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## Celebrating Fran Hemond



JOSEPH A. PARZYCH PHOTO  
Pat Carlisle (right) helped Fran Hemond celebrate her 90th birthday at Cold Brook Farm with a houseful of family and friends on Sunday.

**BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH**  
**MONTAGUE CENTER** - On Sunday, the farmhouse at Cold Brook Farm in Montague was overflowing with friends and family of Francis Hemond, in celebration of her 90th birthday.

Many may know Francis as the nature lover who keeps readers of the *Montague Reporter* informed about the comings and goings of her feathered friends at the farm's 'Breakfast Club' (the feeder outside her kitchen window). But there's a lot more to Fran.

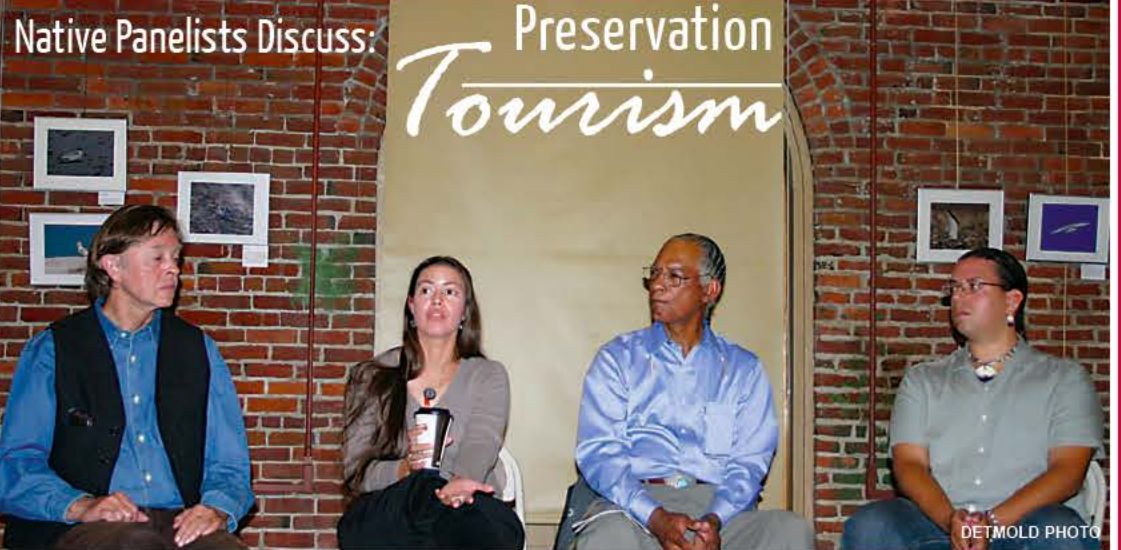
Fran Hemond came to live on Cold Brook Farm some 17 years ago. She was formerly a Field before marrying her husband,

Harold Hemond. She fondly remembers visiting her uncle, Franklin Field, when the 125-acre Cold Brook Farm was more village than farm.

The Field Farm was founded in 1866 by another Franklin Field, Fran's great grandfather (the Fields of Leverett are cousins). The farm had its own steam boat landing on the Connecticut River, several barns and outbuildings, including a community cider mill, with cottages housing farm workers and sharecroppers. In April of 1904, a disastrous fire swept through the farm, wiping out many of the buildings including the main

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## By the Great Falls



David Brule (left - right) moderated a panel discussion with Elizabeth Perry, Doug Harris, and Jonathan Perry at the Great Falls Discovery Center on Thursday, September 16th.

**BY DAVID DETMOLD**  
**GREAT FALLS** - The Turners Falls Airport was never mentioned.

Representatives of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead (Aquinnah) and the Narragansett Indian Tribe, federally recognized tribes based in Martha's Vineyard and Rhode Island, respectively, journeyed to Montague for a panel discussion with interested residents at the Great Falls Discovery Center on Thursday, September 16th.

The tribes are involved in ongoing negotiations with the town of Montague, and the Federal Aviation Administration, over sites at the Turners Falls Airport the tribes believe have important cultural significance. One site has been confirmed by

UMass Archaeological Services as being 10,000 years old, one of the few paleo-Indian sites of that antiquity that has been found anywhere in the Northeast.

Other airport sites were in the process of being investigated by the UMass team, but the Wampanoags and the Narragansetts, who have been granted consultant status at the airport in a government to government relationship spelled out under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, called a halt to that archaeological investigation until they are able to receive positive assurances from the town of Montague that the sites will be permanently preserved, and their access to the sites guaranteed.

While that negotiation contin-

ues, work on the half finished \$5 million runway replacement project, interrupted in October of 2009 when a subcontractor dug a trench for electrical conduit at the airport in an area that had not been cleared by the Native American tribes, is stalled. The subcontractor had been told by the airport commission not to disturb that site, but dug there anyway. This led the airport commission to halt all work on the project until the matter was resolved, and that is where the project remains, one year later.

The selectboard and airport commission recently signed off on a draft memorandum of understanding to permanently preserve the identified sites, which the commission says are see **TOURISM** page 8

## The Center of the Center of Town

**BY DAVID DETMOLD**  
**MONTAGUE CENTER** - When Pinnie Sears was a child, she used to take a horse and wagon down from Dry Hill Road to Ray and May Fonntag's general store on the town common in Montague Center, and leave the horse hitched by the iron water fountain while she ran inside to shop for penny candy.

"That fountain was the center of the Center of town," Sears recalled. "The kids would drink from the bubbler. The horses would drink from the trough. The dogs would drink from the rim at the bottom. And in those days the dogs ran free. Whoever was thirsty had a drink."

Sears recalled her Pinto horse, Fury, would refuse to budge for home until she gave him a whole roll of wild cherry life savers. "He'd wash it down with water from the trough."

Those memories came rushing back this week when the news came that the Montague Center Water Department voted a week ago Tuesday to turn the fountain - which has been dry since the turn of this century, or longer, memories differ on just when it was shut off - back on.

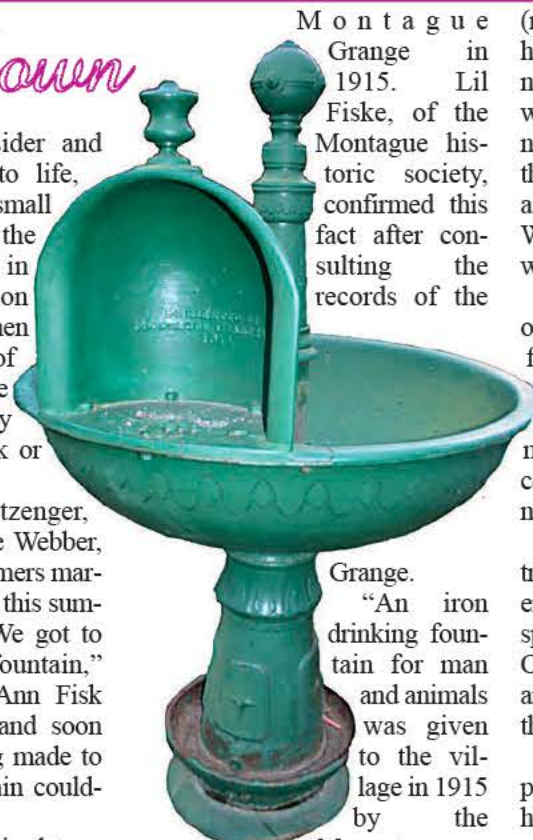
"We had got a couple of calls from concerned people asking, 'What was the story with the water fountain? Why isn't it running anymore?'" said water commissioner Gary Dion. "I don't think we've had it on for seven or eight years. Two years in a row we had a bubbler in there, and kids broke it. The bubblers cost \$40. The last time, when we took it out, there was nail polish poured into it, so we said, 'Enough is enough. Why waste our money?'"

Indirectly, it was Sears who had a hand in getting the water

department to reconsider and restore the fountain to life, when she organized a small farmers market on the town common in Montague Center on Monday afternoons, when folks are in the habit of stopping by the Montague Center library to pick up a new book or return an old one.

"Suzanne Kretzenger, Nancy Bailey, Suzanne Webber, they all came to the farmers market, and it was very hot this summer, hot and thirsty. We got to talking about that fountain," Sears recalled, "and Ann Fisk came by one day..." and soon phone calls were being made to ask whether the fountain couldn't be turned on again.

The fountain has raised type on one surface indicating it was a gift to the town from the



Montague Grange in 1915. Lil Fiske, of the Montague historic society, confirmed this fact after consulting the records of the

Grange. "An iron drinking fountain for man and animals was given to the village in 1915 by the

Montague Grange," she read. Fiske added that Alice Fisk

(no relation), who wrote the history of the Montague Grange, noted "The cost of the fountain was \$130, and the Grange's name was put on it. And in 1954 the water fountain was repaired and painted by Leonard Wonsey," who worked with the water department at the time.

Dion said, "There's a couple of cracks in the pipes we can see from the outside. That system had an overflow, horses used to drink out of it. Back in the mid 80s, they needed to start conserving water so they eliminated [the horse trough]."

Fiske thought the horse trough was turned off even earlier than that, because kids used to splash everyone at the Montague Old Home Days for fifty feet around. Well, it's always been the center of the town.

"We're just waiting for the plumber now," said Dion. "We hope to have it on for a couple of weeks in October. In the spring, we're going to turn it on and leave it on."



**PETS OF THE WEEK**

**Let's Play House**



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**LEVERETT LIBRARY NEWS**

**Let's Go Blue**

Wednesday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Leverett Library, Barry Oberpriller will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Leverett Library. Barry will talk about building his home, Casa del Sol, in Leverett, which received the 2009 Home of the Year Award from ICF (Integrated Energy Outlook). He will discuss the advantages of building 0+ energy homes,

which supply their own energy and possibly create surplus energy for additional uses. "Blue goes beyond Green" in terms of protecting the environment, Oberpriller says.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Leverett Library and the Leverett Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**Poetry Open Mic**

On Sunday, September 26th, from 3 - 4 p.m., the Leverett Library poetry group will resume its monthly meetings by holding an "Open Mic."

Anyone interested in reading their poetry (maximum of seven minutes per person) should sign up at the library, or by calling us at 413-548-9220.

**Thrive Project Opens Doors in Turners Falls**

BY ANNE HARDING

**TURNERS FALLS** - The Thrive Project officially opens its doors on Monday, October 4th following a four day extravaganza of music and comedy, culminating in an Open House celebration in their new home at 37 Third Street, Turners Falls. This newly formed nonprofit organization has been working behind the scenes for months gathering volunteers, raising money, building partnerships and spreading the word about their mission - to help young adults build lives they find meaningful with the help of tutoring, coaching, apprenticeship, artistic engagement and community participation.

Director Jamie Berger believes everyone needs a break. He attributes his biggest break to the luck of his birth - growing up with two supportive, middle class, educator parents. He believes, "There are very few directions to turn for people who are just 'getting by,' to find ways not only to survive, but to thrive." Berger's focus is on young adults, ages 18 to 30, who after struggling in high school, find themselves stuck in low pay jobs instead of building careers.

Thrive offers a number of regular services and special offerings

coordinated by program director Liz Gardner. The center will be open Monday and Wednesday, from 3 - 9 p.m., and from Tuesday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October promises a full slate of opportunities and programs. Mondays and Thursdays will regularly feature Do-It-Yourself workshops. The first Monday of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. you can learn how to "Get the Most out of Thrive" in an informal open session that introduces programs, opportunities and Thrive staff, and provides the opportunity to schedule one-on-one sessions and ask questions. College counselor Sarah Hoffman will be on hand Thursday, October 21st from 7:30 - 9 p.m. to review the College Application Process for two and four year colleges. Monday, October 25th from 7 - 9 p.m. Sonja and Michael O'Donnell offer "Creating Possibility," a workshop to learn about fixed and growth mindsets and free oneself from self-limiting thought patterns.

For more info about workshops, to schedule a consultation, or sign up to volunteer, you can stop by Thrive during open hours. Call 413-863-6340 or email liz@thriveproject.org.

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES - September 27th to October 1st**

**GILL/MONTAGUE Senior Center**, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Friday at Noon. Meal reservations must be made a day in advance by 11:00 A.M. The Meal Site Manager is Kerry Togneri. All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open. Fuel Assistance and Recertification appointments are available at the Senior Center on September 30. Please call 863-4500 to make an appointment

**Monday, Sept. 27th**  
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise  
1:00 Knitting Circle  
**Tuesday, Sept. 28th**  
9:00 a.m. Walking Group

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Canasta  
**Wednesday, Sept. 29th**  
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
12:45 p.m. Bingo  
**Thursday, Sept. 30th**  
9:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
Fuel Assistance Applications by appointment  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Pitch  
**Friday, Oct. 1st**  
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Scrabble  
1:00 p.m. Writing Group

**ERVING Senior Center**, 18 Pleasant St., Erving (Old Center School, 1st Floor), is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregating meals. For info and reservations, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3308. Mealsite Manager is Jim Saracino. Lunch is daily at 11:30 a.m., with reservations 24 hours



ANNE HARDING PHOTO

**Dedication at Montague Elementary School**

**TURNERS FALLS** - The wedding-like appearance of the newly lettered signs at the entrances of each campus of the Montague Elementary School on Wednesday was by design. Festooned in tulle and satin ribbon, the decorations were symbolic of the union of the town's elementary schools. Principal Elizabeth Musgrave welcomed families to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Following a brief word from superintendent Carl Ladd about the importance of a unified school for all five villages of Montague, children were invited to start cutting. Numerous and enthusiastic volunteers made quick work of the layers of tulle to reveal the new sign at the Hillcrest campus (see above).

A second ceremony took place at the Sheffield campus at 6 p.m.

**Wendell Seeks Cultural Funding Proposals**

BY LINDA HICKMAN - The Wendell cultural council seeks funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities and science projects.

Proposals must be submitted or postmarked by October 15th.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Wendell - including exhibits, festivals, workshops, performances, and lectures. The Wendell cultural council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS program, a ticket subsidy program for children.

The Wendell cultural council is part of a grass roots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state.

This year, the Wendell cultural council will distribute around \$3,800 in grant funds.

Application forms and more specific guideline information are available at the Wendell Free Library, the Wendell town hall,

the Wendell post office, the Wendell Depot post office, and the Wendell Country Store, or on the web at [www.masscultural.org/lcc\\_public.asp](http://www.masscultural.org/lcc_public.asp). Call 978-544-8604 for more information.

**Biomass Benefit**

**GREENFIELD** - Hope and Olive's monthly free soup and game night will benefit Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, on Monday, October 4th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at 44 Hope Street in Greenfield. Desserts, coffee, cider and cocktails will be available for sale; live music accompanies the event. Admission is free; donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the event will support CCFC's effort to stop the biomass power plant still planned for Greenfield.

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## Local Briefs

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**CLEGG** - On October 1st, there will be a **Benefit Concert for Peace** Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the New England Peace Pagoda. The program will be held at the House Of One People, 177 Ripley Road, Montague, from 7:30 - 10 p.m. The concert will feature musical performance and kirtan with Shubalananda and special guests.

The Peace Pagoda will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, October 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. at 100 Cave Hill Road in Leverett. The event is free and open to the public. For more info: 413-367-2202.

The **Warm Our Seniors Golf Tournament** will be held at the Thomas Memorial Country Club and the Oak Ridge Country Club (participants get to decide) on Monday, October 4th. The tournament is sponsored by the Franklin County sheriff's office and the Montague police department. Proceeds will help to provide fuel assistance to TRIAD seniors in need.

This is a four person scramble; registration deadline is September 27th. For more info, contact Ray Zukowski at the Montague police department at 413-863-8911 ext. 203.

The Brick House Community Center, 78 Third Street, in Turners Falls will hold their 3rd **Annual Community potluck supper** on Friday, October 1st, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with free food, music, apple cider pressing and a marching band. Undergrowth Farm from Gill will provide a cooking demonstration, and organize neighbors to prepare potato salad and greens. The event features food donated from many local restaurants, including Diemand Farm turkey prepared by Holy Smokes BBQ and rice and beans from Burrito Rojo! Donations of cooked food and local produce are still being accepted. Call the Brick House at 413-863-9576 for more details.

The **Gallery at Hallmark**, 85 Avenue A, in Turners Falls is currently showing 13 Degrees of Separation, a spectacular show of images by young people who have successfully trained at the premier Hallmark Institute of Photography here in Turners. This is a must see show, with just three days left to view it: September 24th to 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**The Recover Project**, a community open to all concerned with alcohol and drug addiction will hold their Annual Recovery Jam on September 25th from 11:30 to 6:00 at the White Eagle Polish Picnic Grounds in Greenfield. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door, with food included, children under 12 free. Performers include Jeff Martell, One Night Stand, Sue Bassett with the Cooper Jones band, Laurie B. and more. The Recovery Jam is a family friendly, drug and alcohol free event. Please call (413) 774-5489 x 14 for more information.

**The Deerfield Valley Art Association**, in its mission of promoting the arts in the community, invites the public to a Harvest Moon Jazz Scholarship Benefit at Gallery 38, located on Avenue A next to the Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls on Saturday, September 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Headlining the evening is Charlie Schneeweis, a vocal master of the American Songbook of jazz classics and an expressive horn player. The proceeds benefit an art scholarship for Turners Falls High School and Tech School students; all art 20% off at Gallery 38 that evening.

An all furniture tag sale will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at **Our Lady of Czestochowa Church**, 84 K Street in Turners Falls, (just up the hill from Food City). The event will be held rain or shine. For more info, contact Shirley Webb at 413-773-7202.

Send items for local briefs to: [reporter-local@montague-ma.net](mailto:reporter-local@montague-ma.net)

## Athol Murder 24th Domestic Violence Homicide in Massachusetts in 2010

The murder of Joanne Johnson of Athol over the weekend of September 11th is the 24th incident of domestic violence related homicide in Massachusetts since January 1st of this year, according to the New England Learning Center for Women in Transition.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of what appears to be another tragic domestic violence homicide, this time in our own community. Our thoughts are with Joanne Johnson's friends and family during this difficult time," said NELCWIT's executive director Sarah Dudzic.

This incident is a startling

reminder that domestic violence can affect any one of our friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers. Mary Lauby, executive director of Jane Doe Inc, stated that Johnson's murder is "...an urgent call for people to recognize that domestic violence homicides are by and large predictable and therefore preventable with appropriate action."

Connecting with a domestic violence program is one of the greatest protective factors for victims of domestic violence and preventing domestic violence homicide. If you are concerned about someone you know and you aren't sure how to help, call

NELCWIT's free and confidential hotline at 888-249-0906 or 413-772-0806. You can also learn more about the issue and other resources at [www.nelcwit.org](http://www.nelcwit.org) and [www.janedoe.org](http://www.janedoe.org).

Dudzic underscored the importance of reaching out for help and information. She said, "Leaving an abusive or controlling relationship is a particularly dangerous time for victims, so we're there to provide support and help people consider their options. No one deserves to be in an unsafe or abusive relationship, and it's our collective responsibility to help stop the violence."

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farmhouse. It started in a barn, where Fran's grandfather Fred was thawing a frozen pipe by lantern light. He left to fetch a needed tool, and when he returned, the barn was engulfed in flame.

Her grandfather had the sawmill and cider mill rebuilt by August, and the Fields became major supporters of the Montague Center fire department ever after.

Cold Brook pond's water-wheel powered the cider mill, and a sawmill as well, where the family sawed out lumber for rebuilding. The farm also generated its own electricity with a hydro plant at the millpond, long before surrounding towns were electrified.

The main farmhouse had 20 rooms, and many were devoted to housing wealthy city people who came to spend idyllic summers on the working farm in the 1880s and beyond. In 1900, a New York City doctor summering there took out her uncle Franklin's burst appendix on the kitchen table. Franklin lived to inherit the farm.

The summer was less than idyllic for the family and farm workers. The guest rooms needed daily cleaning; chamber pots required daily emptying. Cooking took place on a wood fired kitchen stove on the hottest of days. In catering to the city vacationer's wants and needs, farm workers took vacationers for buggy rides, including trips up Mount Toby, while the farm continued producing milk for the farm's dairy route, raising beef

cattle and hogs, growing tobacco, pressing cider, and raising produce, including asparagus, to ship to Boston markets.

At the cider mill, wagons loaded down with apples pulled up at a ground level commercial scale, and were weighed to determine charges.

The late John Bitzer, who worked on the farm for 30 years, said wagons loaded with apples used to back up on the drive all the way to Greenfield Road.

Many years after Cold Brook was no longer a working farm, Francis, her husband Harold, and other relatives were able to salvage the farm and about 20 acres of the original 125, after a relative-by-marriage got control of the farm, sold off choice land and was about to sell off the entire estate. Now, the farm continues in production, as Fran rents the main fields and keeps an active greenhouse, along with blueberry and red and yellow raspberry patches. She is a regular at the Wednesday afternoon farmers market in Turners Falls.

My family sharecropped onions on Cold Brook Farm in the 1920s, before I was born, as

recounted in the memoir *Jep's Place*. When researching Cold Brook Farm's history for an article for the *Franklin Magazine* of the *Springfield Republican*, I had the pleasure of meeting Francis' aunts Rebecca, who lived to be 97, and Alma who lived to be 104. Francis has two sons, five grandsons and two granddaughters. They were all present on Sunday, from as far away as England and Turkey, except for two grandchildren on the West Coast and one who was away on a research project.

Pat Carlisle, who keeps *Montague Reporter* readers informed of eagle nest doings each winter on Barton Cove, also celebrated her 70th birthday on Sunday. She and Montague Center's Carol Dwyer helped organize the party for Fran, and make the day a memorable one.

Fran looks forward to celebrating her 104th birthday with family and friends, just as her aunt Alma did.

"If you live long enough," Fran said, "you see a lot of big changes. And if you're lucky enough, you make a lot of friends."



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## Goodbye Food City?

BY AL NORMAN

**GREENFIELD** - Imagine for a moment that Turners Falls has no downtown grocery store. Food City has closed, and its 28,000 square foot building sits empty. People in Montague have no major grocery store to walk to. Their only option is to drive to the Wal-Mart or the Stop & Shop on the French King Highway in Greenfield.

This is not a far-fetched scenario. A Connecticut developer has proposed a 135,000 square foot retail store on the edge of Route 2A. Although the developer has not named his tenant, opponents have called it for what it is: a Wal-Mart superstore.

This store will include a grocery store in the range of 35,000 to 50,000 square feet. By comparison, Stop & Shop, a quarter of a mile away, is 61,000 square feet.

Ironically, the owner of Food City paid \$1 million to buy the Food City building last year from the Mackin Company, which also owns the French King land that Wal-Mart covets.

Residents in Greenfield believe that a Wal-Mart with a grocery store will have a severe impact on existing grocers. That conclusion is backed up by a study conducted by The VanDeMark & Group, a consulting firm from Windsor, CT. According to VanDeMark's analysis of the greater Greenfield trade area, "the addition of a Wal-Mart supercenter will place the current supermarket retailers in the position of potentially closing stores due to increasing pressure in a saturated market, creating a lack of positive productivity and potential store closings."

VanDeMark looked at three criteria to determine if a market area is saturated: productivity per square foot of sales area for the market area, the number of square foot of supermarket sales per customer, and the number of customers per store. Based on these criteria, VanDeMark examined the sales data for eight major supermarkets, including Big Y, Stop & Shop, Fosters and Food City.

The Montague Food City has a weekly sales volume of \$110,000 per week, or roughly \$5.7 million in sales per year. That compares

to \$28.7 million at Big Y, and \$30 million at Stop & Shop. Although Food City does not generate the sales volume of its larger competitors in Greenfield, the Turners store is critical as the only walkable grocery store in the town.

Food City spends staff time every week going out and collecting its shopping carts that have been taken beyond the parking lot by shoppers who have walked to the store and pushed the carts home. This is part of doing business in a community where many of your customers are not using a car to get to your store. All these consumers could lose the one grocery store they have if Food City does not survive.

Surprisingly, the town of Montague has said nothing over the past three years since the Wal-Mart project first surfaced in Greenfield. At the September Greenfield planning board hearing, only Greenfield residents spoke.

Also missing in action is the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, which is supposed to function as the regional planning agency for Franklin County. The only time the FRCOG addressed the issue of a big box store on the French King Highway was on February 8th, 2007, when the agency submitted a letter to the state Environmental Protection Act office. The FRCOG focused mainly on issues like stormwater management and traffic. They proposed, for example, that the developer build a round-about at the driveway entrance into the store, instead of installing another traffic light on Route 2.

The FRCOG reminded the developer that this project is in a special "Corridor Overlay District" that was designed to "create attractive entryways" into Greenfield. But other than that one letter, the FRCOG has not been heard from over the past three years. The town of Montague has never testified at any hearings on this project.

This proposed Wal-Mart superstore is clearly a regional retail project. If the store opened with a sign which read: "For Greenfield Residents Only," the

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*The New York Times reports spending for the midterm elections in the United States in November is on pace to exceed the record shattering 2008 presidential election. But with the relaxing of campaign finance regulations after the Supreme Court's 5-4 Citizen's United decision in January, less than one third of groups spending campaign dollars are now disclosing who their donors are.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Putting Montague on the Map

I just want to take a moment to congratulate and thank Mik Muller and all the people who worked so hard on the classy Soap Box Derby Event of this past weekend. Everything about it was great fun, and delightful to all present. From my hillside perspective, the event was meticulously planned, well-executed and a huge success. I hope the fundraising for the MCTV radio

station was productive as well.

These kinds of broad appeal events are making our town establish a presence on the map. With all the other exciting events and projects in the early planning phases, I think we are seeing the emergence of a new Western Mass playground, that has a broad marketing appeal for all the stressed-out city dwellers in the eastern part of the state.

Personally, I love the idea of living in a classy little tourist town, one with great jobs based on bringing fun, cultural sharing and joy to ourselves and our visitors. Now for the Ste. Anne's Performing Arts Center and the International Canoe Races. Onward!

- Rachel Roy  
Turners Falls

### The New Improved FRTA

What a difference a year makes! In August 2009, the Franklin Regional Transit Authority enacted several changes, including a complete elimination of transfers, as well as deep reductions in northeast Greenfield (Franklin Medical Center, Stop & Shop) and Turners Falls coverage.

In response to these draconian adjustments, I joined other riders in angrily protesting the schedule changes and loss of

transfers on the Greenfield common one afternoon in September 2009. We wrote letters to the local papers.

This seemed to work - but only a little bit - as the FRTA immediately backed down to allow the Greenfield-Athol bus (Route 31) to resume stopping in Turners Falls. The other changes stayed in place, until now. Following the installation of new electronic fare boxes, the FRTA reinstated free transfers

on September 1st.

In fact, there is more coverage now than before, with transfers for routes that previously were not included, and the word is that transfers might get extended to other cooperating transit authorities, which might help Franklin County folks travel to places like Holyoke, Northampton, and Amherst/Umass - and help Hampden and Hampshire

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**GUEST EDITORIAL**

**BY JEFF SINGLETON**

**MONTAGUE** - Recent press coverage of how the Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) should use approximately \$280,000 in new federal stimulus funds has created the misleading impression that the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is throwing its weight around, imposing a policy on us. This spin on the situation was apparently a byproduct of the frustration expressed by the Gill-Montague superintendent Carl Ladd at the most recent GMRSD school committee meeting (MR VIII #45: DESE Asserts Control over How New Federal Funds Will Be Spent).

Superintendent Ladd seemed to be upset that DESE had reject-

**Focus on Long Term Budget Stability for the G-M Schools**

ed several options for use of stimulus funds, perhaps including the option he favored, using the funds to buy down health insurance benefits for current employees, thereby, Ladd said, "retaining employees." In the process, Ladd expressed negative feelings about current state fiscal control of our school district.

First of all, stimulus funds are federal grants channeled through the state. One would certainly expect, even hope, that federal and state officials would have a say in how the money is spent.

Secondly, the school committee and district leadership had not yet made any decision on the use of stimulus funds, so there was nothing for the state to overturn.

Third, I happen to believe the DESE officials were correct in

rejecting the two main options - using the money to lower town assessments or to build up the regular school operating budget (only to be cut again in the next two years). Both options were probably inconsistent with the goals of the federal law.

On the other hand, I do not happen to agree with DESE that the district should use stimulus funds primarily for technology and books, options that do not seem very stimulating to me. But I suspect there can be further discussion of this issue.

No doubt quite a few people in and around the school district oppose current state fiscal control. But the reason for this reality is that we need to insure that the state joins us in developing a long-term plan for GMRSD fis-

cal stability, a goal the school committee has repeatedly endorsed. Those who complain about state control have failed to come up with an alternative strategy to make such a plan a reality. Rather, there has been much complaining about the fact that the state has not been doing enough in its current oversight capacity. Now it appears the state is doing too much.

Hopefully we will make sufficient progress in our planning efforts so the towns can approve a GMRSD budget at the

November district meeting. Then state fiscal control will end. In the meantime, let's keep our eye on the ball and focus on our long term planning efforts. In the process we should come up with something creative to spend stimulus money on that will not exacerbate our structural budget problems.

*Jeff Singleton is a member of the Gill Montague school committee. The views expressed here are his own, and do not necessarily reflect those of any other member of the school committee.*

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facility would close within six months. This store needs shoppers from Montague, Deerfield, and the West County. Most other towns in Franklin County will shop at the Wal-Marts in Hinsdale, Orange, or Hadley/Northampton.

This is a central county proposal, located on Route 2A. The town of Greenfield needs Montague residents to leave town and spend their dollars in Greenfield. Yet they have not reached out to the FRCOG or Montague to ask them to comment on the project's impact.

There is only one simple explanation for the FRCOG's silence. The FRCOG relies on Greenfield for a major portion of its yearly operating revenues. If Greenfield ever withdrew financially from the FRCOG, it would cause major staff reductions. So the FRCOG is really the political and financial captive of Greenfield, and the FRCOG speaks out against Greenfield's interests at its own financial peril.

However, this project will clearly have a negative financial impact on Turners Falls, and the shoppers and retail employees in Montague. As for the town of Montague, there is no explanation for their absence in this process, except the provincial notion that each town in Franklin County is an island, and if a regional project is not within your borders, you

mind your own business.

At the first Greenfield planning board hearing on the Wal-Mart plan in September, Greenfield residents were allowed to speak first, and "other towns" had to wait to speak until all Greenfield residents had testified. This is the symbolic state of regional planning in the county. The controversy over the regional biomass project in Greenfield raised the same dynamics: the project was viewed as Greenfield's to decide, and other towns were neither encouraged, nor welcomed, to join the discussion.

The next hearing of the French King Wal-Mart takes place on Thursday, October 7th at 7 p.m. in the Greenfield Middle School. Montague residents who don't want to see their limited retail job base cannibalized by Greenfield should plan on testifying at this hearing. The Montague selectboard should at least submit a statement of concern as well, joined by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

If Greenfield wants your shopping dollars - they should be willing to put up with your opinions as well.

*Al Norman is a Greenfield resident who has fought big box sprawl for the past 18 years. His website is [sprawlbusters.com](http://sprawlbusters.com).*

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County folks travel up here. Also the new fare boxes allow for magnetic passes (instead of the old paper ones) that can even register credits for change.

There are only a couple of things left for the FRTA to do to improve service: see about resuming Saturday scheduling, and figure out how to display bus route information on parked buses during the 5 - 10 minutes before they start their scheduled runs. And of course, the FRTA is currently engaged in all the little details of building and implementing the new multi-modal transport station on Olive Street in Greenfield.

What a difference a year can make. I love the bus service this year, and will be riding the local buses more often, and urging others to try out the FRTA.

- John Furbish  
Turners Falls



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**Get Ready for the 14th Source to Sea Cleanup**

**BY BETH BAZLER**

**GREAT FALLS** - Are you looking for an enjoyable way to spend time outside, while really making a difference? How about pitching in for the 14th Annual Source-to-Sea Cleanup on Saturday, October 2nd? All you need is a willingness to get your hands a little dirty and a desire to help keep our watershed clean and beautiful.

For the last 13 years, school groups, scout troops, business groups, individuals, and families have come together to clean up trash from the river's banks and waters. Volunteers for the Montague-Gill section will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls to register, snag an Adams doughnut, and pick up gloves, trash bags, and perhaps other equipment before heading out to their assigned sites. Around noon, the crews will return to the Discovery Center to report what they cleaned up and swap stories about the largest, grossest, or weirdest

stuff they found. From 10:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m., a separate crew of trash haulers will make a circuit to all the sites to load up and remove the trash to the transfer station.

Some delightful traditions reward the altruism: the Northfield-Mount Hermon School Outdoor Team turns up with whoopee pies every year, the Rendezvous offers post-cleanup snacks, and because they work later in the day, haulers get to enjoy a lunch generously provided by the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

If you would like to be part of either phase of the clean-up, please call the Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center (800-859-2960) for the Gill-Montague section. Truck haulers especially are still needed. For elsewhere in the watershed, call the Connecticut River Watershed Council (413-772-2020, ext. 201) or email [cleanup@ctriver.org](mailto:cleanup@ctriver.org).

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**NOTES FROM MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD**

**Town Hall to Remain on Four Day Work Week**

**BY DAVID DETMOLD** - A large contingent of town hall workers showed up at the selectboard meeting on September 20th in support of continuing the four-day work week at town hall.

The workers in town hall have been on a four-day work week since August of 2008, as an energy saving measure and in order to provide service to the public after 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, according to town administrator Frank Abbondanzio.

"The service part is the most important reason to continue this," said Abbondanzio, who added the move to four longer days seemed to have increased productivity among the workers, many of whom work right through their half hour lunch break. He said closing town hall on Fridays allowed the town to save about 10% of the total energy costs of running town hall.

"It provides a higher level of service to the public at no higher cost," said Abbondanzio. "A lot of the public can't come in until after they get out of work."

Town hall is now open 8:30 - 5:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and

Thursdays, and stays open until 6:30 on Wednesdays.

Abbondanzio said, "There are a lot of people, retirees for example, who would like to return to a five day week, but it would constitute a reduction in service for a majority of people."

Former highway superintendent Joe Janikas, reached by phone after the meeting, said he recalled, "Initially, when the four day work week was instituted, I remember asking how energy costs would be saved by closing on Fridays, and they said energy costs are not an issue. How did they become an issue now?"

"I have personally gone over to town hall on a Friday when it was closed, and I know others who have gone there on Fridays too. Have counts actually been taken of people coming in after 5:00? I doubt it. Are they tracking this?"

"Beyond that, there is an issue of people getting extra holiday pay. They have several paid holidays a year. Previously, when there was a holiday, they got paid for 7 hours, now they get paid for more than that. How does that lead to increased productivity?"

"Bottom line," Janikas said, "the selectboard, in their generosity, have given a fringe benefit that was never negotiated by contract, what amounts to a raise when everybody else around here is getting cut in hours and salary."

At the meeting on Monday, Abbondanzio acknowledged advantages to town hall employees of the four-day work week, including being able to make personal appointments on Friday and not having to pay for gas to and from work on the fifth work day.

"It's a morale booster," he said. "After a big cutback on health insurance," when town meeting voted to reduce the town's share of employee health plans in May of 2008 from 90% to 80%, over two years, with an accompanying buy-out package, "the town is not able to do anything much in the way of raises at the moment."

Selectboard chair Pat Allen supported extending the four day work week for another year, as did her colleagues, but she said, "I am also thinking about union employees who don't get a four day work week," such as employees working for the library, or the wastewater treatment plant. "I kind of get the sense that one day does not equal one day when you look at the union contract," said

Allen. Selectboard member Mark Fairbrother said, "I've never particularly liked being closed on Friday, particularly when we have a Monday holiday - now you have a three day work week." But he went along with the motion.

Chris Boutwell said, "I know there's a lot of the general public that's not happy that we're not open Fridays, but with the budget the way it is, I'll go with it for now."

Tom Bergeron, superintendent of the DPW, said his department would continue working a four day week, from mid-April through Thanksgiving, when shorter daylight hours and the need to get a jump on snow and ice before school buses and commuters head out make it sensible for the department to switch back to a five day week.

Bergeron said with a fifteen minute trip for his crew to reach many parts of town, the four day work week in spring, summer and fall allowed the department to get more projects completed in one day, without repeated trips back and forth to the DPW garage. "We start at 6:00 a.m. A lot of contractors start at 6:00 or 7:00 a.m. Construction starts early in the day."

Greg Gaudry said, "A majority vote of the union supports the four day work week," at the DPW.

"It works for us," said Bergeron.

**Green Communities Grant**  
Town planner Walter Ramsey told the board the \$154,949 grant Montague received from the Department of Energy Resources for qualifying as a Green Community earlier this year will be applied to buying down the energy performance contract with Siemens Building Technologies, the energy services company working to install a fuel efficient gas boiler in town hall, among other projects that may eventually be accomplished to reduce energy use in town buildings.

Originally, the DOER grant was intended to help pay for a fine bubble aeration system at the wastewater treatment plant, but Abbondanzio said it was diverted to buy down the performance contract when the town realized the total cost of installing the energy saving system at the wastewater treatment plant would amount to \$535,000.

Ramsey recommended, and the board approved, the appointment of Frederic Bowman to fill out a one-year vacancy on the planning board. Bowman is a resident of Fairview Avenue, a former member of the Erving planning board, worked on developing the zoning bylaws of that town, and was a former Strathmore worker who "has good ideas for redeveloping the Strathmore Mill," Ramsey said.

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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG**

**Hit and Run, Illegal Dumping, Car vs. Deer**

<p><b>Tuesday, 9/14</b> 10:30 p.m. Loud noise disturbance on Fourth Street. Investigated.</p> <p><b>Thursday, 9/16</b> Juvenile assault on Second Street. Report taken. 9:31 a.m. Initiated warrant arrest at Equi's Candy Store at 125 Avenue A. Unable to locate. 7:45 p.m. Fight on Fifth Street. Area search negative. 7:48 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Avenue A. Peace restored.</p> <p><b>Friday, 9/17</b> 1:18 a.m. Loud noise disturbance on East Main Street in Millers Falls. Peace restored. 1:23 p.m. Illegal dumping on First Light Power property on Migratory Way.</p>	<p>Investigated. 3:18 p.m. Assault on Third Street. Advised of options. 5:11 p.m. Warrant arrest on L Street of [redacted], on a default warrant. 8:04 p.m. Loud noise disturbance at Burrito Rojo on Third Street. Peace restored. 10:23 p.m. Disorderly conduct at Turners Falls High School. Peace restored. 10:57 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Millers Falls Road. Peace restored. 11:22 p.m. Loud noise disturbance at the Millers Pub in Millers Falls. Services rendered.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 9/18</b> 1:06 a.m. Arrest of [redacted] for</p>	<p>of property damage, operating to endanger, and driving under the influence. 4:44 p.m. Loud noise disturbance on Eleventh Street. Investigated. 7:50 p.m. Arrest of [redacted] for disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, assault and battery on a police officer, and burning personal property.</p> <p><b>Sunday, 9/19</b> 9:27 a.m. Fight at Fourth and L streets. Services rendered. 9:51 a.m. Hit and run accident on Park Street. Services rendered. 3:41 p.m. Arrest of [redacted] for domestic assault and domestic</p>	<p>[redacted] for leaving the scene assault and battery. 6:55 p.m. Threatening harassment on Fourth Street. Peace restored. 11:05 p.m. Loud noise disturbance on Fourth Street. Investigated. 11:28 p.m. Arrest of [redacted] for allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle.</p> <p><b>Monday, 9/20</b> 5:14 p.m. Disorderly conduct at Unity Park. Services rendered. 7:13 p.m. Disorderly conduct at Unity Park. Services rendered.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, 9/21</b> 8:34 a.m. Car vs. deer accident on Turners Falls Road near Environmental Police Officer station. Services rendered.</p>
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**NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD**

**Playgrounds & Parklands**

**BY JOSH HEINEMANN** - When it moved to its new location, the Wendell Free Library inherited the playground that sat behind the former town office building. Now the playground equipment poses liability problems for the town, and the question of who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the playground remains to be answered.

On September 25th, Bob Marinelli, representing the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) met the selectboard along with librarian Rose Heidkamp, six members of the library trustees, and highway commission chair Harry Williston to discuss issues with the playground on the library grounds.

Marinelli had looked over the playground before the meeting, and he said he considered the playground's fire truck climbing structure a life threatening hazard. He said the climbing structure presented a "torso entrapment hazard for smaller children and a head entrapment hazard for larger children."

Moreover, Marinelli said the sliding poles at the playground are located too close to the climbing frame, and they are too tall. He said the slide and the swing set have overlapping use zones. Ideally, the swing set needs more room: two times its height in both directions the swings move.

Marinelli noted that the slide platform is canted to one side. The slide itself has protruding bolts that can catch loose clothing. Overhanging tree limbs might tempt children into dangerous, daring behavior, he said. Also, the metal slide is prone to get extremely hot when the sun shines directly onto it.

Added to the list of problems, Marinelli said wood chips on the ground to soften the impact of falling children are spread too thinly, and should ideally be added to with double chipped, engineered chips that allow for wheelchair use, to conform with handicap accessibility standards.

Williston smiled and suggested the highway department could supply the chips, if the town owned a chipper.

Overall, Marinelli said he was not shocked by the condition of

the playground, and the only recommendation he considered of pressing concern was to remove the fire truck climbing frame, which had outlived its useful life.

Williston said that the road crew could remove it.

Heidkamp sought to resolve the lingering question of which town department or personnel should be responsible for maintaining the playground. Selectboard member Dan Keller said the town, not the library trustees, would get sued in the event of a liability claim, and the town budget has a line item for property maintenance, which could pay for more wood chips.

Board chair Christine Heard said in the past the road crew had maintained the playground.

Heidkamp said library custodian Dennis Hudson could reverse or replace the protruding bolts on the slide, and restore the platform to level.

Trustee Kathleen Swain said, "I might be extravagant, but I would like to replace everything with a modern approved play structure."

Marinelli said a simple new playground might cost \$25,000, plus about the same for installation; installation by volunteers would void the guarantee.

Heard said parents had fundraised and gotten grants for a new play structure at the Swift River School; the town might be able to get matching grants for the center playground.

Aldrich mentioned a large tree in the playground with a hollow center.

Keller said during construction of the new library the selectboard recommended removing that tree, but there were objections. The tree was left standing.

Heard suggested having a tree expert look at all the trees in the playground, and the other board members concurred.

Heidkamp summarized the quick fixes for fall: the highway crew will remove the fire truck climbing frame, and the library custodian will repair the slide; the selectboard will have wood chips added at town expense.

The library trustees will form a committee to develop a master plan for dealing with the playground going forward.

Marinelli confirmed the

town's liability is limited because the playground is understood to be used with adult supervision, and said the MIIA may provide signs defining rules and responsibilities at the playground.

**New Appointments**

As the September 25th meeting got under way, school committee members Ray DiDonato and Kevin Skorupa introduced Johanna Bartlett, who recently retired from teaching high school English, moved to Wendell, and is ready to serve on the school committee. Bartlett was appointed by the selectboard to fill an unexpired term that will last until the May elections, when she will have to run for office if she wants to continue serving.

Town coordinator Nancy Aldrich reported that Union 28 business manager Charlie Paulin is retiring at the end of October. A search committee is forming, with representation from each of the Union 28 member towns, to hire a replacement for Paulin. Selectboard chair Christine Heard agreed to be a member of that search committee.

Assessors Ted Lewis and Stephen Broll came in with Chris Wings, who has agreed to fill the empty seat on the board of assessors. Wing was appointed right away.

Aldrich presented Lewis and Broll with assessors certificates in recognition of the required training they had completed.

The assessors recommended hiring Helen Williams to serve as assessors assistant. The selectboard agreed with their recommendation and hired Williams with a 90-day probation period.

Broll and Lewis said preliminary tax bills will be issued October 1st. Tax bills will be due one month later. They are working to coordinate with the tax collector to get computer software up and running to ease the preparation of the spring tax bills.

The assessors explained that preliminary tax bills are based on the prior year's bill, but the bill issued in spring would be based on the new assessment.

**Another View on State Forests**  
Dave Richard, retired after 35 years working as a state forester, scheduled time to meet with the selectboard to air his views on the Commonwealth's proposed division of state land into reserves, parkland, and woodlands.

Richard recently put a conser-

vation restriction on the bulk of his Jennison Road property. His views contrast sharply with the ideas expressed at the previous selectboard meeting by Jonathan von Ranson, who called for the selectboard to urge the state to preserve the bulk of state land in Wendell as reserves or parkland, with little or no human impact.

Towns have an opportunity to comment on the state forest plan, while the state is in the process of dividing its 308,000 acres into three different categories. Reserves, covering 60% of state land, will allow no timber harvesting or vehicle access; parkland will allow recreational use but no timber harvesting; and woodlands would be managed for multiple uses including timber harvesting, hunting, and recreation.

Richard said while he worked for the state he was not allowed to express an opinion that differed from official policy, but as a retiree he can now speak his mind.

He said state foresters and biologists were not allowed in the forum that developed the proposed new guidelines for state land. While Richard agreed some land should be set aside wild and untouched, he thought 60% of state forest land was too much.

will fall on electric lines, interrupting service. There are both animal and plant species that require undisturbed forest, but there are more species that thrive when large trees have been removed and young trees are growing in, Richard said. In a very large unmanaged region, weather, fire, and trees dying of old age and decay open up areas for regeneration, but in the smaller areas that make up Massachusetts state owned land, sound management would improve the condition of the forest and trees, and increase the vitality of wildlife.

A tree's defense against insect, wind and ice damage is to increase its diameter, and grow scars, then bark over any wound; a tree growing with less competition in a well managed forest can put on diameter, and recover faster from injuries than a tree growing in the dense cluster of an unmanaged forest.

Richard expressed the opinion that 10% to 20% of state forest should be set aside to evolve without human intervention as wild lands, home to those species that require mature forest, and for comparison with managed lands. But Massachusetts has the third highest population density of states in the nation, Richard

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in the airport's flight path and consequently not subject to development, but the Native tribes and the FAA have yet to sign off on the memo.

Against that backdrop, Doug Harris, preservationist for ceremonial landscapes for the Narragansett Indian Tribe, and Jonathan and Elizabeth Perry, cultural resource monitors for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead (Aquinnah) came to talk about tribal initiatives in the realm of preservation tourism, an innovative twist on the concept of heritage tourism. Harris and other tribal representatives hope to introduce preservation tourism to New England by partnering with the towns of Montague, Gill and neighboring communities to develop awareness of the rich Native history of the area around the Great Falls, to bring tourists

and academics to the region.

As a first initiative in this effort, Harris proposed a series of canoe races from Northfield (formerly known as Squakheag) and Unity Park, in Turners Falls, once the land of the Pocumtuck. He suggested the canoe races would bring contestants from Native American tribes and from other nationalities and ethnicities, to the area on a weekend close to May 19th, a date that resonates with significance as the anniversary of the massacre of hundreds of Pocumtucks and their allies in a refugee camp, during a surprise attack at the Great Falls in 1676, during the regional conflict known as King Phillips War, or Metacom's Rebellion, by a colonial militia under the command of Captain William Turner, for whom the village of Turners Falls was subsequently named.

Harris made it clear that the

Great Falls carried a greater significance than that conveyed by its association with the second great massacre of Native Americans at the hands of the European colonists, after the burning of the Pequot fortification in Mystic, CT by Captain John Mason and his allies in 1637, where hundreds of mostly old men, women and children were immolated, and the remnant of that once mighty tribe driven into slavery in the Bahamas and elsewhere.

"There are a lot of places we could start," Harris told a crowd of about two dozen last Thursday. "The importance of this area in tribal history is crucial. It was always a place of welcome, a place of peace and a place of plenty. The fish that came up across the falls from the ocean to the waters above created a season of plenty where the Pocumtuck people welcomed their neighbors from far and near.

"The spirit of that was in action when the Pocumtuck welcomed the leaders of tribes engaged in King Phillips War," Harris continued. He said sachems from the warring tribes gathered at council in Northfield, and agreed to create a refugee village to shelter noncombatants at the Great Falls.

"In 1676, there was an attack on that village, and the spirit of this place was altered, we pray not forever, by the massacre of women, children and elders and the defenders who came to their aid.

"That's the past. In front of us now, we get to make the choices to shape the future. That is why we're here tonight. We ought to be looking forward to what this place can become in terms of peace, and welcome, and harvest."

Elizabeth Perry said when she thinks about the Falls, she thinks of it in terms of extreme abundance, not only for the Native people, but also for the animal

kingdom - black bears, wolves, fisher cats - all coming together to enjoy the bounty of these waters. In a statement that would find accord with the program of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, she said our generation should seek ways "to heal the waters, to make it possible for those fish to come back, to give them a reason to come."

Jonathan Perry said, "For our people, for thousands of years this place was recognized as a special place, where our people gathered," to celebrate the river and its resources. "The Native people of this place had a bounty they were willing to share. They allowed people from my nation to come for feasts at certain times of year, to enjoy the beauty of the river, and the morning sun on the mist off the river. We who live in a place have a duty to celebrate that place, which provides a home and everything we need, the water to drink." He said Wampanoag people would marry into the Pocumtuck tribe, and vice versa, creating a family connection over thousands of years between the two tribes. "Maybe this is a good time for us to gather together and start celebrating, an opportunity for all of us to gather together and go down the river in boats, or just get together to talk and share knowledge."

Moderator David Brule, a member of the Turners Falls airport commission, said the tribal representatives had met with Montague town administrator Frank Abbondanzio earlier this year to "hammer out a paper with the outline of a Native park in this area. We succeeded and presented it to the selectboard, and it was accepted as a springboard," to further the promise of the Reconciliation Ceremony and the agreement signed at that ceremony on May 19th, 2004 (see sidebar) between Narragansett medicine man Lloyd Running Wolf Wilcox and the selectboard of Montague, formally pledging

culture of this place, May 19th has become very special. We can consider it of significance no more, or we can deal with the continuity and see what we can truly build on. The first May 19th was a day of horror. But the second May 19th was a day of recognition, of calling to the spirits of the first day to heal the hurt and anger of those spirits, and what happened to them. That is essentially what Lloyd Running Wolf Wilcox did," for the first time in hundreds of years of Narragansett history, when he came with other tribal leaders to Bury the Hatchet in Montague that day. "The smoking of the peace pipe with the three members of the selectboard and the town administrator initiated the healing."

Now, Harris said, "We're hoping May 19th can be the launching of a season of welcome for tourists of the region, of other nations, to come to Franklin County to come to this region to learn the history of things wonderful and things not so wonderful," including "the natural resources of this place. So much is altered. But so much is protected and preserved. You are to be honored for preserving so much. We hope we can encourage you to preserve more."

Harris continued, "We are offering indigenous Native culture as we know how to share it, as an extension of the Burying the Hatchet ceremony. The document signed was about mutual support," said Harris, who emphasized that initiatives like the proposed inter-tribal, international canoe races and the Native American park were intended to "support you in your economic development," while at the same time advancing tribal goals of preserving cultural sites.

Harris said a shift in awareness has occurred in the last two or three decades, allowing archeologists to consult more collaboratively with Native Americans over the disposition of cultural relics and sensitive sites. Rather than studying the "remains of family members of living people, when we go to a site, our first response is, 'Stop, think. What if this was your grandmother? Let the resting place of that person remain a resting place.' We're asking our non-indigenous neighbors to protect these places of our ancestors. They are in travel spir-

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In the spirit of peace, healing and understanding, we come together on this date of May 19th, 2004, to acknowledge the tragic events that took place on the shores of this river May 19th, 1676 and thereby begin to put the traumatic echoes of the past to rest.

It is chronicled that in 1676, Narragansett Chief Sachem Canonchet, in the midst of war, organized the refugee villages for the women, children, and elderly at the Falls. In his absence, they were attacked and hundreds were killed. In 1996, in the spirit of Canonchet, the Narragansett returned to the ancient land of their relatives, the Pocumtuck, to assist the protection of the ancient and war burials at Wissatinnewag. In recent weeks, the village of Turners Falls has requested of the Medicine Man of the Narragansett a ceremony of spirit healing and reconciliation. That request is honored here today.

For thousands of years, the area of and around the Great Falls was a place of peace where all were welcome. This area served as a focal point for diplomacy and exchange, particularly during the harvest of the shad and salmon migrations.

As we exchange gifts, ideas and good will today, we commit to a future that will continue the exchange of actions to promote understanding about and between the cultures, increase mutual vigilance for historic preservation, and deepen our appreciation for the rich heritage of indigenous people of our region and all who have respite, sanctuary and welcome here.

Signed by Narragansett Medicine Man Lloyd Running Wolf Wilcox and the Montague Selectboard on May 19th, 2004.

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# The Great Falls Soap Box Race

**BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH & ANNE HARDING** - More than a thousand exuberant spectators thronged the hay-bale lined course at Unity Park on a sunny Sunday, September 19th to witness the thrills and spills of the Montague Soapbox Race. It was a grand time for racecar drivers and spectators alike, and there's a buzz around town that future competitors are gunning to take race winner Joe Landry off the pedestal in 2011.

State senator Stan Rosenberg and selectboard chair Pat Allen, decked out in leathers and spiked hair, judged the style competition - a tough job considering the amazing range of carts entered in the race. Once carts were registered they had to pass a safety inspection for brakes, adequate steering and mandated helmets. Sadly, the Rendezvous had to dock their shuttle before the race started but their team has vowed to return next year with a new and improved version - style just wasn't enough!

The Erving police department provided a radar gun and host Russ Brown announced the speeds and times - there were many racers travelling over the posted speed limit but the patrolling officers were not there to issue tickets!

Ivy Muller, 10, of Montague, daughter of race organizer Michael Muller, rode her "Poison Ivy" entry with legs braced, looking like a sulky driver holding the reins of a spirited race horse, guided her entry to a first place finish in the youth division at 17 miles per hour, finishing in just 19 seconds. Chelsea Curtis was a close second in the polka dotted "Love Bug," while last minute entrant Sean Damon from Northfield crossed the finish line in 20 seconds.

On a slightly longer track,

Ezra Ward, 16, of Montague, in his silver spotted black car, resembling a well riveted coffin, crossed the finish line in 21.2 seconds, winning first prize in the teen division, at 27 miles per hour. A shiny metal cone behind his head was designed to streamline his vehicle to minimize wind resistance. He grinned the sweet smile of success as he posed with his award. Not far behind were Logan Turner-Renaud and 10 year old Kyle Bry, who opted to move up to the teen division. The teen course started a little higher on the hill and finished further down the road.

In a particularly welcome display of sportsmanship, Ward and friends stayed to the bitter end of the days' events, stacking the 650 hay bales to the exacting standards of South Deerfield farmer Walter Kownacki. Kownacki and Steve and Peter Melnick provided the hay that lined both sides of Unity Street hill, protecting both drivers and spectators from injuries.

Anticipation was building for the seventeen entries in the adult race - as in all categories they raced from youngest to oldest. Tim Dowd in the Sonic Hornet missed out on a trophy by a mere 4/10ths of a second, and was the only racer who managed to cross the finish line in exactly the same time for both runs.

There were only two women racers this year and they may not have been in the top three but they had the most fans. Katie Kurtyka's stylish ride representing the Montague Inn was slightly faster than the Stoopfifer, driven by Krista Stoops. Krista was a big fan of "The Little Rascals" growing up, and always wanted to race a soapbox car.

Cody Savinski's incredible antique-car-inspired wagon ran like a charm, crossing the finish

line in just 31 seconds. Daniel Kornguth resurrected his car from a spectacular crash in an earlier Brattleboro race, but the Millennium Phoenix struggled to make top speeds.

George Brace of Amherst scored the first crash of the day when his rotund pink pig lost control and veered into the hay bales. Brace won second prize for style. The judges did not say whether it was the race car style or the crash drama that earned him the honor. At any rate, it was a bit of a consolation prize, because a bent wheel kept him from a second shot at glory.

Owen Graves driving the Phugknow Downhill Special may have given up a little speed in the quest for truly spectacular appearance, but he was only a few tenths behind David LaRue driving the Super 8 - and his car did look a bit like an erector set, so he was aptly driving for team Nuts and Bolts.

John Landino won first place for style for his fancy Dadaist car bedecked with noisemakers, stuffed toys and other gewgaws. His spectacular Isadora Duncan inspired roll-over wipeout, when his flowing cape got caught in the rear wheels and turned him upside down, cast a momentary pall over the crowd when Brown called out for EMTs on the field. Fortunately, Landino appeared to suffer more from bruised ego than from scrapes and bruises and managed to take his second run down the hill - though rumor has it his brakes were more judiciously applied this time.

"One too many Dadas!" summed up Brown.

John Stewart of Lake Pleasant



JOSEPH A. PARZYCH PHOTO

Ezra Ward with Trophy - First Prize, Teen Division

was a crowd pleaser driving the Silver Bullet - and taking the time to wave to the crowds. Third place finisher and Bernardston native Chris Raymond crossed the finish line in Ol' Reliable in a mere 30 seconds reaching a cruising speed of 31 miles per hour. The two top finishers of the adult race were Sam Groves and Joe Landry - patriarchs of the day - both aged 65. Groves was a study in red, complete with matching suspenders and crossed the finish line in 28.8 seconds at 33 mph on his faster run.

Landry, of Montague, whizzed to victory in the recumbent position in his three-wheeled entry. Landry said the pitted bearings on the rear wheels and the fat tire on the single leading wheel slowed him down a bit. It didn't slow him much, with a speed of 33 miles per hour and a time of 28.4 seconds netting him first prize in the old-enough-to-know-better category.

Big wheels, ball bearings and skinny tires, plus plenty of weight add up to a winning combination.

That was evident when some of the smaller kids in lightweight cars ran out of momentum before they got to the finish line. There didn't seem to be any cars that came close to weighing in over the 400 pound race limit but at least one team had to choose their driver carefully to pass the weigh-in.

Former science teacher Ray Garbiel, of Gill, agreed that skinny tires create less friction on the road surface but claimed steel wheels would go the fastest. Steel wheels would also be the hardest to stop, with no rubber tread for traction, especially if the car weighed anywhere near the upper end of the 400 pound weight limit.

Just wait until next year when Joe Landry gets new ball bearings and a skinnier front tire. He's the man to beat! Walter Kownacki will need to build a wall of hay bales to stop Landry from careening through the stop sign down at the intersection of L and 1st Street, even without steel wheels.

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itually. That may disrupt their spirit journey."

Returning to the theme of preservation tourism, Harris said, "A lot of ceremonial stones exist within 20 miles of here. We are within an area the National Register of Historic Places calls a (Native American) ceremonial landscape, (the only such designation on the east side of the Mississippi). Excusing the com-

mercialism implicit in his next remark, Harris said, "You can market to other peoples of the world your stewardship of Native American culture," including the battle sites associated with the poorly understood and little marked King Phillips War, the first of many better known conflicts between the European colonists and the indigenous people of North America.

Harris added, "We can make a living from the process of welcoming people to this area," who now routinely bypass New England to travel to heritage sites in the West or Southwest, and interact with the keepers of Native culture there, and patronize their shops and hospitality businesses.

Town administrator Frank Abbondanzio said \$200,000 earmarked to create a Native

American component at the Great Fall Discovery Center had survived the initial budget process in Washington this year. "It's a project consistent with what we hoped to accomplish in this building, first proposed in 1973," he said.

Audience members called for establishing a regional powwow in conjunction with the proposed canoe races near the Falls, to bring Native American

dancers, drummers and vendors together and welcome the tourist trade such events tend to bring.

The mother of a child in Montague Elementary spoke of her hopes of eliminating the Indian mascot at Turners Falls High School before her daughter reached the upper grades.

Jonathan Perry backed her up by saying no race of people should be made into a mascot.



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**I Say We Out of Some Need**

The old Cuban song was called "Patricia" And I took a moment to pick up A dirty shoe and ruffle up a young dog's Somewhat thick head thick like mine No joke a palpable twang I can Bite into resonated across the planks Of yellow pine a wood not found Around here anymore and what else Is new perhaps I could phone in my bit From a doghouse on the third ring of Why not Saturn where things are very Loud right now or drop dead calm Sun Ra on his winged chair started out From Alabama the place the stars fell on And said Herman's from here not me

--James Haug  
Northampton

**Eightball**

The band unpacked under the band shell. You passed through twelve towns to get there. A scar ran up a distant hill. Electrical towers. Interference fraying the airwaves. The view was priceless, or worthless-I'm not sure

about mirages-but the end kept vanishing each time you approached it. Foxfire, you guessed. The Dollar Store. You were mistaken for someone else, for whom the band struck up a tune. It felt that good to be nowhere.

--James Haug  
Northampton

**first a yellow bird**

first a yellow bird and then a red flies by my head

beating wings a breath of wind, a note from feathered throat

slowly i become aware of music there

perched on roof and tree summer's dawn chorus sings morning for us

--Diana Allen  
Montague

**Nests In The Rafters**

The neighbor's mother died in the backyard beside the wire fence. A black procession threads between our windows. I remember her thick shoes, her chest swelled to meet her mouth, the sun like a pistol shot that morning. They found her with a mouse caught in her rigored hand, the dog barking by her body. She was fond of you, the neighbor said, who thinks it's spring has brought the hives. We had the fence, I sigh. I didn't say how nights were busy stitching through the windows something like a rope of bees.

--Maria Williams Russell  
Western Massachusetts

**Without Shepherds**

Across the field, a young woman spins wool. I wonder how her hands hold up.

Last we met, she said her father died had gone outside and gotten hit by a truck.

Also, the colors for wool these days depress her, the neon blues, the fuscia pinks. Nothing is real, she said.

--Maria Williams Russell  
Western Massachusetts

**Chapter Two: Return of the Cliff People**

Sparrows snooze in a cigar box. The wind sounds like grain.

A tourist enters the filling station and gets some bad directions. The plan is playing out

according to plan. Dog star;

nothing looks like yesterday. The cliff people are playing gin rummy in a hole in the wall.

Let's not tell them we're here.

--James Haug  
Northampton



**Men and Fish**

It is not that men and fish are gone were here and are now gone abandoned their hobbies and left left their teamwork and drifted drifted or downstreamed in their interests swam themselves down the stream and are gone

No, the men and fish are still here

each time I wake up where I have taken myself are here

Where I perform real mammalishly


The men and the fish are all here avoiding each other here and everywhere nearby to here

Yes, I live by a stream Yes, I live by water bodies that elude me I know how to drive Yes I can walk

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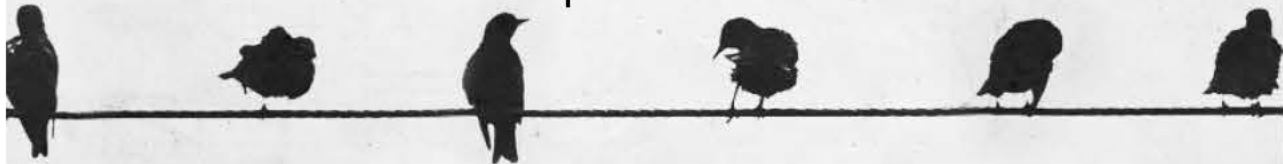
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# Three Cheers for the Turners Guys

**BY DENIS BORDEAUX** – At the football game Friday night, there was a change in the atmosphere at Bourdeau Field. A new regime had taken over the Powertown bench that brought with it new excitement and expectations.

Besides that, what I noticed and missed most were the deep and gnarly voices of three lifelong Turners fans: Ed “Canter” Cadran, Stanley “Stawsh” Choleva, and recently departed Fran “Murph” Togneri. Stawsh’s voice heard everywhere hawking lobster tickets for the Big One, Canter always yakking it up like P.T. himself on the ol Wheel of Fortune, and fire chief Murph



ever vigilant on the clam and lobster funeral pyre, barking out orders to underlings to ensure the perfect burn.

But they were also part of the Running Gang, the guys who ran behind the bleachers following the football, back and forth, up and down the field. In just three short years we’ve lost three born and bred, dyed in the wool blue Turners Guys. Guys who went to the old high school, and whose parents probably went there too. Local kids who played sports all year long, whether it was sandlot baseball, Hibernian Hall hoops, or swimming in the Connecticut in summer.

They were all Powertown athletes, and when they graduated they saw their duty, enlisted in the service and did their bit as part of the Greatest Generation to ever win a damn war. As conquering heroes, they basically had the world at their feet, but still chose to come back to Turners to work, to raise kids, and through thick and thin to support their alma mater.

The Beach Boys may have written and sung the song, but these guys invented “Be True to Your School.”

Back in the 50s and 60s, they were part of the home crowd that stood two and three deep on the sidelines at home games and four and five deep around the whole field on Turkey Day. But here’s the kicker. Turners was infamous for bringing more fans to away

games than the home team, and outyelling them as well. It was a total town thing, and a powerful feeling I took real pride in at a young age.

There have been many Turners Guys who’ve gone before us, like Harold Fugere, Baldy Pervere, and Ralphie Lenois to name just a few, but I’ve focused on these three because they all departed in such a short span of time. I recently told Murph Jr. that to get an “atta-boy” or a “good job, Bordo” from his old man meant as much to me as getting one from Coach Bassett, Bourdeau, or Zywna.

They were there for my team, and they were there before, during, and after their own kids played and graduated. Turners Guys. Because of them, I still get psyched up on game day (some might say too psyched, but what do they know?) to let the guys

know we are there for them, win or lose.

So, how long since you’ve been to a game? If you’ve ever worn a blue and white jersey in any sport, you owe these guys. They’ve made it easier now that we have Friday Nite Lites, so you don’t have to miss Saturday golf, chores, or snoozing.

It’s Powertown Football Season! Don’t let those sideline voices fade. In the borrowed words of an old fight song: Wake up the Echoes, Call out their Names: Canter! Stawsh! Murph! So, Hail to the Blue, Hail to the White! Three Cheers for the Turners Guys. Rah! Rah! Rah! Three Cheers for Turners Guys!

*At last week’s season opener, Turners upended Ware, 20 - 0. Turners takes on Pioneer under the lights Friday night at Bourdeau Field, at 7 p.m. Be there to cheer the home team on!*

## MONTAGUE from pg 6

### La Bodega Turned Down

The board turned down a request by Mark Canon, owner of La Bodega, the Latino Connection, an Hispanic grocery store at 104 Fourth Street, to hold an outdoor celebration on Sunday, September 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in honor of Mexican Independence Day. Canon planned to have a DJ playing latino music over outdoor speakers, along with free food and children’s games.

The selectboard cited past noise complaints and “uncooperative behavior” as grounds for denying the request.

Fairbrother said simply, “The permit should be denied.”

Board chair Pat Allen said, “I find myself agreeing. There have been way too many complaints and problems with the events you’ve held. I’ve found your cooperation has been short of what we want.”

Canon argued the prior issues the board was citing, primarily noise complaints, came during outdoor events the board had permitted at La Bodega, during the times scheduled with the board’s approval in advance.

“The last time an officer came down was in July,” said Canon. “There have been no complaints since. He came down and asked us to turn it down, and we did.

Gina McNeely (Montague’s health agent, who brought a decibel meter to take readings at La Bodega’s first anniversary party on July 11th) came down and found everything well within the noise levels of the ordinance. It’s no different than events that 2nd Street (Between the Uprights) has, and no different than events the Voo (Rendezvous) has.”

“Our feeling is when you have your events, you have not been responsive to the complaints that have come in during your event.”

“We’ve jumped through all kinds of hoops,” countered Canon. “If you want to deny it, it’s wrong, it’s racist. It means you are going to punish the community because you don’t think I’ve been cooperative.”

Boutwell, who abstained from the 2 - 0 vote to deny the permit, said, “I know there have been issues in the past. It may have calmed down a little bit. I like people to work together, not against each other.”

Chief of police Ray Zukowski recommended in writing against allowing the outdoor celebration, due to past problems, though the fire chief and board of health signed off on the permit.

A patrolman was on hand during the selectboard’s discussion of this agenda item, and left the room shortly after Canon.

Canon said, “I think the

chief’s comments are in line with members of the selectboard who have a big problem with the Latino community.” He walked out saying, “There’s ways around this. See you on the 26th. Come join us.”

### Norma’s Park

Norma’s Park in Lake Pleasant will be rededicated on Thursday, September 30th, at 5:30 p.m. The park has a new fence, new swings, and plantings tended by Dan Johnson of the Calvary Baptist Church in Turners. Hot dogs will be served after the dedication.

### Erving Sewer Agreement

The board signed an agreement with Camp Dresser McKee for up to \$25,000 to research a 1973 agreement and subsequent amendment, circa 1990, with the town of Erving regarding Montague’s use of the Erving side wastewater treatment plant. That sewer treatment plant recently received a \$5.6 million upgrade, planned, approved and financed entirely by the town of Erving, without consulting Montague in advance.

The terms of the agreement bind Montague to pay a share of upgrades to the treatment plant proportional to the percentage of flow Montague contributes to the plant, now at about 50%.

Consequently, the Erving selectboard, who had apparently overlooked the agreement until recently, wrote a letter to Montague in July asking the town to pay \$2.6 million for the recent upgrades at the treatment plant.

Montague responded by pointing to a clause in the agreement requiring consultation on improvements to the plant, which presumably meant consultation

in advance, something that did not happen in this case.

CDM will research the terms of the agreement, and the itemized upgrades at the plant, and will also advise Montague on what it would cost to pipe the sewerage from Millers Falls up the hill to join the flow traveling to Montague’s own treatment plant, rather than to continue piping it under the Millers River to Erving.



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**WENDELL** from pg 7

states in the nation, Richard pointed out, and virtually all of those people live in wood houses, use lumber, and paper. It would be hypocritical, he said, to preserve the forests here as wild playgrounds, and then exploit other parts of the world by importing our wood products from far away.

The current ethos of using local food and promoting local products should include wood fiber products as well, Richard

said.

Eighty five percent of forest land in the state is privately owned, and open to development.

The state gets 25% of the money made from timber sales in state forest and the town gets 8%. Richard said keeping a majority of state forest land in reserves would be a drain on state revenues and a sink for state money.

Richard concluded by saying, "I think this plan (of keeping the majority of state forest out of production) will implode in five to ten years."

**Special Town Meeting**

Finance committee members Jim Slavas, Michael Idoine, and Doug Tanner met the selectboard to discuss the warrant for the special town meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th.

A few weeks ago, the finance committee had asked Wendell fire chief Everett Ricketts to seek additional cost estimates to replace a worn out 3,300 gallon plastic tank on one of the department's fire trucks. Replacing the tank will be the most expensive item on the special town meeting warrant. The finance committee sought an outside opinion on the necessary size for a replacement tank, since the estimate for a 3,300 gallon tank (\$35,000) was

significantly greater than the cost of a 3,000 gallon tank (\$26,000).

Cuneo told the finance committee that the 3,300 gallon tank Wendell has been using is an asset to neighboring towns for mutual aid; he felt that replacing the 3,300 gallon tank with a 2,400 tank, the size New Salem has, would be shortsighted.

The finance committee seemed comfortable going with a 3,000 gallon replacement tank, and Keller suggested the money for that might come from stabilization.

Other expenses on the warrant include a storage box for the cemetery commission to store equipment, money to pay for grave digging, money to pay former accountant Janet Swem to create a money management coordinator job description, and more money to pay the coordinator, once hired. Also on the warrant is a salary for a proposed food coordinator. The energy committee will offer a handout about that position.

The proposed conservation development bylaw will be on the warrant.

**Stone Road Noise Complaint**

Aldrich said she had received a noise complaint from a woman on Stone Road who needs to

sleep during the day. A neighbor practices drums in a three sided shed nearby, keeping her awake. The town has no noise ordinance, but the state noise ordinance may apply.

Board members thought mediation was not likely to work in this instance, because on another occasion the drummer responded to police chief Ed Chase with curse words.

Heard suggested writing a polite but firm letter to the drummer, and hoping cold weather comes soon.

Aldrich reported that when the painter took down curtains in the town hall, the curtain liners disintegrated from sun and age.

Sheri Martinez said she could replace them for \$300 in materials and labor, but the curtains needed to soak and clean first.

After some discussion, Heard said she had a large claw foot bathtub, and the curtains could soak there.

The town hall interior painting is done, and the wood trim is now an antique blue Keller said was very attractive.

Aldrich said she had gotten information from the Shutesbury fire department about how to procure materials to provide Wendell homes with street numbers, blanks, numbers, and poles. She wondered how the numbers should be distributed, and Heard said volunteer neighborhood captains had expressed some interest in doing that.



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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Gill Selectboard to Review Application for Public Gathering**

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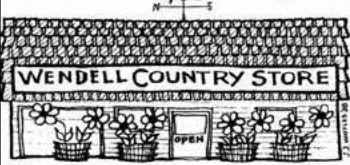
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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG**

**Breaking & Entering, Lost Hikers**

<b>Tuesday, 9/14</b> 9:45 a.m. Report of homeless people living on East Main Street. Spoke with residents regarding the matter. Everything found to be fine. 3:45 p.m. Report of breaking and entering at West Main Street residence. Under investigation.	<b>Thursday, 9/16</b> 9:07 p.m. Assisted Gill police with domestic situation on Walnut Street in Gill. Gill police tied up with assisting Bernardston police. <b>Saturday, 9/18</b> 9:40 a.m. Vandalism of motor vehicle on Forest Street. Report taken. Under investigation.	<b>Sunday, 9/19</b> 1:22 a.m. Report of four males in dark hoodies acting strangely at Lester Street and Bridge Street area. Checked area. Negative contact. 8:58 p.m. Report of several subjects standing around the dirt rest area in Farley area. No vehicle. Found to be lost hikers. All Set. Transportation on the way.
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**BY FRED CICETTI**  
LEONIA, NJ – Q. *What is the most common blood type?*

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- O-positive --- 38 percent
- O-negative --- 7 percent
- A-positive --- 34 percent
- A-negative --- 6 percent
- B-positive --- 9 percent
- B-negative --- 2 percent
- AB-positive --- 3 percent
- AB-negative --- 1 percent

Type O-negative blood is called the universal donor type because it is compatible with any blood type. Type AB-positive blood is called the universal recipient type because a person

who has it can receive blood of any type.

People over the age of 69 require half of all whole blood and red blood cells transfused, according to the National Blood Data Resource Center (NBDRC).

With an aging population and advances in medical treatments requiring blood transfusions, the demand for blood is increasing. On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed.

Q. *What exactly is GERD and how can I tell if I have it? I get lots of heartburn.*

Heartburn two or more times weekly may be caused by gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD. See a doctor if you have heartburn too often. The doctor can test for GERD.

In the upper GI series, you swallow a liquid barium mixture. Then a radiologist watches the barium as it travels down your esophagus and into the stomach. Another test is an endoscopy, in

which a small lighted flexible tube is inserted into the esophagus and stomach.

GERD makes stomach acid flow up into your esophagus. There is a valve at the lower end of the esophagus that is designed to keep acid in the stomach. In GERD, the valve relaxes too frequently, which allows acid to reflux, or flow backward.

A hiatal hernia may contribute to GERD. A hiatal hernia occurs when the upper part of the stomach is above the diaphragm, which is the muscle wall separating the stomach from the chest. The diaphragm helps the valve keep acid from coming up into the esophagus.

When GERD is not treated, you can suffer from severe chest pain, narrowing or obstruction of the esophagus, bleeding, or a pre-malignant change in the lining of the esophagus. One study showed that patients with chronic, untreated heartburn were at substantially greater risk of

developing esophageal cancer.

Q. *What is the difference between HIV and AIDS?*

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that damages the immune system. This makes you vulnerable to diseases, infections, and cancers. When that happens, you have AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), which is the last stage of HIV infection.

HIV symptoms include headache, cough, diarrhea, swollen glands, lack of energy, loss of appetite and weight loss, fevers and sweats, repeated yeast infections, skin rashes, pelvic and abdominal cramps, sores and short-term memory loss.

Your health care provider can test your blood for HIV/AIDS. You can also test your blood at home with the "Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System" that you can buy at your drug store. It is the only HIV home test system approved by the Food and Drug Administration and sold legally in the United States.

The number of HIV/AIDS cases among older people is

growing every year because:

- Older Americans know less about HIV/AIDS than younger people,
- Healthcare professionals often do not talk with older people about prevention,
- Older people are less likely than younger people to talk about their sex lives or drug use with their doctors.

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# GO GREEN FAMILY

## Episode 25: Sealing the Ceiling

BY JEANNE WEINTRAUB-MASON

**MONTAGUE CENTER** - Jane, Nell and baby Betty followed a petite woman as she walked around the outside of their blue Victorian house holding an infrared camera. As she pointed the camera toward the walls of the house, it gave out a consistently powerful red glow. Next, they followed her into the basement, where she examined the foundation and scrutinized their electrical wiring.

"Uh-huh. I thought so." Amy Rudson, the energy auditor, muttered darkly.

"What? What's wrong?"

Jane wanted to know.

"You've got knob and tube wiring. Mass-SAVE approved contractors won't sign off on any wall insulation until you've gotten rid of it. Too much liability—it's a fire hazard, apparently."

They continued to the attic. The camera showed that the previous owners had managed to throw down fiberglass bat insulation there, but had never bothered with the walls. A minute later, Jane and Nell were hit with some more bad news.

"Whoa! Take a look at the warm air blasting out of your attic hatch. Guess that never got sealed," was followed by, "Did you know your chimney damper is wide open? That's a pretty

wide hole for hot air to escape from."

Nell was kicking herself. After all those lectures from Jane about turning down the thermostat and putting up with a frigid 58-degree-house all winter, it turned out a good chunk of the money they'd spent on oil was literally going through the roof. Why hadn't they done this earlier?

"I'm recommending that you weather-strip all the doors and windows, seal the basement, attic, and baseboards, add another six inches of insulation to the attic and replace the peeling insulation on the hot water tank. Mass-SAVE will cover \$2,000 or 75% of the cost of all this weatherization, and you'll be able to write it off on your taxes. But the very first thing you should do is install a programmable thermostat."

"But we always turn down the heat to 58 degrees ourselves," Nell protested. "Why do we need

another electronic gadget?"

"It will help anticipate the times you want to warm up the house or cool down the house, and make it easy to keep the heat down when you're at work or on vacation. The other thing I'm recommending is to convert from oil to gas. Gas is far, far more efficient than oil heat and much cleaner."

Later that evening, Jane called Nell over to the television. "Nell, come quick! You will not believe who our newest candidate for State Representative is."

"Oh no — is that Rita Tinker? The Sarah Palin wanna-bee?"

"You betcha," said Jane. "Obviously she's decided to cash

in on her media exposure from Go Green Family — she's been on TV so many times that every-

one thinks they know her." The two watched, mesmerized, as Rita struggled to answer to a question about the proposed biomass plant in Greenfield. But when Jane heard the words "clean and green," she threw Bingo's rubber bone at the TV screen. "You know what? I'm sick and tired of every politician from here to Boston claiming biomass is green and renewable. It's as bad as all these bimbos in Western Mass who don't understand the difference between CO2 emissions and net CO2 over time. I'm going to set some facts straight."

*Continued next issue*

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF WENDELL PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Wendell Planning Board will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on October 5th, 2010 at the Town Offices, 9 Morse Village Road

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is/are as indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Wendell Town Office ordinarily Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., phone (978) 544-3395 and at the Wendell Library. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

- Nan Riebschlaeger  
Wendell Planning Board Chair

Changes related to Secondary Dwellings

- Article III Add a definition of Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) such that it reads as follows: "Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA): The Special Permit Granting Authority pursuant to Chapter 40A, M.G.L. and the Wendell Zoning Bylaws is the entity that has the power to impose any conditions, safeguards, and/or limitations on time or use of the premises granted under Special Permit.

The following articles replace the term "Planning Board" with "SPGA"

- Article V, section A, number 3, so that it reads, "...Each lot of a triplex dwelling will require a minimum of four (4) acres and 200 feet frontage and must obtain a Special Permit from the SPGA."

- Article V, section A, number 5 Change so that it reads, "subject to special permit from the SPGA, one guest cabin may be located on any approved building lot."

- Article V section A, number 6, Change to read: "Subject to special permit from the SPGA, one secondary dwelling may be located on any approved building lot provided the principal building with at least one dwelling unit has existed for 10 years prior to the issuance of the Special Permit."

- Article V1, section J, Secondary Dwelling, change as follows: number 1 "...subject to a special permit from the Wendell Planning Board" change to "...subject to a special permit from the SPGA"; item 1 f, change "...the Planning Board may waive" to "...the SPGA may waive."

Oct 1st and 2nd

There's No Way to  
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**TURNERS FALLS** - Thin Ice is Suzy Polucci, Paul Richmond, and George Moonlight Davis.

They will be breaking through the Shea Theater stage on Friday and Saturday, October 1st and 2nd in a benefit performance for the *Montague Reporter*.

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George Moonlight Davis, Suzy Polucci, Paul Richmond

**Crouching Tiger - Hidden Agenda** (Polucci) represents the Passive Aggressive Community and is favored to win.

Dunkin Fibber reveals the flaws and gives everyone pause as the Senate grinds to another vain and venal halt, while the problems of the nation amount to nothing compared to the charms of the nearest underage page. The perils of health care reform are on full display as Richmond tries out his tenderest bedside manners diagnosing Polucci's full blown Skepticimia, defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders as "a serious disease where the

patient has an inability to believe anything anymore, especially from politicians, bureaucrats, faith-based organizations and stupid people."

Moonlight croons throughout, adding a touch of real soul to the proceedings.

In the words of Franz Kafka, "Love has as few problems as a motorcar. The only problems are the driver, the passengers, and the road." But like the old song says, There's No Way to Tell from the First Kiss.

Turn off your cellphones, throw caution to the wind and stone the crows for a night of wit and ribaldry with Thin Ice at the Shea.

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Full Monn Coffee House, Wendell: Charles Neville, 7:30 p.m. \$6 - \$15 (978) 544-5557, [www.wendellfull-moon.org](http://www.wendellfull-moon.org).

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Psycho Magnet* rock covers. 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Kristen Ford Band*, Indie Rock, 9 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th  
Deja Brew, Wendell: Steve Crow, Peter Kim & Joe Fitzpatrick, Acoustic Trio, Warped Americana, 8 to 10 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th  
Deja Brew, Wendell: *All Small Caps*. Last Monday of each month A Night of Spoken Word. Open Mic at 7 p.m. Guest readers 8 to p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th  
Opening Night of "Thrive Fest" featuring solo All-Stars such as Ray Mason and many many more. At the Rendezvous, Turners Falls. \$5 to infinity donation, call 863-2866 for info.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Eric Love*, Acoustic Guitar, 8 to 10 p.m. Singing all your favorite oldies from the 60's & 70's.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st  
Brick House Community Potluck, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Join neighbors for this free harvest supper.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st & 2nd  
Performance by Paul Richmond, Suzy Polucci and Moonlight Davis at the Shea Theater, Turners Falls. *There's No Way To Tell From The First Kiss*. A benefit for The Montague Reporter!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd  
Gender Role Free Contra, Montague Grange, Montague Center. Experienced session 4-5:30 p.m. \$5, chili benefit supper 6-7 p.m. Evening all level dance 7-10 p.m. \$7-\$10 sliding scale, students \$5. Caller Sue Rosen music Bruce Rosen and Shirley White.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th & 9th  
The Uncommon Players Present: *The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswoman Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery*. Written by David McGilivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. Directed by Kimberley Morin. Continues 10/15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m., 10/10 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10. South Deerfield Congregational Church. Reservations (413) 665-2481.

ONGOING

WEDNESDAYS  
Great Falls Farmers Market. On the lawn near the Discovery Center, Avenue A, Turners Falls, 2 to 6 p.m.



Charles Neville opens the 26th season of the Wendell Full Moon Coffee House on Saturday, September 25th, 7:30 p.m.

THROUGH OCTOBER 30TH  
On display at the Wendell Free Library, Wendell center: exhibition of mushroom prints by Maryellen Burns of Orange. Each of the nineteen compositions were made by placing wild mushroom caps on different papers. The resulting interactions produce a wide range of images and colors, variations that need to be seen to be believed. Library Hours: Tues. 3-6 p.m.; Wed. 10-8 p.m.; Sat. 9:30-3:30 p.m..

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd  
Deja Brew, Wendell: *Larry Kopp*, Country & City Blues guitar with vocals, 8 to 10 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Peter Siegel & Anand Nyak*, no cover.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Open Mic* night with host Peter Kim, Jimmy Arnold and Special Guest Guitar Mark Herschler, 9 p.m. All players welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH  
*The Roots of Peace* speaker series with Dr. Paula Green: *Building Peace in a Storm*. Exploring the Causes and conditions of War and Peace. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sloan Theater, Greenfield Community College

Informational meeting, 3 p.m., about the Source to Sea River Clean Up on October 2nd. Part of this is cleaning up The Montague Plains, this meeting held at the Rendezvous, Turners Falls is to answer questions as how you can help.

Meet & Greet local authors, including Joe Parzych of *Jep's Place*, at the World Eye Bookshop, 156 Main St, Greenfield, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call 772-2186 for info.

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There's No Way to Tell From the First Kiss

Friday & Saturday, October 1 & 2 performance by Paul Richmond, Suzy Polucci and Moonlight Davis at the Shea Theater, a benefit for the Montague Reporter!

Riverside Green School, Rt 2, 8 p.m. *Polar Express* shown on the back wall. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks. Canceled if rain.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *The Green River Gang Rock/Funk/Jam* with Dave Loomis 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *James Keyes*, Country Roots, 9 to 11 p.m.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - 25th  
*Ambush On T Street*, 8 p.m. Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls. \$20 at the door, cash or check only. Advance tickets: [www.zen-peacemakers.org](http://www.zen-peacemakers.org). Created and performed by Court Dorsey, Al Miller and John Sheldon. Also at Zen Peacemakers, Montague, October 8th & 9th.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th  
*Harvest Moon Jazz Art Scholarship Benefit* at Gallery 38, Turners Falls. Deerfield Valley Art Association presents Charlie Schneeweis and friends in the beautiful setting of the Gallery 38 Fall Show. A relaxing evening of mellow jazz, wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres and a good cause. Supporting the arts for our youth. Two Art Scholarship Awards will be given to two graduating Seniors this Spring at Turners Falls High School and Franklin County Technical School. The Seniors will subsequently show their work at Gallery 38. 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Contact person, Annette Mackin: 648-9574 or [www.deerfieldvalleyart.com](http://www.deerfieldvalleyart.com).

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# Long Plain Road Bridge over New England Central Railroad Complete



JOSEPH A. PARZYCH PHOTO

Two lanes above, one below! The Route 63 (Long Plain Road) overpass in Leverett is complete.

**BY JOSEPH A. PARZYCH LEVERETT** - It may have seemed a long time in coming, but the railroad overpass on Route 63, or Long Plain Road, actually finished a couple of months ahead of schedule, according to project manager Shawn Clark, of Northern Construction of Palmer. "Anytime you have traffic," Clark said, "it delays the job." Here, the job had vehicular traffic over the bridge and trains running through the job under the bridge.

Trains did delay the work, Clark said. "But, the Mass DOT was good about letting us work overtime to make up for the times we were delayed when we had to get out of the way and wait for the train to go by. We had a flagman in touch with the railroad [N.E. Central] by radio. They also let us know when trains were scheduled, which was mostly in the morning. The flagman kept track of all that, and he'd give us a warning, 'O.K. everybody, a train's coming,' and everyone would step

back until the train went by." To keep demolition debris off the track, Northern

Construction employees put tongue and groove planking between the existing I-beam stringers to catch broken concrete. Operators also had to keep equipment clear of the tracks when trains ran through the job to avoid collisions. Equipment on the job included a Cat D-6, two John Deere tractor backhoes, a crane and two excavators with buckets and demolition hammers.

"There were no collisions between equipment and trains, and no collisions between cars and the bridge," Clark said. "A tractor trailer went through with a wide load and scraped the new concrete, but we fixed that."

There were no accidents or injuries to the crew.

The replacement bridge consists of steel I-beam stringers resting on reinforced concrete abutments and piers. The unpainted beams were joined with high tensile strength bolts in place of rivets, which is now standard practice. The bare beams were designed to rust,

in order to develop a patina that will protect the beams, and give them an 'old' look. Consequently, they will not need stripping and re-painting. Reinforcing rods in the concrete are epoxy coated to avoid the problems of deteriorated concrete that caused problems with the old bridge.

From Clark's point of view, the signal lights that regulated bi-directional traffic over the one lane that was kept open at all times during the bridge construction project worked very well. Drivers on Route 63 over the last two years might have developed a different view of that signal light. The wait seemed to grow longer as the months went by.

The new overpass is 50 feet wide and 190 feet long.

"We have trailers on the site, but the job is essentially complete," Clark said on Wednesday. "We're just waiting for the grass to grow. We bid the job low because of the economy, but we came out O.K."

## Math and Science Initiative at Turners High



ELLEN BLANCHETTE PHOTO

offered. A MMSI grant will provide funding for AP training for teachers and the cost of testing. Smolenski told the gathered students that taking AP classes gives them an advantage when they go to college because they will already understand the level of rigor college requires. Saturday study sessions will allow students to attend extra classes held at a college campus. The program offers students incentives and cash prizes for good performance.

A kickoff event was held on September 14th for the Mass Math and Science Initiative, or MMSI, at Turners Falls High. Students heard a presentation by director John Smolenski on the advantages of the Advanced Placement (AP) programs being

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