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## HEATH FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

by C. Richards Steinbock

The second annual Heath Firefighter's Day will be held on Sunday, July 18 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Heath Fairgrounds. This is a good time for you to meet the people who drop whatever they're doing when the pagers go off and come to your aid, and for the firefighters to meet all of you. There will be a FREE picnic lunch - hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings - going on all day. All of Heath's fire trucks will be on display and there will be demonstrations of some of our equipment. There will be firefighters' games for children and adults. The day will culminate with the presentation of the second annual Firefighter of the Year Award, which is presented to a member chosen by all the other firefighters for outstanding service during the past year.

We had a good turnout last year at our first event and a good time was had by all. We hope to see even more of you at this year's event. If you're interested in becoming a member, this is a good time to find out what we're all about.

## A NEW PRINCIPAL FOR HEATH

by Deborah Phillips

The process of replacing Phil O'Reilly as Principal of Heath Elementary School has begun. Our district's Superintendent, Alan Genovese, came to the Heath School Community Partnership meeting on Monday evening, June 7, to discuss the position, the selection process, and the timeline.

Mr. Genovese expressed that one of his most important roles as Superintendent is the hiring of principals; and that making a good match for Heath Elementary is his primary goal. He acknowledged that the school is off to a great start after these first three years. He would like to find a principal with the ability to move the school forward along the path already established.

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## TOWN NURSE PROGRAM LAUDED

by Laurie Wheeler Burrington

The old adage, "a picture is worth a thousand words", appeared to be the case as the Heath Board of Health (BOH) received honors and a \$1,000 award, from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, for the town's Public Health Nurse Program and a poster created by the town BOH. Dawn Peters, chairperson of the Board of Health, and Joanne Fortune, Heath's Town Nurse, were in attendance at the March 11, 1999 Fourth Annual Board of Health Recognition Day held in the Great Hall of the State House. Among those present were Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift, and Howard Koh of the Department of Public Health.

The Regional Poster contest award was based on being able to describe what the local BOH felt was "an innovative program that we felt improved the quality of health care within our town..." Within the confines of the one "poster", which in actuality is a small three-paneled kiosk loaded with information and graphics, the BOH was able to outline the program's evolution within town, and to define why this town's program is unique. Reasons described by Susan Gruen of the BOH include: the town's isolated nature, its small size, and limited funding. Ms. Gruen also noted that she hopes, with the poster, to convince other towns of the importance of having a Town Nurse. The poster will be exhibited in the Heath Free Public Library before making its way to the Heath Fair for exhibition in the Exhibit Hall.

According to Ms. Gruen, the award money will be "earmarked" for additional hours for the Town Nurse.

The Board of Health has also received \$750 in grant money from Kaiser Permanente, which will be used for equipment for the Town Nurse.

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## Congratulations To All of Our Graduates of Spring 1999!

### Primary School Graduates

Rachel Almeida; Matthew Armstrong; Purnima Booth; Loren Burke; Samantha Clark; Gordon Cutter; Jeremy Erho; Siobhan Herman; Ashley Hunter; Tyler Inman; Rebecca Katz; Elizabeth Lemelin; Drew Lucchesi; Jamie O'Dea; Mairead O'Reilly; Jillian Patenaude; Jenna PLante; Moriah Sterling; and, Miles Warner.

Well Done Elementary Grads!

### Secondary School Graduates

John Paul Almeida, Mohawk Trail Regional High School; Renee Marie Boudreau Mohawk Trail Regional High School; Amy Elizabeth Croteau, Franklin County Technical School; Jesse Porter-Henry, Mohawk Trail Regional High School; Jesse Thomas Seaver, Mohawk Trail High School; and, Kathleen Elizabeth Mary Tuturice, Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

Best of Luck in All of Your Endeavors!

### Welcome to the June/ July Heath Herald!

Change appears to be the primary constant these days at the newspaper. Chloe Allaire, who worked with us on the Herald for the past few issues, has headed for parts south. We will miss her sense of grace, willingness to "do what it takes" to get an issue out, as well as her incredible capability with computers. Before she left she gave me a "crash course" in how to run our current layout program. Once I got my hands on it, I realized that the operative word may be "crash". Let me count the ways! Chloe made it look deceptively simple. Many thanks to her for her gifts to us!

Diane Cerone has agreed to join us; initially she will be making our reminder calls to people when articles are due. Listen for her voice around the 10th or so of article deadline months. Give us time, and Diane's willingness, and we'll cook up some other projects for her!

We are still looking for people willing to report, take photos, help with layout, circulation, publication drop-off and pick-up. So if you are yearning to join us, but are feeling just too shy, please "come on down!"

Change is happening on the school level as well, as both Principal O'Reilly, and Music Instructor Scott Bryant, both bid farewell to the Heath Elementary School.

Annual Town Meeting saw little change, particularly in the Town's budget, as voters voted to level fund the budget, due in large part to a disproportionate increase in the town's school budget. The Town's finance committee and school district are working on trying to resolve this with the state Departments of Revenue and Education. It is hoped that state-funded "Pothole" money will be heading our way to help rectify the situation. The final outcome is not however expected to be known until the fall, and at that time a special Town Meeting will be held. Our Finance Committee will be keeping us updated on the progress.

Enjoy the summer, and this gorgeous weather!

-Laurie Wheeler Burrington

## Happy Summer! From the Herald Staff

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## **...And Readers Write...**

### **Acknowledgment**

I was overwhelmed at the recent Annual Town Meeting by the expression of appreciation for my service on the Finance Committee. I thank you. By way of this acknowledgment I want to point out that Jim Cerone, David Cote, Karen Moore and Brian Vilbon have been good strong participants in the Committee's affairs and that I feel confident leaving matters in their hands. They all bring valuable experience to the job by virtue of their occupations and time on the Committee. Ray Pettengill, the new member, has a long history of work with the Town, is computer literate and has an uncommon sense of levity that is welcome in any forum.

My best wishes to all,  
Dave Howland

### **Letter to the Editor**

Praise to the Heath Selectboard. Heath selectboard members Hilma Sumner, Eileen Tougas and Rollo Kinsman should be applauded for their gallant effort of representing the towns business during their terms, especially with health and family tragedies that they had to endure in their private lives. These christian, family-orientated, dedicated people managed the town with their hearts and souls. At the same time, a group was tearing them apart at every meeting with apparent harassment, disruption, and generally treating the board with disrespect. I cannot understand the lack of compassion and conscience of this group-afterall-this selectboard was voted into office by over seventy-five percent of the voters! In this democracy where majority is suppose to rule, this group, which originally represented two percent of the voters, treated the board as if they were full-time professional, big city politicians aware of every law in the land. The board is really made of us-average rural citizens who try to make our town a better place.

The group, dwindled to less than one-percent of the voters, filed a lawsuit against the board-Now that the lawsuit, which cost the town \$26,000 dollars-\$25,000 to lawyers and one thousand to four residents of Heath, is settled in favor of the town, I request all citizens of Heath to search their consciense in helping the town pull together to stop this RAGE from ever again hurting the decent people who serve us.

Prayers and support to Hilma, Eileen and Rollo's familys.

Jack Cable

## **Elementary Principal To Leave**

May 25, 1999

Dear Heath Friends,

As many of you know I have resigned from my position as principal at the Heath Elementary School, effective June 30, 1999. I have been appointed Principal of the Highcrest Elementary School in Wethersfield, Connecticut. This decision to leave was difficult at best. Please know that I will leave Heath Elementary School with a heavy heart.

I have been associated with this town for nearly a decade. I have come to know and respect the people and the decisions you have made, which have always put children first. You are unique and special people. I believe that your spirit and commitment to building a strong sense of community is unmatched around the Commonwealth!

The memories are plenty. Many of the children who now attend Heath School were not even born when I started at Rowe in 1989. I have grown with many of them as they have entered and then graduated from elementary school. What an awesome gift to see then mature!

I leave the District with very mixed feelings. While change is exciting for me, I will surely miss the "Hilltown" flavor and deep commitment of the people associated with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. I truly believe that you have many talented people involved in the schools throughout this 9-town region.

Mary, the children, and I are grateful to you for making us feel part of this great town. We have witnessed a sense of community that neither of us has ever seen. We know that we will maintain friendships we've made in Heath for many years to come.

With admiration and gratitude,

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## by Pegge Howland

The Y2K crisis is being addressed! As you may remember, the Society was founded on August 11, 1900, so that makes our 100th anniversary fall in the year 2000 - its our Millennial Centennial! Plans are already being formulated for a weekend of activities to commemorate our 100th birthday. Among them is a proposal to rehabilitate the Fort Shirley archaeological site and make it more accessible to the public by clearing brush and constructing gravel walkways. We applied to the Dickinson Family Fund for Histori-

## RAY'S OF INTEREST

And peaking of snow. One time I had an old shotgun that would not fire if it got too cold. I was out hunting one day when my old rabbit dog started up a rabbit and ran him in a tight circle right back where he started from. The rabbit sat up and looked at me and I aimed and pulled the trigger but it was so cold the firing pin hardly moved. The rabbit ambled on and the dog came up to where the rabbit had sat up to watch me and gave me a real dirty look like he did not like doing all that work for nothing.

I should not wonder but what the next gun law we see will demand that all guns must be kept in a freezer box.



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## ELECTION RESULTS - MAY 9, 1999

by June Day

### SELECTMAN - 3 Year Term

Brian DeVriese	46	Sworn in
Charles Mackie	3	
Gerald Gilbert	3	
Blanks	12	
Other	9	73 Total

### MODERATOR - 3 Year Term

Douglas Wilkins	36	Sworn in
Todd Sumner	5	
Blanks	30	
Other	2	73 Total

### FINANCE COMMITTEE - 3 Year Term - Vote for 2

David Cote	26	Sworn in
Ray Pettengill	18	Sworn in
David Howland	4	
Blanks	87	
Other	11	73 Total

### PLANNING BOARD - 5 Year Term No Election

John Henry	20	
William Gran	6	
Clay Herbert	3	
Blanks	38	
Other	6	73 Total

### PLANNING BOARD - 2 Year Term

John Henry	26	Sworn in
Blanks	41	
Other	6	73 Total

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 Year Term

Kim Richter	66	Sworn in
Blanks	7	73 Total

### ASSESSOR - 3 Year Term

Henry Leuchtman	71	Sworn in
Blank	2	73 Total

### DOG OFFICER - 1 Year Term

Fred Golba	4	Not Sworn
Michelle Howe	3	
Blank	59	
Other	7	73 Total

### CONSTABLE - 1 Year Term - 2 Voted For

Charles Kaempfer	66	Sworn in
Robert Tanner	54	Sworn in
Blanks	23	
Other	3	146 Total

## SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

Peters' Store has increased its hours for the summer. Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. Regular hours will resume after Labor Day.

The Heath Free Public Library will be increasing its hours for the summer. The hours will be as follows: Mondays 4-8 p.m.; Wednesdays Noon-7 p.m.; and Saturdays will remain the same, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The summer hours will begin on June 30, 1999.

The Board of Selectmen have changed their summer meeting schedule to the following: they will not be meeting on June 22, July 6, July 20, Aug. 3, Aug. 17, Sept. 7, or Sept. 14. Their weekly meetings will resume beginning Sept. 21. Questions? Call Town Offices at 337-4934.

The Planning Board will not hold regular meetings for the summer but will meet as requested.

## PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

by Pegge Howland

### Percolation Tests

Ray Pettengill reports that four new perc tests were conducted so far this year. Two failed and two passed.

### Building Permits

No building permits were issued for this period.

### Deed Transfers

Kenneth A. Carlson, Lerleen D. Carlson and Arlen J. Carlson of Enfield, CT, to Harry F. and Candace L. Couch, Mohawk Estates, Lot 11, \$3,500.

Margaret J. Charlton Estate, Scott C. Charlton, executor, to Stephen W. Charlton Jr., Number Nine Road, 8.68 acres, \$1. Roger H. Lavoie to Roger H. and Sheryl J. Lavoie of Ludlow, Shawnee Drive.

Mohawk Estates Property Owners Association Inc. to George D. Condon III of West Springfield, 12 Wigwam Drive, \$6,000. Juliet Seaver to Gloria Cronin Fisher, South Road, \$5,000.

The Planning Board is looking for a member for its five year position. Interested? Contact one of your planning board members.



## HEATH SCHOOL WANTS YOU!!!

The Heath Elementary school invites interested parents or community members to join the School Council. The Education Reform Act of 1993 calls for the formation of school councils in each school building in Massachusetts. The Heath Elementary School council will be reforming during the month of September, as the first meeting must occur no later than 40 days after the first day of school. The School council allows individuals to take responsibilities on this council which constitute major opportunities to impact the quality of education and the work environment at the The Heath Elementary School. There will be one three year term of office for a parent position. The community positions are not term related. The principal, with full council approval, will appoint these people.

Council members are given the ability to work as a productive group of school community members charged with: adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local district and statewide performance standards; identifying the educational needs of students attending the school; reviewing the school's annual budget; and, formulating a school improvement plan.

It is likely that the Heath Elementary School Council will meet once monthly for no more than ninety minutes per meeting. A schedule will be developed later in the fall based on the availability of the members of the Council.

(New Principal for Heath continued from page 1)

While he is advertising the position as a full-time principal, he indicated that it would be a bonus to the district if we were able to find someone who has an additional skill or expertise that could also benefit the district. Shared examples of such a skill might include a proficiency in a foreign language, technology expertise, or special needs experience. Participants at the meeting expressed concern about the new principal having duties beyond the school as it may detract from giving 100% to the Heath School. It was also noted that this dual role is not required of other district principals at this time. Mr. Genovese recognized that the initial priority and focus of the principal needs to be establishing a relationship with the school community and the broader Heath community.

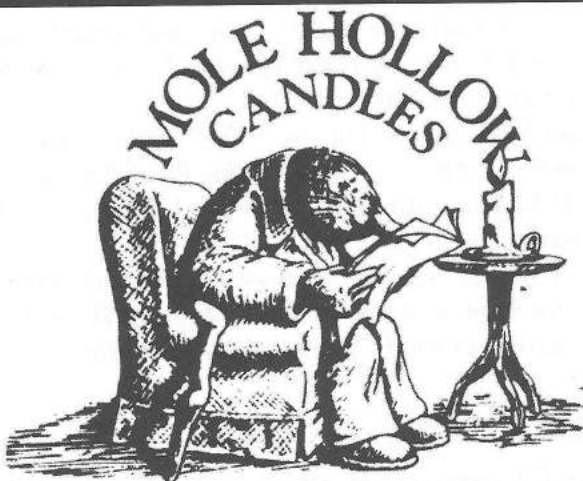
Other concerns revolved around the timeline and beginning the search process so late in the school year. The timing would not allow the search committee to do crucial sight visits of prospective candidates while their schools were in session. Others expressed that perhaps we would benefit by hiring an interim principal in order to conduct a more thorough and thoughtful search from a broader pool of candidates.

Mr. Genovese indicated that an interim principal would not be his first choice for Heath, and that the process should begin with a comprehensive search to find a qualified candidate. He did not, however, rule out the possibility of an interim position if the initial search doesn't provide a satisfactory candidate. The position has been posted within the district, and the advertisement for a broader search is currently being drafted for publication. Mr. Genovese is also beginning to put a search committee together comprised of teachers, district personnel, parents and community members.

It was very clear from participants at this meeting that Phil O'Reilly has been an exemplary leader at Heath Elementary and that replacing him will be a challenging task.

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## SIXTH GRADE TO CHEWONKI

by Stephen Bechtel

The sixth graders (Upper Central) from Heath Elementary School went on their class trip to the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, Maine on April 12-16. The Chewonki Foundation is an outdoor education center that specializes in environmental education and natural history. Part of the purpose of our trip was to visit and learn about several natural ecosystems to complement a portion of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District science curriculum for sixth grade. Despite cool early April weather, a great time was had by all!

After our arrival at Chewonki on Monday afternoon, the class split into two groups. One group headed off to Hoyt's Point campsite with their Chewonki teacher Greg. The other group went in the opposite direction to Lower Club campsite with Jenn, another Chewonki teacher. Part of our Chewonki experience was camping in 4-person tents and cooking our own meals over campfires each day. Each campsite overlooked the salt marshes and tidal mudflats surrounding Chewonki Neck.

During the week we visited several different ecosystems in and around Chewonki Neck. We explored the Pond and found salamander and frog eggs, a few early season frogs, lots of water boatmen, caddisfly larvae, dragonfly nymphs and other aquatic critters. During our Forest lesson, we visited the porcupine caves and met some of the local mammals of the Maine woods. At the Salt Marsh, several students pulled on hip boots and trudged through the mud and hidden "honey pots" in search of mummychugs. Several students ended up hip deep in mud and had to be "rescued" by their classmates! We spent a day at the Rocky Shore and the beach at Reid State Park, exploring the tide pools. Many starfish, crabs, blue mussels, periwinkles, and sea cucumbers were jubilantly discovered. We had lots of fun chasing waves and having a cookout on the beach as well.

Some of the other fun activities we did while at Chewonki were the Barn Climb and the Wild Goose Chase. The Barn Climb is an indoor ropes course in which we got to climb the walls and beams inside an old barn, wearing our safety harnesses and helmets the whole time. On the Wild Goose Chase, we had to work together as a group to get over and through several obstacles, such as the "Bark Stripper", a tire hung six feet high between two trees.

Everyone had a great time and learned a lot! Chewonki offers a very good outdoor education program with hands-on learning. We were able to visit and explore ecosystems that we do not usually find here in the hills of Heath.

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## The Way It Is In The Country

*If it's old, works well and has a purpose in life,  
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- by Carroll Stowe

### THE 1999 TRACTOR SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, May 1st & 2nd were beautiful days and at Heath Fairgrounds a good number of people were agreeable to bring their old tractors for folks to discuss and appreciate. We did not experience a large crowd but folks came rather steadily both days.

These old iron work units represent the using of tools in which people put up hay and get out wood and earn an extra dollar at some difficult task. To be sure none of this equipment is painted and polished to the "nth" degree but it is understood that this iron is in its work apparel.

A number of years back, a spectator came on the fairgrounds and complained that the tractors were not painted up. I told him this iron was in its work clothes. He told me it could work just as well with some paint. He drove away and never got out of his car. I'm sorry if unpainted iron offended him. With old machinery it is not always easy to find some parts or information about some particular piece so that was the reason for wanting to have this vintage iron show and swap meet. So those attending could exchange ideas and information. If one attendee finds a part or information that helps him locate some important part or where to find it, I consider this operation a success.

With the help of a very dedicated friend I was able to have my recently made operational dump truck, which was truly not a tractor but old iron, at this show. As I brought the truck to the fairgrounds on Saturday morning my thought was that if any spectator cared to take this old truck for a spin, it would be my pleasure to see it happen. Two different couples each day did this and on Saturday, with their small sons. The look on the faces of those people was worth all the troubles that were faced getting this old rig operational. This is such a simple pleasure to be sure but it did seem a great thrill to those who took the old truck for a whirl. I wish I could please all in my daily travels as these folks seem to have been. I truly enjoy the simple pleasures of others. Anyone reading this can share the experience. All that's needed is to make the request.

### HEATH UNION CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Colin Lucid

With joy and sadness we will miss Ray and Chloe Allaire and Shye Ann and Evan LaBier as they venture off to new beginnings. Our prayer is that they will be blessed richly by God our Father as they settle into a new church and community.

In other church news, Emily LaBier was dedicated on May 9th. Plans are being made and discussed as to how we can better serve in our church and community.

Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Over this summer pick up God's word and enjoy learning about Him and the light His Word sheds on our life situations. The Psalms are a great place to start.

#### YOU ARE INVITED:

Our Spring and Summer schedule is as follows:

Sunday worship service: 9:00 a.m.

Children's church: 9:00 a.m.

Youth Group: 3:30 p.m. Sundays at Heath School. Bring your favorite snack and wear sneakers. Ages 6th grade through High School are invited.

Bible Study & prayer: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage.

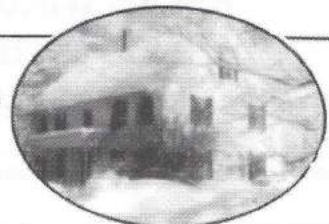
Monthly prayer meeting: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the church at 7:00 p.m.

Girl's Friendship Club meets every Friday at Diane Crowningshield's home from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Girls in the 3rd - 8th grades are invited.

Vacation Bible School: June 28th - July 2nd 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Heath Church. Crafts, bible stories, songs, skits, snacks, and a fun time for youngsters in K - 6th grades.

We pray that you will all have a blessed and safe summer season.

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by Laurie Wheeler Burrington

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### Funny Things Happen When You Read!

Join us for our summer reading program, "Funny Things Happen When You Read!" We'll begin our Summer Reading and Activity Program on June 26, at the library at 11 a.m. And yes, there will be refreshments. Throughout the summer we will have summer reading logs; story and craft times for the children and their parents, as well as the traditional reading logs and summer activity coupons. Favorites last year, such as "Just Bead It!", and Mask Making will be make another appearance. Copies of our summer schedule are available at the Heath Free Public Library.

### Now Showing

We recently displayed Anne Terault's lovely collection of sea shells; a Civilian Conservation Corp built Camp created in 1/64th scale by Steiny Steinbock. Our current display features a collection of cast lead soldiers, scottish highlanders and "cowboys and indians"; these belong to Robert Gear who played with them as a child. We're always on the lookout for new and interesting displays.

### New Books

*Large Print:* The Body Lovers; Brass Command; Governess of Distinction; For Love of Mike; Golden Days, Memories of a Golden Retriever; The Sheriff and the Folsom Man Murders; Slade; Bred To Kill; Cry of Courage; The Ghost and Mrs. Jeffries; Wings of Ecstasy.

*Adult Fiction:* Bedford Square, Perry; Biting the Moon, Grimes; Home Town, Kidder; Liberty Falling, Barr; On Mystic Lake, Hanna; Seize the Night, Koontz; Stely Pursuits, Fforde; We'll Meet Again, Clark; Under the Lake, Woods; Death of a Scriptwriter, Beaton; Mood to Murder, Christmas; Mother of the Bride, Westfall.

*Junior Fiction:* From the Dear America Series: Dreams in the Golden Country; My Heart is on the Ground; Voyage of the Great Titanic;

*Adult Non-fiction:* The Woodlot Managment Book, Hilts; The Professor and the Madman, Winchester.

### New Videos

The entire Pink Panther series; the series, "NASA, 25 Years of the Greatest Show in Space"; Hope Floats; Dr. Seuss' Many Colored Days; Wallace and Gromit's Wrong Trousers, Grand Day Out and Close Shave; Mary Poppins; As Good As It Gets; There Goes A Monster Truck; The Magic School Bus and Butterflies; Good Will Hunting; and Brazil.

### Summer Hour Increase

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## ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Henry Leuchtman

What's Land Worth in Heath? It's a simple question, and we wish there was a simple answer. When you get your real estate tax bill you'll see an assessed value for land and then values for any buildings listed below the land assessment. You'll also see an amount of acreage listed on the bill. You'd think that you could just divide the assessed land value by the acreage and come up with a per-acre value, but there's more to it than that.

To begin with, all parcels with sufficient road frontage are considered to have a "primary" building lot. What's "sufficient road frontage"? That's been established by the zoning bylaw and for the most part is 250 feet. However, if the parcel was created before the zoning bylaw, you may have less than 250 feet and still have a potential building site — this is called "grandfathering". The building lot is up to two acres of the total land (again, it can be less in a grandfathered parcel).

This primary building lot (house lot) is assessed at \$7,875 per acre if it is not "improved" (i.e. no power, well or septic), and \$12,180 per acre if it is improved (see table below).

"Residual" land (land not considered to be house lots) in Heath, is assessed at \$525 per acre. So, now, all the rest of your land is worth that, right? Wrong. If you have sufficient acreage and sufficient road frontage for more than one house lot, we assess some of the land as "secondary" building lots.

These secondary lots are potential sites for building on your land. Assessors must not only value property at "full and fair market value", as the state Department of Revenue tells us, we must also assess it for "greatest and best use." In other words, that beautiful field out there *could* hold a few houses on it and must be assessed accordingly. It gives us assessors a different perspective on our natural resources.

Secondary lots are minimally 2 acres and are assessed at \$1,300 per acre. Each secondary lot must have at least 250 feet of road frontage. We limit, however, how many secondary lots a parcel can have based on its overall acreage and road frontage: 1 - 6 acres with 0 "minimum frontage", (this is minimum frontage above and beyond the frontage for the primary house lot), would have 0 "maximum secondary sites"; 6.01 - 15 acres with 250' frontage, 1 secondary site; 15.01 - 35 acres with 500' frontage, 2 secondary sites; 35.01 - 65 acres with 750' frontage, 3 secondary sites; above 65 acres with 1,000' frontage, 4 secondary sites.

Furthermore, your assessment can be changed if you put the land in either the "Chapter 61" (forestry) or "Chapter 61A" (agricultural) program. These are agricul-

tural preservation incentives provided by the state to discourage development of farm land. The two-acre house lot must be excluded from these programs. We'll have an article about these programs in an upcoming issue of the Herald.

Here are our land values at a glance, defined according to Type of Land, Acreage and Assessed Value: Improved house lot, up to 2 acres, \$12,180 per acre (2 acres = \$24,360); Unimproved house lot, up to 2 acres, \$7,875 per acre (2 acres = \$15,750); Secondary (potential) lot, 2 acres each, \$1,300 per acre (\$2,600 per 2 acre lot); Residual land, (all land outside the house lots), \$525 per acre.

Some examples might help:

- For a five-acre parcel with a house on it, the land - alone - is worth \$25,935 (\$24,360 for the two-acre house lot and \$1,575 for the three "residual" acres).

- For a 20-acre parcel with 1,000 feet of road frontage and a house on it, the land would be worth \$36,910 (\$24,360 for the two-acre primary house lot, \$5,200 for the two secondary house sites — four acres — and \$7,350 for the residual 14 acres).

- For a 60-acre parcel with 600 feet of frontage and no buildings on it, the land would be worth \$49,300 (\$15,750 for the unimproved primary house lot, \$5,200 for the two secondary house sites — there isn't enough frontage for a third house site despite the acreage, and \$28,350 for the remaining 54 acres).

This shows that the folks who own the five-acre parcel are paying half as much in real estate tax for their land as the folks who own 60 acres! Remember: We are taxing the *use* of the land. To confuse matters even more, if you own land in Mohawk Estates, it is valued from a different schedule. We'll have an article on Mohawk Estates assessments soon.

If you have questions about your assessments, call us (337-4934) or come by on Monday mornings to the Assessors' Office in Sawyer Hall.



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

By Pat Leuchtman

The Friends of the Heath Library were as disappointed as our Librarian and the Library Trustees when we heard that the Heath Library did not receive the building feasibility grant we had applied for. The Friends were poised and ready to do their bit in planning and fundraising. It is no secret that our library is seriously overcrowded and overstressed. Feasibility study funding would have enabled us to gather the very specific information we need to plan our library's future.

However, as Laurie has said, we will just use the extra time to talk with more people and gather what information we can. (And we have learned a lot about grant writing in the process)!!

We are fortunate to live in a town where people generate multiple possible solutions to problems, instead of saying that nothing can be done to improve a given situation. Many people have come up with possible scenarios for enlarging our well-used library.

One suggestion was to move the library to the main floor of the Community Hall. That would certainly give us more wide-open space. The one caveat that immediately comes to mind is a question about the cost to strengthen the floor to hold the weight of the books. There is a special building code standard that libraries are required to meet.

Another suggestion involved the Community Hall, but in a very different way. The town offices also need more space and would be improved by being handicapped-accessible. The suggestion was to build an addition onto the Community Hall which could make use of the hall's handicapped accessibility, the handicapped-accessible bathroom and the new heating system. The newly installed lift would make both levels handicapped-accessible. The town offices, the police department and the post office could use the hall addition and the library could expand into space currently occupied by the post office and police department.

When the school was being planned, there was a brief discussion about combining the town library with the new school library. Obviously that did not happen, but the layout and construction of the school library is such that the town library could feasibly be added on.

The final suggestion, until some creative soul comes up with yet another idea, is to build a whole new library in the Center. Of course, it must be decided exactly how we define "the Center". Does it extend up Bray Road and down to the Dickinson Farm?

There are pros and cons to each of these suggestions ranging from our own aesthetic and community concerns to state requirements. We will talk about them in more detail in coming additions of the Heath Herald. In the meantime, the Friends will continue to raise funds to meet the ongoing needs

of the Library, and put some money away towards the day the Library begins to enter a new era of its history.

We'll be seeing you at the Library - and at the Book Sale at the Heath Fair. Don't forget to weed your bookshelves before August. We are starting to collect books at the Fairgrounds and continue to look for more contributions.

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## HEATH EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

by Timothy Lively

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## TOWN NURSE NOTES

by Joanne Fortune

Laughter rang through the Community Hall as the tables filled with neighbors and friends at the new Senior Center which opened April 1. I offered blood pressure screening and will be there at 11:45 for all the future meals. It was heartwarming to hear conversation among residents who live near each other but who seldom have the chance to visit. There will be a hot meal served the first Thursday of every month. For reservations, please call 337-4896.

Every Heath resident received a Y2K Community Action Guide, a handy Home Emergency Check List and an Emergency Management Survey with your Town Report. It is essential that you take a few minutes now to complete the confidential survey and leave it at the Town Hall or Peters' Store. We've been very fortunate not to have lost power for more than a few days, but it could happen with one bad storm. It's important for us to have a plan so we can take care of each other. Therefore, this survey is for everyone, not just for people with electric heat or people confined to their homes. If you need another copy of the survey, please call Steiny at 337-4746 or myself at 337-5716.

The services I render as Town Nurse are free and strictly confidential. I see people in their homes. If you know of anyone who needs assistance with anything to do with their health, please let me know. Thank you.

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## Y2K UPDATE

by C. Richards Steinbock

By now, you all should have received the town's Y2K letter, checklist and emergency survey. It's very important that the surveys get filled out and returned. The Y2K bug may turn out to be no big deal, but Heath is not exempt from blizzards, ice storms, hurricanes, and the like. The more prepared we are in advance of emergencies, the better we will be able to respond. Heath's Emergency Management Plan has not been updated since the early 1990's and there have been a lot of changes in town. We need the information you provide on the survey. Your input is always welcome. If you would like to become part of the Emergency Management Team please contact the police chief or the Emergency Management Director Robert Tanner.

## COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE

by Val Kaempfer

On March 17, we had a very successful St. Patrick's Day dinner. We served corned beef and all the fixings to over seventy hungry people. We never thought we would get such a turn-out in the middle of the week, and we wish to thank all who attended.

On April 1st, we, with the Council on Aging Committee, served our first senior luncheon. It too was a success. We have gotten good reports on both. The Council on Aging Committee is in the process of writing this year's grant. We hope to be able to get the electrical power supply to the downstairs hall increased to accommodate the use of two or more appliances at the same time.

Our last senior luncheon was held on Thursday June 3rd. Please call 337-4896 or 337-4065 by 10:30 a.m. the Wednesday before for reservations for future luncheons.

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## "MUCH TO DO" A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 19 A Free Barbecue and show by "The Great Benafuchi", a Christian circus performer, will be held at the Heath Fairgrounds from 12 noon and on. In case of rain the event will be held at the Heath School. The event is being sponsored by the Heath Youth Group.

June 26 Community Gathering: A Good Luck Celebration for Phil O'Reilly, principal of the Heath Elementary School. Tickets are \$5 per family. Please bring own beverages, food to be grilled, and one of the following: A-K - Salad; L-S - Main Dish; T-Z - Dessert. The event will be held at the Heath Fairgrounds from 4 p.m. until ??? For information contact Mary Vilbon at 337-4347.

June 26 Lucky Horse Lovers Horse Show; 4-H and Open Youth, at the Hampshire County Riding Club Grounds in Goshen, MA. For information call (413) 625-6628.

June 28 Summer Reading Program Begins at the Heath Free Public Library at 7 p.m.

Heath Elementary School Summer Programs begin. Performance and Improv for ages 2nd grade and up, July 12-16, 9-11 a.m.; volleyball for ages 4th grade and up, July 19-23, 9-11 a.m.; "Create a Dance", ages 7-12, Aug. 2-6, 10a.m.-12 noon; "Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf", ages 4-8 grades, Aug. 2-6, 9-11 a.m.; "Design the Heath Fair Float", date to be announced. All of the programs will be offered at the elementary school, and each has a fee. Call Mary Vilbon at 337-5307 on weekday afternoons for more details.

Artspace is looking for exhibit proposals for three spaces: the Artspace Gallery, Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company, and the Three Minute Gallery at the Greenfield Savings Bank in Greenfield. For information contact Mary Kay Hoffman at (413) 772-6811.

## SPACE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

by Val Kaempfer

In October 1997, the Board of Selectmen appointed a five-member Special Task Force. Since then we have been meeting on a regular basis to assessors and discussing town-owned facilities. In April 1998, we submitted two articles for town meeting warrant, one being the hiring of a Building Manager/Custodian, the other requesting funds for the purchasing of land for "municipal use". Both were passed. We are still searching for property. Recently we have been working with the Visioning Committee on goals for a town plan. In April 1999, we submitted a proposal to the B.O.S. to establish a permanent Building & Facility Management Committee to be on town meeting warrant in May 1999.

The Space Task Force will be meeting with selectmen on June 29 to make a final presentation of their findings.

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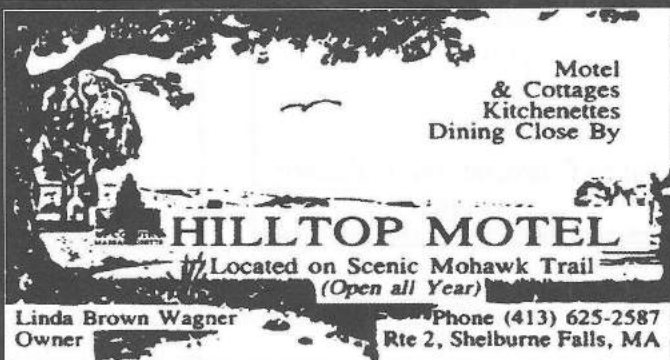
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## MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

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Born April 2, 1999, a daughter, Lillith Kiri Finn, to Deborah McCutchen and Timothy Paulson of Greenfield. Granddaughter of **Martha and Leighton McCutchen**, of Heath, Gaelle Sadgrove, of Ngringuru, New Zealand, and Lois and Byron Anderson, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Born April 5, 1999, a daughter, Christina Anne Franziska to Carol (Besgen) and Jonathan Lively of Rowe. Granddaughter of Anne and K. Peter Besgen, of Framingham, and **Frederic Lively**, of Heath, great granddaughter of Franziska Besgen of Cologne, Germany.

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**Pasquale R. Caracciolo**, 85, of Heath, died April 20 at the Charlene Manor Nursing Home in Greenfield. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 9, 1913, the son of Joseph and Marianne (Gervais) Caracciolo. Mr. Caracciolo received a degree from the Holy Cross and a doctorate in medical dentistry from Tufts Dental, followed by an internship at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II and established his dental practice in Hartford in 1946, later relocating it in 1970 to Somersville, CT. In 1986, he retired and moved to Heath. Mr. Caracciolo was a charter member of the Holy Trinity Lay Community, enjoyed gardening, cooking, music, and playing the organ, accordion and ukulele. He leaves his wife, the former **Jean Quinn**; three sons, John F. Dutton and Bernie L. Dutton, both of Tolland, CT, and Christopher K. Dutton of Bangor, ME; two daughters, Leslie A. Miller of Somers, CT, and Moria C. Steward of Glenwood Springs, CO; a brother, Frank of Westfield, CT, a sister, Mary of Manchester, CT; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated April 22 in Holy Trinity Church, Greenfield with Rev. John Roach, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Shelburne Falls, officiating. Private burial was in St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lay Community, Inc., P.O. Box 300, Heath, MA 01346. Walker Funeral Home, Greenfield, was in charge of arrangements.

**Agnes D. (Girard) Gingras**, 80, of 116 Taylor Brook Road died Tuesday (4-27-99) at the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. Mrs. Gingras was born in Holyoke, June 16, 1918, the daughter of Joseph B. and Yvonne E. (Samson) Girard. She was a graduate of Precious Blood Parochial High School in Holyoke. She and her husband, Rouville F. Gingras, owned and operated the Granby Dinosaur Museum in Granby. They moved to Heath in 1988. Previously, Mrs. Gingras was employed by the former Pratt and Austin Paper Mill in Holyoke. Her husband died July 6, 1990. Mrs. Gingras was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Shelburne Falls, and was a 42-year member of the Third Order of St. Francis. She was an avid doll collector. Survivors include three daughters, **Eileen A. Tougas** of Heath, Clauvette Y. Beaudry of Granby and Sonia R. Hillios of Southampton; a brother, George Girard of Fort Lauderdale, FL; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass took place in St. Joseph's Church with the Rev. John A. Roach, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose Cemetery, Aldenville, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to either the Agnes D. Gingras Memorial Fund, in care of the town nurse, Town Hall, Heath, MA. 01346, to benefit the health care of the community of Heath, or to St. Joseph's Church Memorial Fund, 34 Monroe Ave., Shelburne Falls, MA. 01370.

## People in the News

**Mary Vilbon** has graduated from Greenfield Community College, and has been accepted at, and will be attending Mount Holyoke College in the fall. Ms. Vilbon has also been hired to coordinate the Heath Elementary School's "Goals 2000 Families and School Working Together", a school and community outreach program, resulting from a state grant of \$35,000 over the next three years.

**Doug Wilkins** will, at the end of this school year, be resigning from his position at Mohawk as Technical Director. Mr. Wilkins will be taking a full-time position at Greenfield Community College, where, among his responsibilities, he will be involved with working with local high schools and their students and the process of "dual enrollment" options at the high schools and at GCC.

Best of Luck to Both!

## HEATH FAIR NEWS

by Robert Gear

The month of June will be one of the busiest in the fairground's recent history. On the weekend of the 11th, 12th and 13th the Agricultural Society will be host to the Yankee Beemers Annual Rally. The Beemers are an organization of people who own and ride BMW motorcycles; we have about 100 riders visiting Heath for the weekend. Events include a barbecue hosted by our own Heath Volunteer Fire Department; other food services will be catered by ladies from Heath Union Church. Additionally, all of the people coming will receive in their club information packet a directory of Heath businesses from the Heath Enterprise Council. Special thanks to Jeanette Crowningshield, Alicia Tripp, Mike Smith and the members of the Fire Department for help with the above.

On Sunday, June 27th we will have our annual June Horse Draw. The Horse Draw has been a Heath tradition for longer than even the oldest participants can remember, and is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and catch up on regional gossip. Food concession will be run by the Tanners who always help make the draw a success. Please come!

Other events include what we hope will become the Annual Fire Department Field Day on June 18, youth activities for the church on June 19th, and, on Saturday the 26th, there will be a party for someone who has been a really special part of Heath. Look for other publicity regarding this. All in all a very busy month, especially for me. My motto, "Grass and Trash".

We have already started work on the extensive restoration project on the original barn at the fairground entrance. New colored steel roofing has been ordered and we will be having Wednesday evening and weekend work parties to which all are invited. Inside we have nearly completed two more rooms adjacent to the new workshop; one is a storage room and the other an office for the treasurer and the secretary. Junk has been almost completely removed and I hope to have a clean pleasant space for people to use for eating and just plain hanging out. We have decided to wait until next year to undertake the kitchen remodeling project because of energy and financial constraints. This will be next year's primary focus.

The Baby Barnyard is moving along; after three years' negotiations we were able to secure the old playhouse from the center playground. This will be revamped and included in the barnyard complex which will be immediately to the right of the livestock judging barn. Thanks to Sue Crawford, the folks at the preschool for the house, and thanks to Mike Smith and the Highway Department for bringing it over on the loader bucket. The old building formerly used as a snack bar at the pulling pit area will be converted into a small baby animal barn. I am hoping that Sandy Hillman McCloud will oversee this area at fairtime.

Fair meetings are usually the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the fairgrounds through the summer. Please come, as we need energy, opinions and ideas! Emphasis will continue to be aimed at making the fair child and senior friendly; and we especially welcome input in these areas. We are already thinking of special events for the year 2000 and would like suggestions. One idea so far has been to expand the parade.

Summer passes all too quickly, so stop by the fairground and join one of our work bees or come to the meetings. All input and assistance is welcome.

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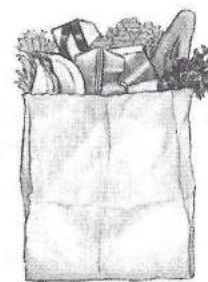
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