school system. Today, it's different. Jobs were outsourced, and many people are unemployed. Orange is economically depressed. There has got to be a different approach."

He recommended the committee members consider "the big picture," including the large deficits Orange is facing, as they pursue regionalization.

Sheila Hunter, Swift River principal and Leverett resident, said that Leverett, like Wendell and New Salem a member of Union 28, has been discussing regionalization with Amherst. She said Swift River is a region within Union 28, that Wendell and New Salem leaving Union 28 would do damage to the three other towns in the union.

Tobin replied that Union 28

has, "already captured many of the incentives of regionalization." Rocke added that in Union 28 the superintendent must work with four school committees, one for each elementary school district, while a regional superintendent would have only one regional committee to report to.

New Salem finance committee chair Don King commented, "There has to be a benefit to regionalization in order to sell it to the towns."

New Salem selectman Steve Verney said, "I'm not hearing enough to get in front of my town to say we should regionalize. For New Salem and Wendell, the path is not really that clear. What kind of incentives will the state create for regionalization?"

Tobin replied, "The money is not there to offer incentives."

Brewer said the incentive might be "not the carrot, but the stick." He added, "Adversity creates opportunity," and the districts that choose to regionalize could be "masters of your destiny" in the coming educational and financial changes.

Donelan felt a regional system could offer greater advantages for talented, gifted and special education students than individual district schools.

Randy Gordon of the Swift River school committee asked about possible collaboration between districts "on a non-regionalization track." Rocke replied that district administrators and teachers simply don't have the time to meet and plan across districts.

Pat Smith, an Orange representative to the Mahar school committee, remarked regionalization "must meet the needs of the individual towns," and "will take creative thinking from all of us."

Orange town administrator Rick Kwiatkowski asked for the timeline for developing a regional agreement. Regionalization committee chair Mike LeBlanc replied, "Our timelines are blown."

Donelan said the committee had hoped to present a regionalization plan to the four towns at annual town meetings next spring.

Verney said Wendell and New Salem need to review the consultant reports. "Don't take the questions at this hearing as a negative response. Our elected officials need to get together and discuss this."

The Tobin and Rocke reports will be submitted to the DESE.



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GREENFIELD – A recent op-ed in a local daily raises an eyebrow at some of the new words entered in this year’s edition of *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, among them *frenemy* (“one who pretends to be a friend but is actually an enemy”) and *locavore* (“one who eats foods grown locally whenever possible”).

This kind of reaction is not surprising. Whenever a new word – called a neologism – enters the language, it is always met with a considerable amount of skepticism by those who are hearing it for the first time. It’s especially true nowadays, since a lot of the words being coined are simply blends or alterations of pre-existing words – such as *vlog* (a blog with video posts, from *video* and *blog*) or *green-collar* (describing jobs that involve environmental protection). Others seem rather contrived, such as *staycation* (a vacation spent at home or nearby).

We are used to having our vocabulary consist of words borrowed from Latin and Greek, with recognizable analogues in other languages, and with estab-

The Rogue Editor
Looking Askance at Neologisms

lished identities. Compared to those words, these new ones seem too cute and specific to be of much use to us. But we aren’t borrowing words from Latin and Greek anymore – that well is centuries old, and has simply run dry.

Some skeptics also contend that a good number of the new words don’t really add much to the conversation. It is a fair point. A few years ago, the dictionary added *ginormous* – a blend of *gigantic* and *enormous*. It means nothing more than “extremely large.” English already has over a hundred words that mean “extremely large.” What do we need *ginormous* for?

One explanation for these kinds of neologisms is that people create new words for the same reason they decide to paint their houses or change their hairstyles – they get bored with what is already available to them and want something new. Each generation prefers to communicate with its own currency, and that is primarily why slang, in particular, will always be the domain of the young.

There was a time not too long ago when words now seemingly entrenched in the language, like *sweater* and *boss*, were considered novel slang and expected to have a short shelf-life. Now we can’t imagine life without them.

It is impossible to tell now which of the newest members of our language will still be playing an important role in our vocabulary a century from now. Only

time will tell. In the long run, a word like *green-collar* may age better than *staycation*, and *frenemy* will likely end up being nothing more than a momentary fad. But at the same time we will be learning of other new coinages that are sure to intrigue and befuddle us, the same way this year’s new words are now.

William Safire’s death last month at the age of 79 will leave a void in two key areas of Americana. For someone who wrote with equal passion about the subjects of politics and language, Safire was perhaps most impressive in his ability to keep his chocolate separate from his peanut butter – not letting his knowledge or biases in one area affect his viewpoint or style in the other.

Safire’s weekly ‘On Language’ column in *The New York Times Magazine* was required reading for anyone with even an amateur interest in language. His methods gave the layman an interesting, partial look into the kind of work a lexicographer does – in particular, parsing the usage of interesting words and phrases and then tracking back to find out how that usage came into being over time.

While I’m not sure Safire’s wit and sapience can be easily replaced, I hope the *Times* keeps the column going.

Last year I wrote about McDonald’s curious use of the past tense verb *sear-sizzled* as

part of the advertising copy on a take-out bag. Well, now the copywriters at Mickey D’s are at it again, with a new twist on what seems to be their favorite word. I saw a banner ad on the internet the other day advertising “the sizzley Sausage McMuffin with Egg.”

This is the first time I’ve ever seen anyone try out the adjective *sizzley*, and it seems just as contrived as *sear-sizzled* did. McDonald’s is apparently doing everything in their power to drive home the fact their food makes a sound when it is cooked.

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increases in elementary and high school MCAS scores. Grade 5 English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency scores increased from 44 to 60 percent between 2008 and 2009. Proficiency in grade 10 ELA increased from 66 to 82 percent, grade 4 math proficiency rose from 22 to 35, and grade 10 math proficiency scores rose from 65 to 78 percent.”

He attributed this progress to the use of the many innovative programs put in place in the schools, such as ‘Tools of the Mind,’ ‘Responsive Classroom,’ and ‘Math Expressions’.

“The Gill-Montague regional school district is doing a tremendous job of offering its students an excellent education, while exercising fiscal restraint,” said Dziura. He said employees’ willingness to join the GIC insurance group saved over \$500,000 for the district last year, while teachers and paraprofessionals agreed to accept a zero percent increase in their most recent contract. Dziura warned against making cuts that would “stall the engine of change that has begun to move us forward.”

The school committee agreed to establish a budget plan to develop the FY’11 budget. Superintendent Carl Ladd said the committee need-

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Attempted Murder Charge

Tuesday, 10/6

10:00 a.m. Walk-in to station report of identity fraud. Referred to an officer.

10:15 a.m. Report of an assault at a Turners Falls Road address. Arrested

Charged with assault and battery, domestic threat to commit a crime, murder, and attempt to commit murder.

11:16 a.m. Report of a hit and run accident on Autumn Lane.

6:21 p.m. Report of larceny at a K Street address.

Wednesday, 10/7

2:00 p.m. Walk-in to station report of burglary / breaking and entering at a Fourth Street address. Investigated.

Thursday, 10/8

2:10 p.m. Report of trespassing along the river across from the Railroad Salvage building. Services rendered.

2:37 p.m. Report of larceny

at an H Street address.

10:20 p.m. Report of disorderly conduct at Jake's Tavern on Avenue A. Arrested

Charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Friday, 10/9

9:19 a.m. Report of larceny at an Eighth Street address. Services rendered.

2:14 p.m. Report of an assault behind Beijing Station restaurant on Avenue A. Investigated.

Saturday, 10/10

12:17 a.m. Report of an unwanted person at a Fourth Street address. Restraining order served in hand.

12:25 p.m. Report of trespassing at the Railroad Salvage building. Services rendered.

3:17 p.m. Walk-in to station report of assault and battery at a Fourth Street address. Reporting party advised of options.

Sunday, 10/11

2:11 a.m. Report of larceny at Between The Uprights sports bar on Avenue A. Services rendered.

7:43 a.m. Report of vandalism at Thomas Memorial Country Club on Country Club Lane. Services rendered.

11:46 a.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a North Street address. Reporting party advised of options.

11:56 a.m. Officer wanted at a North Street address. Services rendered.

2:44 p.m. Report of restraining order violation at a Fourth Street address. Services rendered.

6:51 p.m. Report of a pedestrian accident on Chestnut Street. Services rendered.

Monday, 10/12

8:45 a.m. Report of a loud noise disturbance at Eagle Island, Barton Cove. Referred to other police.

9:16 a.m. Report of burglary / breaking and entering at Rambler's Club in Lake

Pleasant. Investigated.

10:38 a.m. Walk-in to station arrest of [redacted] on a straight warrant.

3:48 p.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Fourth Street address. Arrested [redacted]

Charged with assault and battery, domestic, malicious vandalism, damage or defacement of property and assault with a dangerous weapon.

6:04 p.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Third Street address. Peace restored.

Tuesday, 10/13

11:21 a.m. Report of vandalism at an East Main Street address.

1:46 p.m. Report of burglary / breaking and entering at Scalper's Lodge on Lake Pleasant Road. Investigated.

2:51 p.m. Report of larceny at a G Street address. Referred to an officer.

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FIELD REPORT: FROM THE WENDELL ENERGY COMMITTEE
Get Reel! A Simple Alternative to Gasoline Powered Lawn Mowers

BY LAURIE DIDONATO

I recently tried out my neighbor's push reel lawn mower, to see if there really is a feasible alternative to gasoline powered mowers.

My lawn is often not groomed to the level I desired, usually because the power mower isn't working properly. I felt there had to be an easier way, and if we could save money and use less fossil fuels in the bargain, that would be the perfect solution.

What a wonderful experience! The reel mower is so easy to use. No worries about buying, storing, or spilling gasoline. No worries about whether or not it will start. No loud noise, no worries about a wrong step that might take your toe off. On top of that, there is less expense, and less pollution. I got a wonderfully trimmed lawn, some healthy outdoor exercise, and a unique feeling of accomplishment that comes with doing something with your own power.

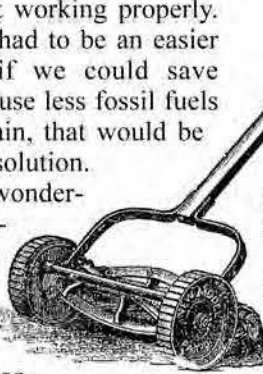
In my experience, power mowers often break. For us, that meant paying someone to fix it or buying a new mower, the latter often the cheaper option. Avoiding this eventuality makes using a reel mower, whose simplicity makes it easy to maintain, even more eco-

and wallet-friendly.

Many people feel they have to use power mowers because their weeds are too tough, or their lawn is too big - valid concerns. My lawn may have a few hardy weeds that escape the blade here and there. I am not bothered by this, but I wonder if more frequent mowing would resolve the problem. Owners of large lawns would likely find it easier to use a riding or self-propelled mower. This need could be alleviated by evaluating how big a lawn you really need, and maybe opt to let some of that lawn grow, or turn it into a garden.

To simplify my job, I broke up my lawn and focused on the portions that were the highest priority. I mowed one portion one week and another portion the next week. With this method, mowing the lawn became a short task that I could do whenever I had some extra time, rather than an overwhelming chore that takes a good chunk of the afternoon.

I would encourage anyone with an interest in simplifying this summer chore to Go Green and Get Reel!



Group Photo for Action on Climate Crisis

BY SUSAN CONGER

MONTAGUE CENTER - On Saturday, October 24th, the International Day of Climate Action, there will be thousands of events taking place in 152 countries to call attention to the global climate crisis. You can participate in this global call for change right here in Montague.

At 11:00 a.m. on the 24th, Montague residents - and anyone else who would like to take part - will meet on the Montague Center Common for a group photo with the 350 banner.

What is the significance of the number 350? Scientists say 350 parts per million is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, to avoid climate change. Right now, mostly because we've burned so much fossil fuel, the atmospheric concentration of CO₂ is 390 parts per million; way too high.

To bring that number down, the first task is to stop putting more carbon into the atmosphere. That means a very fast transition to solar, wind, and other renewable forms of power. If we can stop pouring more carbon into the atmosphere, then forests and oceans will slowly suck some of it out

of the air and return us to safer levels.

In December 2009, world leaders will be meeting in Copenhagen for the United Nations Climate Negotiations. The thousands of events happening on October 24th are a way to let those leaders know that people all around the world want them to take decisive action. Every event on the 24th will highlight the number 350, and at each event people will gather for a group photo. Afterwards, all the photos will be assembled at 350.org for a gigantic, global, visual petition.

You can read more about the International Day of Climate Action at www.350.org. For more information about the Montague event, contact Susan Conger at 367-9269.

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ed to consider the assessment side as well as the expenditure side of the process, to begin with a look at a budget starting at a building level, with principals and teachers involved, communicating their needs. He also said the district needs to engage the state, and do a better job communicating with the towns.

Brown said she would be "delighted to have a budget process."

Sorrel Hatch said, "we shouldn't repeat what we did last year, inviting [the towns] to large budget meetings."

Members agreed it would be better to have school committee representatives meet with town officials to discuss the

budget.

Kristin Boyle presented a "client advisory" memo from the legal firm of Deutsch/Williams in Boston describing changes to the open meeting law. This follows a concern she presented to the committee in September regarding the large amount of communication being sent between committee members via email.

The memo stated that "written communications and electronic mail are now included in the definition of deliberation for which an open meeting must be held," but did not address or disallow the use of electronic communication for informational purposes.

Boyle and Joyce Phillips

had both heard from constituents that they were disturbed at the day and time of the recent district meeting. Some parents who wanted to attend found it very difficult to do so during the week and at night, when they needed to care for children, serve dinner, help with homework, get ready for bedtimes and so forth.

Boyle suggested making future district meetings more "parent friendly," with food and child care available, or holding meetings on the weekends. Less than 100 voters from Gill and Montague attended the district meeting on the FY '10 school budget last month.





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THE HEALTHY GEEZER:

Cranial Arteritis

BY FRED CICETTI

Leonia, NJ – Q. A doctor told my cousin that she had arthritis in her head. I never heard of such a thing. Have you?

I've never heard of head arthritis, but I don't think that's what the doctor said to your cousin. I'm pretty sure the doctor was talking about temporal arteritis, which is also known as cranial arteritis and giant cell arteritis.

Arthritis is inflammation of a joint. Arteritis is inflammation of an artery. Temporal arteritis (TA)

affects the blood vessels that supply the head, particularly the arteries that branch off from a blood vessel in the neck called the carotid artery.

TA rarely occurs in patients younger than 50. Women develop TA two to three times more frequently than men. The incidence of the condition increases with age. TA occurs more frequently in white patients, especially those with northern European backgrounds.

The cause of TA is not known. Most people make a full recovery from TA, but treatment for a year or two may be needed. The condition can return after a recovery.

Corticosteroids may be prescribed to reduce inflammation. Medications that suppress the immune system are occasionally

prescribed. Aspirin may also be recommended. Patients usually start feeling better within days of starting treatment.

Corticosteroids are powerful anti-inflammatory drugs that can lead to some serious side effects. Older adults are particularly at risk, because they're more prone to certain conditions that may be caused by corticosteroids. These include: osteoporosis, high blood pressure, muscle weakness, cataracts, thinning skin and increased bruising.

When undergoing corticosteroid treatment, older patients are monitored for bone density and blood pressure changes. Doctors may prescribe calcium and vitamin D supplements or other medications to help prevent bone loss. Lifestyle changes and medication may be pre-

scribed to control blood pressure.

Polymyalgia rheumatica and temporal arteritis are closely related inflammatory conditions. Polymyalgia rheumatica is a disorder of the elderly characterized by muscular pain and stiffness in the shoulders, neck and pelvic muscles.

Headache affects more than two thirds of patients with TA. The following are some other symptoms of the condition: excessive sweating, fever, muscle aches, malaise, jaw pain, loss of appetite, scalp tenderness, vision problems, weakness, fatigue, weight loss, coughing, bleeding gums and mouth sores. The most serious complication of temporal arteritis is irreversible vision loss. Prompt treatment is critical to prevent permanent damage to the eyes.

There are other possible complications. TA doubles your risk of an aneurysm, which is a bulge in a weakened blood vessel that can burst. In some cases, a blood

clot may form in an affected artery causing a stroke.

TA is diagnosed by assessing symptoms, finding abnormal blood flow and through an Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR) blood test that measures the rate at which red blood and other cells settle towards the bottom of a tube. A rapid or high rate usually correlates with ongoing inflammation. This test is good but not perfect.

A temporal artery biopsy may confirm the diagnosis. The biopsy is taken from a part of the artery located in the hairline, in front of the ear. The biopsy is helpful in most cases, but in some individuals it may be negative or normal, even though the disease is present.

Once a diagnosis of TA has been made, treatment should be started as soon as possible.

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

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BY LEE CARIGNAN

TURNERS FALLS – The Turners Falls Indians football team lost big to the Mohawk Warriors last Friday night, in an Intercounty League game, with the lopsided score 46 to 6.

The Turners run defense struggled in the first half, allowing three long touchdown runs on Mohawk's first five plays from scrimmage. The loss drops Turners to 0-4 on the season. With the win, Mohawk improves their record to 3-1.

Turners got off to a great start with a nice kick return by Ryan Wilder to the Mohawk 40-yard line. Eric Bastarache and Tim Carlisle picked up big first downs on the opening drive to move Turners deep into Mohawk territory. Chris McMahon followed with a 12-yard gain to set Turners up with a first and goal.

Bastarache capped off the drive with a three-yard touchdown on a keeper, to give Turners a 6-0 lead. Turners failed on their 2-point conversion when McMahon came up

short. The drive ate up nearly the whole first quarter, leaving just 2:28 on the clock.

The momentum was short-lived for Turners, as Cody Underwood quickly turned things around for Mohawk on a counter play with an

80-yard touchdown run on their first possession of the night. Matt Zalenski added the 2-point conversion to put Mohawk up, 8-6. Turners QB

Bastarache returned the ensuing kickoff to midfield. Freshman Ryan Wilder rushed the ball to the Mohawk 40-yard line. However, the young running back fumbled the ball fighting for extra yards, handing it over to Mohawk. The turnover seemed to change the momentum of the game for the Turners offense, which had moved the ball well up to that point.

Mohawk responded with another quick touchdown by Underwood to put Mohawk up 14-6, with 18 seconds remain-

ing in the first quarter.

Turners went three-and-out on their next possession, and had to punt for the first time on the night. Mohawk took the ball over at their own 14-yard line. Zalenski exploded down the field for an 86-yard touchdown run to put Mohawk up 22-6. Mohawk scored again late in the second quarter on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Kendall Schneider to Underwood to go ahead 30-6 at halftime.

Turners defense played better in the second half, preventing any more big plays, but Mohawk still managed to score two more touchdowns, to win the game 46-6.

Turners quarterback Bastarache finished the night with 4 completions on 11 attempts for 37 yards. He also rushed for a touchdown. Chris McMahon had 33 yards on 11 carries and Tim Carlisle gained 24 yards on 4 carries for Turners.

Cody Underwood led Mohawk with 190 yards, and Matt Zalenski gained 169 yards on the night. Kendall Schneider was 3-7 for 17 yards, and a touchdown.

Turners faces the Frontier Red Hawks next Friday night at home.

Turners Band to Appear on Rock Horror Show

BY ANN HARDING – On Saturday night, there was some unusual activity after hours at Burrito Rojo in Turners Falls, and in the parking lot between Burrito Rojo and the Rendezvous. Those who observed strange lights and skulking characters after dark from 3rd Street may want to know there was no worse crime in progress than the videotaping of four episodes being shot for a television show archly called the "Rock Horror Show," to be aired in Springfield, Hartford and hopefully on MCTV.

Director Artis Falls has been in the video business for nearly 20 years, since studying at Springfield Technical Community College in his hometown of Springfield. He has worked in various media and venues up and down the East Coast, before returning to the area this year.

Falls reconnected with his childhood friend Rick Caspar, and discovered they shared an interest in low budget horror films. Caspar had been introduced to acting by an outfit called Xposse, back in 2003. Based out

of Chicopee, Xposse produces films like the "Rise of the Scarecrows," and "Evil Awakening" both available on Amazon.com. The two started brainstorming and decided to work on a joint venture.

Cut to Turners Falls, where the storyline of their in-production feature finds a serial killer (Caspar) taking an active dislike to a local rock band's music, to the point where he starts killing off their fans. The dilemma for the band – "Do we keep going with our music?" – is answered with the cockiness of youth, as they decide to solve the mystery for themselves.

Falls advertised on Craigslist to find actors, offering a free music video in exchange for the chosen band's work on the film project. He got about 20 responses, but the choice was soon narrowed down to Turners Falls' own "Bound to Stand." Falls said he chose this up-and-coming Turners group as his subject in part because of their eagerness, energy and youthful appearance – the very antithesis of horror!

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At the selectboard meeting on September 29th, board chair Richard Brazeau suggested the town's next step in the ongoing effort to contain the effects of groundwater pollution in the neighborhood of the old landfill would be to locate another new well, perhaps on town land near the confluence of Doolittle and Roaring Brooks on Teawaddle Hill Road, and form a small municipal water supply to provide water to households there.

He gave no cost projections for what that might cost.

But finance committee members who addressed the board on the 13th believe the town should explore a different approach to resolving the issue.

"It really would make the most sense to look at buying all the houses," said Powers. "You're looking at - at least - \$1 million, and it's easier bonding something over a million dollars."

Gibavic said if an affected homeowner were not willing to sell their house to the town, "The ultimate is, you take it by eminent domain."

Brazeau, the selectboard member who has worked most

intensively on the groundwater contamination issue over the last years, was not present at the meeting on the 13th, but Peter d'Errico told the finance committee members, "I'm worried like you are. There's no guarantee the [new] well will be good, no guarantee there won't be more seepage."

Gibavic said the Duffy house, the house primarily affected by groundwater contamination, is presently assessed at \$230,300.

Powers suggested if the town were to purchase the five or six properties in proximity to the former landfill, the next step would be to demolish the buildings, since they would be uninhabitable without a source of potable water. He guessed the final price tag for such an approach would be in excess of \$1.5 million.

Selectboard member Julie Shively said if the town were to consider taking properties by eminent domain, one question will be, "Will these people get enough money [in settlement] to stay in town? That's going to be an argument."

Powers responded, "That's for negotiation. There has to be equity for the homeowner; there has to be equity for the town. We

can't overpay."

Contacted after the meeting, Brazeau defended the warrant article request to finance a new well at the Duffy residence. He said monitoring wells nearby showed promise the new well would test clean.

As to the proposal to buy all the potentially affected homes, Brazeau asked rhetorically, "Have you got 1.5 million dollars?"

The finance committee will return to the selectboard at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th, to discuss the matter further in advance of Tuesday's town meeting.

Also on Monday, Amherst-Pelham Regional superintendent Roberto Rodriguez will come before the selectboard at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the FY'11 budget. The board held a brief back-and-forth with the two finance committee members about what Leverett's approach to that discussion should be.

All but Gibavic seemed to support an initial position that Leverett should call for a "flat" school budget for the coming year. But Gibavic said, "For the next few years, state aid is not going to be stepped up, so either the towns have to do more, or not. They've lost a lot in the regional budget in the last three or four years. We should listen to what [Rodriguez] has to say, before we say, 'No raises'."

Gibavic added, "The problem is, it's not going to be the high school I sent my kids to if things keep going this way."

He also said Leverett had more fiscal capacity to deal with an override than Amherst, Pelham or Shutesbury, the other

towns in the district, but the budget outline would probably be determined by voters in those towns.

Before leaving the meeting, Gibavic said the finance committee was seeking a fifth member, to fill the position left empty by the sudden death a few weeks ago of Joe Stokes.

In other news, the selectboard heard from Charity Day, of the Franklin Regional Housing and Rehabilitation Authority, that Leverett had received \$150,000 to provide zero interest loans for low- or moderate-income homeowners in town to correct code violations, or improve the energy efficiency of their buildings. Day estimated the funds, part of a four-town Community Development Block Grant with Shutesbury, Warwick and Whately, would be enough to renovate at least five units in Leverett.

The town's fire engine number three is presently under repair, although details were not forthcoming at the meeting.

School committee chair Kip Fonsh met with the board to discuss the problem of cracking slates on the old section of the Leverett Elementary School.

John Kuczek, building manager for the elementary school, said after the meeting the slates on the roof of the original school building are 50 years old, and have been cracking for some time. A slate repair company has come out for regular maintenance, but, "The problem is, when you go up on an old slate roof, you just wind up cracking more tiles." He added, "The integrity of the building is concerned." He said a new roof was the only solution.

Fonsh estimated that might cost \$200,000. The state might pay 60% or 65% of that cost, if the town gets the project on the waiting list for school building projects, and if the situation can wait that long for solution.

The selectboard will take the matter under advisement.

Interim town administrator Wendy Foxmyn reported a problem with the library's electrical panel. Water from an unknown source has been infiltrating the control panel.

The board agreed to ask town departments to file quarterly reports with the town treasurer regarding sick pay and vacation pay accrued by all employees.

D'Errico congratulated Gibavic on working with volunteers to dismantle and store an old sugarhouse that was in danger of demolition near the intersection of Rattlesnake Gutter and Montague Road. D'Errico called this an example of the town facilitating discussion leading to volunteer action, in this case saving an historic building that can later be restored. "I'd like to see more of this kind of public/private activity in the future," he said.

The sugarhouse may possibly be rebuilt on a three acre section of town-owned land near the same intersection, using Community Preservation Act funding, d'Errico said.

The town will accept bids until October 22nd on a used 1999 Chevy Tahoe, white, automatic, four-door sedan, with 100,000 miles on its V-8 engine.

The town energy committee has given recommendations to the selectboard for disbursing \$6,500 in funds received from the town's share of Massachusetts Technology Collaborative grants, from donations Leverett residents made to the New England Wind Fund, according to committee member Portia Weiskel.

The committee recommends spending \$3,500 to replace conventional lighting at the elementary school with LED or other energy saving lighting technology; \$2,000 for educational materials and programs on clean energy at the elementary school; and \$1,000 to promote a town-wide energy saving campaign.

The board appointed Peggy Marshall, Sarah Dolver, Joanne Mully, and Holly Lynton to the cultural council.



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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF WENDELL PLANNING BOARD**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Chapter 40A Section 5 and Section 9 of M.G.L., the Wendell Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the town offices at Morse Village Road to consider changes to the Wendell Zoning Bylaws as described herein: In Article XIII. Wireless Communication Facilities, (1) In Section C, Definitions and word usage, in the paragraph defining Personal Wireless Services, delete the phrase "unlicensed wireless services." and (2) In Section D, add to the list of exempted facilities at the end of the first sentence: "unlicensed wireless broadband receivers and transmitters, consumer wireless routers and laptop computers, home television and internet satellite dishes, and cordless telephones." On or before October 6th, the proposed text of the bylaw changes under consideration will be posted outside the town offices for review and are available from the Town Coordinator and the Town Library during their regular business hours.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *New England Forests Through Time*. John O'Keefe, co-author of the book *New England Forest Through Time*, shares information on the present state as well as the history of our local forests. 7 p.m.

Roy Zimmerman at the Echo Lake Coffee House, Leverett Town Hall. Satirical songwriter, Zimmerman has been writing songs for twenty years and has played in clubs across the country sharing the stage with George Carlin, Bull Maher, Kate Clinton and more. 7:30 p.m. with pot-luck at 6 p.m. Info: (413) 548-9394 or www.royzimmerman.com.

Live jazz every Thursday at Ristorante DiPaolo, Turners Falls. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. 863-4441.

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Jim Olsen's Rendezvous Ramble*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

Triple Feature Outdoor Movie: Franklin County Technical School hosts a Triple Feature Outdoor Movie on the FCTS football field. Films: *It's the Great Pumpkin*, *Charlie Brown*, *Monster House*, and *Drag Me to Hell*. Concessions on sale, jack-o-lantern display. \$5 adults, \$3 children under 10. Starts at 6 p.m. (413) 863-9561 or www.fcts.org.

Film showing of the 2004 documentary *MOVE* at The Brick House, Turners Falls, 7:30 p.m. Following the film, there will be discussion time with original *MOVE* member Ramona Africa along with film-makers Benjamin Garry and Matt Sullivan of Cohort Media. Hosted by *Undergrowth Farm* as part of



Lake Street Dive at the Rendezvous on Sunday, October 18th at 8 p.m. "Joyous blend of horn-driven Southern Soul, rugged jazz, twee-pop, and junky folk." - CD BABY

their ongoing film series, *Movements for Self-Determination*. *MOVE* is narrated by historian Howard Zinn, and made its debut at numerous film festivals throughout the United States in 2004. Info: gill-garden@riseup.net or (413) 863-9197.

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *TURN IT UP!* at the Voo series: Carolyn Conspiracy, Thomas Matthew Campbell, Thane Thomsen, \$3 cover, 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Nexus*, harmonic eclectic rock, 9-11 p.m.

FRI & SAT, OCTOBER 16th & 17th

Pothole Pictures, Shelburne Falls: *Singin' In The Rain*. Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, directed by Stanley Donen, 1952, color, rated G. 7:30 p.m. Music before the movie at 7 p.m. Fri: The Damon Trumpet Duet, Sat: The Shelburne Falls Military Marching Band.



Ramona Africa joins discussion after the documentary film *MOVE* on Friday, October 16th, 7:30 p.m. at the Brick House, 24 Third Street, Turners Falls.

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th to 18th

Arena Civic Theatre presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical: *The King and I*. At the Shea Theater, Turners Falls. Continues 10/23 to 10/25. Friday & Saturday performance at 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. \$13; \$11 seniors; \$8 children under 12.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th

Mission: Wolf at the Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls. Come experience a personal encounter with a live wolf with the Ambassador Wolf program. View an audio-visual show covering subjects such as an introduction to wolves and hybrids, wild wolf issues, wolf communication and behavior, and current status of wild wolves in North America. Two programs, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Registration required. Call the Discovery Center: 863-3221.

Family Fun Day! 1 to 3 p.m. at Unity Park, Turners Falls. Come out and celebrate the New England season! Scarecrow stuffing, pumpkin carving, bake sale, and more! Fees: Scarecrows:

\$6 per, pumpkin carving: \$2 each. We need clothes for our scarecrows! If you have some long sleeve shirts and pants that you're not using anymore, we will gladly take them off your hands. Drop them off at our office.

Diwali, a Celebration of Light Opening reception, 4 to 11 p.m. at The Barnes Gallery, Leverett Crafts and Arts, 13 Montague Rd. Leverett. Indian Food, dance performance by *Nataraj classical Indian Dance Co.*, *Mehandi*, kirtan music, Bollywood movie showing, *Bhangra Dance* party, and lots of light. Exhibition is entitled *East of What? Art inspired by Asia and a Temple for the Goddesses*. www.leverettcrafts.org or 548-9070.

Silvio O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center open house with exhibits and demonstrations. Visit them at 1 Migratory Way. South of "G" Street, Turners Falls. (413) 863-3800.

Tenth Anniversary Party for MontagueMA.net Noon to 5 p.m. Held in the parking lot next to the Rendezvous, Third Street, Turners Falls.

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *ROCKIT QUEER* dance party w/ DJs Bex and Tommy Toboggan, \$3.

At Burrito Rojo, Turners Falls: *Ghost Quartet*, 9 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Blame it on Tina*, folk/rock, 9 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Deja Brew, Wendell: *3rd Annual Taste of Wendell*, 1 to 4 p.m. Taste the Home Brews, Wines and Cheeses of Wendell on the deck at Deja Brew. All are welcome & admission is free. Evening 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. *Ian Reed*, acoustic guitar performing English and Irish folk songs, Blues and American classics. Ian is visiting from Hampshire, England.

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Lake Street Dive*. Indie folk featuring Bridget Kearney of Sweetback Sisters, 8 p.m. \$3.

At the Book Mill, Montague Center: *Tiger Saw*, *South China*, and *The Wailing Wall*, 8 p.m. \$5. *Tiger Saw* has toured extensively in North America and Europe, known for playing unorthodox venues from beach bonfires to treetop sing-alongs, as well as basements and bar-rooms coast to coast.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Yankee-trade, white-elephant Bingo! 8 p.m. free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st

The Great Falls Farmers Market, corner of 2nd Street and Avenue A, Turners Falls. 2 to 6 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: Knitting & Crafts Night: 7 to 10 p.m. Any craft and any skill level welcome. Get a chance to win our

monthly crafty gift with every \$5 you spend at Craft night. Drawings held on the last Wednesday of the month.

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Quizmastah Chad's Quiznite Quiz! 8 p.m.

Social Ballroom Lessons, Montague Elks, Turners Falls. \$8 per person, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night. (413) 885-8888. October focus is Rumba!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *The Raised 5th*, jazz, 8:30 p.m. No cover.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Heather Maloney*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

Montague 350: As part of the International Day of Climate Action, join Montague residents on the Montague Center Common for a group photo with the 350 banner. 11 a.m. Info: Susan Conger, 367-9269.

Pumpkin Carving at Sally's, 34 Court Sq, Montague Center. Bring your own pumpkin, we will have snacks and apple cider. All welcome, 6 p.m.

Solidarity Tour at Seeds of Solidarity Farm and Education Center, Orange. Experience the farm, home and education center that integrates solar greenhouses, energy efficient buildings, market gardens, solar electric and hot water systems. Free. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Post tour, stay for pot-luck lunch. www.seedsofsolidarity.org.

UNTIL OCTOBER 27th

Greenfield Community College, downtown center, exhibition of works by Claudine Mussuto. Maps painted on kraft paper, entitled 'kraft triptych: eugene, far east, truro, & provincetown.'

THROUGH OCTOBER 31st

On display at Burrito Rojo, Turners Falls: *connections*, recent work by Margaret Fasulo.

The Gallery at Hallmark, Ave A, Turners Falls: *A Second Look*, photographic exhibit by Tony Downer. Gallery open Fri-Sun, 1 to 5 p.m. (413) 863-0009 for info.

MCTV Channel 17 visit www.montagueTV.org for complete schedule

HOT SPOT TEEN CENTER
MONDAYS - Drop-in, 3 to 6 p.m.
TUES & WEDS - Ongoing Music Project, 3 to 6 p.m.
THURS - Drop-in, 3 to 6 p.m. & Movie Night, 6 to 8 p.m.
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3. **JULIE & JULIA** PG13
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4. **CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS** PG
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Putting the Garden to Bed for the Season



MARY AZARIAN WOODBLOCK

BY LESLIE BROWN

MONTAGUE CITY – The recent full moon and the frosty mornings have the Canada geese on the move. At early morning, midday or midnight, their raucous cries fill the sky. The strange part is that as many flocks move southward towards the warmth, other flocks can be seen speck high, flying north. Perhaps they are as confused as we are, given the changing global climate.

In any case, their energetic cries are exhilarating. I look forward to the soul's uplift at their reappearance after the long winter.

It is time to begin to put the garden to bed for another season. Even if, like me, you have not pulled all the weeds, it doesn't matter. They have already sown their seeds, so they can be turned under to

serve as a green crop for next year's garden.

To best prepare for next season's crop, pull and discard your spent plants. These are not candidates for the compost pile, because they are likely tainted with powdery mildew, insect eggs or blight. These problems should be put aside or burned. Your compost pile, however, always welcomes the addition of healthy green plants like peas or beans that have finished producing.

After you have pulled diseased or insect-infected plants, spread the soil with composted manure and seasoned compost. Then spade it in, or use a rototiller.

This is the best time of year to improve your garden soil and then let it rest, ready to use next season. By next spring, the microbes in the compost will have suppressed disease and improved the soil structure for improved nutrient and water retention.

You should also have developed a healthy crop of earthworms. These laborers will rototill the top twelve inches of your garden soil, breaking down thatch and other raw, organic materials. They will, by

spring, have created channels for root growth and have left their castings, a natural fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium all ready for plant use.

Turn the earth now and then let them do their work. Don't irritate them next spring by poking them with sharp metals. Left alone, they will improve your soil to a degree you can't achieve by turning it again before planting.

This is also, of course, a great time to sort through garden tools and supplies. I'll leave the bamboo bean and cucumber poles to bleach in the sun before storing them for next season. That way I won't winter-over disease problems.

Once I've finished using the metal tools, I'll wipe them down with hydrogen peroxide before I put them away. With all of the blights and fungal diseases around, it's well worth a small investment of time to avoid harboring problems for the coming year.

Finally, review this year's crops, what you most enjoyed and what you'd like to grow again. Check the age of your current seed collection. Discard any flower seeds over a year

old; ditto onion and leek seed. Tomato, pepper, pea, bean and squash seed stored in a cool, dry place should have a three-year shelf life. When in doubt about their vintage, throw old seed away. If you start your own plants and the seeds are no longer viable, you have wasted much time in the growing season, which in New England is already much too short. Make a list of crops you have especially enjoyed, so you can buy those seeds or plants again.

Now is the time to save the flavor from this year's garden by freezing, canning, pickling and preserving in any way you can. Nothing beats the pleasure of opening a jar or container of preserved foods in the dead of winter, when it seems the only 'fresh' produce in the store comes from far away, and has a high price to boot.

A friend has given me a bag full of organic pears. In return, I give you this recipe for chutney made with Perry pears.

You can also use the fine crop of apples to make your chutney. Originally an Indian relish, this preserve is used to accompany poultry or pork, or as an appetizer combined with cream cheese.

Pear Chutney

- Seven cups cored but unpeeled fruit, chopped.
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups cider vinegar
- 1 medium onion, chopped (optional)
- 1 cup golden raisins
- ¼ to ½ cup chopped preserved ginger
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 teaspoon ground clove

Combine sugar and vinegar and heat in a large saucepan until boiling. Add the fruit and seasonings and simmer slowly, stirring occasionally until thick (an hour or so).

Pack in sterilized jars and store. Save a small jarful for immediate eating.

Enjoy!

from **BAND** pg 13

Band member Nic Viens said he responded to the Craigslist ad because Bound to Stand is releasing its first disc soon, and a music video would help them complete

Drew, lead guitar and back-up vocals. They've been together less than a year, but have already played several local venues including Winterland and the Iron Horse. They liken their



Artis Falls (left) and Rick Caspar

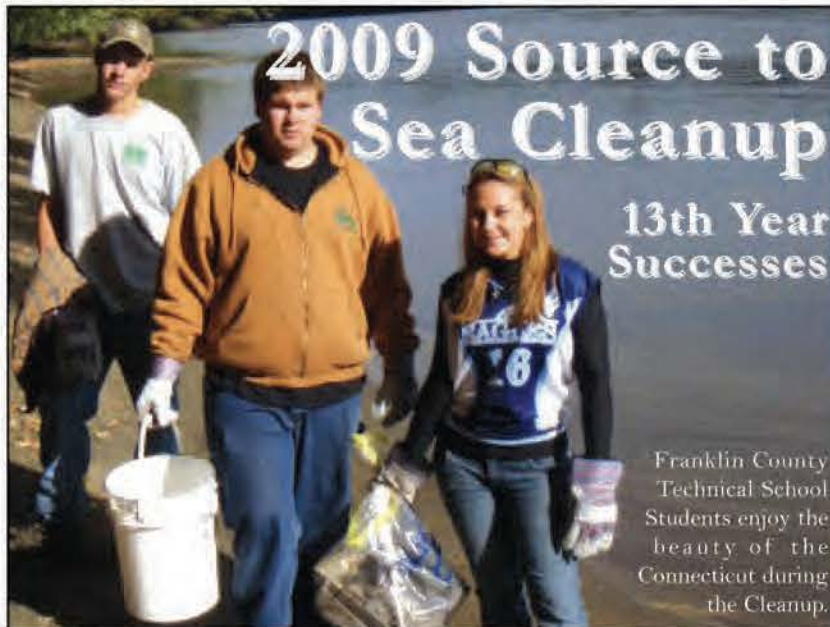
their portfolio. They had already developed the storyboard for their video, so it seemed like the perfect opportunity.

Bound to Stand members have known each other from childhood. All of them grew up in the Greenfield-Turners Falls area and were involved in music from a young age. They include Nic Viens on drums; Nick Brule on bass guitar; Gabe McFarland, lead vocals and guitar; and Terry

sound to that of the alt-rock band Incubus.

Bound to Stand's new single, "She Don't Know Me," was being distributed Saturday night – the title song for their music video. It was produced by McFarland of EastLake Recording Studio.

The band can be reached for bookings or other inquiries by calling 413-423-3407.



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