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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by David F. Howland

I write this report on the evening of Thursday, June 8, having just been informed that the Department of Revenue (DOR) recertified the town's Free Cash to \$70,383. This notification enables us to present a responsible budget for FY90. It includes an override of \$25,000 for road work, which we believe is necessary. We hope the townspeople will support this recommendation at the polls on Friday, June 16, between the hours of 12 noon and 7 p.m. If we did not get the Free Cash, the Selectmen were prepared to ask for an override of \$98,115 for school budget purposes. This figure is the difference between this year's school budget and that of FY90. The Free Cash enables the School Committee to use Equal Educational Opportunity Grant money in such a way as to significantly reduce the Rowe School budget for FY90. Dave Newell of the Mohawk School was instrumental in negotiating this arrangement. It is very likely that we will have a substantial override next year, but we are very pleased to be able to present a reasonable budget this year. Ever since February the Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee, Treasurer Linda Marcotte, Town Accountant Arlene Markert and Shared Administrative Assistant Kathy Condon have worked together to resolve an accounting problem with the state. We finally got Representative Jay Healy to help facilitate communications and understandings as to what to do. Representatives of the DOR met with us and subsequently updated certain town reports pertinent to the issue, which centered on the accounting and financing of 1987 flood money yet to be received. The Selectmen want to thank all those who helped with this process. Article 3, which is the detailed budget, will be ready for discussion at the informational meeting scheduled for 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, at the Community Hall. The use of the Free Cash for the Rowe school budget will require scheduling of a Special Town meeting by June 30.

So much for budgets, which have occupied so much of our time! Other news is that Brian Marlow, CPA of North Adams, has been engaged to audit the town books and provide support to the Town Accountant. It has been six years since the last professional audit. The completion of the transfer station is an immediate goal, as is the painting of the Town Hall and Community Hall. There was a flurry of activity for the Board of Health just before the new zoning regulations were voted in; it does seem to be subsiding now. The Selectmen are reviewing appointments and reorganized themselves so that Art Schwenger is Secretary, Walt Gleason is Chairman of the Board of Health and Dave Howland is Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

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TANJA DAVIN - MOHAWK VALEDICTORIAN

by Susan Silvester

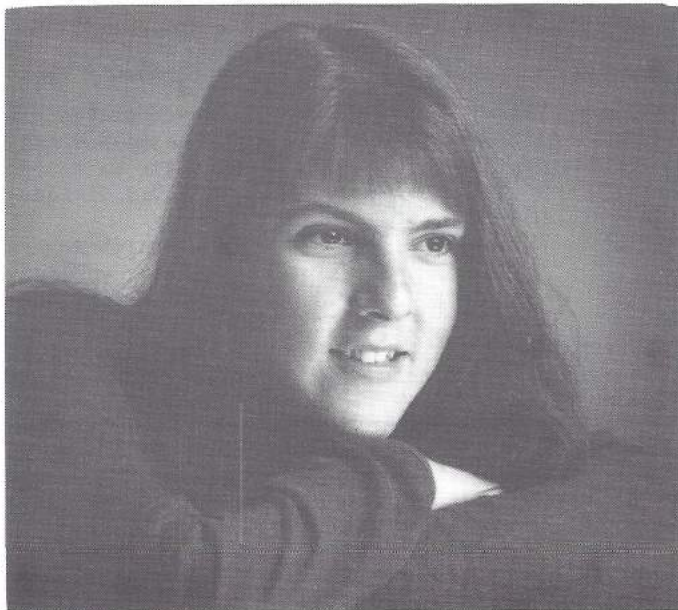
Tanja Davin, daughter of Elizabeth and Bruce Davin of Sumner Stetson Road, graduated June 4, 1989, from Mohawk Trail Regional School as valedictorian of her class. Tanja's grade point average for four years at Mohawk was 3.78. She was elected to the National Honor Society for her junior and senior years, serving as president. She has also participated in track, band, flute, the pit orchestra for musicals and was a member of the Peer Educators. Tanja also was a student correspondent for the *Heath Herald*.

As an early admissions candidate, Tanja was accepted in the premedical program of studies at Tufts. She is planning to become a medical doctor.

Tanja has enjoyed her years at Mohawk; favorite classes include calculus, chemistry and Latin. She likes to read and takes an active interest in her environment. Tanja feels that, "People work well together at Mohawk. The population is very diversified, and this is not a problem". She adds that the administration and teachers were really great! The respect for individuality is what has made Mohawk really unique. Teachers and students work well together, forming friendships in an atmosphere conducive to learning.

Tanja just turned eighteen this March. She has a kitten named Slim, and especially enjoys summer water

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TANJA DAVIN - VALEDICTORIAN

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The maintenance of Town roads and how to finance the work has received our attention too. This is the reason for the override request of \$25,000. It will provide flexibility in the type of work to be done. For example, we have what is known as Chapter 90 state money. But if it is used on secondary roads the town has to finance 25% of the cost, and our secondary roads need attention too. Another encouraging factor is that the state has eased the criteria for road maintenance to include the use of stone and tar, whereas before, we had to use hard top material, which is expensive. Ray Galipo, Road Superintendent, has scheduled a lot of work for this summer, much of which will be done by contractors. So we are really striving to improve the roads.

Don't forget to vote on June 16 and we'll see you at the Town Meeting at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 17.

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sports such as kneeboarding, swimming, boating and water skiing at her family's summer home in Whitingham, Vermont. She works as a waitress at Barnard's Restaurant in Charlemont.

The Heath Herald staff congratulates Tanja and all of the 1989 Heath graduates! Mohawk Trail Regional School: Tanja Davin, Arlo Seaver, Lark Miller, Karen Venneri, Chris Poisson, Daniel Bryant; The Academy at Charlemont: Michele Nicolas; Rowe Elementary: Adam Almeida, Angela Almelda, Melina Ausikaitis, Jimmy Cerone, Kristy Coburn, Emily Nichols, Cathy Toupence, Jeremiah Venneri, Andrew Shattuck, Jon Tower, Barbara Purington, Tom Houghtaling.

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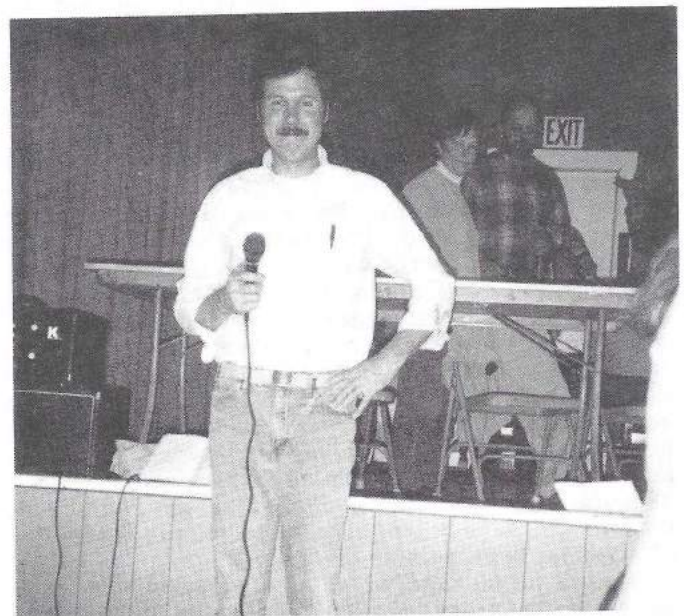
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EDITORIAL

The Heath Herald applauds the efforts and major accomplishment of the Zoning By-Law Committee under the capable direction of chairman Tom Lively. The Heath Herald also applauds the professional manner in which Town Moderator Doug Wilkins directed the Special Town Meeting.



THE ZONING BY-LAW COMMITTEE
(Photo by Susan Silvester)



DOUG WILKINS, TOWN MODERATOR
(Staff photo)

HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson
Observer for Mass. Resources Commission

April precipitation was 3.19 inches; snowfall was 2 inches. May precipitation was 7.69 inches. The total precipitation for the first 5 months of 1989 was 18.74".
Total snowfall for the 1988/89 season was 45.5 inches.

HEATH FAIR NEWS

by Mike Peters

With a beautiful spring at hand and the pear thrip crisis behind us for this year, one can't forget that the "Heath Fair" is only two short months away. If we could only pay off mother nature for perfect weather like last year, half the battle would be won.

All of the normal events of last year have been re-scheduled for this year including the fireworks, the four wheel drive pull, the garden tractor pull, the fiddlers contest, the tent, and all concessions and games. This also includes all the little typical "Heath Fair" country extras that are too numerous to mention. It'll all be there once again, and like usual, it should be even better than last year's fair. Fair dates for this year are August 18, 19, and 20.

We have several new plans in the works for this year including, by popular demand, having the "Wright Brothers" back again for a show on Saturday afternoon! This year's only major schedule change will be having some later entertainment on Saturday night, to extend into the evening. The entertainment will include well known country western and rock bands. And the annual horse pulling "Free for All" class will be starting later, at around 7:00 p.m. The idea behind this is to make Saturday night as long and as exciting as Friday night. All this is in addition to the square dance, and should prove to be a very exciting evening! The company that supplied rides to us last year are definitely coming back this year also.

Sometime before the fair, all the buildings on the grounds will be stained and a new roof will be put on the old exhibit hall. There is also the addition of a new 40' by 40' pole barn to be used as the cattle and sheep judging area. As of printing time, the trusses are lying on the site waiting to be installed. There are also several new lights going up along the midway.

Even though it may be too late to say now, the annual spring draw was June 10 and 11, with the horses pulling on the Sunday.

In with the state's recent budget problems is a small cut that will affect all fairs across the state. The state will no longer make out checks directly to exhibitors to cover the state's share of premium payments. Instead they will mail a lump sum check to the fair, covering all of the state's share of premium payments. (The state pays approximately one half of all premiums paid by the fair to exhibitors). And in return when the fair mails out premium payments, the state's will be included. Basically what this means is the fair is better off than ever before because now, with the computer, we will mail out all premium payments, state's and fair's, within one month after fair time in one check that is written by us. It is finally set up the way it should have been years ago - quick and easy. The fair would like to apologize for not having premium payments out from last year, and is making a firm commitment to having this process changed, so that everyone is paid within two to four weeks after the fair.

The fair committee is presently working with the hall committee and the selectmen to reach an agreement on using the town's chairs for the town's fair. There are many mixed feelings on this matter and we're trying to work them out together.

There will surely be a few work bees to get things ready for the fair but none have been set as of yet.

The fair is always in need of new people to help organize this huge event. If you are interested please call any of the committee members including Mary Smith, Kathy Wilkins, and myself.

Also as a reminder, the fair promotes all local businesses and crafts by charging half price for midway spaces to Heath residents only.

Enjoy the summer and mark your calendar for AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20.

HEATH RESIDENTS IN CHINA

Pat and Henry Leuchtman of Knott Road arrived in Beijing, China, on April 15 to spend a year during which Pat was to edit the magazine *Women in China* as an employee of the Chinese government. However, massive student demonstrations began on their day of arrival and escalated with the announcement of the death of Chinese leader Hu Yaobang, a moderate.

The Leuchtman's were planning to leave Beijing June 8, fly to Hong Kong and then depart for Kenya to visit a daughter who is in the Peace Corps there.

THE HEATH BICENTENNIAL BOOK

by Susan Silvester

At long last a commemorative book of Heath's Bicentennial Year is being published. The collective efforts of members of the Heath Herald Staff and various townspeople, together with the support of the Bicentennial Committee chaired by Paul Lively, have made this project a reality. One person, however, is primarily responsible for the publication of this book. Newland Smith has gathered printed material, photographs and slides, typed the manuscript and its many corrections and helped deliver the finished product to the printer. Without his special attention to detail and conscientious effort this book would not have been possible.

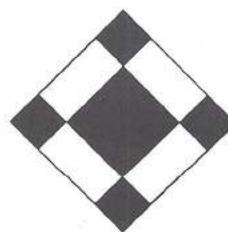
The year 1985 was indeed a special time to remember. From the wintry Cross Country Ski Race to the elegant Garden Party at the Manse, there were activities for everyone in town. This book highlights the Bicentennial Year in chronological sequence, inviting the reader to reminisce and reflect on a very special time in the history of Heath.

It is anticipated that the book will be available to the public by July 1, 1989. The sale price has not yet been determined, but it will be commensurate with the cost of publication. The nominal fee will be used to offset the expense of printing. Four hundred copies are being printed by the Adams Specialty Printing Company of Adams, Massachusetts, in conjunction with Paldeia Publishers of Ashfield.

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THE MOUSE THAT ROARED

by Alastair Maitland

It's been happening all over the place. In Estonia and Latvia. In Yugoslavia and Beijing. In the streets of Moscow and Erivan. In the remote Jordanian desert town of Ma'an and in Soviet Georgia. In Panama and in Seoul. And in Heath.

Everywhere, it seems, people have been coming together, in surprising and often unprecedented numbers, to manifest their feelings. They have little or nothing in common, except for a clear distaste for the way things have been going - in their widely separated worlds - and a desire to see that something is done about it.

On a sunny Saturday morning in late April, the sort of day when every Heathen's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the outdoors, a record number of voters flocked to the Community Hall to transact some serious official business. There were 219 of them, according to the Town Clerk's reckoning - native sons and daughters, permanent summer visitors, newcomers, Heathens of all ages and conditions. And they took over the Community Hall as comprehensively as the Chinese students took over Tiananmen Square. Those who could not be seated upstairs were accommodated in the basement, where they were able to participate in the proceedings via a public-address hook-up.

The occasion was a Special Town Meeting. Its principal purpose: to enable the people to pronounce on the merits of a new Protective Zoning Bylaw, and in particular to decide whether to allow the growth of the Town to continue unchecked; or instead, in the years immediately ahead, to restrain the pace of growth and to equip the Town with the means of managing future residential development in a balanced and orderly manner.

The tone of the debate was set by Leighton McCutchen, who took as his text the new Bylaw's stated objective of "retaining the rural character of the Town." The rural character of the Town, he said, encourages characters that can say "enough is enough." "We can regulate ourselves to protect the place from too rapid growth; we can protect our water, our open land, our nourishing plants and animals. We can shape our environment to keep the balances of freedom and cooperation for which country folk are famous."

The rural theme was taken up by Carroll Stowe, himself a genuine rural character, whose annual Wagon Train serves to keep a tradition alive and whose pastoral essays, published over the years in the *Heath Herald* and elsewhere, are both an evocation and a celebration of a way of life, as well as a source of delight to his many readers.

Amongst those who followed was Karen Brooks, the mother of three small children and an active contributor to the ongoing debate on the future of the Rowe School, who succinctly put the case for managed growth: "We can't keep up. Everything's gotten out of hand. The Town needs time to catch up with the roads, the Fire Department and the school." And Patrick Venneri, veteran of many struggles over school population projections and budgets, responding to the charge that a curb on growth was an invasion of landowners' rights, delivered an equally terse and pointed message: "If the Town can't regulate growth it can't plan intelligently. This question isn't about rights. It's about whether the Town can survive."

A vote of two thirds of those present and voting was required for the adoption of the new Bylaw. The tally, when it came, was overwhelmingly (173-23) in favor of

the measure. A companion Bylaw, the General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, requiring only a majority vote for its enactment, was passed no less overwhelmingly, by voice vote.

And so another chapter, an important one, has been written in the history of our Town. The vote that we recorded last April should not be regarded as merely a reaction to the more recent manifestations of creeping suburbia and its fiscal consequences. There has for long been a deep and wide-spread sense that, without some protective measures, we all stood to lose something very precious, and irreplaceable. The handwriting was on the wall for all of us to read when I-91 arrived to offer easy passage to the New England hinterland. And from time to time since then, in response to official questionnaires and, more notably, in the 1978 Report on Heath's natural resources, we have expressed our collective concern for the preservation of the "small rural-community aspects" of our Town. We have now given practical meaning to that concern.

It is, of course, one thing to pass a Bylaw. It is another thing to see that it is enforced. Enforcement will be our common responsibility. But the prime responsibility will rest with our Planning Board. Throughout the long and laborious and demanding process of drafting the new Bylaw and presenting and explaining it to the voters the Planning Board Chairman, Tom Lively, showed himself to be a wise, able, fair-minded and courteous public servant. We are extremely fortunate to have such a man in public office. He and his colleagues deserve our unstinting support.

(The full text of Leighton McCutchen's remarks appears elsewhere in this issue)



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RURAL CHARACTER & RURAL CHARACTERS

Remarks by Leighton McCutchen at the Special
Town Meeting on April 29, 1989

In support of the passage of the Re-zoning Bylaw these remarks address the general purpose of maintaining the "rural character of the Town..."

THE RURAL CHARACTER OF HEATH is Open, not dense or "thickly settled;" Surrounded, by the trees, brush, mowings, corn, berry bushes, the deer, bear, fox, hawks, chickadees, cows: Exposed to weather, to physical labor, to solitude.

The place gives us a chance for solitariness, for loneliness that can grow a soul, or a character.

RURAL CHARACTERS come from rural character. It takes time in the country to grow a Pat Smith, Philippina Peters, Ralph Sumner, Hannah Burrington, Dana Malone, Belle Dickinson, Win Warriner, Howard Thompson.

WE GET THIS CHARACTER from chores, cutting firewood and feeding critters; from growing things like potatoes, squash and peppers; from hunting, fishing, following logging trails; from ice-skating, cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, birding and reading;

not from huddling together worrying about safety; not from getting too stylish and up-to-date; not from building fancy houses instead of fixing up old ones; not from speeding into the future without a history; not from telling each other what to do.

One has to slow growth down to grow up in the country.

WE HAVE WATER all over, now. It runs clear, clean. Not as in Boston, which wants more of our Connecticut; or L. A., which will lose half of its water source to Arizona soon; nor Houston, whose homes have subsided from a lowering water table; nor Whately, with poisoned wells, or Ashfield, with sewer problems from density.

Protect our watershed and floodplains from the temptation to foul our own nest.

WE HAVE THIS TOWN which is growing too fast. We must phase that growth, temper it, moderate it, steer it, not STOP it!

We all want our kids to grow up around us: some of us even want our own, sometime, to settle near-by. But we have to go slow, wait our/their turn, or we'll trample the very resources they have come to love, with nothing left for them.

A town mixed with all sorts and conditions of human beings, rich and poor, smart and dumb, funny and boring, silly and profound. We must protect this pluralism, this mix-up, and not let it get homogenized and smoothed out by those who haven't caught on yet to how different country characters can become, one from the other.

THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN ENCOURAGES CHARACTERS THAT CAN SAY "enough is enough:" we can regulate ourselves to protect the place from too rapid growth; we can protect our water, our open land, our nourishing plants and animals.

We can shape our environment to keep the balances of freedom and cooperation for which country folk are famous.

The nine characters who put this re-zoning package together over two years, with plenty of discussion with everyone who chose to come to the many hearings, show that freedom and cooperation are both possible.

Vote for the Rezoning Bylaw: It's good for Heath. It's good for all of us!

KEITH SHERMAN RECEIVES MITCHELL AWARD

By Susan Silvester

Keith Sherman, 15, son of Cecelia and Leland Sherman, recently received the Billy Mitchell Award for completion of phases I and II of the Civil Air Patrol Cadets. Keith is a member of the cadet unit at the Turners Falls Airport where he attends meetings every Wednesday evening.

The award was presented to Keith by Valeda Peters of Colrain, commander of the squadron. Keith was also promoted to second lieutenant. Approximately twenty-five students participate in the cadet program. Keith has spent a week of encampment, similar to Boot Camp, at both Otis Air Force Base and Fort Devens. Cadets take part in the Civil Defense and Air Force training missions at Barnes Airport in Westfield and generally fly every third Saturday of the month. Their primary mission is search and rescue operations.

Keith's interest in the cadet program began when he was 13. The program includes aerospace education, color guard drills and marching practice. Students also fly in the Piper Warrior or Cessna 152 with an instructor from the airport.

Keith is a freshman at Mohawk Trail Regional School. He plans to join the United States Air Force and become a pilot.



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NEW STUDIO

by David Gibbons

You can't really see it anymore as you come around the corner on Rowe Road by the Stone Cottage, but it's still there nestled back among the newly leaved trees, Bob Dane's new studio. Thanks to the incredibly mild winter the building is a lot farther along than it might have been.

To people used to the normal stud-framed houses (stick houses, as Bob calls them) it was looking a little strange, being mainly a roof held up by several large wood posts. Now the stud walls are beginning to be framed in though and it is looking more like a house.

The building was designed from an idea of Bob's with the help of Jerry Sawma of Conway, a strong believer in the old post and beam framing techniques that were once the only real way of building. This technique, where the strength of the building is in the frame, not the walls, is enjoying a resurgence of sorts thanks to people like Sawma. In part this is due to the fact that such buildings are often cheaper, not to mention nicer, than similar stud ones. Sawma has very strong ideas about how such structures should be built, according to Bob, and he is following them in his studio. There is no glue, for instance, and this includes the fact that there will be no plywood used anywhere in the construction. Nor will there be any modern sheeting materials such as foam-cored panels.

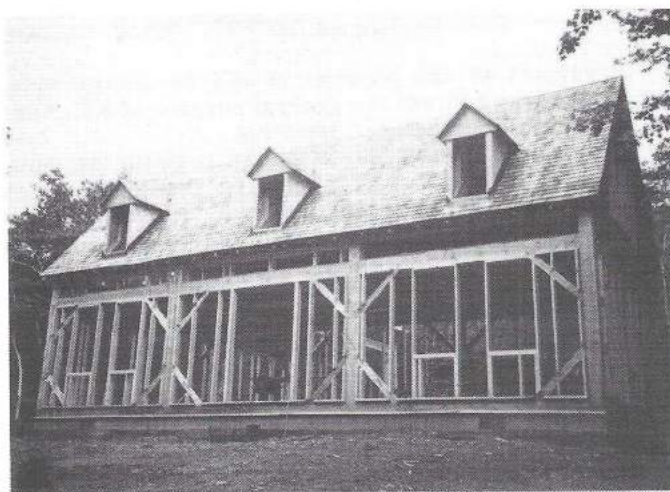
Funding for the project was supplied by a low-interest small business loan from the Franklin County Community Development Corporation, with some early money coming from a Massachusetts Artist Fellowship from the Artists Foundation.

The studio is a large L-shaped building with two floors, each about 1100 square feet. The frame was erected by a two man crew led by Phil Watson of Northfield, an ex-student of Sawma's. It took only one and a half weeks for the whole frame to be raised; quite a feat considering they were using green (heavy) lumber in sizes like 10 by 14. The cedar shingles on the roof were added in the next couple of weeks by Watson's crew and Bob. Now Bob is working on the studding and interior work. The electric system is still being devised as Bob visualizes how his machines will be placed. Then the walls will be plastered (not sheet-rocked - another "throwback" idea). He hopes to be in by next fall, but admits that is probably a bit hopeful.

Located on top of the rise behind his house, the studio will eventually command quite a view over Charlemont as Bob plans to take down many of the trees on the rise (next winter's fuel supply). He is presently considering adding a balcony to the west side second floor. Details like that change as he sees the building taking shape.

The studio will house several aspects of Bob's glass sculpting business although the actual blowing and furnace work will remain where it now is, in the shed next to his house. The grinding and polishing work as well as the gluing and painting will occupy the first floor, with shipping photography and storage on the second. The photography area will be at the corner of the ell by the balcony and double as a "lunchroom". Standing there talking with Bob I could easily imagine it becoming a favorite place to while away an evening sunset.

Even though it is still very open, one gets a wonderful feeling standing in the new studio. It is a marvelous building, full of potential. Just as Bob's glass sculptures take an old craft and show that it still has the power to bring beauty and wonder to the world so his studio does the same for post and beam construction. Anyone unfamiliar with either craft would find themselves much the better for spending some time with Bob.



BOB DANE'S NEW STUDIO
(Photo by Susan Silvester)

BURRINGTON CARVINGS ON DISPLAY

Frederick Burrington of Heath is one of seven area artists featured at an Exhibition in Shelburne Falls hosted by the Salmon Falls Artisans Showroom.

The show is built around a group of paintings on water themes by Shelburne Falls artist Polly French, created specifically for the occasion. Opening day was timed to coincide with the start of the River Festival in Shelburne Falls. (June is American Rivers Month).

The principal work in the Polly French exhibit is "Watershed," a piece in watercolor and collage representing the source-to-sea cycle of water and the organisms that depend upon it.

Frederick Burrington is represented by six wood carvings, depicting waterfowl and fish. There are three loons: a diving loon mounted on a block of stone, a "contemporary" unpainted loon, and what Fred calls a "more rustic" painted decoy. The other three pieces are a sculpture ensemble of three fish, a "hanging fish" (similar to the emblematic salmon carving which hangs on permanent display at the Artisans Showroom), and an unpainted, "heavy-textured" fish, which Fred says may represent a salmon or a trout, depending on the viewer's fancy.



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THE WRITTEN WORD

by Cindy Rice

A decade ago the *Heath Herald* was born. One of the persons instrumental in its creation was Michael Bakalar. Born in New York, educated at Yale, his whole life has been devoted to the literary arts. In 1937 after leaving Yale, Mike worked on a Kentucky newspaper. During the war he was a civilian employee of the U. S. Government working for the Office of Strategic Services, now the C.I.A. After the war he entered the field of public relations, writing educational material for a number of agencies, including the Rural Electrification Administration. Mike has worked in Burma, India and China, ghost-written books, freelanced and written corporations' annual reports. More recently Mike was employed by the N. Y. Daily Mirror, a now defunct paper. He and his wife, Elsa, found Heath in the late 50's and relocated in western Massachusetts permanently in 1977.

Language written as words and strung together to form thoughts and meanings is an art form. Not just for pleasure, communication in this form has been very important to the human race throughout history. Most of what we know about that history has come to us in language expressed in a visual way. Pamphlets, speeches, newspapers and letters were fundamental in setting up our own country's constitution. One of the amendments to this constitution guarantees us the right to freedom of speech, something not enjoyed by all peoples on earth. What we take for granted others kill and die for as did our forefathers two centuries ago.

When ten years ago Mike Bakalar helped to start the *Heath Herald* he also started the *West County News*, which he owned and published until its sale. Mike is now the editor of *The Good Life*, a paper for people in the second half-century of their life. This newspaper is put out by Franklin County Home Care Corporation, a non-profit organization. Its articles and ads address the concerns, municipal, financial, medical, recreational of that age-group. The paper is very important to its target group and fills a need in the media field.

Many forms of communication, entertainment and media depend upon the written word as the foundation upon which they are processed into their finished form. The *Heath Herald* is a living, breathing work of art, one of the many legacies of Mike Bakalar's creative career. A living piece of art because it has many artists and each adds to the total; and a breathing work of art because it expands horizons and brings a breath of information and thought to any who turn its pages.

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THE WARREN W. SMITH MEMORIAL FOREST

Some fifty yards or so north of the Newland Smith place on Hosmer Road, on the right-hand side, is the entrance to the Warren W. Smith Memorial Forest, a 127-acre tract of woodland which the Smiths donated to the New England Forestry Foundation last December. (*Heath Herald*, February/March 1989).

The entrance is now marked by a handsome painted sign, in green and white, with black lettering, which was unveiled by the Newland Smiths at a brief ceremony on June 2, attended by Hugh Putnam, Executive Director of the New England Forestry Foundation and the Foundation's Deerfield Valley Forester, Mary Wigmore, as well as by members of the Smith family.

The sign reads:

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TWIN FOALS BORN AT FAIRGROUNDS

by B. J. denOuden

Paco's Wee Relic is now eight weeks old and doing nicely. She was born, one of two foals, to a palomino quarterhorse mare and a Morgan stud. Her brother, Wildfire, who was born first, weighed 105 pounds, whereas Paco's Wee Relic weighed only 22 pounds.

The mare, Paco, had gotten up after birthing and everyone's attention was focused on the newborn. She lay down once more and Harry and Nancy Briggs, Paco's owners, weren't sure what to expect. The second birth sac was expelled and they saw the tiny foal kicking. Harry quickly cleared the nasal passages and gave the newborn mouth-to-muzzle respiration.

Paco rose up, laid her ears back and would not claim the fragile second foal.

Nancy Briggs stepped in and the bonding was initiated with intensive caretaking procedures to foster the new life. Paco's Wee Relic moved into the living room and Harry and Nancy fed her hourly with goat's milk in a baby bottle.

She has now graduated to a shady play-yard outdoors where she can frisk about. Her menu has extended to include small amounts of grain and she has doubled her birth weight. Conformation on such a miniature frame is difficult to predict but, save for a slight bump on her head from the birth trauma, the foal looks fine.

The Briggs family and their twin foals have been the center of considerable media attention with articles appearing in The Boston Globe, The Greenfield Recorder and The West County News. Indeed, the incidence of double births is extremely rare among horses. Paco had the good fortune to be birthing at a farm where the owners were both willing and able to devote themselves to saving and sustaining such a delicate creature.

Wildfire, a beauty in his own right, gets his mother's undivided attention in the pasture of the Heath fairgrounds. The two foals are kept separate up to this point for Paco's Wee Relic could not keep pace with Wildfire.

Nancy said the foal will need approximately six months to become fully stabilized. There have been some tense moments when she seemed to weaken, but Nancy's prompt attention has sustained her thus far.

I inquired concerning the future plans for the two foals, in particular, Paco's Wee Relic, who is virtually a member of the family. Harry chuckled and replied, "Nancy has already told me I'd go first."

The bonding is complete.



NANCY BRIGGS WITH PACO'S WEE RELIC
(Staff photo)

SUN PROTECTION

by Sharleen Moffat, Town Nurse

Almost everyone enjoys playing and working outdoors. The sun feels good and makes us feel happy. It would be hard for many of us to give up these pleasures. Happily, there is no need to if we follow simple steps to protect ourselves by following the "ABC's for Fun in the Sun".

"A"= Away.....Stay away from the sun in the middle of the day.

"B"= Block.....Use a # 15 sunblock.

"C"= Cover-up....Wear a T-shirt and a hat.

Stay AWAY from the mid-day sun and its intensive ultraviolet rays. Schedule playtime and outdoor activities before 11:00 AM or after 3:00 PM. Avoid sunburn. Be aware of the length of time that you are in the sun. If you are a fair-skinned person, it can take as little as 15 minutes of mid-day summer sun. Being submerged in water does not protect against UVB, and remember that the sun is intensified when it is reflected off of light sand.

BLOCK sun damage by applying a sunblock lotion of at least #15 SPF. The protection ability of sunblock is rated by Sun Protection Factor (SPF)- the higher the number of the SPF, the longer lasting the protection. Sunblock should be reapplied after swimming.

COVER-UP with a hat and light clothing when outdoors. Put on a hat and shirt after swimming. Never work outdoors without a shirt. In addition to filtering out the sun, light colored clothing reflects the heat and helps keep you cool.

Enjoy our beautiful summer weather, but think ahead and protect yourself from uncomfortable sunburn and the long term effects of repeated damage which are premature wrinkling and skin cancers.

CHURCH NEWS

by Kim Griswold

Heath Union Church celebrated Mother's Day on May 8. A contest was held for "Mother of the Year" and Celia Brown was selected as the winner for her essay. Celia's mom, Sandra Pettengill, was honored as "Mother of the Year" during the morning service.

In the afternoon, a Mohawk Trail Concert was given at the church.

Observance of Memorial Day by the church included the reading by Richard Sumner of the poem entitled "A Memorial Day Prayer". Special accordion music was supplied by Fred Peace, who is Pastor Roger Peace's brother. Fred, his wife Vernia and twin sons Nick and Tad were up visiting over the holiday.

A Father of the Year contest is being held. All school age children have been asked to submit an essay about their father. The winner will be selected and the father honored on June 18.

The Reverend Arthur Dahlstrand will be a guest speaker on July 9.

Richard A. Sumner

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NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

by Olga Peters '94

The Academy school year has just come to a close. Exams are finished, lockers cleaned, yearbooks signed, and farewells said.

This year's lacrosse, track and tennis seasons went amazingly well. Almost every day in Homeroom one of the teams came to report that they had won another game. Great work, guys!

The school bids the Class of '89 farewell this week-end. All the students in this class will be missed very much but we wish them well and hope that the Academy has helped them prepare for what is coming in the following years. Michelle Nicolas of Heath is among the graduates.

Since the Academy is soon moving to its new campus, the last Homeroom was held in Babcock Hall on Thursday, May 25; we went to the last classes; the old bell was rung for the last time; and, for the last time, the flag has been lowered. The flag was then presented to Ms. Healy, principal of Hawlemont School. The school year has come to a quiet close. The Academy is transferring to its new campus and even though we are excited about this, we'll miss the old one. We will miss its character; uneven floors, and even its prehistoric heating system. Well, maybe the heating system won't be missed all that much.

Until next fall, adieu.

ROWE SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

- JUNE 15 - Kindergarten Trip to Friendly Farms
- JUNE 16 - Sixth Grade Send Off Day
- JUNE 16 - Graduation - 6 p.m. at school
- JUNE 16 - R/1 Author's Tea
- JUNE 17 - PTP Pot luck Dinner and Dance
- JUNE 15, 16, 19 - Kindergarten Released at 11:30
- JUNE 19 - Field Day/Last Day of School (Full day)

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HEATH PUBLIC PRESCHOOL NEWS

by David Schwartz

May 31 was the last day of school for children, with moving the school out of the Community Hall to follow. It seems likely that the Preschool grant will be approved for next year; if you want your child to be enrolled in the preschool but have not sent in a registration form, now is the time to do so. Contact the Preschool if you need a form.

Three new members were appointed to the Advisory Council: Gloria Dandeneau of Rowe and Carolyn Armstrong and Bill Lattrell, both of Heath. The Advisory Council advocates for early childhood programs both locally and with the State. It recommends preschool policy to the School Committee, acts as a sounding board for Preschool staff and helps evaluate the program and review the grant that funds it.

The school's new storage shed is complete and in use. Thanks to Brian DeVriese, Bill Lattrell, Steve Crowningshield, Jim Cerone and Joel Porter-DeVriese for help on this project.

Congratulations are in order for Susan Regan. She has recently been elected chairperson of the brand new MECAPS (Massachusetts Early Childhood Associates in the Public Schools) organization. Its mission is to advocate for continued state support of early childhood programs.

Enjoy your summer!

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP AT ROWE SCHOOL

by Karen Brooks

For the last few weeks Julie Hall-Rocke has been working with the entire school to create four dragons, 50-60 ft. long, to be used in a production to take place June 19 at the school. The PTP was able to fund this wonderful project and hopes to bring many more programs like this to the school next year. Also, on June 17 we will host a potluck picnic at Rowe Pond starting at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dance at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Volunteers are needed for both events. See you there!

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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

by Tanja Davin, Senior

My Senior year at Mohawk High School has been everything I was promised it would be. I've been challenged academically. My extracurricular activities have kept me happily busy. But finally and most importantly, I've met and spent time with many wonderful people.

Our time here is rapidly coming to an end. We have had our senior exams and now only have graduation rehearsal to do before June 4. Awards night will be on June 1 and graduation day the following Sunday.

Meanwhile the underclassmen are preparing for next year. Student government elections for officers have already been held. The 1990 Peer Educators are beginning serious training sessions.

Mohawk High School will continue holding exciting activities and promoting the intellectual growth of unique people. But it will soon say goodbye to a very special and involved class. In the words of one of my classmates, "The last graduating class of the eighties will soon step out of Mohawk's door for the last time."

(Written on May 28)

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

by Valerie Belval

This will be my last story for the "88-89" school year, as things wind down.

We have all taken our DAT's which are tests that are replacing the California Achievement Tests. These tests are basically like the CAT's but they have added harder and more challenging questions. We are all anxiously awaiting the results, as a class and individuals.

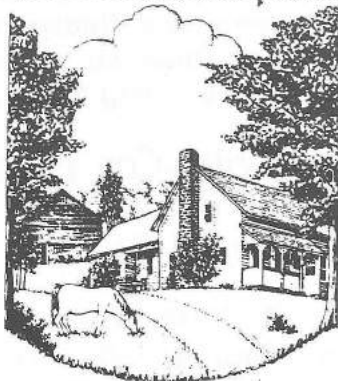
Our next tests that we are not so anxiously waiting for are the Finals. Even though we have a couple of weeks left in school we're all a little nervous about them.

Our eighth grade send-off will be held June 9 and I hope to see all the eighth graders from Heath there.

Have a Great Summer.

(Written on May 28)

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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL AWARDS TO HEATH STUDENTS

Heath students received the following awards at the 1989 graduation: Tanja Davin, Principal's Award to Valedictorian, Commonwealth Scholar, Academic Award for Excellence in English, Teachers Association Leadership and Service Award, U.S. Department of Education Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Arms Academy Scholarship Fund Award, The Eric Alan March Scholarship, The Elizabeth Ware Scholarship, The Charlemont Lions Club Award, The Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship, Heath Herald Scholarship; Karen Venneri, The Wilcox-Ware Fund Award; Dan Bryant, The Yearbook Award.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The Mohawk Trail Regional High School announces that the following Heath students are on the third quarter honor roll: Senior High Honors Tanja Davin; Senior Honors Karen Venneri; Junior Honors Tina Demech, Christina Rode; Sophomore High Honors Brian Sackett; 8th Grade Honors Valerie Belval; 7th Grade High Honors Betsey Silvester; 7th Grade Honors Shawna Hyytinen, Benjamin Steinbock.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNDERCLASS AWARDS

The following Heath students have received these awards: Tina Rode, Spanish III; Brian Sackett, French II; Kevin Crowningshield, Wood and Audio-Visual; Chrissy Gilbert, Horseback Riding Club and Twirlers; Joe Canali, Class of 1990 Award.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS ROSTER

Girls Track, Betsey Silvester; Tennis Team, Lark Miller, Son Wooten; Girls Tennis, Valerie Belval, Theresa Shattuck, Tina Demech, Tina Rode; Varsity Baseball Team, Dan Bryant; Junior High Baseball (Boys), Jeff Gilbert; Junior High Baseball (Girls), Shawna Hyytinen; Golf Team, Brian Sackett.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

Long Range Educational Planning is replacing "Budgeting" as the main focus of School Committee time and effort. There are now, in fact, an increasing number of townspeople engaged in discussing the possible formation of a Regional School District with Rowe, beginning to plan for the construction, operation, etc. of a possible Heath Elementary School, exploring the feasibility of creating a Middle School, and starting to discuss the possible formation of a large Kindergarten through twelfth grade Regional School District.

The Long Range Educational Planning Committee (Pam Porter, Art Schwenger, Sue Lively, John Henry, Budge Litchfield) has recently expanded its membership, primarily for the purpose of involving a broad spectrum of people in the work that lies ahead. This expanded committee will focus on the "Heath Elementary School" option. Sub-committees chaired by Pam and John will work on operating expenses and the facility project. Budge will lead the sub-committee planning a series of Informational Meetings.

The Heath Regional School District Planning Committee (Sue Lively, Dick Gary, Budge Litchfield) is meeting every other Tuesday night with the Rowe Regional School District Planning Committee to discuss possible ways that we could form a Regional School District with Rowe.

Frank Brower has been involved in the Middle School planning work. As School Committee Chairman, Budge meets with other committee chairs as a Superintendent's Advisory Council. This group is currently working on understanding and dealing with the overall financial impact of the various building project being considered, the "K-12 regional" option, and other questions about how these projects options could affect education in our nine towns.

It is clear that some very important decisions lie ahead of us. As a town, we should be ready to make some of these decisions in the fall. There will be a series of Informational Meetings. (The first was on June 8). At these meetings we hope to hear people's opinions and ideas about our education options and to present information about them.

Each of these working groups would welcome your participation either as a member or by attending meetings. If you would prefer to write a letter, please do so. Send it to any committee member named above or to Budge Litchfield, Jacksonville State Rd., Charlemont, MA 01339.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Important Meeting dates

- June 20 - Heath School Committee meeting at Mohawk
- June 22 - 2nd Informational Meeting
7:30 p.m., Community Hall
- June 27 - Regional School District Planning Board
7:00 p.m., Rowe School
- ? - Second June meeting for Long Range Education Planning Committee

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HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell, Chairman

This spring the Heath Conservation Commission has been kept busy reviewing Notices of Intent, Requests for Determinations, and doing site visits to determine if wetlands exist.

Three Notices of Intent were reviewed in April and May. Two were filed by James Cerone, one for a property on Number Nine and 8A, and one for a property adjacent to the first on 8A. Both were notices to work in the buffer zone. These were both approved and Orders of Conditions were written to specify work criteria to protect the involved resource areas. A third Notice was reviewed that had been filed by Leonard O'Dea of Long Island on a property on the corner of Stone Hill Road and Number Nine Road. This was also a request to work in the buffer zone of a wetland. The Notice was approved and an appropriate Order of Conditions written.

A Request for Determination was heard from Charles Busch in Shelburne Falls in regards to a property on Colrain Road. It was determined that the construction would not be significant to a nearby intermittent stream.

The Conservation Commission did site visits at Martin Saylor's house site on Colrain Brook Road, Mr. Covert's camping site on Swamp Road, property owned by the Holy Trinity Lay Community on Number Nine Road, and a property on Rowe Road.

The Heath Conservation Commission encourages anyone having questions regarding wetlands to contact Chairman Bill Lattrell. We are happy to help you in any way we can.

1989 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

There was only a moderate turn-out for the Town Elections on May 5.

Incumbent F. Walter Gleason was elected to a further 3-year term on the Board of Selectmen, with 124 votes to 21 for the challenger, Paul Lively.

Charles Mackie (2 years) was re-elected to the Finance Committee, where he was joined by write-in candidate Frank Rocchi (3 years), while Alan Nichols (1 year) and Wendy Luckhurst (3 years) were both returned to the Board of Assessors.

Frank Brower (3 years) was re-elected to the School Committee, and Robert Dane won another 5-year term on the Planning Board.

Also re-elected was Helen Mackie, to a 2-year term as Library Trustee. In this post she was joined by write-in candidate Rhodessa Peace, who was elected to a 3-year term.

There was an unusual 4-person contest for the two 1-year Constable posts. The winners were Charles Kaempfer and Robert Markert, with 67 and 60 votes respectively. The also-rans were Dorothy Gary, with 56 votes, and Peter Toupenice, with 50 votes.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

The Fire Department has been extremely busy during the past two months. Twelve emergency calls were responded to as follows. On April 1 two EMTs and two firefighters assisted Charlemont ambulance on a call on Burrington Road. Three firefighters responded to an automobile accident on Route 8A on the nineteenth. On the twenty-first eleven firefighters responded to the Colrain Inn fire. Two firefighters manned the Heath station also. The Inn fire involved thirteen departments working together. The next evening fourteen firefighters and one engine responded to a chimney fire on Judd Road. The following noon fifteen firefighters and three engines responded to a grass fire on upper 8A. Seventeen firefighters and the tanker and fourteen firefighters and a tanker from Charlemont responded the next afternoon to a brush fire in the Dell. This six to seven acre fire threatened a house on one end and a barn on the other end and was the reason for requesting Mutual Aid. Rowe Fire Department covered the Heath station while we were out. The evening previous to the Dell fire saw an unusual event occur at the Yankee Atomic plant and the response plan was activated. The unusual event was immediately terminated. On April 28 an illegal burn got away and seventeen firefighters responded to extinguish the fire. May 2 saw seven firefighters respond to Charlemont to aid at a mud slide on the Zoar Road. Most firefighters were released after about an hour and a half. But the tanker and two firefighters were on the scene for over four hours. Five firefighters responded to a brush fire at Mohawk Estates on May 18. The Chief investigated a fire in a house under construction at Mohawk Estates. This fire was started in the sawdust bag of a floor sander that was not emptied at the end of the day and burned a hole through the floor. Fortunately the fire had gone out on its own. But it had destroyed a section of the floor and filled the house with smoke. The next afternoon saw one firefighter and the tanker respond to a sawmill fire in Charlemont. Other requests included contacting the police to investigate a husband who was expected home long before he arrived. Also the Fire Warden responded to two illegal burns and issued warnings. As a reminder, all outdoor fires except for cooking fires are controlled by the State of Massachusetts and require a permit from the town Forest Warden (337-4948). Permits may only be granted, except for agricultural permits, during the period of January 15 to April 30. Permits can be granted only for the burning of brush. The Forest Warden is prohibited from giving permits for grass, leaves, building materials (wood products included), and rubbish.

The Fire Chief granted eight smoke detector locations on building permits, made one oil burner inspection, signed one driveway permit, and signed for one certificate of occupancy.

Training included drills with eleven and eight responding. Three members attended a twelve hour breathing apparatus course put on by the Fire Academy. In addition Bob Gruen is conducting classes for Junior Firefighters at the station. Two classes a month are scheduled with six attending. Anyone who is interested is invited. Each of the association meetings has short training sessions. The Chief has attended a seminar on the administration of the buried tank regulations as well as a six hour propane class offered by the HOMGAS Corporation.

The Fire Chief attended six various meetings during the months. One of these resulted from the Colrain Inn fire with chiefs from western Franklin County meeting and making plans for regular meetings to plan for better responses to major emergencies in the area.

The annual Tri-State Mutual Aid Field Day was held at the Mohawk School on May 7. The morning program included a display of new apparatus arriving in the Tri-State area during the past year as well as displays by fire equipment dealers and fire apparatus manufacturers. A turkey dinner was served followed by a slide show by Firefighter Harry Brown of Orange Fire Department. The slides were of Franklin County fires and emergencies including the Colrain Inn fire. Approximately 250 firefighters including six from Heath attended the Field Day.

Up-coming activities of the Fire Department will be a first-aid class to be held at the Community Hall on each Wednesday evening in June.

A change to be taking place as of July 1 that will affect everyone will be the change in notification for fire and ambulance emergencies. The Franklin County Emergency Dispatch Center will be handling the calls for the Heath Fire Department, the Colrain Ambulance and the Charlemont Ambulance. The number for these services will be 1-772-2133. The calls will be handled by trained dispatchers and the appropriate agency will be dispatched by a toned radio message received by pagers worn by fire and ambulance personnel. Phone stickers have been ordered and will be distributed with an informational letter before July 1. The present fire phone will be disconnected a period of time following July 1.

POLICE REPORT

by Guy Silvester, Police Chief

Breaking-and-entering continues to be a problem in our community. Car thefts have increased over the past few months, and residents are advised to keep all vehicles locked at all times, even if kept in a garage.

Please report any suspicious people or vehicle by calling the Heath Police at 337-4901 or the Massachusetts State Police at 625-6311.

Hopefully we will soon be joining the Franklin County dispatch service. This will allow all emergencies to be reported to one telephone number. Phone stickers will be distributed when this service becomes available.

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Percolation Tests

Earl Gleason reports that a total of 10 percolation tests were conducted in April and May. Five new sites passed, one failed; one repair passed; one relocation passed and 2 relocations failed.

Building Permits

Benoit Rodrigue, Route 8A North, demolish/rebuild 1-family. Total \$71,000.
Jeffrey Goldwasser, Burrington Road, 1-family.
Rockwell Lively, Avery Brook Road, 1-family/garage.
Joe DelRosso, Number Nine Road, 1-family/garage.
Jaames Tuturice, Ben Road, 1-family/garage.
Clayton Herbert, Shawnee Drive, 1-family.
Mary Nussbaum/G. Boyd, Colrain Road, 1-family.
Charles Busch, Colrain Road, 1-family.
Gerald Ashey, Modoc Street, 1-family to replace mobile home.
L. Tetreault/J. Kain, Underwood Hill Road, 1-family.
Robert Tripp, Colrain Brook Road, 1-family/garage.
David Baronas, Colrain Stage Road, mobile home.
Bruce Phillips, Route 8A, interior renovation.
Kevin Gilbert, Jacobs Road, interior renovation to residence/change garage to living.
Robert Barclay, Rowe Road, addition to storage shed.
Andrew Liberator, Number Nine Road, addition to 1-family. Total \$718,450.

Deed Transfers

Philip E. Ethier to Ethier Management, Inc. of Greenfield. Route 8A. No consideration.
Ethier Management, Inc. of Greenfield to James and Dianne Cerone of Rowe. Route 8A. \$17,000.
Ethier Management, Inc. of Greenfield to James and Dianne Cerone of Rowe. Number Nine Road. \$26,000.
Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Michael Benson of Chicopee. Underwood Hill Road, Lot 4. \$26,000.
Joseph and Doris Beaulieu to Richard and Deborah Van De Bogart of Collinsville, CT. Mohawk Estates, Lot 3. \$2,600.
M. Kathleen Keefe to Harold Hofreiter and Joan Kerksenbrock of Cummington. Rowe Road. 4.481 acres. \$1.
Gary Herrick to Barbara and Elwood Eastman of Enfield, CT. Mohawk Estates, Lot 4. \$1,500.
Edward and Dorothy Kurtiak to Charles Busch of Greenfield. Adamsville Road. 6.2 acres. \$10,000.
Richard and Joan Hines to Richard Hines of Avon, CT. Brumelle Road. Contract of Divorce. 12.095 acres.
Gilbert Herbert to Clayton and Katherine Herbert of Leominster. Mohawk Estates. Lot 12, less than \$100.
Christine O'Brien to Christine O'Brien and David Freeman of Colchester, CT. Town Farm Road. \$1.
Robert and Alicia Tripp to Henry Godek of Chicopee. Flagg Hill Road. 3 acres. \$1,000.
Henry Godek to Henry and Virginia Godek of Chicopee. Flagg Hill Road. Two parcels. No consideration.
Charles Cooley to Nancy Martin of Greenfield. Mohawk Estates. Lots 1 and 2. Less than \$100.
Gerald Cournoyer to Donald and Elaine Tatro of Ludlow. 17 Navaho Lane. \$1,750.
Patten Corporation to Derrick and Andrea Schully of Madison, CT. Route 8A. Lot M5-A. \$13,900.
Jeffrey S. Buchiane, Carol Spencer, Diane Buchiane to Lisa Whalen of Millers Falls. Route 8A. \$1.
Michael and Deborah Herzig to Rockwell and Marilyn Lively of Colrain. Avery Brook Road. \$30,000.
Edward and Doris Langevin to Dorothy Allen of Springfield. Mohawk Estates. Lots 54 and 55. \$4,000.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Bob Dane, Secretary

We have a new Protective Zoning Bylaw. After two years of work by the Planning Board, the Task Force, LandUse Inc. and the County Planning Office the April 29 Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in support of the Zoning Bylaw. The main article passed with a vote of 173 in favor and 23 against, well above the two third majority needed for passage. The vote on article two to ban mobile homes in Heath was defeated by a vote of 124-67.

The meeting lasted about two hours and filled both upstairs and downstairs at the Community Hall. Most of the debate focused on the mobile home issue. When it came time to debate the Zoning Bylaw article, Leighton McCutchen spoke in favor of the Bylaw, asking people to help preserve the rural character of Heath. Carroll Stowe also spoke in favor of the Bylaw, and expressed his amazement that so many people had turned out for the meeting. The question was moved shortly thereafter. The votes were counted and the meeting was adjourned before 12 noon, when we all went out to enjoy the rest of a beautiful day.

The Planning Board will now turn its attention to other matters in addition to the implementation of the new Zoning bylaws. For the time being we are returning to our regular once monthly schedule, with our meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. At our next meeting, June 12, we will set an agenda for the coming months, including strategies for expanding the tax base and developing a Master Plan.

The Planning Board and the Task Force would like to thank all those who supported our efforts in the Re-zoning Project. There were many hours put in by people calling and attending workshops. Special thanks go to Alastair Maitland who put in hours researching other bylaws and proof reading many drafts of our Bylaws.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker
Heath Board of Assessors

The 1989 Fiscal year re-valuation continues. The Assessors have completed all of Mohawk Estates and half of the town. We are going out at least three mornings each week and hope to have the field work finished by the end of June and the State reviewers visit during the summer.

Since our valuations will be based on full value as indicated by sales figures, the assessments will be high. Keep in mind that the value of all properties in the town will increase proportionally at the same rate. So even if your value increases, and it will, your share of the taxes will remain approximately the same.

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by Edith C. Royer

Harlan L. Quinn of Colrain died May 20 at the Franklin Medical Center. Survivors include a daughter, Joan Gilbert, and several grand-children of Heath.

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