



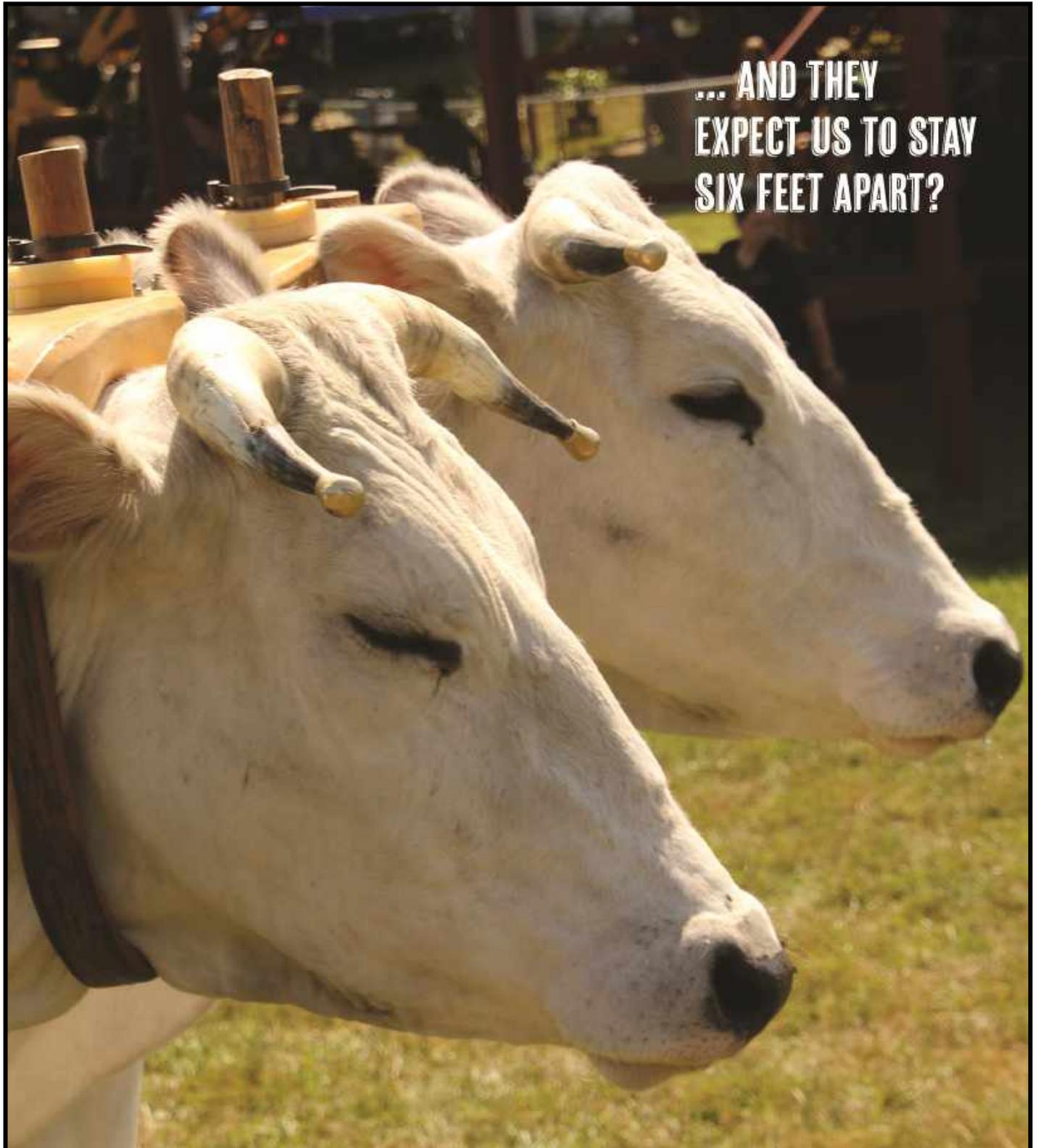
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The Heath Fair

Foreword to *The Heath Fair Cookbook* The Heath Agricultural Society, 1983

By Michael D. Coe, PhD

Heath is a small hilltown in the beautiful Berkshires of northwestern Massachusetts. Notwithstanding the small size of its population (or perhaps because of it), this is one of the last towns in Franklin County to still have an agricultural fair.

The origin of the Heath Fair is intimately connected with the Heath Historical Society, founded in 1900. Among the Society's guiding lights was a pair of blue-stocking sisters, the Misses Mary Abbey ("May") and Flora White, somewhat impoverished descendants of Col. Jonathan White, one of Heath's founders. Flora was apparently the more dynamic of the two: she had an interest in dramatics, wrote poetry, and had studied pedagogy in Sweden, worked for some time in Wales, taught physical culture in Westfield, then opened a small day school in Springfield, and next, in Concord. During those years, the ladies summered in Heath.

In August 1916, Flora White formally invited the citizens of Heath to join with the Historical Society in making the first "Heath Gathering" a success. "The object of this gathering is to increase community feeling and to advance community welfare." There were to be addresses by "men of national reputation," music, and an exhibition of farm products and livestock. This "Gathering" became the annual Heath Fair.

Flora White later wrote that the idea was first suggested by some Heath youths, but that it took pattern "from a small town in Wales where we witnessed such a fair." Actually, Miss Flora need not have gone so far afield. The agricultural fair in America goes back to Elkanah Watson of Pittsfield, where he organized the Berkshire Agricultural Society in 1811. Its fairs had exactly the same features as Flora's "Gathering:" the annual address by persons of note, music, parades, etc. By 1895, there were 95 such Societies in New England.



Flora White invited residents to the first "Heath Gathering" in 1916, which later became the annual Heath Fair.

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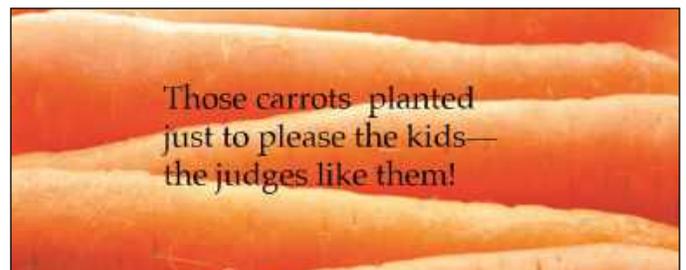
Closer at hand, Cummington's Hillside Agricultural Society held its first cattle show in 1869. The Cummington Fair still flourishes and is held a week later than Heath's. Our neighbor Charlemont held annual cattle shows from 1850 on, and after 1871 the fairs were run by the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society, which included many Heath members. Sadly, Charlemont gave up its fair in 1934.

Until 1962, when the Heath Agricultural Society moved it to the present Fairgrounds, the Heath Fair took place on the Dickinson property, in a grove of oak trees. In a delightful piece in the *Heath Herald*, Ken and Grace Crowningshield describe it as more of an Old Home Day, and there was then little premium money. During the one-day fair, most all the exhibitors were "Heathans." In line with the town's famous clannishness, "the balloon man had to sell his birdie-on-a-stick and balloons on the town highway because he didn't come from Heath."

One of the best features of the old Heath Fair was "the speaking," in the Elkanah Watson tradition. While many very distinguished speakers were recruited on the outside, the fairgoers could be edified by eminent native sons, such as the theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, or Justice Felix Frankfurter, both summer residents. This wonderful custom has fallen into disuse.

Stimulated by largess from the Commonwealth, the Heath Fair has grown apace. As the price for increasing the premium money, the Society has had to make this a three-day affair. Massachusetts provided funds for the present-day exhibit hall, new cattle and sheep barns, and a chain-link fence for the pit where the ox- and horse-pulling take place, plus a roofed grandstand for the spectators watching this event.

Yet the Heath Fair is still small enough to be on the human scale. It is above all the one place where "summer people" and year-round "Heathans" gather together in an enterprise whose purpose is still "to increase community feeling and to advance community welfare."



The Gospel According to Esther

Is it blasphemous to question locally accepted truths about the cancellation of the 1943 Heath Fair?

Recently, in researching the year the Heath Fair closed, ostensibly because of the polio epidemic, Don Purington, Heath Librarian, found a preponderance of evidence pointing in another direction. In point of fact, WWII itself was the apparent reason for the suspension of the 1943 Heath Fair, with the rationale being something you might not have expected. What you (or even Esther Dickinson) remember is not always the way it really was!

The Book of Heath

The Heath Fair 1916–1984

“The first Heath Fair, or Gathering, was held in August 1916. It was sponsored by the Heath Historical Society under the leadership of the Misses May and Flora White. It was held on the Commons in Heath Center, with exhibits in Sawyer Hall.

The following year it moved to the oak grove on the South Road. The fair was held here annually (except for one year during World War II when all such gatherings were forbidden because of polio) until 1962, when the fair moved to its present location.”

—*Esther Dickinson*

But was it really the polio epidemic? The consensus of Ruth Johnson, Pearl Churchill, and Walt Gleason was that WWII, not the polio epidemic, was the determining factor. Indeed, as reported in several newspaper articles of the time, Joseph B. Eastman, National Defense Transportation Director, did strongly encourage all communities to suspend all fairs during the heart of the war. In spite of this urging, the 1942 Heath Fair commenced as scheduled. However, the 1943 fair did not. Read on to learn the source of Eastman’s concern.

The North Adams Transcript

June 19, 1942

Trotting Races Seem to be Out

“Joseph B. Eastman, National Defense Transportation Director, has asked that fairs be suspended for the duration [of WWII] to eliminate unnecessary automobile travel—Louis, a Webster, Massachusetts Agricultural Commissioner, said last night he believed “Any fair that can be attended without excessive use of tires and gasoline ought to be allowed to operate.”

The North Adams Transcript

July 7, 1942

Public Opinion Sought on Fair Want Expression of Sentiment on Closing

Trustees of Franklin County Agricultural Society to meet for discussion of problem.

“Considerable discussion was provoked by re-request made by Joseph B. Eastman, National Defense Transportation Director, that all fairs suspend this year to save gasoline and tires. Many local persons at that time expressed the opinion that the units in the new gas rationing books will be used by motorists regardless of the tires and regardless of where they motor to use them. For that reason, it is thought that it would be as reasonable for county residents to use their share to attend the fair as for them to use it to attend a motion picture show.”

Ruth Johnson also mentioned that baked goods using cane sugar were not to be judged during the war because of sugar rationing, but there were prizes awarded for Best Baked Goods made with maple syrup or maple sugar. This worked out fine for those who made their own syrup, as many families, including Ruth’s, did. Allotments of cane sugar for canning were thus cherished.

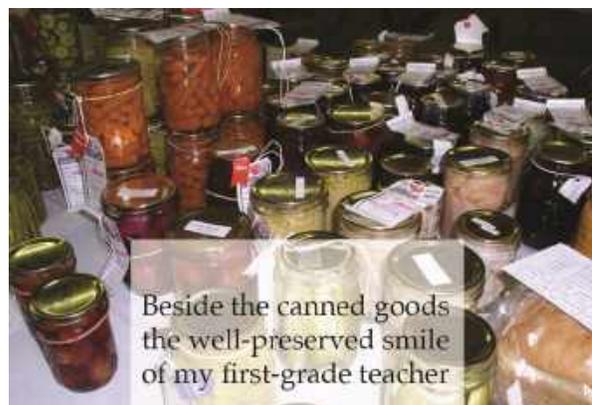
The North Adams Transcript

July 7, 1942

Heath Canners Listed

“In accordance with rationing regulations, a list of persons allotted sugar for fruit canning and for jam and jelly purposes by the Heath Board during the month of June 1942, has been made public: Maude Alley, 28; Frederick Burrington, 40; Mrs. Anna Burrington, 50; Rancie Bolton, 15; George Bolton, 20; George Purnell, 44; Arthur Crowningshield 19; Herbert Crowningshield 25.”

—*Mrs. Homer Tanner*



Heathans were stubborn, however, and did not attend to multiple requests for fair closures by the National Defense Transportation Director in 1942, proceeding with Old Home Days and the Heath Agricultural Fair as usual. The fair was cancelled the following year, however.

The North Adams Transcript

August 20, 1942

Heath Old Home Day, August 26

To be Held in Conjunction with Annual Fair

“Heath Old Home Day is to be held Wednesday, August 26, the date of the Heath Agricultural Fair, it was announced today. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, who will be Master of Ceremony at the afternoon program, has announced the following speakers: Rev. Sherman Johnson, a professor at the Episcopal Seminary at Cambridge; Rev. Arthur A. Simmons of Charlemont and Dr. W. B. Spofford, Editor-in-Chief in the "The Witness." It is hoped that everyone interested in Heath will endeavor to be there. There will be the usual dance in the community house in the evening.”

The North Adams Transcript

August 21, 1943

“The Heath Fair will not take place this year, but they hope to resume as soon as the war is over.”

The North Adams Transcript

1944

Heath Fair Draws Large Attendance

“Approximately 500 persons attended the 27th annual Heath Agricultural Society Fair which resumed after two years of inactivity brought about by the war.” [In point of fact, it was only one year, not two.]

“The morning program, opening at 11 o'clock, consisted of cattle judging and the judging of farm produce, flowers, and preserves. Luncheon was served at noon and the Shelburne Falls military band gave a concert and played at intervals during the afternoon. P.O. Taylor of Rowe played a group of trumpet solos.

Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins was master of ceremonies and introduced Francis W. Avery of East Charlemont who spoke on behalf of agricultural conservation and aid given to farmers by the government. Bishop Charles Gilbert of New York, who makes his summer home in Heath, spoke briefly on the life of Joshua G. Holland, outstanding literary figure of the late 19th

century, for whom Holland Dell is named.”

“Contrasting a small community such as Heath with the world community which should come out of this war, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr spoke on “The World We Want and How to Get It.”



Bishop Charles Gilbert speaking at the 1944 Heath Fair. Bishop Gilbert, of New York, made his summer home in Heath.

This year, 2020, we can definitively assert that the Heath Fair will not take place as scheduled because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. All evidence points in that direction. Instead, we hope to see you all next year! In the meantime, be safe and stay well.

—Nancy Thane



“Leaders of the Heath Fair” newspaper clipping from the Amy Barry Box Collection, Heath Historical Society.



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Wild Ramblings

—Bill Lattrell

Boundaries

I was brought up to believe that we humans cannot really own land. Yes, we may have deeds, and we may have bought a piece of property which likely was a significant investment and we continue to pay taxes on. The very idea that land is property, something that can be “owned,” is a human construct. The Earth preceded humans. We are a product of it. When we are long gone, most species only last a couple of million years, the Earth and its land will still be here. The land we “own” was stolen from its previous inhabitants, our native peoples, who came here from some far-off place and settled wherever they could find a way to survive.

We are, from my personal perspective, stewards of the land that we are on. As stewards we can responsibly use its resources and manage them in a way that they will last for eons. We can use land's water for drinking, we can use the soils for growing food, and for some, like myself and my wife, we can use its materials to build a dwelling. Understanding that we can live on a parcel of land and treat it with respect so that it employs natural ecosystems well into the future is part of the responsibility of stewarding the land.

I was recently walking the boundaries of our forest. During this jaunt around the perimeter of our property I fell in love with it all over again. The forest is over 100 years old, and some trees are many times that age. It is diverse forest comprised of many different species of deciduous and coniferous trees of many different age groups. The understory contains hundreds of kinds of forbs, ferns, shrubs, and saplings. Gauging by the diverse wildlife sign, it is well used by all kinds of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. The geologic features are intact and include outcropping bedrock and multiple fresh-water springs.

It has been our attempt to work with our property in sustainable ways over the last four and a half decades. The forest has yielded lumber that built our house, hundreds of cords of wood used for heating our house, and still is a healthy, living testament of good stewardship.

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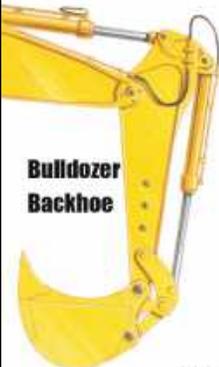
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the land to harvest mushrooms, wild edible plants, and game for eating. We have used the forest for countless hours exercise. But more than anything else we have used it as a chapel. A place where we can gain spiritual sustenance. A place where I can get in touch with my native roots. It is true home. A place where we can be complete. And so as I walked these boundaries I realized that there is no real edge to this land. It belongs to the earth. We are simply its inhabitants and our mission is to use it wisely so that it will be intact for our family far into the future.

“Understanding that we can live on a parcel of land and treat it with respect so that it employs natural ecosystems well into the future is part of the responsibility of stewarding the land.”

In effect, the land does not belong to us, we belong to it.

—Bill Lattrell



People in the News

Dave Howland Honored by American Legion



David Howland, 94, recently received the American Legion Post 245 of Ashfield, MA, plaque honoring the oldest member of the Post. Dave, who is a life member, served in WW II in a Tank Battalion in the ETO (European Theatre of Operations). This

plaque, made of wood, with an American Flag folded into the gable area, is given in a similar fashion to what some towns, including Heath, do in giving a cane to the oldest person in the town.

This plaque was first used by the Post as an honorarium in 2004 during Operation Iraq Freedom. Five other members of the Post 245 have received the plaque before Dave.



Nature Note

—Susan Draxler

Argiope Spiders

Late summer is the time to look for a most spectacular spider. These spiders are orb-weavers so be on the lookout for a large web, up to several feet wide, suspended in tall grasses or garden plants. If there is a very large black spider in the middle of it with a yellow geometric pattern on its abdomen, then you have found a female (the males are much, much smaller) argiope spider also known as a black-and-yellow garden spider. They are



Argiope spider, also known as black-and-yellow garden spider

very common and every year I see at least two or three in our field. After hatching from eggs in the spring, it takes until late summer for them to grow to a size where they are noticeable. In New England, these spiders will only live until the first frost.

The argiope’s web has a feature that poses a mystery to scientists. Every night the spider “recycles” the middle of its web by consuming it, and then in the morning rebuilds it. The completed web always has a prominent zig-zag

pattern of thick silk that is added to the center of it. This pattern has a name—a stabilimenta—but the purpose of it is not known. The most common theory is that it makes the web more visible to birds which might otherwise fly through it and destroy it.

These beautiful webs, as well as the spiders themselves, are among the many things to appreciate about this time of year. Watching flocks of swallows gathering to migrate, seeing fields of goldenrod with monarchs floating above them, hearing the sound of crickets at night, and finding the first red maple leaves that have started to change color are all appropriate activities for social distancing and, best of all, no computer screen is needed to view them!

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—Donald Purington

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haven't tried it and want to get started, please give us a call or send an email and we will help you.

If you are exploring the outdoors this summer at the State Parks, we have a pass available to save you the expense of parking. We also have a pass for MASS MoCA, which recently reopened with visits by appointment only. To use our pass, we log in to schedule your appointment, and then we email the e-ticket to you.

A Few of the New Items at the Library

Use the New Titles link on the Library website (heathlibrary.org) to see all the new items added to our collection in the previous two weeks.

Fiction Books for Adults: *The Goodbye Man* by Jeffery Deaver, *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs, *A Private Cathedral* by James Lee Burke

Non-fiction Books for Adults: *The Cubans: Ordinary Lives in Extraordinary Times* by Anthony DePalma, *The Future Earth: A Radical vision for What's Possible in the Age of Warming* by Eric Holthaus

Audiobooks on CD: *Big Summer* by Jennifer Weiner, *Camino Winds* by John Grisham

Books for Young/Teen Readers: *Hard Wired* by Len Vlahos

Children's Picture Books/Boardbooks: *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers, *New Green Day* by Antoinette Portis, *Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All* by Chelsea Johnson

DVDs: *Vera Season 9*, *Pennyworth Season 1*, *The Good Liar*, *Undercover in the Jungle* (documentary)

Preschool Story Hour will resume this fall, likely via online Zoom sessions. We will announce with fliers, etc., as we get closer to September. As it stands, Zoom invitations will be emailed two days before each story hour. Let us know if you would like to be added to our list. Dates known thus far: September 11 at 10:30 a.m. and September 25 at 10:30 a.m.

In addition, the **Heath Children's Library** at 18 Jacobs Road will have open window hours on two Saturday mornings: August 8 and 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please wear a mask and have one adult come to the window. There will be signs to direct you.

Lyra will gladly assist in finding materials you are looking for from this lovely collection.

Please call the Heath Public Library with any questions: 413-337-4934, ext. 7.

Pat McGahan Retires from *Heath Herald*



It is with a ton of gratitude and a pound of woe that the *Heath Herald* bids farewell to Pat McGahan after seven years of tireless work on the *Herald*, serving (and shining) in myriad capacities. Pat, you will be sorely missed. Here's a wordcloud just for you.





The Way We Love to Eat

—Deb Porter

Prize Winners

Recipes from Heath Fair Exhibits

All of the following recipes come from food entered in the Heath Fair in years past. They have been gathered together with other local favorites in the *Heath Fair Cookbook*, created by the Heath Agricultural Society in 1983. In introducing the book's recipes, a note was made that, "Much of this book comes from recipe cards exhibitors must attach to their entries."

Some of them were scribbled down on blank parts of the Heath Fair Book during the fair, and sometimes cards were begged from exhibitors when they were taking their prize exhibits home on Sunday afternoon. This is why, those who compiled the cookbook go on to say, so many recipes are unsigned.

This summer, due to COVID-19, there seem to be more gardens than ever. I thought we could all use a few recipes to help deal with an abundance of produce these gardens have given. We on the *Herald* staff would love to know if you recognize any of these recipes. Please let us know if you think you know the author and the story behind it, and we will publish it in the next *Heath Herald*.

Zucchini Pickles

- 1 quart vinegar
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup salt
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 2 teaspoons mustard seed or ground mustard
- 4 quarts zucchini, sliced
- 1 quart onions, sliced

Combine first six ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour over zucchini and onions and leave for 1 hour. Boil 3 minutes. Pack in sterilized pint jars, process in boiling water bath for 5 minutes. Makes 6 to 7 pints.

Pear Relish (a Shaker Recipe)

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ tablespoon turmeric

- 2 tablespoons celery seed
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 8 sweet peppers, coarsely ground
- 2 quarts coarsely ground pears (cored but not peeled)
- 3 cups coarsely ground onions
- 8 hot peppers, coarsely ground (wear gloves to remove seeds)
- 1 quart vinegar

Mix all ingredients and simmer for half an hour. Pack in hot sterilized jars and process in boiling water bath for 10 minutes. Makes about 7 pints.

Easy Dill Pickles

- 4 quarts medium cucumbers
- 4 cups vinegar
- 1 cup salt
- 3 quarts water
- For each jar: 2 sprays dill, 1 clove garlic, pinch of pepper



Wash cucumbers and let them stand in cold water overnight. Put spray of dill in the bottom of each jar, and pack cucumbers in the jar. Add the rest of the jar ingredients. Bring vinegar, salt, and water to a boil, and fill jars to the brim. Seal the jars and store them.

Tomato Chutney

- 2 pounds red tomatoes
- 2 pounds green tomatoes
- 1 pound onions
- 1 head of garlic (not one clove)
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cardamom
- Chopped fresh basil
- 2 quarts vinegar
- 1 pound raisins
- 3 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup capers in vinegar
- 1 tablespoon red pepper
- ¼ cup salt
- 3 tbsp. coriander seed, toasted and ground



Chop tomatoes, onion, garlic separately. Cook the tomatoes in half the vinegar until they are a thick mush. Cook rest of the ingredients in the rest of the vinegar until they are reduced, and the onions are tender. Combine the two mixtures and simmer for 10 minutes. Put in sterile pint jars, cover and process for 10 minutes. Don't open for six months. Makes 5 to 6 pints.



Hometown fair
a blue ribbon in
the child's hair
just in case

Haikus by Carol Purington

The five Haikus sprinkled throughout this edition of the *Herald* (including the one above) were written by Carol Purington, a poet and writer from Colrain. Carol is the author of many books of Haiku, Tanka, and other Japanese verse forms. When we asked to use some of her Haikus in this issue, she responded by writing these poems just for us, the Heath Community that is.

*"Welcome to my world of words. I am a writer,
meaning that I find deepest satisfaction when fitting
daily experiences into words."*

—Carol Purington, Woodslawfarm.com



HEATH FAIR VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL

Vegetables • Flowers • Canned Goods • Pickled Items • Baked Treats
Handcrafts • Artwork • Goats • Poultry • Rabbits • Sheep • and More

Do you have prize-winning entries that you were planning to submit to the 2020 Heath Fair? If so, we invite you to share them with us on a newly created Heath Fair Virtual Exhibit Hall web page. Here's how:

- Photograph your entry and email to heathagsociety@gmail.com
- Include your name, email address, phone number, and a description of each submission
- Deadline for entries is Thursday, August 20

There will be no judging or premiums offered. This is just a fun opportunity to share our accomplishments as well as our fondness for the Heath Fair.

The Heath



c. 1930



1967



1980



2012

Photos courtesy of Mark Brown, Peter Brown, John Henry, Chris Luis-Schultz/ Heath Historical Society, Doug Mason, Deb Porter, Art Schwenger, and Bob Viarengo

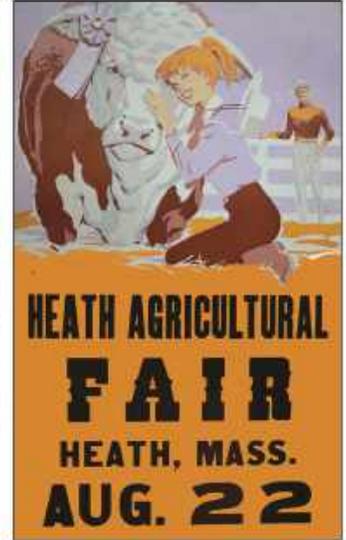
Fair Through the Decades



c. 1945



c. 1950



1959



1980



1980's



2002



c. 2010



2011



2012



2019



2011



2019



Heath Agricultural Society News

The 103rd Heath Fair was cancelled due to COVID-19, and we find ourselves in good company. Nearly every other MA agricultural fair came to the same conclusion and cancelled. While this decision was obvious, we recognize it represents a loss for our community, and I don't just mean the fun we'll miss having. The Fair serves as an important fundraiser for many town organizations: The Library, Fireman's Association, and Historical Society among them. The economic impact includes musicians, vendors, and attractions, who all make their living on the circuit. Children and adults who look forward to showcasing their crafts, livestock, and produce are left with few outlets to do so as we continue to socially distance to protect our health. We are all making sacrifices. We offer our well wishes and support for all those impacted by the cancellation of the Fair.

Recognizing so many of us LOVE to collect the Heath Fair t-shirt, we will be offering a 2020 Commemorative Tee to honor "the fair that didn't happen." The original design voted on for 2020 will be featured in 2021. Thank you to all the artists who submitted artwork; it was a tough decision! To capture this moment in history through the t-shirt, Sue Draxler, local artist, HAS member and former Board member, volunteered to draft the design based on initial ideas centered on livestock wearing health and safety masks. At my request, she offered one design that expanded the commemoration to include not one but two pandemics: COVID-19 and Racism. This alternative design featured #BLM (Black Lives Matter). Over the last month, the membership has conducted a dialogue about this option, and I have worked to address questions such as: Is this too political? What does this have to do with Heath or the Agricultural Society? and Would this design be characterized as tokenism? I'd like to highlight some of the key points featured in the dialogue:

Is the BLM movement too political for HAS? The impact of racism on the lives and livelihoods of people of color (POC) is based in fact and robustly data driven. It is not an opinion. Racism and racial justice may be politicized by politicians and the media, but racism and racial justice is not, on its own, about politics. Anti-racism and racial justice are about human rights. Undo-

ing systemic racism and creating racial justice is an effort that will take POC and white allies alike to accomplish, and it is a battle that has been fought for a very long time with little progress, evidenced by recent events in the national news. The fight for equity and justice in the world is our fight together, as members of this human race.

Relevance to Heath and HAS: Agriculture is our mission; HAS was founded to promote and support it. Agriculture, in the U.S., was founded, and in large part still exists, on the backs of black, brown, and indigenous peoples. Slavery and racism have had an incredible impact on who owns, accesses, and benefits from farmland. Even today, our food system relies heavily on POC. POC continue to be exploited in our agricultural economy, suffering disproportionately as a result of structural racism—with barriers to wealth, opportunity, housing, food, and health; while living with the wearing impact of prejudice, judgement, and fear.

COVID-19 put a spotlight on what happens when our food system and supply chains are disrupted. Farmers, including those in Franklin County, are challenged to fill their labor force in 2020 because they can't rely on the immigrant population to harvest our food. Apple/fruit orchards are a good example of a local sector of agriculture that relies heavily on immigrant labor to harvest crops. Food is a universal need (I'd argue it should be a universal right) and that need begins with agriculture. Human rights and therefore racial justice are not a black person's issue, not a brown person's issue, not an indigenous person's issue. These are our issues, together.

Finally, while Heath has a history of abolitionism, it did have some prominent residents who either owned or rented slaves. I wonder what role they played in shaping agriculture in Heath.

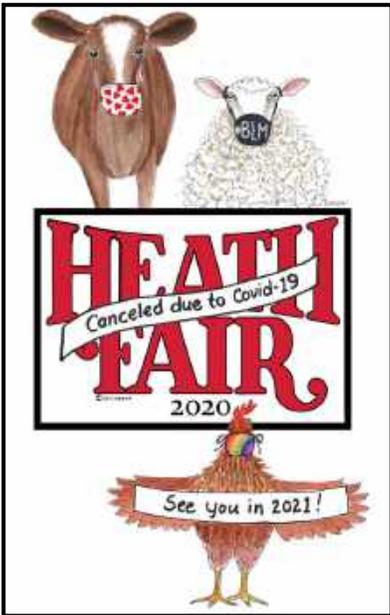
Tokenism: Tokenism is a symbolic effort with no substance or meaningful change behind it. Standing in solidarity with BLM through our t-shirt design this year is a beginning, and certainly not the end. Fear of tokenism, at its worst, is an excuse to do nothing and, at its best, is a challenge to do more with our programming, marketing, education, and participation.

To address the tokenism concern, we are forming a diversity and inclusion committee to dedicate time to think openly and critically about these issues and propose initiatives and efforts we can make to become a more inclusive organization and Fair. All are welcome. The Board is deciding on a new initiative: to donate a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the t-shirt

to an organization led by POC working in agriculture. While we haven't made a final decision, the proposed recipient is Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust.

The Vote: Ultimately, 78% of the members voted in favor of the 2020 Commemorative t-shirt design that included #BLM. We would encourage everyone who has interest to visit the Heath Fair website www.heathfair.org for details on how to purchase your own commemorative and historic t-shirt.

A moment like this in our history, where our nation is waking up to the indisputable impacts of violence, racism, and injustice towards Black Americans and POC, the BLM movement provides an opportunity to look deeply at our own ways of doing/being, to learn more about our history and to leverage our platform for sharing the history of agriculture and the role POC play in that history, providing education and promoting inclusion. What is different about the civil rights movement we are witnessing today is that the activism is not limited to racially diverse communities.



To order the 2020 Commemorative Tee, visit heathfair.org

Protests are happening in rural white communities across the country. This is our fight together. Together, we have a far better chance at creating the reform and change necessary to build equity and justice for all.

It is my sincere hope that the HAS can continue to be a place for all people to come together for a common cause: understanding the role we can play in building communities of inclusion. I am proud of the membership for their role in holding respectful dialogue about a difficult topic over these past two months.

With gratitude and in solidarity,
—Jessica O'Neill, President



Town Nurse

—Claire Rabbitt, RN

Immune Strong

As we enter the sixth month of living during a pandemic, we are getting battle weary, but we must continue the fight by doing all we can to keep ourselves and others healthy. Yes, we are tired of wearing masks and washing and sanitizing our hands, waiting in lines to get into stores, being afraid to go to church or to the doctor or hairdresser or out for a meal. Meetings and celebrations are happening in new and creative ways, often taking place outdoors, but sadly, no way to have our beloved Heath Fair.

So what weapons do we have to fight this virus? I am seeing an increase in advertising for supplements and foods with “immune boosting” properties, but an article in the June 2020 *Nutrition Action Health Letter* states the idea of boosting the immune system is flawed. If we eat a healthy diet such as the Mediterranean Diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, some lean meat, fish, and healthy oils, small amounts of low-fat dairy, and we are not told by our health-care provider that we are deficient in something, our immune system should be doing all it can. If the immune system is too reactive, it throws off the natural balance and causes autoimmune disorders.

A healthy diet, exercise, and adequate sleep is still the best answer to reduce the risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and type-2 diabetes, all of which increase the risk of a more severe case of COVID-19. We must continue the precautions until we have an effective vaccine scientifically engineered to stimulate antibodies that will attack the virus if it enters the body, just as the vaccines we have now against so many diseases that attack us. Even then, just as with influenza, a person may still have a milder case. There are many vaccines being developed and it will take time to learn what works best.

It is especially important for people to take advantage of flu clinics this fall to keep the numbers of influenza cases low as our health-care system continues to battle COVID-19. You will see innovations that may include some drive-through clinics and whatever we can do to keep everyone safe.

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Board of Health Report

Protect Against Mosquito Bites, Tick Bites, and COVID-19!



As if we didn't have enough to worry about with protecting ourselves against infection by COVID-19, we once again this season have to protect ourselves and our loved ones from getting mosquito bites which might carry Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and tick bites that might carry Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

While Heath is currently deemed at Low Risk for EEE, we must stay vigilant to prevent mosquito bites which may carry EEE.

There are simple steps that you can take to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and the illnesses they can cause:

- Schedule outdoor events to avoid the hours between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
- When you are outdoors, wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and socks. This may be difficult to do when the weather is hot, but it will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.
- Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 (3-[N-butyl-N-acetyl]-aminopropionic acid) or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions given on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.
- Keep mosquitoes out of your house by repairing any holes in your screens and making sure they are tightly attached to all your doors and windows.
- Remove areas of standing water around your home.

Here are some suggestions:

- Look around outside your house for containers and other things that might collect water and turn them over, regularly empty them, or dispose of them.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors so that water can drain out.
- Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows

when not in use.

More information on choosing and using repellents safely is included in the MA Department of Public Health (MDPH) Mosquito Repellents fact sheet. Or contact the MDPH at (617) 983-6800 for a hard copy.

Prevent Tick Bites



Use bug repellent, preferably with DEET.

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Stay on trails while hiking.

Wear light clothing, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants, since ticks are easier to see on light clothing. Place your white socks over pants legs.

Perform tick checks on yourself and your children after being outdoors. Have someone check areas you cannot see. Small ticks are hard to notice and prefer underarms, in and around ears, between legs, around the waist, and hair.

Check your pets for ticks, too.

Ticks can enter homes on clothing, then attach themselves to people. We encourage you to throw clothes in a dryer on high heat for 30 minutes to kill any ticks remaining on clothes, knapsacks, stuffed animals, etc.

For further information: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks>

COVID-19

STAY VIGILANT: COVID-19 is still with us. Though the numbers are down, and most of Massachusetts is now in Phase III of Reopening, people are still getting infected and dying from this dreadful disease, even in Massachusetts. Remember, people can spread COVID-19 up to 48 hours before they have symptoms. That's why social distancing is so important—no matter what. To stay healthy, we urge you to:

- Stay Safer at Home: continue to go out only if necessary for errands.
- Wear a mask at all times when you cannot be more than six feet apart from other people.
- Stay out of crowds. Don't gather in groups. If you must be with others, keep groups very small and only outside if not all members are from your household.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't shake hands or hug.
- Stay home, call your healthcare professional or Board of Health if you feel sick.
- Answer calls from Community Tracing Collaborative.
- Contact Heath Board of Health: 413-337-4934, ext. 8.

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Regional School Districts

**Tentative Plans for Fall
School Re-opening**

In late June, Governor Baker released initial guidance for the reopening of schools in the fall, which is subject to change later in the summer, if necessary. The Governor and Commissioner of Education, Jeffery Riley, created a working advisory group of educators, students, parents, and medical professionals to develop this guidance, that is clearly informed by input from all these stakeholders and the latest medical recommendations. The primary emphasis in the guidance is returning students to in-person schooling as safely as possible. Ample evidence has been gathered to validate the medical community’s support for a return to in-person schooling when established safety protocols are in place. Many of those protocols have become familiar to all of us; those specific to schools are defined in the guidance.

The Mohawk and Hawlemont leadership team, with feedback from community members, has used this guidance in the development of our plans. The changing nature of the COVID-19 virus requires three separate plans, which will allow for flexibility in the case of changes in caseload and/or medical recommendations throughout the school year. More information on these scenarios will be provided throughout the summer. These three models are:

1. An in-person plan for safely returning students to school buildings with provisions for screening participants, maintaining social distancing, preventative hygiene, best practices for sanitation, and responses to possible cases of illness.
2. A hybrid model with some students in school buildings alternating with other students in the remote learning environment on a set schedule.
3. A fully remote learning model which would look much like our practices from this Spring, with all students learning from home environments.

Updated information will be posted at www.mtrsd.org/covid-19-information

—Patricia Bell
Former Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional
School Districts

Heath Annual Election Results

**321 ballots cast, of 537 registered voters
(190 were early, mailed-in ballots)**

Select Board Member:

Brian DeVriese 164 ✓
Robert Bourke 157

Moderator:

Eric Sumner 298 ✓

Assessor, 3-year term:

Heather Hathwell 264 ✓

Assessor, 2-year term:

Heidi Griswold 277 ✓

Library Trustee:

Emily Cross 56 ✓
Diane Grinnell 17

Finance Committee:

William Emmet 170 ✓
Katheryn Inman 147

Planning Board:

Robert Viarengo 245 ✓

Constable:

William Emmet 168 ✓
Robert Bourke 148

William Emmet

**Newly Elected to Finance Committee
and Town Constable**



I have recently retired and reside on Number Nine Road in North Heath. Like most small towns in Massachusetts, Heath faces many financial challenges in the future. I am anxious to play a positive role in helping Heath to navigate the COVID-19 world. Flexibility and creative solutions are necessary in this trying time.

My 38-year experience as a Mechanical Engineer in both industry and the Yale University Physics Department has provided me with the tools to contribute to the Finance Committee. Specifically, I have generated and managed budgets for major government-funded scientific projects using Excel. In addition to my primary function of mechanical design and analysis, I have produced bid packages and requests for quotes. In short, I work with and understand numbers.

Select Board Report

COVID-19

Town business is still being conducted remotely or under severe restrictions. The public is invited to attend meetings remotely by following the instructions included on the posted announcement or agenda. All town buildings remain closed and are restricted to access by essential employees only. Town playgrounds and now the basketball court are open. The library is open for lending, but operating under a new system. The Post Office and the Transfer Station remain open.

Everyone is asked to continue to wear masks when out in public, and to remain at least six feet away from each other. This is especially important in the Post Office. At the Transfer Station, residents are asked to have a face covering, and to come with their boxes already broken down, and with a minimum of trash bags to keep traffic moving quickly. The Swap Shed is closed. Your cooperation is critical to keeping the virus out of Heath.

The Emergency Management Team has discontinued its weekly meeting, but will meet whenever necessary.

Basketball Court Now Open

For the health and safety of all, please follow these protocols:

- No shared equipment. Each household bring and use own equipment.
- Wait outside field of play until previous users have vacated court.
- Only people from same household should play together in order to maintain social distance from others.



Annual Town Meeting



The Annual Town Meeting will be held outside on August 1 at 9 a.m. on the property of the former school building at 18 Jacobs Road. In case of a thunder and lightning storm, the meeting

will be continued to August 8 at the same place and time. In consultation with the Board of Health and the Emergency Management Director, and following state regulations, stringent safety protocols are being implemented to keep all our residents healthy. No one will be allowed



in the building and there will be a hand-washing station as well as a porta-potty outside. Unfortunately, no food or beverages will be available. Please bring whatever you need to drink or eat.

Chairs will be well-spaced apart to keep physical distancing. Family units will be allowed to sit near each other. Everyone is required to wear a face covering, unless a health condition prevents it.

Town Budget

The town has received permission from the Department of Revenue Division of Local Services to operate under a 1/12th budget until a fiscal year 2021 budget has been approved at Town Meeting. This allows the town to pay salaries and expenses monthly. The state also is presently operating on a 1/12th budget, which means towns are not receiving local aid, Chapter-90 money (allocated yearly for highway departments), nor payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). The Town Coordinator has been working closely with the Town Accountant, and the Select Board with the Finance Committee to keep abreast of changes and delays.

Facilities Task Force

Members Dena Briggs, Susan Lively, Jim Cerone, and Will Emmet met with the Select Board for the formal presentation of their final report of town building cost and usage analysis on June 16. They explained that, although their goal was to present information as accurately as possible, they were aware that the report may unintentionally include inaccuracies. The Task Force stated that they tried to take into consideration the future needs of the town in their recommendations. One recommendation is to appoint a permanent committee to oversee building repairs and improvements.

The report has been posted on the town website so that it is accessible to anyone who would like to read it. The Board stressed that if anyone has questions or comments, those remarks are to be directed to the Select Board and not the Task Force. There will be a time for public interaction held in the future, and the Task Force members stated that they want to be involved in that meeting. The Select Board issued deep appreciation and thanks for the work of the task force.

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Broadband Committee

The Heath Broadband Committee (Art Schwenger, Sheila Litchfield, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf, and Margo Newton) submitted a Municipal Light Plant Manager job description and their ideas for a “drop” policy, for the town to help residents pay for getting broadband to their houses. They have provided meticulous budgets and different scenarios to the Municipal Light Plant Board (AKA the Select Board), and have put in many hundreds of hours over the past year on this project. By the time you are reading this, the project should have started. Thank you to the committee for their hard work and dedication.

Tropical Storm Irene

After waiting several years, the town received \$170,000 from the state to pay off our Tropical Storm Irene loan. The loan has been paid in full and the remaining balance has been put into the general fund, which will end up being part of the town's free cash amount for FY21. Many thanks to Senator Hinds and Representative Mark for their help with this.

—Gloria Fisher



People in the News



Autumn Smith, daughter of Michael and Crystal Smith of Sadoga Road, graduated from The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Autumn was on the Dean’s list each semester while at UMass. She has applied to medical school to become a Physician’s Assistant. Currently Autumn is working as an EMT for AMR Ambulance Service and is a volunteer for the Deerfield Valley Rescue in Wilmington, Vermont.

Spotted Around Town

Will Draxler found he wasn't the only one on the road when he went for a run on a warm, rainy night in late May. On his seven miles through town, he passed two spotted salamanders, a spring peeper, a wood frog, a gray tree frog, and a Dekay's brownsnake.



Spotted salamander



Spring peeper



Wood frog



DeKay's brownsnake



Gray tree frog



Help! These snails are wreaking havoc in my gardens.

—Cathy Tallen

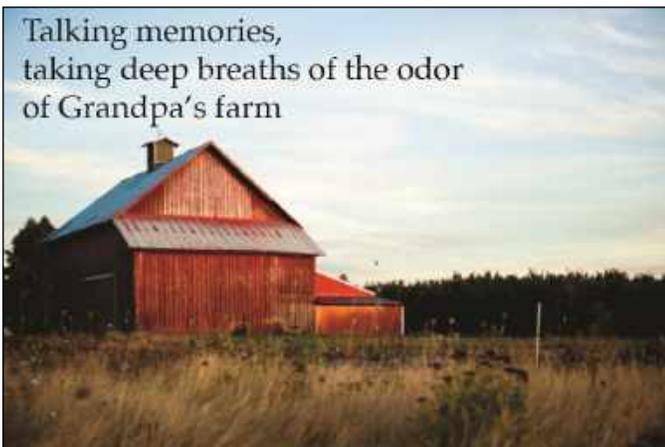
Obituary

Richard Hulbert



Richard Hulbert died on July 8, at home in Brooklyn, among familiar faces. He began coming to Heath in the late 1950's as the August tenant of his Aunt Winifred Hulbert who loaned her home out to "inner city" families in the summer. Heath was a place of relaxation for Dick. Playing tennis, walking the Oxbow, and manning the historical society table in the Solomon Temple barn were

some of his favorite pastimes. Usually the legal cases he was working on were set aside when he was in Heath. But one summer, word got out among his children's friends that he was one of the lawyers representing John, George and Ringo against the manager they had before signing with Apple Records. Rumor has it that the family who shared the party line listened in to all the phone calls, hoping to hear a Beatle on the phone. Once Dick took over the old Perkins place, he came to know and love Heath in all the seasons, and he got a great deal of pleasure from the friendships he forged with his Heathan neighbors. He had been hoping to master the art of home dialysis so he could get to Heath again this summer. He will be buried in the South Cemetery next to his wife of 55 years, Dorothy Hanni Hulbert.



Heath Union Church

The Rev. James Koyama, Minister
 Dennis Ainsworth, Organist
 Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 5:30 to 7 p.m.

All Are Welcome

Rev. Koyama is in town on Thursdays, with church office hours in the afternoon. Cell phone: 808-282-6711; Church phone to leave a message: 413-337-4019

Board of Deacons

Hilma Sumner, Chair, 337-4845, Claudia Ainsworth 624-8952, Dana Blackburn 413-221-0961, Victoria Burrington 337-4425, Walt Gleason 337-4479

Find us on Facebook: Heath Union Church

Church Building facilities are available for private events. Call Victoria Burrington at 337-4425

Summer Greetings from Heath Union Church

We are decidedly living through unusual times, and you may be wondering where your local church went. The cars usually parked in Heath Center on Sunday mornings have vanished and the church building sits silent and unoccupied. Well, our fellowship continues unabated and we have been worshipping by conference call and, more recently, gathering outdoors while practicing social distancing on Ruth Johnson's lawn at 48 Town Farm Road.

Part of what I think we are all experiencing is a shift in perspective. We are seeing what we thought was familiar, in new and unexpected ways. And I think that is a blessing we can point to in the midst of current hardships. Among the most pressing questions that have come to the fore are: How can we put an end to racial discrimination, poverty, the environmental crisis? How can we provide a loving response to the suffering brought on by this pandemic?

Have you ever looked upon a mountainside as the sun's light moves across it? With every shift of the sun, different features are highlighted or shaded and even the colors change. We come away appreciating that there is much more to a mountainside than any single snapshot can reveal. This is one reason why we say that God is a "living God." God speaks to us in an unfolding revelation and we grow as disciples in response. Contact me if you would like to join us for worship. All are welcome!

May God bless you,

—Reverend James Koyama

Important Notice:

Due to COVID-19, many events usually listed on Ongoing Calendar have been postponed. For updates, check notices around town—the outer room of the Town Hall, the transfer station— or the town website at townofheath.org

Community Calendar

- Aug 1 **Annual Heath Town Meeting**
9 a.m. at 18 Jacobs Road, the former school building. See Select Board Report for details.
- Aug 8-15 **Heath Children's Library**
10 a.m. to noon, Open window hours at 18 Jacob's Road, former school building.
- Aug 15 **Heath Historical Society Annual Meeting and Program**
2 to 4 p.m. at Heath Town Common, under tent. Rain date, August 22.
- Sept 11-25 **Virtual Preschool Story Hour**
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact library to sign up, 413-337-4934, ext. 7.

Ongoing Calendar

Community Yoga

Online classes are happening now!
Contact Kate at kate@highlandyoga.studio
Check out the website: www.highlandyoga.studio



High-speed Internet Access

Town Center and at 18 Jacobs Road, the former Heath school building. Use outside.

Heath Library Take-Out Window Hours

- Monday 2 to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 2 to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 2 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday 2 to 5:00 p.m.

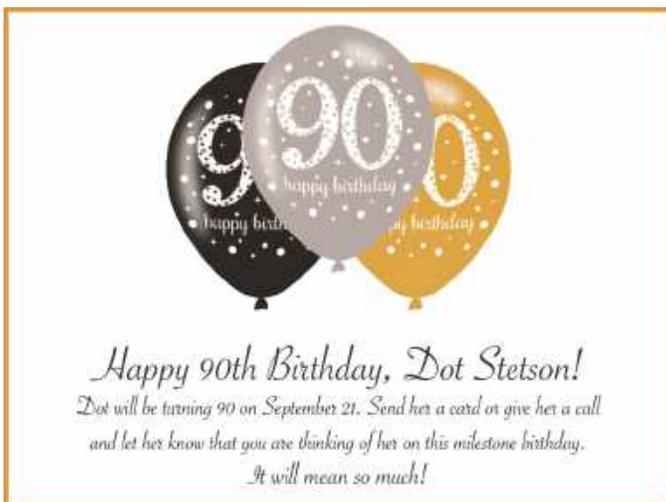
New Wi-Fi Hotspot at 18 Jacobs Road

A new internet hotspot has been installed at the former Heath School building.

This free connection was provided by Governor Baker, in collaboration with Westfield Gas and Electric, to assist residents who need enhanced internet access. It is available now through September 1.

The strongest signal is outside the former school library windows using Whip City Fiber 5G. Farther away from the building, use Whip City Fiber Wi-Fi. No password is needed.

Please adhere to all CDC safety recommendations while using this service.



*"When the world is running down,
you make the best of what's still around."*

-- Sting, Song lyrics

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