



HEATH HERALD

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Art Schwenger

The Board of Selectmen is happy to report that Jack Cable was appointed to be the new Highway Superintendent. Now a year-round resident, Jack has for many years operated a successful blueberry business on Burnt Hill. He has left his job in Connecticut where he worked for the Torrington Company. His skills in business management and administration combined with his supervisory and technical experience will be of great benefit to the town.

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Dohn Sherman was promoted to Highway Foreman following his good service as acting road superintendent. Recommended by Jack Cable, this change will continue to recognize Dohn's background in machinery maintenance. The Selectmen are confident as we approach winter that we have an excellent team in place. Much appreciation to Dohn, Fred, and Bob for their cooperation and support during the transition.

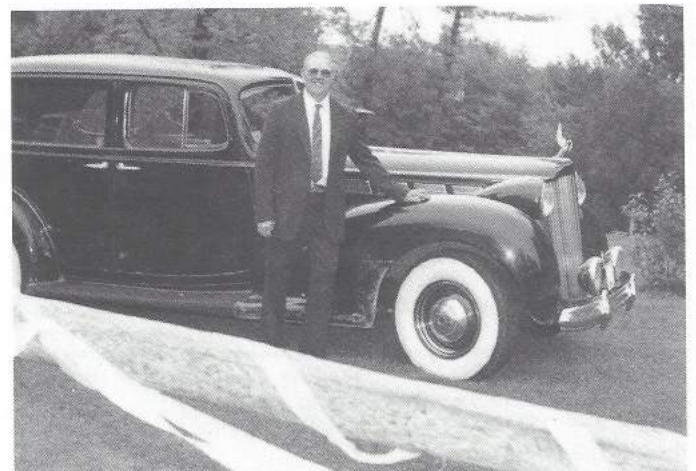
An information forum on the issue of embrittlement of the Yankee Atomic Electric Company's nuclear reactor was held at the Heath Community Hall on August 20. Sponsored by the Selectmen and a group of Heath citizens, presentations were made by Tim Henderson and Sheila Litchfield of Yankee Atomic, Dr. Ira Helfand of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Michael Daley of the New England Coalition Against Nuclear Pollution. Heath citizens then posed questions related to the embrittlement issue. The Selectmen hope that through this type of discussion, people may become better informed about the operation and risks involved.

Testimony was presented at the September 20 hearing held at Rowe School on emergency evacuation planning. Conducted by the joint Massachusetts Committee on Energy, a statement was made by Earl Gleason as Civil Defence Director and Fire Chief. Later in the evening, Art Schwenger spoke for the Selectmen in support of Heath's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan and the interest in better informing the public about the plan. This plan has been in place for many years, updated and partially tested every other year. Although the town emergency personnel are trained and informed about their roles in the plan, the public may not know much about it.

New federal rules now require all drivers of trucks, busses, and other commercial vehicles to obtain a Commercial Drivers License. The test is considerably more complicated than the old one for a Class II license. Jack Cable and the highway crew as well as other town officials are taking a preparation course offered by Greenfield Community College.

In an effort to help some municipalities, the legislature passed a law allowing towns to defer teacher salaries paid during June 1992 to the next budget year. As the details of this became clear, it would not help Heath. The Selectmen voted not to participate because it just put off the burden one time increasing next year's educational costs and making it more difficult to meet our EEO maintenance of effort level this year. Participating in Mohawk Regional School District efforts to form one K-12 regional system, David Howland and Chuck Mackie have been attending meetings on behalf of Heath.

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NEW ROAD SUPERINTENDENT
JACK CABLE
(Personal photo)

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Michael Coe, Professor of Anthropology at Yale and part-time Heath resident, has just completed his latest book, Cracking the Maya Code, a history of decipherment of Maya script.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

by Judy Thrasher

On Sunday, October 13, a dedication ceremony was held at the Community Park to commemorate those individuals who gave money, or in whose name money was given for the construction of the park. A plaque was presented followed by a potluck picnic, basketball, music and good fellowship.

HEATH LADIES AID

by Edith Royer

We held our first meeting of the season on September 26. We would like to thank Esther Dickinson for the many years that she so faithfully served as our treasurer.

The Christmas Sale will be held at the Community Hall on November 2, 11 AM to 3 PM. Food, fancy articles, toys and decorations will be featured. Lunch will also be on sale.

Hope to see you there.

MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

A son, Heath Garrett, was born March 23. Parents are Melissa and Timothy Peters of Bennington, VT. He is the grandson of Brenda and Elwin Holland of Bennington and Dawn and Dennis Peters of Heath. Great-grandparents are Barbara Murdock of Readsboro, VT, and Shirley Bardwell of Bernardston.

Danielle Patricia, a daughter, was born July 31 to Jacquelyn (Demech) and Robert A. Rode, Jr. of Number Nine Road, Heath. Danielle is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Demech and Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Rode, Sr. all of Heath.

On August 2, Nicole Anne, a daughter, was born to Jay and Denise (Thatcher) Sessions of Plainfield. Norman Sessions of Heath is the grandfather and Dorothy Sessions of Heath is Nicole's great-grandmother.

A daughter, Anne Frances, was born August 3 to Jill and Dennis Kuehl of Ben Road, Heath.

Lucy Eleanor was born September 5 to Beth and Richard Morel of Main Street, Heath. She is the granddaughter of Eleanor and John Hulser of Montgomery.

Tyler John, son of Nancy (Grechell) and Roger Purinton, Jr. of Colrain was born September 12. He is the grandson of Mary Jane and Gary Miller and Stephen Grechel, all of Colrain, and Roberta and Roger Purinton, Sr. of Heath. Great grandparents are Arlene and John Grechel of Colrain, Ruth and Richard Bousquet of Shelburne and Geneva Purinton of Greenfield. He is the great-great grandson of Eva Cousino of Greenfield and Elzina Bousquet of Shelburne.

Roberta M. Tripp, daughter of Alicia and Robert Tripp of Colrain Brook Road, Heath and William J. Baker, son of Jacqueline and John Baker of Old Village Road, Shelburne were married June 20 in St. Joseph's Church.

The reception was held at the Sweetheart Restaurant. The newlyweds took a trip to Chittenden, VT. They are making their home on Stone Hill Road in Rowe.

Rebecca L. Decker, daughter of Bette and Edwin Decker, of Heath and Thomas J. Hatch, son of Shelly and Carroll Hatch of Warwick were married August 3 in the Maranatha Bible Chapel in East Charlemont. A reception followed at the VFW in Shelburne Falls. The newlyweds took a trip to Cape Cod. They are making their home in the town of Florida.

HEATH PRECIPITATION


by Ralph M. Dickinson

Observer for Mass. Division of Water Resources

Following are the rainfall measurements for the period June 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991.

June Precipitation	3.98 inches
July Precipitation	2.15 inches
August Precipitation	1.70 inches
September Precipitation	6.63 inches

Total precipitation so far in 1991 is 38.82 inches. The summer was rather dry until Hurricane Bob in September. Since then it has been very rainy.



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The Selectmen, tax collector, and treasurer have worked on tax-taking procedures and reviewed them with town counsel. This process is being followed in an effort to pursue back taxes.

A meeting was held for all town officers and boards involved in the building permit process to see if a more structured system could be developed to help people requiring a permit. Attended by Victor Staley of the Cooperative Building Inspector Program, the group agreed upon a less confusing system. A form was designed which advises any person planning to build a house to get a copy of the town bylaws and contact the Conservation Committee. Then the form has a list of the necessary approvals needed before a building permit can be issued. Any questions may be referred to the Building Inspector.

Progress is being made on restoring a source of potable water for the town garage.

Appointments of John Musacchio, Nancy Burrington, and Bruce Cromack were made to the newly formed Small Business Loan Committee. A small fund exists already from which the committee may make loans to health businesses or business startups. Details will be worked out soon after which applications will be sought.

The Interim Cemetery Committee has been appointed. Howard Crowningshield, Roger Peace, and Ron Corey will be taking on this responsibility until the formation of the Cemetery Commission next spring.

Resignations from the Zoning Board of Appeals were received from Ray Pettengill and Alan Nichols. Todd Sumner was appointed to replace Ray and another member is being sought. A resignation has been accepted, with regret, from Linda Marcotte from the treasurer post. The Selectmen are actively seeking a replacement to begin as soon as possible. The position is paid a yearly salary of about \$2700 and has flexible hours.

People interested in following the activities of the Selectmen are reminded that thanks to the efforts of Administrative Secretary June Day, comprehensive minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are posted each week in Sawyer Hall and Peters Store.

PIG ROAST AT SMEADS

by David Gibbons

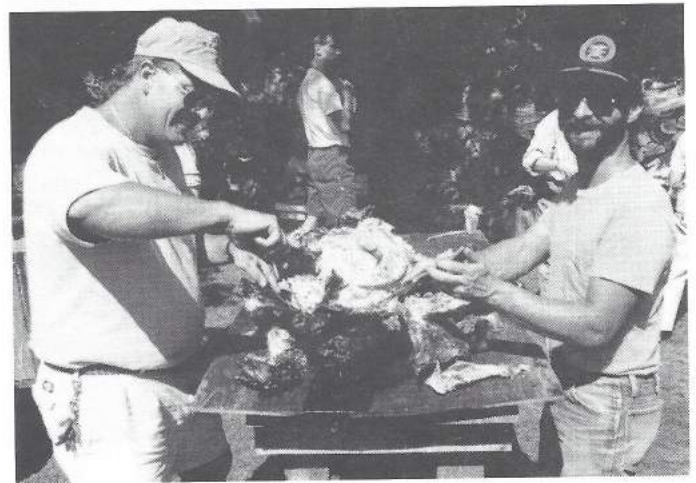
It is one of those events that makes living in the country so special: the annual Labor Day weekend pig roast at Mike and Veronica Smead's. This year the weather was absolutely perfect for the event, clear, sunny skies yet not too hot to play.

For Mike and Veronica the day actually starts around eight the previous evening with the arrival of the pig. By midnight the pig is on the spit and for the next twelve hours or so will cook itself to perfection. By the following afternoon a couple of hundred friends and relatives were on hand to share both the pig and the several tables worth of pot-luck food that had been contributed.

After the first round of eating the games began. The volleyball net and tether ball were kept in almost constant use and the horseshoe pit was rarely empty. There was plenty of room for all the kids to run and for a while goat riding seemed to be a popular sport.

Early evening the pig and other treats made a comeback then as it grew dark the fire was brought back to life for a quieter time of music and talk while children fell asleep.

It is hard to imagine a better way to end the summer.



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HEATH FAIR NEWS

by Mike Peters, President

In spite of the bad economy, this year's fair was still a whopping success. With the weather as perfect as it was, we couldn't help but do very well financially.

With near record attendance, we managed to make a hefty seven thousand dollar profit. This was used to cover the State's share of premium payments, and to pay off our debt on the large landscaping and improvement project done last fall. Without the State's money we were forced to pay their four thousand dollars out of our own profit. After having a total of over thirty thousand dollars in receipts, we came out with almost exactly the same amount of money as what we started with. This is great news to the committee and good reason to celebrate.

The Horse Show superintendent must be congratulated on a very successful and professionally run show. Even though she needs a little more experience on how to run a paint brush, Virginia Gary managed to make an eight hundred dollar profit with almost eighty entries, in only the second annual show. One lonely shower interrupted the all day show, but it

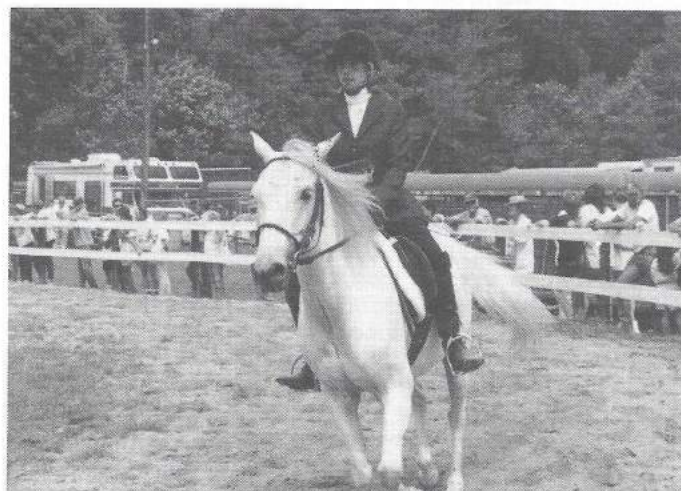


AND THE WINNER IS ...
(Photo by Virginia Gary)

cleared off again and stayed beautiful until the end. Now that she has money to work with, she can organize two or three shows during the summertime.

We can't leave out the incredible job done by the treasurer and secretary. Todd and Kathy astounded the entire committee by doing what no other fair in the state has done. They paid all premium checks to exhibitors when they picked up their exhibits on Sunday afternoon. This is no small undertaking and is a very well liked idea. Next year they plan to have all checks ready by Saturday morning and letting the exhibitors cash them at the hamburger booth, and hopefully will get them to spend their money right at the fair. Sounds great.

The entire fair went off very smoothly and without any major problems. All of the schedule changes worked out great. The chicken barbecue sold out. We had more concessions than ever, and a very attractive exhibit hall thanks to Sophie Coe and Alli Thane. The major change of accepting exhibits on Thursday night instead of Friday night was a huge success, and we want to thank all of the exhibitors for their support in making a smooth transition. All cattle, rabbit, and sheep shows went great. We had no major electrical, medical, or water problems. The Heath



PRECISION AND CONCENTRATION
(Photo by Virginia Gary)

Police department did a superb job and did great handling the record breaking crowd on Saturday night. Changing the fireworks to Saturday night worked better than we had hoped for in bringing a huge crowd.

Dave Freeman and his family took on the job of running the ticket booth with very short notice. They took in a whopping eighteen thousand dollars and should be congratulated on a job well done.

We are planning an old fashioned fair meeting that will consist of the election of officers for the coming year, and afterwards we'll have a potluck supper like they used to do. All past members, officers, and workers are invited and urged to attend. This will be a social gathering of past and present members. Please attend if you can.

The present slate of officers have all agreed to run for another year. We seem to be on a lucky streak these past few years, so why ruin a great thing right? We do expect the change of Mary Smith taking over as recording secretary and Mike Smith becoming Vice President. I think this will be a very good addition.

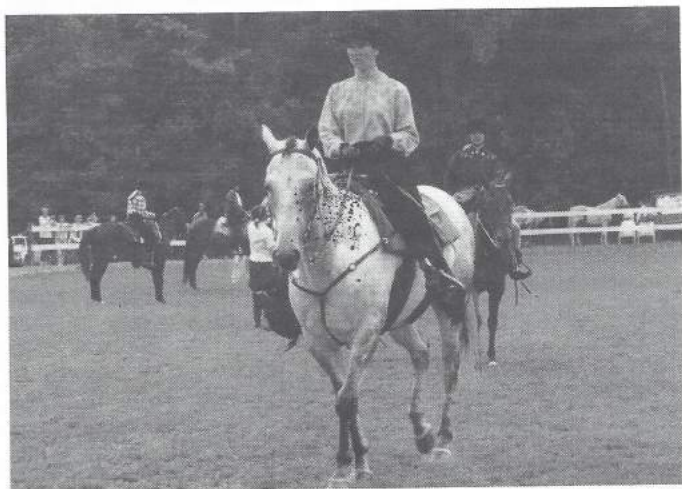
There are many other people to thank including Lively Construction for donating loan, several town residents for direct cash donations, Phil's Trucking for rubbish removal, the hamburger booth workers who made a four thousand dollar profit, the Highway Department for doing a superb job of cutting down all of the half dead trees along the road, and all of the dozens of others who always come out from hiding to donate their time to the fair. Thank you everyone.

We have made yet another amendment to our bylaws recently. Instead of figuring the fair weekend from the third full weekend of the month which has always been the past policy, we now figure it from Labor Day as do all other fairs. This old policy always ran into problems about every seven years and put the fair on the same weekend as two other major fairs in the area. This would have been the case with next year's fair, but not any more.

Next year is our 75th annual Heath Fair. We are interested in all recommendations, and helpers in planning a very special 1992 Heath fair. I would especially like to see a much larger fireworks display.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

2ND ANNUAL HORSE SHOW AT THE HEATH FAIR



SIMPLE ELEGANCE
(Photo by Virginia Gary)



YOUNG RIDERS SHARED IN THE EXCITEMENT
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ENTERTAINMENT BY A DRILL TEAM
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ANNE PLUNKETT AND BOSWELL'S BOOKS

by Pat Leuchtman

Anne Plunkett used to travel to New England, raiding the book-filled attics of the region, for the Virginia bookstore she worked for. It was on one of these buying trips that she discovered the Pioneer Valley and dreamed of making a home here. That dream came true on May 1, 1987, when she took possession of Bridge Street Books in Shelburne Falls. A happy accident brought her to Heath where she found a little house on Jacksonville Stage Road that made commuting easy. She knew nothing about Heath when she bought her house, but has since come to appreciate Heath's intellectual tradition and feel that she can make her own contribution.

Bookstores are not known as big money making ventures, and although there have been some slim times along the way, Anne was able to move Bridge Street Books across the Iron Bridge this spring into a bigger, brighter space, right next to McCusker's Market. The store is now known as Boswell's Books, named for Anne's very large cat (surely he must

have grown fat on a surfeit of wonderful books) who is often seen sleeping on one of the wicker chairs in the sunny window.

Bookselling is something you love, and Anne found that her customers return that affection and loyalty - over 60 customers helped Anne with the move, painting the new space, building new shelves and bodily moving books to the new location.

Her customers are devoted because of the special services she offers: out-of-print book searches, special ordering of new books and a selection of classic rental video tapes. But what really distinguishes Boswell's is Anne's strong support of local writers and artists. Two shelves prominently display the work of local children's writers and illustrators and two other shelves are given over to the local writers of adult works, including the new paperback edition of Auden: An American Friendship by Heath's own Charles Miller.

Continuing her support and promotion of local writers and artists, Anne and Boswell's Books are celebrating National Children's Book Week in mid-November by sponsoring a book signing on Saturday, November 16. Norton Juster will be on hand between 10 and noon to sign his witty books, The Dot and the Line and The Phantom Tollbooth. Ruth Sanderson who is known for her romantic illustrations of fairy tales and the husband and wife team of Lauren Mills and Dennis Nolan will also be available in the morning to sign books they have written and illustrated.

In the afternoon Margot Apple of Shelburne Falls, Janet Street of Ashfield, Beverly Duncan and Ruth Cuncell will arrive to sign books they illustrated including Sheep in a Shop, The Gingham Dog and The Calico Cat, Christmas in the Stable, and Handel and the Famous Sword Swallower of Halle.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles to buy a long-lasting and very special gift inscribed to the child in their life - and to get some advice on buying books for children in general.

The books that will be featured at the book signing will be on display at Boswell's for the next month; those who know they won't be able to attend the book signing (and those who want to make absolutely sure of getting the books they want) may order the books ahead of time and leave the message to be inscribed.



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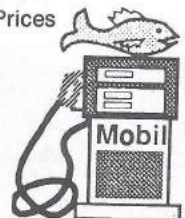
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The Way It Is In The Country

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

by **CARROLL STOWE**

WAGON TRAIN 1991

Most people that know me understand that our annual wagon train is the high point of my year.

This year's train was a great success and plans are afoot for another year. There weren't as many animals or people as the last few years but a good mix of interesting people nonetheless. The crew that started from South Williamstown had good and horrible weather and some breakdowns. I really admire the courage of all those people that extend themselves to make such a trip.

As in past years our trip to Cable's blueberry ranch was a great time and folks never get enough of the view from atop Burnt Hill. The Cable's hospitality is faultless as ever and here again I take this time to thank Jack and his helpers for our stay there.

Thursday afternoon found the Berkshire group at Frank and Sandy Sprague's in Whitingham, VT. The only way that the Spragues know how to treat anyone is with a generous helping of pure hospitality. Their dooryard was most full - almost overflowing. That only brought out the generosity.

Repairs in the form of welding had to be made to a new camper-mobile home, but repairs were made without much problem.

It seems that I've written this before but I always marvel at the variety and great amounts of super good food.

Friday morning the crew moved the transport vehicles to the Heath Fairgrounds and returned for the animals. Around 11 AM the parade started and we arrived at our fairgrounds about 1 PM. I hitched Mrs. Carey's team and went to meet the Berkshire crew. Getting to the Fairgrounds early like that allows everyone a leisurely afternoon.

I commented to Bob Markert as we went to meet the Berkshire group, that 45 years ago this whole thing would have been called a complete batch of foolishness by our elders. Back at that point in time the teams of that era were doing farm work and logging. A day of rest would have been in order and not a trip of 8 or 10 miles. How things change.

Suppertime Friday evening was a conglomerate of all manner of good food and fellowship.

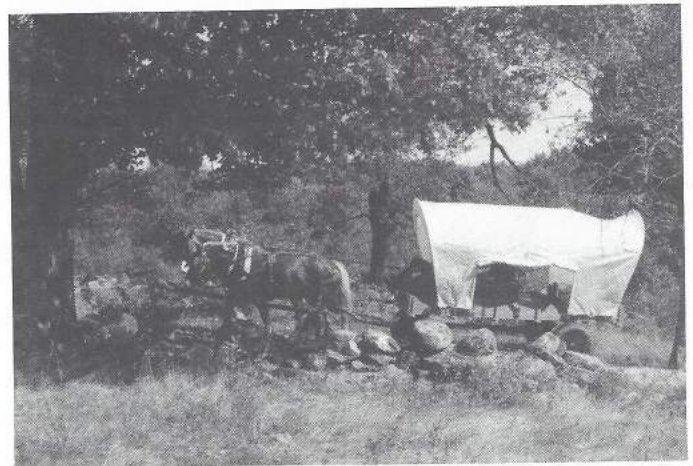
As in past years our trip to Cable's blueberry ranch was a great time and folks never get enough of the view from atop Burnt Hill. The Cable's hospitality is faultless as ever and here again I take this time to thank Jack and his helpers for our stay there. The trip back to the fairgrounds was rather short and only leads to more free time to have to visit. What an ordeal! The campfire is circled with those eating and enjoying a variety of foods and perhaps a swapped recipe. Stories abound and are perhaps retold from another year.

At either end of the day the animals look to be groomed, watered, and fed - not always in that order.

As the daylight arrived Sunday, the campfire produced a great breakfast and plenty. Feed, water, grooming and harness or saddles are part of the morning preparations. Sunday was a much longer trip so we rolled off the Fairgrounds at 10:30 and went into Heath Center. We followed Dell Road and onto Long Hill Road with frequent rest stops. We crossed 8A onto Rowe Road to Knott Road and through a pasture to a large field belonging to Paul Lively's family. This was a long rest stop. Of course we always take on more calories. Pictures are taken and perhaps addresses swapped.

We were honored with the company of a young couple from Liverpool, England, on our wagon. The folks at Forest Way Bed and Breakfast asked if we might take them with us and we were greatly pleased with their exchange of lifestyle and complete amazement with such a thing as the wagon train. It is difficult to express what a great pleasure it was to show these nice folks a bit of our way of life. To have them say that never would anything like our wagon train be found in England really surprised me. I feel they left with a good feeling of what our area is about.

The past wagon trains were getting a bit large, but we missed many of the old stand-bys this year due to prior commitments. I do hope this eleven year old operation continues even long after I am able to help out with it. I enjoy doing this wagon train and treasure the new people I meet each year.



1991 WAGON TRAIN
(Photo by Mike Peters)



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NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

by David Gibbons

A new and exciting year is underway at The Academy.

We lost two teachers at the end of last year - Gabrielle Rabu who taught French and Jeff Coulson our Athletic Director (and more). Gabrielle moved to California and Jeff went back to classroom teaching at the Center School.

This year we welcome John Lamayer who replaces Mr. Rabu and Gerrit White who comes in as Activities Director.

The opening activities this year were, by all accounts, a great success. We started with a barbecue for new students and their families the week before school opened. The Senior Class also came to meet the new students and make them feel welcome. Then the day before school the Faculty had breakfast at the school with the seniors.

The first two days of school were devoted to orientation activities; learning names - both of students and rooms - getting books and schedules, playing games and so on. One of the more important of these activities was a discussion of the Honor Code and subsequent signing of a copy by the whole student body.

The Honor Code is one of the things that makes The Academy such a special place. Written by the students themselves this short document sets out simply and broadly all the expectations we have of one another. Because of this document we have very few actual rules, no locks on doors or lockers and almost no graffiti or vandalism. The result is a very open, friendly (and clean!) environment.

Friday night was our opening picnic (its amazing how many Academy activities revolve around food!), a time for parents to renew, or make, acquaintances.

The first Monday of school was also a very special day, an all-school rafting trip down the Deerfield with Zoar Outdoor. The final count, including parents and Zoar guides was about one hundred and twenty people - some eighteen rafts. After instruction we embarked and enjoyed a quiet ride getting used to the rafts as we approached Zoar Gap. At the Gap we reassembled for the run through. Everyone made it though there were a few spills - most notable the Senior raft where half the crew went over. After lunch in Mohawk Park we continued down, stopping at one point to swim and getting into more and more

water fights.

By the time we got back to Zoar Outdoor, they had a slide show ready of our trip through the gap. Unfortunately most of us had left our dry clothes at The Academy, so it was a rather soggy group that watched the show.

Since then things have settled down to the more usual schedule but the mood is still very exciting - it's going to be a good year.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31 at the Heath Community Hall. The games and activities begin at 7 PM and continue until 8 PM at which time refreshments will be served.

Some of the planned activities include: a sticker search, making ghosts, costume judging, ring-a-gourd and take it home, and a color and paste area. Also planned are several games in which the children can win a small prize. The games include: fishing for a ghost, a pumpkin face bean bag toss, the touch and tell "mystery box", an electric wire maze, and pin the nose on the pumpkin.

This year's party is open to all children grade 6 and under. Any older children who are interested are welcome to volunteer as helpers for the evening.

Parental supervision is required. No child will be admitted without an adult or guardian present. Parents are invited to stay and watch the upstairs activities or remain downstairs where refreshments will be available. Parents can call ahead if they wish to volunteer as a helper for the party.

Townpeople are being asked to help support this year's party. Many supplies and materials are still needed. If anyone has a bumper crop of gourds or miniature pumpkins which they would donate, please call. Baked goods, refreshments and volunteer helpers are also needed. Donation cans will be set up at Peters Store and at the Post Office should anyone like to make a monetary contribution.

Should anyone have any questions, comments or can be of assistance, please call Michele Cutter at 337-4387.

MOHAWK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS ROSTERS

Boys cross-country: Jim Cerone, Jeremiah Venneri, Coach Joe Chadwick; J. V. Boys Soccer: Andy Shattuck, Coach J. Finney; Middle School Soccer: Ben Cerone, Gabe Porter-Henry, Keith Cerone, Colin Gruen, Coach P. Kelleher; Varsity Volleyball: Theresa Shattuck, Coach J. Kordana.

HEATH PUBLIC PRESCHOOL NEWS

by Carolyn Armstrong

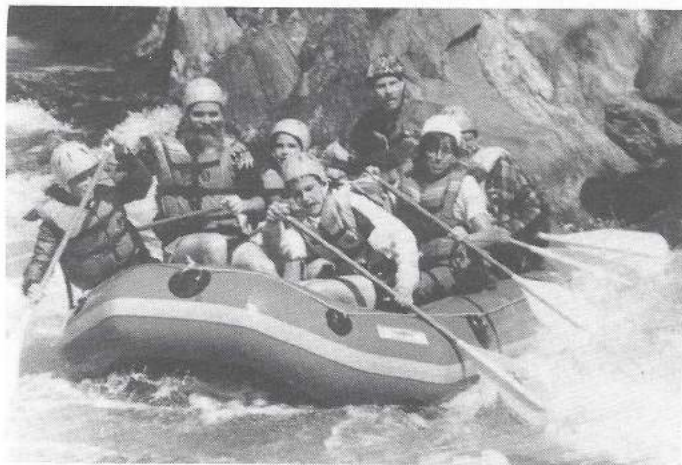
The Heath Preschool will be having a Used Equipment Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Community Hall.

Skis, skates, sleds, winter clothing, bikes, other sporting equipment and used toys will be on sale.

Items being offered on consignment may be brought to the Community Hall from 4 - 7 PM on Friday, November 1. Money and/or unsold items may be picked-up after the sale from 4 - 6 PM, unless prior arrangements are made.

Donated items may be brought to drop-off boxes at the Town Hall, Rowe School and the Preschool. Items need to be clean and equipment usable.

For more information please call Carolyn Armstrong, 337-8417 or Michele Cutter, 337-4387.



THE ACADEMY AT CHARLEMONT
ZOAR OUTDOOR RAFTING TRIP
(Academy photo)

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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

Another school year has begun, and we feel as if we have had a very successful and productive beginning. We have an enrollment of 116 children who, for the most part, are eager to learn.

The staff has spent some time early on discussing and planning for the coming year. We have established some goals for the year, and will be working on meeting these goals throughout the 1991-1992 time period.

As some of you may know, the teaching staff began reviewing the Reading and Language Arts curriculum this past summer. We came together as a group for several days, to discuss the needs of the children with regard to learning to read and write. We are exploring the whole language process attempting to better implement a program that exposes children to the fine literature that is written for children today, while at the same time identifying the particular skill expectations for each grade level. We are concentrating on improving the library skills, and language mechanic skills of our children. In addition, we are in the process of implementing an independent extracurricular spelling program with the goal of improving the spelling achievement for all of our children. We hope to have parents/community members assistance with this program.

Throughout the year we will be attentive to the language arts focus and curriculum revision process.

We will continue our regional study again this year. Many of you remember last year's successful focus on Australia. This year the children will be studying Africa: South of the Sahara. There have been a few townspeople who have stepped forward to offer a hand. Please, if you know of anyone who has information about any of the countries in the Sub Sahara region, have them contact the school.

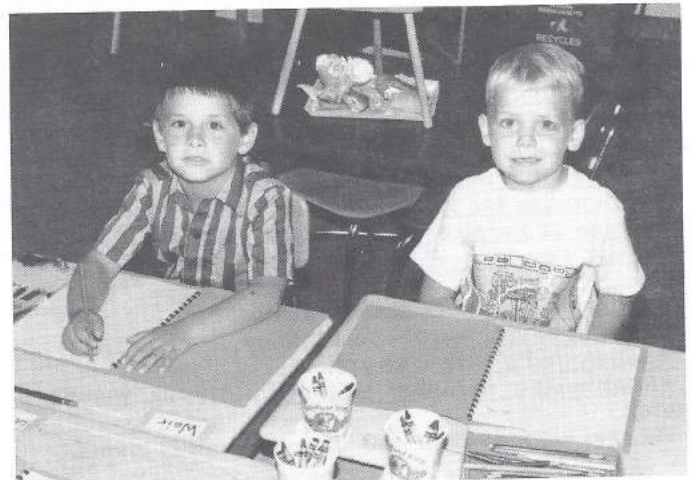
We have identified another goal as improving the contact with our parents, and making these interactions more meaningful. To this end there are extracurricular activities that call for additional adult support. Parent Terry Krumm has come forward with a home-based enrichment math program which we are exploring and would like to implement this year.

Again we need assistance administering this program. We have a need for assistance with managing student publications and developing our school newspaper. Also, classroom teachers are looking for volunteers and guests who will support their curriculum topics.

An exciting, busy program is planned for the year. Please step forward and offer your assistance! Together, we can make the difference!



NINA BRADBURY, ILLUSTRATOR AND WRITER
(Photo by Phil O'Reilly)



PATRICK WEIR AND MATT HOWE ARE READY FOR WORK
(Photo by Phil O'Reilly)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Todd Sumner

The Heath Historical Society held its annual meeting on August 10. Catherine Cromack was elected to the Board of Directors; Craig Barry and Todd Sumner were reelected treasurer and secretary respectively. Some changes to the by-laws were approved. Don Conlan rallied a group to cut the brush around the Center Cemetery. After the business meeting we listened to a lecture on Joshua Leavitt and the Leavitt family given by Hugh Davis, professor of history at Southern Connecticut State College.

President Pegge Howland reports that the society has mounted an exhibit at the Yankee Atomic Visitors' Center. Included in the display are some artifacts from the society's collection, Bill Thane's diorama of Fort Shirley, various photographs and publications. The exhibit will be in place until late October.

Director Mike Bakalar has produced a three-fold brochure that gives a brief history of the society, explains its activities, and lists its publications.

Plans for the annual fall hike are still being made. Watch the *West County News* for more details.

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LIBRARY LINES

by Alli Thane

Our big news this month is our new Encyclopedia Americana. This was purchased by our wonderful Friends of the Library through their many money-making projects along with donations from library users. Come in and see and use. We are very grateful.

The summer reading program is over, and the winners are:

Read to me:

Madeleine Gibbons, Ross Thane, and Alexandra Thane.

Read by Myself:

Jonathan Gibbons, Bree Richter, Lara Thane, Danny Levitch, Seth Brower and Rachel Brower.

Unfortunately, our reading program was not as successful as we would like, although, 260 books were read. Let's have more readers next year.

Nicole Rainville's Origami Class was fun with 13 children and adults attending. If anyone else has a talent like this to share, please contact us. Nicole did a great job and we are grateful.

The library is now on winter hours which means that we are open until 1 o'clock on Saturday.

Some of our new books are:

The Strange Death of Mistress Coffin, by Robert Begiebing;

The Invisible Woman, by Claire Tomalin

Tourists are for Trapping - Marian Babson

Trouble at Marsh Harbor - Susan Sharpe

On the Far Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George

War in the Gulf - Thomas B. Allen & CNN

The Sum of All Tears - Tom Clancy

Kitchen God's Wife - Amy Tan

Remembering Reinhold Niebuhr - Ursula Niebuhr, editor.

We also have several new Christmas craft books.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

The Friends of the Heath Library want to thank all those who baked and donated books to the Annual Book and Bake Sale at the Heath Fair. Sunday's rain put a damper on sales, but we are happy to say that we were still able to buy a new World Book Encyclopedia for the Library, which is already helping students with their school work. Many thanks to all those who once again gave their time and energy to make the sale a success.

CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who has showed their love and support during my dad's recent heart attack. It was a real blessing to our family to know that so many people were concerned and praying for him and us. His is doing much better, and is also thankful to all of you.

We were also very thankful for the potluck dinner held for us to celebrate our third anniversary in Heath. That night the church gave us a beautiful painting by Mrs. Avery, which is now in our living room; again, thank you. For those who missed it, slides were shown of the church, people, area and many of the events from the past three years. Roger Jr. and Jason sang for us, and may I say, did a great job.

Maybe you haven't noticed yet, but Sunday School has begun at 9 AM every Sunday morning. We would love to have you come and join us for some singing, Bible study, crafts and a lot of fun. This year pins will be given out for perfect attendance. Hope to see you next Sunday morning. The youth did a great puppet skit for the service at the Heath Fair and really enjoyed themselves on their float. They were hoping to catch your attention. I'll say they probably did. While I am mentioning the fair, I am also grateful to Rev. Mullette for preaching on such short notice, to Roger Jr. for leading most of the service, and to Kirk and Sandy Pettengill for all their help with the Youth Program.

The church choir is now active once again and will hopefully continue to be so. We will be planning another Thanksgiving Eve service. Details will be in the paper. Anyone interested in Baptism or church membership, please contact Pastor Roger at 337-5755.



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WILD RAMBLINGS

WILDLIFE ATTRACTIONS

by Bill Lattrell

One of the wonderful aspects of living in a rural community such as Heath is the abundant wildlife that is present. Most wild animals have adapted to man's presence by learning to make themselves scarce. That is they are present, but unseen. To the animal, unseen, by and large, means it is undisturbed. All animals, including man, like to go about their business unbothered by interruptions, especially those perceived as being dangerous. Of course, for those who want to make wildlife a greater part of their everyday lives, this represents a challenge. That challenge is how to observe more animals in a way that is not disturbing to them.

A more effective way of feeding wildlife is to plant natural food sources that will benefit the wildlife community. Choosing not only the right plant but the right location can be tricky, but there are some general rules of thumb that one can consider when undertaking this task.

For the casual observer the chance sight of an animal, say a fox, crossing the road is an adequate reminder of our natural surroundings. The more interested observer, however, needs to either spend a great deal of time in the wild seeking out these critters, or they need to find ways to make the observation of wildlife easier. This second technique is the subject of this article. And hopefully it will prove useful to those who truly enjoy wildlife and the natural world.

There are some necessary cautions that go along with making wildlife more accessible for observation. The first is with respect to feeding them, particularly at artificial feeding stations. Most people start feeding wildlife enthusiastically. The animals often become dependent upon these food sources. The trouble is that people have a habit of becoming disinterested, bored, or even displaced. The animal may have become dependent upon the food source and not sought out natural feeding areas. During a tough winter this can be devastating on these animals, resulting in starvation and poor health that can even lead to their death. It is for this reason that I strongly discourage wildlife feeding stations. They more often lead to a negative rather than a positive situation for the wildlife. The one exception to this is bird feeding stations. These are close enough to home that people keep them filled and the birds happy. But even with these, people should make a commitment to the activity once they have begun to attract the birds to their feeder.

A more effective way of feeding wildlife is to plant natural food sources that will benefit the wildlife community. Choosing not only the right plant but the right location can be tricky, but there are some

general rules of thumb that one can consider when undertaking this task. First, choosing the right plant, shrub, or tree can take some research. There are many things to consider. Are you trying to attract a particular animal? Perhaps you are looking for something more multipurpose that attracts several animal species. What about observation? Is there a vantage point that you are concerned about? More importantly, what about escape cover for the animal? Most wildlife will approach a feeding source when escape cover is available, such as a pine thicket, hedgerow, or other dense vegetation.

There are thousands of plants, trees, and shrubs that are good foraging sources for wildlife. It is my strong suggestion to plant only those that are indigenous to the area. This technique encourages animals to seek out food sources that are available throughout the area, and not just in your woodlot. The more indigenous your food supply is, the better it is for the wildlife you are trying to observe. Soft mast and hard mast are both excellent food supplies for wildlife. Soft mast is forage such as wild fruit. Black cherries (from the native black cherry tree), blueberries, blackberries, and smaller forbs like the mayapple are all very important soft mast forage supplies. These particular species attract many birds, including game birds, black bears, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, and even wild canines. Many people are amazed to learn that a large part of the red fox's diet is made up of fruit.

Hard mast are primarily seeds. Nut producing trees such as the oaks, hickories, beech, and others are very important forage for dozens of our local animals. White-tailed deer, black bear, squirrels, game birds, and even once again some fox, enjoy hard mast. One interesting note with regard to these hard mast species is that if they are planted from seedlings it could be many years before they begin to produce a crop, and not all will produce a crop every year. For instance, in these parts the red oak will produce acorns every 2 to 3 years. There are many hard mast and soft mast species that one might consider planting to attract wildlife. Before planting these species go out and about the area and observe where they are growing. Different plants grow in different conditions. Northern arrowwood, highbush

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blueberry, winterberry, silky and gray dogwood, and smooth and speckled alder are all wetland shrubs that have a very high wildlife forage value. Upland plants that have a high forage value (an these are but a few of thousands) are hobblebush, lowbush blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, shadbush, highbush cranberry, partridge berry, and hawthornes. There are many perennial and annual forbs as well that are valuable food for wildlife. A few of these are cattails, thistle, clover, cowslip, pokeberry, mullein, and a host of grasses, sedges, and rushes. Research is usually necessary to equate particular animal species with particular plant species.

Another very important way of making wildlife more observable is by providing appropriate and attractive habitat. Animals need escape cover and nesting areas. If these are available in an area where you would like to observe wildlife, then your chances are greatly improved. There are many types of nesting habitats for wildlife. There are among these many types of nesting habitats some general habitats that attract a wide variety of animals. The first is snags. Snags are dead trees. These are not only important nesting habitats for squirrels, songbirds, flying squirrels, raccoons, fisher, and opossum, but provide food for many excavating birds such as woodpeckers, chickadees, and sapsuckers. Much of our deadwood is lost to firewood seeking expeditions. Before removing deadwood snags for firewood it is wise to consider their wildlife habitat potential.

Observing wildlife can be one of life's greatest rewards. Living in heath makes this activity accessible to all residents.

Fortunately there is plenty of deadwood for both man's needs and good wildlife habitat. When harvesting a woodlot leave 12-14 snags per acre. Many foresters think this looks like heck, but few foresters are wildlife experts. Believe me, this is one of the most important things that you can do for overall wildlife habitat improvement. Another nesting habitat that can be created by you and helpful to animals is low brush piles. A wide variety of animals including cottontails, snowshoe hares, mice, voles and various predators will use brush piles for escape cover and nesting habitat. In an area that has been recently thinned for forest products, piling the brush will greatly improve the habitat. The piles should be small and manageable, not over 3 feet tall and 8 feet by 8 feet wide and placed on a base of logs, rocks, or other cover habitat. This not only makes them more presentable, but encourages decomposition when their habitat usefulness is over.

Other types of nesting habitat and escape habitat include living brush piles where one saws part way through the lower bows of conifers so they then touch the ground, rock piles, and planted thickets for nesting and escape. Culverts and pipes buried beneath a pile of rocks or brush make a nice artificial nest. I am familiar with an 18 inch culvert that has served as a nesting habitat for black bears in the Catamount area. One word of caution with regard to culverts and pipes, they could be dangerous to domestic animals and children. Caution and consideration of who or what travels the area is a necessary concern.

Observing wildlife can be one of life's greatest rewards. Living in Heath makes this activity accessible to all residents. If you try to undertake this activity please be considerate of the animal, and never under any circumstances should a feeding or nesting habitat set up by people be used for hunting. This would simply be unsportsman like, and illegal. When observing wildlife we become more appreciative of our natural world. This appreciation will prove to be beneficial by heightening our sensitivity to our environment and treating it with the respect that it deserves.

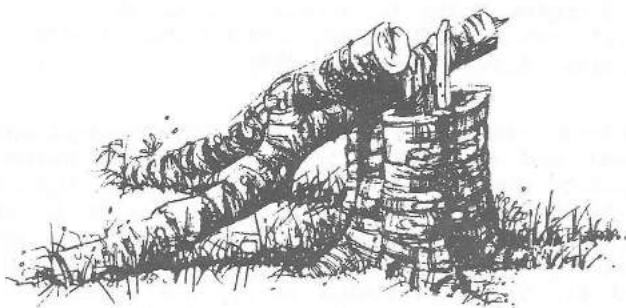
HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell

In August the Heath Conservation Commission reviewed a Notice of Intent filed on a property on Route 8A. After much discussion, and with design modifications the Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions that will protect the identified resource areas. The site was a difficult one due to the presence of both wetlands and seasonal and perennial brooks. The site was very tight with regard to necessary setbacks from wells, property lines and a public way. The site is also in the Aquifer Protection District and required a special septic design. With regard to this the applicant was referred to both the Planning Board and Board of Health. Final decisions with regard to this project by these two boards are pending.

The Conservation Commission has received several complaints about wetland violations. This may be a good time to review our policy about potential wetlands violations. First, it is our strong preference, although not mandatory, that reporters identify themselves. We strongly appreciate neighbors being carefully watchful for environmental violations, but it is much easier to document if we know who the reporter is. All violation reports are appreciated, however. Generally after receiving a complaint the Conservation Commission does a site visit. If there is indeed a violation the land owner is notified of the violation and asked to comply with the law. This is usually all that is necessary to correct the situation. However, if necessary the Conservation Commission can rely upon the Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts General Courts to help rectify a persistent violation.

We anticipate several major hearings this fall regarding water bodies and wetlands in town. All hearings are public hearings and posted as to time, date, and subject. Observers and interested parties are always welcome at Conservation Commission hearings and meetings. Generally we meet the 4th Thursday of each month, and on scheduled hearing dates.



a Snag

GOOD COVER FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE
(Illustrated by Tom Parker, Cornell University)



Green Thoughts

by

ELSA BAKALAR

Autumn already, by the calendar, and it's anybody's guess what lies in store. Last year's mild winter followed by an early spring and a hot, hot, dry summer certainly produced some bumper crops, but I wonder if some of the fruit trees and bushes aren't going to have to skip a year to recover.

There was some anxiety about the effect of the weather on Heath Fair entries, but we need not have worried. There were plenty of flowers, some of them very well arranged, and as for the fruits and vegetables, well! The Hall never looked better.

Sophie Coe, that indefatigable Superintendent of Hall, is already thinking of new flower classes that might be appropriate for the Fair in 1992. Five hundred years after Columbus sailed the ocean blue, Heath might salute him at the Fair next year with special arrangements of dahlias, zinnias, cosmos, nasturtiums, and other beautiful flowers. It certainly would be colorful - a sort of "Heath Discovers Columbus" section.

On a recent Saturday morning, Bob and Sue Gruen's deck was the scene of this year's Perennial Plant Exchange. Sixteen gardeners met to sip, nibble, and swap. Not only plants, but ideas, too, were exchanged, and information shared, and I'm wondering if this might not be the beginning of a garden club in Heath. Say "garden club" and some people think you mean a social club, with more tea and finger sandwiches than garden activities, but Heath being the kind of place it is, I don't think there's much danger of that. With a plant exchange in spring and fall, a few workshops in winter, and perhaps some cooperative ordering of plants and supplies, I think all gardeners would benefit. Then we might see gardens burst into bloom all over town.

I can think of any number of comic episodes in my garden, but there was one this summer that takes the cake. A cat brought a badly mauled rabbit to me as I was working (why *will* they do this) and dropped it in the flower border. I grabbed the cat and took off, calling to my husband to put the rabbit out of its misery. A single shot with a .22, and Mike said, "You can come back now, the rabbit's dead." After a pause, he added, "There has, however, been a minor mishap." "You shot yourself," I suggested tactlessly. "No," he said, "but I seem to have shot your prize delphinium." And he had - clean through two half-inch stems. Two six-foot delphinium spikes had bit the dust. Nervously, he said, "It was self-defense."

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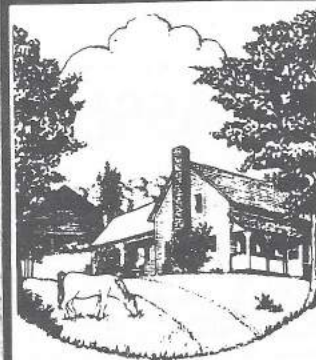
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REGARDING ELECTIONS

by Alli Thane

The Board of Registrars' members Catherine Cro-mack and Alli Thane with Town Clerk, Karen Mac-Dougall attended a workshop at Williston-Northampton School on September 11 for an update of new laws regarding elections. The most significant news is that Massachusetts now has 3 political parties: Republican, Democrat, and Independent Voters party. Anyone not wishing to be affiliated with a specific political party are now listed as Unenrolled. If you have any questions regarding your political enrollment, please contact the Town Clerk. The only time your political designation is of any concern is during a Primary Election.

There are new rules also, regarding absentee ballots. Check with your registrars early, before elections, if you plan to be away and are using an absentee ballot.

REGISTER TO VOTE. This may be done at anytime by seeing the registrars or Town Clerk.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

by June Day

The Selectmen keep me very busy with our mutual projects. Those activities are covered in the Selectmen's report so I will comment only on my activities as Town Accountant.

I have now completed a full year and feel familiar with the annual accounting cycle. However, I continue to be frustrated over my lack of concentration on the General Ledger, an important aspect of this position. Mike McConnell, an outside accountant, and I are working on the major Fiscal Year '91 report, the Balance Sheet. This is the report from which the DOR determines the "Free Cash" for the town. Completion of Schedule A will follow and should be a comparative breeze for this year. Joe Boudreau of the DOR has been very helpful and will continue to guide me through the intricacies of municipal financial accounting.

I want to thank the Community of Heath and the Selectmen for allowing my change in hours during blueberry season. I was able to put in my allotted time as two full days plus the Tuesday evening Board Meeting and also was at the Town Hall during inclement weather when we were not picking and processing. I appreciate being able to accommodate my other career as blueberry farmer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Earl Gleason, Chief

The Department responded to five emergency calls during the period from July 23 to September 27. The first was a mutual aid call to a structure fire in east Colrain on August 2. Seven firefighters responded to Colrain with engine one, returning to Heath seven hours later. Six others responded and stayed at our station. On August 8, firefighters started to Colrain on a mutual aid call for a reported barn fire, but were returned to our station when it was found there was no fire. August 30 saw four firefighters, an EMT trainee and a Rowe EMT assist Charlemont ambulance with a man on 8A who was ill. We had a double header on September 18. In the morning, five firefighters and one EMT from Heath with an assist from a Rowe EMT, aided Charlemont ambulance with a man who had fallen from a dump truck. In the late evening of that same day, three EMTs and five firefighters responded in a heavy downpour with lightning flashing to Bellor Road to assist Charlemont ambulance with a woman who was ill.

Another rainy evening saw the chief and two firefighters do a public service non-emergency detail for a lady in Mohawk Estates on July 26.

Firefighter activities included three Association meetings, two Junior Firefighter meetings, and one drill. One firefighter, Mike Smith, also attended an Arson Investigation class at the Meadowood Fire School in Fitzwilliam, NH, on September 14 and 15. The most time consuming, but financially rewarding were Heath Fair and the Yankee Picnic. These are two of the most important fund raising events of the year. About 175 man-hours were spent on these two projects, only a small portion of the time given by firefighters to provide emergency protection to the town.

A happy event occurred in our department recently when James Thane, Keith Serman, and Roger Peace, Jr. turned eighteen and completed their junior firefighters training and became full fledged Heath firefighters. As we are to soon have another Junior Firefighter become eighteen, there are several openings for people from fourteen to eighteen to join. Please call Chief Gleason for details.

The Chief issued 2 permits, did two inspections for smoke detectors and one oil burner inspection, and one placement of smoke detection. He also responded to an illegal burn and gave a warning. Summer does not seem to be vacation time when it comes to meetings. Seven in-town meetings were attended, and six out-of-town meetings. One of these meetings was a hearing before the legislative committee on Energy which was held at the Rowe School on September 20. I was given the opportunity to testify about our Emergency Response Plan as it applies to the nuclear plant in Rowe. I am firmly convinced that this plan will work as I do not undertake working on projects that I feel won't work. I might also say that the plan may be discussed or viewed at a time agreeable to me at the fire station.



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WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

by Victor E. Staley, Building Inspector

One of the most popular questions that gets asked of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program Office is, "Do I need a building permit for what I want to do?" The most popular answer to this question is "yes." Contrary to general belief, the Building Inspector does not make up his own rules and regulations; these guidelines are outlined in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations 780, now into its fifth edition.

There are those people who feel that the Massachusetts State Building Code was written for the eastern portion of the state, and this is simply not so. The Massachusetts Code Book incorporates an amazing amount of engineering, building, and fire science that knows no boundaries, because a structure in the western part of the state would be loaded no differently (if not more than) its counterpart in the east.

Section 113.1 of the Massachusetts Building Code defines when a building permit is required.

It shall be unlawful to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove or demolish a structure; or to change the use or occupancy of a building or structure; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by this code without first filing a written application with the building official and obtaining the required permit therefor.

One of the key words in this section is "structure", which is also defined in the Massachusetts Building Code.

STRUCTURE: A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter, such as a building, framework, retaining wall, tent, reviewing stand, platform, bin, fence, sign, flagpole, recreational tramway, mast for radio antenna, or the like. The word "structure" shall be construed, where the context requires, as though followed by the words, "or part or parts thereof."

A building permit is also required when you demolish a structure or part thereof. Inclusive of the demolition permit is a demolition debris affidavit stating the final destination of the waste material, as defined by MGL Chapter III, Section 150A.

The erection or movement of a sign requires a building permit, even if not addressed by the local bylaws. There are many aspects (too numerous to list) to the erection of signs, of which many people are unaware.

The rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Building Code are designed as minimal building standards with safety as its focus. The enforcement of the Code by Building Inspectors falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety.

I hope that this short explanation will help the citizenry in determining whether or not a building permit is necessary. If there is any doubt at all, it is best to consult the local building inspector for guidance and advice.

PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

PERCOLATION TESTS

Earl Gleason reports there were no repairs this period. Percolation tests for new installations are suspended until next April.

BUILDING PERMITS

Leo Thomas, Flagg Hill Road, garage.
Roger Clark, Rowe Road, storage shed.
Wolfgang Behl, South Road, addition to residence.
Thomas Lively, Number Nine Road, deck.
Robert Hamilton, Wigwam Drive, screened porch.
John Doherty, South Road, change milk house to tool shed.
Fred Leyland, Ben Road, addition to residence.
Richard Newton, Town Farm Road, storage shed.

Total: \$28,620.

DEED TRANSFERS

Joseph A. Boucher to Allen J. and Diana L. Boucher of North Adams, Mohawk Estates, Lot 18. \$700.

William J. and Lenore E. O'Connell by the United Savings Bank to the United Savings Bank, Colrain Brook Road, Lots 23 & 24. \$86,552.

Dorothy I. Carruthers to R. C. Realty Trust, Dorothy Carruthers and Robert C. Carruthers as trustees of Sunapee, N.H., Sumner-Stetson Road. \$1.

William Wanat to Elizabeth Wolfe Sazinski of South Windsor, CT., 10 Chippewa Drive. \$3,500.

Jeanette K. Fuller to Paul Robidoux of Chicopee, Mohawk Estates, Lot 16. \$3,500.

Shawmut Bank NA, Trustee of William J. Wolf estate to Eleanor Dun Wolf, Ledges Road. No consideration.

Allyn W. Coobs, Inc. to Eric William and Esther L. Danielson of Canton Center, CT. Underwood Hill Road, Lot 2. \$25,000.

John J. Poirier of Torrington, CT, to Michael A. and Katherine S. Boutin of Newington, CT, and William and Pamela B. Coutin of Portland, CT, Cascade Road, Lot 4. \$3,700.

Edmund R. and Albertine P. Gelinas to Paul and Irene Staron of Farmington, CT, Teepee Lane, Lot 13. \$5,500.

Warren D. Platt of Longmeadow to Russell M. and Linda L. Hamilton of Chicopee, Sadoga Road, Lot 9, 5.199 acres. \$15,000.

Joshua Stone of NYC to Alfred G. Desautels, Rowe road. \$55,000.

Margaret Donovan to Kenneth and Eileen Hansen of Middle Village, NY, Colrain Brook Road, Lots 2, 3, 23 and 24. \$1.

Barbara J. Caron to Steven M. Brochu of Chicopee, Lot 14. \$4,250.

Nancy R. Moss to Michael M. Baronas, Chickasaw St., Lot 59. \$1.

Henry R. and Olivette J. Beaudoin to David H. Beaudoin of Chicopee, Mohawk Estates, Lot 13. \$1.

Henry L. Haga and Lars W. Hanson to Michael and Joanne Lavertue of Huntington, Mohawk Estates, Lot 21. \$2,000.



Mohawk Valley Health Education Services HEALTH THYSELF CALENDAR

Smoking Cessation - Freshstart Quit Smoking

Date: Oct. 22, 29, 31 and Nov. 5, 13
Time: 7:30 - 9 PM
Place: MVHES
Fee: \$40

Diabetes Screening & Discussion

Date: Oct. 24
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Place: Shelburne Senior Center
Fee: Donations

AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving

Date: Oct. 29 & 30
Time: 10 - 12 AM & 1 - 3 PM
Place: Shelburne Senior Center
Fee: \$8

Nigerian Dance

Date: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 7 - 8:15 PM
Place: Hawlemont School, Charlemont
Fee: \$35

Negus Mountain Hike

Date: Oct. 19
Time: 1 - 3:30 PM
Place: Rowe Elem. School (meeting place)
Fee: Free

Introduction to Kinesiology

Date: Nov. 7
Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Place: Charlemont Federated Church
Fee: Free

Transitions: Death, Dying & Grieving

Date: Oct. 24
Time: 7 - 9 PM
Place: MVHES
Fee: Free

Herbal First Aid

Date: Nov. 11, 18
Time: 7 - 9 PM
Place: MVHES
Fee: \$15

Registration is required for all programs. Please call MVHES at 625-2503 to register.



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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

(At Town Hall unless otherwise specified)

Selectmen: Tuesday 7:30 PM

Accountant: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Assessors: 1st & 3rd Monday, 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Town Clerk: Monday, 9 - 11:30 AM
Wednesday, 8 - 11:30 AM
(call for appointment, 4 - 7 PM, 337-4268)

Town Treasurer: Tuesday, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, 9 - 10:30 AM

Tax Collector: Monday, 9 - 11:30 AM
Wednesday, 8 - 11:30 AM
(call for appointment, 4 - 7 PM, 337-4268)

Finance Committee: As posted

Planning Board: 2nd Monday of month 7 PM

Conservation Commission: 3rd Tuesday of month

Heath School Committee: 1st Tuesday of month
7:30 PM Community Hall

Library Trustees: 3rd Monday of month 7:30 PM

Library: Monday 6-9 PM Wednesday 1-5 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM

Town Nurse: Wednesday 9 - 11 AM
(call 337-4323 for appointment)

Post Office: Monday through Saturday
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Transfer Station: Monday 9 AM - 1 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Town Telephones: Town Hall 337-4934
Community Hall 337-4847
Town Garage 337-4462
Fire, Police & Ambulance 1-772-2133

PETERS GENERAL STORE

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Movie Rentals - 2 for the price of 1 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

• Wine	• Chips	• Ice Cream	• Cough Syrups
• Liquor	• Pretzels	• Frozen Foods	• Aspirin
• Soda	• Popcorn	• Breads	• Bandages
• Cheeses	• Crackers	• Meats	• and more

Deli Case • General Groceries
Snacks • Sunday Papers

Video Tapes and VCR Rentals • Gasoline • Diesel • Kerosene
Worms and Crawlers • Blue Seal Dog Food
Nuts, Bolts, Nails, General Hardware • Brookville Gloves

HOURS: Monday - Saturday 8 am - 7 pm
Sunday - 10 am - 7 pm

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