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### Heath Union Church News

The Family Night on February 28 with Ted Watt of the Hitchcock Center in Amherst was enthusiastically enjoyed by all ages. He cleverly guided everyone in learning tracking of animals in winter. March night was a presentation by Dianne and Eric Grinnell entitled "Age of Sail." Keep watch for the April evening event.

Remember we have a sunrise service followed by breakfast at the Church Easter Sunday, April 4, and morning worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Church. We moved upstairs to the sanctuary on Palm Sunday.

As always Pastor Grant can be reached Thursdays at the Church 4:00-6:00 p.m. or call him at his home.

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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~ The Deacons

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### *Benefits*

**Heath Firefighters Association**

**Saturday April 17, 2010**

**7:30-10:30 A.M.**

**Heath Community Hall**

**Pancakes with toppings**

**Sausages**

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*\$5.00 (12 and under)*

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## News from the Heath Historical Commission

On March 5, we held a Welcome to Spring potluck to introduce Heathans to our work plans for the year and to encourage support. After the usual high quality of food we've all come to associate with Heathans, Commissioners introduced our plans for this year's projects, pointing out that we can accomplish none of them without the support and active participation of Heath residents.

Lively discussion accompanied each brief presentation. Bill Lattrell kicked off the proceedings with an explanation of what "Heritage Landscapes" entails. He pointed out the important history of farming in Heath, given its challenging terrain, and recommended a more detailed overall field survey of Heath township, identifying important natural features, such as rivers and forests, and features important to our history, such as Fort Shirley, the Standing Stones on Burnt Hill, and stone walls. The ensuing discussion dealt with scenic byways (including reinstating Route 8A's original name of Jacksonville Stage Road), and raised concern that we are losing many of our historic stone walls in spite of their protection under law.

Jan Carr followed describing initial research she and Nina Marshall had conducted into the process and standards needed for us to record oral histories from Heath residents. She pointed out that it is just as important to document current experiences of living in Heath, while also recording stories from longtime residents. We recognized the need to establish a primary purpose for these histories and for training in conducting interviews, using unobtrusive equipment, and discussed the possibility of holding interactive recording sessions, rather than simple one-on-one interviews.

Eric Grinnell had arranged for two maps of Heath to be displayed on an easel (thoughtfully provided by Dave Gott of the Benson Place.) One showed the Heath Township as it appeared in 1871, marking all structures and items of interest. The 1904 map (based on information gleaned by Miss Mary Maxwell, a descendant of one of Heath's founders, Colonel Hugh Maxwell, in interviews with town residents.) showed both growth and diminution in Heath since 1871, including identification of unoccupied buildings and cellar holes of structures no longer standing. The maps also indicate where the old roads were before modern roads like Route 8A were created. We hope to be able to recreate these maps so that all can benefit from seeing what Heath looked like over a hundred years ago. Eric then described the need to fill out details in the Heath Survey Plan of 2007, copies of which were distributed among those present. Remaining copies are available on loan from the Heath Library. This plan lists all houses in Heath over fifty years old in 2007, with accompanying pictures. Needed are more documentation of ownership (available from the Registry of Deeds in Greenfield, which Eric and Margaret have found a welcoming and interesting place to visit), more architectural details, and, perhaps most important, stories of families who lived and grew up in these houses. Historic structures also include such landscape features as the remnants of old mills, factories, ski slopes, etc. which brings us full circle in the recognition that our three projects this year are all interrelated.

Where do we go from here? We have decided to take the following first steps:

- to feature a Heath farm as a pilot for all three project areas
- to research structures and record stories concerning the one-room schoolhouses in Heath
- to initiate a "block party" strategy for neighborhood landscape tours
- to explore grant funding for restoration work on the Library and Community Hall.

Our seven-member commission can't go it alone. We need your help, both in providing the knowledge you have and helping us with specific tasks. For example, is there anyone who can recreate the 1871 and 1904 maps into a more usable format? Would the Heath Elementary School like to be involved in researching the one-room schoolhouses and capturing what memories might remain among those who attended them? Do you have stories about life in Heath to record? Would you like to organize landscape tours in your immediate neighborhood? There are lots of possibilities and lots of ideas that came out of our Welcome to Spring potluck meeting, and we hope to hear from any of you who were not able to come but who have ideas and would like to help. Please contact any of the Commission members for further information and to volunteer.

Janis Carr (Oral Histories)

Carol-Anne Eldridge (Heritage Landscapes)

Margaret Freeman (Historic Structures)

Eric Grinnell (Historic Structures)

Pegge Howland (Historic Structures)

Bill Lattrell (Heritage Landscapes)

Nina Marshall (Oral Histories)

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## The Gathered Church

"My vision of the gathered church that had come to me after I became the janitor had been replaced by a vision of the gathered community. What I saw now was the community imperfect and irresolute but held together by the frayed and always fraying, incomplete and yet ever holding bonds of the various sorts of affection. There had maybe never been anybody who had not been loved by somebody, who had been loved by somebody else, and so on and on. ... It was a community always disappointed in itself, disappointing its members, always trying to contain its divisions and gentle its meanness, always failing and yet always preserving a sort of will toward goodwill. I knew that, in the midst of all the ignorance and error, this was a membership, it was the membership of Port William and of no other place on earth. My vision gathered the community as it never has been and never will be gathered in this world of time, for the community must always be marred by members who are indifferent to it or against it, who are nonetheless its members and maybe nonetheless essential to it. And yet I saw them all as somehow perfected, beyond time, by one another's love, compassion, and forgiveness, as it is said we may be perfected by grace."

From *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry  
Submitted by Ted Watt



**Wild Ramblings**

## From Whence We Came

By Bill Lattrell



When the first people of European stock arrived in this area of deep valleys and wooded hills a long and very distinctive change to the natural environment was about to begin. The natural landscape in these mountains, eroded by time and glaciers, would become a place it had never been before. People from European culture have a tradition of turning forest into field, habitat into agriculture, and streams into working machines. Change is inevitable whether it be caused by natural disaster, evolution, or human intervention. It is tremendously ironic that humans are a species that creates huge change in such a matter-of-fact way, but, on the other hand, are the most resistant to change when their perceived world is interrupted or altered.

Those first Europeans likely witnessed the natural world in a different way than the Native Americans who wandered these lands before them. They possibly saw the strange wild landscape as a threat and a challenge. It could even be said that they saw these wild lands as a place that needed to be conquered and civilized; quite a contrast with aboriginal cultures that saw the forests and rivers as a routine and integral part of their life that provided food, shelter, and security. There is little question that these woods filled with craggy bedrock, steep slopes, and unpredictable rivers provided ample resistance to even the most subtle act of control. In fact, for these very reasons this beautiful area of wonder and mystery, in the most reclusive areas, remains just that: a land that is both awesome and holds enigmatic qualities to those who dare to wander into the inaccessible areas where humans have had little impact.

This is not to say that this area, which would eventually become known as Heath, Massachusetts, did not undergo significant changes to both landscape and character. In fact the land was changed to such a degree that it would probably not be recognized by the Native Americans who had witnessed this area in its natural condition.

The first settlers probably found the land in Heath cold and unfriendly; a difficult place to grow crops, tillage made nearly impossible by rocks and boulders, and a place where livestock fell prey to a plethora of predators. This magnificent countryside did have water in more than ample amounts. Streamlets flowed freely from bedrock springs and joined other streamlets to form brooks and rivers. After thousands of years the rivers had engorged themselves into deep channels where sinuous flow patterns found in the valley were not possible. These streams were full of energy and it took little time for the first Europeans to put these streams to work. Dams were built, mills were constructed, grist was ground, and sawmills operated all off the power of flowing water. No doubt it played a very significant role in the early economy of our earliest settlers.

In the early years the only significant economy for frontier settlers was the strength local transactions between settlers and the few businesses established. Men and women depended upon their own skills to survive from day to day. In these modern times we would classify life back then as subsistence living. In those days it was known simply as survival. Men, women, and children worked all day to make ends meet. In those times that simply meant a roof over their heads, food on the table, and, perhaps a laugh at the end of the day with a loving family. If there were any extra commodities they could be traded between neighbors to help meet the essential needs of life.

Land was cleared in abundance. Sheep and cattle were held in place by stone walls fashioned from this areas greatest and most plentiful resource-rocks and boulders. Crops for livestock and table fare were planted in generally poor soils in an area with a short growing season. There were no plant hybrids available then. Many of the common vegetables were severely challenged by the three-month period that was frost free.

Heath's rising population did not last long. The opportunity of great, open lands to the west drew people in search of a better life. Called to areas thought to be fertile and without bounds, Heathans moved west like water draining off these great hills. Only those who truly loved this remote and rugged terrain remained. Slowly, ever so slowly, the population dissipated from a high of 1500 or so in the mid 1800s down to a few hundred around the second World War. With the loss of population came the loss of the acres and acres of cleared land and pasture. Land left fallow quickly reverts to its natural condition. Forests found their way back onto our landscape. In the period of two centuries this place we call Heath went from something close to 90% forested to 20% forested, back to the 80% forest cover that we have today. Like it or not, we are witnessing a healing process. The land, in the long term, is always the winner. Geology and its influence on the natural world will outlive human impacts at any place and in any given amount of time; a bit ironic given we perceive ourselves to be the master of this great domain we call Earth.

What we have left now, the evidence of those that inhabited these parts for the last 250 years, is without a doubt worth remembering, understanding, and preserving. When we look at remnants of the past we can see dreams that were fulfilled and dreams that failed. We can see the almost endless work, enduring fortitude, and unyielding spirit of those who preceded us.

( "Wild Ramblings" continued on page 5)

## A Story from Our Youthful Days in Heath

In the Valentine for Howard Dickinson in the last issue of the *Herald*, we mentioned his winning an airplane. This is a great story of the good old days when we all were young and foolish, or better yet, adventurous. It begins with our good buddy, Alton Churchill, probably one of the most daring of all the gang. As a teenager he went to the Turners Falls Airport and took flying lessons and earned his private license to the envy of many of us (including me). I always felt soaring like a bird would be the ultimate accomplishment. One of my fondest memories as a teen is the flight from Turners up over Heath and my home farm with Alton as pilot. I believe the idea of soaring above the earth is in my blood, and thanks to him I had my first experience riding in a plane.

To get back to the infamous story of winning the airplane, this is how it came about. A used Piper Cub had been refurbished and the Kiwanis of Orange was to raffle it as a fundraiser. Alton, being on top of activity at the small airports, brought tickets to his pals in Heath. Of course his cohort, Howard, bought one as did my sisters and myself. So when the big day of the drawing came "lo and behold" Howard held the winning ticket!! It would have been apropos if Alton had won but his was the number next to Howard's and I was thrilled also as I had the number on the other side. Oh well, luck of the draw. Howard and Alton went to claim the prize at Orange, and Alton flew the plane back to the Turners Airport where it came from and would be stored.

As written in his Valentine, Howard, after much discussion, pondering, and suggestions from his friends whether to keep the plane or not, he decided to sell. With the proceeds Howard was able to purchase a snappy 1940 Ford convertible and also finance equipment for photography. Flying is, for some of us like Alton, but Howard's talent was in picture taking. If you have seen his work you know he has the eye of a true artist.

~ Ruth Johnson

## Seeking Census Workers

The 2010 Census continues to look for more workers in our community to follow up on the Census forms mailed to you in March. The forms were delivered on the basis of the address survey done last spring; some of the residences are second homes or unoccupied for other reasons and will need to be checked out. These flexible, part-time jobs pay \$14.50 per hour and .50 per mile. A 30-minute qualifying test must be taken at a local test site. Call 1-866-861-2010 to find out the times and places for the tests and to register. You can also get more information and view a practice test on the Web site [2010censusjobs.gov](http://2010censusjobs.gov).

## Happy Birthday, Ruth



A beaming Ruth Corey as she entered the lower level of the Heath Church for a surprise 80th birthday celebration on March 13, greeted by family members, many well-wishers, multi-colored balloons, and two beautifully decorated cakes.



( "Wild Ramblings" continued from page 4)

Our forests are full of artifacts. Stonewalls that marked the edge of pastures and often served as property boundaries, ancient free stone cellar holes, old rock-lined wells, and even mines where minerals were found and human lives were lost, all rest quietly in the woods waiting to be rediscovered. Just the mere recognition of these entities is a great step forward for our community. It is the beginning of an understanding as to who we were and where our community came from. It is the beginning of an understanding of who we are and where we might be going.

Our heritage is a part of life that we cannot afford to neglect. It is deeply held and reflected in our heritage landscapes. Without a better understanding of our history, our place in the natural world, and our relationship to our community, both past and present, our lives will be incomplete.

*The Heath Historical Commission has recently identified several primary tasks that it will be focusing on. Heritage Landscapes is one topic that will receive much attention, along with Oral Histories, and Historical Buildings and Properties. Given that this is a formidable challenge, we invite citizens of Heath to join us in exploring those issues. If you are interested in Heritage Landscapes please contact Bill Lattrell at [william.lattrell@gmail.com](mailto:william.lattrell@gmail.com) or call 337-5792. We will be meeting to discuss our best approach to identifying Heritage Landscapes in our town in the near future. Thank you.*

*If you want to read more Wild Ramblings please visit [www.wildramblings.com](http://www.wildramblings.com). There are now 115 stories posted and the site has had over 30,000 visits.*



## Heath Fire Department History

A new era was happening in Heath as well as in the area. Heath had a new fire chief as Howard Thompson was appointed in late 1948 or early 1949 to replace Andreas Royer.

The new Dodge cab and chassis was outfitted with the flatbed body from the previous fire truck with the tank remodeled to hold 250 gallons. The Town rented a space for \$20.00 in Ruby Austin's shed (East Main and Bray Road) to store it.

At the same time, Chief Ferris and Assistant Chief Terault of the Greenfield Fire Department were instrumental in forming the Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid which included all existing fire departments in Franklin County, plus a couple in Hampshire County, Athol in Worcester County, and three each in Vermont and New Hampshire. Some of the bigger and more established departments besides Athol were Greenfield, Orange, Amherst, Brattleboro, VT and Keene, NH. This was a signed agreement among the towns/fire departments to send apparatus to any town department having a fire or emergency upon request of that department with no compensation. The Heath Fire Department's first dues to Tri-State were paid in 1951.

The Department's budget for 1950 was raised to \$550.00 and a new item added to the 1952 Town Report was the "Report of the Fire Department." Following is a partial quote, "In 1952 the fire department was called to thirteen fires. On January 6, 1952 Kenneth Terrell's barn burnt and we were also called to eight chimney fires, 2 brush fires, and 2 roof fires."

The 1953 report states that the Department responded to eleven chimney fires and two out of town forest fires., one of which was four days in Charlemont at Negus Mountain, the other, an afternoon in Florida. This included a top fire through a grove of spruces, an experience few ever forgot.

The 1954 report stated that the Department was called to one barn fire (Malcolm Chattins), seven chimney fires, two grass fires, and four of various types. A quote from that report stated, "This year Mutual Aid was of extra value to the Town of Heath during the disastrous fire at the Chattins Homestead, without their help we would not have been able to save the house."

1956 saw a change in the alerting system. The change to the dial system eliminated the Heath Central Phone switchboard and a new red phone network was established that consisted of four red phones located in different households with each having a list of firefighters to call. The first red phones were at the Thompson's, Peters' Store, the Dickinson's, and the Gleason's. In addition, a call could be made to the Finck residence that also had a list. Also that year, Chief Thompson resigned as Forest Warden and Earl Gleason replaced him. The Town Report stated that there were three house fires, one of which was the Mahoney House on Brunelle Road.

Around 1957, the Tri-State Mutual Aid Radio system came into being, and member departments acquired radios on the same frequency allowing departments to talk to each other. The Greenfield Fire Radio was to be manned 24 hours a day so that Mutual Aid requests for assistance could be made by radio.

The warrant for the 1958 Annual Town Meeting contained an article calling for the moderator to appoint a committee of three or five people to investigate costs and the advisability of building a new town garage. The following year, an article to raise money for a new town garage was voted on with a vote of 52

yes, 2 no. The Selectmen's Report at the end of that year reported, "The major accomplishment of the year had been the construction of the new town garage and fire house on land generously donated by Oscar and Howard Thompson."

About 1960, there was some agitation for a different fire truck. The firefighters group had some money from selling fire extinguishers and other various sources and were willing to buy a Hardy sprayer with a high pressure pump, and the Selectmen would sell a used town truck for a dollar. The group voted to go ahead with the project with some objections. A week later, the objectors called for a new vote and the project was turned down, mainly because of the memory of the 1935 town truck that had been used as a fire truck. Some agitation for a different piece of apparatus continued, however. The Town had some money left over from the purchase of a new truck and \$600.00 was transferred and another \$600.00 was borrowed to buy a factory-built 1946 Dodge fire truck with a 500-gallon water tank and a high pressure 100 GPM front mount pump. The 1947 Dodge was then sent back to Mrs. Austin's shed. The firefighters then purchased a 250 GPM portable pump with their money.

The sixties were relatively quiet as the Department had an \$800.00 budget, but the red telephone bill, the accident insurance, and the upkeep and repair of the equipment took most of it. The Department did buy a second Hale portable pump in 1963 and in 1964, they purchased the first 2 1/2-inch hose. About this time, the Selectmen asked the Town to build a fire station to release a bay for the Highway Department or add two bays to the Town Garage. Also in the '60s, there was a barn fire in 1962, and Leroy Decker's residence was burned in 1968. In both cases, Mutual Aid was provided by the Charlemont Fire Department. I believe the barn was saved.

In 1970, the Town was asked to raise \$900.00 for a used fire truck and \$4000.00 to add two or more stalls to the Town Garage. At the Town Meeting of that year, the Selectmen reported that no one had bid on the addition and that the estimate for construction would require an addition of \$7000.00 to the money previously voted on. It was voted to raise the money.

The Fire Department's budget was raised to \$1200.00 in the Town Report that also noted that the Town had purchased a 1946 Ford/American LaFrance Pumper with 1200 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose. The new Town Garage was occupied by the Highway Department, releasing two bays in the old garage for the Fire Department.

1973 saw the formation of the Deerfield Valley Fire Mutual Aid. This was a group of eight Vermont fire departments, two Vermont rescue squads, and Heath and Rowe. Heath joined to give us added protection to the northern part of the town. In 1974, the firefighters bought a 1960 oil tanker. Over the next year, a group headed by Ernie Thane and Walt Gleason converted it to a fire tanker carrying 1200 gallons of water with firefighting capabilities.

Early in January 1975, a house on Brunelle Road was destroyed by fire. Little did we know that this would be Chief Howard Thompson's last fire as Chief. He turned in his resignation to the Selectmen as of February 1, 1975. This ended an era of a span of over a quarter of a century of dedicated service to the citizens of Heath.

~ Earl Gleason  
Heath Fire Chief  
1975-1996

## *A Tribute to Bob Herman*

I sat down to write this tribute three times and was unable to do so because I was still so upset by Bob's passing.

Some people would have thought of me as Bob's supervisor. In a sense I guess I was. I am the supervisor of the Transfer Station and the attendant. However, I never really supervised Bob. You see, I knew he was a great man from the moment I met him and I would come to learn more from him, than I could ever teach him. His perpetual smile and good nature are some of the qualities that I will forever miss and aspire to possess.

Bob was always helping people. Not just at the Transfer Station but also on any given day you could find Bob helping a neighbor with something. Even if it was just stopping in to say hello or check to make sure that everything was alright.

Saturdays will now be different for me and probably for many of you, too. I think that I used to make it a point to go to the Transfer Station even when I didn't really have any trash to get rid of. On those days I think Bob sent me home with some...only it wasn't trash it was "reusable stuff." If I say that to myself with a Bostonian accent I still hear Bob's voice. I am going to miss hearing it from him but I will play it in my head every time I think of him.

~ Mike Smith

When I first met Bob, I liked him. He was a very caring person, who never seemed to get upset with anyone, who was liked by all, a real family man. He loved animals, especially his goats. He enjoyed his job at the recycling plant and did a super job.

I really enjoyed working for him and miss him every day.

~ Cleon Peters

I count myself among the many transfer station aficionados here in town. This Saturday morning ritual not only rids the house of unwanted trash, but provides a bit of socializing and 'what's new in town' chit chat. And also, on lucky days, I might find a treasure put out for the taking.

This is how I first came to know Bob. His smiling face and easy manner won me over in an instant. He loved life and his family was that life. He loved his animals. I will always keep in my memory the image of Bob driving down Hosmer Road with his two goats in the back of his truck for an afternoon outing.

Everyone loved Bob; his kindness was contagious.

~ Cal Carr

Bob Herman was an inspiring human being – funny, smart, and optimistic, greeting each challenge as a great new adventure. I enjoyed going to the "dump" on Saturdays. Bob would chat while helping me unload all my garbage and recyclables then show me the "great" stuff that was available for the



taking. I kept explaining I was trying to get rid of stuff, not get more stuff.

Nevertheless, he frequently prevailed. I'm now the proud owner of three used bowling balls (don't ask). Bob was a delight, one of the best "dump guys" ever. Thank you, Bob, I'll miss you and your cheery nature.

~ Gloria Fishert

Bob loved to be outdoors and especially enjoyed swimming, fishing, and boating. Whenever I would see Bob, he always asked if I knew of any property that was available for sale in Mohawk Estates and often added, "Be sure to call me if you hear of anything."

Sure enough, in January 2009, Bob's dream of owning a property in the Estates became a reality. He was as happy as a kid with a new toy and couldn't wait for the warm weather to arrive so that he could enjoy the pleasures that Papoose Lake had to offer.

On my weekly trips to the Transfer Station Bob would often say "I was out on the lake in my boat the other day and called out your name as I was alongside your property, did you hear me?" Unfortunately, I didn't but told Bob that I would be sure to keep my eyes and ears open for the next time he called my name from the lake.

Bob was a gentle and kind man. He had a winning smile, that even on a cold day, could soften and warm your heart. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

~ Eileen Tougas

I really didn't know Bob well except for waving while passing on the road or while walking by his house until we appointed him as Transfer Station attendant. I was struck by his enthusiastic embrace of the job, an enthusiasm for the subject matter unrivalled by anyone I knew other than Oscar the Grouch of Sesame Street, (with a much sunnier attitude, I might add). Bob founded the Heath Free Store on the concrete curb at the Transfer Station. Every Saturday he would be out hawking discarded treasures. "This would make a nice bike for somebody," or "What about this plaid bowling ball bag; I think it's a McLeish tartan." "This trunk would be great for storing stuff in your new garage."

We will miss him.

~ Brian De Vriese  
Heath Selectman

Bob Herman was someone I could count on whenever I needed someone who could milk goats. It is hard to get away even for a day when you've got animals that require milking. I could never figure out how Bob fit it into his day, but he never said "no," especially when it came to goats. I always enjoyed the fact that we shared a love for these delightful animals. He will be missed by many four-legged critters as well as lots of two-legged ones.

~ Sheila Litchfield

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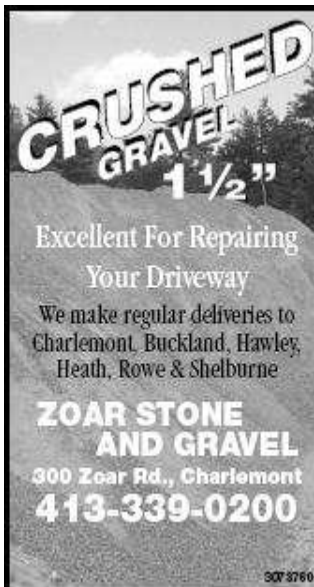
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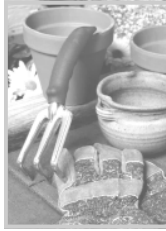
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**Green Thoughts****First Garden**

By Pat Leuchtman

Several benefits grow in the vegetable garden. First, the gardener gets the most local fresh food there is. It is wonderful to go out into the garden to pick a fresh salad or string beans before a meal, or eat sugar snaps while surveying production.

Second, it is pleasant to work out in the sun, at least if the work isn't too onerous. I personally find it soul-satisfying to grow vegetables, get my hands in the soil and think back to all the generations who did this same work, although with more urgency about survival than I feel.

Third, is the economics. Growing your own fresh vegetables can be more economical than buying fresh local produce. However, I'm always a little leery about this motivation, especially the first year of a garden's life when there may be necessary capital expenses for tools and soil improvement, but I would never discourage anyone from planting a vegetable garden and discovering the unexpected pleasures there.

I do have some advice for those who are thinking about planting vegetables. First, consider where your garden can be located so that it will have at last six hours of sun a day, and where you can provide watering when necessary. Sun and adequate water are the two basic necessities of a healthy and productive vegetable garden. Locating the garden near the house is also a good idea so that it is always in view, a reminder of chores, and of pleasures.

Keep the garden small. You can grow a lot for two people in a small area. You will also keep from being overwhelmed with weeds and chores, and even the harvest if you limit the size. I've heard people talk about how much you can grow in a 100-square-foot garden. I'd agree if it were clear that we are talking about 100 square feet of planting beds. Don't forget to allow room for paths. And you might want to allow those paths to be wide enough to accommodate a wheelbarrow. As I have gotten older I feel more comfortable with wider paths, at least two feet wide.

There are tricks to making the most productive use of a small space. One is to interplant an early crop with a later one. For example, you should plant your Brussels sprout plants 18 to 24 inches apart because they will take up a lot of space as they mature. While they are maturing you can grow early lettuce or spinach in some of that space. These will have been harvested by the time the Brussels sprouts need the room. I also recommend planting in blocks or wide rows. This cuts down on the amount of space devoted to paths.

Another way of conserving space is to grow UP. Peas, pole beans, cucumbers, and tomatoes are all plants that can grow up a fence or be tied to a fence post. You might need a fence if you need to keep out dogs or children.

Once the garden has been laid out, the soil must be cultivated. Or not. Rototilling the garden plot is a standard way of preparing for a garden, but while the soil will be prepared for planting, a single rototilling session will not have eliminated all grass and weed roots and seeds.

If you choose to rototill, this is the time to add organic material, compost and rotted manure. If you don't already have a compost pile, make a start. Fortunately, in our area we can buy excellent compost from Martin's Farm or Bear Path Farm. This is money well spent because we must remember that the success of a sustainable garden depends on feeding the soil not the plant. A helping of 5-10-5 fertilizer will give you the three essentials, nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus, but not any of the essential trace elements, nor will it encourage the vital microbial life of the soil.

There is an alternative to rototilling or digging. The no-till method described as 'lasagna gardening' has been gaining favor. I've used it to enlarge my vegetable garden.

To prepare a no-till garden, the site must be mown down to the ground, as low as possible. Water the area. Then spread compost or rotted manure over the soil. Water again. I used chicken house cleanings, but commercial compost or manure from a dairy or horse barn can be used. Then cover the compost or rotted manure with cardboard, making sure that the edges are well overlapped. Large sheets of cardboard make this easy. Don't worry about making the cardboard layers too deep. By the end of the season it will all have rotted away again. Finally, cover the wet cardboard with compost, or compost and loam. Your planting bed is ready. One of the advantages of this no-till system is that you cut down on the number of weeds.

To have a nearly instant garden you can plant mostly starts from the garden center. It is very encouraging to a new gardener to have an energetic afternoon in the garden result in rows of lettuces, parsley, broccoli, and tomatoes.

When space is limited it is wise to plant the vegetables you most like to eat, or choose those that are most delicious when they are just picked -- such as peas, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Mulch your paths with cardboard or several layers of newspaper topped with straw (which has no seeds) or wood chips. I use cardboard and the public woodchips that are the one benefit of the historic ice storm. There are several large piles around town available for home gardens.

Books that are helpful to the new gardener are *The Garden Primer* by Barbara Damrosch and *Lasagna Gardening: A New Layering System for Bountiful Gardens—No Digging, No Tilling, No Weeding, No Kidding!* by Patricia Lanza.

Don't forget to save a little space for flowers. Zinnias? Sweet peas? What's your favorite?

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By Anne Marie Mislak

At this time of the school year my article would definitely include our all-school project of combining the Drama Club after school club with the entire school. Last spring we decided to undertake this endeavor. The play was chosen based on this project. Then the collaboration began with meetings of how best to “pull this off!” In the next two paragraphs are examples of what this looked like in the school. Students were focused on academics in the mornings, had recess and lunch, then back to classes until we all met in the Open Space at 1:30. It was amazing what we accomplished in 90 minutes, from 1:30 – 3:00. There were always warm-ups, cool-downs, and Appreciation Circles. Then we may have divided up into groups or worked on all-school scenes. This is what our days looked like for six days to be ready for the first performance on Friday morning, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. There were two more: Friday evening, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday evening, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Students had the option to attend the evening performances but guess what-MOST DID! I really hope you had a chance to attend one of these performances!

Thursday afternoon, March 4, we began our all-school participation in “The Witches of Oz” with an afternoon of training. This included movement work and character development. Jon Diamond and Carin Burnes, Directors, coordinated the afternoon along with MANY of the adults who have been so involved in the Drama Club. We also had the expertise of Hannah from Double Edge Theater who was with us through the production. We began in the gym with some stretching, mirroring Jon as the group leader, then slowly breaking down while moving into smaller groups, intertwining with one another, adding music, groups interacting with one another through movement and finally ending up together as one group again. It was fabulous! Then we divided into groups of the Munchkin Citizens, Killer Bees, Wolves, Crows, Witches, Flying Monkeys, Scarecrows, Tin Folk, Lazy Lions, Munchkin and Emerald City Elders, Winkie Soldiers, Puppeteers, and Fellowship of the Broom. These groups, led by an adult and a student group leader, moved to get the feel for their parts. There was movement and sounds permeating the gym at that point. Then around 2:30 we all met in the Open Space to share with one another. We finished with a couple of scenes acted out by members of the Drama Club. During the Appreciation Circle (which is how each Drama Club ends) students are able to share their feelings about the afternoon.

The following afternoon, Friday, March 5, we began again at 1:30 with some students in the Dining Room practicing a scene while the rest were in the Open Space singing. Meanwhile masks were being fitted. Some students then moved to the gym, some worked on scenery construction, and some practiced. We then all moved to the Dining Room to practice the opening scene and processional into the Open Space and the beginning to the Witches Ball. There is much coordination and practice needed with 75 students participating. Each day progressed such as these two until the dress rehearsal and performances. What an experience for ALL of us!!

I DO WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND PARENTS FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE SO THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS COULD EXPERIENCE THIS IMMERSION INTO THE THEATER!! Without your dedication and cooperation this all-school project could never have happened. From practicing during class time and in art, music, and physical education classes throughout the month of February to coordinating schedules, printing out information for everyone to much, much more that goes on behind the scenes THANK YOU!! This will be an experience that the students will remember forever!!

We arrived back in Kansas as Dorothy hopefully did on the following Monday and began preparing for Parent/Teacher conferences and then MCAS. This was a great time to check in with the classroom teachers. There are no written report cards issued at this time so the conference becomes more important. Our new Standards-based report card is issued twice a year in written form with two other check-ins at conference time. Conferences days were early dismissal days with students going home at 12:30 p.m.

THEN our MCAS testing began the week of March 22 in the area of English Language Arts. Math and Science for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade only will be given in May. Each class in grades 3-6 will have two sections of the test given in the mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. Each one lasts about 90 minutes. Grade 3 had their tests on Wednesday, March 31, and Thursday, April 1. Grade 4 had the Long Composition on Tuesday, March 23. That date is set by the State so that all students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade across the State are taking at the same time with the same writing prompt. Rough draft, edits, and final copy are to be completed on that day. As always, as much time needed to complete is given to each student. They will then have a week off and then complete their two sections on Tuesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 7. Grades 5 and 6 tested on Thursday, March 25, and Tuesday, March 30. On the days that the children tested there was a snack provided by the school. Students take a break part of the way through and have a chance for some nourishment.

WHAT ELSE HAPPENED? In the Preschool the children measured their amaryllis plants and graphed their growth. They acted out the story of “The Mitten.”

Grade 4 (Middles South) read about and followed the Iditarod, the Alaskan dogsled race, that began on Saturday, March 6. This will help them extend the geography unit as they take a look at the 50 states and our nearest neighbors.

In the K/1 (Primary Blues) classroom they have been using their schema (what you already know) to understand the story better and to decode words. They have been busy reading books and writing new stories. Books have been published and added to the classroom library.

Ted Watt, Naturalist from the Hitchcock Center, visited the school for three days in early February. He worked with all classes for up to an hour each time. This time is chosen because we also had our SCA members in the building.

The staff utilized the Early Release Day on February 11 to continue with Responsive Classroom training. On the March 1 In-service Day, healthy discussion of our math philosophy took place. This is all in preparation for the decision on a new math program for the District.

## National Women and Girls Sports Day



Last month, four of our local girls participated in the National Women and Girls in Sports Day. This event was brought together by Assistant Athletic Director Dot Houston of Mass College of Liberal Arts. Enid and Maeve Gallagher of Rowe, Hope Lively of Heath, and Emma Loubsky-Lonergan of Colrain trekked over the hill to North Adams and joined girls from around Western Massachusetts in honing their

soccer, basketball, and volleyball skills through clinics led by MCLA players. Following the clinic, they all watched an action packed women's basketball game between MCLA and Fitchburg State.

Hope and Emma won first and second prizes for their essays celebrating a woman who has inspired them in sports - Hope Lively writing about her mother Val Lively's role as coach and her athletic accomplishments at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, while Emma wrote about "Queen of the Waves" Gertrude Ederle, an American competitive swimmer and the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926.

Emma, Hope, and Enid will all be playing for the Heath-Rowe Mariners during this year's major league season. Come out and support them and all our Heath-Rowe baseball teams this season. Schedules will be available soon for the two Heath Rookie Cal Ripken Teams and the Heath-Rowe Cal Ripken Major League Team (Twins, Highlanders, and Mariners, respectively).

## Highlights from our Local Education Council

Like the sap in the maples, new ideas are flowing! We are at an LEC meeting with the other district councils and exchanging inspirations and learning with each other. The School Improvement Plan or SIP is at the center of our meetings. Each year we reflect on what we've accomplished, what is working, what needs to evolve, and ways we can continue to support our children on their educational journey to being engaged lifelong learners.

Anne Mislak, our beloved principal, is going to be retiring this year and this is very much on our minds. Coming from a different school and community culture, she embraced us wholeheartedly and has been a strong advocate for us in the District and larger community, recognizing what is so special about this little gem of an elementary school. While Anne has come to love Heath, so, too, have we come to love her.

Thank you, Anne, for all you have given of yourself and for your continued commitment to the children.

The Council is looking for an additional community member if you are interested in participating. We are a group of parents, teachers, and community members working closely with our principal to evolve and bring our school's vision and goals to fruition.

## Garden & Greening Group

Heath School has always valued highly the need for children and community to connect with the natural world in a way central to their learning. Similar to our approach to drama (in situ), we emphasize *place-based* learning that is *in context* with our natural, cultural, and historical environment. Recently the larger community has also begun the exciting Heath Sustainability Coffeehouse series. It seems timely that for our community-based school, we create a more formal interface for greening our school and growing our gardens. We will be meeting soon to talk about ways of expanding the role of our school garden and of integrating and examining ways of bringing sustainability further to the fore in our curriculum and daily operations.

If you have skills related to organic gardening, energy conservation, invasive species, watershed protection, solar energy, bio-fuels, etc. and are willing to share these skills or ideas with us, we would be most grateful. Empowering the students to be engaged planetary citizens and creating a way for them to apply their skills locally in their homes and community is one of the greatest hopes we have. We would like to develop service learning projects that facilitate this, while moving Heath's school, town, and watershed into an environmentally sustainable model that builds community and re-localizes our economy in the process.

Please e-mail Lorena at [wildlor@gmail.com](mailto:wildlor@gmail.com) or call 624-3842 if you are interested in joining us for a meeting or have ideas to share.

*Thanks to Lorena Loubsky-Lonergan for supplying us with Heath School News and photographs.*



*Drama director John Diamond presents flowers to Heath School Principal, Anne Mislak.*





Photo by Art Schwenger

## Witches of OZ

What a phenomenal performance! It was truly an odyssey for all of us whether parents, staff, or our young thespians. The Heath Community came together in myriad ways to support this endeavor and it was moving to watch the transformation taking place within our children, not just as they donned masks or adopted Witchy accents, but to see them taking risks and becoming different people in the process as well as becoming a more tightly knit family of dramatists. At the close of each rehearsal, we'd sit in a circle and share appreciations for one another. The deepest observations would regularly come from someone ordinarily either very quiet or the most brash.

The School Community also transformed "dramatically"! This was the first year that we transitioned from an after school drama 'club' to a whole-school play. Every student and staff member participated, moving out of the traditional classroom to the experiential world of theatrical movement, set design, lighting "school," and Cirque de Soleil-style silk-play.

Thanks to everyone in the spotlight and behind the scenes for making this year's performance such a success!

~ Lorena Loubsky-Lonergan

## Witches Shirts

As a fund-raiser for next year's production we are offering beautiful shirts for sale designed by Shane Brenizer, a parent and owner of the graphic design company - Bad Dad Design ([www.baddaddesign.com](http://www.baddaddesign.com)). If you are interested in ordering a shirt, order forms are available at the school or you may e-mail Lorena Loubsky at [wildlor@gmail.com](mailto:wildlor@gmail.com) - We are asking a minimum donation of \$15 for the Ts and of \$18 for the baseball jersey style. A number of colors and sizes, youth to adult, will be available.



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## Fund-raising News from the Heath PTP

The PTP is organizing a local artisan catalog as a fund-raiser for next fall. We would love to hear from you if you are a local artisan interested in participating. Please contact Camille at 339-4239 or Lorena at 624-3842.

We are placing another FEDCO order to benefit the school garden club for those who haven't yet ordered their seeds. Catalogs are available in the Heath School office and orders may be dropped off there or e-mailed to Carin Burnes:

[daisyjoy8@yahoo.com](mailto:daisyjoy8@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your support!

~Lyra Johnson

School-Community Relations



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# Heath Fair News

Hopefully by the time you are reading this issue of the *Herald*, the snow will be gone, the sap buckets, hoses, and evaporators will be cleaned up, and the sugar houses closed down till next year. It seems strange to be planning for the end of the summer when the spring is hardly underway, but before you know it will be time to plant those first prize squashes and beans and to start thinking about how you are going to capture the grand prize for your dazzling farm exhibits. We hope you are thinking of other ways to be a part of the **93<sup>rd</sup> annual Heath Fair** as well.

This year's theme is "New Energy." It was inspired in part by David Freeman's and Doug Mason's biofuel project that brought fields of sunflowers to South Heath last summer. It was also sparked by the great conversations at Heath's new Sustainability Coffeehouse. There the focus is on the global climate crisis and sustainable methods, farming, gardening, and just plain living on Earth.

The Agricultural Society's mission is to promote and disseminate learning in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, and pomology (growing fruit). Many of the events that have been longtime traditions at the Fair come from farming as it was. But just as farming must change in order to be sustainable, so the Fair must change if it's going to stay true to its mission. So we are looking for ideas, exhibits, speakers, parade entries, vendors, and activities that showcase and promote new and sustainable agricultural practices. As we near the end of the Fair's first century, we are looking for New Energy to carry our community and our Fair into its next 100 years.

Wednesday night work bees start as soon as the weather permits in May. If you would like to find out how to lend a hand in any given week, contact Christine O'Brien or Pam Porter. Contact information is listed below. Or, just show up with your tools of choice. There are usually carpentry, painting, landscaping, and cleaning projects to choose from. Once the grass gets growing there is always mowing and weed whacking. If you'd like to enter a container garden to help beautify to Fairgrounds you can contact Gloria Fisher for details or stop by the Fairgrounds on a Wednesday evening in May to pick up a pot.

New this year is a scarecrow contest which will be open to families, individuals, ad hoc groups, and organizations. Cash prizes will be given in a few categories so be thinking about your designs and stay tuned for entry details.

Winter storage rental ends May 1. Any equipment or vehicles stored in the barns or Blue Building need to be removed by that date. Contact Robert Tanner or Bob Delisle if you need access to the Blue Building. The Fairgrounds are available to rent for family and organizational events. Contact Christine O'Brien for information or to make a reservation.

Here's who to contact if you want information or are interested in being a part of this year's Fair:

Vendors and Midway Activities: Heidi Griswold ([griswold92@msn.com](mailto:griswold92@msn.com)), 337-4079

Music Underwriting: Carol Sartz, 337-4077

Premium Book Contributions: Carol-Anne Eldridge [caenh@AOL.com](mailto:caenh@AOL.com), or 337-8425

Premium Book Information: Conrad Halberg, 625-6519

Animal and animal judging: Shirley Tombs, 625-2168

Agriculture and Arts Tent: Bob Delisle, 337-5716 or Pam Porter, 337-5525

Speakers: Pam Porter

Exhibit Hall: Robin Jenkins, 337-4389 (*Hall Committee Volunteers are especially needed!*)

Mowing: Dave Freeman, 337-4766 or [heathen@mtdata.com](mailto:heathen@mtdata.com)

Work Bees: Christine O'Brien, 337-4766 or [heathen@mtdata.com](mailto:heathen@mtdata.com) or Pam Porter, 337-5525

Fairgrounds Rental: Christine O'Brien (see above)

Kids Games: Michael and Camille Freeman, 337-4239

Food Booth: Eric and Mary Sumner, 337-5330 or Deb Porter, 337-4715

Publicity: Gloria Fisher, 337-6626

Winter Storage Rental: Bob Tanner, 337-4236 or Bob Delisle, 337-5716

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Truck and Tractor Pulls: Devon Clark, 337-4816

General Information: Pam Porter [pam\\_porter@verison.net](mailto:pam_porter@verison.net), or 337-5525

And don't forget you can always visit our Web site: [Heathfair.org](http://Heathfair.org).

~ Pam Porter, President



**Letter to the Editors**

The Herman Family would like to thank the entire Town of Heath for your incredible support and love shared with us during Bob's illness and death. It is easy to see why Bob fell in love with Heath ever since we moved here almost 20 years ago. We were so comforted by the overwhelming admiration you all expressed for him. He was so proud of this town and all who lived here. He loved going to work at the Transfer Station and seeing all of his friends. The unending gifts of kindness: meals, flowers, cards, letters, financial gifts, and even personal memories will never be forgotten. We know how much Bob meant to you all and that means so much to us. Your stories have made us realize how lucky we were to have him in our lives and how happy he was to be a part of all of yours. Words can not convey how broken and sad we are to lose Bob. Keep us in your prayers.

God Bless You All.

~ Eileen and the Herman Family

**Notes from the 15th Parallel:**

Most of my life in my new Guatemalan home has gone as I'd expected, or better, with few things I hadn't anticipated. I have, however, had a couple of pleasant surprises here – surprises with a distinctly Heath flavor.

For one thing, a highly touted book, *Fiambre Chapin*, has just come out; it's by an American author – Ernest Croft Long – who's lived in Antigua, Guatemala, some thirty years. His essays and poems about this area are well-crafted, funny, informative, poignant. And the book is illustrated by **Julie Hall Rocke**. In years past I've seen Julie's work – primarily evocative portraits of indigenous women – for sale in Antigua, though those all appear to be sold at this point. Her illustrations in this book are intricate, equally evocative, and provide a lush visual counterpoint that enhances the book's richness.

The other connection here, of course, is **Michael Coe**. Certainly as some Heathans know, Michael is a prominent authority on ancient Central American civilization; I knew that for years. His license plate – OLMEC – is one clue. But I was not prepared for the number of references I have heard to him here: I've lost count, but it's a significant handful or two ... nor was I prepared for the way he is referred to. In the States, for example, if one were having a discussion with friends about the oceans, it would be perfectly normal for someone to offer, "As Jacques Cousteau says..." and everybody listening would understand the reference. Likewise, during a conversation about mythology, if somebody remarked, "Well, it's like Joseph Campbell said..." all the listeners would know who they were talking about. Or a chat about documentary filmmaking: "You know, Ken Burns wrote..." When people here talk about Central American history before Columbus, they cite Michael Coe in exactly the same way – they assume you know who they're talking about; they assume you

understand that he's the authority; he's the man. I must say, I did not realize that myself, all those years in Heath.

But now I do ... and now you do, too.

~Mike Chrisman

La Antigua, Guatemala

PS: The Heath connection wouldn't be complete without the following: in 2000, in Guatemala for the first time (to study Spanish), I was taking a weekend break at Lago Atitlan, which is surrounded by volcanoes, and is arguably the most beautiful lake in the world. On a slow passenger boat in the middle of the lake, I struck up a conversation with a young American woman who turned out to be the granddaughter of Lucia Finck, longtime Heath resident, and – coincidentally – the nurse who loaned a breast pump to my wife, Karen, for use with our baby, Siena, in 1976. That was merely the first time I realized that this is an extraordinary place.

**Spring Bulky Waste Collection**

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding a "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection on Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For Heath residents, the drop-off site is the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South..

District residents may bring a wide range of bulky items such as tires, computers, televisions, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

Residents do not need to preregister for the collection. However, there are charges for disposal. Businesses may participate. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected from residents during check-in at each site. Beginning in mid-April, a complete list of prices for the most common items will be available at local town halls, town transfer stations, the District office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield, and online at: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org).

Fall collection dates will be as follows: Household Hazardous Waste Day, September 25, 2010, locations TBA. Preregistration will begin in late August. Fall "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection, October 16, 2010, location and hours as above.

For more information call the District office at 413-772-2438, or e-mail [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org). MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

**Errata**

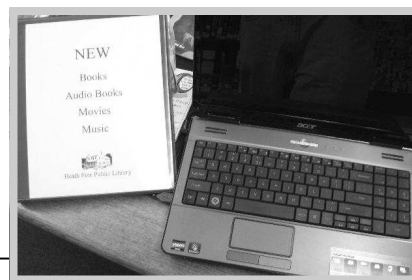
Sincere apologies to Pegge Howland for inadvertently omitting her name from the list of Heath Historical Commissioners and her area of expertise, Historic Structures, in the last issue.



## Library Lines

### New Sources Available

By Donald Purington



The Library has added two new sources of information to the reading table: a laptop computer and a three-ring binder. The Friends of the Library bought a laptop computer for us in February. It is able to connect to the Internet using a wireless signal from the Sawyer Hall Internet connection. Patrons may use the computer to search our online library catalog, do research using databases provided by the Library, check their e-mail, or surf the Internet.

The "old-school" three-ring binder contains up-to-date lists of our newest books, audiobooks, and movies. Our newest items are often not on the shelves, so you can scan the lists and ask Lyra or me to reserve the item for you when it is returned to the library.

#### A Few of the New Items at the Library:

**Adult Fiction Books:** *House Rules* by Jodi Piccoult, *The Three Weissmanns of Westport* by Cathleen Schine, *The Double Comfort Safari Club (No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency)* by Alexander McCall Smith, *The Mapping of Love and Death: a Maisie Dobbs Novel* by Jacqueline Winspear, *The Infinities* by John Banville, *The Foreigner* by Francie Lin (the author lives in Greenfield), *Split Image* by Robert Parker

**Adult Nonfiction Books:** *Town of Heath Historic Properties Survey Plan 2007* by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Heath Historical Commission, *Toad Cottages & Shooting Stars: Grandma's Bag of Tricks* by Sharon Lovejoy, *Settled in the Wild: Notes from the Edge of Town* by Susan Hand Shetterly

**Audiobooks on CD:** *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

**Young Adult Fiction Books:** *Summer According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney, *A Nest for Celeste* by Henry Cole, *Raymond & Graham: Bases Loaded* by Mike Knudson

**Young Adult Nonfiction Books:** *Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures from the Archives of the Anne Frank House* by Menno Metselaar, *11 Planets: A New View of the Solar System* by David Aguilar

**Children's Books:** *The Easter Egg* by Jan Brett, *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes, *Sharing the Seasons: A Book of Poems* selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

**DVDs:** *Funny People*, *Departures*, *Public Enemies*, *Flight of the Conchords: the complete first season*

### Memoir Published

Jane deLeeuw asked me if I would write something about my recently published memoir entitled *A Snippet from the Greatest Generation*. I am happy to do so, except that I am somewhat discomfited in doing so.

It was only in the last year or so that the idea of a memoir took shape, but the seeds were sown about seven or eight years ago when I did the genealogical work to become a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Massachusetts. State approval is necessary before acceptance by the national Mayflower organization. It was not an easy task, but it was an interesting one that required digging into family history that was not readily available from immediate sources. The Howland name is well known in genealogical circles because of John Howland, the Pilgrim, which helped, but as in all families there can be lapses of information for many reasons. The study also refreshed my memories of where I grew up, my World War II experiences, college, marriage and everything that happened up to my early eighties.

A couple of years ago the *West County News* ran a writer's contest and I decided to write about one of my experiences. My household editor, Pegge, thought it was "pretty good" whereupon I submitted it. When Pegge says something is pretty good, that is a real compliment. I didn't win, but it helped to cultivate a style, and I began to write more stories. Such was the beginning of the memoir for my family, but I soon realized that World War II and the opportunities provided by the G.I. Bill changed my life; hence the title *A Snippet from the Greatest Generation*. While it is about me, it is also, I hope, a testimonial to the millions of Americans who offer their services in myriad ways to this nation and to public and charitable causes. "They" are of huge importance to the past and future of the United States of America.

I was very fortunate to have available the professional editing of Don Freeman and Pegge's oversight in the preparation of the book. A copy of the memoir is in the Heath Free Public Library for anyone who is interested in reading it.

~ Dave Howland

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**Town Nurse News**

## Shingles



By Claire Rabbitt, RN

Because shingles can occur in anyone who has previously had chickenpox, and there is now a vaccine available for it, people should be informed about it. The following information has been obtained from [MayoClinic.com](http://MayoClinic.com).

“Shingles is a viral infection that causes a painful rash.” It can occur anywhere on your body, most often as a “band of blisters” that wraps around the middle of the back to the breastbone on the same side. It sometimes occurs around one eye, or one side of the face or neck. It is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, called the varicella-zoster virus. After a person has chickenpox, the virus remains inactive in nerve tissue for years. It is unclear what triggers the reactivation, but people over age 50 and those with weakened immune systems are at greater risk.

Signs and symptoms that affect a small section on one side of the body:

“Pain, burning, numbness or tingling,  
A red rash that begins a few days after the pain,  
Fluid-filled blisters that break open and crust over,  
Itching”

In some people: “Fever and Chills, General achiness, Headache, and Fatigue”

This condition is contagious through direct contact with the open sores, to anyone who has not had chickenpox. Persons who received chickenpox vaccine are less likely to get it and less likely to have complications.

Complications of shingles that may occur:

- ◆ Postherpetic Neuralgia: Nerve fibers, damaged from shingles infection, send exaggerated messages of pain from skin receptors to the brain. It can continue for years.
- ◆ Vision Loss: If the rash occurs near the eye, causing eye infection.
- ◆ Neurological Problems: Encephalitis, hearing or balance problems, and facial paralysis.
- ◆ Skin Infections

Anyone who suspects they have shingles should call their doctor right away so they may be prescribed an antiviral medication, which should be started within 72 hours of the first sign of the rash. This should lessen the length and severity of the illness and decrease the possibility of complications.

Thankfully, a vaccine for shingles has been available for several years, but may be given only to people over age 60. It is not guaranteed to prevent shingles, but decreases risk by 50%, and should lessen the severity of the disease. It is expensive, so you should check with your insurance provider to see if it is covered. It is not recommended for people with weakened immune systems, receiving steroids, radiation, or chemotherapy, or have a history of bone marrow or lymphatic cancer, or have had allergic reactions to gelatin, neomycin or any other component of the vaccine.

I have received a notice from the State Vaccine Unit that there is some vaccine available if ordered by June of this year. If there is enough interest I will order some. Please call me and I will begin a list. I continue to be in my office, at the Senior Center, on Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.. My office number is 337-4847 or call me at home at 337-8309.

### Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

I've decided to put my walking to good use. I lost my mother to breast cancer when I was 9 years old. To honor her, on May 15 and 16 I will be participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. I'll be walking 39 miles in 2 days and I'm required to raise at least \$1800 and can't do it without your help! Please check out my Web site, call, or e-mail me to see how easy it is for you

to help make a difference and support such a great cause! If you see me and my dogs out walking in town, honk to show your support!! <http://www.avonwalk.org/goto/jodismom> or e-mail: [jgayle33@gmail.com](mailto:jgayle33@gmail.com) or call 339-0151.

Thanks for all your support,  
~ Jodi Walsh

## Selectboard's Report

### Winter/Spring Meeting Schedule

The Board meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Sawyer Hall, unless posted otherwise.

### Transfer Station

Since the last edition of the *Herald* was published Bob Herman has passed away. A special feature article in this edition of the *Heath Herald* is devoted to his remembrance.

Tom Flynn of Hosmer Road has been hired as the new Transfer Station Attendant.

### Community Hall Use Policy

A new policy for use of the Community Hall has been drafted and reviewed by the Selectboard and the Community Hall Committee. A form is available at the Town Offices for anyone interested in using the Hall. The policy and application form will be available online in the future. The new policy outlines the responsibilities of the Town and user, lists permitted activities, and has a fee schedule of charges and deposits. We hope to encourage greater community use of the facility now that the former restrictions from the Senior Center renovation grant have been lifted.

### FY11 Budget

Budget hearings are nearly completed as the FY 2011 Budget is being prepared for the Annual Town Meeting on May 8. The Selectboard and Finance Committee will be meeting together in the near future to assemble the budget line by line.

The Board has been conducting employee annual reviews and is near completion. Salary reviews and cost of living allowances still need to be considered by the Board and the Finance Committee.

### All Boards and Committees Meeting

The annual meeting of town boards and committees was held on February 9 at the Community Hall which is now available for Town use. The meeting was well attended and gave committees and boards a chance to share what they are working on and what might be coming up. We had the opportunity to brush up on the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and learn about recent changes or clarifications to the law. The meeting provided an opportunity to remind elected board members to take out nomination papers if their terms were expiring.

### Board/Committee Vacancies

The Board of Health needs another member, as does the Cultural Council. If you would like to be considered for one of these volunteer positions, please contact Town Coordinator Gloria Fisher. There is also a vacancy on the School Committee which is an elected position. Nomination papers were due on March 19, but if you are interested in running, we welcome write-in candidates. Please see Town Clerk Hilma Sumner with any questions.

### Heath Online

Take some time to visit the Town's Web site at [www.townofheath.org](http://www.townofheath.org). You'll find Selectboard meeting minutes, school information, and much more. You may contact the Board at [BOS@townofheath.org](mailto:BOS@townofheath.org). Send messages to any board or individual via the e-mail address, or visit the Heath Web site. A new Web page is being developed and will be launched as soon as it is ready.

~ Heath Selectboard  
Thomas Lively, Chair  
Brian De Vriese  
Sheila Litchfield

## TOWN OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN ANNUAL ELECTION MAY 7, 2010

Elections will be held on Friday, May 7, from noon until 7:00 p.m. at Community Hall.

Town Meeting is on Saturday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Heath School.

<u>Incumbents</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Length</u>
Thomas Lively	Selectman	3 years
Valerie Kaempfer	Assessor	3 years
Jeffrey Simmons	Finance Committee	3 years
Robert Viarengo	Planning Board	5 years
Charles Fox	Planning Board	5 years
Janis Carr	Library Trustee	3 years
Vacant	School Committee	3 years
Robert Tanner Jr.	Constable	1 year
Jeffrey Simmons	Constable	1 year
Robert Tanner Jr.	Dog Officer	1 year



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Weis Acres**Dad's Project IV**

By Le-Ellen Pettengill Weis

My Dad was a pipe smoker for years. He read somewhere that smoke calmed bees, and that calm bees did their best work with honey-making. Dad decided that was his next project. It would keep him close to home with his casted ankle and Mom wouldn't worry if he was safe or not. Plus Dad liked honey and Mom could use it for cooking instead of buying it! Why, think of the money he could save! He was good at building things with wood; he could do this!! Dad promptly set about building wooden boxes to stack up on each other just like the books said to do for the bees to set up house in and make the honey! Show ME the honey!! Dad was already licking his chops! Dad found a special order catalog that would send him worker bees with a queen bee through the mail. He waited with baited breath to get the call to pick up his order of bees. He also ordered a special netted hat and read up on bees; he was all set to go!

Dad got the call to pick up his bees. The post office said to hurry. The bees had escaped! Driving our old station wagon down to Charlemont, pipe in mouth with a grin he told Mom he'd be right back. Did I forget to mention, Mom didn't know WHAT his new project was? She just knew he was fidgeting out in the workshop and garage with whatever, and that he was home and safe.

Forty-five minutes later, Dad pulled into the driveway, wearing a netted hat thingy on his head, puffing a cloud of smoke through-out the car, with a swarm of bees all around the car! Apparently, he still had the queen bee in a box. The bees followed him home as they wouldn't leave the queen bee. Dad got out of the car with this swarming mass surrounding him, Mom started shaking her head and yelling, "RAYMOND! You're going to get yourself killed with those bees!" He just calmly smiled and said, "Stop ya fussin', I'll be fine, the smoke will keep them calm." (I have to say, they didn't look too calm.)

Dad walked to the edge of the field where he had set up the boxes, placed the queen bee inside and sat back to smoke on his pipe till they all calmed down.

What Dad forgot in all his planning was tobacco. Yes, he ran out before they calmed down. Never saw so many bee stings on a person in my life. Thank god he wasn't allergic to bee stings!! I have to say, Dad didn't give up so easily. He would go down there daily to sit and puff away on his pipe to keep the bees calm for a good batch of honey, and he would get a sting or two each time. The thing with bees though is that they need honey themselves to survive so the little bit that they were making had to be used to keep them going and since they did not provide enough, Dad had to buy a lot of sugar that winter to make the syrup solution to feed the bees!

So much for a money-saving project and being safe, huh?!?!? He never did get any honey! Dad always said Mom was a saint. She never once said, "I told you so," to him.

**Welcome, Tommy!**

Tommy Flynn is a good friend and neighbor, who is now working at the Transfer Station. This is a good fit for not only is Tommy one of the nicest people in town, he is taking over the job from his friend, Bob.

Tommy and Marge came to Heath about five years ago from Southampton, which after being 'discovered' by developers, had become a bit too congested for the Flynns.

They wanted rural land for pastures, and a dead-end, dirt road location – everything the Markert property offered. Hosmer Road was certainly the lucky beneficiary of their relocation, for Tommy and Marge are true stewards of the land.

Many of us here in town know Tommy and his horses from his generous contribution of giving wagon rides at the Fair. He also provides wagon rides at many town celebrations across the State and his horse-drawn hearse has quite a draw. He and Marge have five children. In fact, their daughter, Julie, and son-in-law, Chuck, live a couple of doors (in Heathspeak, a couple of miles) down the road from them.

Their farm is called Birkentree, Celtic for birch. If Dr. Doolittle were to have a farm, this would be it. Animals include horses, Highland cattle, llamas, sheep, goats (including Maddie, who thinks she's a dog), a pot-bellied pig, dogs, cats, and homing pigeons. Oh, and then there's Roy the donkey, who came with Tommy's last horse, a package deal. Life here is good for all, a bit of paradise right here in Heath!

~ Cal Carr

**Milestones**

**Robert F. "Bob" Herman Sr. of Heath** died on January 29, 2010. He was 64.

Born and reared in West Quincy, he was a 1964 graduate of Quincy Trade School and was a US Army veteran. He worked for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, retiring in 2002. At the time of his death he was employed by the Town of Heath at the Transfer Station.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, **Eileen V. Lynch Herman**; his sons, Robert Jr. of Southampton and Danny of Norwell; his daughters, Ginny Cummings of Kingston, Ellen Hallisey of Weymouth, and Siobhan Herman of Plymouth; ten grandchildren; brothers, William Herman of Bourne and Edward Herman of Fairhaven, and a sister, Bettyann Needham of Randolph.

Following a funeral mass at Holy Trinity Church, Greenfield, he was interred in the Heath Center Cemetery.

("Milestones" continued from page 21)



**Marcella R. Vigneault Lively of Heath** died on March 23, 2010. Born on February 11, 1937, in Manchester, NH, she was the daughter of Archie and Claira Lachance Vigneault.

After education in the Manchester Catholic Schools, Marcella worked as a phone operator for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company until her marriage to Paul

L. Lively in 1961. She served the Town of Heath as manager of the post office for 20 years.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shelburne Falls and of Our Lady of Fatima of Wilmington, VT.

She was predeceased by her son, Malvin, in 1985, and by her husband in 2001. Survivors include her six sons, Matthew, Adam, and Jason, all of Heath, Dominic of Greenfield, Anthony of Dummerston, VT, and Jeremy of Charlemont; her brother, Bernard Vigneault of Harrisville, NH; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial was held on March 26 at St. Joseph's Church, Shelburne Falls, with Father Vincent Onunkwo officiating. Burial followed in Heath Center Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Franklin County, 329 Conway Street, Suite 2, Greenfield, MA 01301.

**Lila G. Lawless Moore** of Shelburne Falls died on February 20, 2010. Born in Montague on July 29, 1925, she was the daughter of Arthur and Marion L. Spencer Lawless.

She graduated from Arms Academy in 1943 and received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She also attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Following her retirement as a social worker, she was employed at Historic Deerfield.

Her husband of 38 years, Donald M. Moore, died in 1985. She is survived by her sons, **Donald M. Moore of Heath** and John A. Moore of Amherst; her daughters, Jennifer M. Fisk of Shelburne Falls, Elyse Moore of Stowe, VT, and Laurie Moore of Newport, RI, and eleven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Franklin County, 329 Conway St., Suite 2, Greenfield, MA 01370.

**Eva G. Unger Pazmino of Heath** died on March 4, 2010. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, on November 7, 1917, she was the daughter of Waldemar and Emilia Herbst Unger.

Having emigrated from Germany prior to World War II, she had been a resident of Heath for some 60 years during which time she farmed and contributed to the community in a variety of jobs. Always, she was a strong advocate for animal rights.

Survivors include her friend and former husband, **Luis Pazmino of Heath**; her son, Fred Pazmino of Leyden; her five daughters, Susan Ploof of Orange, **Elizabeth Davin** and **Carmen Donelson**, both of Heath, Marianne Gerry of Sugar Grove, IL, and Martha Ward of Buckland, fourteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and her brother, Ernst Unger of Ueberlinig, Germany. She also leaves behind her compassionate caregivers, Ellen Boyd and Ushi Posl.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Tanya Davin, M.D., who died in 2006.

It was Eva's request that there be no formal service. A celebration of her life will take place on May 8 at 61 Sumner Stetson Road, Heath.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dakin Pioneer Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 319, South Deerfield, MA 01373.

**Wilbert "Sonny" L. Rainville Jr.** of Shelburne Falls died on January 30, 2010. Born in Springfield on December 4, 1933, he was the son of Wilbert L. and Rosalie LeCompte Rainville.

He was educated in the West Springfield schools and moved to Heath in 1949. He was the proprietor of Rainville's Trading Post in Shelburne Falls, and among other enterprises, owned the Buckland Shell Station and during the '80s, owned and operated the Sweetheart Restaurant in Shelburne Falls.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Betty Churchill Rainville; his son, Wilbert "Champ" L. and his daughter, Cheryl L. Johnston, both of Shelburne Falls; two sisters, Jeanne Giard of Colrain and **Delores Churchill of Heath**; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Franklin County, 329 Conway St., Greenfield, MA 01301.

**Mary Patricia Krikalo Sonntag** of Shelburne died on February 19, 2010. Born in Glencoe, NY, on May 16, 1944, she was the daughter of Alexander and Anna Teresa Challan Krikalo of Hicksville, NY.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Raymond Sonntag, and her nine children, Raymond of Shelburne Falls, Daniel of Queens, NY, Kristine Summers of Cape Cod, **Joseph of Heath**, Virginia Christi and Jon, both of Colrain, Joshua of Greenfield, April Helenek of Buckland, and Holly of Shelburne; sixteen grandchildren, her twin brother, Marty Krikalo and brother, William Krikalo, both of Long Island, NY.

Following funeral services at Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenfield, she was interred in Heath Center Cemetery.

### *Requiescat in pace*



**Lindi May Donelson**, daughter of **Russell and Carmen Donelson of Heath**, and **Nathaniel Liberty Russell**, son of Norman Russell and Sharon Zingler of Ashfield, were married on September 26,

2009, with the groom's aunt, the Reverend Ann R. Hutchens officiating. Following the service held in the Donelson barn, a reception was held at the Pazmino Farm.

Lindi, a graduate of Mohawk Regional High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Bridgewater State College and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. She is employed by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District as a high school Spanish teacher.

Nate, also a Mohawk graduate, received a bachelor of science degree from Lehigh University and a master's from the University of California, Berkeley. He is employed by Geosyntec Consultants as a geotechnical engineer.

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February	¼ "	54"
To March 10	0 "	¼ "

**In this reporting period:**

Our first morning thaw came on January 15 at 36 degrees. However, by the end of January we had three morning lows of 6 – 8 below zero. The month of February brought a Huge snowstorm system from the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> which dumped a total of 38 and 44 inches (depending on where you lived) as well as some rain mixed in. This prompted the Town along with others to declare a State of Emergency.

~ Tim Lively

**Community Calendar**

**April 2010**

- April 01** - Senior Luncheon,  
Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.  
MCAS, Grade 3, Heath School  
PTP Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- April 02** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- April 04** - **HAPPY EASTER!**
- April 06 & 07** - MCAS, Grade 4, Heath School
- April 09 & 10** - Mohawk Arts and Education Council's  
performances of Ionesco's *Rhinoceros*,  
MTRHS auditorium.
- April 12** - District Spelling Bee, Grades 5 & 6,  
MTRHS, 6:00 p.m.
- April 15** - Senior Luncheon,  
Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
- April 16** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- April 16 - 28** - 21 Mohawk Students to Greece and Turkey
- April 17** - Pancake Breakfast, Heath Firefighters,  
Community Hall, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- April 19 - 23** - **SCHOOLS' SPRING BREAK**
- April 24** - 3rd Heath Sustainability Coffeehouse,  
Community Hall, Potluck at 6:00 p.m.,  
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**May 2010**

- May 06** - Senior Luncheon, Community  
Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.  
Kids in Concert, MTRHS, 7:00 p.m.
- May 07** - **TOWN ELECTION, SENIOR CENTER,  
NOON TO 7:00 P.M.**  
Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
MTRHS Senior Prom, Mass Mutual Center,  
Springfield
- May 08** - **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,  
HEATH SCHOOL, 9:00 a.m.**  
Friends of the Heath School Library, Breakfast,  
Heath School, 8:30 a.m. –
- May 12** - School Committee Meeting, MTRHS.
- May 14** - Gala Art Show, Heath School, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 & 18** - 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades Math MCAS, MTRHS
- May 17** - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Science MCAS, MTRHS
- May 20** - Senior Luncheon,  
Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.
- May 20 & 21** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math MCAS, MTRHS
- May 21** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- May 24-28** - Heath School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Washington, D.C.  
MTRHS Seniors' Last Week of Classes
- May 29** - Friends of the Heath Library Memorial Day  
Weekend Bake Sale,  
Sawyer Hall Porch, 9:30 a.m. to Noon
- May 31** - **MEMORIAL DAY- No School**



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