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Green Thoughts

by

ELSA BAKALAR

With the vernal equinox behind us, I suppose it's safe to write about spring. That's not to say that we should begin behaving as if it were. Think of the March Hare, the April Fool - this season doesn't seem to call forth the best in us. The weather teases constantly, and makes April an unsettling month. The "wait ten minutes" response to questions about the weather is never more true. Will the day we plan be hot and sunny, or will there be heavy, wet snow - an ice storm, even?

We look eagerly for every promising sign. The landscape has begun to color up. Along the Mohawk Trail the willows turn a strange but cheering mustard yellow and the young trees in the apple orchards have taken on a warm color in their bare branches. In our gardens the signs are on a smaller scale. Spring bulbs can wait no longer, it seems, and with ready-or-not bravado they pierce the earth with their sharp green shoots. Remembering past springs, one wants to say, "Back, Back; too early."

The urge to get out there and do something - anything - gets stronger and stronger. But the sad fact is that what you'll do is damage. Just set foot on that promising patch of soggy brown earth, and it will compact and harden into a brick. So stay off the garden until it's drier.

Now what can we do to keep out of mischief while we're waiting? Herewith, a few suggestions:

*Chances are that tillers and lawnmowers weren't in the best of condition when they were put away for the winter. Take them to be cleaned and sharpened before everyone has the same idea.

*Have your seeds ready, together with labels to mark the rows. You'll find this a boon on planting day. Also, make labels ahead of time for perennials you plan to add to the flower borders.

*Check dahlia tubers, gladiolus corms, and other bulbs, to see that they are not dried out.

*Look over your garden supplies. Do you need stakes or other supports? Twine? Netting? ...

*Is this your year to conserve water by using soaker hose instead of an overhead watering system?

*Set up a simple system for recording plant performance, successes and failures (can you find the notes you made last year and put in a "safe place" ready for this spring?)

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HEATH'S 206TH ANNIVERSARY FETED

by Pegge Howland

Over a dozen enthusiastic people turned out on the evening of April 8 at Greenfield Community College to celebrate the 206th anniversary of Heath's founding, and kick off the month-long exhibit "GCC Salutes Heath".

The reception began at 7 PM in the gallery outside the GCC Library. Homemade cookies and punch welcomed visitors to the exhibit mounted earlier in the week by Alli Thane and Pegge and Dave Howland of the Heath Historical Society. The display features a Fort Shirley diorama modeled by William Thane, seven color photo enlargements of Heath by Michael Peters, two watercolors of early Heath buildings by Fred Burrington, five block prints by Richards Steinbock from Susan Gleason's book Echoes From a Hill Farm, a charcoal drawing of the Dell by Ashley Churchill, and the Reinhold Niebuhr prayer cross-stitched by Arlene Thane. Other items on display from the Historical Society collection include the Society's certificate of incorporation, 1902, a copy of Heath's Charter, 1785, a Revolutionary War "Brown Bess", a sword and scabbard used by the Heath Rifle Co., and the Anna Norton gravestone, among other things.

At 7:30 PM, the group was treated to several excellent readings by Susan Gleason from her book Echoes From a Hill Farm. Her astute observations of life in Heath drew many delighted murmurs of approval from the attentive audience.

The exhibit will be on display until April 25 and can be viewed anytime from 8 AM to 10 PM, Monday-Thursday, 8-5 PM on Friday and 12-6 PM Saturday and Sunday.



GCC SALUTES HEATH EXHIBIT
(PHOTO BY PEGGE HOWLAND)

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

There is a special primary election coming up on April 30, the result of the seat left vacant by the late Silvio Conte. There are at least 12 people running. It's our job as voters to find our way through the maze of candidates and figure out who we think can best do the job. For us, the choice is clear. We're voting for John Olver. Here are five reasons why:

1. He knows Heath. For more than 15 of his 22 years in office, he represented Heath in the State Senate. He took Heath's interests to the State Legislature. He will take rural town interests to Washington.

2. He cares about public education, families, promoting small business, and the environment. You can see his caring in his actions and voting record.

3. He listens. He's always there when you need him, listening to his constituents.

4. He speaks with wisdom about the needs of the people he represents. He understands how government works and can get things done.

5. He works hard and doesn't give up. He worked hard for Heath. He fights hard for his constituents. He tackles problems head-on. He's good at coming up with solutions. And after all these years, his commitment and energy are as strong as ever.

For years, John Olver has gone to bat for us. Now we want to go to bat for him. We hope you will join us, and vote for John Olver on April 30.

Carol Sartz
Pam Porter
Dawn Peters
Heath, MA

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*Scout out the local nurseries (there are more than you think) and find out when they open for the season. Even if you're not ready to plant then, you can pick up some good ideas.

*Finally, help your children - or somebody else's children - to start some seeds. You just might be setting their feet on the road to a happy life of gardening.

Heath gardeners were among the nearly 300 people who attended Allen Lacy's lecture in Northampton on March 9. Still to come: Wayne Winterowd, Saturday, April 13, 2 PM, and Pamela Harper, Thursday, May 9 at 8 PM. Both lectures are at St. John Cantius Church, Northampton. For information call: 253-9243.

CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

I first want to thank the Heath Church Choir for all their hours of practice and the success of another Cantata performed Easter Sunday. Not only is the music sweet to listen to, so is the fellowship during those practices. A special note of thanks to Eric Sumner who directed the music. As long as I am being thankful, I must also thank the people who have done a beautiful job on the construction of our three Sunday School rooms. Many hours of work were donated and it is much appreciated.

The youth group will continue to meet the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted. The Sunday School will be having two contests. During April a contest will be held to see which class can bring the most visitors. Then in May there will be a perfect attendance contest. Rewards will be given for both. During April 19-21 we will be hosting a group from Maryland that will do a Puppet Seminar on Saturday; time was not established before this printing. They will also do a short puppet show during the morning worship and then bring some special music.

Another youth group is scheduled to be here during the week of June 16-22 to lead a Vacation Bible School. Watch for further details of this, your children will not want to miss this exciting week. The church will be showing the Billy Graham movie *Caught* on May 19 at 6:30 PM at the church.

The members of the Heath Union Church would like to invite you to join us each week at 10 AM for worship and 9 AM for Sunday School. You will be greeted by a warm handshake and a friendly smile.

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HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph H. Dickinson

Observer for Mass. Division of Water Resources

February precipitation was 2.11 inches and snowfall was 10 inches. During March the precipitation was 4.18 inches with 6.5 inches of snow. Total snowfall for the 1990-1991 season was 45 inches. This is just half the average snowfall of 90 inches, but we often have snow in April.



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MILESTONES

by Edith C. Royer

Alec Eli, a son, was born January 25 to Alma and Robert Jillson, of Number Nine Road, Heath. He is the grandson of Julia and William Lowensberg of Shelburne and Marjorie Middleton of Bernardston.

Claire Elizabeth, a daughter, was born to Debra and Charles Washer of Greenfield, on February 3. Grandparents are Catherine and Bruce Cromack of Heath and Gene and Ginny Washer of Shelburne Falls. Great grandparents are Hannah Burrington of Shelburne and Theodore and Helen Cromack of Sanford, FL.

A daughter, Holly Jean, was born February 17 to Crystal and Robert Griswold of Number Nine Road, Heath. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Cleon Peters of Heath and Marilyn and Jon Griswold of Shelburne. Nora Galipo and Eunice and Lewis Griswold, all of Shelburne, are great grandparents.

On February 26, Cameron Earle, a son was born to Joni-Lyn (Joy) and Craig Sessions of Shelburne Falls. Grandparents are Ralph R. and Francis Joy of Colrain and Norman Sessions of Heath. Great grandparents are Ronald and Gertrude Scott of Colrain, Margaret Joy of Shelburne Falls and Dorothy Sessions of Heath.

A son, Samuel Thomas, was born February 26 to Jacquelyn and Warren Boyden of Millers Falls. He is the grandson of Sally Aldrich of Sunderland, Thomas Murray of Norfolk, VA and Janet and George Mello of Northfield. Great grandparents of Samuel are Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kushi of Millers Falls, Anna Koski of Norfolk, VA, Lynda boyden of Conway and Dorothy Sessions of Heath.

On February 28, a son, Floyd William, Jr. was born. Parents are Carrie Gingras and Floyd W. Smith, Sr. of South Road, Heath. He is the grandson of Diane Gingras and Marian and Floyd Smith, all of Charlemont. Lois and James Flanagan of North Adams and Mabel Tatro of Vermont are grandparents. Great-great grandparents are Evan and James Porrovecchio of Charlemont and Irene Fitzroy of Hawley.

Jacob Adam, a son, was born March 6 to Patricia Colby and Jonathan Churchill of Charlemont. He is the grandson of Lila and Harry Colby of Charlemont and Janie and Donald Churchill of Heath. Great grandparents are Mabel and Ezekiel Jackson of Northampton, Myrtle and Howard Colby of Easthampton and Hazel Churchill of Buckland and Ellen Miller of Colrain.

A son, Devin Matthew, was born to Debra (Barisano) and Peter Reid of Burrington Road, Heath on March 15. He is the grandson of Nancy and Gary Munter of Heath and Fran and Jack Reid of Buckland.

Patrick Hayes Burke, a son, was born March 30. Parents are Karen Brooks and Chris Burke of Rowe Road, Heath.

Philip L. Fournier, of 2 Ledges Road, died February 19 at the Franklin Medical Center. He was born in Heath, April 21, 1924. He was the son of Rudolph and Florence (Stetson) Fournier, and had lived in Heath all his life. He was a tractor-trailer truck driver for various companies in the area. Recently he had operated his own business, Phil's Pick-up Service. He was a country and western music fan and had played lead guitarist for the Catamount Boys Band for many years.

Besides his father, of Heath, he leaves his wife of 44 years, the former Ruth Burnett, three sons, Philip L. Jr. of Jacksonville, VT, Paul L. of North Adams and James A. of Heath. He also leaves four sisters, Evelyn

Truce, of Conway, Louella Benson of Rowe, Doris Rand of Old Lyme, CT and Jean Thackery of Goshen, and three brothers, Edmund of Belchertown, Robert of Greenfield and Rudolph, Jr. of Plainfield. He has seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were in the Heath Church with burial in the Center Cemetery.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

Richard Sumner of Buckland and Brenda Stafford of Shelburne have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ree A. Sumner to Edward L. Martin, son of J. W. and Ginnette Marten of San Antonio, TX. Ree is production supervisor of Yearbook Associates in Turners Falls and Edward is the sales manager of Yearbook Associates. An October 1992 wedding is planned.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

by Karen Soviecke

Junior Girl Scout Troop 193 and Brownie Troop 90 would like to express their grateful thanks to the Rowe and Heath residents and friends who so generously bought all those Girl Scout cookies from us this year. Both troops combined sold a grand total of 1,769 boxes of cookies (and that's a lot of cookies!) All of the girls and leaders appreciate your support of our efforts.

The girls, myself, and Lesley McLatchy would also like to give a warm thanks to Melissa Quinn, our "cookie coordinator" who has organized the cookie sale for our troop over the past four years. She has spent a lot of hours making sure everything comes out right. Thanks, Melissa!

The junior troop, owing to the money they raised this year selling cookies, will be taking a trip to Boston to a "camp-in" at the Boston Science Museum.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE SHIPPEES

by Susan Silvester

On Saturday, December 8, 1990, Eleanor Shippee passed away peacefully in her sleep at home in Shelburne Falls, just eight years to the week that her husband Fay died. Her death marked the passing of an era; as 83 year old matriarch of the family she was the expert on family history and genealogy.

Eleanor and Fay had a long standing connection with Heath. Their summer house on Colrain Stage Road, where we now live, was their pride and joy since the fall of 1945 when they purchased it in a much dilapidated condition from C. P. Davenport for the sum of \$1,000.

Practically every weekend, rain or shine, we made the trek to Heath from Shelburne, laden with baskets of food for family picnics, tools for repairing the roof or plants for the window boxes, whatever was in season or needed to be done. Uncle Fay, as he was known to all the nieces and nephews and their ubiquitous friends, always planted petunias in the garden boxes along the terrace and geraniums in the window boxes and small garden by the front door. It was a treat to sit on the lawn and sift the cool dirt through my fingers while I waited to hand him the next plant.

Even more fun were the moments when the "jitterbug" was cranked up, and it was time to take the weekend trip to the dump in the Model T, the trailer hooked up behind it with our one can of garbage and occasional box of trash. I was allowed to sit on Uncle Fay's lap and steer the "jitterbug", named Nellybelle, between the rows of trees on the road to the dump. It seemed like such a wonderful, long ride to the dump, through the woods, down the hill, around the corners and past the stone walls, yet in all actuality, when I walk the road now, it is just a stone's throw behind the house. In those days it seemed so far away, so exciting and so much fun. That trip to the dump was the highlight of the weekend. It was only behind the house, but to me it was a time for singing, bouncing and laughing - a time for family and a time for friends.

When we returned from the dump, there was the inevitable teasing to drive around the field "just one more time" and take a turn steering the "jitterbug". As I graduated from sitting on Uncle Fay's lap to sitting in the driver's seat, the magic never diminished. Even today when I hear the sound of an engine starting up, my thoughts turn to the wonderful "jitterbug" rides through the field.

While Uncle Fay was busy planting flowers, checking the springhouse or building picnic tables, Aunt Eleanor immersed herself in the fine art of auction-going. She travelled to every auction in Heath, Rowe, and Colrain and most of the auctions in the West County area, not to mention any that were held just over the state line in Vermont. She never failed to return with boxes of treasures that had been purchased for 25 cents apiece.

My earliest memories of auctions are going with Aunt Eleanor and my grandmother, along with whoever might be at the farmhouse for the weekend, to Calvin Call's house in Foundry Village, sitting in the warm sunshine and eating hot dogs spilling over with mustard and relish. We would arrive early and stay late. It was a very social occasion. Grandmother would sit beside me, insisting that I keep my hat on, and I would wait for the familiar "Down she goes", as Calvin would say. I would always be allowed to put up my hand and bid on one item, the highlight of the

day. Boxes of treasures were laid at our feet as Aunt Eleanor handed out shiny quarters to the men who brought the boxes. Sometimes there was only one item in the box that my aunt wanted, so she traded with other auction-goers, and everyone ended up with just the right amount of stuff. The farmhouse was filled with things from the auctions - blueberry pails, teacups, kitchen gadgets, framed pictures, chairs, books and tables. The only day Uncle Fay really disapproved of our buying sprees was the afternoon we returned from Foundry Village in the blue convertible with the top down to accommodate the day's loot. It was piled sky high, and we had to drive slowly so as not to lose anything to the dusty roads of Heath.

After the auctions there were enormous fishries, for while we were hard at work at the auction, the men had been up to the beaver pond catching their limit of small brook trout. Along with the piping hot platters of fried fish, there was usually tripe, for Aunt Eleanor along with a couple other relatives liked tripe.

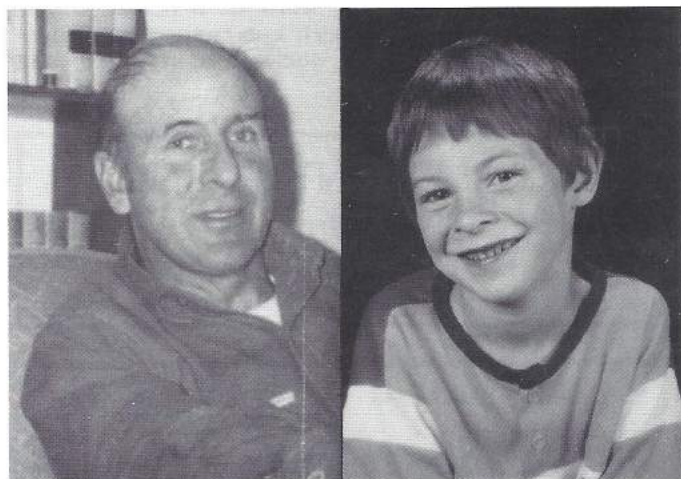
Some weekends it didn't seem as if everyone could fit around the picnic tables. Family and friends arrived from all over; some stayed overnight, such as Jessie and George from Westfield, some visited for the day, and others, such as Uncle John, came for the summer. When Uncle John arrived early in the summer from Florida, he stayed at various relative's homes, but usually managed to spend a good portion of his time at the farmhouse in Heath. He made delicious looking drinks called 'Pussycats' in the blender in the kitchen and every day he went for a very long walk. It seemed like he had always been 90 years old, but young at heart.



ELEANOR AND FAY SHIPPEE
35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(PHOTO BY SUSAN SILVESTER)

Aunt Eleanor, Uncle John and anyone else who was around went berrying every week that any berry was in season. Blackberries, strawberries and raspberries were abundant, but the blueberries were everybody's favorite. When Jack Cable told Uncle John that he could pick all the berries he wanted up on Burnt Hill I'm sure he never expected him to pick berries for the next few decades, but that is exactly what he did. He made the rounds of all the berry picking spots in Heath, but the top of Burnt Hill was our favorite. Aunt Eleanor said that she felt close to God up there. The views were spectacular, the berries sweet and delicious. Aunt Eleanor always brought along a blanket and extra pails, snacks and games. I started out sitting on the blanket in the middle of the berry patch, and when the huge buckets, laden with plump blueberries were deposited beside me, it was no mistake that the pails were emptied almost as fast as they were filled. Eventually I stopped eating and started picking, making my contribution to the row of tin buckets that were lined up along the blanket. I loved to hear the sound of the berries hitting the empty bucket change from the plink, plank to the dull thump as they began to fill the bucket. After the berry-picking party, we returned to the farmhouse and sat on the terrace with two bowls on our laps - one for the clean berries and one for the green ones and debris we always seemed to collect. Once in a while we used scoops, but Aunt Eleanor liked to pick by hand - low bush and sort later. She was the cleanest picker of all!

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FRED LIVELY AND GRANDSON DAVID SMEAD
(PHOTO BY TIM SMEAD)



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The Way It Is In The Country

*"If it's old, works well and has a purpose in life,
don't change it".*

by **CARROLL STOWE**

I have always enjoyed nick-names for people. Some nick-names seem to abbreviate a person's stature, personality, or attitude towards life or others. The name of Stub or Stubby could define that person as perhaps short or stubborn. Shorty could describe a person's height or possible short temper. I well remember a movie and radio personality, Slim Pickens. Did this describe his build or did he have a tough time making his living? Some nick-names are quite simple to figure out while others take some understanding.

Here in Heath we have a gentleman who has to me a most unique endearing second name. Fred Lively's grandson David Smead dubbed his granddad, Cow Papa. What a treasure this seems to me. All our Heath youngsters recognize Fred as Cow Papa. Fred has lived a life of various occupations concerned with farming, sugaring, milking, cows, cutting spruce and balsam brush. In addition he is a good father, church man and neighbor; a person anyone would be proud to live near.

'Til David bestowed his grandfather with this descriptive name, Fred was always Fred. I have always treasured the sayings of youngsters and am always eager to hear any new lines but young David Smead really did a fine thing with his instant appraisal of his Heath Grandpa.

As a dairy farmer, Fred was a cow papa long before David gave him his new name. I can remember having to wait at a spot on Number Nine Road where there was a bar way in the fence right where Bob and Alma Jillson's gate is now. I would see Cow Papa slide to the ground off his saddle horse less the saddle and open the bars and let their herd of cows into the pasture. This was in excess of 30 years past. After the cows were contained in said pasture, Fred and his mount punched a hole in the wind ahead of me back towards the Lively Farm. That was most certainly the first time I had ever seen a bare back rider ride a horse so fast; just like he was part of the animal.

Those are things memories are made of.

All of Fred's children have a dad they can be proud of and little David Smead gave him a nick name that pays tribute to the man every time it is mentioned. Cow Papa.

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CONNECTIONS

by
BONNIE WODIN

JEFFREY AND CAROLYN GOLDWASSER

This is a story of coming home.

Jeffrey had been a Heath resident in the early 1970s when he and a group of friends bought the old Stetson Farm. Dubbed Burrington Meadows, the big blue house sheltered their extended family for as long as it could. Each family hoped to build their own house but wanted to share stewardship of the land. They wisely planned for the many contingencies that life would inevitably bring.

Years passed. Families and priorities changed. And the group, forward-thinking as always, re-aligned their ideals. A new agreement was drawn up enabling each family to own their own piece of the land, empowering them to make their own decisions, fulfilling their own dreams.

Jeffrey's life took him away from Heath, away from the East coast, off on many and diverse adventures. Eventually he landed in Portland, Oregon at chiropractic school and eventually set up a private practice. Carolyn worked in that same office.

Carolyn had been looking for a sense of home ever since she left West Point (California, that is), "the farthest point west Kit Carson got in his expeditions. There's only one road into town. And while there's two roads going back out, the new one connects up with the old one just a few miles down." Having grown up in a small, isolated hill town, Carolyn felt a comfortable sense of familiarity as soon as she visited Heath. But now we're jumping ahead of the story.

So here are Jeffrey and Carolyn up in Portland, Oregon, wondering what to do the rest of their lives. Jeffrey still had his piece of land on Burrington Hill and a storehouse bursting with good memories. "I saw the whole community pull together to help people who needed it," but he wondered if it would "live up to my memories".

Carolyn had spent some time in Boston during her travels and had decided opinions about the city. Convincing her to come and visit Heath to even find

out how she felt about it was Jeffrey's job. He set himself to the task with determination.

"We came East for a whirlwind vacation and he gave me five days to give Heath a try." The choice for Carolyn was not just one of location, she would have to leave her family and friends. Now she says, "I had long been looking for a rural setting with a congenial community. I had called it a Community of Brotherhood. I had found a place in Argentina that had that same peaceful feeling. But now I'm happy I can call Heath my home."

Jeffrey and Carolyn are, of course, Jeffrey Goldwasser and Carolyn Bryan-Goldwasser who last year moved into their home on South Road just behind the orchard of 'the old Stetson farm'. Their home, a passive solar design with wonderful roof angles, expansive windows and a glorious view, was the culmination of years of dreaming, planning, designing and building. But the sense of home was present immediately. "When we first came East to live we were based in Shelburne Falls," Carolyn remembers, "and we came up for the Bikeathon. Immediately we were struck by the sense of community and knew we would be part of that." (Ed. The Bikeathon was a fundraiser for the community park held in the Fall of 1986.)

They are both impressed by the blending of families that have been in Heath for generations and the families of relative newcomers. Jeffrey mused, we "feel very blessed ... that we're here ... we have a house ... we have friends." Carolyn agreed, it's a "real solid goodness that comes from living here. It's your own life, but you can count on the folks around you."

Jeffrey has continued his work as a healer in his chiropractic business. Carolyn has turned her nursing skills toward hospice work in Hampshire and Franklin Counties.



CAROLYNN AND JEFFREY
(FAMILY PHOTO)

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WILD RAMBLINGS: CHANGING NEW ENGLAND FORESTS

by Bill Lattrell

Most of us would be amazed if we were suddenly transported back through time to observe the landscape in late nineteenth century Heath. We would probably have a difficult time recognizing many parts of town. Where mature forests now exist we would see large, clear, open spaces, separated by fieldstone walls, and lightly forested hedgerows. In fact from certain vantage points we would be able to see thousands of cleared acres around us, including meadows and pastures in surrounding communities. Our town, now about 80% forested, has changed from an agrarian community to a rural bedroom community. Pastures and meadows left fallow inevitably turn into areas of shrubby growth, and eventually into forests. As the forest matures it begins to represent what the environment looks like without man's influence. Or does it?

The Sugar Maple is also being threatened by thrips, a small insect capable of defoliating the tree in a single month.

Few, with the exception of foresters, ecologists, and naturalists, might recognize that the evolving New England forest is something quite unexpected. Man's direct and indirect influence has altered not only the forests' species selection, but the ecosystem that determine which other plant and animal species may reside there. In the last fifty years the New England forest has had to weather influence upon influence. The mighty American Elm, a major cavity tree for bird and mammal species has been all but wiped out by Dutch Elm disease. The regal American Chestnut, one of the largest hardwoods that ever existed in the northeast and a very important forage source, and nesting habitat for northern mammals and birds, is extinct, save small saplings found occasionally sprouting from old Chestnut roots. These saplings seldom survive beyond ten years due to a blight imported from the Orient with blight resistant Chinese Chestnuts, nearly 80 years ago. The Beech tree, battling against Beech Bark Disease, is found in poorer health and shorter supply, than in past years. This tree is one of the few mast (nut) producers still found naturally throughout the region. The White Ash, and Sugar Maple are fighting back against a variety of conditions. Much of their ill health has been blamed on acid rain, which destabilizes heavy metals in the soil. The trees absorb these metals through their water intake needs, and the metals wreak all kinds of havoc on the internal metabolism of the tree. The Sugar Maple is also being threatened by thrips, a small insect capable of defoliating the tree in a single month. All of our Oak trees have withstood a serious pounding from the gypsy moth, an insect that arrives once a decade or so and completely defoliates entire forests. The last infestation resulted in thousands of lost Red and White Oaks

throughout the Connecticut River valley. This insect is an escapee from a silk making experiment. The Red Spruce, a serious and dominate species in high altitude forests, has experienced a major decline in Vermont. This decline is linked to acid rain. These species literally hold most of the soils on high altitude mountains, preventing serious and permanent erosion that might devastate millions of acres of habitat, much of it home to rare and endangered species. The wooly adelgid, an insect that has already permanently killed thousands upon thousands of acres of eastern hemlock in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut is rapidly approaching New England. This insect, brought by man from western hemlock plantings, has baffled foresters and entomologists who are attempting to find controls that will save millions of acres of forest now dominated by the Eastern Hemlock, a climax forest species.

It is interesting to examine how man has brought all of these influences upon the forests of our region. First of all, none of them were intentional but rather a misunderstanding of just how fragile the forest ecosystem really is. The importation of non-indigenous species (those from another area) is perhaps the best example of man's unintended influence. A particular species may tolerate a blight or insect because it has had thousands of years of evolution to adapt to a particular influence, but a similar indigenous species might likely have no defense mechanisms to thwart the disease, blight, or insect. Evolution provides an equal amount of changes and solutions. Man can simply provide the change. Man's solutions have usually upset the ecological apple cart in some other way.

The wooly adelgid, an insect that has already permanently killed thousands upon thousands of acres of eastern hemlock in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut is rapidly approaching New England.

The future of the New England forest is a mystery to all. Certain species, in particular the Red Maple, have replaced, very aggressively, lost tree species of our region. These trees certainly can replace some of the lost habitat value of trees no longer found, but fall short in the areas of forage and bird breeding habitat. Other valuable trees such as the Birches, White Pine, some of the Hickories are faring well. The clue to a healthy environment, be it animal or plant, is species diversity.

Fortunately there is much hope to be had. Scientifically, we are gaining better understandings of man's influences, almost daily. Hybrid elms, chestnuts, and other species are being developed. The reintroduction of these species into the forest has the potential to, at some point in the future, assimilate the natural New England forest, where species diversity encourages maximum environment for corresponding plant and animal life. Increasingly we are learning that man must walk lightly in all en-

vironments in order to perpetuate a system that is as close to perfect as can possibly be imagined. Our social structure is now appreciating certain habitats to the point where we are designating certain areas "wild forever". And most important, our children are learning at a much earlier age than we did that humankind is an integral part of a very delicately balanced structure called Earth.

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A PAGE FROM THE PAST: OPERATION LOUISBOURG STORM

by Michael D. Coe

The recent stunning success of Operation Desert Storm in the Mesopotamian sands bears a striking resemblance to another lightning and overwhelming victory which took place almost two and a half centuries earlier practically in our own backyard. This was the attack on, and capture of, the greatest fortress in North America -- perhaps in all the Western Hemisphere -- by a ragtag force of New England farmers.

Strategically placed on Cape Breton Island, northeast of the Nova Scotia mainland, the Fortress of Louisbourg guarded the Gulf of St. Lawrence and thus all of French Canada from France's ancient enemy, the British. Founded in 1720 under orders from King Louis XV (of "apres moi, le deluge" fame), by 1750 Louisbourg seemed impregnable to attack, with its state-of-the-art fortifications, well protected harbor (ice-bound in winter, and fog-shrouded for much of the time), and mighty artillery batteries. Who could ever think to storm its 30-foot high walls and its towering bastions?

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In the mid-18th century, a world war was under way, in which New England was in deadly peril. The War of the Austrian Succession, which pitted Great Britain and Austria against France, had begun in 1744, and it was not long before the conflict spread to North America. The French governor of Louisbourg, on hearing of the news that May, ordered an attack on the British fishing port of Canso in Nova Scotia, with a successful outcome. When the news reached Boston, the consternation was considerable, for it was the general opinion that the French were planning to wrest New England itself from the English foe. William Shirley, a London-born lawyer, was then Governor of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and in many respects the ablest of all the administrators in the British colonies. He immediately ordered the strengthening of the Massachusetts frontier with a Line of Forts, with headquarters at Fort Shirley in Heath (named in his honor). With his

usual acumen, Shirley saw that the greatest threat of all was Louisbourg, which could not only serve as a base for raids to undermine New England's fishing and commerce, but also as a staging area for a general attack on Boston.

Towards the end of 1744, Shirley received some startling intelligence from some ransomed sailors and soldiers who had been held captive in Louisbourg: that the fortress lacked sufficient fire power, and that there was considerable discontent among the garrison there (recounted in John A. Schutz's William Shirley). In fact, mutiny had just been quelled. The governor then had to do considerable politicking, both with the authorities in Britain and with the General Court in Boston (the Legislature), for material and moral support in a major campaign to take Louisbourg. The British Navy committed a small but sufficient number of ships, and the legislators backed him by a very narrow vote (reminiscent of George Bush and the vote in Congress). Shirley was given authority to raise 3,000 volunteers and to purchase military supplies.

The soldier-volunteers were largely found among the Massachusetts militia, including the Line of Forts; I am glad to report that Archibald Pannell, the last soldier to occupy Fort Shirley, was among the Louisbourg heroes. The army of poorly trained but determined men was under the command of William Pepperell of Maine, and the naval forces under Sir Peter Warren. The invasion fleet, such as it was, left Boston on March 28, 1745. From the very beginning, the campaign strategy was brilliant, helped by the unusually good weather, and by the ineptness and arrogance of the Louisbourg governor, as military historian Fairfax Downey makes clear in his book Louisbourg: Key to a Continent. The great fort, and the town which it protected, were located on a peninsula jutting out into Louisbourg harbor; any kind of direct assault would have been suicidal. The first thing the English did was to set up a naval blockade, to make sure that no military or civilian stores got to the fort; the blockade also meant that the French had no communication whatsoever with the rest of New France or with the Old Country.

The steady bombardment of Louisbourg by the British Navy caused Governor du Chambon to lose his nerve, and he foolishly ordered the abandonment of the Grand Battery on the northwest side of the harbor, after spiking the cannons; but he had not counted on the genius of Seth Pomeroy, a Northampton native and Armorer to the Line of Forts, who quickly rebored the guns and had them bombarding the fortress in short order. Then Pepperell -- the Norman Schwartzkopf of the campaign -- performed a brilliant tactic: he landed his volunteers with a large number of cannon on the rocky coast several miles to the west of the fort, then had his men build roads and drag the great guns with ropes across the swampy land at the base of the peninsula to a commanding position overlooking the main fortifications. When the cannons got bogged down, good, old-fashioned, New England stone boats were used to haul them safely over.

Then the great bombardment began, using heavy artillery, mortars, and even "hot shot" -- cannonballs heated until they were red hot, and then dropped into the town to set it on fire. By June 15th, the French garrison was running low on powder and shot, and the defenses -- walls, bastions, and all -- had almost been pounded to pieces. The French asked for a truce, and the great Fortress of Louisbourg surrendered on terms dictated by Warren and Pepperell. Thus came about what one anonymous

soldier in the campaign called "the greatest Conquest, that Ever was Gain'd by New England". When the news reached Boston, bells rang out, and the victory was celebrated throughout the American colonies and even in Great Britain. Shirley gained enormous popularity and prestige, a Boston square was named "Louisbourg", and Pepperell was knighted. But then the bills had to be paid. To cover the costs of the campaign, Shirley was the first to resort to a stratagem used around the world many times since: he printed money, lots of it, thus causing a massive inflation, but endearing him to Massachusetts' many debtors. At the close of hostilities, an urgent appeal to the British Parliament was successful, and Massachusetts and the other colonies allied in the campaign were reimbursed with over 180,000 in Spanish dollars and copper coin.

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The Navy came off very well from the conflict, for some very rich French ships had been taken, and huge amounts of prize money reached all hands, from Warren on down. But the volunteers had little to show for their efforts, indeed, and most suffered grievously from dysentery and other diseases before they returned home. Their bitterest pill came in 1748, with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle between Britain and France. Under its terms, all territory each had gained from the other were to be returned. The New Englanders had won the battle, but lost the war: the grand geopolitical strategy of the Mother Country had snatched from them what it had cost so much to gain. The embittered colonists never forgot this, and it was one of the grievances which led to the American Revolution.

I don't know what lesson can be drawn from this in the light of the Middle East, but clearly military victory can be wiped out by "larger" political considerations.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

This time of year means money to school committees, not money to make but money to spend, or more accurately money we wish we could find to spend. When Linda, Frank and I met with the Selectmen the other night to discuss preliminary budgets, I asked them if they wanted to begin with the good news or the bad news. They chose the good and I will begin this report the same way. The elementary and administration budget for FY92 looks as if it will drop by about \$2,000 to a total of \$286,810 (the FY91 figure was \$288,605). As most of you know, the lion's share of that budget is our tuition payment to Rowe, budgeted at \$233,186 for FY91. Many of you are also aware of the fact that our current tuition agreement with Rowe ends on June 30, 1991. Therefore it was necessary to negotiate an agreement for the 91-92 school year, since we don't know if there will be a regional school district or not. In fact the question of what happens if the proposed regional school district between Heath and Rowe does not pass (it must pass in both towns to become a reality) is both a fascinating and scary issue. For the sake of paragraph structure if nothing else I will save discussion of that question for the regionalization section of this report. After over a year of on again, off again and at times rather difficult negotiations, Frank Rocchi of the Finance Committee and Budge Litchfield were able to secure a one year extension of the current tuition agreement. The terms of this extension are a compromise. We will continue to pay a base tuition rate of \$1,900 for each full time student (F.T.E.), but next year we will pay 90% of the increase in the operating budget where we paid only 75% each of the last two years. The fact that we anticipate a significant drop in enrollment (possibly 14 fewer students) makes this increase in percentage acceptable. The budgeted numbers for total tuition payment are: FY91 \$233,186, FY92 228,074. We get a tuition cost that drops slightly, Rowe gets to charge us a higher percentage of the increase in operating costs. That's the compromise. The big picture is that next year the overall cost per pupil at Rowe School will be approximately \$5,680 per pupil. We will pay approximately \$2,815 per pupil, and our elementary and administration budget actually drops for a change.

Before you all get ropes and go looking for school committee members to hang, allow me to make a few comments.

The bad news. Franklin County Technical School charges will go up about 10% on a per pupil basis. Our Mohawk assessment, based on the original budget plan, will increase by 106%. Before you all get ropes and go looking for school committee members to hang, allow me to make a few comments. First, that figure will change (decrease) as the Mohawk budget is revised (cut). There are four primary reasons for that increase. First, remember Amendment 10 last year? It saved Heath over \$30,000. Now we have to make that up. Second, remember the seven teaching positions cut at Mohawk last year? The original budget plan is to reinstate most of those positions. That will cost money. Third,

remember all of the enrollment growth we had at the elementary level over the past five years? Well, many of those kids are now at Mohawk. In fact, we have the largest enrollment increases of any town in the Mohawk district. Fourth, remember the state aid cuts? Even if a school holds it's budget at level funding, reductions in state aid will cause increases in assessments. This mechanism is at work at Mohawk. In summary, there are reasons, some good, some bad, some unavoidable for that 106% increase, but we feel that before all is said and done our increase will drop somewhat.

Will the towns of Rowe and Heath form a regional school district for grades kindergarten through six? We will know by the morning of May 14, 1991. The towns will each vote at their annual town meetings in May, Heath on Saturday, May 11 and Rowe on Monday, May 13. These votes have been anticipated and delayed for quite a while, but the time has finally come, for real! As of March 18, the Regional School District Planning Board had voted to recommend regionalization in principle (a 4-2 vote) and had voted to accept the Regional Agreement we have spent two years creating and revising (a 5-0 vote). All that remains is for us to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision at town meeting. There will be two primary vehicles for presenting that information. First, a written report will be mailed to each household in mid-April. This report will contain information about regional schools and their formation, a full copy and a summary of the agreement we have prepared, detailed and summarized financial information, information about issues specific to our towns and this agreement and reports reflecting the majority and minority points of view of the Regional School District Planning Board. The second primary vehicle for presenting information will be the informational meetings to be held in each town during the week of April 29-May 3. Please read your report, attend the informational meetings, and vote at town meeting.

As promised before, what if regionalization does not pass? There seem to be three options. One would be to try and continue a tuitioning arrangement with Rowe. The problems here are the lack of permanence, lack of voting participation, need for building expansion, potential for dramatic tuition increases, the possible desire of Rowe to limit tuition enrollment and the very low level of state aid for tuitioning towns. A second would be to regionalize with some other town or towns and as a part of the deal fund the expansion of an existing facility or construction of a facility in Heath. Problems here are cost and the need for yes votes in other towns. Expanding Mohawk to kindergarten to twelfth grade is an example of this option, our problem will be finding a place for our elementary school kids. A third option would be to just construct an elementary school on our own and operate it on our own. The problem here is cost, unbelievable! Most of us working on this question feel that the second option offers us the best possibilities.

How about some more good news? During February the Heath Preschool went through its annual program evaluation. The results were very favorable. Parents felt that the program met their children's needs, provided a good introduction to the world of education and felt that the mainstreaming of two special needs students this year was a very big plus. Congratulations to Pam Porter, Aleta Cromack and Judy Clark for a job exceptionally well done! Now you would think that again securing the state grant

that funds this excellent program would be easy. But, remember, this is Massachusetts. Early reports indicate that we will have to fight long and hard to get any money for next year. Wish us luck.

Last but not least, more state financial stuff. The EEO (Equal Education Opportunity) grant. If you think anything else in this report is confusing believe me the EEO grant story is the worst yet, so bad that I won't attempt to go into detail. We qualified for (received) the FY90 grant (approx. \$50,000) by the skin of our teeth and the skin of the superintendent and business managers' backs. Heath needs the FY91 grant (same amount) because of the "missing" highway funds and a generally poor budget condition. The Superintendent and Business Manager are again sticking their necks out for us but things don't look real good. All we can do is hope.

DAVID GIBBONS SELECTED

by Mary Kay Hoffman

David L. Gibbons, a faculty member of The Academy at Charlemont, an independent, co-educational, college preparatory school, has been selected to participate in the 1991 National Science Foundation/SpaceMet Summer Institute sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Five College/Public School Partnership.

Mr. Gibbons will participate for 3 weeks in lectures and laboratories in planetary geology, space physiology, astronomy and the physics of space flight. He is one of 40 teachers chosen for the summer program which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Mr. Gibbons resides in Heath and teaches physics, chemistry, calculus and geometry at The Academy at Charlemont. He is also a member of the faculty team which teaches the Humanities Course at The Academy.

This summer, he will also participate as an instructor in the Environmental Science Camp for grades 5 through 8 which will use the Deerfield River as its focus and will be held at The Academy.

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ACADEMY SPECIAL TUITION GRANT

by Mary Kay Hoffman

The Board of Directors of the Academy at Charlemont has voted to establish a special tuition grant for students who reside in Charlemont. The Charlemont Tuition Grant of \$1000 will be given to every child from Charlemont who is accepted and enrolled at the Academy. The award is automatic and will be renewed for as long as the child and his/her family lives in Charlemont and attends the Academy. The grant is independent of any other scholarship or financial aid.

"The Academy has flourished in Charlemont" states Headmaster Eric Grinnell. "We are grateful to the town and to all of its citizens who encouraged us and supported our presence in the community the past ten years. The Charlemont Tuition Grant is one way the Academy can show its appreciation."

For more information, call the Academy at Charlemont at 413-339-4912.

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

by Todd Sumner

The Academy celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding with a gala concert on March 29. Students, parents, alumni, friends, and faculty enjoyed music performed by violinist Arnold Black, soprano Ida Faiella, and cellist Sean Grissom. Heath resident and former Academy student Luke Housner, currently studying piano performance at the Oberlin Conservatory, played brilliantly, both as soloist and when accompanying.

I wrote about the Gulf war in this space last issue, about what it is like to be working with kids at such a time. The emotional tension engendered by the war has dissipated, but students are very much interested in the aftermath, in the post-war shape of the Middle East.

I'm glad it's spring. Lacrosse practice has started and games will begin soon. If you aren't familiar with the game, it's sort of like ice hockey, except it's played on grass without a puck. Instead of hockey sticks, each player has a stick with a small net on the end. Players throw and catch the game ball with their sticks. The object is to get the ball into a goal about the size of a hockey goal. I am a baseball fan from way back and was a bit skeptical about lacrosse when I saw my first game. However, I now find it really quite exciting to watch. There is always plenty of action, but when a team is playing well together it becomes almost like dance; graceful, measured, vibrant, almost beautiful. Call the school for a schedule of home games if you're interested. It's a nice way to spend a sunny spring afternoon.

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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

Rowe School was bustling with activity during February while we learned much about the country of Australia. Each grade at Rowe School spent two weeks learning about the people of Australia, their culture, government, and history as well as the geography, animal and plant life. Each of the classrooms compared Australian ways of life with life in northwest Massachusetts.

We were honored to have several people donate their time and energy, sharing with the children their knowledge of this truly beautiful country. The children saw slides of all geographic areas including underwater shots of the Great Barrier Reef present by Debbie McCutchen of Heath. They viewed and had the opportunity to recreate Aboriginal artwork. They saw many slides of the animal life in Australia, and also took part in a presentation of Aboriginal life given by Shelburne Falls resident, Colin Garland.

The idea for teaching an annual regional study was first explored last summer while the teaching staff reviewed and revised the social studies curriculum. As part of this curriculum, it was decided that children would learn about a different region each year during a three or four week study. Upon graduation from Rowe School students who have been educated here through sixth grade would have some understanding of as many as seven regions of the world. We feel this is a fine way of providing some multicultural background for the children of Rowe and Heath.

The last week of our study, children had a chance to attend mini courses offered by parents and staff. These multigraded courses included baking and preparation of a meal for the rest of the school, flag making, designing and constructing of models of animal habitats and studying the Aboriginal custom of corroboree.

The children also presented a musical program to their parents and friends which featured many Aussie songs. Over 300 people attended this concert. Finally the last day of our study was highlighted by the visit of boomerang champion and world record holder, Peter Ruhf. Peter spent the entire day at Rowe School demonstrating the art of throwing a boomerang and helping each of the children make their own boomerang out of balsa wood.

This truly worthwhile and educational adventure would not have been as successful without the cooperation and hard work of all of the staff here at Rowe School. In addition there were many parents and community members who donated much of their time to help make the program of events a huge success.

ROWE SCHOOL OPERETTA

Rowe Elementary School's second, third and fourth grade students will be performing the *Adventures of Pinocchio*, an Operetta, on May 29, 1991. An afternoon and evening show is scheduled to accommodate the large crowds expected. The children have been working hard in all areas of production including performance, dance, music, costume creation, scenery construction, and special effects. The very special experience of working on a play encompasses cooperative learning and supports creativity and the feeling that 'we are in this together.'

This Arts program is sponsored in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Heath and Rowe Arts Lottery Councils and the Rowe School Improvement Council.

ROWE SCHOOL FLOOR HOCKEY

by Roberta Tripp

The third and fourth graders have ended another season of after school floor hockey. They participated in a 1 hour and 15 minute session that consisted of stretching, 45 minutes playing time, snack and team cheering. They have sharpened their offensive and defensive skills as well as improved their passing skills. The idea of a team has brought new meaning to many of the third and fourth graders involved. We have seen tremendous growth in team members abilities to complement each other, pass to one another and shake hands with one another after someone scores. Besides improving skills, we have had a lot of fun!



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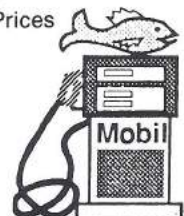
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CHILDREN'S WRITING:

THE MARVELOUS CAR

by Christina O'Dea, Grade 3

Once there was an inventor named Ben Lentz. He lived just one mile from the Pacific Ocean in a little cottage. Ben invented a weird car. He called it the Marvelous Car. The car looked like a motor car. It was gold, black, brown, and Indian red. It made the sound chitty, chitty, bang, bang when it was running. When he took it for a test drive on the beach he stopped near the water to take a nap in his car. The tide came in and took the car while Ben was sleeping. A huge wave came over the car. Finally Ben woke up and he said, "W---, What's happened?" He was about to swim for his life. Then something extraordinary happened. The car turned into a boat. He sailed to the deep blue sea and he has never been seen or heard from again. Do you thing you can guess what he is doing now and where he is?

A FAIRY TALE

by Greg Cutter, Grade 2

Once there lived a boy named Brian. He liked a girl named Bonnie and she was the Queen of England. She lived in a castle. A dragon lived behind the castle. He smashed the castle, took her to a cave, put her in a dungeon and swallowed the key. Brian saw the commotion. He got his armor on and started for the cave. He smashed the door down, cut the dragon's head off with his sword and got the key. He let Bonnie go. He and she went back to the castle but it was smashed and the money was ruined so they got jobs.

They got married and built the castle again. It was better than before and they liked it. Bonnie was the Queen of England and Brian was the King of England.

THE TERRIBLE DAY

by Alan Markert, Grade 3

One day while I was swimming I stepped on a slippery rock and slipped on it. I fell and my head was under the water. That wasn't the worst thing. When I was trying to get out I tripped on a log. My leg started to bleed. Then it got worse. I went to get a band-aid in the house but the downstairs door was locked. So I threw my bat at the window but the window didn't break. The force knocked down the china cabinet. Later I found out the upstairs door was unlocked all the time. So I went in. I tried to pick up the cabinet but it wouldn't budge. Then I took one of my brother's bats to pry it up with. When I tried to lift it with the bat the cabinet smashed instead. I pulled the bat out from under the cabinet. It finally came out. It came out so fast that I flipped over a few times. I hit the lamp and it fell over. That scared me so much that I turned around and I saw my mom and I knew this would be the worst day of my life.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT ROWE SCHOOL

by Amy Decker & Crystal Hardison

At Rowe School there is a D.A.R.E. Program going on in the sixth grade. Every Wednesday, Officer Walker from Buckland Police Department comes to teach us about drugs. D.A.R.E. is an abbreviation for "Drug Abuse Resistance Education." Officer Walker teaches us about different kinds of drugs and ways they can cause harm. We do skits, watch movies and other fun activities. Of course everything we do is teaching us about drugs. We have completed 4 programs. There are 16 D.A.R.E. sessions in all. Once we have participated in all 16 sessions the course is complete and we will participate in a graduation ceremony.



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(ROWE SCHOOL PHOTO)

THANKS TO CHIEF DANDENEAU

by Phillip O'Reilley, Principal

Our thanks to Rowe Police Chief Henry Dandeneau for his efforts last spring to make it possible for our students to participate in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. This nationally recognized Drug Education program is presently being taught at Rowe School this spring by Officer Steven Walker of Shelburne Falls.

Chief Dandeneau worked with area police chiefs in order to implement this very successful program in all district elementary schools.

Each of the twenty lessons is designed to educate our children about the effects of drug abuse. The lessons are also designed to reduce risk factors correlated with drug abuse.

SWING INTO SPRING

Swing into spring with Sweet, Hot, and Sassy, a musical trio offering swing, boogie-woogie and country blues music. This delightful band will appear at the Rowe School on April 27, 7-9 PM in a concert sponsored by the Heath and Rowe Arts Lottery Council. Benefits from this concert will go toward the 6th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Ticket cost: children, \$2.00 and adults, \$3.00. Contact the school or Sheila Litchfield for further information.

SIXTH GRADE FUNDRAISING

by Chris Barre and Nick Soviecke

As you probably know, the Rowe School sixth grade has been fundraising for their trip to Washington, D. C. Some of our activities have been food sales, raffles, a food drive and a bottle drive.

The first fundraising activity we did was a food sale at the Rowe Old Home Days and Heath Fair. Next we did the cord of wood raffle followed by selling Christmas candies. We then held a 50/50 raffle.

We sold Easter chocolates and have just completed a food drive in which we collected food and pledges for the Survival Center in Greenfield.

In the months to come we are planning to do a spaghetti supper and a benefit concert. The benefit concert will be held on April 27. The concert will feature "Swing into Spring" with Sweet, Hot and Sassy.

Our original goal was \$8,525. We have \$2,560 left to raise.

Thank you for your continued support.

PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH)

by Dianne Rode, Town Nurse

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the bacteria *Bordetella Pertussis*. The characteristic symptoms occur in stages. The cough persists for one to two weeks and then gradually becomes worse. The second stage is characterized by uncontrolled severe coughing spells followed by a whooping noise during inhalation. During severe coughing spells vomiting may occur, or a person may become blue in the face from lack of oxygen.

The bacteria which causes this disease is found in the mouth, nose and throats of infected people, travels through the air via large droplets produced by coughing and sneezing, and is most likely to spread during the early stages. Once a susceptible person is exposed, it takes 7-10 days before the first symptoms appear.

Complications are most likely to occur among children in the first year of life. Very young infants, adolescents and adults can contract the disease and spread it to others, but it may be more difficult to diagnose, since it may only appear to show symptoms of a cold with a persistent cough. A sample of mucus from the back of the nose must be obtained during the early stage of the illness in order to grow the bacteria for lab testing.

The main treatment for pertussis is supportive care such as rest and fluids. Severe cases may require oxygen and mild sedation to help control the severe coughing spells. Antibiotics if started in the early stages may make the illness less severe. If a person has been exposed, a course of antibiotics may be indicated in order to ensure prevention of the disease.

Pertussis can be prevented by administering a series of vaccinations to children starting at about two months of age. At least 3-4 doses are necessary to protect a child from pertussis. The vaccine is effective about 80-90% of the time but wears off after a number of years, and is not generally given after the seventh birthday.

ALL-SCHOOL MUSICAL

by Susan Silvester

The Mohawk Trail Regional School presented their rendition of the *Fiddler on the Roof* at three locations this year. It was performed at the Mohawk Auditorium, Shea Theater in Turners Falls, and at Greenfield High School. The Producer-Director was Nick Waynelovich.

Heath residents participating in the musical were: Joel Porter-De Vriese as Tevye. He will be remembered as John Jasper, the rather sinister choirmaster in "Drood". He plays trumpet in jazz band and, although only a sophomore, was the stage manager for the middle school production of *Oliver*. Villagers were played by Heather Gruen and Emily Nichols. Roger Peace played a Russian Dancer. Special thanks are extended to Emily Nichols of the light crew, Pam Porter for her assistance with hair and makeup and Roger Peace as a select chorus member. Edith Royer was very helpful with costume sewing and also thanks go out to Mr. & Mrs. Everett Hurlburt for their assistance.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HONOR ROLL

Seniors, Honors - Christine Gilbert, Melanie Poisson; Freshmen, Honors - Jennifer Gilbert, Shawna Hyytinen; 8th grade, Honors - Melina Ausikaitis, James Cerone, Mary Tuturice; 7th grade, Honors - Jeremy Gilbert, Nicole Rainville.

MOHAWK SPRING SPORTS ROSTER

Members of the spring sports teams at Mohawk Trail Regional School are as follows: Boys Track, Jim Cerone, Andy Shattuck, John Demech, Ben Steinbock and John Tuturice; Golf, Brian Sackett; Girls Track, Chris Gilbert, Mary Tuturice, and Val Belval; Boys Tennis, Son Wooten; Varsity Baseball, Joe Shattuck and Middle School Baseball, Jeremiah Venneri.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Art Schwenger

The Selectmen are in the process of interviewing candidates for Police Chief. The position vacated by Guy Silvester is being temporarily filled by Carl Herzig from Colrain until a new chief is selected. A revised job description was developed, the position posted, and four applications received. They are Robert Markert, Thomas Rabbit, Loren Gowdy, and Stuart Sumner.

At the request of Carl Herzig, Bob Markert was appointed to be a provisional police officer. He will work to help Carl Herzig in this capacity while he is working toward his full certification.

The budget preparation for FY92 has proceeded through the first stage with department heads and town organizations having made their requests. Major gaps in fiscal information exist due to unfirm budget estimates for schools. Initial submissions by Mohawk are being challenged as unaffordable by member towns and a reworked, less expensive budget is hoped for. Due to the uncertainty of the regionalization effort between Heath and Rowe, and the lack of clarity about the state Equal Education Opportunity Grant (EEOG), the Selectmen anticipate that the annual town meeting scheduled for May 11 will need to be continued to June 22 for the purpose of voting on the budget. A similar action was taken last year due to the lateness of fiscal information.

The pursuit of FY91 monies from the state and how Heath should balance its present budget has consumed a lion's share of the board's attention. Separate articles in this issue describe this matter in detail and the Special Town meeting results that will balance the budget.

The Cemetery Task Force completed its review of town cemetery policies and management. Its recommendation to establish a Cemetery Commission will be included on the Annual Town meeting warrant. Much appreciation is expressed to Chairman Roger Peace and the members of the task force for their quick and efficient work.

The Highway Department has been working on drainage around town and clearing trees in anticipation of this summer's work on Avery Brook Road. In an effort to reestablish a clear and fair method for the disposal of wood cut during clearing, the Selectmen set a new policy. Wood cut from the town's right of way will be offered first to the landowners who will have ten days to respond to a notice. If the landowner does not want the wood, the town will use it for heating the town shed. If the supply for the town is adequate, any surplus will be offered for sale at \$30 per cord to people interested on a waiting list with Ray Galipo -- Heath residents having first priority.

Amendments proposed to the Springfield Resource Recovery program (SRRI) contract, and efforts to avoid penalties for providing less than the town's committed tonnage of trash are being explored. Due to the state's mandated recycling program, most of the member towns (including Heath) are running into this problem. A further report on this topic will be provided in the next issue of the *Heath Herald*.

A new post office contract was negotiated with the Postal Service. Effective April 1, 1991, Heath will be paid \$15,000 per year. This is an increase from \$9,500 negotiated at the time we became a community post office in 1981.

The Selectmen are planning to update the Veterans Recognition Plaque in the Community Hall. In addition,

the Selectmen will ask the Fair Committee to allow for a special Veterans recognition at this year's Heath Fair.

A round-table discussion was held in the Community Hall to share information about what the various town officers and organizations are doing.

POLICE REPORT

by Carl Herzig, Acting Chief

Crime is a big problem in Heath. Break-ins remain a constant occurrence for our residents. Neighbors need to be "watch-dogs" for each other. Only through the combined efforts of the Police Department and the townspeople can the level of crimes decline.

Constable Robert Markert has been assisting me with police matters. Mr. Markert is currently taking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training course. At its completion, he will be a certified law enforcement officer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker

Still no tax rate! The state's financial position has continued to delay our paperwork. We hope that we can meet the May 1 deadline so you can make the payments as scheduled.

We are beginning to plan for the next revaluation in FY93. All of the assessors work will occur in 1992. In order to avoid any problems, we are asking the town to allocate funds so we can hire a professional consultant, but we still plan an in-house revaluation. Doing it ourselves is so much cheaper, and since the town cannot really afford to do it any other way, the assessors will do the best they can. Wendy Luckhurst will attend the State Assessors course in Pittsfield in March. Don Dekker will run for reelection in May.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Earl Gleason, Chief

The Department responded to eight emergencies, the first on January 25 when 16 firefighters extinguished a chimney fire on Burnelle Road. The next was a chimney fire on Rowe Road, February 6 with seven firefighters in attendance. The Chief responded to a gasoline spill of less than four gallons on Number Nine Road on February 8. A busy weekend started with six firefighters and three EMTs responding to Heath Center for a man having difficulty breathing on February 16. The next morning two EMTs and three firefighters responded to South Heath to assist Charlemont ambulance with a woman who was ill. At the same time one firefighter and one EMT went to Route 8A to assist a woman who had fallen and could not get up. Later that afternoon twelve firefighters checked on a chimney that was smoking up a house. The final run of the period was a mutual aid call to Charlemont on February 27. Sixteen firefighters responded to this structure fire.

The firefighters have been busy with other activities as well. The Massachusetts Fire Academy sent Stephen Corbett from the Northampton Fire Department and a Hazardous Materials specialist to teach a class entitled "Train the Trainer, Haz. Mat. First responder operational." This is a class to teach individuals to come back to their own departments and instruct in basic hazardous material responses. The class was held in the Heath station on February 19, 21 and 26 with representatives from Charlemont, Colrain, and Rowe. Bob Tanner and Earl Gleason, from the Heath Fire Department, completed the course. Ken Thane and Earl Gleason completed a Cold Water Rescue class held at Charlemont on March 16. On March 17 Mike Smith, Bob Gruen, Bob Giard, Bob and Leroy Tanner, Ed Croteau, Walt and Earl Gleason arrived in Whitingham, VT for a drill using air packs in a burning building. In addition, the Fire Association met on February 7 and March 7. A drill was held on February and March 21 while the Junior Firefighters met February 14, 28, and March 14.

Although the drill with Yankee Atomic was last fall, the meetings continue at the station with various people. Seven other fire related meetings were attended out of town. During this period, three inspections were completed.

On February 27 the Department attended the Pre-school with engine one. The Department was unable to attend the afternoon session because of the Charlemont house fire. The second session was completed on March 13.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Bob Gruen

The Planning Board has been meeting regularly and it's primary point of business has been road discontinuance. Heath, like many small towns in the area, has an abundance of old roads that are no longer used. They have fallen into disrepair because no one lives on them. Some have trees growing right in the middle of them, yet because they're on the books, they might have to be brought up to code. Imagine the expense to the town!

We've been looking at old maps trying to pinpoint what's a county road and what's a town road since each type has it's own rules for discontinuance. Once a road is discontinued, we would ask the town to vote, making the road a "public private way". That means the old road would still be there for hiking, snowmobiling or skiing but the town would not be responsible for it. If anyone has a question or concern about a road, please give us a call.

It has come to our attention that some temporary signs in town are staying up well past their allotted time. The zoning by-laws are very specific about how long certain temporary signs can stay in place. Please take signs down as soon as possible after an event.

Finally, at our regular meeting, the second Monday of each month, the Planning Board transacts business with land owners or answers questions from prospective land owners. Additional meetings will be posted and held throughout the months ahead. If anyone has business with the Planning Board, please call Tom Lively (337-4061) or Robert Gruen (337-4235) to set up a time on the second Monday. At work meetings we must have time without interruptions to do the job the townspeople have elected us to do for them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

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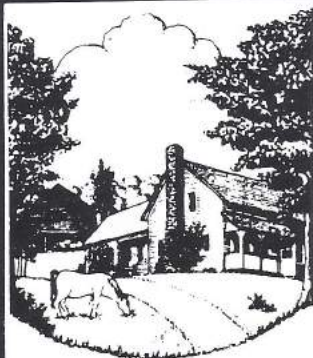
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HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell

The Heath Conservation Commission had two meetings in February and March. The January meeting was spent doing organizational type activities and getting ready for the annual spring rush when wetland filings seem to be most prevalent. In February we had a public hearing regarding a Request for Determination on a property on Avery Brook Road. It was determined that although the property did contain some wetland regulated by both state law and town by-laws, the area in question was either outside the 100 foot discretionary zone, or upslope of the proposed activities. The applicant agreed to install siltation barriers, and the request was given a negative determination, meaning that the activity would not impact the regulated resource areas.

Also in early March two members of the Heath Conservation Commission attended a statewide conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. Altogether we attended six different workshops, and had time to share ideas and problems with other Conservation Committee members from across the state. We agreed that it was time well spent, and look forward to going next year.

The Conservation Commission has received a notice for a proposed subdivision in town. Apparently there will be some wetland considerations involved. We are presently coordinating efforts with the Heath Planning Board on this issue.

This spring the Heath Conservation Commission will be considering the option of adding two associate (non-voting) members to the commission. The purpose of this addition would be to train people who are interested in our conservation efforts, with the aim at some point in time of those individuals being ready to step into an appointed position should a current member resign. This, of course, would put us into the situation where we would not have a loss of continuity on the Commission. We will, of course, discuss this idea with the Selectboard in the near future.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

by David Gibbons

There will shortly be some minor changes at the transfer station to improve the paper-glass-metal recycling effort. The changes will involve putting a container along the fence by the road. This has led to concerns about the look of the station and revived ideas about planting a decorative border of shrubs. Anyone interested in volunteering to help should contact the Selectmen.

And talking of the recycling effort, it is going so well that we are falling short on our contract for regular garbage. The garbage is burned to make power and a serious shortfall could result in a penalty. Perhaps with spring finally arriving (again, and again ...) the amount will pick up as people reopen houses that were closed for the winter or spring clean.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

by June Day

Now that I have more time into my new position, I can report more fully. The Administrative Secretary portion of the job is the more immediate and day-to-day. In the past I avoided secretarial positions (opting for treasurer instead) because of taking minutes. But it is pretty wonderful to type them onto a word processor the next day and I'm rather enjoying it after all. I hope you are taking advantage of the posted minutes. My other activities are a result of what is currently on the Selectmen's agenda. There are letters to write and various questions arise for me to research. Much of the digging that I do has to do with expenditures. I have been looking into various line items for what has been spent in the past and what we can expect in the future. The transfer station and the costs that surround it are a major concern. I am completing the Annual Report and will be delivering it to the printer shortly. I want to thank those who were asked to submit their annual reports and responded by the deadline.

The accounting portion is very interesting to me and challenging. I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Accountants school at UMass in mid-March. It was helpful to meet other town accountants and to attend two days of classes. Municipal accounting has aspects that are unique and will require absorbing a lot of information about state requirements. Unfortunately, except for keeping up with the weekly payment warrants, there is a great deal that can be set aside until those final reports are looming on the horizon. I have completed Schedule A which entailed filling in all FY90 transactions into a lengthy report. I have also dug back into FEMA and FHWA, the infamous flood of 1987, and now believe I have it straightened out in my head and the proper entries can be completed. Within the past two or three years Heath has had changes in town accountants, accounting firms, and gone from Statutory to UMAS accounting procedures as well as getting onto the computer and CPA municipal software. Each change is a positive step forward but each transition has created some problems. My ambition is to absorb it all and to maintain an up-to-date General Ledger for the Town of Heath.



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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NEEDED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991

by David Howland, F. Walter Gleason and
Arthur Schwenger, Selectmen

As reported earlier the FY91 budget has not been balanced because two major sources of income from the State were in question. The first was a real surprise! For years cities and towns were awarded Highway Assistance funds and the spring of 1990 was no different. We were advised by the Department of Revenue to expect a reduction of 4% and we planned accordingly. We never received the Cherry Sheets until August, 1990, and learned at that time that Highway Assistance had been removed completely, a matter of \$40,642 or 48% of our expected aid exclusive of Equal Education Opportunity Grant money. We were told that the exclusion of the funds was an oversight and that the Speaker of the house had promised to replace the money via legislative action after Labor Day, 1990. It never happened and, of course, the election came and the Speaker was out of office. Governor Weld, Representative Jay Healy and Senator Jane Swift were sympathetic and met with a few selectmen from small towns including Dave Howland. This particular aid favored small towns whereas large cities receive less than 1% of their aid in this form, a fact that may influence the more numerous legislators from urban areas. In any event, legislation was drafted to access the money, which was and is in a Department of Public Works fund. (It was retained ostensibly to make the State's budget look better this year.) However, at a conference committee between the House and Senate the language was removed. Thus, there is little hope to obtain it this year in order to reduce our tax rate. We "may" get it in FY92.

Further difficulties arose with regard to the matter of Equal Education Opportunity Grant (EEOG) monies, the other major source of State income to the town. Last spring the town supported an override for schools in the amount of \$161,500, an amount equal to about \$3.25 per thousand increase in the Heath/Rowe school budget, which for several years had been held down by EEOG, Free Cash and some creative budgeting. It is true that well over a quarter of a million EEOG dollars have been received over the years. We also knew that the day might come when this State aid would not be awarded because of the complex formulae used by the State's Department of Education (DOE) to figure Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Nevertheless, we were given hope by the Mohawk School Administration that EEOG monies would be forthcoming, and we so advised the town at the time of the override vote. As time dragged on we literally had to force our Mohawk School representatives and the DOE to discuss our situation. The outcome was that we were advised that we do not qualify for the money for FY91 because we do not meet the MOE standard for eligibility. The loss of both Highway Assistance and EEOG means that we have lost 67% of our total State aid in FY91!

When our Recapitulation Report was prepared by the Assessors to set a tax rate for FY91 we were \$61,935 in deficit. That was when we sent out the estimated tax bills in order to keep the cash flow going. We had hopes then of getting both the Highway Assistance and the EEOG monies so that we could eliminate the deficit and reduce the override by some reasonable amount. Now, with those options gone we have to face up to the budget.

At a Special Town Meeting on April 11, 1991, we will recommend reductions in several accounts, the largest in the highway wages (7,200) and snow removal (15,000) accounts, and the use of \$36,710 from the Free Cash fund of \$61,825. These actions will enable us to reduce the deficit completely and reduce the override by about \$22,000. We were helped in achieving this much of a total reduction with the receipt of some \$8,000 in flood money and by the work done by Tax Collector, Karen MacDougall and Treasurer, Linda Marcotte in collecting interest and fees on back taxes. The bottom line is that we believe we can keep the tax rate for FY91 to about \$13.74 or \$3.00 over the rate for FY90.

We are looking at extremely uncertain times in FY92 with respect to aid from the state and our local school budgets; our worst case scenario shows about an \$80,000 deficit at this time due primarily to the Mohawk Trail School assessment. With the help of Treasurer Marcotte we obtained within the last few days another \$54,436 in "Adjusted" Free Cash as a result of collecting back taxes, but there is a condition that if we end up with a year-end Free Cash deficit we cannot obtain another "adjustment" in FY92. That means we have to get the tax bills out and collect the money soon.

It at all possible, we wish to avoid another override request for next year. A favorable vote by Heath and Rowe on regionalization and a realistic budget at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School are very important to our fiscal health. Let us hope and work for reasonableness in these matters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Chuck Mackie

A very sparse representation of Heath voters attend a Special Town Meeting on Thursday evening, April 11, to vote on a number of articles enabling the Town to have a balanced budget for FY91.

All articles were approved. The balanced budget will allow the Board of Assessors to set a tax rate for FY91 and bills for the second half of FY91 to be mailed, adjusted for the \$3.00 tax increase which is a reflection of the override voted by the town for its education budget.

Preliminary work has been done on the FY92 budget, but it is a difficult task, not knowing the state's ability or intent to send monies back to the communities.

There is an election coming up, with no voter expressing enough interest in filling the two vacancies on the Finance Committee. Interested parties are urged to contact either the Finance Committee or Board of Selectmen. Win a seat as a write-in candidate and help us with the town finances.

Editor's note: The Special Town meeting on April 11 lasted only 6 minutes with all articles passing as written. There were about a dozen people present, barely enough for a quorum.

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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

by Todd Sumner

There are many public issues that must be addressed by Heath voters this spring. In the midst of the state's fiscal woes and a continuing climate of economic uncertainty Heath must pass its own budget for FY'92, elect town officials, vote on the proposed Heath/Rowe school regionalization plan, and help to select a new congressman for the First District. You will find statements from candidates for town offices elsewhere in this issue. Town Clerk, Karen MacDougall furnished the following registration and poll information. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will take place in Sawyer Hall.

Saturday, April 20, 9 AM - 5 PM
Voter registration

Monday, April 22, 9 AM - 10 PM
Last day to register for town meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 7 AM - 8 PM
State primary election (Congress)

Friday, May 10, 12 PM - 7 PM
Town election

Saturday, May 11, 9 AM - 5 PM
Registration for state election
(Congress)

Saturday, May 11, 9 AM
Annual Town Meeting
(Community Hall)

Wednesday, May 15, 9 AM - 10 PM
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Tuesday, June 6, 7 AM - 8 PM
Special state election (Congress)

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PLANNING BOARD AND LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Helen Mackie

Thank you to all who signed my nomination papers. The last time I ran for both positions was to fill unexpired terms. This time I seek the 5 year position on the Planning board and 3 years as Library Trustee. I have enjoyed both positions and it is a privilege to serve the Town of Heath. I ask for your support and vote of confidence in the May election.

CONSTABLE

Robert T. Markert -- Write-in Candidate

As this past year has progressed, I have become more involved in town activities. My experiences have enabled me to familiarize myself with the citizens and the town. I would appreciate your vote so that I may continue to serve the Town of Heath.

ASSESSOR

Don Dekker

After three years as an Heath Assessor, I almost feel obligated to run again. It has taken most of the three years to understand the job. The intown work has been interesting and a service to the town I feel happy to provide. As to dealing with the state, that is another matter. If elected I will do my level best to deal fairly with everybody in Heath and keep the state at bay.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Budge Litchfield

My name is Budge Litchfield and I am running for the seat I currently hold on the School Committee. I live in the Dell with my wife and 2 children.

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HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Heath glass artist Bob Dane was a guest lecturer at the Judy Youens Gallery in Houston, TX on March 8. The Gallery currently has a show of contemporary glass work in which Bob has some of his pieces. The lecture was to complement the show.

While in Houston, Bob stayed with Heath summer residents Peter and Jill Brown.

Jenifer A. Smith, granddaughter of Newland and Caroline Smith of Hosmer Road, is graduating from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, on May 18. She has been elected to Phi Sigma Iota, the Foreign Language National Honor Society, for academic excellence in Latin. Jenifer has been accepted at the University of Michigan Graduate School in the field of Library Science.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

- 18 Heath Enterprise Council
7:30 PM, Community Hall
- Until GCC Salutes Heath Exhibit
25 GCC Library
- 27 Swing into Spring Concert
7-9 PM, Rowe School

MAY

- 11 Annual Town Meeting
9 AM, Community Hall
- 29 Adventures of Pinocchio
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PERCOLATION TESTS

Percolation testing has been resumed and will continue through June.

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Thomas Veto, Number Nine Road, wood stove. Total: \$300.

DEED TRANSFERS

Dennis Beaudoin to Elizabeth Beaudoin, South Road. \$1.

Jeffrey Silva to United Savings Bank of Greenfield, Jacksonville Stage Road. In lieu of foreclosure.

Phillip A. and Theresa A. Greene to Lori E. Greene of Agawam. Mohawk Estates. Lot 14. \$1.

Lori E. Greene to James P. and Dawn Seidell of Easthampton. Mohawk Estates. Lot 14. \$2,500.

Walter J. and Gesuina M. Seibert to Edward J. and Mary C. Muenkel of East Northport, N.Y. Number Nine Road, Lot 4A. \$172,500.

Richard Forte to Ronald Forte of Springfield, Mohawk Estates, Lot 29. \$1.

Michael A. Girard to Mary A. Girard of Simsbury, CT, 10 Number Nine Road. No consideration.

Dominic and Mafalda Musacchio to John J. and Wanda Musacchio. Swamp Road and Colrain Stage Road, Lot 1. \$1.

Ruby E. Wilcox to William R. Trumble of Hatfield, Mohawk Estates. Lots 21 and 22. \$1,000.

Robert W. and Tara A. Henzel to Erwin G. Elliott of Springfield, Wigwam Drive, Lot 14. \$3,000.

SMITH REUNION

There will be a reunion for all descendants of Major Hezekiah Smith of Colrain on Saturday, August 3, 1991. Local descendants interested in planning the reunion may contact Newland Smith at 337-4900 or Susan Silvester at 337-4491.

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