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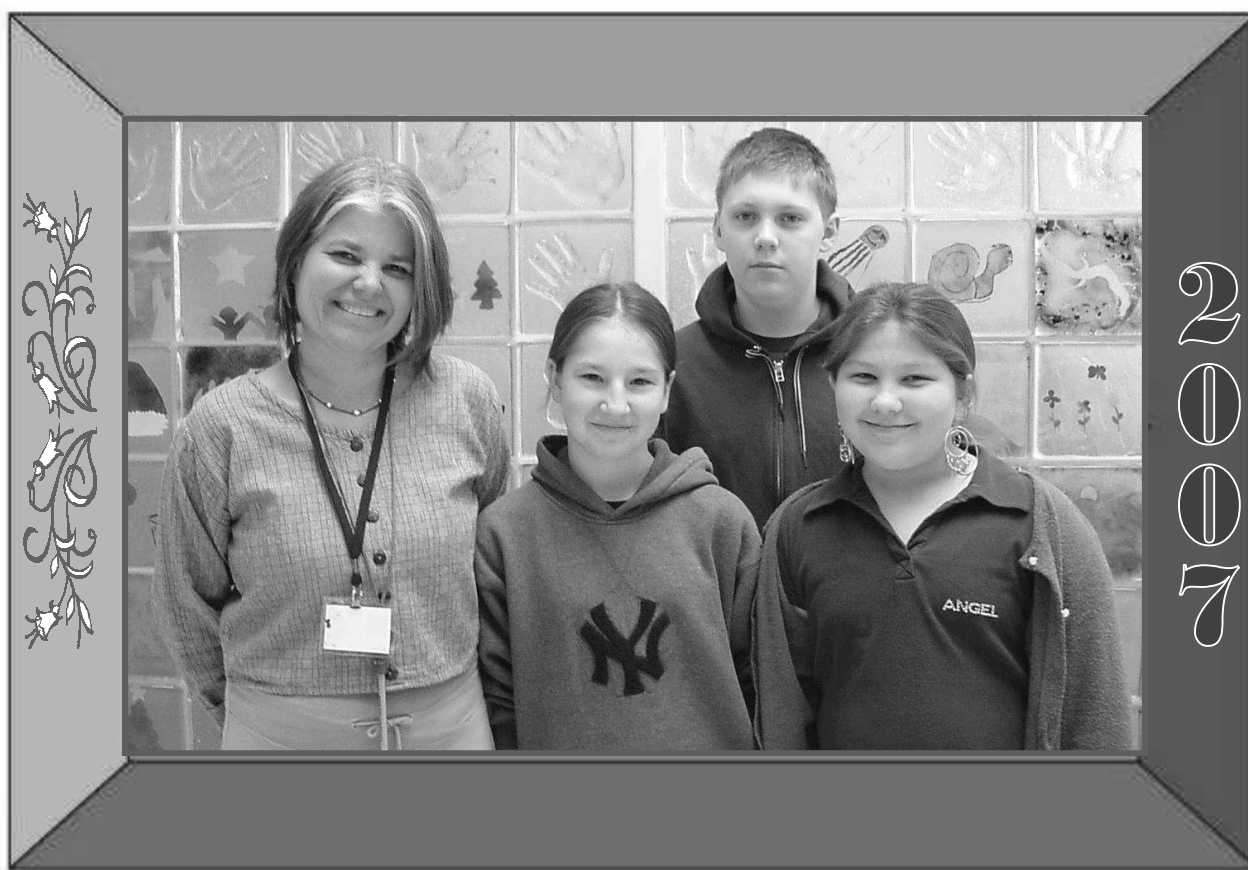
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Heath Elementary School

Sixth Grade



First row, left to right: Teacher, Kare Marshall, Lary LaPointe, Dalton Woodard and Seneca Underwood

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Town Election News

A total of 93 out of 523 registered voters (about 18%) turned out for the annual town election on May 10 this year. Election results can be found in the Selectboard report. Thanks to the candidates that took out papers and the two individuals that ran as write-ins, only the two-year position on the Finance Committee needed to be filled by a Selectboard appointment.

Town Election this year saw the addition of "Otto," the Automark electronic voting machine. This addition was supplied to the town via the Secretary of State's office because of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to ensure that every citizen has an equal opportunity to vote in privacy. It has features which enable deaf, blind, and dexterity-disabled individuals to vote.

Several voters, including the election workers, used Otto to mark their ballots. After voters indicate their choices on the touch-sensitive screen, the choices are printed on a paper ballot. The voters then cast the finished ballot in our "old faithful" ballot box. The machine does not tally any of the votes. The votes are tallied with all the other ballots by manual count at the end of the night. This voting machine will be with us for a long time to come so consider trying it out the next time you come to vote.

~ Hilma Sumner

Town Clerk

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

**Heath Ladies Aid and the
Community Hall Committee**

*Heath Church (lower level)
Community Hall (upstairs)*

Tag Sale on the Common

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Crafts, baked goods, raffles,
Avon products*

**Morning coffee and lunch
Senior Center**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Ruth Ayers



During my years at Mohawk I played soccer, was a member of the Outing and Key Clubs, the Select and High School Choruses, and was part of the All-School Musical, "Seussical," in 2005.

This fall I will be attending Greenfield Community College, studying education and foreign languages.

Michael Warren Kuehl



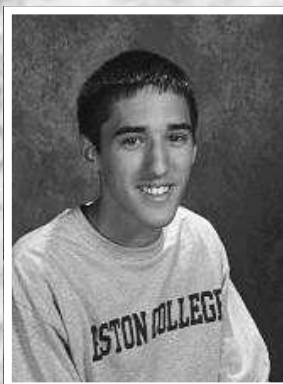
Riston Donelson



I was a member of the ski team and have played baseball (spring, summer, and fall) since grammar school. I was on the varsity team for the last two years.

I plan to attend Vermont Technical College and have been accepted into the Architectural and Building Engineering Technology Program. I hope to play baseball in college as well.

Joseph Lemelin



During my years at Mohawk I have participated in cross-country and track-and-field.

In the fall I plan to attend Greenfield Community College and then transfer to Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, majoring in Sports Management.

Thanks to all who have helped me get this far.

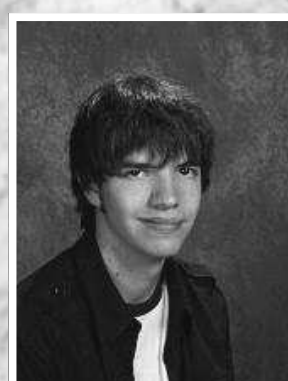
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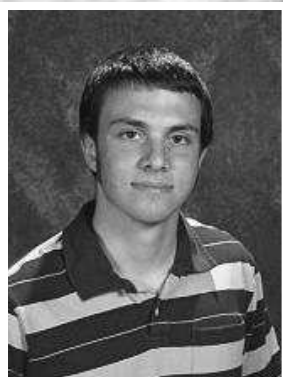


During high school I was a member of the Mohawk Peer Mentor Program, the Mohawk High School Chorus, and the ACE of Clubs Creative and Advanced Writing Programs.

This month I will be attending the Juniper Institute for Young Writers at the University of Massachusetts, and in the fall I will begin taking courses at Greenfield Community College, majoring in either English or History.

James Edward Muenkel



Joseph O'Dea

Throughout my high school years, I have been very involved in sports, as a member of the track team, 7th grade through senior year, the cross-country team, in the 10th and 11th grades, and the varsity soccer team this past year. I also have a love of music, and was a member of the Mohawk Chorus (10th and 11th) and participated in a n after-

school music program, Ace of Clubs, playing the guitar. As a lighting board operator, I took part in two school musicals, "Seussical" and "Thoroughly Modern Mille." I graduated in the top 25 of my class with high honors, and was awarded the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship.

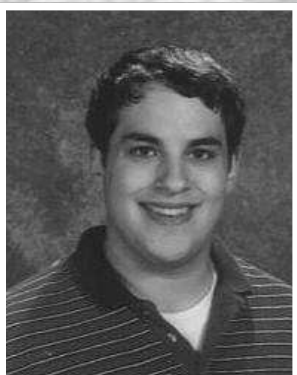
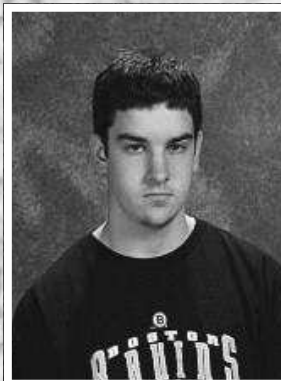
In the fall, I will attend the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and am considering a major in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy.

Jolene Richter

At Mohawk I participated in many activities. I belong to the West County 4-H Horse group and was vice president during my junior year.

I enjoy working with horses and riding competitively. This summer I plan on riding and showing with Biscuit Hill Farm as well as working at Blue Heron Farm.

In the fall, I will be attending Lake Erie College in Ohio, majoring in pre-law, with a minor in Equine Studies, and joining the collegiate riding team.

David Richard Shattuck**Kirsten Elizabeth Singley****Jacob Allan Smead****Jeff Vilbon**

I have enjoyed my senior year at Mohawk attending school events and participating in senior activities throughout the year.

Anyone who knows me is well aware that I am extremely interested in sports. Over the years I have acquired an incredible amount of knowledge about a wide variety of sports and the players, including individual and team statistics.

In the fall I will be attending Greenfield Community College, continuing my Spanish studies in order to become fluent in the language, and will pursue Sports Journalism or Sports Broadcasting.

Alexandra Louise Thane

After graduating from Mohawk, I will be attending the University of Massachusetts, in the Pre-Veterinary Program, majoring in Animal Studies.



The Academy at Charlemont

Grace Schafer Phillips



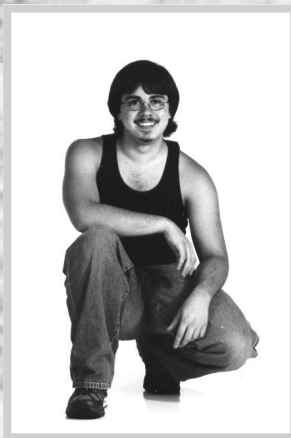
I am finishing my senior year at The Academy at Charlemont where I have been enrolled since the 7th grade. I have loved The Academy. It gives students so many great opportunities. For example, this past spring, I went to Mexico for two weeks on an exchange program, and my host sister came to stay with us for two weeks. The Academy also supported my decision to participate

in the semester-at-sea program during the spring of my junior year. The school has given me such a feeling of community. With only 100 students in grades 7-12, you really get to know everyone.

This fall I will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH, majoring in Freshwater and Marine Biology. It will be a huge change for me going from a school of 100 kids to a school where there are 100 kids on my floor in my dorm. UNH has about 15,000 students, so while this will be a big jump for me compared to the size of my high school and the Town of Heath, I feel that The Academy and my life experience have prepared me well for whatever will come my way. Good luck to all of the other seniors of 2007.

Franklin County Technical School

Jason R. Plante



I attended Franklin Technical School and was in the Information Technology program.

In the fall I plan to attend ITT Technical Institute in Woburn and will major in game design.

Also graduating from Franklin County Technical School is Peter Beattie.



Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.

So throw off the bowline, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover.

~ Attributed to Mark Twain



Wild Ramblings

Dairy Ants



By Bill Lattrell

I remember the long drive from Massachusetts to upper state New York. My father and I were going to visit some close family friends in the upper Champlain Valley. Like us they were of French-Canadian descent. They were old family friends left over from a time when our family lived in the Adirondacks.

I was fifteen years old, and as such I thought I knew a whole lot about the world. I was most interested in the natural world, and I was not afraid to tell anyone who would listen every little fact that I knew about nature. My newfound knowledge would grate on my father's nerves over the span of a six-hour drive. Even though I was not known for being tremendously perceptive, even I could see his eyes glaze over after about the first 15 minutes of the drive. It didn't matter, I easily had another 5 hours and 45 minutes of facts bottled up inside of me that I would tell even the most unwilling listener. It should have been no surprise to me that upon arriving, my father took a long, long walk without telling me where he was going.

Our French-Canadian friends were dairy farmers. I had spent a summer with them when I was 12 years old, so I knew them well. After realizing my father had mysteriously disappeared, I went looking for Romeo Trudeau, my father's good friend, and Claude, a farmhand who was Romeo's right-hand man and best friend. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and knowing their farming patterns from the summer that I had stayed with them, I headed right for the barn where I guessed I would find them milking the cows. Sure enough, Romeo and Claude were both in the milking parlor, getting ready for the evening milking.

Romeo was a large man, not particularly tall, but he had a barrel chest and the largest forearms and biceps that I have ever seen. He was about 40 years old at the time and had a grizzled, unshaven gray stubble that covered his face at any time of the day after the noon hour. Claude, on the other hand, was short, very thin, and had black hair and a very wiry frame.

Romeo laughed as I barged into the whitewashed room. "Bill," he said in a thick French-Canadian accent, "you have grown to be as big as a bull."

Claude just smiled, a cigarette, as was his custom, hanging out of his mouth, checking me out from head to toe.

"Hi, Mr. Trudeau," I replied, "I knew I'd find you here in the barn."

"Come Bill," said Romeo as he smiled warmly at me, "you can help us out. You do remember the routine, eh?"

I nodded yes, but, of course, I had no memory of the routine, but it didn't matter for I was amongst good friends.

"Bill, line the first two cows up in the stanchions, side by each," said Romeo, applying French grammar to the English language.

I did as instructed, and Claude, without saying a word, attached the milking machines to each cow after wiping down the udders. Romeo and Claude worked quietly and efficiently. Two by the two, the cows were led into the milking parlor, milked (not without affection) and the let loose into the barnyard that led to a nearby grazing area.

The quiet silence was just killing me. I had all of this information that I was just dying to share with someone, and I was searching for the right topic when a light bulb went off in my head.

"You know, Mr. Trudeau, man isn't the only animal that tends other animals for his own benefit," I stated.

"You don't say," responded Romeo.

"That's right," I replied. "There is a species of black ants that tends aphids, much like you keep cows." Now that got their attention. Claude looked at Romeo with his bloodshot blue eyes as if to say "This boy is crazy." But in fact he didn't say a word. Claude, like many of our family friends, understood English perfectly, but chose to speak mostly in the French language.

"Imagine that," said Romeo as he winked at Claude.

"Yep, the ants will herd up the aphids into a section of a branch where the leaves are ripe, green, and plentiful and guard them from other insect predators," I stated in a matter of fact manner.

"And why would they do that?" asked Romeo.

"You see," I explained, "the aphids turn the carbohydrates in the leaf into a milky sugary substance that the ants use."

Claude said something in French to Romeo, and they both laughed.

"What did Claude say?" I asked.

"He said he would like to see the teeny-weeny milking machines that the ants used to get the aphid milk," Romeo said, holding back more laughter.

"Actually," I said quite seriously, "the aphids produce the milky sugary substance in their stomach, and the ants remove it from their rectum with their proboscis."

Romeo's eyes widened and asked "What's a proboscis?"

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"It's kind of like a nose," I replied.

They both laughed uncontrollably. I didn't mind being their entertainment, but, my god, this was serious scientific knowledge.

Claude said something else in French, and they laughed even harder. Claude was now sitting on the floor, laughing so hard he couldn't stay on his feet.

"What did Claude say?" I asked again.

"He said, they would be much better off using the teeny-weeny milking machines," roared Romeo.

Trying to appear somewhat scientific I went on, knowing I was at risk for more ridicule. "The ants actually herd the aphids to different areas once a set of leaves has been completely grazed. They do this by picking up each individual aphid and carrying it to a new set of leaves," I said.

Romeo and Claude had gained a little control over themselves at this point. And then Claude said something, once again, in French, and they both started howling again.

"What did Claude say this time?" I asked, somewhat indignantly.

"Claude says the ants should use teeny-weeny cattle dogs. He thinks the ants can't be that smart if they carry the aphids from grazing area to grazing area. He wonders what it would be like to carry a cow to the next pasture," Romeo said, holding back an entire belly-load of laughter.

"Ants are very strong," I replied. "They can carry 100 times their own weight."

Romeo interjected, "Too bad we couldn't get those ants to stop chewing down the barn and start moving our cattle." Romeo and Claude stared at each other, trying to hold back the laughter, but they just couldn't, and the howling erupted once again. Claude asked something in French, and Romeo translated without me asking. "Claude wants to know what the ants do with the milk," relayed a smiling Romeo.

"They bring it back to their nest where the colony uses it for their survival," I replied.

Then Claude asked, for the first time in a French-Canadian version of English, holding back his laughter "Do the ants sell the milk to rest of the colony for a teeny-weeny profit?"

"No," I said, "it is a cooperative effort in a highly organized, highly sophisticated society."

Claude says something in French, and they both began laughing loudly, once again.

"OK, I give up, what did he say this time?" I asked Romeo.

Romeo had tears streaming down his face, his huge arms shaking uncontrollably, and he had to lean against the white-washed wall to stay upright. "Claude says they must be teeny-weeny communists," and with that Romeo fell to his hands and knees onto the concrete floor next to Claude. Both seemed to be at death's door with laughter. The milking parlor must have sounded like a comedy club to anyone listening from the outside world.

Just then, my father walked in, looking a little more relaxed

than when we arrived. "You boys look like you're having fun. What's so funny?"

Romeo managed to get control of himself, and said "We're talking about dairy ants, teeny-weeny little communist dairy ants."

And with this statement I joined them in the hilarity and fell against the wall laughing. My father looked at us long and hard like we were all a bunch of crazy French-Canadian farmers.

"Tomorrow," I said, "I'll tell you about plants that eat meat." And the laughter started all over again.



Friends of the Heath School Library

The Friends of the Heath School Library wish to thank all those friends who baked for us and donated at our Annual Breakfast at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12...and to remind everyone that ATM II will be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 23 AT the Heath School at 8:30 a.m.**

We will be there as well with our second Breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m.

As always, all proceeds will go to support the Heath School Library.

The Annual Rose Viewing at the End of the Road



*Sunday July 1
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

*The garden is open, and 60 hardy
roses will be in bloom.
Cookies and punch will be served.*

*Pat and Henry Leuchtman
Knott Road
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New Towns



By Pat Leuchtman

I have never lived in a new town, or new development. The only new house I've ever lived in was the scandalously expensive house my parents built in 1953 for about \$30,000.

For nearly three decades now Henry and I have lived in an old house, of no great distinction, in our old town of Heath which has great distinction. So it was with great curiosity in 2004 that we went to visit our daughter Kate, her husband and two sons in the new town of Rancho Santa Margarita in Orange County, California. When we pulled off The Strip and into the residential area a large plaque proudly announced the town's founding – in the year 2000. Almost instantly housing for 50,000 people went up on what had been an old ranch. And other new towns for 50,000 residents had gone up, or were going up in the immediate area. Soon a new highway would be completed and it would be as easy to commute to San Diego as to Los Angeles..

I guess there were several styles of house and condominiums on very, very small lots, but the general impression was of narrow streets and an endless maze of adobe-like stucco walls baking in the California sun. It was just another iteration of the cartoon of suburbia with identical houses, driveways, cars, and briefcase-carrying men trudging home.

But all that is about aesthetics. The benefits of this development included beautiful and excellent schools for children situated so that no one would have to walk more than a mile. Kate admitted while there was no need for school buses, the modern mothers drove their children to school every day, and she said, there was quite a traffic jam every morning and afternoon. The developer also provided amenities like a clubhouse adjacent to a small man-made lake with little boats, and a swimming pool for swimmers.

Kate took us to one of the shopping plazas which included the town hall, fire department, and library, as well as supermarkets and an array of take-out food restaurants. While up here we worry about 'the death of downtown,' in Rancho there was no 'downtown.'

Last summer Kate and her family moved to Missouri City, a suburb of Houston, Texas. They bought a large condominium in a division called Sienna Plantation. It is one of several large and similar developments strung along Route 6.

The aesthetics of this development for several thousand families, which has been under construction for about eight years, are different from Rancho. In Sienna the roads are broad, crisscrossed with managed waterways, and lots and lots of trees and shrubs. There are a variety of house styles, although nothing resembling a Texas or Mexico vernacular, with larger yards all of which are fenced.

In Sienna the construction of schools is not the responsibility of the developers and Missouri City officials have not been

able to keep up with the planned growth of this area. The brand new school my grandsons attend is already using six mobile classrooms and more will be needed in the fall. School buses take the children to school.

As in Rancho, the Sienna developers have included a community center with room for classes, a fitness gym, swimming pools, a pavilion for barbecues and private parties, and even a golf course.

Kate says that the government in Missouri City seems very distant. As the parents of young children, she and her husband spend most of their energy and volunteer time on school responsibilities and activities, and Scouting events.

I have always felt that having children makes it easy to meet people and become involved in a community. Kate agrees with this and says that when she lived in a suburb outside Boston, she found it very difficult to meet people because her children were preschoolers. In Rancho and Sienna it has been much easier to meet congenial people because of connections made through the children and school.

She has found her Sienna neighbors much friendlier than at Rancho, although she said it isn't a particularly Texan neighborliness. Sienna is an extremely diverse community. Everyone is from somewhere else and those 'somewhere elses' include scores of other countries, as well as different areas of the U.S.

I was alarmed at the new face of neighborliness when Kate told me that a new neighbor had knocked at her door to get her e-mail address and invite her to join a neighborhood Yahoo Group. I thought with horror of neighbors who only communicated through e-mail instead of over the backyard fence. She assured me that this wasn't so, that the Yahoo Group was already planning a block party, something that had never happened in California.

One of the differences between these new developments and any of our New England small towns is that while the new developments are racially diverse, the residents tend to be families with children living at home. I looked at Kate's community and thought it was almost as segregated by age, as developments for the Active Retired where you must be over 50 or 55. In our towns, we lack that racial and ethnic diversity, but we do have a diversity of age groups. Different drawbacks. Different benefits.

When Kate and I compare our lives in these very different landscapes we still find many similarities. The first is that we are both happy where we are – in large part because where we are is not the foundation of our happiness. At the same time we realize that there are many people who react very strongly, negatively or positively, to their physical landscape.

Secondly, she is caught up with the demands of child care and the schools, and I am caught up with the demands of paid employment, but we both must drive our cars to do anything. New town. Old town. Both require cars and lots of driving.

Thirdly, it is also clear that in both our communities there is an acknowledged need for community. She has the Community Center, volunteer activities at school, and her Yahoo Group. I have the Community Hall, the library, and the Heath Fair.

My curiosity about 'new towns' has been satisfied, and at least for Kate and me, there isn't that much difference between the old and the new.. Happiness comes from family, from good friends, and satisfying work, volunteer or paid, not the landscape and age of the town.

Memories of Ethel Lyman Paine Moors



Ethel Lyman Paine Moors

We Landstrom sisters have such fond memories of this lady we knew as Mrs. Moors, part-time summer resident at the Manse on Bassett Road and employer of our dad Oscar Landstrom. She was a very aristocratic lady in appearance but was warm and compassionate to everyone. We remember her as an afternoon visitor, driven by her chauffeur in her convertible with the top down, coming to call on us and our mom Grace Gleason Landstrom. Mrs. Moors was a lovely lady, impeccable in dress, though her wavy hair would never obey even when she wore a scarf or hat. The wispy tresses would surround her face to enhance her warm smile and gracious way of paying attention to whomever she was speaking.

Although as young girls we were in awe of her, she always made us feel special. She was like a fairy god-mother to us as on these afternoon visits she would have gifts for us all. She claimed she couldn't remember birthdays so each summer she brought each of us a lovely new dress. Then at Christmas we would receive a box with new winter gowns, usually plaid with lacy collars. We felt like princesses.

According to Ed Calver's town history and other historical records, Ethel L. Paine first came to Heath to spend time with her friend Dr. Grace Wolcott at the Myrfield "restorium" on Avery Brook Road. She was daughter of the Paine family of Boston's moneyed elite. As we understand it, the reason she came to spend the summer was the plan of her family to quell an unsuitable romance. She was enamored of John F. Moors who was disapproved of by her father because although Mr. Moors was wealthy in his own right, he was not a blue-blooded Bostonian. The separation did not work, however, as they were married in 1915.

That summer in Heath caused Miss Paine to fall in love with the town, and, in 1906, she bought the Leavitt Manor which she named "The Manse," as it had been built as a parsonage for the minister. Until Mr. Moors' death, they came often to Heath, attended the Heath Evangelical Church, and became very active in the social life of the summer residents. Calver dubbed her the "great lady of Heath" as she entertained constantly at that splendid country home, The Manse.

She had restored the lovely old mansion, brightening it with white woodwork and furnishing the whole place with fine antiques. The ell part had kitchen and work areas and rooms for the maids on the second story. The chauffeur had a neat room in the attic.

Our memories are of such bright, airy rooms that welcomed all into this very cheery home. There were huge maples around the house and about an acre of manicured lawn. She had a beautiful walled-in garden complete with a fountain in the middle, a grape arbor to the east, and rose trellises. The south gate led to a simple walk through the nearby wood which she called her "morning walk" and did indeed use it as such. Early memories of Mrs. Moors were of her dressed in walking shoes, longish skirt, and a scarf on her head, walking through the woods or along the country roads. The carriage house had stalls for driving horses and her automobile, and the main barn was for the use of her farmer to thresh and store grains and hay and sometimes to winter a small herd of young cattle.

The Paine's main estate was in Brookline with a summer home in Cohasset, but The Manse was hers. Our family was first connected to the Paines though our grandfather Victor Landstrom who worked on the estates as gardener, landscaper, and handyman. So Mrs. Moors (then Miss Paine) knew him and his capabilities. After she restored The Manse, she bought the former Town Farm where Walt Gleason now lives. She needed a farmer so entreated our grandfather and family to leave Waltham and move to Heath in 1911 when our dad was twelve. They were to farm the land and provide milk, eggs, butter, and produce for the summer vacationers, not just the Moors. Later, she also bought a lot from Dad and Uncle Ray over the line in Charlemont, to the west, to be sure the grazing land and forest would remain pristine.

Mrs. Moors highly respected my grandfather and, as our dad grew and worked on the farm, she came to adore him. He took a year of study at Mass Agie so she felt he was knowledgeable as well as devoted to the farm. Therefore, when our grandparents desired to return to their home in Waltham, she begged Dad to remain. At this time Dad took over the farm, and he and Mom, Grace Gleason, were married in 1921. The elder Landstroms then left Heath in 1922. Mrs. Moors never treated Grandfather and Dad as mere farm workers but showed them great respect and relied on their expertise in caring for the land.

There were apple orchards as well as the dairy farm. The best of the Northern Spys were sent to Mrs. Moors' friends in England and sweet butter was sent by train to family and friends in the Boston area. Our dad bought our farm in 1921, called by her "Overbrook Farm" as it was across the brook from The Manse. Still he took care of all her land and together later with our Uncle Frank Gleason did the farming, garden work, and maple sugaring. The Gleasons came to Heath in 1937 and later bought the farm on Bassett Road from Mrs. Moors.

Every spring the womenfolk in our families helped prepare the estate for her first visit, cleaning, doing the curtains, beds, etc. and stocking the kitchen with milk, eggs, butter, maple syrup, and produce. She would arrive in her chauffeured convertible with two or three maids, a seamstress, and a cook. We all loved to be part of the preparations and enjoyed the excursions though the big house, admiring the furnishings and probably wishfully imagining being a guest there.



Ada, Pearl, and Ruth Landstrom and cousin, Catherine Burrington.

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(*"Memories of Ethel Lyman Paine Moors"* continued from page 9)

As time went on, Mrs. Moors did not spend all summer here in Heath although she was instrumental in introducing others to the area and persuading them to come to make their summer homes in town. One good friend was Mrs. Drown whose husband was a theologian. They would bring students from the seminary to drive and work for them. Bill Wolf was one who caught the bug and stayed in Heath.

Because the Moors were not in residence all summer, she sent many family members, nieces and grandnieces, to spend a week or longer at The Manse. We became well acquainted with the Storer families, and Elizabeth, who was Ruth's age, became a regular visitor with us at the farm.



Mrs. Moors and guests

political position "radical," whatever that meant. One famous personage we met at The Manse was Felix Frankfurter who while here was in constant touch with the powers of the day in Washington. Later that year (1938) he was appointed to the Supreme Court. We also became acquainted with the Reinhold Niebuhrs when they spent a summer at The Manse. They, of course, became lovers of Heath and finally bought the Stone Cottage in the Center, and our friendship grew. Another family that summered there several years were the Proctors, an African-American family from New York City, whom we were sure she helped to educate. Mr. Proctor became a prominent doctor at the Eye Bank in that city. Our family and theirs became very close, so when the World's Fair came to New York in 1939, Mrs. Moors treated us girls and Mom to a week at the Proctor home and a chance to go to the Fair. This was the type of person she was, always doing something special for her friends. One young African-American man from Penn College in the Carolinas, which she supported, came to work on our uncle's farm and remained a good correspondent and visitor of the Gleasons for many years.

Mrs. Moors was a philanthropist in many areas. She was a sponsor of the Little Wanderers Orphanage in Boston and a supporter of artist Robert Strong Woodward. Many of his paintings hung in the mansion, and both Dad and Mom and the Gleasons were bequeathed one. The Heath Union Evangelical Church was the recipient of oak collection plates and a complete set of hymnals. Her home church was Trinity Church of Boston. The property here in Heath was left to Trinity with the stipulation that deserving clergy, doctors, and students could come to The Manse for vacations, free of charge. When Mrs. Moors was over eighty, she married a Canon of the Church of England and moved to her beloved England only to die in a few days thereafter. Unfortunately, her new husband persuaded her to change some of her bequests

and soon the custom of vacation use of The Manse ended.

Mrs. Moors was one of the most gracious persons, almost to a fault. We who truly loved her did so appreciate her depth of character and loving disposition. There must be so many people like us who can thank her for their good fortune. There must be a multitude of jewels in her crown of glory.

In Loving Memory,
Ada, Pearl, and Ruth Landstrom

The First Annual Top Chef Competition

Speaking as a participant in the first Annual Top Chef Competition held in May to support the West County Food Pantry, I can tell you that there is no way to have more fun while raising money for a good cause.

Organized by Paul-Theirry de la Bloutier of the Shelburne Falls Wine Merchant, this event had two teams of local cooks, each headed by a professional chef to direct the labors. Michael Collins of the Green Emporium worked with Kathy Young, Paula Consolo, Steve Walker, and Joe Mattei. My team (and the winning team) was led by Margaret Fitzpatrick who previously ran Margo's Bistro and the Tusk and Rattle. I was joined by Dick Muller, Jerry Axelson, and Beth Lorenz.

State Senator Stan Rosenberg was on hand to emcee the contest and once the sheet was whisked away from the table of ingredients, the race was on. Margaret urgently told us to take some of everything and then she set us to work – roasting peppers, peeling potatoes, chopping ginger, and preparing the catfish for a sauté. We had just one hour to prepare a starter and an entrée. And we had to pick out wines for each course!

Our starter consisted of layers of polenta with finely chopped red pepper, set on a drizzle of red pepper coulis, with a chevre-stuffed habanero pepper and roasted corn and mango salsa.

Margaret and Michael seemed to be everywhere because they had to come up with a recipe on the spot and oversee all the cooks. I was so intent on my own tasks that I was amazed to see our entries plated up, and never really got to see what Team Collins concocted.

It was intense but there was laughter. We were so busy working and giggling that none of us had any time to think of clever ways to suborn the judges.

While we slaved the audience of over 100 enjoyed wines and nibbles in the other room of the Buckland Shelburne Community House or got up close to query the cooks while we worked.

While the judges, Joe Judd, Jim Hicks, Amy Kippenstein, Stefan Racz, and Maria Maroney were sitting down to taste those four dishes, and score them (anonymously), I grazed through the extra food left in the pans. I can tell you it was all delicious. I did not envy the judges their task.

It was a close race, but Team Fitzgerald won. Hooray!

The event raised over \$1000 for the Food Pantry which provides such a vital service. I know there are already discussions about how to improve the Second Annual Top Chef competition.

~ Pat Leuchtman



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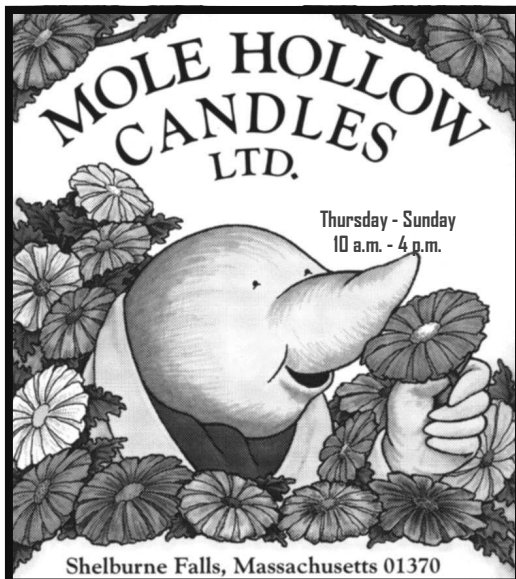
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Town Nurse Notes

Local Foods = Healthy Foods

By Robin Booth R.N.

There are many interesting things happening in the world of food. With our increased awareness of global change and even local use of energy, the world of food is also undergoing a quiet revolution. As in most things, Heath residents are already ahead of the game. The thoughts on food go something like this.

The premise is that the amount of time, energy, and processing a food has to undergo before it gets to your table is worth looking at. The more local and fresh, the better it is for you. In a book I am reading, whose title I will divulge later in this article, the author compares getting strawberries from California to this: a road trip one might take from Washington to Philadelphia in order to get on a treadmill for thirty minutes and then turn around and head home. The benefit of such foolishness (the thirty-minute walk) is far outweighed by the wear on the car, the expenditure for gas, the pollution from exhaust, the incredible time loss, etc.

During the last decades we have marveled at the ability to transport goods so that we may enjoy mangoes and other imported goods. We certainly all have wider tastes and appreciation for ethnic foods. Now attention seems to be turning towards the costs for the 'convenience' of imported fresh foods and foods that travel long distances. Just as the treadmill story above, in order to enjoy that California strawberry that is out of season locally, we are getting it at tremendous cost, especially to our taxed environment.

There are a number of people in the news lately who are challenging the way we normally eat and buy foods. They have attempted to eat mostly local foods year-round. They have put up foods, stored onions and potatoes, and found local cheese, eggs and meat. They claim that once you get in the mindset and have a working knowledge, it's not that hard to eat this way. Some have written books about it. I am now reading Barbara Kingsolver's account of such an adventure called *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. She and her family decided to try this for a year. I also know J.B. MacKinnon and Alisa Smith attempted to eat foods within a 100-mile radius of their home in Canada and wrote a book entitled *The 100-Mile Diet*. Bill McKibben of Step it Up fame knows something of this frame of thinking. He wrote about it in *Deep Economy*.

Now I guess that you understand why I think Heath already has got a leg up on this concept. We garden and feed livestock and talk gardens and farming. We have access to fresh foods from backyard gardens, manure, CSAs (community supported agriculture), goat's and cow's milk and cheese, maple syrup, apples, and blueberries. We eat dandelion greens and fiddleheads. We freeze rhubarb and beans. What a land of bounty!

I urge you to think about your meals as you eat them. This is good practice regardless, especially during spring. Where is your food from and how has it been processed and packaged? Maybe we could start discussing in groups or as families how we could do better, or more, towards supporting our local economies, farms, and markets, as they provide the freshest and healthiest food for us. How can we make healthy foods available to all, well-off and challenged, old and young, at home, at school, or at work. The unfolding of both the questions and answers seems timely, exciting, and healthy!

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For further information contact <http://www.franklincountywaste-district.org/mercuy.html>

DATELINE HEATH 5/2:

Okay, it's the last play of the game. Two outs, two players on. The tying run at the plate. It's the Pirates best batter against the Heath/Rowe Twins best pitcher, Tucker Jenkins. The batter SMASHED a line drive into the outfield. Anything that travels that far ought to have a flight crew and a movie, if you know what I mean. Eli Smith ran the ball down, turned and hit the cutoff person with a textbook throw. That's the good news. The bad news is that by the time Eli caught up to the ball he was somewhere in Southern Vermont. Colton Yeziarski, the cutoff, standing just over the town line, turned and fired the ball home to Eric Shattuck. Eric had two choices. He could catch the ball and think about tagging the runner, in which case the runner would be safe, or he could catch the ball and without thinking tag the runner. He chose the latter. Runner out. Heath wins!!! The score was 5 - 3. It was the kind of game you hate to see either team lose.

This was a rematch of last year's Rookie League championship game. Same point spread, different outcome. The kids were heroic. Gabe Seaver, playing catcher for the first time, didn't miss a pitch and, when playing third base (he was everywhere), caught a line drive (with his stomach) to retire an inning. By game's end that little boy was more banged up than our school budget (he went home with the spirit ball)...Julian Diamond hit a double, made a play at second and throwing from the outfield almost threw a player out at first. I could write a paragraph on EVERY player...There wasn't anyone on our team who didn't make a contribution. Hope Lively, who started the game telling me how nervous she was (I said, "Hope, I would be nervous if you weren't."), hit a ball so hard the crack it made when it came off her bat had folks streaming up to Tripps and the Benson Place thinking the blueberries must be ready. Emma Loubisky-Loneragan, second in the lineup, held her ground like a champion and made no errors in her very first game against a team that is clearly going to have the best pitching in the league (again). Eddie Muenkel got a base hit. David Hobbs stands a little taller than the axe-toting Gimli in *The Lord of the Rings* (and wields his bat with the same spirit). Well, words can't describe what it's like to watch him in the batter's box. So don't let them...Come check us out. The playoffs are June 11 and 13, and the championship game will be held on June 16 at the Vets Field in Shelburne Falls. For times contact Kathy Sprague at the school.

(Note: Heath also has five athletes playing in the Majors league, Josh Rode, Garret Woodard, Dalton Woodard, Kai Webler, and Larissa (Lary) LaPointe. Their team, the Heath/Rowe Mariners won a doubleheader to start their season. GO MARINERS!)

So now what to talk about? Hmm, oh I know, how about school issues! There are many things to report on, things at Heath School (and MTRSD), the status of the RED-CB -I feel like Dr. Frankenstein, "It's alive, it's alive, it's alive!" -consolidation- it's dead! (for the coming year), the educational lobbying day in Boston, the warrant article put forward by the citizens of Heath to change the regional agreement, an opening for the school committee (that will hopefully be filled by the time this paper goes to press), the importance, now more than ever, of supporting our Preschool, and the possibility of our having a new superintendent this fall and its implications for all of this. I am going to try over the next few issues of the *Herald* to speak to some of these concerns (and keep readers up-to-date on the progress of our young athletes.)

In the meantime, speaking of Vermont, according to the April 2007 newsletter of the Rural School Trust, on Town Meeting day, the Green Mountain voters turned out to pass 92% of the school budgets, and days later, the Vermont legislature scrapped a consolidation plan that would have eliminated over 75% of the state's 280 school districts. Vermonters know the value of their small schools.

Finally, please plan to attend the follow-up Annual Town Meeting to be held Saturday, June 23, at 8:30 a.m. at the Heath School.

Topics to be discussed include the Heath Citizens Petition to change the Regional Agreement and funding for the Preschool. Personally, I cannot think of anything more important we can do as a community to preserve quality, locally-controlled, community-based rural education in Heath (or outside the District) than supporting this invaluable program.

~ Jonathan Diamond

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Vermont Proposes Consolidation

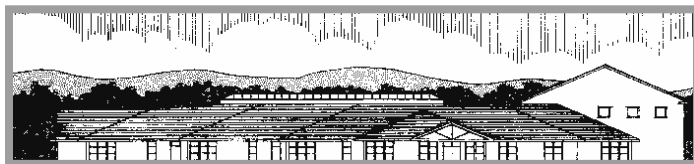
Last year, Vermont's Education Commissioner Richard Cate proposed a yearlong discussion of his white paper calling for the elimination of over 75% of the state's 280 school districts. But the legislature couldn't wait, and embarked on its own plan to stop talking and start eliminating now.

They were skating on thin ice, it turns out. Cate said his proposal is about "efficiency" and "what's good for kids" but it failed to link those claims with anything other than eliminating districts and the school boards that govern them. There would be no school closings, he said, and no reduction in personnel. The state's districts are already yoked into supervisory unions, so there are only 62 school superintendents serving 280 districts. None of them would be eliminated under Cate's plan.

But eliminating districts eliminates the political apparatus that protects schools. Under Cate's plan, the school boards of the new, larger districts would be elected with one member from each former district, but the members would have "weighted" voting rights on the board, to comply with "one-person-one-vote." That means the board members from the former larger districts would have the voting power to close schools in the former smaller districts, or more likely, simply starve them fiscally until they willingly gave up. One of the ageless lessons of rural school politics is that closing districts is always but a prelude to closing schools.

The Democratic-led legislature took the bait and pushed a plan to close districts immediately, arguing, like Cate, that low student-teacher ratios and declining enrollments are driving costs out-of-sight. And like Cate, the legislature's leadership assured that its plan would not close schools. And again like Cate, the leadership made no effort to explain how closing districts without closing schools would improve student-teacher ratios or cut costs. Unlike Cate, the legislature's plan provided that no school could be forcefully closed without a vote of the citizens in the community (that is, its former district).

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Heath School News

By Anne Marie Mislak

REFLECTIONS OF PAST YEAR AND LOOKING FORWARD

Looking back on this past year, which is quickly coming to an end, it is time for some reflections. . In order to really get to know a school, a community, and the culture of both, one must read a lot and talk a lot. I recently read an article written last spring about what was "special" about the Heath School. The feelings were the same for me. Therefore, the conclusion made is that this is truly a special place! Everyone, adults and students alike, just "LOVE" their school! This word, love, is not used lightly. To begin with, a simple dining room experience is a good example. The school is small enough for everyone to have recess together and then to eat lunch together. One finds different age groups sitting at the tables together. At the conclusion of the meal, each table is assigned two cleaners, one for the table and one for the chairs. Once the cleaning is completed, chairs are stacked, students dismissed, and more cleaning takes place. Classes are assigned a time period to take care of behind-the-scenes cleaning of floors, as well as stairs and ramp. Let me tell you this does not happen in other schools!

Another example of the community spirit of the school is the time we gather together as "All School." Once a week, if not more times during the school year, a welcoming call is made to gather us all in the Open Space, the carpeted area in the middle of the school. Classes take turns facilitating the time, which includes celebrating birthdays, sharing of classroom projects, singing songs or learning dances as well as sharing of information from adults or students. What a special time for everyone. It only takes 30-45 minutes once a week, but what an impact for all. You should try to attend one, which happens every Friday morning from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

My last example (I was always taught to have three examples when explaining a topic!) is the idea of "Buddies." Buddies have two different definitions at the Heath School, both of which infer assistance. First of all, there are buddy classes, that get together once a week or so to read together or work on a project together. Secondly, there are buddy teachers. These are classroom teachers who also assist students by giving them a time and place in another classroom to calm down if the student is having a hard time in his/her class doing so. The process is explained to the children and practiced with the children before implementation and has proven successful.



Next year the Shared Principal model will still be in existence. I will be the Shared Principal once again at Heath as well as at Colrain. Jackie Daley will be a Part-Time Principal at Buckland-Shelburne. Yes, she is retiring at the close of this school year but will come back on this part-time basis. Budge Litchfield will be a Part-Time Principal at Sanderson Academy as well as a Part-Time Curriculum Coordinator for all of the Mohawk elementary schools. He will be at Sanderson unless he is visiting another elementary school.

I am very happy to be coming back to Heath next year. This school is very special in so many ways. Being a shared person has given me a perspective that is unique. I can become part of two schools and bring and take from one school to the other the best of both worlds! This shared position has also forced me to look outside my little world of Sanderson all these years without even leaving the District I care so deeply for. THANK YOU for allowing me to work with the students, staff, and parents of the Heath community.

We will still focus on academic as well as social goals that will be listed in our School Improvement Plan. Change brings about improvement many times. It strengthens the thinking process, inspires conversation, and validates what is working well.

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Both the legislature and Cate have one fundamental problem. Kids in Vermont do extremely well academically under the current system, no matter how you measure it, who measures it, or why they measure it. Faced with this problem, proponents of closing schools have been forced to argue that unless they do something, student achievement might some day get worse.

Vermonters were not buying it. On Town Meeting Day, Green Mountain voters turned out to pass 92% of school budgets, and days later streamed into Montpelier for a hearing on the consolidation proposal before the House Education Committee. Fifty witnesses testified overwhelmingly against the consolidation plan and the next day the House Committee took the plan out of the bill. The Senate Education Committee subsequently voted an education bill out that included nothing about consolidation.

Things can still happen on the floor of the legislature, and it is likely some kind of "study" measure will be passed to keep the issue alive. But Vermonters know the value of their small schools, and they will not be easy to dupe with arguments about "efficiency" and "cost."

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HEATH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

Plans for the 90th Annual Heath Fair are shaping up nicely, and Yes! There will be Heath Fair T-shirts by Heath artist, Fred Burrington!. Our theme this year is Sustainability. We are looking forward to parade float entries and exhibits on the theme, including one from the West County Sustainable Energy Association. Building on that as in past years the menu for the upper food booth will be built around locally grown and processed foods, and in addition to the Kids Games, there will be a Trash Olympics on Saturday and an opportunity to create Trash Art on Sunday.

Exhibit Hall

As Art Schwenger reminded us at the Annual Town Meeting, now is the time to be planting and planning your Heath Fair Exhibit Hall entries. Kim Richter, our new Hall Superintendent, Alli Thane-Stetson, and Janet Giard have set new age categories this year. In addition to the early childhood category in which everyone gets a ribbon, it will be Child, 6-9, Youth, 10-16, and Adult, 17 and up.

The Premium Book will be coming out in June and will be available at the Town Hall and Peters Store. There's a new category in knitting and crocheting for hats, scarves, and mittens and some new categories for roses and dahlias and vegetables. For Exhibit Hall questions, call Alli Thane-Stetson, 337-4852

Cattle Judging

After much consideration we have decided to eliminate Adult Cattle Judging this year. We hope to have a herd for exhibit. The Youth Cattle Judging will continue as in years past.

Vendors Wanted

We've cast a wider net for vendors and exhibitors. We are especially interested in attracting craftspeople and farm stands and are getting some good response. If you are interested in hawking your handiwork at the Fair, contact Grace Crowningshield at 337-6615 or Jenna Day at 339-8321.

Pulls

On Saturday, June 23, the Massachusetts Oxen Teamsters will be hosting an Ox Draw at the Fairgrounds. And don't miss the annual June Horse Draw on Saturday, June 24. Call Nathan Clark, 337-6697 for information

Work Bees

Work bees are taking place every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. If you want to help but can't get there on Wednesdays, call Fairgrounds Superintendent, David Freeman, 337-4766, and he can set you up with a task you can complete on your own time.

Thank you

Once again, a big thank-you goes to the crew from the Franklin County Jail who came up and painted the horse ring, judging sheds, and grandstand. They look terrific.

~ Pam Porter, Co-chair
~ Gloria Fisher, Co-chair

Selectboard's Report

Summer Meeting Schedule

The Selectboard has begun a summer schedule meeting every other Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Sawyer Hall. Meeting dates are 6/18, 7/9, and 7/23, with August dates to be decided.

June 4 Informational Meeting

The June 4 Selectboard meeting was held at the Heath Elementary School as a special informational meeting. Topics presented and discussed included:

- 1) the status of the Heath Library grant
- 2) the article on the Annual Town Meeting
Warrant for restoring Whittemore Spring
- 3) the citizens' petition for changes to Mohawk's
Regional Agreement
- 4) a report from the Independent Heath School Task Force.

Special Town Meeting & Annual Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting was convened on Saturday, May 12, to transfer funds from accounts with surpluses to accounts with insufficient funds for the remainder of the FY2007 budget year. Seventeen of the eighteen articles on the warrant were voted on and approved while one for emergency borrowing for the repairing the roads damaged in the April 15 storm was tabled due to the need to secure state approval for the borrowing. The article will be revisited at the continuation of the STM on June 23 at 8:30 a.m. at Heath Elementary School.

The Annual Town Meeting followed the STM at 9:00 a.m. There were thirty-one articles on the warrant. Among them were three submitted by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for changes to the regional agreement. These were the same articles rejected at last year's ATM, and were overwhelmingly rejected for a second time. Most of the financial articles including Article 3, the town budget, were tabled at the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Selectboard due to the need to wait for the final state budget figures. The school assessments for both Mohawk and Franklin County Technical School were passed so the District would have a budget to work with as early as possible. The school mortgage payment was approved also.

Other issues considered and approved were the establishment of a clerk position for the Board of Health and changes to the zoning bylaw to include small wind energy systems. A resolution to Impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney was passed by a margin of 65 to 10. Twenty-four of the thirty-one articles were voted on and approved and the remainder was tabled, to be taken up at the continuation of the ATM on June 23 at 9:00 a.m.

At the ATM, the Selectboard called special attention to and extended thanks to Bob Gruen for his work as a representative to the School Committee; to Ken Rocke for his legislative work and guidance on behalf of the schools; to Walt Gleason for his many years on the Board of Health, and to Budge Litchfield for his time on the Finance Committee.

Town Election Results

Results of the May 11 town elections are as follows:

- Selectman, Tom Lively, (3-year term)
- Assessor, Val Kaempfer, (3-year term)
- School Committee Member, Emily Cross , write-in
candidate (3-year term)
- Constables, Bob Tanner and Jeff Simmons, (1-year term)
- Dog Officer, Bob Tanner, (1-year term)
- Planning Board, Dino Schnelle (5-year term)
- Library Trustee, Janis Carr (3-year term)
- Library Trustee, Kate Bailey, write-in candidate
(1-year term)
- Finance Committee, Jeff Simmons, (3-year term)

Three-Town Landfill

The \$1,000,000 check from the State to help offset the cost of closing the former landfill was received and deposited on March 30. The Town has disbursed the funds to Charlemont and Hawley according to the shares specified in the agreement between the three towns, and, due to this, Heath has paid off the temporary loan that was secured to pay for our share of the capping project.

The Board is arranging a meeting of the three towns to discuss the details of the ongoing maintenance and testing work that is required by the State Department of Environmental Protection.

School Issues

The School Committee has reconsidered its previous recommendation and has voted to approve a 4.9% budget increase this year with the hope of getting the majority of towns to approve the lower figure. There will be cuts to programs as a result.

Storm Damage

The Town has experienced considerable damage to roads and culverts as a result of the mid-April rainstorms. A state of emergency was declared due to the impassable condition of some roads making emergency services such as fire and ambulance difficult or impossible. A disaster declaration has been made since by the Governor and approved by FEMA making several counties eligible for relief funds. The Town has sought state approval for emergency borrowing to cover the cost of the repairs until the FEMA grants are applied for and received. Estimates of the road damage in Heath range between \$500,000 and \$900,000. The Town will be hiring temporary help to complete repairs by the end of the summer.

Many people volunteered to assist the Town during the storm emergency, especially members of the Heath Volunteer Fire Department. The Board would like to express its deepest appreciation for the dedication of those individuals.

Appointments and Vacancies

At the Selectboard meeting on May 21, the Finance Committee recommended and the Selectboard voted to appoint Dave Gott to the Finance Committee to fill an unexpired term.

The Selectboard has appointed Jenna Day and Jeff Peck to fill the two vacancies on the Board of Health.

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The Town is in need of an animal inspector. The duties of the position include: documenting the livestock in town; reviewing the conditions of their care and keeping; investigating complaints of neglect or abuse; monitoring cases of disease, and making reports to the town Board of Health and to the State. The Selectboard is proposing a stipend in the FY2008 budget for this position. If anyone is interested, please contact the Board at the town offices.

Avery Brook Road Cleanup

The annual cleanup of Avery Brook Road was completed this year by Ken Gilbert and his able assistants Jolene Richter, Jennifer Boyle, and Sienna Boyle. The Selectboard recognized their contribution by honoring them with certificates of appreciation at the Board’s meeting on Monday, May 21. Special thanks to Jolene Richter who has participated in the cleanup activities for seven years and will now be moving on to college.

Heath Online

Take some time to visit the Town’s Web site at www.townofheath.org. You’ll find Selectboard minutes, school information, and much more. The Web site is currently being switched to another service provider and is undergoing a face-lift so keep checking back often. You can contact the Selectboard at www.BOS@townofheath.org. Send messages to any board or individual via the e-mail address, or visit the Heath Web site.

~ Heath Selectboard
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Brian De Vriese
Sheila Litchfield

Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About The Heath Food CO-OP

The Heath Food CO-OP was started by several folks in Heath over 25 years ago, and more recently has been held together by Sharon Brower, Dianne Cerone, Judy Thrasher, and Don Dekker. Together we need to create a monthly order of at least \$750.00 for United Foods to deliver to Heath. We can order essentially anything in the United Foods buyers catalogue that is available through the Chesterfield warehouse. Orders are placed on the second Monday of every month and are delivered to the Heath Community Hall on the third Thursday of the month.

Bulk ordered items are the least expensive and this is where we realize the greatest benefits of participating as a “buying club.” A copy of the most recent catalog is available at the Heath Library, and individual subscriptions to the catalog can be arranged for a small fee. Each month when a new catalog is issued, Sharon goes through it and extracts the month’s sale items and adds some of these to the standard order form we use. Of course, you can always order any other bulk item that is available on our delivery route. (Note: when perusing the catalog, our delivery route is designated with a

“C”). In addition Dianne Cerone maintains a list of “extras” that we currently have available in storage. We share in the work of meeting the truck and breaking down bulk items.

You can participate in this buying club as a working member, a non-working member or as a non-member, each with its own small % markup fee. To join the CO-OP all you need to do is send Sharon a one-time deposit that represents approximately your monthly order. (You get this deposit back if you leave the CO-OP). The deposit is needed because we have to pay for the food at the time of delivery. The next order is due by June 11 and will be delivered on June 21.

Order forms are available at the Town Hall in a box above the pay phone. The order form can also be e-mailed to you to complete in excel and e-mailed back to Sharon.

CO-OP ordering continues to be extremely cost-effective and is another aspect of community building that we’d like to encourage. If you have any questions please ask Dianne Cerone (337-8438), Sharon Brower (337-4220), Don Dekker, or Sheila Litchfield (337-4957).

And please consider joining the Heath Food CO-OP because we need your participation in order to assure we meet the minimum required amount to “stay in business.”

~ Sheila Litchfield

A Message from the Heath Historical Commission

By the time this issue of the *Heath Herald* reaches you, a public meeting to explain our application to have Heath Town Center recognized as a National Historic District will have occurred on May 24 at the school. We have worked long and hard on this project, and we are hopeful that the honor of this recognition will be awarded to the Town of Heath.

National Register listing recognizes the importance of an area to the history of the community, the State, and the Nation. Such listing does not, in any way, limit a property owner’s handling of their property. Properties listed in the National Register are automatically included in the State Register, hence all municipal and nonprofit properties are eligible to compete for 50% matching grants from the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund established in 1984 “to support the preservation and maintenance of properties and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places.” Being listed in the National Register provides some protection from adverse effects of State and Federal projects.

The next step is that the Heath Historical Commission’s application will be reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission on Wednesday, June 13, at one p.m. at the State Archives Building in Dorchester. This is a public meeting. If we get past that step our application then goes to Washington for review by the National Register.

There is a map of the proposed district and some informational material in the Heath Free Public Library. We will keep posting notices of our progress.

Best wishes to all,
Del Viarengo, Chair

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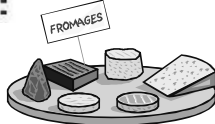
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Library Lines

Summer Activities

By Donald Purington

The Heath Library was pleased to be part of a seven-town reading adventure in April and May. Public libraries in the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Heath, Rowe, and Shelburne worked together to promote reading of *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney. We asked patrons to read the book and think about the wonders in their own lives. A display of photos of “wonders” from each town was displayed in the libraries.

The most wonderful part of the whole event was an evening with the author at the Arms Library in Shelburne Falls on May 3. Betty Birney told the crowd of 40 adults and children about her inspiration for many of the stories in the book, most told to her by relatives when she was a child. The libraries want to thank Jane deLeeuw for helping arrange this evening with her sister-in-law, Betty Birney.

Summer is nearly here and we are getting ready for our Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is “*Catch the Beat at Your Library*.” Children are encouraged to keep a list of the books they read this summer to be eligible for prizes in August. Please come to the library to register for the program and receive a form for listing your books.

We will begin the summer with a family concert on the Town Common by Sarah Pirtle on Friday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a picnic supper and lawn chairs or a blanket as we present our own version of Tanglewood – live music in the great outdoors. This event is free and open to everyone.

A craft program for children will be held in Community Hall on Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Lyra Johnson will be working with participants to make musical instruments from around the world. Perhaps some of the children will want to march in the Heath Fair parade and perform with their new instruments? Please preregister if you are planning to attend the craft program.

New at the Library:

Adult Fiction Books: *I Heard that Song Before* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Suffer the Little Children* by Donna Leon, *The Quilters Homecoming* by Jennifer Chiaverini, and *Body Surfing: a Novel* by Anita Shreve

Adult Nonfiction Books: *The Loved Dog: the Playful Nonaggressive Way to Teach Your Dog Good Behavior* by Tamar Geller, *Home Cheese Making* by Ashfield resident Ricki Carroll, *Einstein: His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson, and *Best Life Diet* by Bob Greene

Children's Picture Books: *Bad Dog Marley* by John Grogan, *Good Day* by Kevin Henkes, *Move Over Rover* by Karen Beaumont (illustrated by Jane Dyer), *Someday* by Alison McGhee, and *Calendar* by Myra Cohn Livingston.

Young Adult Fiction Books: *Marley, a Dog like No Other* by John Grogan, *Physik* by Ange Sage, and *The Queen of Attolia* by Megan Whalen Turner.

Young Adult Nonfiction Book: *Magic for Kids* by Fay Presto.

Book on CD: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver (we also have the hardcover book).

Books on Tape: *A Game for Heroes* by Jack Higgins, and *The Sweet Potato Queens' Field Guide to Men* by Jill Connor Browne.

DVDs: *Visions of Greece: A Poetic Tour of this Storied Land*, and *The Notebook*, based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks

Knowledge is free at the Library.
Just bring your own container.

~Anonymous

Heath People in the News

John Mark Porter and Donna Laurence D'adamo of Delmar, NY, were married on June 2 in the Heath Union Church with John's cousin, the Reverend Pam Porter, officiating. A reception followed at Windswept, the Porter Family home.

Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laurence of Gorham, ME. John is the son of Hazel Porter and the late Perry M. Porter of Heath.

Ivan William Wolf-Mialky, son of Kevin Mialky and **Emily Wolf-Mialky** of Dansville, NY; grandson of Thomas Foster and **Julietta Wolf-Foster** of Rochester, NY, and great-nephew of **Ned Wolf of Heath**, was born on May 25, 2007.

Catherine Wolf, daughter of Thomas Foster and **Julietta Wolf-Foster** and niece of **Ned Wolf of Heath**, and **John Doench**, of Cambridge, will be married on Saturday, July 7, 2007, in Trumansburg, NY.

Unsung Heroine of 2007



Alli Thane-Stetson who was selected by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women as Heath Community's Unsung Heroine of 2007 is shown here accepting her certificate at the "Just Desserts" reception held at the Massachusetts State House on May 16.

Scholarships Awarded

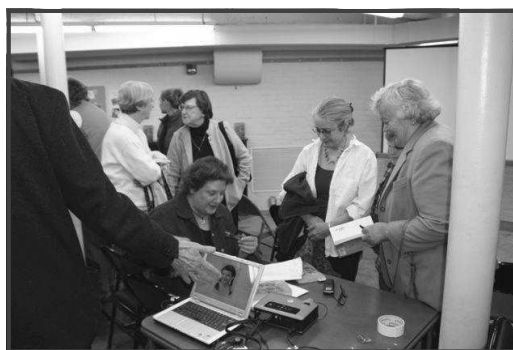
The Heath Ladies Aid has awarded scholarships to the following Mohawk Trail Regional High School 2007 graduates: **Ruth Ayers**, **Alice Gear**, **Joseph Lemelin**, **Joseph O'Dea**, and **Alexandra Thane**.

Author Betty Birney at the Arms Library, Shelburne Falls, on May 3.

...Answering questions



and signing her books.



Photographs by Art Schwenger

Community Calendar

June 2007

- June 06** - Heath School Field Day rain date
June 07 - Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
June 08 - Volunteer Brunch, Heath School
June 09 - PTP Town-Wide Tag Sale, Heath School, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
June 11 - Taste of the World followed by 6TH GRADE GRADUATION, Heath School. 8th Grade Ice Cream Social, Mohawk, 6:30 p.m.
June 12 - Heath School Rowe Beach Day; 6th grade Kayaking
June 13 & 14 - Exams and Early Release Day, Mohawk.
June 14 - Last day of School, Heath School, release after lunch at 1:15 p.m.
June 14 - Last Day of School, Mohawk
HAPPY VACATION!
June 15 - District Staff Day
June 21 - Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
June 22 - Sarah Pirtle Concert. Town Common. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
June 23 - ATM II, HEATH SCHOOL, 8:30 A.M. Friends of the Heath School Library Breakfast II, 8:00 a.m. –

July 2007

- July 01** - Annual Rose Viewing, Pat and Henry Leuchtman's, Knott Road, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 05 - Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
July 07 - Heath Historical Society's Old Town House and Center Schoolhouse open to the public. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
July 11 & 18 - Summer Reading Craft Program, Community Hall (upstairs) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
July 19 -Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
July 25 - Summer Reading Craft Program, Community Hall (upstairs), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
July 28 - Summer Craft Fair, Heath Community Hall Committee and the Ladies Aid, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Morning Coffee and Lunch, Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Heath Historical Society's Buildings Open to Public, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

August 2007

- August 1** - Summer Reading Craft Program, Community Hall (upstairs), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 17, 18, 19 – THE 90TH HEATH FAIR

*The Heath
 Historical Society's
 Old Town House and
 Center Schoolhouse
 Museums in Heath
 Center will be open to
 the public on the
 following Saturdays:*

*July 7 * July 28*
 September 1* October 6*



Heath's Monthly Precipitation (inches)

(Observed by Heath School Staff and Students)

	<u>Rain</u>	<u>Snow</u>
From March 13, 2007	¾"	18 "
April	3-7"	17 "
To May 10	2 ½"	0

In this reporting period:

A Nor'easter on March 16-17 dumped 12-14" of snow. March 21 (First day of spring) had a morning temperature of 6 degrees above zero.

The last Nor'easter of the season happened on April 15 – 16. It started as snow on Sunday morning, dropping between 7 – 10 inches of wet snow before changing to rain in the afternoon. The total rain was anywhere from 3-7 inches, which resulted in a good many damaged roads. Five days later, with a temperature of 81 degrees and breezy conditions, we were under Red Flag warning (which means conditions were right for brush fires). We ended the winter season with 77 inches of snow.



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