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FROM THE HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

by Philip O'Reilly

A big thank you. Having been part of the playground work crew last week, I have to say that never before have I witnessed such a successful collaborative effort. Undoubtedly, we have a beautiful playground but to me, what is more impressive is the process that was taken to make that playground a reality. We presented our children with a great gift in that lovely structure. The greater gift we shared with them was the teamwork modeling that was so wonderfully exhibited throughout the duration of this project. Our children witnessed what it takes to make a project of this size happen. It was a

thrill for me to see this project come to completion. I want you to know that the children are very proud and happy, as well.

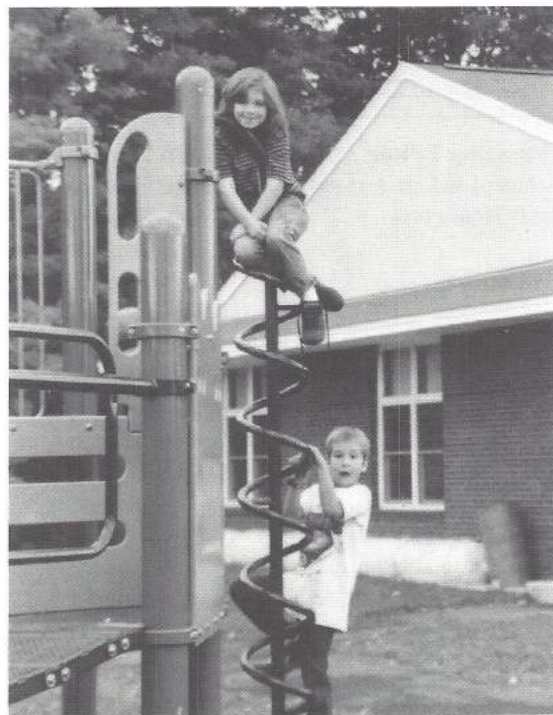
We all owe a great deal of thanks to Suzanne Crawford, Karen Brooks, Bruce Phillips, Tim Lively, Suzanne Taylor and Stephen Bechtel for the hours they spent visiting many playground sites and putting out to bid this gargantuan project. We owe thanks to many people who did site work preparation and preliminary construction throughout the entire week, last week. We owe thanks to a whole host of others who came out on Saturday and worked together to build this structure. Each person has received a note from the school community thanking him or her for their work.

I assure you we'll all work hard to play well and safely on our new structure!

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MARY VILBON, BRIAN VILBON AND SUE CRAWFORD CONSTRUCTING A PIECE OF THE SCHOOL'S PLAYGROUND
(Photo by Deborah Phillips)



MEGAN KAIN AND JOSEPH LAPOINTE ENJOYING HEATH SCHOOL'S NEW PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE
(Photo by Deborah Phillips)

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

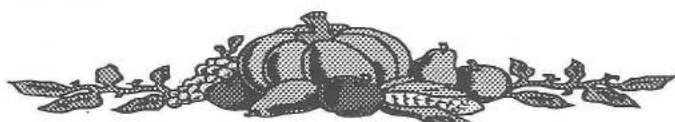
by Veronica Smead

You can feel very proud of the new Heath School which is running very smoothly thanks to the talented staff and principal that we have. The Heath School Community Partnership (HSCP) is very interested in your input in the next year ahead of us. We would welcome you at our meeting on October 20 at 6:30 PM when we will set up our goals for the 97-98 year. Are there enrichment programs that you would encourage the children of Heath to be able to participate in? What do you wish for the children at the Heath School? Please forward your comments to Veronica Smead (337-5389 /msmead@valinet.com) or Darlene Corbreil (337-8574). Your contribution is very important to everyone!

HEATH LADIES AID

by Edith C. Royer

The Christmas sale will be held November 8 at the Community Hall from 10 AM to 3 PM. Fancy articles, decorations, toys and more will be available. Lunch will also be on sale. Come and look around and visit with friends.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As one who travels the roads of Heath nearly every day of the week I just want to publicly thank the Board of Selectmen and Jack Cable and the employees of the Highway Department for the improvements made this year to the Branch Hill and Burrington Roads. It certainly makes for pleasurable driving and less worry about the front end alignment of my car. Also, Jacobs Road to the Heath School is entirely new and provides a safe access and egress for school buses, parents and employees. Wonderful! Jacobs Road was done with special money from the State and required enlisting the support of John Merrigan and Jane Swift when she was in office. (And, how about those new signs, first started by Ron Corey and now being made by his son, Alan.) Now, if Charlemont would only do the same to their (expletive deleted) section of Avery Road to Route 2, wouldn't that be something! Assuming we continue to receive the kind of support we've been getting from the State, all the Town's roads should be in decent shape in another two or three years.

Also, I think the work done on the Town Hall and Community Hall for the handicapped turned out very well. It takes considerable time and effort beyond just attending weekly meetings to do all these things, and, I for one, appreciate it.

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RAY'S OF INTEREST

by R. C. Pettengill

Once I had a hive of angry bees and they stung me several times. Somewhere I had read that bees tasted good to skunks, and they had learned that if they scratched gently at the entrance of the hive a bee would come to investigate and they could snip them with their teeth without getting stung or arousing the whole hive.

The idea came to me from this that the most angry bees in the hive would come to investigate the cause of the scratching first and that if I could thin out a few of these the hive would be easier to work with. Dressed in full bee suit with heavy gloves I started scratching and as soon as a bee would come out to investigate I'd clump him. I kept this up until no more bees came out and thought, "Boy this really works". I figured that by now all the bees left in the hive would be nice and friendly, so I lifted the cover to look in and found the only bee left was the queen.

Revenge tastes good, too!

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School Council News. On Tuesday, September 30, the Heath School Council met for the first time this year. We discussed the School Improvement Plan that was created last year and the direction that the Council will take this year. There are several teams identified, each taking on a project from the School Improvement Plan. Carol Sartz and Deborah Phillips are working on the Local/Global Community Team. This team will work to establish greater connection between school, Heath and other cultures. Philip O'Reilly, Deb Porter and Judy Thrasher are working together to design and create the Heath School Handbook. Sharon Brower and Mary Vilbon are working on developing a coordinated after school and summer program. Alice Lemelin and Robbie Murphy are working on the Learning Network Team. This team will work on helping the community know and understand the direction the school is taking with regard to the Learning Network. We are looking for community members to serve on each of these teams. Please know that committing yourself to a team is short term only. Call any of the above people or call the school if you are interested in finding out more about the work of each team. Please, come help us. Our next meetings are scheduled for October 16 and November 20. Both meetings begin at 4:30 PM at the school. Please join us!

New Staff. As many of you know, we are lucky to have several new staff members at the school. Kimberly Gross has been hired as the second K/1 teacher. She recently received her Masters Degree from the University of Massachusetts where she spent a year studying the "constructivist" approach to elementary education. Patricia DeAngelis has been hired as the second 2/3 teacher. Pat is also a recent Masters graduate. She graduated from Smith College in Northampton this past spring. Deb McConnell has been hired as our second 4/5 teacher. She also graduated from the constructivist program at the University this past spring. We are extremely fortunate to have Scott Bryant as our new music teacher. Scott has been teaching



**NEW HEATH TEACHER
KIM GROSS**

(Photo by Deborah Phillips)



**NEW HEATH TEACHER
PAT DEANGELIS**

(Photo by Deborah Phillips)

in the Mohawk District for the last 9 years. He is very excited about teaching in Heath and is planning to begin a jazz band. (Anyone interested in joining this intergenerational band should call the school.) Zenya Wild has been hired as our new teacher of Special Education. Zenya has a varied background in a number of educational positions. Most recently, she has worked at the Swift River School in New Salem, MA. Lisa Goodell is our new physical education teacher. Lisa also is a recent college graduate. She graduated from New England College in New Hampshire. Finally, Heath resident and parent, Alice Lemelin was hired to replace Karen Soviecke who has taken a job with Bell Atlantic in Greenfield.

Grants. Heath School has been awarded a number of grants that will allow for continued professional development in the area of literacy learning. We have received money to allow teacher Cathy Geyster to attend a full year of training to be a Reading Recovery teacher. As a Reading Recovery teacher she will work with only first grade students, helping them to become readers and writers. This is a very successful reading intervention program for early learners.

We have also received a grant for \$20,000 as a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lighthouse Technology School. This money will allow us to contract with Henry Leuchtman to be here in the building as a technical support person. He will also help us integrate all of our new technology into the teaching and learning happening in our classrooms. The money will also allow us to buy new hardware and software. Finally, the money will allow for teachers to attend other computer workshops and classes. Doug Wilkins was instrumental in obtaining this money. We are one of two western Massachusetts schools to receive this money for the work we're doing with technology.



**NEW TEACHER DEB MCCONNELL
READING TO LEAH KAIN**

(Photo by Deborah Phillips)

LIBRARY LINES

by Laurie Wheeler Burrington

Whew! Is it time to sit down yet? Summer always results in frenzied activity, which almost always turns into a Fall of frenzied activity. This year is no different, but a friendly reminder from your librarian, take a break every now and then, and pick up a good read!

Here is a list of new audios and books to whet your appetites. Oodles of fine mysteries have been donated by the DeLeeuws, audios and books donated by Dr. Coe, and audios and large print titles purchased by Heath Council on Aging funds.

Mysteries: A Letter to Mary, Laurie King; Foggy Mountain Breakdown, Sharyn McCrumb; Dark Root, Skeleton's Knee, both by Mayer; Main Corpse, Diane Mott Davidson; Endangered Species, Nevada Barr, Murder She Meowed, Rita Mae Brown; God Save the Queen, Dorothy Cannell; McNally's Gamble, Sanders; Shadow Woman, Thomas Perry, Eater of Souls, Lynda Robinson; A Free Man of Color, Barbara Hambly.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy books: Little Big, Crowley; The Wood Wife, Terr Windling; Expendable, James Alan Gardner, Storm Breaking, Mercedes Lackey; The Dragon and the Unicorn, A.A. Attanasio.

Fiction: Outlander, Diana Gabaldon; Their Eyes Were Watching God, Thurston; Special Delivery, Danielle Steele; Cold Mountain, Frazier, Evening Class, Binchy.

Young Adult and children's books: Invasion, Visitor, and Encounter, by Katherine Applegate; Goats by Brock Cole; The Truck Book, Deep Trouble, My Best Friend is Invisible, and Curse of Camp Cold Lake, all by Stine; The Herbalist Yarrow, given to the library by Carrie Feretti in honor of the library's 100 year celebration; Helping Billy Bluebird donated by the Sumner/Ayers family.

Non-fiction: Having Our Say, the Delaney Sisters; Ziata's Diary, Ziata Filipovic; Pushing my Shadow by local author Betty Tank; Jo's Girls by local author Christain McEwen; Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt; Eyewitness Dinosaur, The Perfect Storm, Junger; The Last Gift of Time, Heilbrun; Life Beyond Sixty, Heil-

brun.

Large print: Break a Leg Darlings, Babson; The Rebel and the Redcoat, Constant; The Diabetics Cookbook, Lund; That Camden Summer, Spencer; Stones from the River, Hegi; Fields and Pastures New, McCormack, My Old Man and the Sea, Hays; Dangerous to Know, Bradford, The Wizard's Daughter, Michaels; The Hundred Secret Senses, Tan; Always a Reckoning, Carter; The Music Box, Bunn; The Golden Ocean, O'Brien; The Waiting Time, Price; Now I Lay me Down to Sleep, Rushford, Mischief, Quick; Fault Lines, Sidons; Absolute Power, Baldacci.

Books-on-Cassette: Golden Spiders; Dangerous Allies; Night of 400 Rabbits; Adventures of Brother Cadfael; To Kill a Mockingbird; Zeka and Ned; An Isak Dinesen Feast; Jeeves in the Morning; Charles Kuralt's America, Up Island, Murder in Mesopotamia; Harlequin Tea Set; Mother Theresa's Joy in Loving; An American Childhood; A River Runs Through It; Orlando; Joshua; The Bean Trees; The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw; Catherine Called Birdy; The Notebook. We have a simple-to-run audio cassette player, purchased with COA funds a while ago, for any of our elders who wish to borrow it to make use of the books-on-cassette tapes. Just ask Don or me.

A last note, please remember to bring your books back when they are due, or close to there! Our resources are finite and for all in the community, but at any one time half of the book cards in my files are overdue. We don't charge overdue fines and aren't too awful when a book comes back late. Of particular importance are the interlibrary loan (ILL) books, because the donating libraries are less likely to lend to us and the Western Region, the people who orchestrate our ILL requests. If in question about when an item is due, books, magazines and audios from our own collection may be borrowed for three weeks; interLibrary loans as indicated in each case, and videos until the next open library day. Renewing them is always an option, just call us. Audios and videos cannot be put into the outdoor book drop, so please either leave them at the library or with Marcella during Post Office hours.

That's all for now folks. Have a great autumn and see you in the Library!

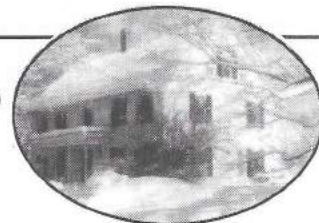
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FRIENDS OF THE HEATH LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

Summer is usually the busiest time of the year for the Friends of the Library and this was particularly so this year, the 100th Anniversary of Sawyer Hall, built in 1897 to house the three year old Heath Free Public Library.

At the Annual Meeting in July Phyllis Thane's resignation as treasurer was accepted with regret, and much thanks for all her services over the years. New officers were elected: Pat Leuchtman, President; Don Dekker Vice-president; Joanne Fortune, Secretary; and Jane DeLeeuw, Treasurer. Phyllis Thane was thanked for her invaluable years of service as treasurer.

As usual, the Friends held a Book Sale and Raffle at the Heath Fair. Thanks to all those who helped setting up the pavilion, moving books and staffing the sale during the weekend. All the officers put in time along with Chuck Ryan, Terri and Ray Pettengill, Maureen O'Malley and Bonnie Wodin. This year, in addition to selling books and raffle tickets, we sold a handsome and practical canvas book bag commemorating the Sawyer Hall Centennial with a design by Fred Burrington. We thank Fred for donating his beautiful design. These bags are still on sale at the Library for those who did not get one at the Fair, and we remind you that they make great gifts - and the holiday season will soon be upon us.

Although the Friends spend a lot of time fund-

raising for the Library, to help pay for all those special needs that the regular Library budget doesn't cover, this year we wanted to have a public celebration of the Sawyer Hall Centennial. The perfect vehicle presented itself when Bob Gruen passed on a box full of play scripts from Ruth Corey who had been a member of the Heath Dramatic Society. Since the Dramatic Society had held performances to raise money for the construction of Sawyer Hall, it seemed appropriate to recreate, approximately, one of those theatrical evenings.

On Saturday, September 1 about 50 people gathered at the Community Hall for a delicious pot luck supper followed by a very impromptu and informal evening of Theatrical Entertainments. Jennifer Gian who is famous for her portrayal of Emily Dickinson in the Belle of Amherst gave us a taste of the poet's style and wit; Pat and Henry Leuchtman, Don Dekker and Joanne Fortune presented a reading of Holloway's *Hired Hand*, a skit dating

back to 1952; Cabe Delisle recited a limerick, Harvey Carter read from Thoreau's classic *Walden Pond*; and Carrie Ferretti presented a book to the library and Laurie Wheeler Burrington. Jennifer concluded the evening with a recitation of her own work, *Mixed Vegetables* - and more - and a rousing reading of James Thurber's *The Night the Bed Fell* in honor of Ed Calver who also read that piece at a theatrical evening some years ago. It was a very full evening that continued over coffee and Sawyer Hall birthday cake after the applause died down.




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HEATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

by Alice J. Kinsman

Over 60 members and friends gathered at the Heath Elementary School cafeteria to enjoy a delicious buffet prepared by Gail Hall prior to the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Heath Historical Society. Following the reading of the 1996 Annual Meeting Minutes, the Treasurer's Annual Report and the President's Annual Report, the Reverend Richard Gary led the group in a prayer in remembrance of long-time HHS members Hannah E. Burrington, Clyde H. Churchill, Elizabeth Dyer and Frank M. Rugg all of whom passed away this year. Also remembered were Ronald Corey and Michael Peters of Heath for their special efforts on behalf of the Society.

David Howland reported that the HHS fund raising campaign undertaken earlier to lay the Solomon Temple Barn Museum floor and restore the Church Bass musical instrument was successful. The floor, which is dedicated to the memory of Mike Peters, was completed in time for the Fair. The Church Bass will be restored to playing condition in the very near future. His report on the limited resources available for the maintenance of facilities prompted discussion about starting an endowment fund.

Pegge Howland reported that Newland Smith's book of "Heath Gravestone Records" has been reprinted. The book, now in its third printing, contains four pages of revisions related to the Center Cemetery in it. She expressed the HHS's appreciation to Newland Smith and a hearty thanks to all who helped with the Barn floor fund drive, donors of money as well as those who gave in-kind contributions such as Dot & Dick Gary, Ed Croteau, and Margaret Healey.

In the annual election, David Howland and Alice Kinsman were reelected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for two years and Michael Coe was reelected director for three years.

After the meeting adjourned, the group had the pleasure of hearing from long-time, part-time resident Dr. Michael Coe, anthropologist and author of thirteen books, about the unique role of Heath during the French and Indian Wars of 1744-1763. Dr. Coe spoke about military life as it was then, the archeological dig he led at Fort Shirley and other research done at Fort Pelham. His talk entitled "The Line of Forts: The Massachusetts Frontier in the Mid-18th Century" included a comprehensive slide presentation after which he entertained questions from the group. Dr. Coe's presentation was extremely interesting and enthusiastically received by all in attendance.



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HEATH UNION CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Colin Lucid

I am amazed at how quickly the year has gone by since our arrival here in Heath. Our family has enjoyed our first year of ministry here very much and look forward to many more.

This Fall our church is pleased to announce "Children's Church". The children's service takes place at the same time as our regular service. This service is designed to minister to children between the ages of 4 years through 5th grade and still allow the parents to enjoy the regular church service.

We are also planning a Thanksgiving Eve service and a course titled "Experiencing God". Details will be announced as we move closer to these dates.

Ephesians 5:25 says: "Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her...". This command from Christ is not always easy to follow when the pressures of work and other things begin to pile up in our lives. Yet God's word not only has ways to teach us and help us love our wives, but there are many ways in which it can help families to grow closer to each other and God. If our church can be of help and show you how to be blessed by God's word, please call the parsonage at 337-5755. Have a great Fall season.

The Heath Church Fall schedule is as follows:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10 AM.

Sunday Morning Children's Church: 10 AM.

Sunday Evening Youth Group: 7 PM at the parsonage. Bring your favorite snack.

Thursday Bible Study: 7 PM at the parsonage. A chronological study from Genesis to Revelations.

Monthly men's fellowship breakfast: Call the parsonage for date and time.

Game Night: October 25, 7 PM. Call the parsonage for place. Bring your favorite snack.



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HEATH SCHOOL BAKE SHOP

by Deborah Phillips

The good news is that Gail Hall is back in the Heath School Kitchen providing all of Heath's Elementary School children with delicious and nutritious meals. Better news still is that she has expanded her "Bake Shop" and will now be offering the following items:

- Cheese Pizza \$6
- Pepperoni Pizza \$7
- Cookies (assorted varieties) \$2.00 (dozen)
- Cakes (1/4 sheet, assorted) \$4.00
- Breads (varies daily) \$1.75
- Cinnamon Buns \$2.50 half dozen

Most of the above items, except the breads, will be available in the freezer at any time. There may also be some specialty items and you can call her at the school (337-5307) for information. If there is something special you would like, it would be best to order it a couple of days in advance.

Last year, the money from the sale of cinnamon buns, pizzas and bread had to be deposited into Mohawk's revolving fund and distributed throughout the district. Starting now, Gail is setting up a business to keep all of the money in Heath. From the proceeds of the baking, she will pay the entire kitchen gas bill, all of the food that goes into the baking, purchase liability insurance and set up a college scholarship for a Heath student. This business will be completely separate from the breakfast and lunch programs and certainly doesn't interfere with the quality or variety offered to the children. You can see that for yourself once you've had lunch at the school. The greater Heath community is always welcome to come for lunch at the school for just \$2.25. If you can, call Gail ahead of time; and if you decide at the last minute, she'll still have lunch for you! Heath now has its first restaurant and bake shop where you can eat delicious and very reasonably priced food and help send a Heath child to college at the same time. Check for the menu at Town Hall and Peter's Store.

LIVELY DANCE COMES TO HEATH

by Deborah Phillips

Children, teens and adults can now take advantage of a wonderful, local resource for dance and creative movement classes at the Heath Elementary School. Martha Lively, daughter of Fred Lively, has moved back to Franklin County from New York City where she performed, studied and taught dance.

Martha received her Associates in Performing Arts from Dean College. She has studied with Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis, founders of an internationally recognized dance company, and recently completed classes at the Laban/Bartiniéff's Institute in movement analysis in New York City. In 1993 she founded "Kids Community Dance Project" and "Movement Together" which have been recognized by the New York State Department of Health as outstanding programs that involved the community with dance.

Martha is the Director of "Lively Dance" and she is currently teaching classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Heath Elementary School. (See dance schedule below.) The cost is \$5 per class hour, and she is planning a spring recital. She would like to add a teen class on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Interested teenagers should call her at 628-3805 and let her know if you would prefer ballet, jazz or modern. Adults and children alike have a wonderful opportunity to benefit from local talent at a local location! There is still time to register for any of her classes.

Monday

- Ballet (Ages 5-7) 3:30 - 4:30
- Creative Movement (5-12) 4:30 - 5:30
- Ballet (8-12) 5:30 - 6:30
- Teen Class?

Wednesday

- Jazz (Ages 5-9) 3:30 - 4:30
- Modern (5-12) 4:30 - 5:30
- Jazz (10-12) 5:30 - 6:30
- Adult Class 6:30 - 7:30

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HEATH PRESCHOOL NEWS

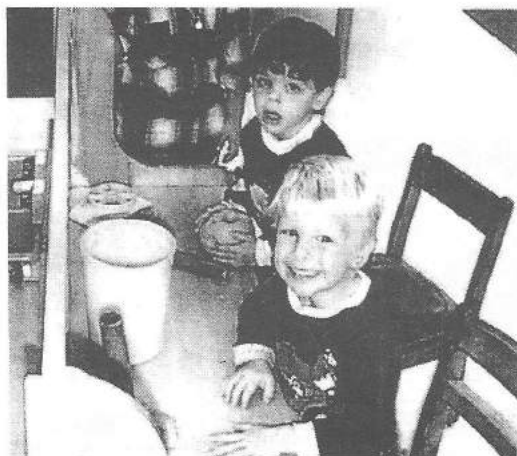
by Suzanne Crawford

The Heath Preschool is off to a great start for the 1997-98 school year! It is a real pleasure to be returning to our lovely classroom in the Heath School, where we feel so welcome. Tim Lively had the school in tip-top shape, and it was great to be able to start the year without moving furniture! (That's a first for the preschool!) Almost all of our students are new this year, since most of last year's class went on to kindergarten. But to see the class, you'd never guess that they were new to preschool - they have settled in so quickly and happily. It is a real pleasure to see all our young artists, scientists, builders, actors, etc., busy at work.

Our enrollment is a little larger than last year, with 13 at the moment and four more expected to join soon. We are once again offering a morning session, four days a week, with most children attending three mornings a week. I anticipate that next year we will have a large enough enrollment to return to having a morning and afternoon session again. We are fortunate to have much stability with the preschool staff, with Judy Clark returning as assistant teacher and Michelle Howe working this year as a special needs aid.

This summer the Heath School Community Partnership took on the responsibility and hard work of organizing the Heath Fair fund raiser. The preschool owes them a tremendous thank you for their generosity in sharing the income even though I was unable to help with the preparations. My time commitments with the playground committee did not allow for me to help much this year. The raffle once again had a beautiful selection of hand-made items, and the dunking booth was well attended by both dunkers and dunkees. Many, many thanks to all the people who helped to make this a successful Fair.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with great children, supportive families, and a warm school community. We hope you'll stop by to visit when you are in the school.



PRESCHOOLERS ENJOYING PLAYDOUGH
(Photo by Suzanne Crawford)

CULTURAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

by Pat Leuchtman

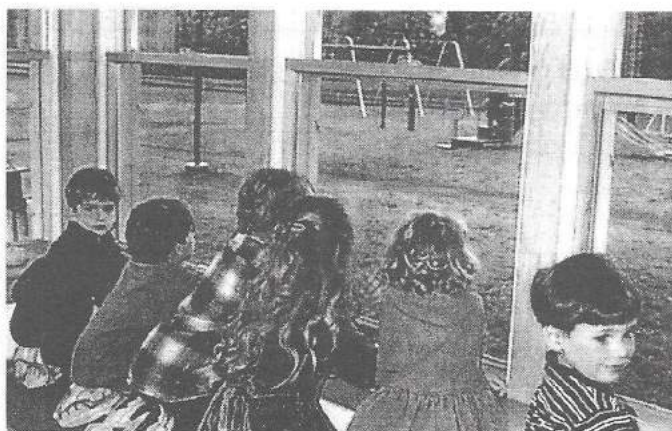
The Arts Council of Franklin County recently published a Cultural Resource Directory that will make it possible for people to find artists, craftspeople and musicians when they need them. The cover of the Directory depicts the unique Gothic Revival building that houses the Arts Council on the corner of Main and Franklin Streets in Greenfield as rendered by Heath's own Frederick Burrington.

This is the first edition of the Cultural Directory and the plan is to revise and add to the listings periodically. It was created because the Arts Council often gets calls from people looking for a potter to make a commemorative platter or someone to make a special piece of jewelry or musicians to play at a wedding or other special occasion. Sometimes the staff was able to suggest someone off the top of their heads, but sometimes not. The Directory is now a help to the staff in responding to those calls, and it is also available to the public so they can do their own research. Artists are listed alphabetically, and by discipline to make the search easier. The Directory has been distributed to town libraries and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce as well as to other arts organizations.

Several Heath artists and artisans are listed in the directory including Sarah Hettlinger and Bald Mountain Pottery; Janice Bourdreau and Paul Turnbull, photographers; Frederick Burrington; Patricia Lentz and Indigo Glassworks; Alan Nichols Furniture; Julie Hall Rocke; and Bonnie Wodin, landscape designer. The Heath Historical Society is also listed.

Each listing details what the artists do, whether they teach, and what kinds of commissions, if any, they are willing to do. The Arts Council's goal in publishing the Directory was to help put artists and customers together.

Copies of the Cultural Resources Directory are available at the Heath Library, or you can call the Arts Council at 772-6811 to have a copy mailed.



**PRESCHOOLERS WATCHING THE NEW
PLAYGROUND ON ITS FIRST DAY**
(Photo by Suzanne Crawford)

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HEATH FAIR NEWS

by Robert Gear

This year's Fair was by all accounts one of the best. Attendance was good, the weather was almost perfect if we discount a brief rain and most important all systems worked. No problems with power, water or anything else.

Of course we all missed Mike and dealt with it in our own way, but I think I can speak for all concerned when I say that having a good time at the Fair was always his priority and I'm sure he would have approved of the way we handled things. Mike's endless energy and all the things he did for the Fair was from the heart and we will always appreciate that.

Matters were further complicated by the fact that I had been in the hospital for surgery only a week previously. I want to thank everyone who helped out and did the things I usually do and also to those who helped to make my first year as horse show manager a success. Words fail to express my appreciation. Again, thank you all.

Congratulations are in order to Conrad Halberg who did such a fine job in his first year as President of the Agricultural Society and to Ed Croteau and Shirley Tombs, both able Vice Presidents, and to all the other people whose unselfish efforts made this such a great Fair.

Every department reported successful, enthusiastic participation. I was especially delighted with the way the horse show turned out and I hope everyone got to see the scythe demonstration hosted by Jack Cable. Jack is one of our most active behind-the-scenes Fair boosters as well as helping out in his more visible roles. Thanks, Jack!

From my unique perspective as chief trash remover it was especially heartening to see Joe Corbiel show up at 7:30 Monday morning to begin clean up (don't come so early next year). Joe was soon aided by his wife Darlene,

and Bob DeLisle and Joanne Fortune who spent the day cleaning the Fair grounds. We ended the day raiding the kitchen and had a cookout. Carroll's timing was impeccable!

On September 14, we officially celebrated the end of the Fair cycle with our annual potluck picnic. Conrad gave a professional chef's performance at the grill and as always the salads and desserts were first rate.

Please check the West County News for future meeting dates. We will continue to meet throughout the year with the exception of December and January. Meetings of the Agricultural Society are now being held at the school, so keep an eye out and please feel welcome to come and participate.

The blue building is already filled with boats and other storage items and vehicles but there is still plenty of room in the other barns. Boats and vehicles are \$50 each through May 1; farm equipment and implements are \$25 each.

The Agricultural Society would like to thank everyone who made this year's Fair a success. We are all looking ahead to another good year in 1998. In the words of the now immortal Red Skelton, "God Bless".

COMING ATTRACTION AT THE SHELBURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 15, 1997
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CARRY CROTEAU AT THE HEATH FAIR
(Photo by Grace Crowningshield)



GLASSBLOWING DEMONSTRATION
BY BOB DANE
(Photo by Grace Crowningshield)



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**

SAVING A BARN WALL

The anniversary is fast approaching of a great effort on the Stowes' part to save the back wall of our horse barn.

Peggy Stowe needed to keep the stone wall of her barn from falling down. The plan was to put up forms and pour the loose wall with cement. A ditch had to be dug to give this wall a wide base to anchor everything together. To get an idea of how long ago this was, Alvin Hillman and Bill Thane dug the ditch. Alvin hadn't gone into the service yet nor had Bill joined the Peace Corp so it was a few days past. The ditch was a simple task compared to the rest of the project.

The late Francis Galipo helped us with putting up the forms. He really enjoyed having the two donkeys watch his work. When all was in readiness, the transit mix was ordered. I don't recall the size of the order. Howard Crowningshield was engaged to help deal with the pouring. All was fine up to this point. I had taken the week off from my work for the Town of Rowe to make ready for this project. We had ordered the mix to be delivered on Wednesday and it rained two days previous and all day the day of the pour.

The proper thing to have done would have been to reschedule the delivery. This wasn't done. The truck arrived early afternoon and it was to try to get the back of the barn by way of the pasture. We opened the fence and the driver studied his gears and chose what he

thought would give him speed and power enough and began to ask the big auto car truck to do its job. About half way across the field the rig bogged down. My heart sank with the truck. What do we do now? John Churchill was road boss at that time and we talked to him about coming with the loader and carrying the mix to the barn. It rained and it poured. The loader was brought from South Heath and the pour began. We had attached the upright supports for the forms to the floor timbers and had no idea this was wrong. The pour began and as the weight increased in the forms the whole barn started to push toward the road. Now what? Holes were dug in the dirt floor of the barn and push braces put against the forms and that stopped the barn's movement. We had stopped the barn from going out into the road but it still wasn't on the wall where it should have been. This wall effort turned into a community event as everyone who saw our trouble was very helpful. We later were told that if we had just waited a few minutes between buckets full of cement all would have been well. The cement would have set a bit and not put so much pressure on the forms. The wall was finally completed and we still had a lot of material left so in great haste the garage was emptied and a floor was created.

When the mixer truck was empty it was still stuck. John hitched the loader on ahead of the mixer and it was a great feeling to see that small loader going away with the mixer truck. The ruts left from our near disaster day can still be seen in the pasture.

This use of the Town loader was not planned but through John Churchill's neighborliness it was a veritable life saver. Peggy's brother came to help and he and I later in the week proceeded to push the barn back onto the foundation. Not a small task. No one involved in this project would care to do it again. I can only hope that we properly thanked all who assisted us.

A day to remember but not do again.

BURNT HILL FARM

by Jack Cable

Cable's Farm had its share of news events this year with blueberry season bringing Boston area people to pick berries because of an article in the Boston Globe. Our berries were on the menu at the New England Chef's Conference in New Hampshire, also were donated to the Heath Church, Heath Historical Society, Ashfield Pantry, Charlemont Academy, Shelburne Falls Business Association and Jacksonville Vermont Lions' Club. We had "Jack's Favorite" at the Heath Fair and sponsored scything events at the Fair and at Dickinsons' Farm. Archaeologists have been working to document the historical site on the property and their findings will be the topic at the New England Antiquity Research Association meeting in Vermont in October. Weather prevented us from having a bountiful crop, but a dedicated packing and sorting crew got in the crop we had. Thanks for their support.

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MARY LYON BICENTENNIAL

by Susan Silvester

The Mary Lyon Education Fund and its community-based Bicentennial Committee have been celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mary Lyon, local champion of women's education and founder of Mount Holyoke College.

Recent events included a benefit concert sponsored by Mohawk Trail Concerts and the music faculty at Mount Holyoke College, a stamp cancellation, tour of the Mary Lyon birthplace in Buckland and open house at the Buckland Historical Society and Griswold house where the impact of Mary Lyon's work may be seen.

Especially relevant were two performances depicting the life of Mary Lyon by actress Kate Carney, a Mount Holyoke graduate. One performance open free of charge to the public was held in late September at the Memorial Hall Theatre in Shelburne. A small reception for Kate was hosted by John and Wanda Musacchio of Heath and held after the performance at Ten Bridge Street Restaurant. Kate's other performance was a presentation for all the 7th graders at Mohawk Trail Regional School held the following day in the school Resource Center and was well received by the students.



KATE CARNEY AS MARY LYON (LEFT) AND
MARTHA GREENE AT MOHAWK
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CHURCHILL REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Frederick and Josephine (Willis) Churchill was held August 3 at the family homestead, now the home of Hilma (Churchill) and Richard Sumner.

There were 126 family members and guests attending. The oldest member present was Ruth Churchill, 85, and the youngest was Kayla Lynn Moulton, six weeks old, daughter of Amy (Churchill) and Lyle Moulton, Jr. of Palm Harbor, FL.

Attendees traveling the farthest were Thelma (Churchill) Roberts and party of Prescott, AZ. Members also attended from AK, WI, FL and several New England states.

Everyone enjoyed a noon and evening meal, visiting, horse- shoes, volleyball and softball. A sawdust pile, face painting and other games amused the children.

President Pearl Churchill presided at the meeting. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Clyde Churchill who died in January. Officers elected for the 1998 reunion were: President, Bob Churchill; Secretary, Charlene Churchill; food committee, Arlene and Ewan Mikolajczuk, Nancy and James Richardson; children's entertainment, Donald Churchill and family.

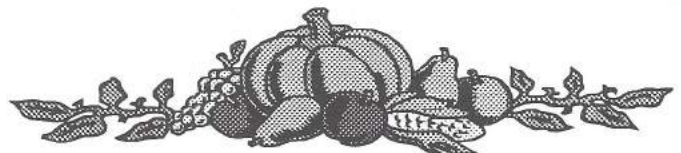
Next year's reunion will be held at the same location on the first Saturday in August.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Good Neighbors, an organization providing food and other essentials to needy families and individuals in the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe has recently reorganized. The group is supported by the following area churches: Charlemont Bible, Charlemont Federated, Heath Union, Rowe Community and St. Christopher's. As part of Good Neighbors services, six food distributions will take place each year. Our first distribution was in July and the second in late September. The next four are scheduled for Thanksgiving, Christmas, mid-February and mid-April. The group is seeking donations of non-perishable foods and cash. Food collection boxes and donation cans will soon appear in area businesses, churches and schools. Checks may be made out to Good Neighbors and mailed to Good Neighbors Financial Director, c/o Linda Reynolds, 256 Mountain Road, Charlemont, MA 01339.

We would like to thank the following local businesses and organizations for their support: A. L. Avery and Sons, Charlemont Lion's Club, Yankee Atomic Electric Company and Charlemont Getty. We expect this list to grow in the coming weeks.

For further information, contact Budge Litchfield at 337-4957 or Veronica Smead at 337-5389.



COMMUNITY HALL INTEREST SPARKED

by Laurie Wheeler Burrington

As well used over the years as it is well worn, Heath's Community Hall, located in Heath Center, recently underwent several changes to make it handicapped accessible, including new bathrooms, an outdoor ramp, and an elevator. These changes provided a catalyst for the Community Hall committee to create a list of projects to upgrade the Community Hall. At the September 16 selectmen's meeting the committee, the selectmen, and a number of residents discussed the hall and ways to help make it a better and more well used facility for the Town. At this meeting it was suggested that the hall committee gather cost estimates for the projects on their list, and to then present their findings to the town to let the townspeople decide what to put into the building.

According to Ed Calver's book the building was built by the Methodist Church in 1872. The Historical Society acquired it from them in 1923 and converted it into a Community Hall. It became the Town's when in 1956 the Town voted to accept it from the Heath Historical Society with the provision that the building be maintained. At that time the Town appropriated \$6,000 for repairing and remodeling, and \$4,000 a year later to finish the project. It was in 1957 that a committee of six, Hannah Burrington, Lucia Finck, Nora Galipo, Edith Royer, Ruth Terrill, and Rachel Sumner, was appointed by the selectmen to act as the "Community Hall Operations Committee" to look into fund raising to furnish the hall. Some of the fund raisers included dinners, pie auctions, dances, and picking apples to sell in North Adams, according to present hall committee chair Dolly Churchill.

A later chat with Mrs. Churchill and Val Kaempfer, also on the committee, gave insight to the Community Hall building. Rich in the history of this town, over the years the two-story building has housed everything from baby showers to funerals, basketball, square dances and round dances, weddings, receptions,

plays, suppers (just think of all the home-cooking that has passed through that kitchen), almost any celebration invented by humans. Annual Town Meeting is always held there, and in early years school children sat in the balcony during the Wednesday night meeting so they could learn about their town government. At one point even, the lower half was a store run by Edward Dickinson; a most recent function of the downstairs was as Heath's preschool. According to Mrs. Churchill it is one of the few in the area still used as a working community hall.

Said Mrs. Kaempfer of the hall, "Its been used, but nothing has been put back into it." A number of the projects that need to be done in the hall, said Mrs. Kaempfer, are ones that could be done by them, but some of the projects, such as new stage curtains, new flooring, stage footlights, or making the balcony usable once again, they cannot do.

At the September selectmen's meeting a number of residents expressed interest in bringing the building back into shape, suggesting perhaps fund raisers, a community work bee, or looking into grants.

The Community Hall has served the town well over the years. Perhaps now is a good time to look at its history, its function, and its place in the center and the community, and make plans for its future.

ASSESSORS' REPORT PERSONAL PROPERTY

by Don Dekker

When the guest speaker asked the attending Franklin County Assessors at the Assessors' Annual Summer Picnic meeting, what was the biggest problem we had in assessing, almost to a man/woman, we all replied - "Personal Property". Personal Property taxes and assessments are hard to identify, difficult to assess fairly, often hard to collect and cause great resentment to taxpayers.

What is personal property? It is anything which is not part of the household effects of an individual's primary home or part of the permanent buildings. It is any machinery and equipment, unregistered vehicles, and really a number of other things. The Heath Assessors do not wish to go into people's garages, basements, and attics to see what you have, so we rely on your reporting to us on the Form of Lists. In order that we are fair to all, it is necessary that all of the people in Heath fill out the form and send it back to the Assessors.

The other type of personal property is the contents of second or vacation homes. We also send out the Form of Lists to these owners, and based on their replies decide on a percentage of the value of the home. Usually that is 5-7%. This percentage is allowed by the State.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Eileen Tougas

Of the four seasons, I have to admit, Fall is my favorite. Like magic, trees transform into explosions of brilliant colors and Heath becomes a wonderland of visual delights. It is that time of year when the air seems crisp, clean and pure making our energy levels soar. It's also a time for getting those chores done that must be accomplished before winter and the absolute best time for taking long walks or hikes without the accompaniment of gnats and mosquitoes.

The BOS has decided to discontinue the recently established open forum. It was our hope that a cross-section of town residents would come to express their thoughts on various issues and bring comments or questions to the board. However, only a small percentage of town residents attended our meetings. As was the procedure in the past, if you have issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the selectmen, we encourage you to call our Town Coordinator Janice Boudreau at 337-4934 and ask to be placed on the agenda.

Many thanks to Dave Howland, Catherine Heyl and our Town Coordinator Janice Boudreau for their work in compiling the necessary facts, figures, and data needed in filing our application for "Municipal Fiscal Relief" for FY 98 from the Foundation Reserve "Pothole" Program. Due to the town's high tax rate and the adverse effects of its EQV on Equity Aid and Minimum Contribution, we feel the Town of Heath should receive special relief (hopefully in the amount of \$250,000) from the Foundation Reserve Program.

The date of Thursday, October 16 at 7 PM has been set for a visit with State Representative John Merrigan, who will be coming to Heath to answer questions and listen to concerns. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

A special town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 7 PM to see if the town will choose to accept the Community Septic Management Program. Prior to the vote, the Board of Health will explain and answer questions concerning this newly available septic program that, if accepted, would assist homeowners by offering low interest loans to repair or replace failed septic systems. Although this program could assist many citizens in bringing their septic systems up to code, there is a down side as well. Septic systems are expensive and there may be the temptation to borrow more than one can afford or pay back. The town could find itself in the position of paying off defaulted loans, being forced to take property and other difficult actions. Serious thought should be given before we initiate this program.

Also on the agenda for town vote will be a request that \$750 be allocated for the Board of Assessors to enable them to join the Community Software Consortium, a consortium of users of the Department of Revenue's CAMA (Computer Aided Mass Appraisal) computer system. This would entitle our BOA to purchase tax bill

forms at discounted rates, software updates, a solution to making the current software "year-2000 compliant" and offer a list of area consultants, certified by the Sigma Corporation to assist with the CAMA system.

Highway Superintendent Jack Cable kept his promise and completed the work on Jacobs Road before the start of school this year. Our thanks to Jack and his crew for a job well done.

The BOS would like to extend our gratitude and best wishes to Fred Lively who has retired after ten years of devoted service to the town highway department. Fred, we wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement!

Fire Chief Michael Smith will be wearing two hats in town from now on. Mike has been selected for the position of Laborer/Truck Driver Operator for the Highway Department and will be filling the position previously held by Fred Lively.

We would like to welcome our new Town Nurse Ruth Sterling. Ruth will be responsible for managing the community health needs for the town and will be available on Tuesdays between 9 and 10 AM at the Town Hall and will also be available for home visits by appointment. Ruth may be reached at home by calling 337-4297.

Carl Herzig has agreed to accept the position of Dog Officer for the Town of Heath. Carl can be reached by calling 624-3224. We would like to also welcome Andrea Lucid who has been selected as custodian for both the Town and Community Halls.

POLICE REPORT

For the months of July and August the Heath Police Department logged in a total of 291.5 hours. A breakdown, as provided monthly at selectmen's meetings, is as follows:

Administrative: Issue summons, firearms permits, prepare warrants, return calls, attend meetings and correspondence: July 24 hours, August 17 hours.

Patrol and response to complaints: July 39.5 hours, August 55 hours.

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Community policing: July 7.5 hours, August 17 hours.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by D. F. Howland

Usually summer is a more relaxed time for the FinCom, but the last two months have been anything but dull. While the Space Needs Committee is still getting started, Chuck Mackie energized Town Officials to action by asking them to consider the Bankwitz property on Branch Hill Road as a solution to Police and Fire Department needs. On August 26 a large contingent descended on the place which has been on sale for the last year or two. Although no specific proposal has been made by the BOS to date, the FinCom made a number of observations pro and con which raised questions of practicality. There was discussion about bidding issues that must be addressed, the need for a comprehensive space requirements report, investigation of funding sources and resolution of Heath's immediate long term financial problems. It was a good exercise and helped get space problems to the forefront of the Town's agenda.

Application for Foundation Reserve "Pothole" money had to be submitted to the Departments of Education and Revenue by the BOS by August 29. The deadline was met. Several people helped gather data - Catherine Heyl, June Day, Joanne Fortune DeLisle, Bob Viarengo, Dave Howland and Joe Boudreau of the DOR. Janice Boudreau, Town Coordinator, prepared a neat package. The sum of \$250,000 has been requested based on finding more errors in the Excess Debt calculation, the fact that the "Gap" in Ed Reform as related to Heath is economic and school problems. The process is more complicated than the last two during which the Town received nearly \$300,000. Without State assistance the tax rate for FY 98 is expected to be in the range of \$23 per thousand valuation. So, this is very important to Heath property owners.

The FinCom met with the BOS and the School Committee on August 13 to review a lease for the Heath School with the Mohawk Trail District. This arrangement is part of the K-12 Agreement. Final details for the Punch List, a list of items to be completed before accepting the building, were reviewed with Brian DeVriese. A draft lease is to be drawn up by Town Counsel.

The FinCom's proposed "Policy and Procedures for Budgeting and for Financing Capital Equipment" was submitted to and approved by the BOS. A separate concern had been raised about the bid of \$15,700 for a new chipper. Town Meeting had approved \$15,000. The BOS accepted this low bid and paid the \$700 balance from the Machinery Maintenance and Supplies Account. Town Counsel indicated this procedure was permissible.

The FinCom recommended the Town continue the reimbursement rate of \$.22 per mile even though the State raised their rate to \$.27. Most towns in the area still use the lower rate. The FinCom also supported June Day's proposal to the BOS to establish an "Accounts Reserved for Appropriation" using monies in the amount of \$42,228.62 returned from the Housing Rehab Fund.

Thus, Town Meeting can appropriate from this account much like the Stabilization Fund. The Small Business Loan Program was established earlier with other monies from the Housing Rehab Fund.

June Day had detailed year-end adjustments in the FY 97 budget of \$4,028.46 which the FinCom agreed to pay from its Reserve Fund. This is an annual practice to take care of small adjustments; however, costs for Legal Fees of \$950.77 and Snow Removal of \$1,350.56 were a little more than normal.

The FinCom will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Town Hall for the rest of the calendar year.

PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

Percolation Tests

Ray Pettengill reports that there were nine (9) perc tests conducted at the end of July and in August and September of which six passed. Eight of the nine were repairs.

Building Permits

No building permits were issued this period.

Deed Transfers

John J. and Paula L. Murphy to Anthony and Christine Pietrowski of Ludlow, Mohawk Estates, Lots 43 and 44. \$15,000.

Gregory William Rode of Charlemont to Gregory William and Barbara A. Rode of Charlemont, Sadoga Road. No consideration.

Sigrid Pallotta to John F. Palmer and Suzanne Hannay of Deerfield, 59 South Road. \$297,000.

Carthusian Foundation in America, Inc., of New York and Vermont to David Alan Moir, Route 8A, aka Jacksonville Stage Road. \$31,000.

Harriet Malinowitz and Sara R. Cytron to Leslie McDonough of Conway, 31 Flagg Hill Road. \$89,000.

Samuel Joseph Scalia Estate, Diane (Basile) Myers of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, executor to Diane (Basile) Myers, Mohawk Estates, Colrain Brook Road. No consideration.

Thomas F. and Frances B. Gagner to Anthony J. Bys and Ruth Andrews-Bys of Brimfield, Cascade Drive, Lot 5. \$2,000.

J. Gilbert and Hazel D. Wilson of Charlemont to Eric Sumner, Sumner Stetson Road, Lot 1, \$120,000.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

by Jack Cable, Superintendent

Fred Lively - probably the most earnest, hard working Heath Highway worker ever - has retired as of August 29. His familiar smile was his trademark as he did his tasks of filling potholes, digging bleeders, unplugging culverts, etc. If there was an idle time in the work day he found things to do to improve our highway system. We, of the Highway Department, wish him the best in his ventures. Fred has already found that he hasn't retired from working as he labors around his farm.

Mike Smith - the new kid in the department - started work on September 15. He is a life-long resident, has a Commercial Driver's License, hydraulic license for loader, good maintenance habits, computer literate and youth. He is a responsible husband and father and is Heath's Fire Chief putting him in an excellent position for emergencies. Welcome to the Department, Mike!

Jacobs Road - completed in time for opening of school. We pounded out the ledge, filled the road with stone and gravel and paved to the school. Thanks go to Representatives Merrigan and Rosenberg and to Senator Jane Swift for getting the special money to do this road. It took a lot of energy to complete the task but it is done and we are proud of it. The width is sufficient for two-way traffic and children on bikes. Drive carefully especially in the area of the School. Every young life is precious.

Burrington Hill, Schoolhouse and part of Branch Hill have been resurfaced. The remainder of Branch Hill will be paved before winter. We widened, ditched and added gravel to all of our dirt roads. All roads have been hot patched at least once. Our new chipper arrived and was immediately put to work. Roads cleaned up since its purchase are: Jacobs, Burnell, Sadaga, 8A, Town Farm, South, Burrington Hill, Avery Brook, Flagg Hill, Branch Hill, Colrain Stage. The old chipper is being converted into a leaf blower.

Drivers are not slowing down, especially around road work areas. There is not a road in Heath where the maximum speed limit is above 40 MPH. Whether the road is smooth or rough everyone seems to be speeding. National statistics reveal that speed and drunk driving are killers, but that **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** is approaching number one! Attitude = aggressive driving.

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A TRIBUTE TO FRED LIVELY

On August 29, after ten years of service in the Highway Department, Fred Lively left the highway building for the last time as a Heath highway employee and entered the world of retirement. His performance of duties has been an example that will live on in the life of this town for years to come.

Fred was seen most often in one or the other of two capacities. Being the primary operator of the town loader frequently gave him a bird's eye view of the work at hand. When the new loader was purchased last year, Fred personally took charge of its care and attended to it with pride.

When he wasn't operating the loader Fred would be found on the ground behind either a shovel or a rake. Countless times Fred would be out on the road with the loader and a rake patching pot holes by himself. Sometimes his work would be less noticeable for he would be cleaning out a ditch to keep a culvert open. If there was a job to do, he did it for the betterment of his town.

Each of us believes that Heath has been privileged to have Fred Lively as a highway employee these past ten years. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Thank you Fred, for a job well done!

Signed, Hilma Sumner, Chair, Board of Selectmen
F. Rollo Kinsman and Eileen A. Tougas



FRED LIVELY AND HIS MACHINE
(Photo by Hilma Sumner)



**JACK CABLE PRESENTING FRED LIVELY WITH
HIS RETIREMENT LOADER**
(Photo by Hilma Sumner)

MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Born July 28, a son Eric Robert to Theresa Shattuck and Darryl Belval of Wilmington, VT, grandson of Jeanette and Howard Crowningshield of Rowe, Nancy Belval and Lea and Charles Shattuck, Jr., all of Heath, great-grandson of Rita and Charles Shattuck Sr., of East Hartford, CT, Frances and Leonid Gagnon of Manchester, CT, Cleo and Henry Belval of Pownal, VT and Louise Newland of Naples, FL.

Born August 30, a son Riley James to Debora (Reynolds) and Brinton Baker III of Montague, grandson of Marion and John Reynolds and Gloria and Brenton Baker all of Greenfield, great-grandson of Luella and Francis Benson of Rowe, and great great-grandson of Rudolph Fournier of Heath.

Born September 5, a son Dakota Lee to Brandi (Paul) and Keith Sherman, of Virginia Beach, VA, grandson of Cecelia and Leland Sherman of Heath and Jacqueline and Mayford Paul of Norfolk, VA, great-grandson of Joanna Chastney of Athol, Mary Sherman of Heath, Matilda Jane Paul of West Virginia and Rocco Bertucci of Ishpeming, MI.

Born September 11, a son Charles Gabriel to Julie (Ovitt) and Christopher Seaver of Charlemont, grandson of Juliet Seavor of Heath, and Susan and Carlson Ovitt of Charlemont, great-grandson of Barbara and Charles Seaver of Pebble Beach, CA and Helen Morris of Deerfield.

Born a daughter, Seaira Rain Wolfe to Shylo Jean Valego and Manuel Wolfe of Chicopee, granddaughter of Sheryl and Kenny Valegro of Chicopee and great-granddaughter of Cleon and Theresa Peters of Heath.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jack Cable was a judge at the Grand Classic in Portland, Maine July 12. The prestigious event is sponsored by the Classic Car Club of America, an international club dedicated to the preservation of outstanding automobiles of the 1925 - 1941 era. Over one hundred automobiles were judged in Portland.

The Court Yard at the Whale Inn of Goshen was the scene of the September 13 late afternoon wedding uniting Laurel Clark and John Thorndike, with a reception immediately following. Todd Sumner, a life long friend of the bride, was the Justice of the Peace who performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Judy and Roger Clark of Heath and granddaughter of Dorothy and Darwin Clerk Senior of Hawley. The groom is the son of Arlene and Robert Thorndike of Shelburne Falls and grandson of Mable Thorndike of Goshen.

HEATH EMS NEWS

by Tim Lively

The following calls were answered since the first of July.

7/3/97 Assisted with Tornado clean up
7/7/97 Sumner Stetson Road - Medical
7/10/97 Deer Run Path - Cardiac Arrest
8/11/97 Flagg Hill Road - Motor Vehicle Collision
8/25/97 Sumner Stetson Road - Medical (morning)
8/25/97 Sumner Stetson Road - Medical (afternoon)
8/30/97 Burrington Hill Road - Motor Vehicle Collision
8/31/97 Sumner Stetson Road - Medical
9/1/97 Underwood Hill Road - Medical
9/3/97 West Branch Road - Medical

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and First Responders provided coverage in the First Aid booth at the Heath Fair. We had our usual amount of bumps/bruises, bee stings and blood pressure checks.

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